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## A PRAYER FOR BETTER DAYS



PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL



The Chelsea Collaborative for decades has become a place to go for help, whether immigration issues, youth jobs, rental assistance or workers' rights. However, unlike ever before, the organization has moved to helping to keep people fed by having two food distribution pantries per work staffed by volunteers and some of their employees. Lines of people waiting for a box of food snake through Broadway, Third Street, Chestnut Street and into the Cherry Street alley. Here, Fernando Bermudez moves a box of food down a tabletop conveyor belt in the hallway of the former office. Before the distribution crew moved outside to hand off the boxes, they stopped for a group prayer. Finally, a resident outside on the sidewalk shoulders a box after waiting several hours. See Page 5 for more photos.



## Collaborative helps with distribution and assistance

By Seth Daniel

Hundreds of hungry people waited outside the Chelsea Collaborative last Thursday evening.

They had started waiting in line at 1:30 p.m. for a 5 p.m. start — just to get one box of food to take home.

Inside, scores of volunteers had been scurrying about the former office — now turned food distribution center — packing boxes and making bags of fruit and setting up the human conveyor belt system that the organization has perfected over the past six

weeks of COVID-19 life.

But first, before the hit the 'Go' button, they stopped.

"We have to pray first," said Martitia, a long-time staffer there.

Gathering around the table of food in boxes, about 30 volunteers reached out to God to end this madness, to stop this pandemic, to ease the suffering outside their doors twice — sometimes three — times a week.

Speaking in Spanish, they lifted up a prayer for about two minutes.

Then they moved fast until there was no food left to

give.

"We cry, we prepare and we run, then we do it all over again," said Collaborative Director Gladys Vega, who had been at the hospital last Thursday after severely slicing her wrist on a food pallet. "We don't have time to deal with this emotionally. We run and get the food, we deliver the food and we cry with the people. We just don't have time to process things. It hasn't been easy at all."

The Collaborative closed up on March 20 due to the

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## Community service at its best, Metro's Rizzuto is still keeping busy

By Cary Shuman

If this were normal times, Saritin Rizzuto likely would have attended a breakfast meeting in the early morning, presided over a committee planning a charity fundraiser, and then reached out to community organizers to see how



Saritin Rizzuto, Metro Credit Union vice president of emerging populations and community relations.

she could advance their cause.

If there were a Chamber of Commerce or Rotary Club function tonight, Saritin Rizzuto would have been there front and center representing Metro Credit

Union, the highly respected financial institution headquartered in Chelsea.

But these are different times for Saritin Rizzuto and so many other community leaders. The COVID-19 health crisis has changed everything.

"It's been craziness, never in my lifetime that I thought we would be in this type of situation," said Rizzuto, Metro Credit Union vice president of emerging populations and community relations. "Every day is a new experience."

Rizzuto has been working from her house in Wakefield, where she has been home-schooling her

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## Suddenly there's a race

State Representative race features Charlestown and Chelsea candidate

By Seth Daniel

With the deadline for Nomination Papers for state offices coming this Tuesday, suddenly a race has emerged in the 2nd Suffolk House of Representatives district — which includes Charlestown and most of Chelsea.

State Rep. Dan Ryan pulled Nomination Papers several months ago and turned in his signatures prior to the pandemic, collecting more signatures recently, and qualifying for the ballot, according to the Secretary of State's office.

This week, in a rather sudden move, Chelsea City Councilor Damali Vidot announced that she had gathered the required signatures electronically and planned to mount a campaign for the seat as well.

The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) ruled last month there should be an extension for the signature deadline and a relaxation of the signature requirements to accommodate social distancing measures. That ruling allowed candidates to gather less than the normally required signatures — now 75 — and to be able to do that electronically rather than in-person signatures.

The seat would be decided in the September Democratic Primary election, as

both are Democrats. That election is the day after Labor Day, but does feature a high-profile race for U.S. Senate between Senator Ed Markey and Congressman Joe Kennedy III.

Ryan, who has held the seat since 2014, said he welcomes the challenge and is ready to begin the campaign in a time of 'new normal.'

"I welcome this opportunity to discuss my record as a legislator and humanitarian," he said. "This collective crisis we are faced with presents an opportunity to pull together. We need to continue to unite, work in the trenches and deliver services for the people of Chelsea, Charlestown and the Commonwealth. That is my history. That is the leadership that I have always brought to the table, a table that has always had room for one more chair. This I pledge to the people of Chelsea and Charlestown."

Vidot — who was the Council President in Chelsea through 2019 — has worked well with Ryan over the years, she said, but felt like state leadership hasn't been what it should be.

"I love my community," she said. "There is no limit to what I'd do to advocate for the community...I want

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## Chamber director steps up

Rich Cuthie assisting local businesses

By Cary Shuman

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce office on Broadway may be closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, but its executive director Rich Cuthie's office is open.

Cuthie's home office is actually not far from downtown Chelsea. And it is from his home that Cuthie, a Chelsea resident since 2001, has been helping local businesses connect with resources that may help the business owners survive the financial implications of the COVID-19 crisis.

Cuthie, 54, has emerged as one of the unsung heroes during the city's response to the pandemic, reaching out to assist businesses large and small, Chamber members and non-members, offering his support and expertise to them during a time of financial hardship.

"The loans and stimulus payments from the federal government are just one piece of the process," said Cuthie.

Cuthie's individual consultations with business owners include important questions such as: whether they own or rent their



Rich Cuthie, executive director of the Chelsea Chamber of Chamber, has been assisting local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

premises; whether their rent has been paid; whether they have talked to their landlord about negotiating rent payments or postponements; or whether they have any business insurance premiums or outstanding loans.

"Those are the type of questions we're asking to business owners and finding out how we might be able to help," said Cuthie.

He is also talking with business owners about SBA loans, Economic Injury Disaster Loans, and the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

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## Over the Flattened Curve?

CHA Everett doctors hoping the slowdown continues

By Seth Daniel

On the weekly Boston-area hospital network calendar, the color-code for CHA Everett has been bright red for weeks — meaning they have been jam-packed with patients seeking treatment for COVID-19.

For the last several days, that color-code has moved down to orange and now yellow, meaning they have seen less volume. They hope one day soon it will be green — meaning they have space and the rush has eased.

For now though, yellow means restrained joy.

