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The City Council honored Assistant Veterans' Agent Juan Carlos Morales and Board of Health member Dr. Dean Xerras with celebratory resolutions at its meeting on Monday night.

Council honors residents for their service

By Adam Swift

The city council honored two devoted residents with celebratory resolutions at the beginning of its meeting on Monday night.

Juan Carlos Morales, an Army veteran and the city's assistant veterans' agent, was recognized for his role in helping residents during a six-alarm fire on Washington Avenue in August.

On the morning of August 14, Morales went into the burning building at 185 Washington Ave. to alert residents to evacuate.

"Undeterred by heavy fire and smoke conditions, Juan Carlos went door-to-door to ensure every resident was warned and able to safely evacuate," the resolution stated. "In addition to his initial efforts, Juan Carlos displayed unparalleled bravery by re-entering the building to rescue an elderly man who remained on the third floor, locating and bringing the individual to safety."

Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson praised Morales for his life saving efforts in August, as well as his overall dedication to the city.

"I have worked with him over the past several years putting together Veterans Day and Memorial Day, and he just has an outstanding character," said Robinson.

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown thanked Morales for his deduction and for being in the right place at the right time.

District 4 Councilor Tainari Garcia noted that she went to kindergarten with Morales in Chelsea.

"It is an honor to have you here and to an honor to have you still a resident of Chelsea and a hero," said Garcia.

The council also pre-

sented a celebratory resolution to Dr. Dean Xerras, who intends to retire from the board of health when he completes his current term. Xerras has served on the board since 2006.

A graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine, Xerras has practiced general medicine at MGH Chelsea since 2002 and has served as its medical director since 2009. In addition, Xerras is an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and is active in teaching MGH residents.

"During his tenure on

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Good News

FY25 property tax rates come in lower than initially estimated

By Adam Swift

Chelsea taxpayers are looking at some positive news on the property tax rates for Fiscal Year 2025.

The rate was recently certified by the state's Bureau of Accounts, Department of Revenue. The residential rate for FY25 is \$11.51 per \$1,000 of valuation, while the commercial-industrial rate is \$24.03.

"These approved rates vary from the estimated tax rates that were part of our tax rate presentation on October 28, where the

residential rate was estimated to be \$11.48 per thousand, and the commercial-industrial rate was estimated to be \$24.04 per thousand," stated City Manager Fidel Maltez in a letter that was read at Monday night's city council meeting. "This variation is consistent with previous years and is due to the Department of Revenue applying their auto calculation methodology."

The residential rate shows a considerable reduction from the FY24

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Dispatchers raise concerns about regionalization plan

By Adam Swift

The city council will be holding a subcommittee meeting in the near future to discuss a possible regionalization of the city's dispatch operation with Revere and Winthrop.

However, the possibility of the move is raising concerns among the city's current E-911 dispatchers.

At Monday night's meeting, the council accepted a letter from City Manager Fidel Maltez outlining the possibility for the regionalization of services.

Revere and Winthrop are currently in the Metro North Regional Emergency Communication Center

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CTU, school committee agree to new contract

By Adam Swift

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, the Chelsea School Committee and the Chelsea Teachers' Union (CTU) reached tentative agreements on new contracts for Chelsea Public Schools educators, clerical and paraprofessional staff.

These agreements were reached as a result of collaborative negotiations between the School Committee and CTU.

The School Commit-

tee was expected to vote on official approval of the contract at a meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening.

At a negotiation session last week with over 200 members in attendance, CTU Local 1340 secured new, three-year collective bargaining agreements for their members that take important steps to address essential classroom issues while ensuring these ded-

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CHS seniors awarded prestigious QuestBridge Scholarship

Special to the Record

It was a noteworthy December for Chelsea High School seniors Alma Alla '25, Brandon Ossa Barrientos '25 and Diana "Yuli" Salinas Garcia '25, who learned this month that they were awarded the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship, a full four-year scholarship that covers the cost of attendance including tuition, housing, food, books and supplies and travel expenses.

Alma will be attending Tufts University, Brandon will be attending Wesleyan University and Diana will be attending Amherst College. Out of the 25,500 applicants for the QuestBridge scholarship nationwide, the Chelsea High School triumvirate were among 2,627 QuestBridge Match Scholarship Recipients. Only 10.1 percent of QuestBridge scholarship applicants were named recipients.

"I plan on majoring in biochemistry and following the Pre-Dental Track at Tufts! The QuestBridge application was rigorous, stressful, and rewarding. When I learned that I was matched, I felt a mixture



Shown (left to right) are CHS seniors QuestBridge Scholarship recipients Alma Alla, Diana "Yuli" Salinas Garcia and Brandon Ossa Barrientos. Alma will be attending Tufts University, Diana will be attending Amherst College and Brandon will be attending Wesleyan University on full, four-year scholarships

of emotions of relief and joy!" said Alla.

"With the QuestBridge scholarship I plan to continue my studies after high school, without the financial barrier that otherwise would be a big stone in the path for my education. I

want to continue working in my passion for math and sciences with the opportunity that QuestBridge gave me," commented Ossa Barrientos. "When I started my application, I was really nervous and stressed for all the work

I had to do plus all the homework from all my classes. When I became a finalist this gave me so much hope, and with the help of La Vida and my counselor I was able to get in. It was an amazing moment to know that I had been matched to Wesleyan University and I felt very happy and grateful for it."

"With the QuestBridge National Match scholarship I will be attending Amherst College and majoring in Biology debt free. I was delighted when I found out I was a finalist and even more when I found out I was matched because all my hard work and continuous efforts all throughout high school had paid off. I want to say thank you to everyone who supported me along the way. Thank you!" Salinas Garcia said.

"The CHS School Counseling Team is dedicated to supporting students with passion and purpose, striving to meet their unique needs while opening doors to the best opportunities available. Our counselors build meaningful connections with every student, rec-

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WE ARE CLOSED CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS DAY

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

PUBDATE: 12/26/24.....DEAD: FRI 12/20/24

PUBDATE: 1/2/24.....DEAD: FRI 12/27/24

TRASH NOTICE

Trash will be delayed by one day due to Christmas observed on Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2024

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Barry Berman receives prestigious Dr. Herbert Shore 'Award of Honor'

Barry Berman, CEO of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, an affiliate of Legacy Lifecare, recently received the notable 2025 Dr. Herbert Shore Award of Honor from the Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS). This is the highest award given by AJAS. It is presented to the outstanding executive professional who best exemplifies the goals and ideals of AJAS as well as service to older adults and severely disabled individuals.

Karen Flam, Chair of the AJAS Awards Committee and past recipient of the award, drove to Chelsea from Montreal to surprise Barry with the award. Berman was sitting in the lobby of the Leonard Florence Center with Ruth Katz, President & CEO of AJAS, when Karen suddenly appeared and announced that Barry was this year's Award of Honor recipient. Karen was surrounded by Chelsea Jewish Lifecare staff, residents and Barry's family members.

