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GREENROOTS LEADS EARTH DAY CELEBRATION WITH CITY CLEANUP EVENT



GreenRoots held a city cleanup event in coordination with the national celebration of Earth Day. Shown are GreenRoots Staff, front row, front row, from left, are Inbaa Sivasankar, Bianca Bowman, Barbara Espinosa, and Andie Fisher. Back row, from left, are Jordan Llanas, Ruth Alcantara, Jamily Gonzalez, Mitikei Chengerei, Caroline Ellenbird, Roseann Bongiovanni, Jacqueline Segovia, Vladimir Perez and Erika, from Chelsea City Hall. See page 7 for more photos.

State help

Chelsea schools receive grants to aid with federal student aid applications

Special to the Record

Four Chelsea schools received state grants that will help high school seniors complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Chelsea High School received \$10,320, Chelsea Opportunity Academy received \$2,250, Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy received \$510, and the Phoenix Academy Charter Public High School received \$390 in the state grant funds.

Overall, the Healey-Driscoll Administration provided 100 Massachusetts public schools serving Gateway Cities with more than \$550,000 in grants for the program.

These grants follow an announcement that the state's priority deadline to apply for Massachusetts financial aid via MASS-Grant has been extended from May 1 to July 1, 2024. The awards are also intended to support schools amid unique nationwide challenges with

this year's FAFSA. As of April 2024, 168,489 students or prospective students in Massachusetts have completed the FAFSA, a decrease from 232,560 in April 2023.

"We want high school seniors to know that there is still time to complete the FAFSA and pursue higher education this coming fall," said Governor Maura Healey. "These additional funds will help reach students who have yet to complete the FAFSA but who aspire to attend college and may benefit from the significant financial aid programs available in Massachusetts."

These grants allow the state to support schools in a final push to reach seniors before they graduate, said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll.

"Students may have considered a college education but not begun or completed the FAFSA," said Driscoll. "We know

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Dr. Ellen Rovner will debut her documentary film Sunday at Cary Square History event

By Cary Shuman

Dr. Ellen Rovner, an expert on the Jewish history of Chelsea, will debut her much-anticipated documentary film Sunday, May 5 at Temple Emmanuel.

Rovner's premiere of "Chelsea, The Jewish Years," will be one of the highlights of Cary Square Day of History, a full day of events to celebrate the City of Chelsea's 400th year.

The Governor Bell-

ingham Cary House, the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce and Temple Emmanuel are partnering on the celebratory event.

Rovner has become highly acclaimed for leading tours of Chelsea that feature Jewish landmarks and businesses. According to Rovner, more than 25,000 Jews lived in the city in the 1930s and 1940s, and there were 20 synagogues.

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Dr. Ellen Rovner (center), pictured with Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson and School Committee Member Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Neville at Kushala Sip Coffee House, will premiere her documentary film, "Chelsea, The Jewish Years," Sunday as part of Cary Square Day in History.

CHS engineering students advance to finals of nationwide TI Codes Contest

Special to the Record

The "Superbikers" design team at Chelsea High School advanced to the finals of the National Texas Instruments Codes Contest by creating an automated bike headlight!

A team of stellar engineering students at Chelsea High School have advanced to the finals of the national Texas Instruments (TI) Codes Contest.

CHS students Kimberly Ramirez Garcia and Cesia Flores Rodriguez, with the support of teachers Daniel Rodriguez and Moriah Lim, submitted the "Superbikers" design proposal, a design for an automated bike headlight that is one of five finalists in the nationwide contest. After being selected to the second round, Kimberly and Cesia created a short video that highlights their completed project. Their design and video were one of five submissions

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From left to right: CHS students Kimberly Ramirez Garcia and Cesia Flores Rodriguez with CHS teacher Daniel Rodriguez. This "Superbikers" team designed an automated bike headlight using Texas Instruments (TI) devices that has advanced to the finals of the National TI Codes Contest. The 2024 contest asked students from around the country to "Devise a solution that automates or optimizes a process or product, based on the theme of safety and security."

Chelsea RBI League Holds Opening Day Ceremonies

Former Red Sox pitcher Manny Delcarmen throws out first baseball

By Cary Shuman

The brand-new Chelsea RBI League, under the direction of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club (JBGC), held its Opening Day ceremonies April 27 on the baseball field at the Mary C. Burke School Complex.

Former Boston Red Sox pitcher Manny Delcarmen, who was a member of the 2007 World Series championship team, threw out the first baseball of the season. Delcarmen grew up in Hyde Park and starred for the West Roxbury High School baseball team.

"I just want to say there's nothing better than being a great player and just putting in 100 percent and trying your hardest," Delcarmen told the young athletes. "But it's also very important to be a good teammate. So, if you see a teammate that's down and not doing too well, always pick them up, because that's how winning teams win, just picking each other up and the same goal is to win a championship. I got a chance to do that in 2007. Have fun, respect the game, and love your parents. This game is the best game in the world but have fun."

JBGC Club Teen Director John Montes delivered the opening remarks, welcoming the baseball players to the program for students in grades 4-6. Executive Director Gina Centrella was also in attendance at the ceremonies.

Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, a longtime sup-



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Coach Taylor Mallett is pictured with her team on opening day of the Chelsea RBI League.

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I chose Chelsea as a place to open the Western Front. I felt that Chelsea needed something different. I felt that poverty was there and that we could make a difference, we could come here and make a change. This would be a place that we would start. And we did. And we took a warehouse that was in all run down shape, we fixed it up nice. Before it was nothing but dust, and as you can see, now it's state of the art. I got a good crew. And Chelsea is a good city now. If we're going to do it, let's do it right. And all my life, I've been doing the right thing no matter what. I've always



had an eye on the bad, see if I can make a change. I always did, and that's why we chose Chelsea. I help people who needed to be helped. My life has been such a way that the image

of my life helps others to be like that. I can't always be there, but if what I do says I'm good, that you could be good like me, we can travel a long way by being good.

Youth sports subcommittee
forwards idea of city athletic director

By Adam Swift

The city council established a new special committee on youth sports earlier this year to help address issues with youth sports leagues in the city and to enhance athletic opportunities for Chelsea youth.

The special committee held its first meeting last month, and its members are already proposing changes to how youth sports are coordinated within the city.

"I thought it was a very productive meeting," said District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor, who chairs the special committee. "We had members from the community, members from the city, and some of the people who ran the leagues."

During the meeting, Taylor said there was pretty much a consensus that the city needs to hire someone to act as an ath-

letic director for the city to help facilitate the youth sports process.

"There was some discussion about whether Chelsea youth sports should be an entity on its own, and I think that has some merit," said Taylor. "There is a lot of coordination that goes along with that and we don't want to saddle one department with too much stuff."

The athletic director would help coordinate when fields were used and that they were ready to go for the various leagues in the city.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Councilor and youth sports committee member Melinda Vega introduced a motion asking the city manager to explore potential funding and feasibility for a city-wide athletic director position.

According to the motion, the new position

would support the city with planning and organizing recreational sports programs and leagues, managing municipal sports facilities, hiring and training coaches and referees, and serving as a liaison between the city and local sports organizations, schools, and leagues.

"This was a very good suggestion that came up in our subcommittee meeting, and I think it is a great idea and would love to explore it as an opportunity," said Vega.

Taylor noted that the city's culture and recreational affairs director was invited to the last youth sports subcommittee meeting but had a scheduling conflict. He said the recreation director would be invited to the next meeting to discuss how an athletic director could potentially affect the culture and recreation department.

