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GreenRoots members and supporters were out in force at Monday's state Supreme Judicial Court hearing on the Eversource electricity substation in East Boston.

## Nine new positions in city manager's proposed budget

By Adam Swift

City Council budget hearings on a proposed \$245 million Fiscal Year 2025 budget are scheduled to get underway on Monday, May 13 and run through Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

City manager Fidel Maltez officially presented the council with the FY25 budget Monday night.

"The Budget funds City expenditures at \$104,694,321 and School Department expenditures at \$140,307,816, for a total budget of \$245,002,137," stated Maltez. "The School Department Budget has increased by 6.00%, most of it paid from new Chapter 70 funding generated by the Student Opportunity Act. The City expen-

ditures have increased by 6.00%."

Most of the increases on the city side of the budget are reflected in the salary accounts, due mostly to raises required in collective bargaining agreements and the addition of new positions in the operating budget.

"These new positions, a total of nine, will improve the delivery of services to residents and allow the city to increase internal capacity for handling new projects and programming implemented with ARPA funding," stated Maltez.

The city will be able to absorb the increase in new personnel because of its favorable financial position, Maltez said.

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## GreenRoots and supporters on hand for substation hearing

By Adam Swift

The battle over the construction of an electricity transmission substation facility on the Chelsea

Creek Waterfront in East Boston made it to the Supreme Judicial Court in Massachusetts for a hearing on Monday.

Local environmental

justice nonprofit GreenRoots and the Conservation Law Foundation filed a suit challenging the decision by the Energy Facilities Siting Board that

granted permits that had been denied at the local level.

For nearly a decade, the

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## New park to be named for 'Bear' Burke

By Adam Swift

A new city park at 212 Congress Ave. will be named after lifelong Chelsea resident James P. "Bear" Burke, who died in 2018 at the age of 75.

"As we advance this park through the design and construction process, we believe it is time to name this new addition to our inventory of open space in the city," said City Manager Fidel Maltez. "We would like to propose naming it Bear Park, after James P. 'Bear' Burke."

The city council unanimously approved the name at Monday night's meeting.

"He worked very hard for the city for 30 years, and he was great to the children in Chelsea," said District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero, adding that Burke would often help out kids in the city who needed help paying to take park in the Pop Warner football league.

Councilors Leo Robinson and Calvin Brown both said it was fitting for

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## A Brightening Future

### Jillian Eaves receives her master's degree from University of Tampa

By Cary Shuman

Jillian Eaves, daughter of Dr. William "Billy" Eaves, a Chelsea native, and Jane Page of Revere, received her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Tampa during commencement ceremonies held May 4.



Jillian Eaves, proud recipient of a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Tampa.

the hooding ceremony.

Jillian, a 2019 graduate of Revere High School who also holds an undergraduate degree from Tampa, told her fellow graduates, "We are now part of the 13 percent of Americans who have master's degrees. Congratulations and thank you to my colleagues in the curriculum and instruction program. To our professors, thank you for the care, guidance, and encouragement throughout the pursuit of earning our master's degrees."

An elementary school teacher in the Tampa area, Jillian Eaves also spoke earnestly of the profession that she has chosen for her career.

"One of the first things that they tell you when you enter the education field is that you are in it for the outcome, not the income, because we are not seen as a rich profession," said Eaves. "However, I'm of the belief that we are part of the richest career paths. We are rich in community."

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### The honor of delivering the student address

The graduation program capped a memorable slate of events for Dr. Eaves, who had listened proudly as his daughter

had the honor of delivering the student address at

## EBNHC CEO honored with Project Bread's Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice

Special to the Record

More than 3,500 participants lined the Boston Common to take part in Project Bread's 56th annual Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 5, 2024. Hunger and healthcare champion, Greg Wilmot, President and CEO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) was honored with the Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice, named for the late event founder who, 56 years ago, created the Walk for Hunger to inspire



EBNHC CEO Greg Wilmot poses with Project Bread President & CEO Erin McAleer on the Boston Common.

commitment to addressing food insecurity as a social justice issue and the work of EBNHC, the state's largest community-based primary care provider in Massachusetts, to increase access to nutritional foods in the communities it serves.

Wilmot kicked off the 3-mile walk by participating in the opening ceremony with Project Bread President & CEO Erin McAleer, who thanked walk participants for helping those facing food insecurity and presented Greg with the Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice.

"As a longtime participant in this walk, this is a special moment for me. I am honored to car-

ry on the legacy of Patrick Hughes, who believed that people united for a common purpose can inspire change," said Greg Wilmot, President and CEO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. "I am proud of EBNHC's work to address food insecurity and thankful to have innovative partners like Project Bread who share our belief that access to healthy and nutritious food is not only a right, but essential for the health and wellbeing of our patients and our community."

This year, the event aims to bring in \$1.3 million to fight food insecurity statewide.

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## Driscoll, Miller, others featured guests at Roca annual breakfast

Special to the Record

Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, advocate and Chairman of the Jordan Brand Advisory Board (NIKE, Inc.) Larry Miller, and Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni joined Roca young people and community stakeholders in celebrating Roca's 36 years of work directly supporting high-risk young men and women at their annual breakfast.

"Roca has tirelessly spent 36 years striving to

help young men and women confront trauma and violence so they may find hope and live the fulfilling lives they deserve," said Molly Baldwin, CEO and Founder of Roca. "We are incredibly proud to celebrate 36 successful years for Roca with the partners that make this work possible, and are especially proud of the young men and women that make our work so rewarding."

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Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Metro Credit Union Vice President Saritin Rizzuto, City Councilor Lisa Santagate, and Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez Rivera.

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East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, rebranding as NeighborHealth June 2024, is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 120,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, EBNHC joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and



**EBNHC president and CEO Greg Wilmot addressing the crowd and accepting the Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice prior to walking Project Bread's 56th annual Walk for Hunger.**

work in Boston's South End and Roxbury neighborhoods.

EBNHC champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-in-

come and immigrant communities with services unique from other health care providers in our state. In addition to primary and specialty care, EBNHC operates Massachusetts' only satellite Emergency Department, which is the fourth busiest ED in Boston and is co-located with advanced radiology, including CT scan services, same-day Behavioral Health Urgent Care and an integrated pharmacy. Today, EBNHC remains dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals both in and out of the exam room by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services. For more information, visit [www.ebnhc.org](http://www.ebnhc.org)

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absorb the increase in new personnel because of its favorable financial position, Maltez said.

"This year, the City will propose the modest use of reserves to support the budget (\$706,908), an amount that aligns with prior years," said Maltez.

The new positions include four in the executive department that Maltez filled earlier this year as part of the realignment of the city manager's office. They included two deputy city managers, a director of constituent services, and an executive assistant.

Maltez is proposing adding a senior financial analyst to the auditing department, a purchasing agent/buyer to the purchasing department, and a deputy commissioner for administration and operations to the public works department.

In addition, he is proposing a deputy director for the inspectional services department and a part-time administrative assistant in the human resources department.

Maltez also noted that this year's Regional School District expen-

diture has increased by \$655,763 to \$2,092,200.

"That line item now includes the third payment on the debt for the new Northeast Regional Vocational High School, a total debt service payment of \$976,402," stated Maltez. "That debt service figure will rise gradually to approximately \$1.65 million starting in FY26."

The council's budget subcommittee meetings are scheduled for May 13, 14, and 15 with a tentative public hearing date for the budget on June 3.