"I am surprised and overwhelmed with gratitude," said Berman immediately after Karen presented him with the award. "I have known about the AJAS Award of Honor throughout my entire career, but I never imagined I would be the recipient of this important honor. The fact that my peers are the ones who voted for me means more than I can say."

Barry Berman has devoted his career to building the long-term care community in Chelsea and surrounding areas by developing innovative models of care. He has been the CEO of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare for 47 years.

Mr. Berman is a past board member of the Chelsea Soldier's Home and has served on the Massachusetts Governor's Council of Assisted Living, as well as on the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Assisted Living Facilities Association, the Massachusetts Aging Services Association, LeadingAge Massachusetts and the ALS Association Massachusetts Chapter.

"I was so happy to be with everyone at Chelsea Jewish Lifecare to honor Barry where he 'lives,' said Flam. "Barry exemplifies what it is to lead with a heart and a brain. He so deserves this recognition!"

Berman is also a past recipient of the "Leaders of Tomorrow" award from McKnight's Long Term Care News, the "Award of Honor" from LeadingAge for his work in expanding the world of possibilities for aging services and the "Changemaker Award" from the Center for Innovation.

"Barry demonstrates for all of us – every day – that it is possible to bring mission, vision, and humanity together to always do the best for residents," said Ruth Katz. "He supports residents in living their best lives. The Dr. Herbert Shore Award of Honor is AJAS's most prestigious award and we are thrilled to present it to Barry Berman. It is an honor to count Barry and Chelsea Jewish Lifecare among our members."

Chelsea Jewish Lifecare is redefining senior care and re-envisioning what life should be like for those living with disabling conditions. The elder-care community includes



Staff and residents at the Leonard Florence Center as Barry Berman accepts AJAS Award.

a wide array of skilled and short-term rehab residences, ALS, MS and ventilator dependent specialized care residences, traditional and specialized assisted living options, memory care, independent living, adult day health, and homecare and hospice agencies that deliver customized and compassionate care.

About Legacy Lifecare Legacy Lifecare Inc. is a nonprofit management resources collaborative that provides small-to-mid-sized organizations with the infrastructure needed to succeed in today's complex senior care environment. In addition to JGS Lifecare, other affiliates include Chelsea Jewish Lifecare of Chelsea and Peabody, Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Jamaica Plain, Elizabeth Seton Residence and Marillac Residence of Wellesley, Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Jamaica Plain, Stone Rehabilitation & Senior Living of Newton and Saint Joseph Living Center of Windham, CT.

AJAS is a non-profit that promotes and sup-

ports elder services in the context of Jewish values through education, professional development, advocacy and community relationships. It is governed by a voluntary board of directors, representing Jewish aging services organizations throughout North America. The organization's Jewish providers work together to provide the best quality care to elders throughout North America.



Shown (left to right) are Betsy Mullen, COO Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, Karen Flam, Chair of the AJAS Awards Committee, Barry Berman CEO Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, Ruth Katz, President & CEO AJAS.

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rate, which was \$11.90, according to Maltez.

According to calculations from the city's assessing department, the average FY25 tax bill will decrease for all owner-occupied, median assessed value properties from single families to three families.

The decrease for a median owner-occupied single family home is calculated at \$67 per year, condos will decrease \$2.92, two family homes will decrease \$77.43, and three family homes will decrease by \$321.72 per year.

"The reduction in tax bills ... are thanks to the incredible work of the City Council to minimize the impact on residential properties, and the two votes taken earlier this year," Maltez stated. "The first vote is the setting of the Residential Exemption at the 35% exemption, the maximum amount allowed by statute. This provides the fullest possible tax relief benefit to owner-occupants, a reduction of \$3,044 in FY25 per owner-occupied property."

The second vote shifted the maximum amount al-

lowed by law to commercial and industrial properties.

"While we celebrate these results, we know that this reduction in tax bills will be an anomaly in future years," Maltez stated. "Our Administration will continue budgeting conservatively to protect our owner occupied properties, while continuing to provide amazing municipal services. I am confident that we will work with the City Council to ensure our positive trends continue."



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Oportunidad de lista de espera de Housing Choice Voucher

Programa de vales de elección de vivienda de la Sección 8 de la Chelsea Housing

La CHA anuncia que está abierta una lista de vales de elección de vivienda para:

MAINSTREAM SECTION 8

Los vales de asistencia general ayudan a personas no mayores con discapacidad

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA QUE, A PARTIR DEL 2 de enero de 2025,

LA CHA ABRIRÁ LA LISTA DE ESPERA PARA EL PROGRAMA DE VALES DE LA SECCIÓN 8 DEL ESTADO FEDERAL

Las solicitudes solo se aceptarán desde el jueves 2 de enero de 2025 hasta el viernes 31 de enero de 2025.

Todas las solicitudes deben recibirse a más tardar a las 12 p. m. del viernes 31 de enero de 2025.

Usted puede calificar si su ingreso familiar bruto es menor a:

Tamaño total de la familia	1	2	3	4	5
Límites de ingresos	\$57,100	\$63,00	\$73,450	\$81,600	\$88,150

Las solicitudes estarán disponibles en la autoridad de vivienda de Chelsea y se pueden solicitar llamando al coordinador de la oficina principal al (617) 409-5310

También se alienta a los solicitantes a presentar su solicitud en línea en www.chelseaha.com

También estamos aceptando solicitudes por correo de ee. uu., por fax y entregándola en el buzón de entrega en la oficina principal.

No se aceptarán solicitudes antes del 2 de enero de 2025, ni después del 31 de enero de 2025, a las 12:00 p.m.

Si usted es una persona con una discapacidad, tiene derecho a solicitar una adaptación razonable. las solicitudes para personas con discapacidades se enviarán por correo postal o por vía electrónica si se las solicita a la cha y se permitirá la presentación de dichas solicitudes por correo postal o por vía electrónica, tal como se indicó anteriormente.

Servicios de traducción proporcionados a pedido.

Las solicitudes se clasificarán en la lista de espera por fecha y hora de solicitud.

Tenga en Cuenta: se aceptarán solicitudes sin importar raza, color, credo, religión, sexo, origen nacional, orientación sexual, identidad de género o estado civil.



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Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List Opportunity

Chelsea Housing Authority Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

The CHA announces that a Housing Choice Voucher List is open for:

MAINSTREAM SECTION 8

Mainstream vouchers assist non-elderly persons with disabilities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AS OF January 2, 2025,

THE CHA WILL OPEN THE WAITING LIST FOR FEDERAL SECTION 8 MAINSTREAM VOUCHER PROGRAM

Applications will only be accepted from Thursday, January 2, 2025, to Friday, January 31, 2025

All applications must be received not later than 12 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2025

You may qualify if your gross family income is less than:

Total Family Size	1	2	3	4	5
Income Limits	\$57,100	63,00	73,450	81,600	88,150

APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND CAN BE REQUESTED BY CALLING THE FRONT OFFICE COORDINATOR AT (617) 409-5310

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.CHELSEAHA.COM

WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS BY U.S. MAIL, BY FAX, AND BY DROP-OFF TO THE MAIN OFFICE'S ON-SITE DROP-BOX.