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## THIS SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

During this time of unprecedented upheaval because of the novel coronavirus pandemic, the rituals that most of us traditionally follow either have been eliminated or drastically changed because of the need to practice physical distancing.

So too, the manner in which we observe Mother's Day, which is this Sunday, May 10, will be different from all others before it. The traditional family get-togethers that we usually observe will be cancelled or modified to a great extent because of the situation in which we find ourselves.

However, it often is said that necessity is the mother of invention (no pun intended) and in that spirit we're sure that all of our readers will find a way to honor their mothers in some fashion, whether it be something as simple as a phone call or by a family gathering via Zoom.

Oftentimes, the smallest of gestures can mean the most.

We hope too, that Mother's Day this year will serve as a way for all of us to think about what is most important in our lives -- our family, friends, and loved ones -- as we struggle to make sense of these turbulent times amidst a pandemic.

We know we join with all of our readers in wishing all of our moms a happy Mother's Day.

## THIS IS NO TIME FOR HOOVERISM

Herbert Hoover had been President for about seven months when the stock market crashed in October, 1929. Although there have been many causes attributed to the onset of the Great Depression, the crash generally is viewed as the trigger point for what still rates as the greatest economic downturn in our nation's history.

However, even as the economy continued to sink in the aftermath of the crash, Hoover adopted a hands-off policy toward the economy. Although Herbert Hoover was a good man with lots of government experience prior to becoming president, he refused to take action of any kind, held back by a combination of a lack of imagination and his rigid, free-market view of the U.S. economy.

Hoover failed to recognize the severity of the situation or leverage the power of the federal government to address it. He was widely viewed as callous and insensitive toward the suffering of millions of desperate Americans.

By the time Hoover left office in early 1933, unemployment in the U.S. had reached 25% and millions of Americans literally were starving. The iconic photos from that era of Americans lined up for handouts from the soup kitchens that were operated by private charities still are seared into our collective memory even today.

What brought to mind the inaction of Herbert Hoover during the Great Depression were comments made this past Sunday by Lawrence Kudlow, the former TV personality who now is one of the chief economic advisers to President Trump.

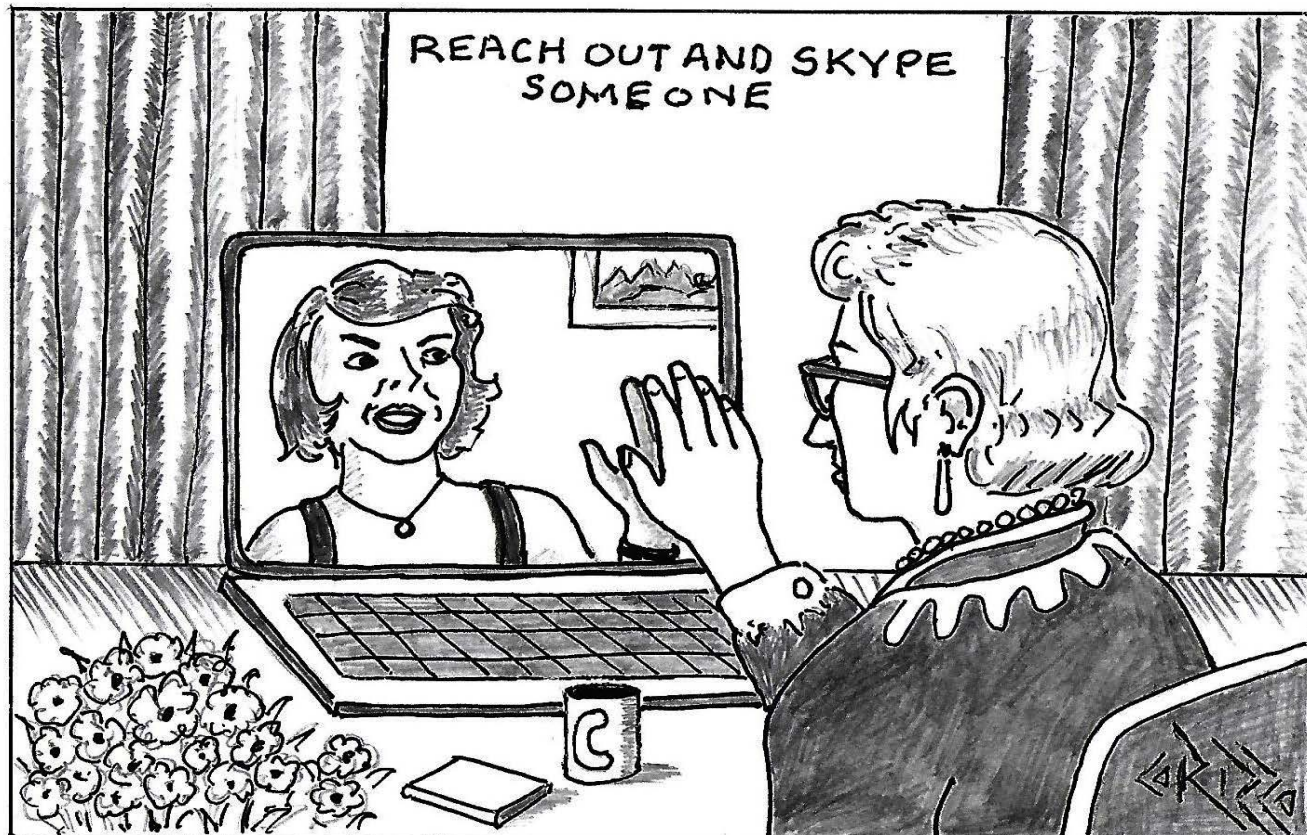
Basically, Kudlow said the Trump administration is taking a wait-and-see approach before committing to more federal support for Americans as the United States continues to weather the coronavirus crisis and the accompanying economic damage.

"Well, I don't want to get too far ahead of the story, Jake," Kudlow said to CNN's Jake Tapper. "There may well be additional legislation. There's a kind of pause period right now."

But "getting ahead" of this crisis precisely is what policymakers need to do. While it certainly is true that the federal government has spent trillions of dollars in various ways to assist Americans, it also is true that the degree of economic assistance -- as well as a coordinated plan -- that will be necessary simply to keep Americans fed during the ongoing crisis will require additional trillions of dollars as the economy plunges into free-fall without a parachute in the months ahead.

The lesson of the Great Depression is that a national government cannot be a passive bystander during a time of economic collapse. Speedy, forceful, and creative action is required today to prevent an already-calamitous situation from becoming worse tomorrow.