## BHCC to host free screening and director Q&A of 'Inundation District'

Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) will host a screening of the celebrated documentary film *Inundation District*, Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m., followed by a Q&A with the film's director, Boston Globe reporter David Abel. The screening is free and open to the public.

"*Inundation District*" tells the story of one of Boston's newest and most climate change-vulnerable neighborhoods. In a time of rising seas and intensifying storms, one of the world's wealthiest, most-educated cities made a fateful deci-

sion to spend billions of dollars erecting a new district along its coast — on landfill, at sea level. Unlike other places imperiled by climate change, this neighborhood of glass towers housing some of the world's largest companies was built well after scientists began warning of the threats, including many at its renowned universities. The city, which already has more high-tide flooding than nearly any other in the United States, called its new quarter the Innovation District. But with seas rising inexorably, and at an

accelerating rate, others are calling the neighborhood by a different name: Inundation District.

The 79-minute film, a production by The Boston Globe, premiered in the fall of 2023 as the closing night film of the GlobeDocs Film Festival. To learn more, visit [inundationdistrict.com](http://inundationdistrict.com).

The screening will be held in the A-300 auditorium. Attendees may enter the College through the Austin Street Plaza entrance and proceed to the 3rd floor of Building B, then cross into Building A, where the auditorium is located.

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the city to name the name park after Burke.

"Mr. Burke was an integral part of the Chelsea community," stated Maltez. "He was a public servant who worked at the City of Chelsea Public Works Department for many years, and a Knight of the Chelsea Knights of Columbus Council, where every year he hosted a Christmas party which gave presents to every child in attendance."

Burke also served as a member of the Board of Directors of Chelsea Pop Warner, coached Chelsea youth baseball leagues, and was a long-time advisor for Explorer Post 109.

"Through his work with

these organizations he mentored generations of Chelsea youth with wit, humor, and a gentle demeanor that made them all feel special," stated Maltez. "He gave to his community from his heart and without a second thought, and Chelsea is a better place for it."

The city acquired the property at 212 Congress Ave. in 2022 and hosted some activities there along with GreenRoots last year. Over that time, the city has received feedback from residents about what they want the new park to look like, Maltez said.

"We have used that information to work with a landscape architect and

apply for grant funding, through the state's Parklands Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities program, to make this park a reality," according to Maltez. "Community members shared with us that they see this new park as a space for building community, for sharing time outdoors with their families and with their children, and for staying cool in the summer months. This feedback has led to a park design that emphasizes opportunities for gathering, shade structures and cooling features like splash pads, and of course, the planting of many new trees."



By Tracy Nowicki  
Director of Elder Services

## The Month of May – Older Americans and Mental Health...

In a world that often seems to prioritize youth and novelty, it's easy to overlook the immense value and significance of our older Americans. Yet, their lives, experiences, and sacrifices are not just chapters in history books... they are living legacies that profoundly shape our present and future.

As we navigate the complexities of modern life, it's crucial to recognize the pivotal role that older Americans play in our society. They are the custodians of wisdom, the guardians of tradition, and the pillars of resilience. Their stories are not mere anecdotes; they are invaluable lessons

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that offer insights into our collective past and illuminate pathways for our journey forward.

However, beyond the historical significance, there's a deeply human aspect to honoring our older adults. For many older Americans, the feeling of being seen, heard, and appreciated is not just a matter of ego... it's essential for their mental and emotional well-being.

Imagine a lifetime of experiences, of overcoming challenges, of making sacrifices for the betterment of family and community, only to feel like those efforts are fading into obscurity. It's not just a loss of recognition; it's a loss of identity, of purpose, of belonging.

When we dismiss or erase the contributions of our older Americans, we rob them of the dignity and respect they deserve. We undermine their sense of self-worth and diminish the value of their lived experiences. This erasure can have profound consequences on their mental health, leading to feelings of isolation, depression, and existential despair.

But it doesn't have to be this way. We have the power to change the narrative, to recognize and celebrate the richness of our elders' lives. It starts

with acknowledging their significance, not just in words, but in actions.

It means listening to their stories with genuine interest and empathy, honoring their achievements with gratitude and reverence, and involving them in meaningful ways in our communities. It means valuing their wisdom, not as relics of the past, but as beacons of guidance for the present and future generations.

By embracing and cherishing our older Americans, we not only honor their legacy, but we also enrich our own lives. We gain access to a treasure trove of knowledge, wisdom, and perspective that can inspire and empower us to create a more compassionate and inclusive society.

So let us make a solemn commitment to honor our older Americans, not just today, but every day. Let us ensure that their lives, their sacrifices, and their stories are not erased or forgotten, but cherished and preserved for generations to come. For in doing so, we not only honor the past, but we also nurture hope for the future.

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substation has been opposed by elected officials, residents and experts as it would result in the concentration of potentially dangerous infrastructure, obstruction of neighborhood access to open space and the waterfront, and an increased risk to neighborhood climate resiliency, according to the majority opinion in the Boston City Council's 2023 resolution opposing the Eversource substation. In November of 2021, 84 percent of voters opposed the siting of the substation on Condor Street on a ballot question.

GreenRoots, the Conservation Law Foundation, and many of those elected officials and residents have argued that the substation will be yet another unfair environmental burden on the Eagle Hill neighborhood. The neighborhood is already faced with the environmental challenges of the harbor tunnel, noise and pollution from Logan Airport, traffic congestion, and huge mounds of road

salt and sand along Chelsea Creek.

During Monday's hearing, attorneys representing the Attorney General's office argued that the Energy Facilities Siting Board has the authority to take into account the energy needs of a community when making its decisions, according to the Commonwealth Beacon. Lawyers for the Conservation Law Foundation argued that the 2022 Supreme Judicial Court decision allowing the substation to move forward at a slightly adjusted location did not take into account the environmental burden placed on the environmental justice community as outlined under a 2021 that identifies environmental justice populations under state statute.

At a press conference following the hearing, GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni thanked the Conservation Law Foundation for pushing the case forward.

"They pushed our case so hard that we felt so strong about and their arguments were very strong," said Bongiovanni. "We know that this is a case of environmental injustice. This is that state failing to do its job despite the fact that we have environmental justice legislation right now."

A recently published report by the Union for Concerned Scientists stated that heavy infrastructure and electric substations like the one being proposed in East Boston are mostly built either in or within one mile of environmental justice neighborhoods, Bongiovanni said.

"This is further documented proof that this substation should not be sited in the Eagle Hill neighborhood of East Boston," she said.

While still awaiting the decision from the justices, Bongiovanni said the justices asked a lot of good questions about environmental justice and issues.

"We should hear back from them in a few months' time," she said. "But I feel, with a sense of hope, that our plea for justice will be heard and we will win."

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Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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# Young Adult Book Author Kendall Kulper speaks to Chelsea High School students

Well-known book author Kendall Kulper inspired an audience of Chelsea High School students during a speaking engagement in the Andrew P. Quigley Library at the school.

A graduate of Harvard University with an honors degree in History and Literature, Kulper writes historical fantasy for young

adult readers and has published four novels.

Kulper began her talk reflecting on her love of books from a young age, writing long mini-novels in middle school, and writing for her high school newspaper.

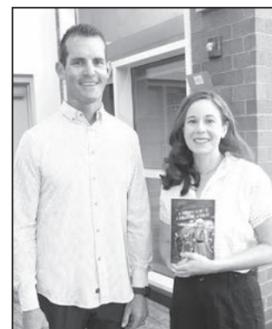
After graduating from Harvard, Kulper worked as radio reporter for a financial news company in

New York City.

