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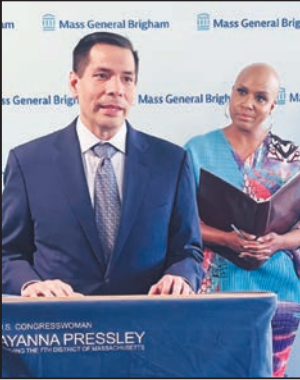
Pressley, patients, providers celebrate \$1.1 million grant

Special to the Record

Congresswoman Ayana Pressley (D-07) visited Chelsea HealthCare Center on Tuesday to help celebrate \$1,150,000 in federal community project funding she helped secure to support Massachusetts General Hospital's efforts to address the statewide shortage of bilingual, culturally diverse mental health providers for immigrant and limited English proficiency communities.

Pressley was joined by MGH leadership, impacted families, and community leaders for a roundtable discussion and press conference to discuss how the funding will support a just and equitable recovery in the Massachusetts 7th Congressional District.

"Everyone deserves access to high-quality mental health services and wrap-around care, including our immigrant neighbors," said Pressley. "This federal funding will meet a critical need across the Commonwealth by supporting MGH's life-saving efforts to provide comprehensive, culturally congruent care to vulnerable communities. These are the types of trauma-informed resources that deserve bold federal investments, and I am so proud to partner



MGH's Tom Sequist with Congresswoman Ayana Pressley.

with the MGH team and our local partners to get this critical funding over the finish line.

Joining Rep. Pressley were Tom Sequist, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Mass General Brigham; Fiona Danaher, MD, MPH, Director, MGH Center for Immigrant Health (Pediatrics); Rahel Bosson, MD, Associate Director, MGH Center for Immigrant Health

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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATED

The City of Chelsea and Chelsea Black Community, along with state and local elected officials, turned out to celebrate Juneteenth at Washington Park. Shown are President of Chelsea Black Community Joan Cromwell and Vice President Dakeya Christmas who welcomed everyone. See page 7 for more photos.

The Heart Of The Center Jackie Bevere retires as principal of the ELC

By Cary Shuman

Jackie Bevere, who began in the Chelsea school district as a substitute teacher and ascended to the principalship of the John Silber Early Learning Center - a position in which she served for the past 21 years - was honored at a retirement party June 13 in Nahant.

Fellow Chelsea administrators and colleagues, and associates joined the large assemblage of well-wishers that included Jackie's father, legendary Chelsea baseball coach and teacher Joseph Bevere Sr., at the tribute.

Former Supt. of Schools Dr. Mary Bourque made a beautiful speech about

Jackie Bevere's dedication to the schoolchildren of Chelsea and the professionalism in which she guided the Early Learning Center each day. Former school officials Gerry McCue, Linda Breau, and Tina Sullivan took part in the presentation ceremony. Louise Casey Campanella, a lifelong friend and educator, also offered heartwarming remarks.

'I loved my job'

Jackie Bevere was a substitute teacher at the old Shurtleff and Williams Schools and Mary C. Burke Complex before becoming assistant principal of the ELC. She was then promoted to principal at the ELC.



Jackie Bevere (front row, left), principal of the John Silber Early Learning Center, is pictured at her retirement party with (front row) her father, Joseph Bevere Sr., and her sister, Jolene Bevere; her brother, Joseph Bevere Jr. (back row, right) and his wife, Loreen Bevere; Jay Kilban (Jackie's boyfriend), (back row, left).

A 1984 graduate of Bridgewater State University with a degree in Communications, Bevere recalled that when she took a part-time position in 1985 as a substitute teacher, it was former Supt. of Schools J. Frank Herlihy who said to her, "You better get your certification. You're good at this."

Bevere earned her Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) from Salem State University and later her master's degree in Administration from the university.

Asked about the immense daily challenges of leading a school with 850 students (pre-school, kindergarten, and first grade) and a staff of 160 people, Bevere said, "I loved my job. I loved the people I worked with. I surrounded myself with the right people."

Bevere said the responsibilities and goals of her key position changed through the years.

"Like everything else in life, you just have to be flexible and adaptive," said Bevere. "I had a very good relationship with the parents, and that's a key to being a successful principal. I worked with 10 different school superintendents."

An early affinity for education

The daughter of Joseph

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Broadway bar gets two-day liquor license suspension

By Adam Swift

Bar La Cueva at 802 Broadway was handed a two-day suspension and a rollback of its operating hours by the Chelsea Licensing Commission at its meeting last week.

The penalty was imposed for violations of the bar's liquor and entertainment licenses stemming from an incident that occurred on April 4.

Commission Chair Marnie MacAlpine noted that the bar has been before the commission for violations in the past, and that history played a role in the

suspension and hours rollback.

According to Chelsea Police, an officer was driving by Bar La Cueva when he noticed there was loud noise that could be heard outside the bar. When he went into the bar, there was loud music and dancing.

Under the bar's entertainment license, dancing is not allowed, and music from the bar should not be heard outside the establishment.

When the police received the requested video

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Chelsea 400th Anniversary Gala celebration is sold out

By Cary Shuman

The Chelsea 400th Anniversary Gala celebration set for Thursday, June 27 at SpringHill Suites in Revere, is completely sold out.

More than 200 guests will attend the event that will celebrate the first settlers arriving here in 1624 and the ensuing four centuries of Chelsea's history.

"We're all out of tickets," reports Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jenni-

fer Hassell, lead fundraiser and marketing person for the gala organizing committee. "We're looking forward to many residents and guests celebrating the history of Chelsea. We'll have tremendous food stations, dancing, and some great raffle prizes."

One of the top prizes is a custom-made Chelsea 400th clock donated by the world-famous Chelsea Clock company through the efforts of D. Bruce

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DiDomenico's team tours GBFB expansion project

Special to the Record

Senator Sal DiDomenico's team recently toured the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) facility and observed their new Cold Storage Expansion project, called Operation COLD. Senator DiDomenico has secured \$17 million for GBFB which is now being used for this essential infrastructure investment. This upgrade will empower GBFB to provide more fresh fruits and vegetables and will help them better support the 600 local food

distributions that rely on the Food Bank, including many throughout Senator DiDomenico's district.

"As a longtime advocate of fighting food insecurity, I was proud to support The Greater Boston Food Bank's efforts to improve their infrastructure and it is great to see how effectively that funding is being used," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Senator DiDomenico's team learning about construction operations for Greater Boston Food Banks infrastructure upgrades.

ZONTA CLUB NEWS

Members of The Zonta Club of Chelsea and the North Shore recently donated Market Basket Gift Cards to all the school departments in the cities that we service, Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Winthrop and Saugus. The school departments then distribute these gift cards to families in need.

Members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore recently visited the local School departments in Chelsea, Everett, Winthrop, Revere & Saugus to donate Spring Holiday Market Basket gift cards for the schools to give to local families at this Holiday time.

The Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore recently held our Spring Fundraiser at the Prince House of Pizza on Route 1 in Saugus. It was a fun night with all you could eat Pizza and great entertainment. The comedians who performed were Artie Januario, Carolyn Plummer & Johnny Pizzi. The Zonta Club members

want to thank all those who came and supported our club. The monies raised will continue to provide many services: we give Market Basket Gift certificates at the holidays to needy families, we provide school supplies for children living in shelters, we give scholarships for graduating high school girls and we have

supported local domestic violence shelters and many other causes dedicated to assisting women and children. The women and children from Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Saugus benefit from the funds raised in our fundraisers. Our goal is to "Build a Better World for Women & Girls!"



Superintendent of Chelsea Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta (left), and Zonta member Adele Lubarsky.



Shown (left to right) are, Zonta Member Diane Cambria, Nidia Peguero, and City Councilor woman Lisa Santagate.



Winners of Lottery Ticket baskets, Nidia Peguero and Arthur Arsenault.

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Bevere and Kay Bevere of Lawrence Street, Jackie recalled her early introduction to the field of education.