# Forum



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY... MAY 10.

GUEST OP-ED

## Assisting our small business community

By Senator Sal DiDomenico

As a State Senator, one of my greatest sources of pride has always been my district's small business community. I grew up in a small business, living above my parents' flower shop as a kid. My entire life, I witnessed the hard work and dedication it takes to run a small business, and the struggles that so many owners face. I have always understood that the backbone of our economy is our small business community, and today I have an intimate understanding of how much that community is hurting due to the fallout of the COVID-19 emergency.

Every day, I hear from family-owned businesses, restaurant owners, and small shops about the enormous toll this pandemic has had on their businesses and employees. While federal small business relief programs, like the Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loans, Express Bridge Loans, and Small Business Association Debt Relief have been made available to help our nation's small businesses, I also know that accessing these relief options has not been easy.

To my local small business community: please know I hear your concerns. I know that these are exceptionally challenging and frustrating times as you navigate your federal relief options. However, I want you to know that you do not need to face these difficult times alone. There are a number of technical assistance resources out there to help small business owners apply for and access relief, and I wanted to highlight a few that may be particularly helpful. Additionally, my office is always available to connect you with these programs that are assisting our small businesses.

First and foremost, the United States Small Business Administration's Boston District Office is available to provide financial and technical assistance to small business owners. The SBA works with a number of local partners to counsel, mentor, and train small businesses, and they can connect you with support provided by their Resource Partners, such as SCORE offices, Women's Business Centers, Small Business Development Centers and Veterans Business Outreach Centers. All of that information on assistance can be accessed on the

SBA's website.

On a local level, the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) COVID-19 Small Business Stabilization Network is offering small business support, including lending, financial education, and business coaching. This network consists of 48 Small Business Technical Assistance grantees and nonprofit organizations brought together by MGCC. Together, this network covers the whole state. Additionally, MGCC is supporting Massachusetts's small business owners by providing multilingual application assistance for the SBA's Paycheck Protection Programs. Small business owners interested in receiving help from the MGCC and the COVID-19 Small Business Stabilization Network should visit the MGCC website for details.

Another important resource that is available, especially for our district, is the Massachusetts Equitable Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Access Initiative. This initiative is committed to providing timely access to the Small Business Association PPP for underbanked businesses and historically disadvantaged demographic groups,

including people of color and women. A coalition of banks is committing to making PPP loans directly and a network of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) are providing technical assistance with loan applications. If you are a minority-owned business, you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Of course, these are only just a few highlights of technical assistance options that are available. The [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) website has a comprehensive list of COVID-19 resources and guidance for businesses that I encourage you to explore for a full overview.

Finally, please know that my office and the Massachusetts Senate are hard at work exploring all the options we can take to support our small business community. While we face a long road to recovery, I am fully committed to supporting the small businesses that have always made my district so vibrant over the years. I will continue advocating for our small businesses, and my office is always here to provide any assistance or guidance that they may need.

*Sal DiDomenico represents the city of Chelsea in the Massachusetts State Senate.*

GUEST OP-ED

## Covid-19 and Mother's Day

maybe 50% occupancy at best? Many states will still be closed tight this Sunday adding further pain to the economic dilemma of business owners across America. For some restaurants being closed this Sunday will be the nail in the coffin of their business.

This year to celebrate mom's day you still can patronize your favorite restaurant by ordering from them and bringing the food back home. This will still take some pressure off mom. Also, insist on cleaning up the mess when it's over. Mom shouldn't have to do

this on Mother's Day,

Overall this is the toughest Mother's Day we've had in America during my lifetime. So many millions are struggling financially. Buying a nice meal from a restaurant to take home to feed everyone is a stretch for many. With 70,000 or more deaths now due to Covid-19 this Mother's Day will be the hardest day ever for a lot of families. There will be an empty chair at the table. Millions of Americans have moms in nursing homes. Their moms are in danger of being exposed to Covid-19. People will probably not be able to visit mother because she is in the nursing home. This is painful. There are just so many distressing scenarios being played out around the world. From health care workers who are at risk, to unemployment and a new era of poverty hitting out country, to people just going crazy over social distancing.

The way to celebrate Mother's Day this year is don't forget. Don't distance yourself from this celebra-

tion. Honor mom while you have her. Honor some other mothers too who have been special to you.

When I was a child, I had \$5 my dad gave me for being "brave" to have my tonsils removed. The only thing I wanted to do as a child was to take mom and dad to the local G.C. Murphy's grill. We sat at the bar and we all had hotdogs and cokes that cost me about \$3. My mom didn't want me to spend my \$5 but she smiled when I bought lunch that day as a 7-year-old kid. I would love to have mom back this Sunday and do anything that might make her smile. This Sunday, it could be the simplest thing but give it a try. Mom is worth the effort.

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By Dr. Glenn Mollette

I wish mom were still here so I could take her out to Sunday dinner. The problem with Sunday dinner this Mother's Day is that most of the restaurants either won't be open yet or operating under new guidelines. Restaurants make their biggest payday of the year typically on Mother's Day. Even in states that are wide open for dining there is the problem of social distancing. Can you imagine this week going to a restaurant that only is allowed 25% occupancy or

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Dr. Melissa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett, gave the Independent her bi-weekly report from the front lines of the hospital on the hill this Monday, and said they are cautiously optimistic about some slowing down they’ve seen there in the last seven days.

“The first part of the last two weeks were very much the same as we had been seeing,” she said on Monday. “I can say with cautious optimism that exactly six days ago there was a noticeable change at last in the Emergency Room... We’re cautiously optimistic this seems like a kind of plateau. We’re very hopeful we are cresting over the flattened curve.”

Lai-Becker said they had encountered so many obstacles over the last several weeks for simple, non-virus emergency surgeries, such as an emergency appendectomy that had to be done some weeks ago. Because CHA Everett was full, those procedures were to be done at the Cambridge Hospital, yet – it too – was full and the post-surgical recovery room had been converted to an ICU for COVID-19 patients. There just simply were not beds or places for the patients, but this week she said that kind of situation has eased up.