City moving forward with
Pa'Lante master planning process

By Adam Swift

The city is issuing a request for proposals for a consultant to support the development of a new Chelsea comprehensive plan.

It's been almost half a century since Chelsea completed a comprehensive master plan. Undertaking a master planning process that will address myriad issues in the city has been stated as a major goal by both the new city council and new City Manager Fidel Maltez.

"The proposed two-year planning effort will be an opportunity to engage our residents in work that Chelsea has not done on a citywide basis in over 50 years," said Maltez.

The master plan will be known as Chelsea Pa'Lante, Chelsea Onward, and Maltez said one of the major goals of the process is to include the voices of Chelsea residents in the process and the completed plan.

"Chelsea Pa'Lante is more than just a plan; it's a commitment to forward motion, upward mobility, and progress," the RFP developed by Deputy City Manager Devon Fields stated. "It embodies the spirit of the community, the resilience of the resi-

dents, and the determination to create a future that leaves no one behind."

Maltez said the plan will incorporate community voices, from neighborhood meetings to a steering committee, to ensure the document will drive resident priorities and serve as a blueprint for city employees to implement a strong path forward for the community.

"Chelsea Pa'Lante will seek to address the pressing issues that affect the daily lives of residents, business owners, and community stakeholders," the RFP states. "From housing shortages to traffic congestion, from lack of parking, to providing economic opportunities for all residents, the City will tackle all these challenges with creativity, with innovation, and with a deep commitment to equity and inclusivity."

The city's first comprehensive plan was completed in 1955 and the second was completed in 1970.

"While this is a technical document for practitioners shaping the future of multifaceted development in the city, we know this process will be an opportunity for enhanced civic engagement so all of the voices of Chelsea residents are heard," said

Maltez. "We will center the council's input every step of the way."

The goal is to issue the RFP this month and have a consultant onboard ready to start the two-year process at the end of summer or beginning of the fall, Maltez said.

Maltez added that the title of the master plan, Chelsea Pa'Lante, Chelsea Onward, speaks to the inclusivity and vision city leaders want to see.

"What we are doing is we are leaning into the Latino heritage of the community, the Latino makeup of the community," said Maltez. "We're trying to create a mantra around the word Pa'Lante. Pa'Lante is a colloquialism, it is more like a saying and what it means is basically forward, a continuation of progress."

Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera praised the city manager's office for moving forward with the comprehensive RFP, and said the master planning process is something that should be taking place every 15 years, not every 50 years.

"This was one of our 10 council priorities, and this is just a huge undertaking we are going to be doing," he said.

Street name change would
honor and preserve Black history

By Adam Swift

Walnut Street in Chelsea was once an important part of Black history in Chelsea, a place where many Black families lived, raised families, attended churches, opened small businesses, and tried to make lives for themselves.

But much of that history today is hidden, as what once was Walnut Street is now known as Arlington Street Extension.

But the city could soon address that issue and put a spotlight on Black history by changing the name of Arlington Street Extension to Walnut Street.

Stacey Smith, a fifth generation Chelsea resident and member of Chelsea Black Community, addressed the city council Monday night requesting the city make the street name change back to Walnut Street.

Changing back the street name would help highlight some of the long history of the Black population in the city, Smith said.

"Blacks have been in our community since we settled in 1624," said Smith. "Our founding father Maverick was one of Massachusetts' first slaveholders and had folks enslaved here. If you go

through the 17th century, you had other families who were also slaveholders."

Over the years, Walnut Street became a center of Black life, history, and culture in Chelsea, Smith said.

"My father came from 13 children, and his father came from 10 to 12 children," said Smith. "There are hundreds from my family who can say they originated down in the Walnut Street area."

The area did not burn in the fire of 1908, Smith said. But after the great fire of 1973, Smith said many of the families were forced to leave the area due to damages or other unknown reasons.

In a letter to the city council, Smith related how her father was saddened that the street he grew up on was no longer known as Walnut Street.

"He reminded me of the times when he used to have to go to his grandparents to cut wood for them or times his father would have gatherings," Smith wrote. "Block parties, birthday parties, you name it and it happened on Walnut Street."

Those stories from the family led Smith to do more research on Walnut

Street and bring attention to the issue, she said.

"To change the name of the street was a poor choice and we can do better here in Chelsea, Massachusetts for those families," stated Smith.

Council President Norieliz De Jesus said City Manager Fidel Maltez will be making a recommendation on the proposed name change, and will likely come before the council for a vote at its next meeting.

Former pastor of the People's A.M.E. Church in Chelsea, Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyon, also spoke in favor of the name change back to Walnut Street, as did Chelsea Black Community President Joan Cromwell.

Walters-Sleyon said the change back to the original name would be especially meaningful in the midst of the Chelsea400 celebration, and embody the spirit of unity, collaboration, and togetherness the city is striving for.

"We need to preserve our history, Black history, here in Chelsea, to be recognized, celebrated, and archived in relation to our past centuries of our ancestors gone by and for generations to come," said Cromwell.

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selected by TI judges that will now be voted on by the public to choose the grand prize winners and runners-up.

Readers can go to the Chelsea Public Schools website to vote for Kimberly and Cesia's design. Voting ends on Friday, May 3. The winning team will receive a \$250 gift card and a new TI-Innovator™ Hub, TI-Innovator™ Rover, TI graphing calculator, and T-shirt for each member, while the second and third place teams will receive a TI graphing calculator and T-shirt for each member.

The Superbikers design is an automated bike headlight. The design includes three major components: the TI Innovator Hub, the TI Calculator, and the TI Breadboard. The bike has sensors that send data to the TI devices, which in turn will indicate how much voltage to send from a 9-volt battery to the breadboard, which

consists of white LED lights. Sensors will enable the light to turn on automatically when someone gets on the bike and shut off when someone gets off.

The design was constructed under the premise of the contest's challenge: Devise a solution that automates or optimizes a process or product, based on the theme "safety and security." The students identified that their product will allow bike riders to see better at night, and enable motorists to see bicyclists better. The design is also eco-friendly as it reduces its energy use by adjusting to the ambient light around it.

The students commented, "We are creating automatic headlights for bikes that turn on at night and can change their brightness depending on how much light it detects. This is to be able to see better while riding at night so that you can avoid rats,

raccoons, or the scariest rodent out there... your teacher."

Six total student groups submitted designs into the contest, three of which advanced to the second round. In addition to the Superbikers, the "Petsafe" design and "cr7" design advanced to the second round. Petsafe is a device that alerts pet owners when their pet is escaping through an open door. A device that is worn under athletes' uniforms, cr7 measures body temperature and skin moisture to help avoid heat stroke. For reaching the second round, each team received a TI technology package with supplies, including a TI-84 Plus CE Python graphing calculator, a TI-Innovator™ Hub microcontroller, and various electronic components, to build and program a functional model of their solution.

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NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPERS' CONNECT HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The Neighborhood Developers' CONNECT held an Open House at its headquarters on Gerrish Avenue April 25.

Residents were able to visit with the CONNECT team's members and learn about its services: rental assistance, utility assistance, job search assistance, individual financial coaching, assistance with MassHealth and the Health Connector and tax

preparation.

To access services, community members can fill out an intake form on-line or call 617-712-3487.

TND will be hosting a career day for Bald Hill Builders on May 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at 4 Gerrish Ave. Previous construction experience is not required and limited English speakers are welcome.