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2025, NOR AFTER AND LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2025, AT 12:00PM

If you are a person with a disability, you have the right to request a reasonable accommodation. Applications for people with disabilities will be mailed or sent electronically upon request made to the CHA and submission of such applications by mail or electronically will be allowed as noted above.

Translation services provided upon request.

Applications will be ranked on the wait list by date and time of application

PLEASE NOTE: APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, OR MARITAL STATUS.



NANCY O'NEIL ATTENDS RECEPTION



Attorney-at-Law Nancy O'Neil (center), a graduate of Harvard College and Northeastern University Law School and an associate at D'Ambrosio Counselors-at-Law, attended a reception for Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden (left) at St. George in Revere. Nancy is the daughter of well-known Clerk Magistrate and former Chelsea alderman Edward F. O'Neil III and Dorothy O'Neil. Also pictured are Attorney-at-Law Paul Tellier, Anthony D'Ambrosio, and Attorney-at-Law Cailey Watson, of D'Ambrosio Counselors-at-Law firm.

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icated educators are on track to receive a living wage and equitable workplace benefits, according to the CTU leadership.

"The consequences of this agreement will be transformative, providing greater stability and support for our educators and our students. This is a win for the entire Chelsea community, and we couldn't have done it without the sustained organizing and solidarity of educators, families, and community members," said CTU President Kathryn Anderson.

The agreement includes competitive wage increases for all educators, including the largest wage increase for paraprofessionals that the district has ever seen. Paraprofessionals currently receiving \$17.96 an hour will see a 62 percent pay increase over the course of the three-year contract, up to \$29.05 per hour. Clerks will see a 31 percent increase over the life of the contract — going from \$27.99 to \$36.61 per hour.

It also includes the first district-paid parental leave benefit (three weeks the first year of the contract and then six weeks in subsequent years), as well as up to 12 weeks paid leave for members to care for ill family members and up to 35 days from the sick bank.

"Our priorities were living and competitive wages, humane leave policies, and equitable working and learning conditions," stated Anderson. "Not only did we achieve these priorities, we became so much stronger as a Union."

School district officials stated that these agreements reflect a shared vision for the future of Chelsea Public Schools and demonstrate a collective commitment to providing an exceptional education for all students.

"By prioritizing wages that are competitive with surrounding districts and emphasizing the importance of paid parental and family medical leave benefits puts CPS in a position to better attract great educators and make it easier for them to have long careers in the district," said

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi G. Abeyta.

Highlights of the contract agreements related to wages include educators receiving a 13 percent wage increase over the duration of the contract and paraprofessionals receiving a 13 percent wage increase over the duration of the contract. Additionally, paraprofessionals will receive a number of differential adjustments.

Highlights of the contract agreements related to leave policies include:

Parental Leave policies have been updated to align with the Massachusetts Parental

Leave Act (MPLA) and FMLA. Employees have three options when using parental leave.

Beginning July 1, 2025, all units will receive six weeks of fully paid parental leave (three weeks prior to July 1, 2025) that is not deducted from sick time.

Updates to the use of Sick Leave include using sick leave including up to 15 days per year to care for a sick or injured immediate family member (spouse, partner, child, parent).

Up to 45 additional days (with FMLA approval) for serious health conditions of a child, spouse/partner, or parent.

Additional highlights of the agreements include:

A new \$1,000 annual stipend for certified bilingual/biliterate employees.

Increase in longevity bonuses for all units.

A CPS alumni hiring incentive for all units.

Educator hourly rates of pay will increase from \$35/hour (2024) to \$37/hour (2025) to \$38/hour (2026).

A pilot program for class size limits effective from 2025-2027.

Clerical unit employees will be eligible for tuition reimbursement of one-half payment for up to three courses per year. Reimbursement is capped at \$10,000 annually for the unit.

Provisions that will support professional development opportunities, enhance working conditions, and foster a positive and

collaborative school culture.

The new contract comes after 10 months of negotiations.

"We're not just educators, we're also community members — nearly 20 percent of our members call Chelsea home and this agreement reflects that," said CTU Vice President and CPS Graduate Vanesa Mendoza-Mercado.

"It makes it possible for members to start families and take enough time to bond with their babies. It will mean being able to care for sick family members. It incentivizes former CPS students like me to become teachers. When educators are able to bring our full selves to the classroom, students benefit."

Marilyn Moschella, CTU Paraprofessional Vice President and CPS Graduate, said that for the first time, Chelsea's paraprofessionals will receive a living wage — because teachers and clerks stood firmly with the paras as a united front.

"Paras are unsung heroes of the classroom, providing a foundation for students of all abilities to learn," Moschella said. "The new competitive wages in this agreement will make a huge difference for all members, and will attract great educators to the district. The level of solidarity — from our teachers, clerks, and families — is what helped get this monumental agreement over the finish line."

Brianna Bolland-Peterson, a CPS graduate with children at Kelly Elementary and Wright Science and Technology Academy said that as a parent, she sees the work educators put in each and every day to support the kids in Chelsea, including her.

"I was proud to support the Chelsea Teachers Union every step of the way to secure better learning conditions for all, and the wages and benefits our educators deserve," Bolland-Peterson said. "At the end of the day, they were fighting for our families just as much as they were fighting for theirs."

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974 CELEBRATES 50TH REUNION

The Chelsea High School Class of 1974 enjoyed its 50th reunion at Spinelli's, Lynnfield.



CHS classmates Steve Whalen and Debbie McGauley Cavanagh.



Four outstanding athletes from the Class of the 1974, cross country and running stars Steve DePaulo and Eliot Katzman, basketball standout Jay Freedman, and football and track and field event star Harvey Steinberg.



Reunion Chairperson Deborah Treanor and committee members Janet Maniscalco and Susan Buckley.



The officers of the Chelsea High School Class of 1974, Vice President Fran Moran, Secretary Susan Buckley, Treasurer Donna Harvey, and President Michael Zullo.



Seated, from left, are Carol Tateossian, Janet Maniscalco, Cheryl Goldblatt Jacobs, and Michele Engber. Standing, from left, are Shou Leong Choy, Maria Lewin, Barbara Ells Camoscio, Christine Hurley, and Steve Whalen.