“It just feels like that is the kind of thing we’ve been doing for so long,” she said. “It’s been like a game of Tetris where the... shift manager was investing so much time and effort in completely maximizing every resource we have. Then suddenly on Tuesday (last week) it was like night and day. Suddenly every admitted patient had a bed. The ICU’s are still entirely beyond capacity, but there was good work being done there... We have our rhythm down. For the past six days now we’re at a place where

we don’t need to do these acrobatics to squeeze every patient into every spot and slot. That’s been nice.”

With more of a silver lining on things – and a detectable uplift in the spirit and voices of those working in the ER at CHA Everett this week – there has been a new protocol established. With more people now coming off ventilators and more people recovering from COVID-19, the hospital needed some music.

“We now have a patient discharge song,” said Lai Becker. “When a patient is discharged, we play ‘Here Comes the Sun’ over the loudspeaker. Last Friday was the first time we all got to hear it.”

That has been a welcome break for those working in the ER at the Everett hospital, as they have also noticed that they are treating things other than just COVID-19 cases.

“For a long time, it seemed like there was no way anyone could show up here with anything other than symptoms of COVID,” she said. “I worked over the weekend and for the first time in six weeks, I felt like I actually had a couple of patients that really were just having back pain. Or there was someone with simple abdominal pain and it had nothing to do with COVID-19. That’s a good thing to report.”

The slowdown for the last several days has been a wonderful and necessary relief, said Lai-Becker. She said it will give their supply chain time to get sorted out so they can potentially get in new supplies.

The hospital has been out of the small size of N95 masks for weeks, and they have had to refill cartridges of hand sanitizer in the wall dispensers. While they have plenty of sanitizer, they have run out of the cartridges – oddly enough.

Yet, they have innovated by simply re-filling the old cartridges – which would normally be thrown out – and placing them back in the wall units. They also have run out of disinfectant wipes, which they have overcome by using a clean cloth and disinfectant. The wipes, she said, are more of a convenience issue.

“It’s like diaper wipes,” she said. “They’re easier, but you can always use a wet cloth.”

Yet, at the same time, it doesn’t mean they are in any sort of safe zone, or that people should relax their restrictions in the community. Still, Lai-Becker said they will suddenly have two hours during a shift that are absolutely off the wall.

“There will be a steady stream of patients for most of the day and then we’ll have two hours where everything happens,” she said. “We’ll all the sudden have two or three critically ill patients in the ER, but then we’ll admit them, or move them or get them to the ICU. Then it’s back to a very steady inflow. The thing is no one has any idea when those two hours will come.”

•THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY

An ongoing joke among doctors and health care workers over the last six weeks is that they will have to remember how to go out and get lunch or dinner when the COVID-19 pandemic is abated, as so many in the communities have stepped up to feed them and bring food to the hospitals during the crisis.

It is no different at CHA Everett, where staff and personnel are tremendously grateful to the community for feeding them, and for adhering so greatly to the restrictions put in place.

“The community restaurants have been so generous and so many have

been sending us food,” she said. “Some, if not all, have even gone to the painstaking lengths of making sure each meal is individually packaged. It’s practically every day...The generosity is amazing.”

Also, she said by the communities adhering to social distancing and quarantines, it has given them the time they needed not to be overwhelmed, and continuing those measures only gives them more time to make sure the hospital doesn’t experience another surge.

“I give props to the community for flattening the curve and buying us time to develop a vaccine and plan for a re-opening that will continue to preserve our capacity to help as many people as possible,” she said. “We’re at a moment where we can say we don’t have to invoke measures to decide who gets a ventilator.”

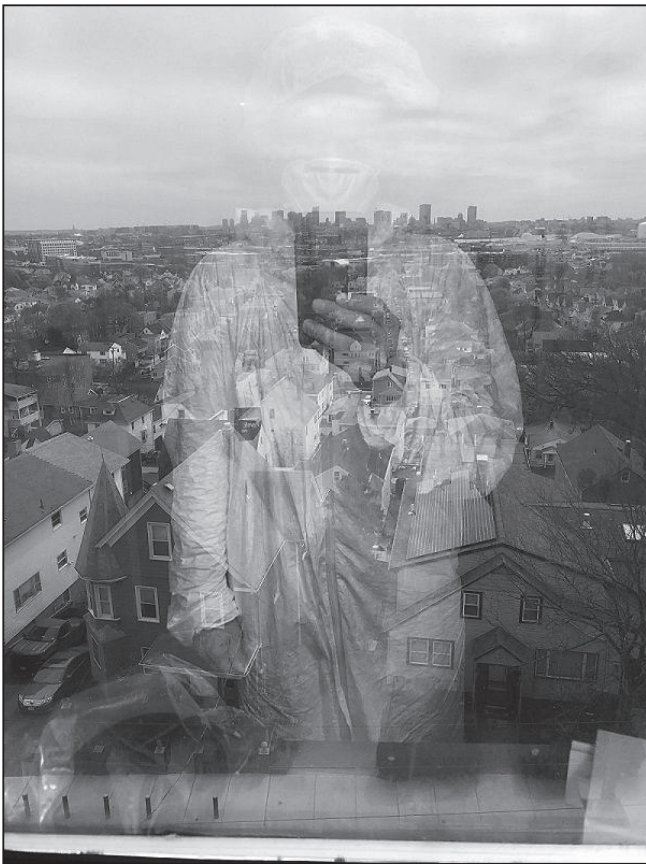
•CHA GETS ABBOTT TESTING MACHINE

The CHA network has also taken delivery of the now-famous Abbott rapid testing machine, which can give the results of a swab test in 15 minutes. It was an innovation that came at the outset of the surge, but the demand for the machine to process the swabs was so great that there was a giant waiting list. In the last week, CHA’s number has come up on that list.

Right now, the one machine in the network is being kept at Cambridge, but can be used by patients throughout the network for a quick result.

“That’s a really big deal for a community hospital to have access to that,” said Lai-Becker.

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**CHA Physical Therapy Assistant Christine Hopkins snapped this image while working at CHA Everett Hospital last week. Christine, like many others at CHA, is stepping up and was redeployed in order to care for patients and the community during COVID-19. With the Boston skyline in the background, the homes in Everett are a striking background to her reflection in the windows of the hospital.**

COVID VISITS TOO

There is no evidence that patients with other conditions are not reporting to the hospital for things like heart attacks, chest pains and strokes – though some hospitals have reported that is happening. With COVID-19 so prevalent in the treatment triage at most hospitals, some are wanting to avoid hospitals at great risk to their health.