The Neighborhood Housing Developers Executive Director Rafael Mares, Senior Vice President of Resource Development Nancy Turner, Chelsea Economic Development Planner Karl Allen, and CONNECT Director, Attorney Alexa Shabecoff.



Employment Specialist Graciela Sparano, Housing Hotline Associate Andy Ramos, and Housing Assistance Hotline Manager Kavish Gandhi.



Chelsea Economic Development Planner Karl Allen, The Neighborhood Developers Executive Director Rafael Mares, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, CONNECT Navigator Ruby Savinon, and Assistant Director of the Enterprise Center at BHCC, Rob MacDonald.



Certified Application Counselor for Mass Health and Health Connector Astray Dubon and CONNECT Director Alexa Shabecoff.



Chelsea Community Building Manager Glendy Alvarez and Placekeeping Manager Jasmin Bach.

City looks at options to honor late police detective Scott Conley

By Adam Swift

The city is looking at options to honor the late Chelsea Police Detective Scott Conley.

Conley died at the age of 52 in March after a lengthy illness.

Early in April, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero introduced a motion requesting that City Manager Fidel Maltez name the Washington overpass between County Road and Reynolds Avenue after Conley.

At the time, Recupero said it would be a good gesture to honor Conley for his service to the city.

"We commend the Council for passing this order and echo the sentiments to honor the memory of Chelsea Police Detective Scott Conley," said Maltez. "Since this overpass is Massachusetts State property, Police Chief Keith Houghton and I have reached out to our state delegation. State Representative Judith

Garcia has graciously offered to help us with this process."

Initial research showed that the roadway recommended by Recupero has a previous memorial designation for Lt. Harold Kepnes, a Chelsea native who died in World War II during the Battle of Guadalcanal.

Maltez said the city is awaiting further research from the state to determine if a second memorial designation can be accomplished on the overpass.

"As an alternative, we would like to offer the four-way intersection at Washington, Annesse, Fenno, and Garfield," stated Maltez. "This is the neighborhood where ... Conley grew up and it would be very fitting." Conley served in the United States Army between 1991-2000, and started career at the Chelsea Police Department on February 22, 1996. During Conley's tenure, he was assigned to

the Department's first critical response team, receiving specialized training in tactical and urban operations with a focus on Gang operations.

Due to his phenomenal work, Detective Conley was assigned as a Task Force Officer with the FBI's Violent Gang Task Force, operating out of the Boston Field Office in Chelsea, according to Houghton.

Conley traveled on numerous occasions to Central America, most notably El Salvador, as a consultant for the US Department of State.

In 2017, Conley was asked to testify in front of the US Congress, Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, as a subject matter expert on border insecurity and the rise of transnational gangs in the US. Conley earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Criminology.



CONNECT Director Alexa Shabecoff and Kristina Peralta of The Family Resource Center.



TND CONNECT Navigator Ruby Savinon and Gilda Cerna of the Chelsea Housing Authority.

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how dedicated our school counselors are to helping these students, and the Administration is working to support them through these funds and by shifting the priority deadline for state financial aid."

The FAFSA completion grants will be issued to public high schools at which 70 percent or more of the students served are from Gateway Cities. The funds are also granted to Massachusetts high schools taking part in the federal Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) program. High schools will receive grant amounts equal to \$30 per 12th grader.

"The Healey-Driscoll Administration has made historic investments in financial aid, but for many students the challenges of FAFSA completion pose barriers to accessing that aid," said Secretary of Education Dr. Patrick

Tutwiler. "It's not too late for high school seniors to complete the FAFSA, and these grants support schools' ongoing efforts to help students attend college affordably in the upcoming academic year."

The grant funds for schools are being distributed by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education in collaboration with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. School leaders and counselors can dedicate grant money to FAFSA completion events or celebrations, and they can purchase prizes such as gifts cards and school-branded merchandise for students who complete the FAFSA or the Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA). Students who cannot complete the FAFSA due to their citizenship status should complete the MASFA.

"Students who complete the FAFSA by July

1 and qualify for need-based financial aid are guaranteed some financial support to attend college," said Commissioner of Higher Education Noe Ortega. "We encourage students not to leave money on the table. We hope these grants will provide schools with meaningful support as they work with students who have yet to apply for financial aid, but who have the talent and drive to succeed in college."

Along with the later statewide deadline for FAFSA completion, colleges and universities are also moving their deposit deadlines to accommodate students who have yet to apply or have not received financial aid packages that are crucial in making college-going decisions. Students should check college or university websites or reach out directly to individual campuses for information about deadlines.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARY SQUARE DAY OF HISTORY IS THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, May 5, will be the Cary Square Day of History, a full day of events in celebration of Chelsea's 400th year.

The days schedule includes:

10:30am - 11:00am Walking Tour of Cary Square Guided by Lee Farrington & Marsha

Johnson. Meet on the steps of Temple Emmanuel (60 Tudor Street)

11:00am - 2:00pm Governor Bellingham - Cary House Open House (34 Parker Street)

2:00pm - 6:00pm Temple Emmanuel Open House (60 Tudor Street)

2:30pm - 3:00pm Grand Opening of the Jewish Chelsea Museum 3:30 - 4:15 pm Storytelling: Life in Jewish Chel-

sea 4:15 - 4:30 pm Film: Chelsea, The Jewish Years by Ellen Rovner

2:00pm - 6:00pm Marketplace & Family Activities Temple Emmanuel Courtyard.

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COLLEGE PROTESTERS SHOULD EMBRACE BEING ARRESTED

Acts of civil disobedience by definition imply that a person knowingly is breaking the law and is willing to accept the legal consequences.

When Rosa Parks took a seat at the front of that bus in Alabama and was arrested in 1955, she set off a legal battle -- which eventually resulted in the striking down of the segregationist law as unconstitutional -- that ignited the modern civil rights movement.

Photos of Parks being fingerprinted at the police station galvanized Americans everywhere (well, except in the Deep South) and made her an icon of the struggle for justice and equality.

Just a few years ago, the 1960s peace activist Jane Fonda, now in her 80s, was at it again, being arrested on the steps of the Capitol building weekly, this time to protest the lack of action by the government to tackle climate change.

Being arrested has been a badge of honor by protesters for whom being placed into handcuffs represents the ultimate act of defiance of those in power.

But the students today who are occupying college campuses in violation of university policies want to have it both ways: They want to defy the authorities, but feel that they are entitled to have carte blanche to do so without any consequences.

Admission to a prestigious school does not entitle a person to special treatment when it comes to laws that apply to everybody. Yes, the students have a right to protest. But school officials also have the obligation to keep their campuses open and safe for all students. When these protesting students break the law and the rules of their campuses, they should be willing -- with defiant joy -- to accept the consequences.

Unless these students are willing to have some skin in the game, so to speak, their moral outrage amounts to nothing more than a frivolous exercise.

OPPONENTS OF AID TO UKRAINE SHOULD WATCH FRANKLIN

Here's the plot-line: A world superpower, led by a ruler-for-life who does not tolerate dissent, invades a young sovereign nation, which at one time had been part of the superpower, with a large military force in order to restore the young nation to its sphere of influence. The young nation seeks the aid of another superpower in the world in order to fight off the invading force and to assert its claim to independence and freedom.

This very well could describe the situation today among Ukraine, Russia, and the United States, but that's also the scenario that unfolded 250 years ago when the United States proclaimed its independence from England and needed military assistance from France in order to fight back against the might of the British Empire.