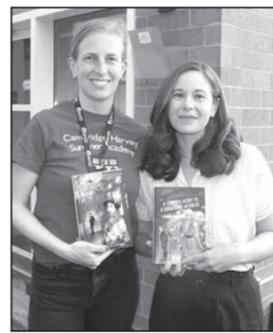
Not enamored with her professional position as a reporter, Kulper decided to write a story with a teenaged main character and began her first young adult story. She met with her then-boyfriend's (now husband) family friend who was a real-life author.



Author Kendall Kulper greets one of her readers and fans, CHS student Aya Kohli following Kulper's talk in the school library.



Prominent author Kendall Kulper (holding one of her published novels), is pictured with Chelsea High School Librarian Trent Bordok at her talk inside the Andrew P. Quigley Library.



Two outstanding women who hold degrees from Harvard, the world's most prestigious university, English Language Arts Department Head and Teacher Julia McDonald and young adult author Kendall Kulper, pictured at the presentation at the CHS Library.

"She basically agreed to have coffee with me and basically changed my life," said Kulper. "Here is the thing that she taught me, the thing that I try to teach all kids who dream of becoming an author: it is possible. It's hard to become a published author, but it is achievable. Work

hard, get better, don't give up, and it will happen."

Kulper answered questions from the students and graciously signed autographs. Following her talk, she worked with students in the CHS Creative Writing Club.

A big thanks to CHS Librarian Trent Bordok

for arranging for such a prominent author and terrific role model to visit the school. The event was an outstanding educational experience for the students who heard the inspiring message from Kendall Kulper that any career goal is attainable with hard work and fortitude.



Kendall Kulper takes a photo with the many CHS students who enjoyed her talk about her beginnings and her career as an author. Also pictured (back row) are ELA Department Head Julia McDonald and CHS Librarian Trent Bordok.

## FRESH AND LOCAL

### The seasoning triangle

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

You often see the instruction "season to taste" at the end of a recipe. This phrase means more than salt and pepper since we learned to use the seasoning triangle to enhance whatever we make. That triangle is traditionally considered to be the addition of salt, sweet, and acid to a dish to achieve a balance that brings out the flavor of the ingredients. We also like to add umami to this equation.

You already season to taste when you squeeze a wedge of lemon on a piece of fish. Some of you may reach for the salt shaker automatically at the start of a meal, ready to adjust the salinity to your preference. Cranberry sauce on your turkey sandwich is welcome to balance savory and sweet in that traditional favorite.

It takes practice to do this as your final meal preparation step. However, mastering the triangle will improve your results and refine your ability to taste. The two of us have different takes on the perfect balance. Ed prefers more salt, and Penny likes more acid. She keeps this in mind when she cooks

and will season with salt to her taste and acid to Ed's. That way, we can both make the final adjustment to our portion.

#### Learning to Balance

To learn to balance flavor and see what each component adds to the mix, we suggest you make a simple oil and vinegar salad dressing. Your base mix of 1/3 vinegar and 2/3 oil already has the acid from the vinegar. Add salt or a salty ingredient like soy sauce or fish sauce bit-by-bit until it tastes good to you. Next, dribble in a few drops of honey or agave syrup until you like the balance of the triangle flavors.

#### Tips for Finding Balance

Until you become comfortable with your flavor-balancing skills, remove a portion of the food from the pot and experiment with it. If you make a minor mistake on a small scale, you can add that back into the pot and see how it tastes. The lemon added to a small dish of soup may be enough for the whole pot.

Penny has learned to always put her additions in a spoon rather than pouring from the bottle or carton.

It is far too easy to slip and add more than is needed from a larger container. Moreover, seeing the addition will help you estimate how much you should add to the main supply if you like what you tasted in the sample bowl.

We keep a variety of flavor enhancers on hand in each of the triangle's classes. Often, we choose an acid based on the dish's cultural origins. We use rice vinegar for Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes. Lemon, lime, and yogurt (yes, yogurt is acidic) go into Indian and Middle Eastern cuisines. Some vinegar, including balsamic, raspberry, and seasoned rice vinegar, adds sweetness and acidity simultaneously.

We even have a collection of salt that will add a second helping of taste to a dish. Smoked salt is a great way to enliven a piece of steamed fish. We are experimenting with licorice salt to double down on the anise flavor in our favorite spring salad of shaved fennel and asparagus.

Choose your salt component from salty or fermented foods like MSG, miso, seaweeds, parmesan cheese, miso paste, ancho-



We are experimenting with licorice salt and briny capers to enhance the flavor of our favorite spring salad of shaved fennel and asparagus.

vies, Worcestershire, or fish sauce, and you'll also ramp up the dish's savory,

umami appeal. Do you have a question or topic for Fresh &

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**El Club Rotario de Chelsea pagará los gastos de matrícula y registraron al campamento, también proveerá transportación de ida y vuelta al campamento. Todo gasto personal que se haga durante el transcurso de este campamento será la responsabilidad del niño(a) o familia.**

**Este patrocinio está abierto a todo niño o niña residentes de la ciudad de Chelsea, y que no han sido participantes de este campamento en el pasado.**

**Para aplicar, por favor envía una carta de una página al Club Rotario de Chelsea y explica el "por qué" el Club debería enviarte a este campamento este verano. Todas las cartas deberán ser enviadas por correo o personalmente a esta dirección:**

**Chelsea Rotary Club c/o Susan E Gallant, 778 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 antes del viernes 17 de Mayo de 2024.**

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To apply, please send a one-page essay of why the Rotary Club of Chelsea should send you to Camp Rotary this summer. All essays should be mailed or hand delivered by **Friday May 17, 2024 to The Rotary Club of Chelsea, c/o Susan Gallant, 778 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150. All essays should include your name, address, age and telephone number.** A committee of Chelsea Rotary Club members will review all essays. The committee will notify finalists. The camp week will begin Sunday afternoon and end Saturday morning.

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# Forum

## CHANGE IN MARIJUANA SCHEDULING WAS LONG OVERDUE

The decision by the Biden administration last week to reclassify marijuana from a Schedule I drug to a Schedule III drug came as welcome (though long overdue) news for all Americans who have been aware for decades of the absurdity and injustice of that classification.

Marijuana became classified as a Schedule I drug, reserved for dangerous drugs such as heroin and LSD, during the administration of President Richard M. Nixon in 1970. Research into Nixon's presidential papers about 10 years ago revealed that Nixon's sole motivation for doing so was to provide a pretext to arrest, prosecute, and incarcerate Black and brown Americans, whom Nixon saw as political opponents during a time of political upheaval in our country.

That Nixonian policy of the past five decades has resulted in a disgraceful legacy of vast discrepancies in the enforcement of the drug laws by law enforcement at all levels, federal, state and local, to target Black and brown Americans at rates far greater than whites.

Countless lives -- and families -- in minority communities have been ruined because of racially-selective enforcement policies regarding the laws on marijuana.

Marijuana's classification as a Schedule I drug never had any basis in medical fact. Compared to just about any drug, both legal and illegal, marijuana has the least amount of harm and side-effects. No one ever has died from a marijuana overdose. By contrast, almost all commonly-available, over-the-counter drugs can cause a fatal overdose. (Even plain-old water can kill you if you drink too much of it.)

In addition, the common perception of marijuana as a so-called gateway drug, which became fashionable during the era of Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No to Drugs" campaign, was a myth. The only correlation that ever has been shown between a drug used early in life and hard-drug use later in life has been between cigarettes and opioid addiction.