Dr. Lai-Becker said she usually sends three or four patients for treatment of chest pains per week, but has not done so for the last six weeks. She said that

doesn’t mean they are putting off care, but the ER will be looking at EMS data for the last seven weeks to see if there are reports in the field of such issues.

“It’s very possible, and anecdotally I can concur with those observations that there is a mystery as to where all those patients have gone,” she said.

She said they encourage people to come to the ER if they are having chest pains or have medical concerns. Though they are treating COVID-19 in large part, they are available to treat all medical concerns.

Mass Gaming Commission delays casino openings, creates opening plans

By Seth Daniel

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) voted unanimously, 5-0, to further postpone the opening date for casinos in the state to May 18, which is consistent with Gov. Charlie Baker’s order to keep all non-essential businesses closed through that date.

On Thursday, the MGC convened to revisit an earlier decision that had the closing through May 7, though it was assumed that date was not going to hold up. Still, the MGC needed to convene to officially keep the state’s three casinos closed to the public.

“It’s entirely appropriate for us to follow suit with all the expert opinions as to the decision to push it back two more weeks,” said Commissioner Gayle Cameron. “I think it is a good recommendation.”

The bigger news was that the MGC voted to initiate a working group of members that will collaborate with staff to generate a re-start plan for the casinos.

“The timeline is still uncertain, but our attention is focused on developing a responsible re-start plan and maximizing the time we have to establish guidelines with collaborators, stakeholders, the three licensees, state, local and public health experts,” said Interim Executive Director Karen Wells.

Wells is planning to unveil the full focus of the re-start plan at the May 7 MGC public meeting, but gave some hints that it would focus mostly on two areas.

First, they would look at the technical aspects of how to re-open. That will include the technical planning and creating an operations checklist that must be completed.

Second, they would focus on health and safety of visitors and employees.

“The operations planning will address a type of opening situation that prioritizes the well-being of casino employees and visitors,” she said.

That will include the most important pieces, such

as how to physical distance in a casino, what the occupancy limits will be in areas of the casinos, and the protocols to shut down if there is a re-start setback.

“It sounds like it’s at a very high level, appropriate and thoughtful,” said Commissioner Enrique Zuniga. “I’m glad that’s happening.”

The MGC is set to meet on Thursday, May 7, to discuss the re-start plan in more detail.

•On a separate casino note, the Wynn Resorts company – parent of Encore Boston Harbor – announced this week that it would be holding an earnings call for the first quarter on Wednesday, May 6 (4:30 p.m. Eastern Time).

That call is certain to detail the many troubles the company has gone through in experiencing the pandemic on two continents and three different time zones. Only its China operations have re-opened since the pandemic started, but those operations still remain limited.

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to be part of these re-building conversations for Chelsea and Charlestown to rebuild equitably. Unfortunately, I don’t feel the current leadership on the state level – meaning state senate and state representative – are not equipped to do it because they haven’t done

it to this point.”

Vidot said she has gotten a lot of support from her network in Chelsea and her campaign team, which is ramping up quickly. She said she does have an uphill battle in Charlestown.

“The fact is I know it’s an uphill battle because

Charlestown is a different community from Chelsea,” she said. “I don’t know Charlestown as well. I plan to get to know them. The district is different in a lot of ways, but there are a lot of similar issues too.”

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Pandemic, and soon enough they began delivering food to needy families door to door. Eight weeks ago, the Record spoke with Vega, who was using her in-laws’ SUV to get food and then to deliver it to people who were calling the Collaborative to say they had no food and were hungry. At the time, she suspected the worst might come.

Just a few days later, the worst came for a visit and it hasn’t left Chelsea yet.

They are one of several organizations in the city that is trying to fill the void for nearly and estimated 20,000 families who do not have enough food to feed themselves. Beyond the Collaborative, there has been a major effort by the National Guard and the City of Chelsea and the Salvation Army – to name but a few.

But the Collaborative has drawn major crowds at its operations Tuesday and Thursday as it is one of the most trusted faces in Chelsea – both before the pandemic and now, during

it – for those in the Spanish-speaking immigrant community. The effort began at Councilor Roy Avellaneda’s Pan Y Café Coffee Shop at first, but after a few freezers were procured for the Collaborative, the effort moved downtown.

Last Thursday, Tenaira Garcia – Vega’s niece – was preparing to get 700 boxes of food out the door at 5 p.m. It was just 2 p.m., but the work was already frantic. Being in charge of feeding hundreds wasn’t exactly what Garcia – whose sister is School Committeewoman Kelly Garcia – planned for when moving to Chelsea in January after the earthquakes in Puerto Rico.

“I lived in Puerto Rico and had a great business going there – a coffee shop where I grew the food,” she said. “I moved here after the earthquake in January so that my kids could go to school in Chelsea. Then COVID-19 happened. My aunt asked me if I would help out and before I knew it I was in charge of the food.”

from that. You could be a small business that doesn’t use that bank often, but if you’re located near one of those banks, you could benefit as a consequence of that.”

He said big banks might not have had the infrastructure set up to be able scale their business to that level, setting up the infrastructure to reach out and get loans processed for small businesses.

Daniel Forte, president of the Mass Bankers Association, said they have found in Massachusetts – where a good many loans were given out – that all banks kind of struggled with the program.

“Anecdotally, I’ve heard big banks and small banks struggled with this,” he said. “Community banks specialize in small business lending though. Big banks do it, but small banks claim to fame is serving small business. When you had a good customer that knew the rules and the bank knew them, it was easier. It’s not favoritism but it’s only natural for customers of banks who know them already will have the wherewithal to get information in there and get it processed at the front of the line and get the money out.”

That said, there are no definite statistics in the state that big or small banks did better, he said, unlike in other parts of the country. About 60 percent of the loans came from the banks with under \$10 billion in assets and 40 percent came from banks over \$10 billion.

That, he said, speaks to the fact that Massachusetts banks worked very hard for their customers, and came in as one of the top 10 states for lending – even though the second part of the program is still going.

So far, in the second round of PPP, the state has seen 49,000 loans for a total of \$4.4 billion. In Round 1 of PPP, there were 47,000 loans for a total of \$10.4 billion.

The average loan nationwide was \$79,000, which Forte said he interprets as meaning most of the money went into the right hands – small businesses.

In the back alley, volunteer Reymer Pineda was hard at work loading up the car of a volunteer delivery driver. He had been a construction worker with Local 733, but the job was shut down and he was sent home. Having known Vega for some time, he and his wife decided to help out.