The new Apple TV+ series, Franklin, chronicles the effort by Benjamin Franklin (who is played superbly by Michael Douglas) to enlist the aid of France in our fight against King George, who invaded America with a vastly-superior army and navy to squash our quest for freedom and democracy.

The Americans lacked everything -- uniforms, muskets, artillery, ships -- that they needed to fight off the British. Without Franklin's diplomacy that persuaded the French to provide America with the means to defend itself, we never could have won the Revolutionary War, which lasted a long eight years from the firing of the first shots at Concord in April, 1775, to the Treaty of Paris in September, 1783.

Prior to the French government formally declaring its alliance with the United States, French citizens who sympathized with the Americans, most notably the Marquis de Lafayette, defied their country's official policy and fought with the Americans, providing both moral support to our army and highlighting the justice of our cause to everyone around the world.

Those who oppose our aid to Ukraine (which Congress finally approved after a delay of six months) in order to help the Ukrainians repel the barbarous invasion by Vladimir Putin would do well to watch the Franklin mini-series on Apple TV+.

They would be reminded that the lesson of history is plain: Freedom isn't free and, to paraphrase Martin Luther King, tyranny anywhere is tyranny everywhere.

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DIDOMENICO ADVOCATES FOR FUNDING COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking at his event for the Shannon Community Safety Initiative.

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico hosted an event with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to highlight their support of the Shannon Community Safety Initiative and all the benefits it has provided in

the Commonwealth. This critical grant program provides funding for a multi-pronged approach to address a community's gang and youth violence. Through these grants, communities can provide youth programming and

help build and strengthen relationships between police and young people.

"I have supported this program for years and will continue to do so in order to reduce violence and protect young people in my district and across

Massachusetts," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "I want to thank Rep. Adrian Madaro and the broad coalition of advocates working with me to support funding the Shannon grants."

CPS STAFF, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES RECEIVE CITY COUNCIL HONORS AS AUTISM AWARENESS TRAILBLAZERS



PHOTO IS COURTESY OF PAUL KOOLLOIAN

On Monday, April 29, Chelsea City Council recognized and honored Chelsea Public Schools staff members, families and students as Autism Awareness Trailblazers. The recognitions aligned with April being Autism Awareness Month. Five individual educators were named Trailblazers and received certificates of recognition: Reina Cabigting, Inclusion Coach at the Berkowitz School; Jessica Asadoorian, Lisa Mastrocola and Liliana Serrato Marks, Special Education teachers at the Wright Science & Technology Academy; and Rosie Ward, Social Communications Teacher at Chelsea High School. The entire Special Education team at the Early Learning Center was recognized as Trailblazers as well as CPS parents of two students with autism, Zuleika and Jonathan Sala, and Armani Maldonado Vega, a current CPS student.

Your opinions, please

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Chelsea roots

Rovner grew up in Chelsea and attended the Prattville School. "When I was in the fourth grade, the Prattville School was so overcrowded that they sent us to Chelsea High School," recalled Rovner. "I used to go to the Chelsea YMHA after school with my best friend, Connie Dalis. We were about 7 years old, and we would take the bus home from Washington Avenue to Garfield Avenue and walk into the projects where I lived. I also attended Camp Menorah at the YMHA. We had field trips for swimming at Revere Beach and the MDC Pool on Storrow Drive. Chelsea still holds a special place in my heart."

Rovner's family moved to Stoneham and later Marblehead where she graduated from Marblehead High School in 1967 with photographer Arnie Jarmak and historian and writer Josh Resnek. Rovner attended American University in Washington before transferring to Boston University where she holds bachelor's and master's degrees. She received her doctorate from Brandeis University in Cultural Anthropology.

"Interestingly, Justice Brandeis [for whom the university is named] spoke in Chelsea a few times. He spoke at a rally in front of the Williams School in 1915. Two years earlier, he spoke at the tenth anniversary of the YMHA in Chelsea," noted Rovner.

An early appreciation of Jewish history

The daughter of Nessie Rovner and Samuel Rovner, a pharmacist who co-owned Hawthorne Pharmacy in Chelsea with Leo Santisky, Ellen Rovner attended Temple Judea in Stoneham as a child. "The temple was on land that was donated by the Weiss family, who was originally from Chelsea," said Rovner. "They had a dairy farm, which was the last dairy farm in eastern Massachusetts. They gave the temple an acre of land and that's where the temple was built. My bat mitzvah was at Temple Judea."

Launching a film project

In 2007, Rovner began doctoral research at Temple Emmanuel at the suggestion of her long-time friend, Barbara Salisbury.

"She told me the Temple Emmanuel Sisterhood was very vibrant," said Rovner. "I attended a High Holiday service, and I started making connections. What struck me the more I got to know Chelsea was that the Chelsea presence was pretty much gone. Many of the younger residents had no idea that Chelsea had been such a vibrant Jewish community for so long."

Rovner decided to honor Chelsea and preserve its Jewish history. "So many people came out of Chelsea and have contributed to all aspects of American society, and that history needs to be honored, remembered, and recognized as an integral part of people's lives. That was my motivation for getting involved in Chelsea's Jewish history and this documentary," said Rovner.

In her film, Rovner walks through the streets of Chelsea and speaks about her four grandparents who settled here. "I'm a fourth generation

of my family with some connection to Chelsea," she said. "They walked on these streets. They talked to their friends. They did business on these streets. They laughed. They compared notes on how they're getting by and what's going on in the family. I can almost picture my parents and grandparents living here, and that's very special for me."

She began working on her documentary film in 2021 after receiving a Chelsea Heritage Celebrations Grant from the Chelsea Cultural Council.

"Bea Cravatta said to me, 'what you're doing is great, you need to put your research into a film, and I said, 'okay.'"

Cravatta's documentary includes interviews with Temple Emmanuel members Herb Selesnick and Stephen Vider, Bonnie Rosenberg Cutler (whose family owned Murray and Eddy's Delicatessen on Broadway), Steve Solomon (whose family owned Solomon Metals), Walnut Street Synagogue President Ed Medros, Fr. Edgar Gutierrez-Duarte of Saint Luke's Church, and family friend, Laurie Gold (daughter of a long-time bridal gown studio on Shurtleff School in Chelsea).

"It's been a great, educational journey for me to learn about the city and people's experiences historically and what the City of Chelsea was like years ago. I think Chelsea is similar to what is happening today. Now, we have first, second, and third generations of Latinos living here, and people have these strong family and business networks," said Rovner, who is a board member at La Collaborativa in Chelsea.

Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, a lifelong resident, said he is looking forward to attending the premiere of Dr. Rovner's documentary.

"I have a great appreciation for Chelsea history, and I know that Dr. Rovner will bring a unique and exciting perspective," said Robinson. "She's a brilliant woman whose tours of Chelsea have brought joy to residents, past and present. Sunday will be a great day for Dr. Rovner as we view the product of her expertise and knowledge of our city's Jewish history and continue our observance of Chelsea city's 400th anniversary."

Special to the Independent

The State House recently hosted their annual Student Government Day with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) where high school students from across Massachusetts came to the building for a day of education and debating real legislation. Senator Sal DiDomenico was able to watch some of the mock sessions in the Senate Chamber and spent time with students from his district to give them a tour of the building and his office.

"It was a pleasure to



Senator Sal DiDomenico with students and teachers on the Senate Balcony.

show students from my district around different

parts of the Senate Chamber and watch them engage in debate with their peers on timely issues that I am working on like college affordability and educator diversity," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "I want to thank Anne Ziaja, my team, State House staff, and DESE staff for helping organize this fantastic event and inspiring a new generation of young people to get involved in government and make our state a better place for everyone."