"My father being a teacher was always in my ear about it. But when I was a little kid, we used to play 'School' on the street. The other kids (a group of friends that included Paulette Connors, Juliann Connors, Robby Connors, Robin Doucette, Lisa Roberts, Lisa Macomber, and the Scarpetti family) would be the teachers and I had to be the principal, so I guess it was meant to be," said Bevere.

Jackie attended the Carter School ("It burned down when I was in the third grade," she recalled). "I stayed at the Williams School until I attended the old Chelsea High, which was right behind my house."

Showing the athleticism that is synonymous with the Bevere name, Jackie became a high school cheerleader as a freshman, the same year she was crowned Miss Chelsea in Joyce Sartorelli's annual scholarship pageant.

Bevere became a co-captain of the Chelsea High School cheer team (with Maureen Mullaney) in her senior year. The team appeared at football, basketball, and ice hockey games. Her sister, Jolene, was a teammate and later became a captain of the 1981-82

team. "Jolene has always been very supportive," said Jackie.

"We cheered for some great athletes back then - Dom LaMarra, Butchie Finnigan, Dave Batchelor," recalled Jackie.

Of course, Jackie and Jolene also attended their father's Chelsea High baseball games at Merritt Park. "I remember when Chelsea won, we could go out to dinner," joked Jackie. "Obviously my father was very happy as a coach, but especially during the 1975 (Eastern Mass.) championship season. It was a great team. The whole season was magic. My brother [Joe Jr.] was the batboy."

Saying good-bye at the ELC

Jackie Bevere visited the ELC classrooms to personally deliver her farewell to the teachers and students at the ELC in advance of the final day of the school year Monday.

"They actually serenaded me last week, which was cute," said Bevere. "I'm very lucky."

Bevere has worked alongside some outstanding professionals at the ELC. "We have some great people working here. Patricia Maronski (Yee) was a paraprofessional here. I kept encouraging her to become a teacher and now she's an excellent teacher, one of the best we have,"

related Bevere. "Denise Mickiewicz (Tiro) is working as a reading specialist at the ELC with me. We've known each other since we were five years old."

Bevere said her goal as principal was "to make sure that our students had an opportunity to succeed in life."

"I'm grateful for my time in the Chelsea schools," said Jackie. "I had a good run. You have to love what you do and I loved what I did."

Tributes from colleagues and friends

As Jackie Bevere winds down her stellar four-decade career in the Chelsea school district, there has been a cascade of praise from colleagues and associates about her professional leadership at the ELC and her commitment to the schoolchildren of Chelsea.

Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta said, "Jackie has faithfully served the Chelsea Public Schools for 39 years. She significantly impacted the Early Learning Center (ELC), where her leadership ensured thousands of Chelsea students received exceptional early childhood education. We deeply appreciate her leadership and will miss her at the ELC."

Louise Casey Campanella, educator and Jackie's lifelong friend, said, "I never met an educator so

dedicated to the students, staff and families of Chelsea. "She always wanted the best for the kids and wanted to provide them with many opportunities to boost their success. Jackie is a true Chelsea girl and one that I have been honored to call a true friend."

Joseph Bevere Jr. lauds his sister's work ethic

Chelsea Police Sgt. Joseph Bevere Jr. joined his father, retired Chelsea teacher and coach Joseph Bevere Sr., and his sister, Jolene Bevere, at the retirement celebration for his sister, Jackie.

"I'm very proud of her," said Joseph Jr. "I'm very happy for her. She worked hard her whole career and I think she did a great job. She did something she always wanted to do and was successful at it. She earned her retirement and I wish her the best. I wish her a life of health and happiness."

Joseph Jr. said the retirement party was a well-organized celebration.

"It was a great showing at the party," said Joseph Jr. "Dr. Bourque made a nice speech about Jackie and Jackie made a tremendous speech herself. I was so happy our father got to be there. He retired 32 years ago, and it was great to have him there to honor Jackie on her retirement."

MARYANNE COX CELEBRATES HER 60TH BIRTHDAY



Popular Chelsea resident Maryanne Cox celebrated her 60th birthday with friends and family at the Saugus Lodge of Elks. More photos of Maryanne's party will appear in the next edition.

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surveillance from the night in question at the bar, Officer Joseph Santiago saw at least three incidents of a female bartender taking shots and dancing with patrons.

Under the liquor license regulations, employees are not allowed to drink while on duty.

Attorney Jeff Turco, representing Bar La Cueva owner Miguel Aguilar, noted that Aguilar fired the bartender the night of the incident prior to turning the video over to police.

However, MacAlpine noted that while that was the first time there was video evidence of an employee drinking while working, she was troubled that the bartender did it while Aguilar was nearby in the bar. She also said that the bartender was likely fired because the owners knew the incident would show up on the surveillance tape.

"Personally, I'm concerned that this is an establishment that is not following the rules, and these are pretty basic rules," said MacAlpine. "My biggest concern is that an employee is clearly drinking behind the bar while management is there and not trying to hide it at all."

School Committee member Sarah Neville,

who lives near Bar La Cueva, said that there have been concerns with noise and conduct at the bar since she has lived there. She also added that there were a number of neighbors who have voiced her concerns to her, but were not as comfortable speaking in public about them at city hall.

Turco noted that Aguilar has owned the bar for 18 years with a minimum number of violations and incidents.

"As a resident of the city for 11 years, I have heard a lot of negative things about that bar," said MacAlpine. "I won't go to that bar because of all the negative things I've heard. This isn't the only bar that this is a comment about, but this is one of the bars in our community that I have been warned is not a place to go."

The commission voted to hand down a two-day suspension on Thursday, June 27 and Friday, June 28. In addition, after voting to extend operating hours for Bar La Cueva two months ago, the commission voted to roll back operating hours to what they were before, with a closing time of 11 p.m. on Sundays through Wednesdays, and midnight on Thursdays through Saturdays.

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Legislature finally passes bill to prevent revenge porn

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Legislature enacted comprehensive legislation that criminalizes the non-consensual sharing of explicit images known as “revenge porn,” creates a diversion program for teens who share explicit images, statutorily defines coercive control as an element of domestic abuse, and extends the statute of limitations to pursue criminal charges for certain domestic violence offenses from six years to 15 years.

“This legislation is a significant step forward in addressing violence at all levels, now including digital platforms, by preventing abuse and exploitation, providing essential protections for survivors, and creating a safer community for everyone in this digital era,” said Representative Judith Garcia (D-Chelsea). “Together,

we are sending a powerful message that abuse and exploitation online have no place in our society. An abuser can easily upload humiliating videos or images on social media platforms, which can cause serious emotional distress, alienation, and loss of income.”

“This legislation strikes the important balance of modernizing our criminal laws to ensure that those who share explicit images of others without their consent face punishment, with the need to educate minors on the dangers of sharing explicit images of themselves, rather than imposing upon them some of the criminal justice system’s most severe consequences,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “I’m also incredibly proud of this legislation’s bolstered protections for survivors, including the added con-

sideration of nonphysical forms of abuse for those seeking restraining orders from their abusers.”

To address the non consensual distribution of explicit images by adults, the bill establishes a penalty in the existing criminal harassment statute which includes up to two and a half years of prison time and/or a monetary fine of up to \$10,000. The bill increases the upper limit of the fine for criminal harassment from \$1,000 to \$5,000. If signed into law, the bill would also empower victims to petition the court for a harassment prevention order against a person who has violated the new statute.

The legislation also responds to the growing trend of individuals utilizing artificial intelligence and other digital imaging software to produce “deep fakes” of unsuspecting victims, a practice current-

ly not prohibited under state law. These images, which are equally traumatizing to victims, often realistically depict a person’s face edited onto an unclothed body, making it challenging or impossible for viewers to determine what is reality.

Under current law, minors who possess, purchase, or share explicit photos of themselves or other minors are charged with violating child pornography laws and are required to register as sex offenders. The legislation passed directs the Attorney General to establish an educational program to teach minors about the dire consequences and life-altering impacts caused by engaging in this behavior. The bill also allows the Commonwealth’s courts to divert minors to an educational program in lieu of sentencing to criminal punishment while provid-

ing district attorneys with the authority to petition the court to bring criminal charges in extreme cases. The educational diversion program would provide teenagers with information about the legal and nonlegal consequences of sexting, which would be made available to school districts.