“Gladys called for help and we came right away,” he said. “I’ve lived here seven years and I’ve never seen this before. It does surprise me. We are living in the best country in the whole world and all these people still need food. I don’t know what to say. We just keep on working.”

Reymer was loading a box that was to go to a woman at a building in Chelsea. She had been delivered one before, but someone had kept stealing it before she could come out and get it. On that day, they were going to make sure she came out before they left.

“Not this time,” said Garcia.

The vegetables and fruits are stacked up six feet or

But getting in those hands was the meat of the story.

When the first round of the program ran out of money, Forte said Massachusetts banks had \$1 billion of PPP loans still sitting on desks without an answer – in the queue. He said the SBA created a major headache for banks by cutting off applications until Congress passed the second round.

“They should have allowed banks to keep taking applications, time and date stamp them, gave them loan numbers and continue on with the first come, first served and get them ready for processing when round two was approved,” he said. “Everyone knew they were going to approve the second round. They shouldn’t have cut off the application process.”

That decision, he said, let the many bank officials saying Monday, April 27, was the worst day of their banking career. When the floodgates opened at 10 a.m. per the SBA order, it was a catastrophe for bankers – many of whom had brought in full staffs to try to get ahead.

There was none of that, and little worked well.

“It was like the Oklahoma land rush,” he said. “The pistol was shot and half of the contestants ran over each other and only a few got in.”

However, he said the SBA was, and has been, good at making changes and tweaks to get the PPP program on track when there are hitches. That harkens back to his original message weeks ago to be patient.

“In essence they processed 19 years of small business loans in 18 calendar days,” he said. “That’s amazing. SBA started adapting and culled the batch applications. By Tuesday late afternoon banks were moving along at 50 percent capacity.”

By last Friday at the close of business, there were \$176 billion out of the \$310 billion used in the program. Forte said as long as there is money, he still encourages small business to apply.

more in the back room of the Collaborative early in the day. Behind boxes of potatoes and kiwi fruit are posters on the walls about rent control, workers’ rights and youth empowerment – a reminder of the organizational goals the Collaborative focused on just two months ago.

By the end of the day, most of the endless boxes of fruits and vegetables will be gone – clearing out the floor for the next time.

“I feel so sorry for so many people,” said longtime Collaborative member Patricia Ebanks. “I was talking with a woman from Guatemala last week. She just got to Chelsea not too long ago, but her husband died of COVID three weeks ago. She had three kids and lost her husband. It’s very sad what people are going through.”

As she told that story, Councilor Avellaneda came in with a large cart full of onions and bananas. They came from the New England Produce Center, where President Peter

two children, ages 9 and 10. “It’s been tough balancing the two, the work and the home-schooling.”

Saritin’s husband, David Rizzuto, is a member of the Chelsea Police Department. “David has been working hard during this unprecedented time in our history for everyone, including our heroic police, fire, and first responders,” she said.

Saritin is still staying involved in the community as a volunteer at the Saugus Food Pantry while also helping Wakefield residents navigate the system to secure resources during the COVID-19 crisis. She is helping to launch a community fund in the town.

On behalf of Metro, led by CEO and President Robert Cashman and noted for its generous support of local agencies big and

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D’Arrigo has been very generous in giving whatever they can.

“He arranged for me to go to all the different vendors,” said Avellaneda. “He directs me to the terminals and I can get whatever they have that day. Every day it’s different. It could be apples one day and something else the next.”

Avellaneda started with the back of his SUV going to the Center, then moved up to a small box truck he had for his coffee shop. Now he has rented a large truck to do the runs to the Center and to bring back all that he can.

Just as Avellaneda left, a woman in a Browne Middle School sweater ran up to ask about a delivery she was making.

“Our union helped organize the teachers to help out by driving,” said the woman, Meghan McCormick – a middle school teacher at the Browne. “I miss my students and it’s a good way to feel connected to them and to help their families, even if I don’t get to see them.”

small, Saritin has been assisting Chelsea families in need on a daily basis.

Saritin has worked at Metro for 12 years. She is a past president of the Rotary Club and a former officer in the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce. She is vice president of the North Suffolk Mental Health Board of Directors.

“I’m not on the Chamber board anymore, but I always support everything they do,” said Saritin. “I am heavily involved in Rotary.”

One of her current projects is the annual breakfast for Casa Myrna (who provides shelter and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence). The breakfast has been canceled but Saritin assisted in the organization’s virtual fundraiser.

“I’m still busy and my

ference call among local restaurant owners, bodega owners, and retail business owners is also being scheduled.

**A large task**

Along with Chamber President Joseph Mahoney and other officers, Cuthie has piloted a resurgence that has seen the business organization increase its membership by 25 percent to 215, making Chelsea one of the largest chambers for cities of comparable size and demographics.

While Cuthie has an up-to-date list of Chamber members and their contact information, he has also been collaborating on a list of all city businesses. There have been some obstacles.

“We might have the phone number for the business, but if the business is closed, then we don’t have the cellphone number for the business owner,” said Cuthie. “We’re trying to get business owners’ cellphone number or email address so we can chat and help them. Or they can call us at 857-776-6799.”

**Continuing in his role as director**

As Chamber Director, Cuthie said he is pleased to report that three new mem-

After a short rally in what was the conference room – a room where only two years ago Senator Ed Markey gave a press conference on the Federal Budget shortfalls – there is the prayer and then action.

In constant motion, volunteers mark the hands of those in line – who have gathered down Broadway, across Third Street, down Chestnut Street and snaking up and down the alley of Cherry Street. It’s an endless amount of people.

One by one, they approach a table at the front door of the Collaborative, a box is pulled across the table, bananas are put on top, and then it is handed off to someone in line.

There’s a lot of talking, fast movements and directions and instructions.

Many people return to say “Gracias.”

It is like nothing anyone in Chelsea still alive can ever remember.

No one.

role has shifted a little bit,” said Saritin. “It’s not events, but it’s still community initiative, community effort, and addressing the issues that matter in our community.”

She is also advancing an important message from Metro to Chelsea, “making sure that the people in our community know that Metro is here 100 percent serving our members through our drive-thru locations.”

“And if people need to get a mortgage or need any help, they can call Metro and schedule an appointment we’d be happy to meet with them,” said Saritin.