Student Government Day is a state mandated program established in 1947, empowering students from public and private high schools across the commonwealth with the opportunity to learn, observe, and dive into the process of state government. The interactive and educational program is coordinated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and open to high school juniors and seniors.



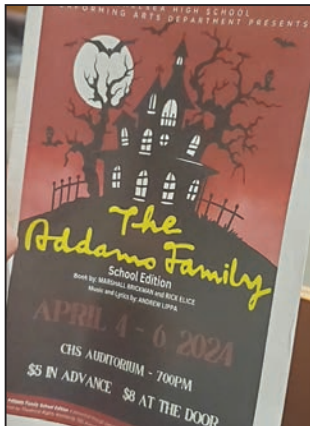
Senator Sal DiDomenico with students in the Senate Chamber.

DIDOMENICO SUPPORTS CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS

This April, Senator Sal DiDomenico attended the Chelsea High School Performing Arts Department's production of The Addams Family Musical. After the show, the Senator was able to spend time with the students and congratulate them on a great performance. DiDomenico remarked, "I was happy to join so many parents, teachers, and residents for a fantastic performance by the students of the Chelsea High School Performing Arts Department. I have always been a supporter of our school's arts department and it was a pleasure to watch these talented students present their rendition of the Addams Family, which was a huge success!"



Senator Sal DiDomenico with students (photos above and below) after their performance.



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porter of youth sports in the city, spoke at the ceremony, commending the Jordan Boys and Girls Club for organizing the league and giving students an opportunity to play baseball in Chelsea. Robinson stressed to the players the importance of working hard in the classroom.

Aneury Pichardo, Youth Baseball and Softball

Program Manager for the Boston Red Sox Foundation, wished the players good luck in the 2024 season. "We're really proud to support you today," said Pichardo.

"It's a beautiful day for the beautiful game," said JBGC Athletic Director Taylor Mallett. "Thank you for all being here. It means a lot to us and definitely to the kids."

Montes thanked the "city's building and grounds management, especially Douglas Pena and Anibal Santiago," for its diligent efforts in getting the field ready for the baseball season. He also thanked Executive Director Gina Centrella ("who leads by example,") Marilyn Vega and Kelly Garcia for their support of the new baseball program.



The Jordan Boys and Girls Club welcomes former Boston Red Sox pitcher Manny Delcarmen and Red Sox Foundation Youth Baseball and Softball Program Manager Aneury Pichardo to the city for the Chelsea RBI League Opening Day Ceremonies.



The Red Team in the Chelsea RBI League.



The Green Team in the Chelsea RBI League.



Former Chelsea High School baseball star and softball league giant Anibal Santiago, pictured with his children, Xavier Santiago and Sable Santiago, on Opening Day for the Chelsea RBI League.



Former Boston Red Sox pitcher Manny Delcarmen prepares to throw the first baseball of the Chelsea RBI League's 2024 season.



The Blue Team in the Chelsea RBI League.



Melanie had the honor of catching the first baseball of the season that was thrown by World Series champion Manny Delcarmen.



Red Sox Foundation Director of Development and Communications Tyler Petropulos, Red Sox Foundation Youth Baseball and Softball Program Manager Aneury Pichardo, Jordan Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Gina Centrella, JBGC Teen Program Director John Montes, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and JBGC Athletic Director Taylor Mallett.

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Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston Director of Alumni Engagement Isidra Quinones, her daughter, Laila B. Quinones, a player for the Blue Team in the RBI League, and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



Sandra Vanquier and her son, Elias Colon, a member of the Green Team in the Chelsea RBI League.

GREENROOTS LEADS EARTH DAY CELEBRATION WITH CITY CLEANUP EVENT

GreenRoots, under the leadership of Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni held a city cleanup event in coordination with the national celebration of Earth Day.



GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni and City Manager Fidel Maltez.



Chelse High 1986 graduate Linda Dixon Grasso and her son, Carter Grasso.



Ricky Velez of Chelsea Community Cable Television recorded the GreenRoots Cleanup event for the station.



Andie Fisher, Barbara Espinosa, Jacqueline Segovia, Roseann Bongiovanni, Jamily Gonzalez, and Marilyn Humphries.



City Manager Fidel Maltez (far left) and Joe Constantino (fourth, from right), with the MWRA contingent that participated in the cleanup event in Chelsea.



Bianca Bowman, School Committee Member Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Neville and son, Robi, GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, Suyapa Perez, with son, Gregory Perez, and Nohemi Lobato.

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CHELSEA KIWANIS CLUB HOSTS COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

More than 100 people packed the Merritt Club in Chelsea on April 6, for the Chelsea Kiwanis Club's Comedy Night Fundraiser in support of its programs for Chelsea children and families. CPF Productions provided four comedians as well as sound and lighting for a memorable night of laughter and good deeds. Boston-area favorite Christine Hurley was the special mystery guest and opened the show, followed by other comedians including headliner Mark Riley.

Before the show, guests enjoyed a multi-course Chinese buffet and Ki-

wanis' Easter Egg fundraiser, with more than 60 eggs laden with excellent mystery prizes such as gift cards, baskets, comedy tickets, and a certificate for a Kayem Box O'Meat-perfect for summer grilling season.

The thousands of dollars raised will help the Chelsea Kiwanis Club provide needed support to children and families in Chelsea, whether through donations of books, food, clothing, and diapers, or via its Annual Scholarship Program.

This year, the Club has increased its scholarship amounts and will be fund-

ing four \$2,500 scholarships for graduating Chelsea High School students who will pursue accredited and registered college/university, trade school, or apprenticeship programs.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to support the good works of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club, please visit <http://chelseakiwanisclub.org> and click on "Chelsea Kiwanis Giving Fund" on the top right menu, or drop a check to Chelsea Kiwanis Giving Fund, P.O. Box 505092, Chelsea, MA 02150.

If you're curious about joining Kiwanis International and our Chelsea club, please reach out to us at chelseakiwanisclub@gmail.com. We'd love you to join us.



Chris Dimitrakopoulos, aka Chris D., describes the pitfalls of calling Dig Safe at 811.



The crowd-winning Christine Hurley shares her latest marital experiences with the crowd.



Chelsea Kiwanis Board Members: Cassandra Thompson, Secretary; Elaine Monge, Vice-President; and Carolyn Vega, Director.



Chelsea Kiwanis members Sarah Gay from the Chelsea Public Library and Tricia Williams from Kayem Foods made sure the buffet went smoothly.



Comedian Pete Costello introduces the special mystery guest.



Deb Cronin, left, and her mother MaryLou Botchie Yurko, right, with comedian Christine Hurley, center.



A full stomach is a happy stomach ready to laugh.



Kiwanis Treasurer Joe Carreiro from El Potro Mexican Grill and Secretary Cassandra Thompson from Mass General Brigham do a brisk business in Easter Eggs.

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Single Week Programs (July 1-26): Enjoy a variety of visual and performing arts activities, games and classes based around a weekly theme! Feel free to register for as many weeks as you would like!

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3 Week Production Program (July 29-Aug 16):

Rehearse and perform a full show in just 3 weeks! Students will shine on stage over the 3 week program, while also cultivating a backstage and design skill set. This program will culminate in a free outdoor performance in collaboration with Apollinaire Theater Company's professional summer production.