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PATIENTS CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS HOLIDAY HOURS 2024

CHRISTMAS	PRACTICES	URGENT CARE
Tuesday, December 24	8:30 am – 1:00 pm	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday, December 25	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday, December 26	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	8:00 am – 7:30 pm
NEW YEARS		
Tuesday, December 31	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1	CLOSED	8:00 am – 4:00 pm



AVISO IMPORTANTE PARA LOS PACIENTES HORARIO DE FESTIVIDADES DE NAVIDAD / AÑO NUEVO 2024

NAVIDAD	PRÁCTICAS	ATENCIÓN URGENTE
Martes, 24 Diciembre	8:30 am – 1:00 pm	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Miércoles, 25 de Diciembre	CERRADO	CERRADO
Jueves, 26 Diciembre	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	8:00 am – 7:30 pm
AÑO NUEVO		
Martes, 31 Diciembre	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Miércoles, 1 de enero	CERRADO	8:00 am – 4:00 pm

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BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
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318 Revere Beach LLC	Venture, Santos	318 Revere Beach Pkwy	\$885,000
Flores, Jose A	37 Shurtleff Street Nt	37 Shurtleff St	\$910,000
Tamang, Rupesh	Sheppard, Andrew D	50 Prospect Ave	\$915,000
Sagastume, Estela D	Pineda, Christine	57 Cherry St	\$415,000
Parada, Maria Y	Heben, Rossymar	57 Prospect Ave	\$610,000
Dwesmarais Jr, Robert	Tanner, Christen S	66 Captains Row #66	\$699,990
Leon, Genaro A	Swartz, April	78 Addison St #B	\$377,000

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CHRISTMAS IS FAST APPROACHING, BUT THERE'S STILL TIME TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just a week away. We realize that the compressed holiday shopping season has put even more pressure than usual on all of us, but we hope that all of our readers can find the time to remember those in need this holiday season.

The stock market may be booming and unemployment may be near an all-time low, but there was the depressing news this past week that homelessness among Americans once again has increased in the past year and millions of American children (1 in 8) face food insecurity on a regular basis.

The cold, harsh reality for many Americans in 2024 is that the promise of benefitting from a booming economy still is only a dream, where even those who are lucky enough to work full-time are barely getting by thanks to the crushing-high cost of housing.

And for those who cannot find a job, or who are unable to work -- and especially for their children -- the holiday joy that most of us take for granted is just an illusion.

We recognize that in our hurry-hurry world where we barely have time to think, the Christmas season brings with it the onslaught of last-minute shopping and holiday preparations. But we urge all of our readers who have the means to do so to take a brief "time-out" in order to consider doing something to make the holiday season a bit brighter for those who are less fortunate.

We can assure our readers that any gift of charity that we make, whether it be to a Toys for Tots program or to a Salvation Army Santa (the Salvation Army provided services to 27 million Americans last year) or a food bank donation, will be the most meaningful -- and most satisfying -- act that we can make this holiday season.

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE STARTED 80 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

It was 80 years ago this week that the final big battle of WWII in Western Europe -- the Battle of the Bulge -- got underway.

In brief, the Battle of the Bulge marked a last-ditch counter-offensive by the German Army against the U.S. and its allies as the allies advanced through Belgium and toward Germany. The German attack, which caught the Americans by surprise, earned its name from the "bulge" that the sudden German thrust created in the middle of the American line in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium.

The battle was immortalized in the 1965 movie, The Battle of the Bulge, and then 40 years later in the great HBO series Band of Brothers, which followed the exploits of E Company of the fabled 101st Airborne Division, including its crucial role in the defense of the Belgian town of Bastogne where General Anthony McAuliffe uttered the famous, one-word declaration word, "Nuts!" in response to a demand for him to surrender from the German commander who had surrounded the Americans. The 101st Airborne hung on, against all odds and a militarily-superior enemy, stalling the German offensive until General George Patton arrived with reinforcements.

Soldiers fought in brutal winter conditions against a ruthless German enemy that literally was taking no prisoners -- the Nazis executed hundreds of captured American soldiers during the engagement. Altogether, the U.S. Army lost approximately 19,000 men and suffered 75,000 total casualties in what became the United States' deadliest single World War II battle, which extended from December 16, 1944, to January 16, 1945. When the battle was over, so too for all intents and purposes were the Germans, whose surrender occurred less than four months later.

The reason we wish to make note of this epic battle is because in some of our sister newspapers, we write a weekly "Through the Years" column. In our Revere newspaper, it was noted that seven Revere families were notified this week 80 years ago that their sons, husbands, and fathers had been killed in action.

We today can only imagine the profound and deep sense of grief and sadness that enveloped entire communities all across the country as the telegrams from the War Department were delivered by the thousands to families informing them of the loss of their loved ones over those terrible four weeks.

In addition, it occurred to us that so few of the Greatest Generation, including our own uncles and fathers who served in that war, are still alive today. All of the members of Easy Company have passed away.

We do so in hopes of acknowledging the debt we owe to the brave soldiers who gave their lives in the forests and on the fields of Belgium 80 years ago, with the hope that we might fulfill the sentiments expressed by Abraham Lincoln in the Gettysburg Address: "...that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

Forum



DiDomenico celebrates Economic Development bill signing with Governor Healey and officials

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined Governor Healey at the Ragon Institute for a ceremonial signing & celebration of the Economic Development bill. This sweeping new law authorizes nearly \$4 billion into the Commonwealth's economy while making wide-ranging policy changes to make Massachusetts more competitive.

"It was a pleasure to celebrate this massive win for my district and our state with the Governor in

Cambridge," Senator Sal DiDomenico. "Among the many things this law does, I am most excited about the \$10 million in local funding I secured for my district, language I included that will allow for the construction of a transformational soccer stadium and waterfront park in Everett, significant investments in life sciences, and a new provision empowering public agencies and municipalities to enter into project labor agreements. I want to thank Governor Healey, Senate President Spilka, and members of



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Governor Maura Healey

the conference committee for my residents and our entire state." for helping pass this important piece of legislation



Governor Healey signing the Economic Development bill.

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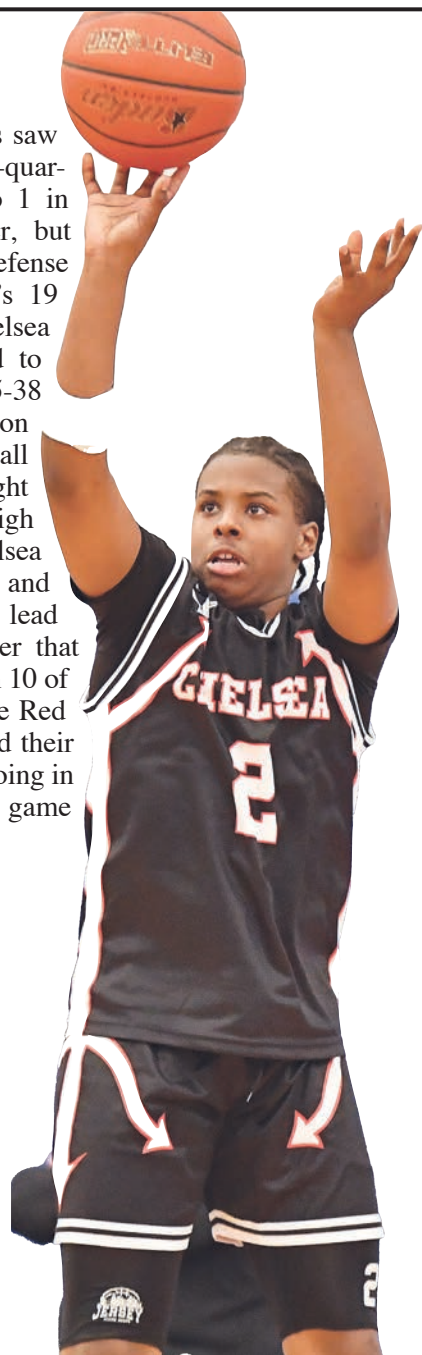
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RED DEVILS 45-38 OVER SOMERVILLE