She said she is looking forward to seeing Chelsea residents at community events in the near future.

“We will get through this together and things will be good,” said Saritin.

bers, including Tambo 22, have joined the organization.

The Chamber has also welcomed two new members to its board: legendary Chelsea athlete Paul Nowicki of the Chelsea Housing Authority and Beth McDougal of McDougal Architects.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the Chamber canceled its annual Installation of Officers Reception and Dinner (that was going to be held at Chelsea Station in March) and breakfast meetings in April and May.

Cuthie has been impressed by the strength and resolve of Chelsea residents during the health crisis. “You can knock us down, but Chelsea people get back up,” he said. “Chelsea has been hard hit and our story has made the national news, but at the heart of that story is really the strength and resolve of Chelsea’s people.”

Cuthie’s continuing message on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to local businesses is: “If there is anything we can do to help a Chelsea business, then we’re happy to do it.”



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Volunteers form an assembly line to get boxes moved from the back, filled with the final extras, and moved out the door.



Meghan McCormick, a teacher at the Browne Middle School, was making home deliveries last Thursday. It was her second time doing it, but she said she has enjoyed lending a hand.



Martita helped to keep things organized and running smooth as the distribution was about to begin.



Tenaira Garcia and Volunteer Yehudi Pardi help a resident with a box of food.



Councilor Roy Avellaneda has been making runs to the New England Produce Center in a rented box truck. There, the ownership of the Center has been generous in providing fruit and vegetables to the residents of Chelsea.



Tenaira Garcia, niece of Gladys Vega (right), is running the food service program with her aunt. Garcia came to Chelsea after the earthquake in Puerto Rico last January to have her kids attend school in Chelsea and get some reprieve from natural disasters. Then COVID-19 hit and she has been helping in the food program since.



Reymer Pineda loads a box of food into the back of a vehicle that is making home deliveries to those who are too sick to go out.



Estephanny Escobar places plantains in the boxes before they go out for distribution.



Long-time Collaborative volunteer Patricia Ebanks assembles bags of fruit several hours before “go” time at the distribution last Thursday.



Jessica Armijo explains to those in the line that they will begin at 5 p.m.

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# Boating and marine activities during the Governor’s stay-at-home advisory

Special to the Record

With Memorial Day fast approaching, Chelsea Harbormaster Robert Griffin provided guidance for boaters during the duration of Governor Baker’s stay-at-home advisory and essential services order.

Safe operation of recreational boats is permitted under the following guidelines: Only persons from the same household should be together on a boat at one time. No gatherings or groups of persons from multiple households will be permitted on boat ramps, docks, piers, etc., and all users shall practice strict social distancing. Recreational craft shall remain a safe distance apart. Tying or rafting boats or other craft together is prohibited. All recreational boating is subject to the discretion of local officials, harbormasters and law enforcement.

Maritime transportation workers, including dredges, port workers, mariners, ship crew-members, ship pilots and tugboat operators, equipment operators (including maintenance and repair, and marine specific medical providers), ship supply, Chandler, and repair companies have all been deemed essential services under the governor’s order. This includes marine suppliers such as West Marine,



Harbormaster Robert Griffin and the Chelsea Police Marine Unit encourage everyone to act responsibly to ensure a safe and healthy boating season. Residents with marine related questions may contact the Marine Unit at any time through the Chelsea Police Department at 617-466-4855.

BoatUS, and others.

Commercial fishing is an essential part of the food supply chain and will continue to be allowed. Workers should follow public health guidance to minimize interactions with each other and the public.

For hire boating will not be permitted while the Governor’s stay-at-home advisory is in effect. This includes: charter and head boat fishing; sailboat rentals and lessons; canoe, kayak, and stand-up paddle-board

rentals; white water rafting and river tubing rentals; whale watches and other pleasure cruises; and, any other operation or use of a vessel that is not registered to the passenger.

Most boat ramps are open for use by recreational boats being launched by vehicles registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Ramps remain open for all commercial, state and municipal government users. There are a few exceptions in places where access has already been closed due to parking or other restrictions. Ramps managed by municipalities are subject to the discretion of the city or town.

Boat ramp users should continue to practice social distancing. Users should be prepared to depart quickly from the ramp or dock as soon as their boat is in the water. Upon returning to the ramp, they should unload as quickly as safely possible and clear the launch area. Masks or face coverings should be worn in public in accordance with Department of Public Health’s advisory when social distancing is not possible. Use of ramps for organized fishing tournaments, derbies, or any type of gathering is prohibited.



Attorney General Maura Healey and her staff, including Everett School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros, had thousands of fliers printed up with good, concise information about eviction protections, price gouging, unemployment benefits, sick time and health insurance.

## AG Healey and staff bring help to the frontlines in Everett, Chelsea

By Seth Daniel

There are no shortage of laws and protections that state government and local leaders have put in place to protect residents, but the law on paper and the reality on the street sometimes don’t match up.

That’s why Attorney General Maura Healey and her staff, including Everett School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros, had thousands of fliers printed up with good, concise information about eviction protections, price gouging, unemployment benefits, sick time and health insurance. Those fliers were translated into 10 languages and last weekend, AG Healey kicked-off an information and assistance tour in Chelsea and Everett – two of the hardest hit locales in the state.

In Everett, they visited the Grace Food Pantry on Sunday and spoke with people waiting in line to distribute information to them. On Saturday, they visited the Chelsea Collaborative to hand out the fliers to those coming for hygiene items and food.

What they found was exactly what they suspected – that many were having their rights violated despite the protections that have been put in place.

“We heard that a num-

ber of times from people in line, people complained of landlords harassing them and saying if they didn’t pay rent now, they would change the locks on them,” she said. “These are evictions that landlords cannot pursue. We even asked them to give us their landlord’s number right there and we had staff call them and talk to the landlord about it. We had a number of people we were able to get numbers from who were waiting in line and we’re following up on them. That’s important because we don’t need people thrown out in the streets. That’s why it’s great and important to be out and on the ground.”

Healey said they knew at the outset that many communities of color, low-income communities and those with large populations of essential workers would be hit hard by the virus and by the economic implications. With a lack of good information available, Healey said she and her staff felt they could be a great conduit to produce and distribute reliable information.

“They need to know they are protected from evictions and debt collection right now,” she said. “We’ve already intervened several times to stop evictions and given lots of information about worker safety. We’re delivering PPE to workers

in western Massachusetts. Our job as an agency is to be a resource. We are the people’s law firm.”