Do you love movies? Apollinaire Play Lab is hosting a Movie Night on May 25 at 6p. Sit back, relax and enjoy a free movie with popcorn! Any age may join, but youth under the age of 10 must be dropped off and picked up by an adult.

All events and programs take place at Chelsea Theatre Works in the Riseman Family Theatre (187 Winnisimmet Street Chelsea MA 02150).

For more information and registration visit: www.apollinaire.com or email audrey@apollinairetheatre.com

SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY KEVIN HAYDEN PAYS \$5,000 CIVIL PENALTY

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden has paid a \$5,000 civil penalty for violating the conflict of interest law by failing to stop his staff from issuing and by failing to withdraw a DA's Office press statement aimed at discrediting his opponent in the 2022 Democratic primary

election. Hayden signed a Disposition Agreement in which he admitted the violation and waived his right to a hearing.

an August 23, 2022 newspaper article described allegations that Hayden's opponent in the September 6, 2022 Democratic primary, Ricardo Arroyo, had been investigated by the Boston Police Department for alleged sexual assaults when he was a teenager, the allegations became a focal point of the primary race. Arroyo sued the City of Boston for Boston Police Department investigation files he claimed would show the allegations were unfounded.

On September 2, 2022, four days before the primary election and 90 minutes before a court-ordered deadline for the City of Boston to provide investigation files to Arroyo, the Suffolk DA's Office issued an official statement to the press announcing that the office had "reviewed the entire unredacted file regarding the sexual assault allegations," that "nothing in the file suggests the allegations were unfounded," and that "the campaign to sabotage the victim's credibility is shameful." The Suffolk DA's Office statement was widely published by multiple news media outlets, many using it as a response to Arroyo's claims. An article published in one outlet reported that "Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin R. Hayden released a statement saying prosecutors never deemed the case 'unfounded.'"

Hayden was aware that his DA's Office staff intended to issue a statement directly contrary to Arroyo's public claims that the allegations against him were unfounded and challenging his credibility. Hayden took no action to prevent his staff from doing so and did not withdraw the statement after it was released. By these failures to act, Hayden knowingly or with reason to know used his official position as Suffolk District Attorney to secure for himself the unwarranted privilege of using valuable public resources for his own personal political advantage and violated the conflict of interest law.

"The authority and prestige of a District Attorney's office and the worktime of its staff are valuable public resources to be used for the public good," said Executive Director David A. Wilson. "Their use to discredit a political opponent in order to gain advantage in an election or for any other private purpose is prohibited by the conflict of interest law."

The Commission encourages public employees to contact the Commission's Legal Division at 617-371-9500 for free advice if they have any questions regarding how the conflict of interest law may apply to them.

CHELSEA UNITING AGAINST THE WAR PREPARES FOR MAY DAY

Members of Chelsea Uniting Against the War - Chelsea Uniendose En Contra La Guerra gathered to prepare signs for the upcoming May Day March. This international holiday has its roots in the labor movement and was first celebrated in 1886, as part of the struggle for the eight-hour workday. On May 1st of that year, many thousands of workers across the country went on strike, demanding better working conditions and shorter working hours. The national strike was peaceful at first, but on May 4th, a bomb exploded at a labor demonstration in Chicago's Haymarket Square, several people were killed and many others severely injured. The incident energized the labor movement and led to the establishment of May Day in 1889 as a day of labor solidarity and protest. The holiday, also known as International Workers' Day, is celebrated in parts of the United States, throughout Canada, most of Latin America, Asia Africa, Europe and with tremendous enthusiasm in the annual rally with residents from Chelsea, East Boston and Everett.

For more information



Members of Chelsea Uniting Against the War prepare for May Day.

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CITY, STATE OFFICIALS ATTEND MVES LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) recently hosted its 2024 Legislative Breakfast. The annual event brings together local and state officials to address MVES' legislative priorities and how policy and budget decisions impact the lives of thousands

of residents in Greater Boston.

This year, one of the Legislative Co-Hosts was State Senator Sal DiDommenico (Chelsea, Everett). The other Legislative Co-Host was State Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian, who is also Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs.

Other officials, including State Representative Joe McGonagle (Everett) and State Representative Jeffrey Turco (Revere, Winthrop) also spoke at the event. They discussed issues impacting older adults and people with disabilities, and the budget challenges that lawmakers face that can affect services and programs.

Lisa Gurgone, CEO of Mystic Valley Elder Ser-

vices, would like to thank all the officials who attended for demonstrating their commitment to the older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers in our community.

Special thanks to Patricia Bainton for sharing the story of how MVES impacted her life, and to the Board members and allies who support MVES' mission of empowering the independence of older adults and people with disabilities.

Established in 1975, MVES is a non-profit agency that provides a wide range of resources and care. It serves 11 communities in Greater Boston. For more information, please call 781-324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

OBITUARIES

Theresa O'Sullivan

She will be remembered for her unshakeable faith in God, her devotion to her family and the light she exuded in the lives of many people around the world

Theresa A. (Lombardi) O'Sullivan, 66, of Norwood, formerly of Chelsea and Jamaica Plain, died peacefully on Monday, April 22nd at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston in the care and presence of God and her devoted family and friends.

The adored daughter of the late Frances M. (Drago) Lombardi and Ralph J. Gregorio, she was the beloved wife of Michael J. O'Sullivan of Norwood, with whom she spent 36 beautiful years of marriage; the devoted and cherished mother of Michelle A. O'Sullivan and Michael L. O'Sullivan of Norwood; dear sister of Nina F. Lentz of Marblehead, Joseph A. Lombardi of Nahant and Robert A. Lombardi of Peabody. She was the best friend of Annie Blake of Worcester and treasured companion of her dog, Gizmo. Terri is also survived by many nieces, nephews and loving friends.

Terri will be honorably remembered for her unshakeable faith in God, her devotion to her family, and the light she exuded in the lives of many people



around the world.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Grace Church in Everett on April 29, followed by interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In remembrance, memorial contributions may be made to Beth Israel Lahey Health, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Office of Philanthropy, 529 Main Street, 4th Floor, Charlestown, MA 02129.

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Edward Herman Sr.

He leaves behind a cherished legacy for lives he touched

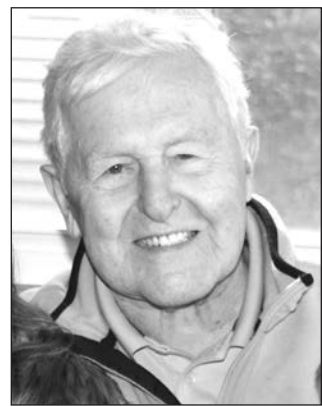
Edward J. Herman, Sr. passed away at the age of 90 on April 20, 2024 at Mass General Hospital in Salem. He was the beloved husband of the late Jeanne L. (Larcome) Herman.

Edward, affectionately known as Ed, was born on January 12, 1934 in Chelsea to the late Edward A. and Tillie "Beatrice" Herman.

Ed and Jeanne shared 61 years of marriage until Jeanne's passing in 2014. Ed attended Boston College High School, where he excelled in basketball and baseball. He proudly served his country during the Korean War. Following his military service, he pursued higher education at the University of Miami. Throughout his life, Ed found success in various business ventures and became well-known for his generosity.

Ed relocated in his later years to Marblehead, which kindly welcomed him as he zoomed around town on his beloved bright red mobility scooter, enjoying the endless scenery and helpful people he met along the way.