The bill passed adds coercive control to the definition of abuse. Coercive control is a nonphysical form of abuse that includes a pattern of behavior intended to threaten, intimidate, harass, isolate, control, coerce or compel compliance of a family or household member in a manner that causes the targeted individual to fear physical harm or to have a reduced sense of physical safety or autonomy. Examples of coercive control include threatening to share explicit images, regulating or monitoring a

family or household member’s communications and access to services, and isolating a family or household member from friends or relatives.

The legislation passed also extends the statute of limitations for assault and battery on a family or household member or against someone with an active protective order from six years to 15 years. This change brings the statute of limitations for these domestic violence offenses in line with the statute of limitations for the crimes of rape, assault with intent to commit rape and sex trafficking.

The same version of the bill having been passed by both chambers, the legislation now goes to the Governor’s desk for her signature.

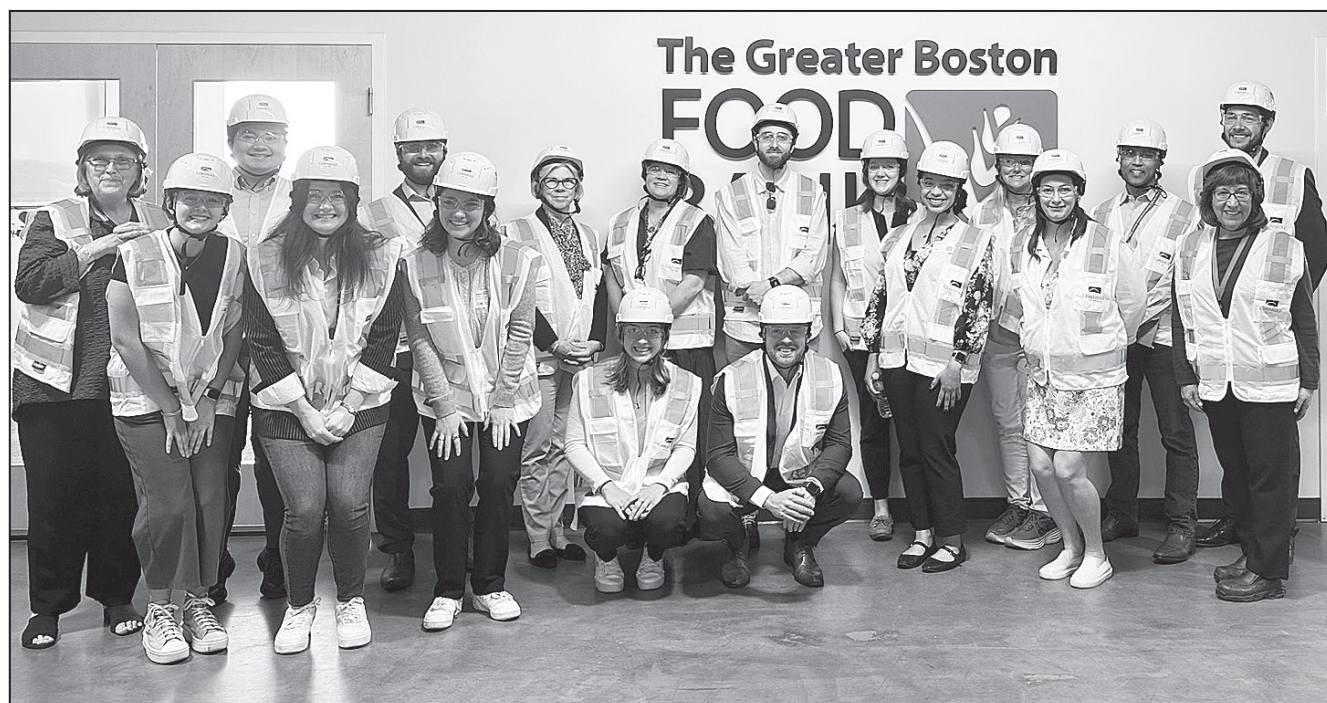
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“Operation COLD will go a long way towards expanding access to nutritious foods for people

in need across Massachusetts and I am honored to support the Food Bank in this mission. I want to

thank Catherine D’Amato and the GBFB team for inviting us to see their new projects and for their

tireless work to eradicate hunger in the Commonwealth.”



Senator Sal DiDomenico’s team at the Greater Boston Food Bank with their team and other State House offices.

Two face charges in early Sunday morning stabbings

Staff Report

Two men are facing criminal charges following a report of a stabbing near the McDonald’s located on Broadway around 1:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Upon their arrival, police officers found two men with stab wounds. Preliminary investigations indicate that the incident was not random, and both individuals involved were known to each other, according to Police Chief Keith Houghton.

The injuries sustained by both men were considered non-life-threatening, and they received medical treatment at local hospitals. The investigation is ongoing, and Chelsea and

State Police Detectives assigned to Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office are actively working to gather more information about the circumstances leading up to the altercation, according to Houghton.

At this time, police said there is no threat to the public. Both individuals whose names are being withheld will face criminal charges based on evidence and witness statements, according to Houghton. Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to contact the Chelsea Police Department at 617-466-4800 or through providing an anonymous tip on the department’s social media accounts.

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Mauch and his brother-in-law, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson.

Encore Boston Harbor has donated a night’s stay at the hotel and a \$500 gift certificate to Rare Steakhouse. Dillons Russian Steam Bath donated a beautiful gift basket. Each guest will also receive a complimentary “swag bag” of items commemorating the event.

Cheryl Watson Fisher, Chelsea’s chief legal counsel, is the chairperson of the Chelsea 400th Committee. She will lead the speaking program at the gala that will feature remarks by City Manager Fidel Maltez, State Rep.

Judith Garcia, and Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

Watson Fisher has earned plaudits for her exceptional leadership of the committee.

“Cheryl has done an amazing job making sure that Chelsea celebrates its 400th,” credited Hassell. “It’s been an honor to work with the entire committee. Chelsea has really stepped up to the plate with some generous sponsors, and Cheryl has brought it all together to make sure we have a celebration.”

Councilor Robinson also expressed his gratitude to the 400th Committee.

“We have an excellent

group who took on a monumental task to make all these events happen for the 400th anniversary celebration,” said Robinson. “I want to thank the leadership of Cheryl Watson Fisher, Jess Centina, and Jennifer Hassell. Without their diligent efforts, we would not have been able to pull off the 400th anniversary celebration of Chelsea’s history.”

For those who will be not attending the gala, Paula Bradley Batchelor, executive director of Chelsea Community Cable Television, has announced that the event will be videotaped for a future broadcast on the station.

Bunker Hill Community College

With over 50 years of academic excellence, Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) is Massachusetts’ largest community college, serving 16,000 diverse students annually. With campuses in Charlestown and Chelsea, BHCC offers associate degrees, certificates, early college and dual enrollment, community education, and industry-specific training. BHCC is renowned for its diversity: 65% of students identify as people of color, over half are women, and more than 600 international students represent 90 countries and 65 languages. BHCC is designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI).

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Forum

GET READY FOR THE HEAT

With the weatherman forecasting the first heat wave of the season for our region this week, all of us should take precautions to ensure that we do not fall victim to heat stroke or other heat-related stress to our bodies.

A heat wave officially comprises three straight days of 90+ temperatures and forecasters are telling us that we could have four 90+ days with little relief at night. Our readers may be surprised to learn that more than 1200 Americans die every year from extreme heat, making heat the deadliest kind of extreme weather. By contrast, flooding, though more sensational when viewed on our TV screens, kills fewer than 100 Americans each year. In addition, it is widely believed that those 1200 deaths are a significant undercount because persons with health issues who succumb to heat may not have been deemed to have died from heat.

Although senior citizens and those with underlying health conditions are the most susceptible to the dangers of excessive heat, even young and healthy individuals can succumb to heat stroke if they do not take it easy. With our region plunging from typically cool, spring weather right into the heat, those who work outside (or who work out on a daily basis) have not had time to adjust, both mentally and physically, to the onset of the extreme heat.