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

The Red Devils saw an 11-point third-quarter lead shrink to 1 in the fourth quarter, but solid late-game defense and Moe Osman's 19 points gave Chelsea all it would need to tip Somerville 45-38 in Greater Boston League basketball action Tuesday night at Somerville High School. Chelsea heated up quickly and ran out to a 19-14 lead after a first quarter that saw Osman toss in 10 of his 19-points. The Red Devils have started their GBL season 2-0 going in Thursday night's game at Lynn Classical.



Moe Osman flips a pass.



Moe Osman sets his sights on the basket and drives past Somerville's Jaycob Underwood-Roche.



George Chappelle battles his way toward the basket.

Geo Fernandes Brito has the right touch for three of his 12 points on the night.



JJ Williams gets some lift into his drive to the basket.



Makhi Brown controls a rebound.



Brouk Ephrem (24) watches a rebound sail out of reach.



Moses Karenzo (1) vies for position under the basket as he is guarded by Somerville's Danny Schmidt (30).

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School Committee honors departing finance director Monica Lamboy

By Adam Swift

The School Committee and the administration honored Director of Administration and Finance Monica Lamboy at its meeting last week.

Lamboy is leaving the district at the end of the month after almost seven years as its finance director to take a new role as a deputy city manager in Randolph.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta praised Lamboy for not only her financial oversight and attention to detail, but for stepping up for the community and the schools as a whole.

"I had just gotten here, and within a couple of months, the Covid pandemic hit us," said Abeyta. "I saw Monica go into a whole different mode."

Lamboy immediately began thinking of the students and the families and ways to make sure they were fed during the pandemic, Abeyta said, and within days the district had a system set up to start feeding families.

"Monica is more than just a financial, business, budget, money person; she has a really big heart," said Abeyta.

The superintendent said she was also grateful that the district had a financial officer that made sure everyone stayed fiscally responsible and informed about the budget.

"I will miss your expertise because you are a jack of all trades, you really do have a different perspective in many areas," said Abeyta.

School Committee

Chair Ana Hernandez said she was initially nervous when Lamboy came in to replace the former, long-time finance director, but that her concerns were soon eased.

"Monica came in and showed us that we could do it and she did it very well," said Hernandez. "She gave us such detail and could explain everything we needed explained and answer every question."

School Committee member Dr. Sarah Neville said Lamboy had to deal with not only the Covid pandemic during her time in the district, but also handling the Covid relief funds and the funds associated with the Student Opportunity Act.

During last week's school committee meeting, Abeyta also recognized three district employees with Name, Strength, and Story awards. The award honors people in the school system who are building relationships with students.

Crossing guard Emmanuel Garcia was recognized for positive attitude and always greeting students and parents with a smile.

Chelsea High School ELA teacher Denise Grannis was recognized for her attention to detail and engagement with the students in her classes.

High school internship coordinator and La Vida coordinator Jacquelyn Boyd was recognized for going above and beyond for students in the district and for sharing her passion for flying with students.



CHS Teacher Denise Grannis – High school teacher Denise Grannis received a Name, Strength, and Story award from the school committee last week.



Business and finance director Monica Lamboy was recognized for her nearly seven years of service to the district by the school committee last week.



Crossing Guard Emmanuel Garcia – Chelsea schools crossing guard Emmanuel Garcia received a Name, Strength, and Story award from the school committee at its meeting last week.



OBITUARIES

Donald "Tim" Russell

Retired Machinist and late member of the Winnisimmet and Irish Clubs of Chelsea

Donald "Tim" H. Russell passed away Wednesday morning, December 11, 2024 at the Melrose Wakefield Hospital. He was 85 years of age. Born and raised in Chelsea, he was a lifelong resident of this city.

The dear son of the late Stafford H. and Grace M. Russell, Donald attended Chelsea Public Schools. He enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps during Peacetime and was honorably discharged on April 15, 1960. Donald was a retired machinist, dedicating over 30 years at New England Biltrite. He was a late member of the Winnisimmet and Irish Club's in Chelsea. Donald loved to cook, socialize and he enjoyed watching or going to see his Boston sports teams.

Donald was the beloved father of Kimberly A. Goodwin and her husband, Robert of Saugus, Kristin J. Russell and her husband, John Pelerossi of Florida and Dawn M. Nelson and her husband, Carl Jr. of Saugus. He was the husband of the late Rita M. (Dupuis) Russell and former husband of the late Diane E. DiMare, with whom he shared his three daughters and the brother of the late Barbara Mufford. Donald is lovingly survived by three grandchildren, Ashely D. Nelson, Gabrielle M. Good-



win and James C. Nelson, all of Saugus. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Saturday, December 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. Funeral services will follow the visitation in the Funeral Home at 11 a.m. A.M. Services will conclude with entombment in the Versailles Mausoleum at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Donald's memory may be made to St. Jude's at ALSAC/St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or on-line at www.stjude.org

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Olivia Anne Walsh, Esq.

Dedicated member of the Massachusetts Bar for over 30 years

Olivia Anne Walsh, Esq., a respected member of the Chelsea community, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 72 on November 6, 2024.

Born and raised in Mattapan, she was the beloved daughter of the late John and Helen (Danahy) Walsh. Olivia proudly served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1972.

After her military service, Olivia returned to Mattapan and pursued her education at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, Suffolk University, Boston, and the New England School of Law, Boston, where she earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence. She was a dedicated member of the Massachusetts Bar for over 30 years.

Olivia resided at the Soldiers Home in Chelsea for many years, where she also worked as a Social Worker. In addition to her law practice, she served as a Legislative Chief of Staff to a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Olivia was deeply involved in her community, serving as a member of the City of Chelsea Human Rights Commission, Chair of the Chelsea Ward 4 Democratic Committee, and Commander of the Chelsea Disabled American



Veterans Chapter 10. She was also active with the Neighborhood Developers and Green Roots.

Olivia was a frequent attendee and communicant at St. Michael's Chapel in Chelsea. Her contributions to her community and her dedication to her profession and service will be remembered by all who knew her.

Olivia is lovingly survived by her children: John J. Walsh, Emily L. Walsh, and Kathleen E. "Kate" Walsh and her brother, Chris Walsh.