On the other hand, we wish to emphasize strongly that marijuana should not be used by those under the age of 21, for whom marijuana use can have a lasting and deleterious effect on the still-developing human brain. (The same also can be said for nicotine, alcohol, high-sugar drinks, and ultra-processed foods.)

Hopefully, now that marijuana will be classified as a Schedule III drug (which is defined as a drug with a moderate to low potential for physical and psychological dependence, such as Tylenol with codeine), researchers in this country finally will be able to unlock how it affects the human body, which has THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) receptors throughout.

THC already has been shown to have a number of possible therapeutic uses, including treatment for glaucoma, pain, depression, and nausea for those undergoing chemotherapy.

Lastly, government regulation will ensure that dosage amounts are accurately labeled on available products. Just as alcohol content is indicated on beer, wine, and hard liquor, marijuana products, especially edibles, need to be labeled to provide consumers with needed-information about the potency of what they're ingesting.

The rescheduling of marijuana by the federal government is 50 years too late. But, as the saying goes, it's better late than never.

## ANTI-SEMITIC AND ANTI-MUSLIM HATE CRIMES MUST BE STOPPED

Both the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the New York-based international Jewish non-governmental organization and advocacy group, and the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the U.S.'s largest Muslim civil rights organization, have pointed to alarming increases in hate crimes in recent years.

The ADA recently reported that anti-semitic incidents in the past 10 years have grown exponentially from about 750 in 2013 to almost 9000 in 2023. CAIR reported that over the past decade, anti-Muslim incidents have increased three-fold, from about 2500 in 2013 to 7500 in 2023.

The recent events in the Middle East have stoked a cauldron of hate in the United States that always was there, but which for the most part bubbled beneath the surface. Today however, that cauldron has reached the boiling point, leaving American Jews and Muslims fearful of displaying their identity in public, lest some hate-monger with evil intent be in the vicinity.

We would note that the vast majority of the recent spike in hate crimes is not being committed by Jewish or Muslim Americans, but rather by white Americans, who are using the Middle East as a convenient pretext for their malevolent acts.

It is at times such as these that we think back to the simple, but profound, words of Rodney King after the white police officers who savagely beat him were found not guilty at their criminal trial and Los Angeles erupted in massive riots:

"I just want to say, you know, can we all get along?" King implored. "Can we get along? Can we stop making it horrible for the older people and the kids?"



## EBNHC to honor health equity leaders at Art of Health Care Reception

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), soon to be NeighborHealth, is thrilled to announce the Art of Health Care fundraising event at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA), Boston on June 12. This year's reception will include the 2024 Health Equity Awards where six recipients will be honored.

The Art of Health Care event allows EBNHC, the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, to provide greater support to programs and services dedicated to eliminating barriers to care due to social factors such as race, language, and economic mobility. All funds raised will have a transformative impact on vulnerable populations by supporting numerous EBNHC programs. This includes providing coordinated health and wellness care to children with developmental and cognitive disabilities; supporting older adults stay healthy and independent in the community; and developing educational training programs for the next generation of healthcare professionals.

"The 2024 Health Equity Awards give us a rare opportunity to publicly celebrate six individuals and organizations who, through their work, have improved the lives of the communities served by our health center," said Greg Wilmont, President and CEO of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Cen-

ter. "From the iconic MFA, we will honor leaders who understand the power of social determinants to drive health outcomes and have made addressing them a major focus of their personal and professional lives."

EBNHC is honored to recognize the following changemakers who have helped break down barriers to care for our most vulnerable communities throughout Greater Boston:

- Dr. Thea L. James, MD, MBA. Vice President of Mission, Boston Medical Center is to be recognized as Health Equity Champion for her leadership in dismantling medical mistrust in Boston's Black community.

- Alberto Vasallo, III. CEO/President of El Mundo Boston is to be recognized as Health Equity Champion for his commitment to partnering across sectors to reduce health disparities in Boston's Latinx community.

- Dr. Gerald Hass, MD. Co-Founder, South End Community Health Center is to be recognized as Health Equity Trailblazer for co-founding the South End Community Health Center more than 50 years ago.

- Jack Cradock, President Emeritus, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is to be recognized as Health Equity Trailblazer for being an early and ardent advocate of community-based health systems in Massachusetts.

- Rita Sorrento, Chair,

Board of Directors, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is to be recognized as Health Equity Trailblazer for her longtime healthcare, education and community advocacy.

- Seae Ventures, LLC, an investment firm specializing in early-stage healthcare technology and services companies, will be recognized as Health Equity Partner for uplifting talented entrepreneurs committed to addressing health and social challenges.

"These leaders inspire us on our journey toward achieving health equity and we are honored to present them with these awards," said EBNHC Vice President of Development and Chief Human Resources Officer Steven Snyder. "Just as an artist creates a masterpiece with precision and care, addressing disparities is no different; it is complex work that requires perseverance and creativity from all who champion it."

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, soon to be NeighborHealth as of June 1, 2024, is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 120,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as

a National Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, EBNHC joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston's South End and Roxbury neighborhoods.

EBNHC champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other health care providers in our state. In addition to primary and specialty care, EBNHC operates Massachusetts' only satellite Emergency Department, which is the fourth busiest ED in Boston and is co-located with advanced radiology, including CT scan services, same-day Behavioral Health Urgent Care and an integrated pharmacy. Today, EBNHC remains dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals both in and out of the exam room by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services. For more information, visit [www.ebnhc.org](http://www.ebnhc.org)

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### ROVNER PREMIERES HER DOCUMENTARY FILM AT TEMPLE EMMANUEL

Dr. Ellen Rovner debuted her documentary film, "Chelsea, The Jewish Years," before a large

audience Sunday at Temple Emmanuel. The film premiere was part of the Cary Square

Day of History event in coordination with the 400th anniversary of Chelsea which is being

celebrated throughout this year. The grand opening of the Chelsea Jewish Museum was also part of the

day's schedule.

Attendees praised Dr. Rovner for her outstanding work in chronicling

Chelsea's Jewish history on film.

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



Marsha Johnson Weiss and Lee Farrington were the guides for a walking tour of Cary Square that was part of the day's events.



Filmmaker Dr. Ellen Rovner and Steve Solomon, who appears in the documentary film, "Chelsea, The Jewish Years."



Temple Emmanuel member Herb Selesnick and Hinda Sterling.



Shara Sorkin Cashman and Nancy Sorkin, with their brother, Dr. Jeffrey Sorkin, and his son, Jeremy Sorkin.



Murray Novak and Dotty Novak, pictured at the documentary film premiere.



Former Chelsea resident Marsha Stone (right) and Norm Hirschfeld.



Barry Kirshon and Darleen Kirshon.



Celeste Williams (center), who spoke of growing up in the Crown Heights neighborhood in Brooklyn, at the event, is pictured with Jaishree Bhaduri (left) and Shahana Bhaduri, at the documentary film premiere.



Temple Emmanuel member Carol Brown (center), with her cousins, Gary Tratt and Ellen Tratt.



Chelsea Firefighter Steven Waxman, Marci Cligstein Casaletto, and Joseph Casaletto.



Devra Zabot, Governor Bellingham-Cary House Trustee Matt Frank, and Temple Emmanuel President Sara Lee Callahan.



Scott Flaxer, Jean Flaxer, Larry Malatsky, and Jodie Malatzky.



Filmmaker Dr. Ellen Rovner (right), with documentary film editor Josh Sklaroff, his daughter, Adi Sklaroff, and Devra Zabot (left).



Rabbi Oksana Chapman, Edythe Shuman, and Jordana Mather.