However, we are not the only ones facing extreme heat these days. Extreme heat is a world-wide phenomenon thanks to the effects of climate change. Heat records have been set in recent days across the globe, from Greece to India to the Philippines. Every month for the past 12 months has set a world record for that month (in other words, May was the hottest-ever May, April the hottest-ever April, etc.) and June is on track to make it 13 months in a row (which means that this June will break last June's record for the hottest-ever June).

The National Weather Service is providing a new way to gauge the risk from extreme heat. In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it has launched a tool called HeatRisk which allows users to search a map of the United States to figure out their level of threat, ranging between one (little to no risk) and four (extreme risk).

For those of us lucky enough to live near the coastline, a dip in the ocean will offer a respite from the heat wave. But those of us who have sampled the ocean in the past few weeks have noticed another ominous sign of climate change -- the water temperature already has been far above normal. Instead of the extremity-chilling temps that are typical for May and early June, the water temp at the beaches around Boston Harbor actually has been pleasant. So the good news is that it's been warm enough to go for a swim -- but the bad news is that the record high ocean temps are a threat to all marine life and a major contributor to rising sea levels.

Finally, the combination of the hot atmosphere and the hot ocean increases the chances of extreme weather events such as hurricanes and inundating rainfall, which is occurring in southern Florida right now.

We urge all of our readers not to underestimate the effects of extreme heat and to take it easy over the next few days.

BANNER NO. 18!

The Celtics' convincing victory in Game 5 on Monday that clinched the Celts' 18th NBA championship was great fun for fans old and young alike.

For those of us who cherish our "Havlicek Stole the Ball" album and who recall watching the Bill Russell-led Celts clinch their 1969 NBA title in Game 7 at Los Angeles in dramatic fashion (we had to stay up late on a school night because the game was played on the West Coast), the chance to surpass the hated-Lakers for the most NBA titles was one of the most-satisfying aspects of the 2024 title.

In addition, this edition of the Celtics laid to rest whether they had that special quality that separates champions from the rest of the pack. After the disappointment of being knocked out in the first round last year, and the collapse against Golden State in the finals two years ago, even the most-ardent Celtic fans had to wonder whether JT, JB, & Co. had what it takes to be the best -- and they answered that question in commanding fashion.

Still, when we consider that this was the Celtics' first title in 16 years and only the second in almost 40 years, it makes us realize how special these championship moments are in the world of sports today. By contrast, the Celtics won 16 NBA titles over a 30-year span from 1957 to 1986. That's more than half of the NBA crowns spanning two generations of Boston sports fans.

But those days when Bill, Dave, and Larry ruled the NBA are long gone. The NBA is big business now -- the extended playoffs literally are a second season -- and attracts the best players from all over the world. The post-game commentators noted that there are more excellent teams who will be shooting to knock off the Celtics than at any time in the history of the NBA. As good as this talented young group may be, we cannot expect that they can create the sort of dynasties that marked the Celtics' teams of the '50s, '60s, '70s, and '80s.

So let's savor the moment -- and get ready for a joyous victory parade!

I WAS MOTIVATED TO HEAD TO THE TOUR

To the Editor,

Thank you for your article "Freedom Trail Foundation Launches Rainbow Revolutionaries Tour" (5/30/24). I was motivated to head to the tour. There was tremendous information presented which is typically omitted from school textbooks about the historical contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals. Who knew that Deborah Sampson was the first American woman to impersonate a man to join the Army during the Revolutionary War in Massachusetts? Later as a veteran she fought to receive her military pension which she eventually received in full as a woman. The tour included a visit to the home of George Middleton and Louis Glapion, an African American gay couple, both local beacons in their community who built the home in 1987. This building is the oldest extant building on Beacon Hill. Worth noting that both men were married to women as was socially expected at the time.

The lives of local literary figures: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Charles Dickens and Emily Dickenson were also included in the tour and much more.

Who knew about these Bostonians who have left a lasting impression. I recommend the Rainbow Revolutionaries Tour, a 1 1/2 event which starts at the Boston Commons every Saturday and Sunday

through June. For more information contact the Freedom Trails at info@thefreedomtrail.com or 617-357-8300.

Fran Roznowski

ON WORLD REFUGEE DAY

To the Editor,

"Bridge to success," the motto familiar to any student who went through the public school system in Chelsea, a city built directly under the Tobin Bridge leading into Boston.

Chelsea is a very diverse city, famous for its immigrant population. This started with the Irish in the 1800s, to the wave of industrial employees coming from Eastern Europe and Italy in the early 1900s, to the Jews post World War II, eventually leading to the boom of Central American and Puerto Rican migrants in the 1980s to the present. Of the 40,000 people that call the second densest city in Massachusetts home, close to half are foreign-born and over 71% of the population speak a language other than English at home.

Over eight thousand miles away from Chelsea, is a beautiful vibrant city, a jewel located on the coast of the Indian Ocean. Chennai, India (formerly known as Madras) is home to over five million people including Sri Lankan and Rohingya refugee communities within the state of Tamil-Nadu. Chelsea Public Schools represent over 58 countries with 36 languages spoken by its

students similar to Chennai, where over six languages are spoken including the official languages: Tamil and English.

The last few years have seen an unprecedented rise in xenophobia, while districts across the country are grappling with DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) programs being cut. These DEI programs are what allowed over 60% of Chelsea High School's graduating class of 2023 to pursue higher education. These programs allowed my graduating class of 2017 to have the largest graduating class since 2002 with over 70% of the class continuing into tertiary education. The class of 2017 managed to receive 1,162 college credits via the Bunker Hill Dual Enrollment program, while 160 students took Advanced Placement courses that the city covers exam fees for. Next door in Connecticut, some of the top universities are looking to cut their DEI programs. TRiO is a federal DEI program that serves 550 Chelsea students per year. If it wasn't for programs like TRiO many immigrant and first-generation students wouldn't be able to pursue higher education.

Parents and families of first generation students and immigrant students need to be worried about what these cuts mean. Tamil-Nadu has an 80% literacy rate which is much higher than other states in India. However, many NGOs are carrying out DEI initiatives to in-

crease female retention, end both caste and religious discrimination, as well as ensure students living in refugee camps outside Chennai can receive a proper education. I was lucky to be able to visit a few NGOs working to provide resources to Sri Lankan refugee children, children whose houses were lost in the floods and were moved to tentements, Roma children, and female empowerment groups. We as a city must do the same to ensure our immigrant and first generation students have chances at succeeding and increasing their upward mobility in the face of rising xenophobia.

The United Nations declared June 20 to be World Refugee Day. I urge you to celebrate this day by appreciating the beauty of diversity and the cultural fusion we have managed on both sides of the world. I also encourage you to take a moment to mourn what could have been, as many of us in Chelsea, and around the world, recall our countries and lives back home, to process the losses occurring at our border and around the globe. We must do better to support our community. As we are further excluded, more barriers are erected, and our bridge to social mobility is threatened. Mahatma Gandhi once said "Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization." Within different cultural contexts, the migrant spirit prevails.

Tiana Jurisic, MPH

Your opinions, please

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PIONEER CHARTER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE CELEBRATES 2024 GRADUATES

COURTESY PHOTOS



PCSS I Valedictorian Moses Gebrezgiaber of Everett.



PCSS I Salutatorian Victoria Boguslavskaya from Revere.



PCSS I ALL GRADUATES, (from back row, left to right): Boulanouar Bouchenafa, Sebastian Pino, Nathaniel Tesfamicael, Fadil Teisir, Richard Nguyen, Zakariyya Malki, Joao Lacerda, Nizar Kaddoum, Alexander Petkov, Joseph Williams, Zackaria Ben-lail, Liana Bennett, Linah Lasri, Dainah Larose, Victoria Boguslavskaya, Rahil Kistas, Sayf Jellouli, Jorge Bonilla Xopanata, Diego Rodriguez Merino, Cynthis Vejar Galvez, Isaiah Lafortune, Adam Lkorch, James Villa Gomes, Nathan Benetta, Valentina Funez Mejia, Abir Nidam, Moses Gebrezgiabher, Maria Machado, Ichraq Marbough, Alexandra Lopez Panameno, Halima Minyaoui, Willar Torres Ortiz, Sophia Toumi, and Rosa Mendez Mejia. Front row, (left to right): Matthew Santos, Sarah Toumi, Courtney Ly, Vitoria Braga, Victoria Penha, Yulisa Restrepo, and Aseel Younes.