Family and friends are most kindly invited to attend a Funeral Mass with Military Honors for Atty. Olivia Anne Walsh at St Michael the Archangel Chapel, 91 Crest Ave., Chelsea (Soldiers Home) today, Thursday, December 19th at 11 a.m. following the Mass, Olivia will be placed to rest at the Massachusetts national Cemetery in Bourne.

To send expressions of sympathy, visit www.welshfh.com.

Ellen (Meyrelles) Poulos

Retired MGH Medical Transcriber

Ellen H. (Meyrelles) Poulos entered into eternal rest Thursday morning, December 12, 2024 at the Brudnick Center for the Living in Peabody. She was 97 years of age.

Born in Somerville, Ellen was the daughter of the late Asdrubal and Helen (Ferris) Meyrelles. She grew up in Medford, attended Medford public schools and graduated from Medford High School in 1945.

A longtime resident of Chelsea, she was a retired medical transcriber, having worked at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for many years. Ellen was a great writer, and she enjoyed writing poetry. She volunteered helping special needs children and she was a volunteer tutor helping people learning the English language. She will be fondly missed by all who loved and cherished her.

Ellen is the former wife of the late Charles Poulos; devoted mother of Faith Hazelton and her husband, Joseph of Lynn and the late Frederick Poulos; mother-in-law of Mariana Poulos of California. Ellen was predeceased by her siblings: Kenneth Meyrelles, Thelma Meisse and her husband, Edward and Lorraine Countie and her husband, Joseph; be-



loved grandmother of Rebecca Hazelton and her husband, Dereck Blackburn of Bedford, Rachel Davis and her husband, Ryan of Danvers and Giovanna Poulos of California. She is also lovingly survived by three great grandchildren, Alexandra, Ava, and Aiden and many nieces, nephews and their children.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Wednesday, December 18 followed by funeral services in the Funeral Home. Services concluded with interment at Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford.

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Alexis Villanueva Hernandez

January 20, 1982 - December 11, 2024

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours for Alexis Villanueva Hernandez in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Tuesday, who, at 42 years of age, passed away unexpectedly in his home on Wednesday, December 11th.

A beloved son of Luz Hernandez Villanueva and Primitivo "Tivi" Villanueva, he was born in Aguada, Puerto Rico and grew up in Chelsea where he attended local schools. Medically disabled for several years, earlier he worked as a construction laborer in the building trades.

He is lovingly survived by his parents, and daughters, Alexandra Villanue-



va, and Sophia Villanueva. He was the dear brother of Jannette Lopez and her husband, Andy, Katria, Carmen, and Mirayda Villanueva, and the late Luis Angel "Curio" Villanueva. Alexis is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

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the Board of Chelsea, the City enacted more stringent tobacco regulations, as well as a city-wide ban of artificial trans fats in all food service establishments – the first such ban in the United States," it states in the resolution. "Dr. Xerras also played an important role in the City's

response to the Covid-19 pandemic, personally assisting with quarantine residents at a hotel in Revere."

Several councilors praised Xerras for his dedication to the city, especially for his efforts during the Covid pandemic.

Scholarship // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ognizing their names, strengths, and stories. They offer comprehensive support across academic, social-emotional, college/career, and family engagement domains," added Director of School Counseling Ellen Kokinidis, M.Ed. "We are immensely proud of these remarkable students and wish them every success as they embark on this exciting journey!"

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John J. Gallant Sr.

His work as a first responder was his life's devotion

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting

hours for John J. Gallant, Sr in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Saturday, December 21st from 1 to 3 p.m. At the age of 63, John passed away suddenly on Tuesday, December 10th at the Whidden Memorial Hospital after being stricken in his home.

Born in Chelsea, John was one of seven children of the late John and Marie (Wyman) Gallant. He was a lifelong resident of Chelsea where he attended local schools and raised his family. He served proudly in the US Army and was honorably discharged in 1985.

John was currently working with Cataldo Ambulance Service as a chair car operator and patient transfer specialist. His work as a first responder was his life's devotion. He was also a member of the former French Naturalization Club, where he was a favored nighttime DJ.

He was the devoted father of Terry Godfrey and her husband, Lester of Beverly and John J. Gallant, Jr., special uncle of Theresa Gallant, and



cherished grandfather of Vianna, Mackenzie and Isaac Godfrey, and Ronin Anderson-Gallant; loved brother of Margaret Carpenter of Revere, Nancy Welch of New Hampshire, James Gallant of New York and the late Betty Duerden, Ann Gallant, and Bernard "Butchie" Gallant. He is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

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BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

BRUINS LOOK TO EXTEND WIN STREAK

When the Bruins' current five-game road trip was about to begin, many of the comments heard were - this trip will tell us what this Boston hockey team is made of.

ly, with a lack of discipline, offense, and just overall play. Next up, Vancouver, with Swayman back in net, the locals were able to turn the final score around by dominating the Canucks and posting a 5-1 win for themselves.

being down a pair of goals, Boston seemed to pick up their game, and the unassisted goal (4) by former Flames player Elias Lindholm appeared to breathe some life for the Bs, and cut the deficit to 2-1 before the end of the second period.



which ignited a pair of goals, one by Morgan Geekie (6), cutting the deficit to 3-2, and less than three-minutes later, Marc McLaughlin tied up the game with his second goal in two games, and the need for overtime.

was the lone penalty called in the game was against Calgary's Joel Hanley for tripping Lindholm in the third period. With no penalties assessed against Boston, there was no wasted energy needed for penalty kills, and Sacco was able to utilize his line changes without interruption.

day at 9:00pm), where they will take on the Oilers, and try to increase their current 17-13-3 record, and extend their win streak to three games.

Concerns // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

(RECC). Revere is currently pursuing a renovation of that city's McKinley School which could house a dispatch center for all three communities.

"We understand this is a big shift for our community," stated Maltez. "I would like to emphasize that public safety is our number one priority, and we will ensure that any regionalization results in the improved safety of our residents.

During the public speaking portion of Monday's meeting, Christine

Pawlak, representing the union that represents the city's E911 dispatchers, said she and her coworkers feel like they were blindsided when they first heard about the potential plan.

"We got word of this thing happening by reading the Chelsea Record," said Pawlak. "We didn't hear from anyone in our city, not our director, the city manager, or any councilor."

Pawlak said the dispatchers strongly oppose the regionalization plan and urged the council that they be included in any subcommittee meeting on the issue.

"We are good at our jobs and we get things done fast," said Pawlak.

She said the Chelsea dispatchers are intimately knowledgeable about the city, its geography, and its people and that service could suffer if it is divided between multiple communities.

"Chelsea deserves to have its own center, and we are dedicated people," Pawlak said.

In the letter to the council, Maltez said he would like to see the union members involved so they could share their concerns.

Maltez said the city will also invite Rob Verdone, who oversees the South-eastern Massachusetts Regional District, which includes four communities. Verdone worked as the assistant 911 director in Chelsea for several years.

CHS Roundup

CHS boys open season with wins over Malden, Somerville

The Chelsea High boys basketball team has opened its 2025 season on a high note, posting victories over Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Malden and Somerville this past week.