As a devoted husband, father, grandfather, church elder, entrepreneur, mentor and coach, Ed leaves behind a cherished legacy of lives he touched. He lived each day to the fullest and had a remarkable ability to make everyone he encountered feel val-



ued. His charming personality and kindness will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Ed and Jeanne were blessed with five children: Barbara Herman of West Hartford, CT; the late Edward Herman, Jr. of Gloucester, Thomas Herman of Portsmouth, NH, Robert Herman and his wife, Stacy of Pembroke and John Herman and his wife, Penelope of Marblehead.

Ed had a tremendous love for his nine grandchildren who he adored and cherished dearly. He delighted in spending time with them, sharing stories and imparting wisdom. Their love and time spent together brought him immense joy and his affection for them knew no bounds.

Ed remained very active and resilient until his last breath, embracing life with unwavering faith, vigor and fierce determination.

A private Memorial Service will be held in his honor, commemorating a life lived fully and with enduring love.

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BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins must play with desperation!

Are Bruins fans prepared for a possible repeat of last year's first-round playoff loss to the Florida Panthers? Or even more to the point, are B's fans having nightmarish thoughts that like last year, when the locals lost the possible Game 5 clincher against the Florida Panthers, and they also lost that game in overtime, on home ice — just like they did this past Tuesday night versus Toronto. The overtime winning goal came at 2:26,

off the stick of Toronto rookie Matthew Knies. In either case, the Bruins in Game 5 delivered a disaster of a game that if not for the stellar play of Jeremy Swayman (31 saves), would have been lost in the first period when the Leafs managed to outshoot Boston 12-2. The Bruins were unable to get much past Toronto's goaltender Joseph Woll (27 saves), the former Boston College product, who stopped everything com-

ing his way, with the single exception being Trent Frederic's goalmouth scramble that tied the game 1-1 in the first. Periods two and three were a scoreless, dead heat standoff, during which the visitors still managed to dominate the game.



In the post-game conference, coach Jim Montgomery was dead on with his summation: "We weren't good enough, just as simple as that, and Toronto came out ready to play. They took it to us and we weren't ready to match their desperation." Despite the Leafs having to play without their sniper Auston Matthews, they managed to persevere by controlling much of the pace of the game. Boston continued to appear disjointed in much of their play, including their power play chances. There is

an obvious need for Boston to instill the urgency of play that was so lacking in Game 5. Captain Brad Marchand didn't mince words following the game, commenting: "We needed to be better than we were, they were prepared to play and start the game, and we weren't. Unfortunately we never really got it together, we needed better urgency. We knew they were going to come and compete hard, it is what it is, you can't dwell on it." Coach Montgomery

should have to give little thought to his Game 6 starter, as Swayman is an easy choice with his steady, solid play. Swayman expressed his confidence, noting, "We saw an opportunity that we missed and we're not going to let that happen again. So the motivation is completely internal, and it's contagious in this locker room, and we'll be a different team on Thursday. We all know what's coming, and I can be more excited." Looking for the possible reshuffling of the Bruins' lineup, with one of them maybe being the return of Kevin Shattenkirk on defense,

and Johnny Beecher up front. The bottom line is a win in Thursday night's Game 6 in Toronto tonight (Thursday 8:00pm) could end this nightmare, and punch the Bruins' ticket to the second round, where they will have a chance to gain some revenge over the same Florida Panthers who took them to the cleaners in last season's first round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs in seven games. A loss in Toronto on Thursday, and it's back to Boston for Saturday night's Game 7, in which anything can happen... and it's not always good for the locals!

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or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 23, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 05/02/24

un abogado y no puede pagar uno y si da pruebas de que eres indigente, se le asignará un abogado. Su petición de un abogado debe hacerse inmediatamente relleno la Solicitud de Designación de Abogado formulario. Presente el formulario de la solicitud en persona o por correo en la ubicación del tribunal donde se va a ver su caso. 5. Presencia del menor en la audiencia: Un menor de edad mayor de 14 años tiene derecho a estar presente en cualquier audiencia, a menos que el Tribunal considere que no es en el mejor interés del menor. ESTO ES UN AVISO LEGAL: Un procedimiento judicial importante que puede afectar a sus derechos ha sido programado. Si no entiende esta notificación o otros documentos del tribunal, póngase en contacto con un abogado para obtener aviso legal. Fecha: Abril 2, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett Registro de la Sucesión 5/2/24

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2024-09 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, May 28, 2024, 6:00 PM for Major Site Plan Review seeking to establish a Battery Storage Structure at the address below: 284 Eastern Avenue 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 4/25/24, 5/2/24

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P0891EA Estate of: Juana Maria Belber Date of Death: 12/01/2023 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Arturo Belber of Chelsea, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Arturo Belle of Chelsea, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/28/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter

relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 26, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 05/02/24

LEGAL NOTICE Re: Shadow Hospitality, LLC. d/b/a Chelsea Station 105 Everett Avenue, Chelsea MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, May 9, 2024 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For an Alteration of Premises application of an all Kinds of Alcohol Beverages (on Premise) License for Shadow Hospitality, LLC. d/b/a Chelsea Station at 105 Everett Avenue, Chelsea MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 5/2/24, 5/9/24

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers 500 Broadway 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 for the removal of two (2) parking spaces in front of Shop and Go at 354 Washington Avenue. Per Order Chief Keith E. Houghton Chairperson 4/18/24, 5/2/24

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LEGAL NOTICE AVISO Y ORDEN: Solicitud de Nombres de Tutor de un Menor Expediente Nº SU24P0540GD Mancomunidad de Massachusetts El Tribunal de Primera Instancia Tribunal de Sucesión y Familia En el interés de Bryan Alexander Gutierrez Mendez de Chelsea, MA Menor Suffolk Tribunal de Sucesión y Familia 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 AVISO A TODAS LAS PARTES INTERESADAS 1. Fecha/hora de audiencia: Una audiencia sobre una Solicitud de Nombres de Tutor de un Menor presentado en 03/12/2024 por Bryan Alexander Gutierrez Mendez de Chelsea, MA se llevará 05/16/2024 09:00 AM Audiencia de Tutor a un Menor Localizada 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 Tercer Piso - Probation 2. Respuesta a la petición: Usted puede responder presentando una respuesta escrita a la Solicitud o compareciendo en persona en la audiencia. Si opta por presentar una respuesta por escrito, deberá: Presentar el original con el Tribunal; y Enviar una copia a todas las partes interesadas al menos cinco (5) días laborales antes de la audiencia. 3. Abogado del menor: El menor (o un adulto en nombre del menor) tiene derecho a pedir que se designe un abogado para el menor. 4. Abogado de los padres: Si usted es un padre del menor que es objeto de este procedimiento tiene derecho a ser representado por un abogado. Si quiere

LEGAL NOTICE Re: Cannabis (Marijuana) Regulations Chelsea Licensing Commission, May 9, 2024 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to Change the Cannabis (Marijuana) Regulations in the Licensing Rules and Regulations by adding a new paragraph, Section 12.03 that reads as follows: The Licensing Commission will not consider a general applicant for Cannabis (marijuana) licensure if the number of economic empowerment and social equity Cannabis (marijuana) establishment licensees; is less than half of the total number of Cannabis (marijuana) establishment licensees. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 5/2/24

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LEGAL NOTICE Re: New Pawnbroker Regulations Chelsea Licensing Commission, May 9, 2024 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to Adopt regulations for Pawnbrokers licensed in Chelsea. For a copy of the proposed regulation go to the Licensing Department Room 307, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA or email nlibran@chelseama.gov. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 5/2/24

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 24 SM 001481 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Jose Miranda a/k/a Jose P. Miranda Zoila V. Ascencio a/k/a Zoila Ascencio and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq) The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-10 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 73 Clark Avenue, given

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CHS Roundup

CHS BASEBALL TEAM TOPS TECH BOSTON, 6-3

Chelsea High baseball got back in the win column this past week, posting its third victory of the season with a come-from-behind, 6-3 triumph over the Tech Boston Academy Bears last Friday at Carter Park.