PCSS II Valedictorian Leila Elhaisouni accept honors from PCSS CEO Barish Icin.



Salutatorian Jonathan Corbin accept honors from PCSS CEO Barish Icin.

On Friday, May 31, students from PCSS I in Everett and PCSS II in Saugus graduated in a united ceremony at Everett's Rivergreen Park. PCSS's 2024 graduates spent their formative high school years studying amid a global pandemic, a testament to their determination and adaptability as they begin new chapters of their academic careers.

Pioneer Charter School of Science, which enrolls students from communities North of Boston and the North Shore, is known for its collegiate successes. PCSS college acceptance rates are commendable. In 2024, 93 percent of PCSS upper school students plan to attend a four-year university, five percent a two-year college, and two percent vocational training. Of PCSS II Upper School students, 90 percent will attend a four-year college, five percent a two-year college, and five percent vocational training. Both schools have a 100 percent acceptance rate.

"Our Class of 2024 graduates are an exceptional group of students," said Pioneer Charter School of Science CEO Barish Icin. "We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments. These students have not only weathered their studies during the pandemic, but they have excelled. We believe that they have bright futures ahead of them."

PCSS I and PCSS II's

Class of 2024 were awarded more than \$11 million in scholarships.

Students from both campuses have been accepted to nationally renowned schools, including Harvard, Tufts, MIT, Cornell, Boston College, Columbia, Dartmouth, Brown, and Wellesley.

PCSS I's Moses Gebrezgiaber of Everett, who was named Valedictorian of the Everett campus's class. This fall, he will attend MIT and major in Engineering. Salutatorian Victoria Boguslavskaya of Revere is off to Boston University, where she will also major in Engineering.

PCSS II Valedictorian Leila Elhaisouni of Melrose will attend MIT, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. PCSS II Salutatorian Jonathan Corbin of Peabody plans to attend Brown University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

PCSS is a rigorous college preparatory charter school that aims to prepare educationally under-resourced students for today's competitive world.

PCSS I, located in Everett, serves students in Grades K through 12 from several communities North of Boston, including Everett, Chelsea, and Revere.

PCSS II, located in Saugus, serves students in Grades K through 12 from Saugus, Salem, Peabody, Lynn, and Danvers.



PCSS II ALL GRADUATES, (from back row, left to right): John Mimy, Jovanni Dorcelly, Caio Rodrigues, Vinicius Da Cunha, Shreshth Gaur, Adam Nouri, Adrian Baybay, Oluwatosin Edebiri, Oladimeji Oladaye, Joshua Clamens, Lhawannie Dumond, Courtney Olivier, Ambika Badwal, Leila Elhaisouni, Salma Ngokila, Edward Chatterton, Angelo Triantafyllou, Anthony Roche, Abraham Chomba, Jose Garcia, Ashley Jean-Louis, Kyle Rodrigues, Zuhair Khan, Oluebube Abajue, Rohita Maddi, Caitlin Calvelo, Sofia Marmoucha, Dylan Repucci, Emily Martinez, Fatima Saab, Dea Bilal, and Genesis Ruiz Lopez. Front Row (Left to Right): Jay Ruiz Ramos, Lester Ileh, Tyler Reade, Dylan Bauer, Devlin Nguyen, Kaelyn Perez, Jonathan Corbin, and Gianna Lamarca.



The Chelsea graduates above left to right: Fadil Teisir, James Villa Gomez, Valentina Funez Mejia, Willar Torres Ortiz, and Courtney Ly.

Celebrate// CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

(Psychiatry); Betty Desclien, Immigrant/Mental Health Community Health Worker, MGH Center for Immigrant Health; Dinanyli Paulino, Executive Vice President, La Colaborativa; Tracey Taldon, LICSW, Founder, Wellness for Our Future; Ana Espinal, MGH Center for Immigrant Health Nutrition Program participant and MGH Chelsea patient; Lyvien Feto, MGH Center for Immigrant Health Resource Navigation Program participant and former shelter resident; and MGH leadership, impacted families, and community leaders.

"Our immigrant patients and colleagues have traveled many different paths, and they have so

much to teach us about courage, tenacity, and resilience," said Danaher. "We are proud to build upon the longstanding work of our colleagues at the MGH Chelsea Health-Care Center, and throughout the broader Mass General Brigham system, in welcoming new arrivals to Massachusetts with dignity and compassion. We are immensely grateful to Congresswoman Pressley for her leadership in this shared mission."

As a healthcare system, clinicians are often on the frontline of welcoming immigrants and refugees in need of medical care, said Elsie Taveras, MD, MPH, Chief Community Health and Health Equity Officer for Mass General

Brigham "Across Mass General Brigham, we will continue to offer the highest quality of care to all our patients, regardless of immigration status, with the respect and dignity they deserve," said Taveras. "We are grateful to Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley for securing this much needed funding to support mental health efforts for immigrant communities and those with limited English proficiency."

Pressley secured the federal funding for the program in the Fiscal Year 2023 government spending package that passed Congress and was signed into law by President Biden in December 2022.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pressley celebrates the \$1.1 million in immigrant health funding with MGH staff and local leaders.

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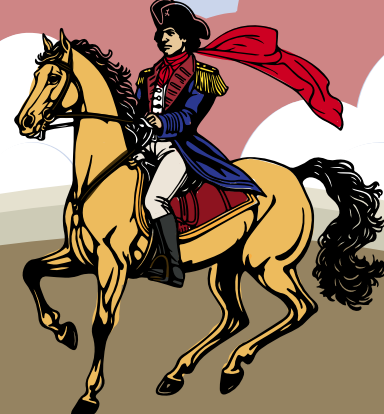
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RESIDENTS CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH AT WASHINGTON PARK

Wednesday was the National Holiday of Juneteenth, the day to be remembered as the freeing of all enslaved Afri-Americans. The last being freed in 1865 on June 19th in Galveston, Texas, two years after President

Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. The City of Chelsea and Chelsea Black Community, along with state and local elected officials turned out to celebrate the day at Washington Park.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce was on hand promoting Chelsea 400, shown is Karim Perez and Ex. Director Jenn Hassell.



Juliana Hassell and Aaliyan Trotman enjoying the festivities and selling hand paintings.



Chelsea Black Community members, Paula Cromwell, Beverly Martin Ross, Claudia Dias and Teresa Smith.



Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins Outreach with Denise Hernandez, Deputies Tom Maguire and Ken Stokes and Mary Evangelist.



Chelsea Deputy City Manager Devon Fields with welcoming words to the crowd.



Pastor of the Peoples AME Church Sarah Smith with the opening prayer.



Councillor Leo Robinson with, Regina Placid, Gean Valmond, and Annie Jones.



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, Councillor Leo Robinson, and Executive Director of the Chelsea Chamber Jenn Hassell.



Loving their cotton candy, Samara Banks, Carmella Tillinghast, and Jaylah Marinez.



The Chelsea Police Department Ice Cream Truck was a favorite stop on Wednesday afternoon, shown PO Carlos DelCompare, CC Stallworth, PO Jamie Robles, and Lt. Joe Fern Jr.



Melissa Martin, Maureen Lee, Tracey Trotman and Daniela Martin helping to feed lots of hungry people at the event.



Ready to celebrate Juneteenth, Tracey Trotman and Demars Smith.



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, President of CBC Joan Cromwell, State Representative Judith Garcia, Beverly Martin Ross, and Deputy City Manager Devon Fields.