In last Thursday's contest with Malden at the CHS gym, the Red Devils turned in what head coach Cesar Castro termed "a great game" to earn a 62-48 triumph over the Golden Tornadoes.

way with 25 points and five assists and fellow junior captain Moe Osman delivered a powerful double-double with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

This past Tuesday at Somerville, the Red Devils came home with a 44-38 victory, with Osman topping the scoring column with 19 points.

"It was a battle," said Castro. "This was our first game on the road and I know the boys were anxious. I told them our style of defense is what will win us the game. Our goal was to limit Somerville to 40 points and we did that. I

was proud of them.

"This is a special group," Castro continued. "They are very unselfish. The kids have gotten older and more mature. They are bought in. We have four seniors, six juniors, and three sophomores. We have always preached about stacking days brick-by-brick. Those bricks are starting to fall into place now, as my head assistant coach Armani Cheek would say.

"Our main goal is to try to hold teams to 12 points a quarter," Castro added.

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Re:Canadian Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Broadway Variety 2 469 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, January 9, 2025

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for number of parking spaces, front yard setback and lot size at the premises known as: 73 Library Street

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

regarding the approval of two (2) temporary parking spaces at 170 Cottage Street for Alternative Creative Energy & HVAC Inc.

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review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at www.biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified.

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NOTICE In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on November 20, 2024, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations:

space in front of the Library, on Broadway, onto Marlboro Street. To post a handicap sign at 184 Chester Avenue. To post a handicap sign at 89A Webster Avenue. To remove a handicap sign at 32 Eden Street. To post a handicap sign at 46 Shawmut Street. To post a handicap sign at 58 Grove Street. To remove a handicap sign at 11 Heard Street. Jeannette Cintron White Parking Clerk 12/19/24

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“We have been doing a great job on defense.”

Castro and his crew are scheduled to travel to Lynn Classical this evening (Thursday) for a 7:00 encounter with the Rams.

“This will be a dog fight -- another tough road game,” Castro noted. “We are trying to go 3-0 into the break.”

The varsity roster for the 2025 edition of the Red Devils is as follows:

1. Moe Osman #22 junior
2. JJ Williams #5 junior
3. Moses Karenzo #1 junior
4. Geo Brito #2 sophomore
5. Christian Colon #11 senior
6. Nathan Ramos Quijada #12 junior
7. Yerial Carpio #10 junior
8. Michael Fortune #4 senior
9. George Chappelle #0 sophomore
10. Brouk Ephrem #24 junior
11. Bryan Beloso #3 senior
- 12 .Felipe Franco #15 senior
13. Mahki Brown #32 sophomore

Simon shines at Winter Festival Meet

Chelsea High track star Thania Simon turned in a pair of outstanding performances at this past Saturday’s MSTCA Small School Winter Festival track and field meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Roxbury.

Thania, who is a sophomore, finished in third

place in the 300 meter dash with a time of 44.51 and then earned fourth-place in the long jump with a leap of 15’-10.75”.

Two other Red Devils also came through with superb efforts to crack the top-5 of the competition. Senior Ariel Chacon-Aracena finished in third place in the shot-put with a toss of 47’-07.50.” On the girls’ side, senior Kiara Ramirez-Villata’s throw of 30’-2” was good for fourth place in the shot.

Other strong performances by Chelsea boys included senior Kyle Leong’s 12th-place finish in the 1000 in 3:06.50; sophomore Xavier Guzman’s 14th-place finish in the 300 with a clocking of 1:35.42. senior Sherwin Kim’s 21st-place effort in the 55 hurdles in a time of 10.13; junior Bryan Amaya-Yanes’s 28th-place finish in the 600 in 1:38.70; senior Eric Anderson’s 23rd-place finish in the two-mile in 12:36.26; and junior Kevin Romero-Molina’s 21st-place shot-put toss of 36’-3.75.”

For the girls’ side, notable efforts came from sophomore Hazel Hatleberg, who finished in the 22nd spot in the 1000 with a clocking of 3:50.25, and senior Lauren Nadow, who came across in 32nd-place in the 55 hurdles in 11.49.

Both teams are scheduled to open their 2025 Greater Boston League dual-meet season this evening (Thursday) against Malden at the Reggie, which will be the venue for all of the GBL’s meets in 2025.

Chelsea BOH votes to adopt nicotine-free generation regulations

By Adam Swift

The Chelsea Board of Health voted unanimously at its Dec. 10th meeting to adopt the nicotine-free generation regulations, joining the small number of municipalities in Massachusetts that prohibit the sale of nicotine products to anyone born on or after January 1, 2004. The regulations will go into effect Jan. 1, 2025.

In addition, the board of health voted to limit the sale of Oral Nicotine pouches to adult only retail stores only, effective January 1, 2025. Retail establishments that are not licensed as Adult Only Retail stores will have a period of 3 months (until March 31, 2025) to sell-down or remove nicotine pouches from their store.

The board of health vote last week came after a public hearing in November.

Board members said they took into account input from residents and businesses, both positive and negative, before taking the vote on the new regulations.

Some of those opposed

to the regulations stated they would hurt small, local businesses.

“History has shown us that prohibition doesn’t work,” stated Chris Duffy previously. Duffy is the CEO of James J Duffy Inc., a wholesale distributor of convenience goods.

“Attempts to curb nicotine and tobacco use through outright bans tend to shift sales to illicit markets rather than reduce overall usage,” he stated. “Despite Massachusetts’ 2019 ban on flavored tobacco products, youth are still accessing these products through online sources and illegal channels, bypassing responsible, law-abiding retailers in Chelsea. A ban has not prevented access for those determined to obtain these products; it has simply re-directed sales. Prohibiting licensed retailers in Chelsea from selling adult-use products to adults, whether they’re 21 or 81, won’t resolve the issue.”

In addition, Duffy stated that the policy penalizes Chelsea’s retailers—most of whom he said follow strict ID checks for adult products—and slowly de-

values their businesses by pushing customers to surrounding towns.

Board of health member Dr. Dean Xerras said boards of health are appointed or elected bodies that are responsible for looking out for the health and wellbeing of the communities they serve. He said the boards can enact more restrictive health regulations as long as they do not violate state law.

Over his nearly 20 years on the board, Xerras said it has enacted regulations regarding leather processing by businesses in the city, has banned artificial trans-fats, and raised the minimum age for the sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21.

“I think we did our due process, and I think what is important to remember is this board of appointed officials has the right to do this,” Xerras said.

Board of Health Chair Dr. Israel Molina said the role of the board is principally managing and making proposals that affect the health of Chelsea residents.

“Although it can affect business, that is not our

primary motive in what we do or do not pass,” said Molina. “Hopefully, the city can help support businesses in the community.”

In September 2023, the board of health banned tobacco products that were labeled as non-menthol but marketed to people who purchase menthol flavors. This decision helped lead to a statewide ban of these products by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in 2024.