Toby Zabot, Naomi Zabot, Gibbs Zabot-Hall, Devra Zabot, and Rebecca Zabot-Hall.



The Zonta Club of Chelsea and the North Shore came out to support the event at Temple Emmanuel. From left, are Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, President Janice Tatarka, Christine DePrizio, Barbara Lawlor, Lee Farrington, and Georgia Green.

### 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 DiDomenico (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 bud-



State Senator Sal DiDomenico was one of this year's Legislative Co-Hosts. He discussed how MVES assisted his own family, as well as the organization's importance to the community.

get challenges that lawmakers face that can affect services and programs.

Lisa Gurgone, CEO of Mystic Valley Elder Services, would like to thank



Attending Mystic Valley Elder Services' Legislative Breakfast (L-R): Medford Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn, Melrose Mayor Jennifer Grigoraitis, State Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, Maryann Nay from the office of State Senator Bruce Tarr, Malden City Councillor Daniel Winslow, State Representative Jeffrey Turco, and MVES Board President Brian Snell.

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.



Pictured during the breakfast at Mystic Valley Elder Services (L-R): Allan Alpert, MVES Board and Melrose Director of Emergency Management, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, Christy Young from the office of Sen. DiDomenico, and Tracy Nowicki, MVES Board member and Chelsea Director of Elder Services.



State Rep. Jeffrey Turco (Revere, Winthrop) discusses the issues during MVES' 2024 Legislative Breakfast.

### SENATOR DIDOMENICO HOSTS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT THE STATE HOUSE

This week, Senator Sal DiDomenico hosted school committee members from Everett, Chelsea, and Cambridge in his office to talk about our schools and how state and local partners can most effectively work together. School Committee members from all over the state visited the State House on Monday for the Mass Association of School Committees (MASC) Day On The Hill.

"I am proud to work with every elected official in my district to make our schools the best they can be and improve education for all our students," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "It was a pleasure to spend an afternoon with so many passionate public servants across our communities who are dedicated to making sure our children have the best learning environment possible."



Shown (left to right) are José Luis Rojas, Robin Babcock, Mayra Balderas, Sarah Neville, Jeanne Cristiano, Roberto Jiménez Rivera (Chelsea City Councillor), Senator DiDomenico, Margaret Cornelio, Samantha Hurley, Marcony Almeida Barros, and Joanna Garren.

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Pictured (left to right) are Roberto Jiménez Rivera (Chelsea City Councillor), Mayra Balderas, Senator DiDomenico, and Sarah Neville.

# Baby geese returned to home near post office

It was a happy ending this week for a number of baby geese that were taken from the water near the post office on Beacham Street.

The postal workers on Beacham Street have become quite fond of the geese who use the postal property every year to give birth to a new generation of baby geese and raise them until they are ready to fly on their own. The workers look forward to this time of year, and

have even taken to posting Geese Crossing signs on the property and making sure the birds are safe during the childraising season.

But it was almost a tragedy for the baby geese and their parents on Monday, when some of the employees saw a man pull up to the property and steal a family of the babies with the net, causing distress for the mother and father geese looking for them.

Luckily for the geese

and their fans, the local environmental police were able to track down the baby geese and return them to their parents in the lawn area near the post office on Tuesday.

One of the postal employees said everyone was glad to see the geese returned home, and that it is a point of pride for many of the workers that the geese return to Chelsea every year to raise their families.

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Our classes allow us to use our position as the center. We discuss the communities and cultures where we work implementing plans to better the lives and education of our students in our classrooms.”

“It was a very nice weekend,” Dr. Eaves stated humbly, summing up the pridefulness he felt as a parent of outstanding children.

### Strong Chelsea roots

Jillian, 23, is the granddaughter of the late Irma Eaves and Thomas F. Eaves Sr., who served with distinction in the Chelsea Fire Department for 33 years. Jillian has an older brother, Christian, who played hockey at Revere High and graduated from Salem State Univer-

sity in 2018.

Her father, Dr. William Eaves, is a 1976 graduate of Chelsea High where he excelled in academics and athletics. “Billy,” as he was known by his many Chelsea admirers and friends, went on to receive degrees from Boston College and Boston University Dental School. He currently has his own dental practice in South Boston and is the director of the dental program at the Lynn Community Health Center.

### A special meeting with Alex Riseman

During the weekend, the Eaves family met over breakfast with University of Tampa trustee and major donor Benson “Alex” Riseman, who like Dr.

Eaves, grew up on Chester Avenue, was a standout athlete from youth sports through high school, and graduated from Chelsea High. Alex played college baseball at his alma mater, the University of Tampa.

“Alex is a very humble guy,” said Dr. Eaves. “He was very nice. We talked about our Chester Avenue roots and our neighbors. I would say about Alex, ‘You can take the kid out of Chelsea, but you can’t take the Chelsea out of the kid.’ All his success hasn’t changed him. I admire that.”

The fitness center on the campus of UTampa is named the Benson Alex Riseman Fitness and Recreation Center.



From left, Jane Page, Jillian Eaves, Christine Eaves, and Dr. William Eaves.

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The breakfast's keynote event centered around a unique "fireside" chat in which Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll spoke with Larry Miller about his journey from prison as a young adult to business executive and leading criminal justice advocate. Miller shared how after serving time in prison for murder, he hid his past after being denied employment. However, he decided to go public with his story and advocate for sentencing reforms while working to reduce the stigma around incarceration.

"Roca's mission to relentlessly reach out to high-risk young people and help them address the trauma that has filled their lives is essential," said Larry Miller, advocate and Chairman of the Jordan Brand Advisory Board (NIKE, Inc.). "It's wonderful to see an organization that believes in expanding educational opportunities, fostering hope and providing people second chances."

"Roca has spent decades helping the highest risk young men and women confront unimaginable challenges and live rewarding lives," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Our administration is deeply grateful for our partnership with Roca as we work to meet young people across Massachusetts where they're at, and provide them with the re-

sources essential to changing their lives."

The breakfast also included awarding Hampden County District Attorney Gulluni with Roca's James E. Mahoney Award. DA Gulluni has committed himself and his work to the Emerging Adult Court of Hope (EACH) program, which offers young adult men facing criminal charges the chance to alter their lives by having their charges dismissed and records sealed. To emphasize the program's success and profound impact, EACH program graduate Zayanah Dickson delivered the James E. Mahoney Award to the DA.

"Receiving Roca's James E. Mahoney Award stands for more than just plaudits. It represents that through our partnership with EACH, our emerging adult specialty court, that we have had an impact in disrupting the cycle of poverty and incarceration, and we've helped young people change their lives for the better," said Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni. "Roca is an indispensable partner in the Springfield area, and together we will continue to strengthen our community by empowering high risk men and women to strive for better futures."

"For the rest of my life, I will be grateful that it was in Hampden County that I made poor choices and got arrested," said



Juan Gallego, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff to Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, and Jay Ash, President and CEO of the Mass. Competitive Partnership.



City Councilor Manuel Teshe, City Manager Fidel Maltez, Assistant Secretary for Communities and Programs Juan Vega, Councilor-at-Large Calvin Brown, and former Chelsea Police Capt. David Batchelor.

EACH program graduate Zayanah Dickson. "What a blessing that was because it was there, in DA Gulluni's Emerging Adult Court of Hope, that I was offered a second chance and the opportunity to build a better life."

Roca also issued awards for two young people participating in their program: Justin Fowlkes and Jalexis Velez. Fowlkes, who is part of the Baltimore Young Men's program, and Velez, a part of the Springfield Young Mothers program, have worked tirelessly through trauma and urban violence to find hope and drive life-long change.