ELLIOT KATZMAN ATTENDS RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR SSU VP NATE BRYANT




Former Salem State University Trustee and current Campaign Steering Committee Co-Chair Elliot Katzman (right), a Chelsea native and SSU alumnus, congratulates SSU Vice President of Success Nate Bryant (left) at his retirement celebration. Bryant was honored for his 36 years of outstanding service at the university. Elliot's wife, Donna (Frangiamone) Katzman, also an SSU Campaign Steering Committee Co-Chair, attended the retirement celebration as well.




Diane Matamoros and Isabella Hernandez stopped by for a free ice cream from the Chelsea Police Department.

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CHELSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS BATTLE OF CHELSEA CREEK EVENT

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce hosted a Battle of Chelsea Creek Event at Eastern Minerals in coordination with the observance of Chelsea's 400th anniversary.

Jeffrey Pearlman, former teacher in the Revere schools and an adjunct professor at Bunker Hill Community College, spoke about the Battle of Chelsea Creek that began on May 27, 1775, detailing its significance to Chelsea and the history of

the United States, and its impact in the Revolutionary War that had begun on April 19, 1775 when the first shots were fired at Lexington and Concord.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell thanked Pearlman for his interesting talk about the historic battle. She presented Pearlman with a jersey commemorating Chelsea's 400th anniversary celebration that is happening throughout 2024.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell presents a Chelsea 400th jersey to guest speaker Jeffrey Pearlman following his talk about the Battle of Chelsea Creek.



Guest speaker Jeffrey Pearlman is pictured with the many attendees, including community leader Sue Gallant (second from left, front row), former Chelsea High cross country superstar Eddie Richard (third from left), and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson (far right).



Naomi Zabot, District 5 Councilor Lisa Santagate, and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, pictured at the Battle of Chelsea Creek talk given by Jeffrey Pearlman.



Pictured at the Battle of Chelsea Creek event are Kaitie Butler of Eastern Minerals, Chamber of Commerce Vice President Roman Gold, and Executive Director Jennifer Hassell.

NORTHEAST METRO TECH CELEBRATES GRADUATION OF CLASS OF 2024

Superintendent David DiBarri is proud to share that Northeast Metro Tech celebrated the graduation of 292 students this year.

In a ceremony held Friday, June 7 at Melrose High School, Northeast Metro Tech bid congratulations and goodbye to students from the Class of 2024, several of whom spoke during graduation ceremonies.

"As we stand on the brink of the next chapter of our lives, I am filled with hope and anticipation," said Valedictorian Amanda Andrade Ferreira, of Malden. "We are ready to face the future, armed with the lessons we've learned and the strength we've gained from our experiences. We have proven that we can adapt, persevere, and thrive, no matter the obstacles."

Principal Carla A. Scuzzarella noted that this graduating class started their high school careers amid the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges it presented, and that they rose above those challenges to thrive at Northeast Metro Tech.

"Like the classes just ahead of you, you are the definition of the word 'resilient.' You navigated through remote learning, virtual shop classes, and Zoom fatigue with steady determination. You found

ways to connect with each other, even when physically apart. And through it all, you demonstrated an extraordinary capacity to care for one another, to support your classmates and to stay positive," Scuzzarella said. "You helped bring the 'normal' back into our school."

Class President Kerry Jean, of Melrose, told her fellow graduates that it's okay if some of them are still searching for direction, and encouraged students to be themselves as they head into the world.

"As we stand on the road of adulthood, it's natural to feel a mix of excitement and uncertainty about the future. Some of us may have our paths mapped out, while others are still searching for direction. And that's okay. Life is a journey, not a destination, and it's perfectly normal to feel unsure at times. What matters most is that we stay true to ourselves, hold fast to our dreams, and never lose sight of the unique path that lies ahead," said Jean.

"Reflecting on our high school years, it's hard to believe how much we've grown since those early days as freshmen. The challenges we faced, particularly with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, tested our resilience and adaptability. Yet, through

it all, we remained united, eager to explore the mysteries of high school life and create lasting memories together."

Salutatorian Muhammad Fazeel, of Winthrop, told classmates that despite having different paths through high school, each graduate shared a common goal of excellence.

"Standing before you today fills me with immense pride and gratitude. We are here to celebrate a significant milestone in our lives, the culmination of four years of hard work and dedication. Each of us has traveled a unique path through this school, pursuing different shops and pathways. Yet today, we stand united, side by side, in the same field," said Fazeel.

"Throughout high school, we had the opportunity to explore various careers — from robotics to plumbing, electrical to cosmetology, business tech to health assisting, and many more. Despite the diversity of our trades, we shared a common goal: to excel in our chosen fields and prepare for the future. This shared ambition created a sense of unity among us, showcasing the breadth of our collective achievements and bridging the gaps between our various shops."



PHOTOS COURTESY NORTHEAST METRO TECH

Rain falls though the sunshine at the Northeast Metro Tech Class of 2024's graduation ceremony.



A double rainbow appeared over graduates during the ceremony.



Plumbing student Emily Santa Macedo, of Revere, celebrates after receiving her diploma.



The Class of 2024's class officers stand before their classmates. From left are Class President Kerry Jean, of Melrose, Promotions Officer Kerry Jean, of Melrose, Vice President Dillon Veader, of North Reading, Treasurer Aina Saharan, of Malden, Secretary Nicholas Boissenaull, of Revere and Samantha Jackson, of Saugus, who is Junior Class President.

House passes bill to prevent opioid-related overdose deaths

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a wide-ranging opioid bill which covers the licensure of recovery coaches, makes opioid overdose reversal drugs more accessible, protects harm reduction providers, and removes barriers that new mothers in recovery face at the time they give birth.

“As families across Massachusetts know all too well, the impact of opioid addiction can be utterly devastating for the individual and for their loved ones, which is why a continued focus on combating substance use is a critical responsibility that we have as elected officials,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “I want to thank Chairman Michlewitz and Chairman Madaro for their tireless work on this legislation, as well as all my colleagues in the House for recognizing the need for reforms that will help those dealing with addiction on their journey to recovery.”

“This legislation will help the Commonwealth to address the opioid epidemic by expanding treatment options and by making it easier for those in need to seek assistance,” said Representative Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means. “By making treatment options more accessible and by removing barriers for thousands of people seeking help, we can help people rebuild their lives and stay on the road to recovery. I want to thank Speaker Mariano for his commitment and dedication to this issue, as well as Chairman Madaro, and all my House colleagues for their work and dedication to addressing substance use disorder.”

“The bill passed today builds on the commitment of the House to support individuals and communities across the Commonwealth who are dealing with the effects of the opioid crisis,” said Representative Adrian C. Madaro (D-East Boston), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recov-

ery. “By ensuring greater access to overdose reversal drugs, protecting harm reduction workers, removing barriers to mothers in recovery, and licensing recovery coaches, we are empowering health care providers, community members, and individuals to save lives. Thank you to Speaker Mariano for your leadership and guidance on this issue, and to Chair Michlewitz for your partnership in passing this critical legislation.”

In 2023, there were 2,125 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths, according to the latest data published by the Department of Public Health (DPH). In 2023, there were 232 fewer confirmed and estimated deaths than 2022.

Recovery coaches

Recovery coaches help people with substance use needs become and stay engaged in their recovery process. The bill passed today establishes recovery coach licensing and oversight within DPH, and mandates that all health plans cover recovery coach services without cost-sharing or prior authorization. The bill also directs the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS) to study and report on barriers to certification, credentialing, and other employment and practice requirements for recovery coaches, and requires them to create a peer support program for recovery coaches consisting of mentorship, technical assistance on billing and employment practices, and resources.

“This marks a pivotal moment for our community and for those battling substance use disorders,” said Representative Jim O’Day (D-West Boylston), Fourth Division Chair and lead sponsor of the bill. “With the passage of H. 4743, we are taking significant steps to enhance treatment options, expand coverage, and, crucially, to recognize the indispensable role of recovery coaches. This legislation builds on our historical commitment to reducing stigma and providing comprehensive support for individuals

in recovery. By embracing harm reduction strategies, patient education, and compassionate care, we are advancing public health and offering renewed hope to those affected by substance use disorders. Together, we are forging a path towards a healthier, more supportive future for all. Let us stand proud of this achievement and continue to champion the cause of recovery.”