This local action coincides with broader statewide efforts to address nicotine use. A recent announcement revealed that nicotine-free generation legislation is set to be introduced in the Massachusetts legislature in January 2025, signaling growing momentum for this public health initiative, according to city officials.

The board of health encourages businesses and residents to review the new regulations and prepare for their implementation. For more information, contact the Chelsea Board of Health at (617) 466-4090.

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**CITY OF CHELSEA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 5, the Chelsea City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 6th, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 to discuss proposed amendments to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance, Sections 34-300 “Table of Principal Uses,” which would allow “enclosed seafood processing, seafood packing and packaging, seafood loading and seafood distribution” in the Industrial (I) zoning district by Special Permit. Copies of the proposed amendment are available for inspection in the City Clerk’s office during normal City Hall business hours. Narieliz DeJesus President, Chelsea City Council

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LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE

In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on December 16, 2024, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt

the following orders: Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 64, budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY24 were not paid and are owed to the vendors, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY25 budget as noted, the Chelsea City Council authorizes the following expenditures to satisfy the unpaid balances that total \$2,270.83 from prior years Ordered, that the authorized but unissued

borrowing in the amount of \$3,380,000.00, originally authorized by the Chelsea City Council on June 8, 2020 in the amount of \$6,000,000.00, pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8, for the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Beacham/Williams Corridor Reconstruction Project, be rescinded. Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 64, budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY24 were not paid and are owed to the vendors,

and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY25 budget as noted, the Chelsea City Council authorizes the following expenditures to satisfy the unpaid balances that total \$730.14 from prior years Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CITY OF CHELSEA ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY-RELATED BUILDING CLOSURES

To provide its employees with ample time to relax, travel, and celebrate the holidays, the City of Chelsea has announced its public buildings will be closed from Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 2 p.m. through Thursday, Dec. 26, at 8 a.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 2 p.m. through Thursday, Jan. 2, at 8 a.m.

The City will also suspend all parking enforcement on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 2 p.m. resuming on Friday, Dec. 27 at 8 a.m. In addition, enforcement will be paused on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. and will resume on Friday, Jan. 3 at 8 a.m.

Curbside trash and recycling collection will not take place on Wednesday, Dec. 25, or Wednesday, Jan. 1.

The City also suspended parking meter enforcement in the downtown area from Dec. 9 through the end of 2024 to support local businesses during the holiday season and provide relief for the community following downtown construction. This initia-

tive aims to encourage residents and visitors to shop locally, giving a boost to downtown businesses during the busy holiday shopping season.

While parking meters will not be enforced downtown, the City will continue to enforce the two-hour maximum parking rule in this area to promote turnover and ensure ample parking for all who wish to visit downtown.

LICENSE COMMISSION APPROVES EXTENDED NEW YEAR’S EVE HOURS

The city’s license commission approved extended hours for restaurants and bars on New Year’s Eve at its regular meeting last week.

As has been the case in past years, licensed liquor-serving establishments will be allowed to stay open until 2 a.m. on New Year’s Eve.

According to Chelsea police, there have not been any issues in the past several years with the establishments remaining open for an additional hour on New Year’s Eve.

Chelsea's Professional Service Directory

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REAL ESTATE		<p>1 col. x 2 inches \$10/wk</p>	
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Oportunidad de lista de espera de PBV

Programa de vales basados en proyectos de la Sección 8 de Chelsea Housing

La CHA anuncia que una lista de espera basada en el sitio para vales basados en proyectos está abierta para:

CARITAS SOLO OCUPACIÓN EN HABITACIÓN INDIVIDUAL

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA QUE, A PARTIR DEL 2 de enero de 2025, LA CHA ABRIRÁ LA LISTA DE ESPERA PARA EL PROGRAMA DE VALES BASADOS EN PROYECTOS DE LA SECCIÓN 8 DEL ESTADO FEDERAL

Las solicitudes solo se aceptarán desde el jueves 2 de enero de 2025 hasta el viernes 31 de enero de 2025. Todas las solicitudes deben recibirse a más tardar a las 12 p. m. del viernes 31 de enero de 2025.

Usted puede calificar si su ingreso familiar bruto es menor a:

Tamaño total de la familia	1
Límites de ingresos	\$57,100

las solicitudes estarán disponibles en la autoridad de vivienda de chelsea y se pueden solicitar llamando al coordinador de la oficina principal al (617) 409-5310

también se alienta a los solicitantes a presentar su solicitud en línea en www.chelseaha.com

también estamos aceptando solicitudes por correo de ee. uu., por fax y entregándola en el buzón de entrega en la oficina principal.

no se aceptarán solicitudes antes del 2 de enero de 2025, ni después del 31 de enero de 2025, a las 12:00 p.m.

Si usted es una persona con una discapacidad, tiene derecho a solicitar una adaptación razonable. Las solicitudes para personas con discapacidades se enviarán por correo postal o por vía electrónica si se las solicita a la CHA y se permitirá la presentación de dichas solicitudes por correo postal o por vía electrónica, tal como se indicó anteriormente.

El hecho de no presentar una solicitud para esta nueva lista de PBV no tendrá efecto en las selecciones actuales para cualquier otra lista de espera de CHA. Se proporcionan servicios de traducción a pedido.

Las solicitudes se clasificarán en la lista de espera por fecha y hora de solicitud y de acuerdo con las categorías de preferencia establecidas.

Tenga en Cuenta: se aceptarán solicitudes sin importar raza, color, credo, religión, sexo, origen nacional, orientación sexual, identidad de género o estado civil.



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PBV Waiting List Opportunity

Chelsea Housing Authority Section 8 Project Based Voucher Program

The CHA announces that a Project Based Voucher Site-based Wait List is open for:

CARITAS SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY ONLY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AS OF January 2, 2025, THE CHA WILL OPEN THE WAITING LIST FOR FEDERAL SECTION 8 PROJECT BASED VOUCHER PROGRAM

Applications will only be accepted from Thursday, January 2, 2025, to Friday, January 31, 2025. All applications must be received not later than 12 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2025

You may qualify if your gross family income is less than:

Total Family Size	1
Income Limits	\$57,100

APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND CAN BE REQUESTED BY CALLING THE FRONT OFFICE COORDINATOR AT (617) 409-5310

APPLICANTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.CHELSEAHA.COM

WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS BY U.S. MAIL, BY FAX, AND BY DROP-OFF TO THE MAIN OFFICE'S ON-SITE DROP-BOX.

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2025, NOR AFTER AND LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2025, AT 12:00PM

If you are a person with a disability, you have the right to request a reasonable accommodation. Applications for people with disabilities will be mailed or sent electronically upon request made to the CHA and submission of such applications by mail or electronically will be allowed as noted above.

Failure to apply for this new PBV list will have no effect on current selections for any other CHA wait list. Translation services provided upon request.

Applications will be ranked on the wait list by date and time of application and in accordance with established preference categories.

PLEASE NOTE: APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, OR MARITAL STATUS.