Additionally, Roca showcased data highlighting the immense success of their program. The Massachusetts Young



City Councilor Calvin Brown and keynote speaker, Larry Miller.



Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe, and former Chelsea Police Capt. David Batchelor of Roca, Co-Director, Rewire4.

Men at a Glance 2023 data revealed that the organization served over

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Roca CEO Molly Baldwin, Larry Miller and Lt. Governor Driscoll at the breakfast.



Dignitaries pictured at the Roca Breakfast May 3 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Boston, from left, City Councilor Manuel Teshe, City Councilor Todd Taylor, The Honorable Justice Amy Nechtem, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Damien Cabezas, City Councilor Lisa Santagate, City Manager Fidel Maltez, and Councilor-at-Large Calvin Brown.

## Women's Commission members sworn in

By Adam Swift

The inaugural members of the new Chelsea Women's Commission were officially sworn in at Monday night's city council meeting.

Established last March, the Chelsea Women's Commission represents an intentional, dedicated

space for women's and girls' advancement. The Commission will respond to women's and girls' needs and assess the status of women in our city.

It will also offer recommendations to the City Manager and City Council and suggest policies that address the critical needs of Chelsea's residents.

Sworn in on Monday night were Jenny Melguizo, Emily A. Chadbourne, Xianna Portillo, Lourdes Alvarez Silva, Deborah Washington, Zaida V. Ismatul Oliva, and Keila Lorbes.

"This marks a significant milestone for females in our community of all ages, young girls and old-

er women that are either seeking support for higher and better opportunities or facing challenging times," said Council President Norieliz De Jesus. "This commission has been in the works for a long time, and there are sister councilors who are not here right now who worked hard to make sure this

dream would come true. We also have our current city manager (Fidel Maltez) who we are deeply grateful to for leading these efforts."

Maltez noted that he did not start the work to begin the women's commission, but that it was his honor to see it through.

"This work, as the coun-

cil president said, was begun over a year ago," said Maltez.

The city manager said his office received numerous applications from those looking to serve on the commission.

"By far, it is the most applications that we have

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# OBITUARIES

## NFPA announces guidelines about safe electrical vehicle charging at home

As electric vehicles (EV) enter our roadways, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) has introduced a series of free resources, guidelines, and information to help raise awareness about EV fires and safe EV charging practices at home.

According to the International Energy Agency, global sales of electric vehicles exceeded 10 million in 2022 and are expected to grow in the coming years. At the same time, consumer concerns about the fire safety risk of EVs are increasing. Lithium-ion batteries, the most widely used and reliable source of energy for electric vehicles, are central to questions about safety.

“It is widely known that electric vehicles provide environmental and cost-effective benefits,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “However, as fires involving EVs are reported in the news, concerns about the risks they pose persist. Through advocacy efforts that highlight our new online resources and information, NFPA is working to better educate the public about the risks associated with EVs and other devices that use lithium-ion batteries, along with ways to use them safely.”

The new online resources from NFPA feature more detailed information about lithium-ion batteries, EV maintenance, and what tips consumers can follow to stay safe when charging their electric vehicle at home. Resources for safety educators and consumers, including a

safety tip sheet and social media cards, are all free and downloadable. A free training course is also available to the public that helps address some of the common concerns and myths about owning an electrical vehicle, including safety features, charge types, and battery life.

NFPA recommends these tips when charging electric vehicles at home to help prevent fires:

- Before charging an electric vehicle at home, have a qualified electrician check your electrical system to see if it can handle charging.
  - Install charging equipment in safe locations. Keep away from busy areas and things that could catch fire.
  - Use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
  - Read and follow all manufacturer directions.
  - Check chargers and cords for damage before using. Never use if damaged.
  - Do not use more than one plug or extension cords with the charger.
  - Keep charging items out of reach of children and animals when not in use.
  - Cover charging station outlet to keep water out.
- Learn more about electric vehicle fire safety, find training information, and download the free safety tip sheet at [nfpa.org/evsafetyinfo](http://nfpa.org/evsafetyinfo).

Information on the safe use of smaller devices that use lithium-ion batteries such as computers, smart phones, e-bikes and e-scooters, can be found at [nfpa.org/lithiumionsafety](http://nfpa.org/lithiumionsafety) and [nfpa.org/ebikes](http://nfpa.org/ebikes).

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900 young men in the Commonwealth with a 90 percent retention rate. For those enrolled less than 24 months, Roca met young men where they were, conducting over 55,000 relentless outreach efforts in hopes of participants continuing with the program. Ninety-five percent of participants enrolled 24 months or longer had no new arrests and 98 percent had no new incarcerations.

Alongside this, independent findings from the consulting and research firm Abt Global, titled Reincarceration among Roca participants in Massachusetts, notes how Roca participants possess lower

reincarceration rates than the state average. The report analyzes reincarceration rates of Roca participants and members of the Massachusetts sample from 2017 - the most recently-available information where at least two of the following years are not impacted by the pandemic. Specifically, the data explains how Roca participants possessed lower reincarceration rates than the state at one, two, and three year follow-ups, including those with a history of violent offenses. Over time, the state’s reincarceration rate is 30 percent higher than Roca’s.

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ever received in the city of Chelsea,” said Maltez. “I believe it shows how important these issues are to our community.”

While not every candidate was chosen to serve on the women’s commission, Maltez said it is open to all who want to

attend and participate.

“We need every member of the community to participate in these issues,” he said. “These issues are comprehensive and they are systemic in many ways, and we need all hands on deck.”

## Carlos Luis Quesada

September 8, 1928 - April 30, 2024



Relatives and friends attended visiting hours for Carlos Quesada on Wednesday, May 8, in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. The visitation was immediately followed by funeral services in the funeral home and interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

At 79 years of age, Carlos passed away at the Beth Israel Hospital on Tuesday, April 30th suddenly after a brief decline in health following several ongoing illnesses.

He was a beloved son of the late Jose Angel Quesada and Luisa Coto Arias. He was born and raised in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica where he received his formal education.

Carlos was a longtime resident of Chelsea and was married to Nereida (Ortiz) Quesada for 40 years and together they raised a family of six children. Carlos worked for 30 years at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Boston with environmental services and housekeeping. He retired in 2018.

He was a devoted member of the Church of God in Chelsea. He is fondly remembered as a very quiet unassuming man who was devoted to home and family and enjoyed watching soccer and western

movies.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Nereida Quesada of Chelsea, his loving children and their spouses: Marisol Natal and her husband, Jorge of Chelsea, Marilyn Gonzales and her husband, Isaac of Great Mills, MD, Maribel Bonilla of Chelsea, Maritza Cakmak and her husband, Metin of Arlington, Elsa Quesada of Chelsea and Kaine Quesada of Waltham; cherished grandfather of Jorge Natal, Jr., Joshua Natal, Jeremy Natal, Stephanie Alvey and her husband, Brian and Michael Gonzalez and the adoring great-grandfather Of Liliana, Cassandra and Quincy Alvey.

For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.WelshFH.com](http://www.WelshFH.com).



## Miguelina Hernandez

May 23, 1943 - May 5, 2024

She fostered over 50 children and was named 1993 Foster Parent of the Year



Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for Miguelina Hernandez today, Thursday, May 9th from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 10th at 10 a.m. in St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea. Attendees are requested to meet at the Church. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

At 80 years of age, Miguelina passed away after a sudden decline in health on Sunday, May 5th at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Miguelina lived courageously for several years with renal disease.