Opioid overdose reversal drugs

The bill passed today mandates that all health plans cover opioid overdose reversal drugs, such as naloxone, without cost-sharing or prior authorization. It also requires substance use disorder treatment facilities to educate on and dispense at least two doses of opioid overdose reversal drugs to an individual upon discharge, as well as requires hospitals to educate on and prescribe or dispense at least two doses of opioid overdose reversal drugs to an individual with a history of opioid use or opioid use disorder upon discharge.

It also requires pharmacies in areas with high incidence of overdose to maintain a continuous supply of opioid overdose reversal drugs and to report to DPH if they are unable to maintain compliance with this provision due to insufficient stock or supply.

Patient education

In an effort to prevent opioid misuse, the bill requires prescribers to be educated on pain treatment, including appropriate non-opioid alternatives to pain treatment. It also requires pharmacists to provide printed educational materials issued by DPH on non-opioid alternatives for the treatment of pain to patients prior to dispensing an opioid.

Harm reduction

The bill protects public health or harm reduction organizations and their agents who provide drug-checking services, such as needle exchange programs, to reduce the risk of accidental overdose from civil liability or professional disciplinary action from a board of reg-

istration, as well as from being criminally charged or prosecuted for possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of controlled substances, and conspiracy to violate the Controlled Substances Act (the CSA).

It also protects individuals who seek drug-checking services on substances intended only for personal use from being criminally charged or prosecuted for possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of controlled substances, and conspiracy to violate the CSA while on the premises of a public health or harm reduction organization providing said services.

Ensuring non-discriminatory treatment

The bill clarifies DPH’s authority to enforce anti-discrimination protections for people with substance use disorder who are on public health insurance. It also prohibits life insurance companies from limiting or refusing coverage to individuals solely because they obtained an opioid overdose reversal drug for themselves or others. It also prohibits discrimination on the basis of lawful possession and use of a medication for the treatment of an opioid-related substance use disorder, such as methadone or buprenorphine.

Pregnant people on medications for addiction treatment

The bill passed today removes “physical dependence upon an addictive drug at birth” from the conditions necessitating a child abuse and neglect report, thereby exempting pregnant people taking medications prescribed by their doctor from automatic investigation by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). It requires DCF, in consultation with DPH, the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA), and stakeholders, to promulgate regulations on the care, treatment, and reporting of substance-exposed newborns (SENs).

Having passed the House of Representatives 153-0, the bill now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

OBITUARIES

Maribel Bonilla Ortiz

September 5, 1967 - June 16, 2024



Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for Maribel Bonilla Ortiz on Friday, June 21, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, the visitation will be immediately followed by funeral services in the Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

At 56 years of age, Maribel peacefully passed away at the Kaplan Family Hospice House on Sunday, June 16th with her sisters at her side. Maribel lived courageously with cancer for the past eight months. She was greatly supported by all her family and knew she was loved by everyone.

Born in Orocovis, Puerto Rico, Maribel settled with her family in Chelsea as a young child where she attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School.

She was the loving daughter of Nereida Quesada Ortiz and the late Carlos Luis Quesada.

Maribel worked as a waitstaff for over twenty years at the Hale House Assisted Living Facility in Boston. In her lifetime, Maribel was an avid lover of her pets and all animals, keeping her own cats, birds and turtles. She loved all things that had flowers and but-

terflies. And she is fondly remembered as a very friendly, gentle and loving person.

Maribel was recently predeceased by her father, Carlos Quesada six weeks ago. She is lovingly survived by her mother, Nereida Quesada of Chelsea, along with her dearest siblings: Marisol Natal and her husband, Jorge of Chelsea, Marilyn Gonzalez and her husband, Isaac of Great Mills, MD, Maritza Cakmak and her husband, Metin of Arlington, Elsa Quesada of Chelsea, and Kaine Quesada Ortiz of Waltham.

She was the cherished aunt of Jorge Natal, Jr., Joshua Natal, Jeremy Natal, Lucas Tapia, Stephanie Alvey and her husband, Brian, and Michael Gonzalez, and adoring great-aunt of Liliyana, Cassandra, and Quincy Alvey.

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Malden Catholic celebrates 89th Commencement

On Saturday, May 18, Malden Catholic celebrated the 89th Commencement ceremony with 188 graduates from the Boys and Girls Divisions. The Class of 2024 commencement was held in the Doherty Gymnasium with more than 1,000 family members, faculty and staff in attendance.

The ceremony started with an invocation by Malden Catholic Principal Jeffrey P. Smith '95, P'24, '26, Boys Division Leader Robert Gregory, Girls Division Leader Jeanne Lynch-Galvin P'16, Dean of Students Gary M. Moela and Dean of Community, Culture and Equity Erga Pierrette

low graduates to embrace the journey with courage, learn from each misstep, and craft a future that resonates with your true self. She stated how each choice and experience is a step towards becoming the person you are meant to be.

The presentation of candidates by Malden Catholic Principal Jeffrey P. Smith '95, P'24, '26, Boys Division Leader Robert Gregory, Girls Division Leader Jeanne Lynch-Galvin P'16, Dean of Students Gary M. Moela and Dean of Community, Culture and Equity Erga Pierrette

'21,'23,'27 was followed by the conferral of diplomas by MC President John K. Thornburg. Rocco Carbone '24 of Medford then delivered the MC Boys Division's Valedictory Address where he commented on how each moment is a chance to learn, grow, and make a positive impact. He encouraged his classmates to step forward with confidence, knowing that the journey ahead is full of possibilities.

Malden Catholic 2024 graduates will attend some of the country's most prestigious colleges and universities includ-

ing Harvard, American University, University of Washington, Wellesley College, University of Notre Dame, Northeastern University, Boston College, Boston University, College of the Holy Cross, Morehouse College, Purdue University, Johns Hopkins University and Ohio State University, just to list a few.

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads

among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renowned universities including Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, University of Chicago, Georgetown, Cornell, Brown, Tufts, Carnegie Mellon, Duke, Notre Dame, Northeastern, Boston College and College of the Holy Cross. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden

Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

Chelsea Graduates are: Pedro Barahona Lazo Nain Escobar Julian Mesa Chi Linh Nguyen

NSMT presents 'Disney's Frozen: The Broadway Musical'

This summer, Bill Hanney's award-winning North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) will produce the New England Regional Theatre Premiere of Disney's FROZEN. The four-time Tony®-Nominated musical based on the smash hit 2013 Oscar®-winning animated film will mesmerize audiences for an extended run from Tuesday, July 9 thru Sunday, July 28, 2024.

"We are thrilled to have been chosen as one of the first theatres in the country allowed to create an all-new stage production of Disney's Frozen, The Broadway Musical. The team here at North Shore Music Theatre has been hard at work creating our own vision of the world of Disney's Frozen, one of the most popular animated films of all time," said NSMT owner and producer Bill Hanney. "As you can imagine, one of the biggest challenges for me and Kevin P. Hill, the show's director and choreographer, was finding the perfect performers to bring the iconic characters from the film to life on our stage. We are so fortunate to have assembled such a talented cast led by two powerhouse performers, Broadway's Alyssa Fox as Elsa and Celeste Rose as Anna. Alyssa Fox, who was most recently Wicked on Broadway's 20th Anniversary Elphaba was also a member of the Original Broadway Cast of Disney's Frozen. Celeste Rose, who has appeared in the Off-Broadway production of We Are The Tigers and Unexpected Joy along with appearances in regional productions of The Prom, Passing Through, and Sister Act.

Tickets for Disney's FROZEN start at \$75. Performances are July 9 - July 28, the first two weeks feature evenings on Tue - Thurs at 7:30 pm, Fri & Sat at 8 pm, matinees Wed, Sat

and Sun at 2 pm. The final week of performances feature evening performances on Wed & Sat at 7:30pm and Thurs & Friday at 7pm, matinees on Tue, Wed, Sat and Sun at 2pm. Kids 4 - 18 save 50% at all evening performances. \$25 Student Rush tickets are available. For tickets and information call (978) 232-7200, visit www.nsmt.org, or visit the box office in person at 54 Dunham Rd., Beverly, MA.