The Red Devils pulled ahead in the bottom of the third inning, scoring five runs on three hits. Leading the Chelsea offensive production were Jeanluis Soto, who went 2-for-3 with two RBI; Elijah Rivera, who was 1-for-2; Xavier Santiago, who was 1-for-3; and Jesse Castillo, who was 2-for-3 with two doubles.

Victor Murillo started for the Red Devils, allowing three runs in two and 1/3 innings, striking out one and walking seven Bear batters.

Soto earned the win, coming on in relief for five and 2/3 innings of shutout baseball in which Jeanluis allowed only one hit, fanning 11 Bear opponents and walking only one.

Coach Mike Lush and his crew are scheduled to host Excel Academy tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 4:00 at Carter, travel to Revere on Monday, and then entertain Medford next Wednesday.

CHS GIRLS TRACK TOPS EVERETT, 77-46

The Chelsea High girls outdoor track and field team earned a 77-46 triumph over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Everett last Thursday afternoon.

Leading the way for the Lady Red Devils was Thania Simon, who scored 18 points with three first-place finishes, the 200 meter dash with a sprint of 27.0, the long jump with a leap of 14'-3", and the triple jump with a final landing of 32'-10.5", and a second place in the 100 meter dash.

Gizelle Rodriguez was a double-winner, grabbing the top spot in the javelin with a throw of 86'-8" and first in the 400 dash with a time of 67.7.

Meleny Rodriguez took first place in the 400 hurdles with a clocking of 82.2.

Hazel Hatleburg placed first in the 800 meter event in a time of 2:56.3 and placed third in two other events, the triple jump and the long jump.

The versatile Lauren Nadow accumulated 10 points with three second-place finishes in the 400 hurdles, the 110 hurdles, and the 400 dash, and a third in the javelin.

Marcaylla Louis-Jean tallied seven points for the

CHS side of the scoresheet with second-place finishes in the triple jump and long jump and a third place in the 100 dash.

Kiara Ramirez-Villata contributed six points to the CHS cause with a pair of second-place efforts in the shot-put and discus. Throwing-mate Lamari Davis took thirds in both the shot and the disc.

Lyssie Henderson took second place in the 2-mile run and Angely Mejia-Martinez did likewise in the 1-mile. Maria Sola-Hernandez added a third-place point in the 1-mile.

Coach Matthew McCormick and his squad are scheduled to host GBL foe Malden at Chelsea Stadium this afternoon (Thursday).

CHS TRACKMEN FALL JUST SHORT VS. EVERETT

The Chelsea High boys outdoor track and field team turned in a strong team effort, but came up just short in their meet last week with Greater Boston League rival Everett, 68-63.

Alex Flores-Chavarria was a double-winner for coach Matthew McCormick's squad, taking first place in both the 1-mile with a clocking of 5:13.8 and the 2-mile in a time of 11:01.9.

The Red Devils dominated the three throwing events, winning 18 of a possible 27 points. Theo Joseph-Seale Ariel took first place in the discus with a spin of 46'-10.75" and second spot in the shot-put. Teammate Ariel Chacon-Aracena won the shot-put with a throw of 46'-10.75".

Emerson Melgar-Huezo took second place in the javelin and third in the discus and Adonis Alvarez grabbed third in the javelin.

Sherwin Kim contributed 11 points to the CHS cause with a first place in the 400 hurdles in a time of 64.8 and second places in the 110 hurdles and the triple jump.

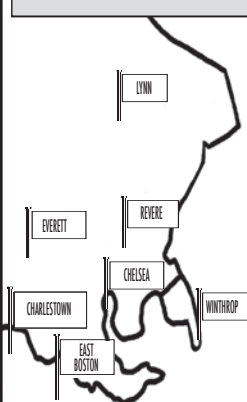
Kyle Leong won the triple jump with a final landing of 33'-5".

Red Devils who scored three points with second-place efforts were: Carlos Perez-Acosta in the 1-mile; Austin Freeman in the 400 dash; Christopher Martinez-Me in the 200 dash; and Bryan Amaya-Yanes in the 800.

Adding single points with third-place performances were Jose Amaya Raudalos in the 2-mile and Leandro Castro in the 400 dash.

The Red Devils are scheduled to take on GBL foe Malden today (Thursday) at Chelsea Stadium.

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CAPIC HOSTS 'BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS' FUNDRAISER AT SPINELLI'S, LYNNFIELD

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CAPIC, under the leadership of Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, held a fundraiser event, "Breaking Down Barriers" on April 24 at Spinelli's Capri Ballroom.

Cromwell welcomed the many guests to the event. In her remarks, Cromwell highlighted the outstanding accomplishments of the agency that for 57 years has been committed to providing critical services and resources to those in need on a daily basis.

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez and Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe were the guest speakers. Keynote speaker, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, thanked Cromwell and CAPIC for its important work in Chelsea, Revere, and Win-

throp, crediting CAPIC as "one of Chelsea's most outstanding agencies."

The Chelsea High School Choir and CBC Liturgical Dancer Celeste Williams performed during the program. Boston Police Sgt. Joseph Cheevers, husband of well-known Chelsea resi-

dent Maria Schneiderman Cheevers, displayed his talents as a member of the Boston Police Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums.

Chelsea Community Cable Television videotaped the gala for broadcast on its YouTube Channel.



Maria Schneiderman Cheevers, Deb Cronin, CBC President Joan Cromwell, CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, and Lisa DiBerto Tiro, pictured at the CAPIC Fundraiser Event April 14 at Spinelli's.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico and CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell (right), with CAPIC board members, from left, Sharon Caulfield, Pastor Eliot Penn, Vice President Lanre Olusekun, and President Charlie Randall.



CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, the program's keynote speaker, CBC President Joan Cromwell, and Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez Rivera.



Kenneth Umemba, Joan Cromwell, and former Chelsea High basketball standout Darren Cromwell.



CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell recognized Jeff Carson (left) and Suzanne Carson (right), founders of Mi Amor, Winthrop, for their efforts in helping families who battle food insecurity.



Dignitaries in attendance, Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Castro, Director of Elder Services Tracy Nowicki, and her husband, Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Paul Nowicki.



The Chelsea High School Choral Group, Cantare, was a featured performer at the CAPIC Fundraiser Event.



CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell and Larry Elgart and their proud family, including Maxwell Elgart, Saige Elgart, Londyn Elgart, and Blaise Shelton.



La Collaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega, La Collaborativa COO Dinanyili Paulino, Saritin Rizzuto, and her husband, Chelsea Police Captain David Rizzuto.



The Rev. George Walters Sleyon, Pastor of People's A.M.E. Church, Chelsea, with his sons, William Walters Sleyon and George Walters-Sleyon Jr.



CAPIC Director of Human Resources Dolores Benoit, Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, Director of Planning and Development Kerry Wolfgang, and Metro Credit Union Vice President Saritin Rizzuto.

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