Born and raised in Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico where she attended local schools and graduated from High School. She was a beloved daughter of the late Aurora Francisco-Cordeo and grew up with seven siblings.

Miguelina was married to Santos A. Hernandez in 1968 and was a resident of Chelsea for most of her adult life. She was passionately devoted to home and family raising her own five children and foster parenting more than 50 children over the years in need of shelter and a stable home filled with love and compassion. She was also named foster parent of the year in 1993.

In her lifetime, Miguelina enjoyed her role as a loving and doting grandmother “Mama” to her 11 grandchildren. She loved home cooking and preparing meals, surrounding herself with loved ones, family and friends. She was an avid reader and en-

joyed poetry.

In addition to her mother, she was also predeceased by five of her siblings and a grandson.

Miguelina is lovingly survived by her beloved husband of 55 years, Santos A. Hernandez. She was the devoted mother of Iris McGetrick and her husband, Edward of North Andover, Audeliz Hernandez, Edwin Hernandez, Sr. and his wife, Alexandra and Kristina Hernandez, all of Chelsea and Rosaliz Salazar and her husband, Francis of Leominster. She was the dear sister of Nereida Toro of Puerto Rico and Freddie Toro of Chelsea and is also survived by 11 cherished grandchildren, her niece, Migdalia Colon and her husband, Carlos of Easton and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Should friends desire, contributions in Miguelina’s name may be made to American Heart Assoc., 93 Worcester St, Wellesley, MA 02481. <https://www.heart.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give> or the DAV – Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. <https://www.dav.org> or a charity of their choice.

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## James and Rose (Lepore) Mullett

Of Florida, formerly of Chelsea

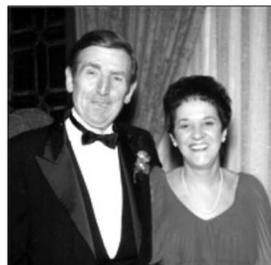


Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to a memorial funeral gathering for James and Rose (Lepore) Mullett on Saturday, May 11, at 9 a.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, immediately followed by their Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with military honors for James and their inurnment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. James passed away on January 9, 2024, and was predeceased by his wife Rose Marie on January 28, 2020.

They were married on July 4, 1953, and were together for 66 years. They raised their family of one daughter and two sons. Former residents of Chelsea, they enjoyed an active retirement and twilight years residing in Barefoot, Florida for the past 30 years.

James was a son of the late Patrick and Elizabeth (Lake) Mullett. He grew up in Chelsea where he attended St. Rose Parochial School. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged in 1952 at the rank of Corporal. He supported his family working as a Tinter and Supervisor for Cabot Paints, and part-time catering with Zaitz Bros. Caterers. James retired in 2008 from the LA Dodgers Spring Training Camp – Vero Beach, FL as a Locker Room Assistant. He is remembered as a man devoted to home and family.

Rose was the daughter of the late Melinto “Morley” and Louise (Cambria) Lepore. She was raised in Chelsea and attended St. Rose Parochial School and was a graduate of St. Rose High School. She also worked outside of her



home as a switch board operator at the Chelsea Naval Hospital. Rose Marie retired in 1993 from the Department of Defense – Boston, MA as a Purchasing Commander. In her lifetime she enjoyed many homecrafts, knitting, crocheting and needle point embroidery. She is fondly remembered as a devoted mother and loving grandmother passionately devoted to home and family.

Together they were the beloved parents of Richard Mullett (Paula) of NH, Patricia Mullett-Yanakakis (Charles Neos) of Salisbury, and Robert Mullett of FL. Cherished grandparents of Danielle Providakes (Harry) of Stoneham, and Nicholas Yanakakis of Salisbury, and adoring great-grandparents to Andrew Providakes. Brother-in-law and sister-in-law of Barbara Mullett. James was the dear brother of the late Philip, Donald, William, and Albert Mullett, and Anna Bonner. Rose was the dear sister of the late Richard “Sonny” Lepore. They are also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Should friends desire contributions in their names may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. [WWW.StJude.org/Donate](http://WWW.StJude.org/Donate) or a charity of your choice.

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Hold your head up high.  
And don't be afraid of the dark.  
At the end of a storm is a golden sky.  
And the sweet silver song of a lark.  
Walk on through the wind.  
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Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown.  
Walk on, walk on,  
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And you'll never walk alone.

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BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins start second round with a win



Monday night's contest was full of surprises in the Bruins' explosive 5-1 win over the Florida Panthers...

the night. Defenseman Mason Lohrei came up big less than five minutes later with what proved to be the game-winner...

ery as the Bruins were doing a lot of running around, with a s key, as his forces answered by steadying the ship and scoring two goals...

for games 3 and 4. Game 3 will be Friday 7:00 p.m., followed by Game 4 on Sunday at 6:30pm. A win on Wednesday in Game 2 would give Boston their second win...

unlikely sources, another factor is the step up of the team's big players, and their help with the offense, it isn't likely Monty would need to give another shout out as he did with David Pastrnak...



did in Game 1 and come out victorious. Game 5 will return play to Florida's home rink on Tuesday, Game 6 (if necessary) would be on TD Garden ice on Friday...

LEGAL NOTICES

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CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS

Williams Middle School Office Additions - Library The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "Williams Middle School Office Additions - Library"

Invitation for Bids will be available on or after May 02, 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 "Williams Middle School Office Additions - Library" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at WMS School on Tuesday, May 07, 2024 from 8:00am to 9:00am; located at 180 Walnut St., Chelsea, MA 02150.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement.

GENERAL BIDS will be received no later than 11:00 AM on May 28, 2024 and publicly opened.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

Filed sub-bids will be received no later than on May 16, 2024 and publicly opened.

Filed sub-bids categories: Electrical, HVAC & Painting

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Sanders M. Aguilar Plaintiff vs. Christian P. Murillo Defendant

To the above named Defendant: A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), Sandra M. Aguilar, seeking the Court to make such orders as it deems expedient concerning Custody, Support, Parenting Time of Isaac Paul Murillo.

You are required to serve upon Sandra m. Aguilar - w hose address is 11 H ugh St. Chelsea, MA 02150, your answer on or before June 20, 2024. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114

Witness, Hon. Brian Dunn, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Suffolk, this 26th day of April 2024. Stephanie Everett Register of Probate Court 5/9/24

CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS ANNUAL ROADWAY

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REHABILITATION The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "Annual Roadway Rehabilitation".

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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.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 26, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 05/09/24

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# CHS Roundup

## CHS BASEBALL TEAM TOPS EXCEL BEHIND SHUTOUT BY SOTO

The Chelsea High baseball team put it all together at the plate, in the field, and on the pitcher's mound to claim a 10-0 victory over the Excel Academy Charter School Wolves last Friday at Carter Park.

Red Devil starting pitcher Jeanluis Soto turned in a dominating performance, allowing just two hits, walking only one, and fanning 13 Wolves over the five-inning route.

At the plate, Chelsea High scored in every inning, with two in the first and second frames, one each in the third and fourth, and then ending the contest via the mercy rule with four markers in the fifth.

Among the Red Devils who swung some heavy lumber were Elijah Rivera, who was 1-for-2;

Soto, who was 1-for-3; Jesse Castillo, who had a sacrifice fly, two walks, and two RBI; Xavier Santiago, who continued his hot bat, going 2-for-4 with an RBI; and Victor Murillo, who had an RBI.

The Chelsea hitters were patient at the plate, drawing eight walks, and were aggressive on the basepaths, stealing five bases.