North Shore Music Theatre's 2024 musical season will continue with Tootsie (August 15 - 25), Million Dollar Quartet (September 24 - October 6), Titanic The Musical (October 29 - November 10), and the 35th Anniversary Production of A Christmas Carol starring David Coffee (December 5 - 22).

Olaf to find her estranged sister Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped their kingdom in eternal winter. This thrilling spectacle has won the hearts of audiences around the world and includes all of the well-known songs from the film including "Let It Go" and "Do You Want To Build A Snowman" and many new songs written by the film's award-winning original composers, Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez. Disney's FROZEN also features a book by Jennifer Lee, the writer of the original film.

This show will be an immersive production of Disney's FROZEN like audiences have never experienced before! North Shore Music Theatre's production of Disney's FROZEN features all of the film's unforgettable characters, newly re-imagined staging and production numbers, along with all-new sets and costumes being designed and created just for North Shore Music Theatre Audiences.

The cast of Disney's FROZEN will star Alyssa Fox as Elsa and Celeste Rose as Anna. Alyssa Fox, who was most recently Wicked on Broadway's 20th Anniversary Elphaba was also a member of the Original Broadway Cast of Disney's Frozen. Celeste Rose, who has appeared in the Off-Broadway production of We Are The Tigers and Unexpected Joy along with appearances in regional productions of The Prom, Passing Through, and Sister Act.

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DIDOMENICO CELEBRATES PRIDE MONTH WITH GOVERNOR AND COLLEAGUES

Senator Sal DiDomenico celebrated Pride Month at the State House alongside Governor Maura Healey and elected officials in the LGBTQ+ Legislative Caucus. The event featured remarks from LGBTQ+ Senators and Representatives about their experiences and perspectives, followed by the raising of the Pride Flag in front of the State House.

"I am proud to join our state's elected leaders to unequivocally support, celebrate, and protect every person in our Commonwealth, regardless of their identity or who they love," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "It is all of our responsibility to ensure Massachusetts continues to be a welcoming and loving place for everyone."



Senator DiDomenico with his team on the Senate Balcony after the event (left to right): Yoshki Wurtz, Senator DiDomenico, Christie Getto Young, Ayla Thornton, and Eli Fenichel.



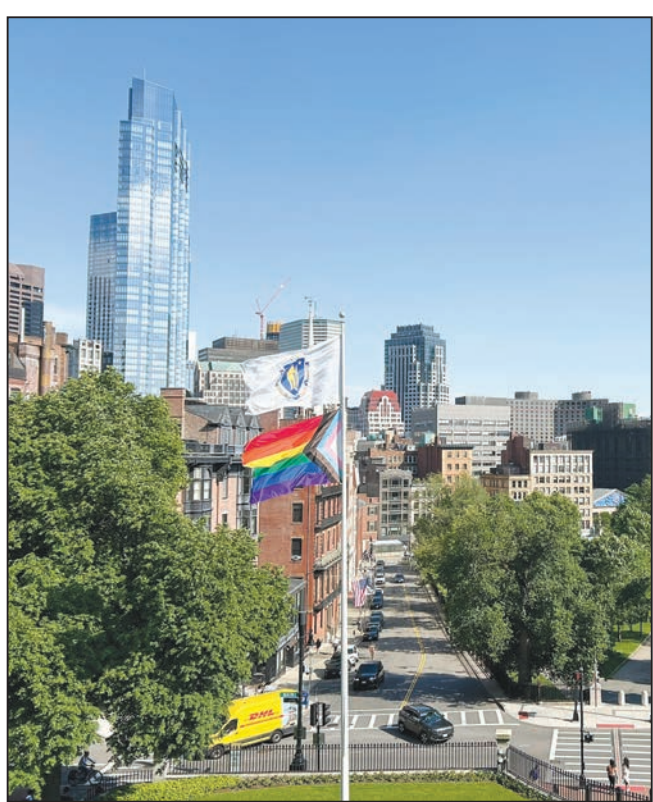
Senator DiDomenico on the State House steps with colleagues and advocates during remarks.



Senator DiDomenico with Governor Maura Healey in front of the State House.



Senator DiDomenico with Senator Will Brownsberger on the State House steps.



The Massachusetts state flag and the pride flag flying in front of the State House.

Over two dozen residents displaced by Marlboro Street fire

By Adam Swift

Nearly 30 people were displaced by fire at a triple-decker on Marlboro Street last Friday afternoon.

The city's 911 center started getting calls reporting a building fire on Marlboro Street around 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 14, according to Fire Chief John Quatieri.

The first arriving fire department units reported heavy fire on the third floor of a six-unit residential building at 18 Marlboro St.

"Crews were able to safely evacuate all of the occupants and worked to get a hoseline in place to contain the fire," stated the fire chief. "The fire spread to additional rooms on floor three and into the roof area prompting the Deputy Chief to strike a second alarm for additional help. Fire crews did an outstanding job to limit the fire spread and to evacuate all of the residents safely."

Several pets were unaccounted for but later located by fire crews. The animals were not injured and were reunited with their owners.

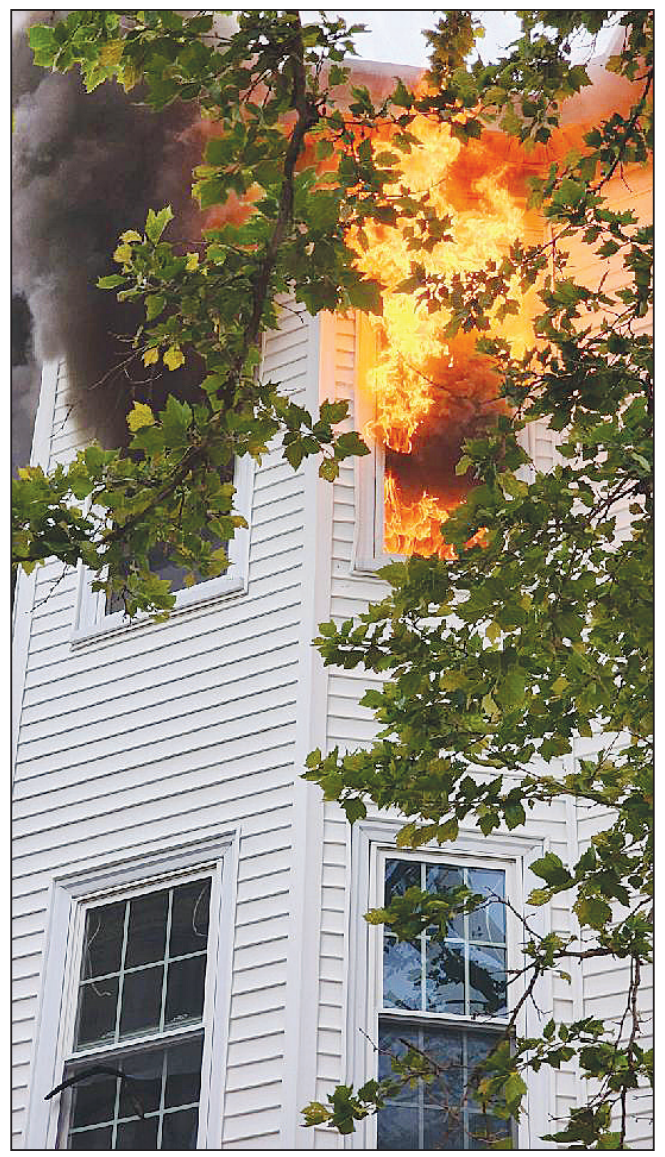
The cause of the fire has not yet been determined, according to Quatieri.

"Approximately 25-30 residents were displaced by this fire but through the efforts of our Emergency Management team, all occupants were relocated to hotels until other housing arrangements can be made," he said. "We are fortunate here in Chelsea to have an amazing support network from City Hall and local organizations who quickly mobilized to help these displaced families."



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Fire at 18 Marlboro St. on Friday, June 14.



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But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

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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