Coach Mike Lush and his crew, who now have four wins on the season, are scheduled to host Lynn English on Monday and Lynn Classical on Wednesday at Carter.

## SIMON SCORES 16 POINTS FOR GIRLS TRACK

Chelsea High girls track sensation freshman Thania Simon continued her assault on the Lady Red Devils' Greater Boston League opponents, scoring 16 points in last Thursday's meet with Medford.

Thania took first place in two events, the 200 dash with a sprint of 27.0 (which was fully three seconds faster than Victoria Gammon, the runner-up from Malden, who is a senior) and the long-jump with a leap of 15'-5.5", in which Simon also defeated Gammon.

Simon took second place in two events, the 100 dash with a clocking of 13.4, which was just 0.2 behind Gammon's winning time, and the triple jump with a final landing of 31'-10", an event won by Gammon.

However, Simon was not the only Lady Red Devil who turned in a fine effort on the day. Kiara Ramirez-Villata was a double-winner, taking the shot-put with a throw of 31'-5.5" and the discus with a spin of 91'-2".

Senior Gizelle Rodriguez won the 400 dash with a clocking of 66.5; Hazel Hatleberg captured the 800 in a time of 2:52.8; and Lyssis Henderson won the 2-mile in 15:44.3, a time that was 30 seconds faster than her closest Lady Golden Tornado opponent.

Lauren Nadow scored

six points for Chelsea with a pair of second-place finishes in the 100 hurdles and the 400 hurdles.

Adding three points to the CHS side of the score-sheet with second-place performances were: Marcyalla Louis-Jean in the 400 dash; Angely Mejia-Martinez in the 1-mile; and Lamari Davis in the discus.

Contributing single points with their third-place efforts were: Maria Sola-Hernandez in the 1-mile; Lamari Davis in the shot-put; and Esmeralda Mauricio Guzman in the long jump.

## STRONG PERFORMANCES FOR CHS TRACK VS. MALDEN

Although the Chelsea High boys outdoor track and field team came up on the short end of its recent

meet with Greater Boston League rival Malden last Thursday, a number of Red Devils turned in strong performances.

Alex Flores-Chavarria led a Chelsea sweep in the 1-mile with a clocking of 5:11.1 He was followed by teammates Ivan Irias-Padilla (5:25.1) and Carlos Perez-Acosta (5:26.6), narrowly edging a Golden Tornado runner who came across in 5:27.4.

Alex also took second place in the 2-mile run and third in the long jump to score nine points on the day.

Sherwin Kim also scored nine points for the Red and Black with a trio of second-place finishes in the 100 hurdles, the 400 hurdles, and the triple jump.

Theo Joseph Seale scored six points for Chelsea with two second-place finishes in the shot-put



Chelsea pitcher Jeanluis Soto tossed a complete game shutout Friday against Excel Academy at Carter Park, allowing only two hits while fanning 13 opponents and walking one over five innings in the Red Devils' 10-0 victory.

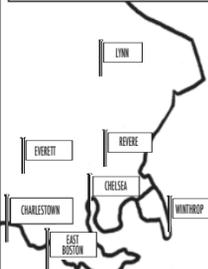
and the discus.

Adding three points for Chelsea with second-place finishes were Emerson Melgar Huevo in the javelin and Leeandro Castro in the long jump.

Adding single points to the CHS side of the score-

sheet with third-place finishes were: Christopher Martinez in the 200 dash; Austin Freeman in the 400 dash; Bryan Amaya-Yanes in the 800; Jose Amaya Raudales in the 2-mile; and Adonis Alvarez in the javelin.

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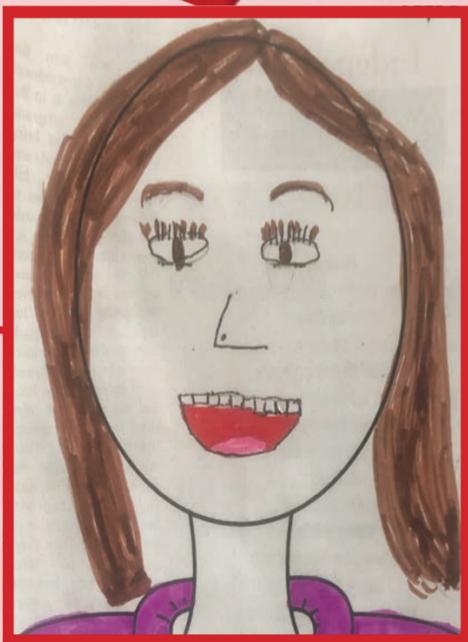
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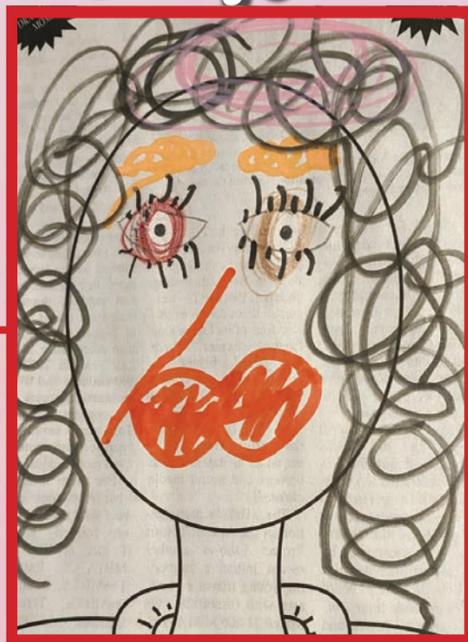
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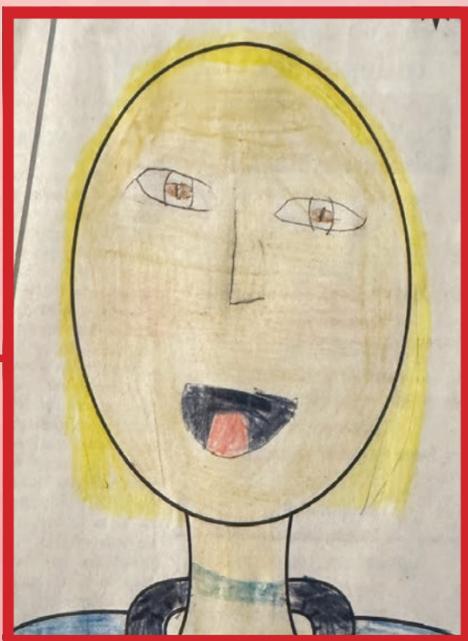
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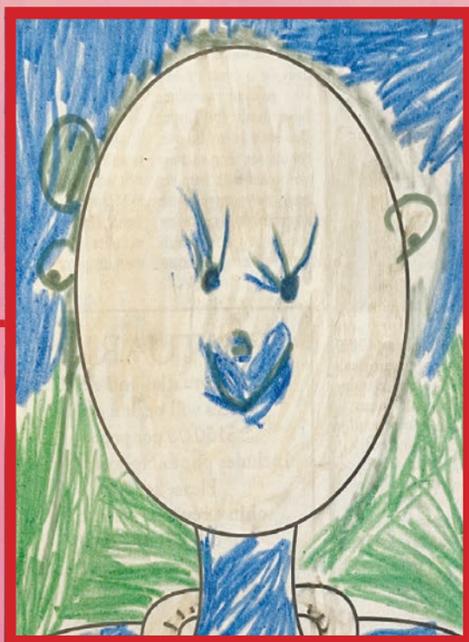
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