Barros, who has worked for Healey for many years as chief of the Community Engagement Division, said they compiled the information as fast as they could, and had the idea they needed to be on the ground distributing them across the state.

“We translated them into 10 different languages and wanted to distribute them to ‘hot spot’ communities,” he said. “We printed 20,000 and sent them to community organizations, churches and food pantries...When we went out last weekend, people were telling AG Healey what we knew was happening from our hotline. People are not only hungry for food, but also they are hungry for information that is reliable. We heard that in Chelsea and Everett. The issues are the same – landlords and tenant issues are a hot topic. People may not speak English, but they need information right now and they have rights. It’s intense, but important work.”

AG Healey reported that Partners Healthcare has requested 12,000 copies of the fliers from her office. They intend to place them in wellness packets that will be distributed to patients at their health care facilities.

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# Unemployment data shows new claims are overwhelmingly from white residents

Staff Report

For the fourth week in a row, new unemployment claims were lower than the previous week, and new data from the state shows that more than 80 percent of new claims since March 15 came from residents describing themselves as white.

Of the 722,552 new claims since March 15, some 82 percent – or 459,511 claims – were from white residents, with the next highest racial group being Hispanic residents at 15 percent (91,779 claims). That did not include the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims, which is a new type of unemployment for self-employed, gig workers and other workers that don’t typically qualify for unemployment.

Of the other groups represented, Black/African Americans made up 10 percent of the new claims (54,584 claims) and Asian residents made up 8 percent (44,018).

The state Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) did not give any reasons as to the large numbers of white residents claiming unemployment since March 15. The sectors of the economy with the most new claims included Retail Trade, Food & Accommodations, and Healthcare & Social Assistance.

From April 19 to April 25, Massachusetts had 70,552 individuals file an initial claim for standard Unemployment Insurance (UI), the fourth consecutive week of fewer initial claims filed over the previous week. Since March 15, a total of 722,009 initial claims were filed. As the number of initial claims continues to decrease, the number of claimants filing for their weekly benefit each week continues to grow. For the week of April 19 to April 25, there were a total of 527,538 claimants, an increase of 13.8% over the previous week, who filed for their weekly unemployment benefits. Food and Accommodation with 93,168, Retail Trade at 69,333 and Health and Social Assistance with 66,202 showed the largest number of claimants who filed for their weekly unemployment benefits.

The Cares Act created a new temporary federal program called Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), which provides unemployment benefits to individuals who are self-employed, gig workers and those not covered by regular unemployment compensation. In the week of April 19 to April 25, there were a total of 171,598 PUA claims.

From March 15 to April 25, combining UI and PUA, Massachusetts had a total of 893,607 claims

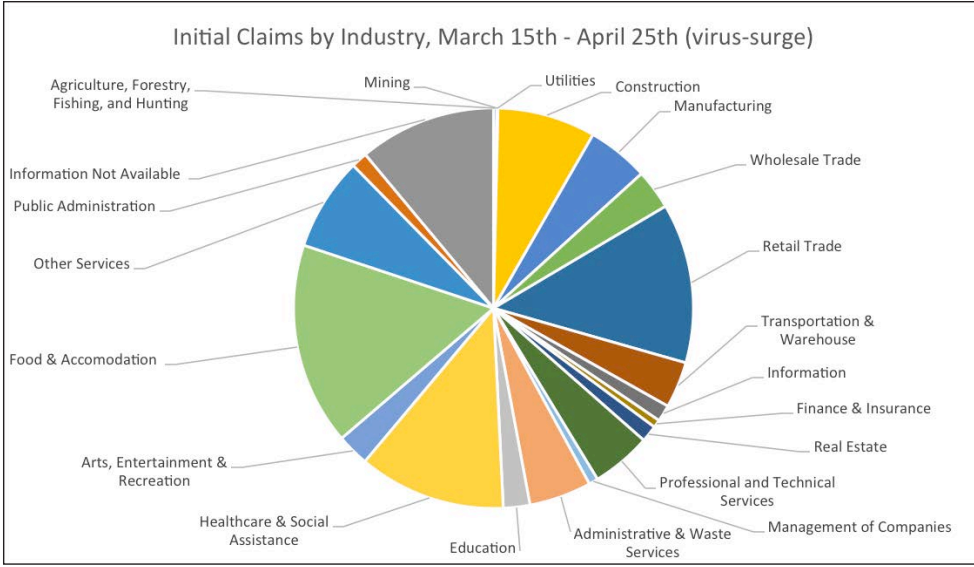
filed for unemployment insurance.

Currently, the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is paying standard Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to around 450,000 claimants and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance to around 150,000 claimants. Since March 15, nearly 700,000 Massachusetts total claims have been paid amounting to more than \$2.3 Billion in disbursements to beneficiaries of both programs.

Over the last month, the customer service staff at DUA has grown from around 50 employees to more than 1,200. The remote customer service operation is now making more than 25,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host daily unemployment town halls, held in both English and Spanish, which have been attended by more than 200,000 constituents. Massachusetts was one of the first states to successfully launch the PUA program. Due to DUA’s previous efforts to migrate their systems to the cloud, the first unemployment agency in the country to do so, the unemployment online platforms for both regular UI and PUA has maintained functionality throughout the surge in demand.

\*Below data and graphs relate to standard Unemployment Insurance (UI) only Initial Claims Filed.

Industry	Week Ending 4/18	Week Ending 4/25	Change	% Change
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	281	208	-73	-26.0%
Mining	13	12	-1	-7.7%
Utilities	82	50	-32	-39.0%
Construction	4,754	3,155	-1,599	-33.6%
Manufacturing	5,065	3,798	-1,267	-25.0%
Wholesale Trade	3,709	2,452	-1,257	-33.9%
Retail Trade	12,669	10,085	-2,584	-20.4%
Transportation & Warehouse	3,292	3,289	-3	-0.1%
Information	1,336	1,200	-136	-10.2%
Finance & Insurance	536	592	56	10.4%
Real Estate	1,040	977	-63	-6.1%
Professional and Technical Services	4,359	3,775	-584	-13.4%
Management of Companies	486	421	-65	-13.4%
Administrative & Waste Services	4,956	4,788	-168	-3.4%
Education	1,653	2,140	487	29.5%
Health & Social Assistance	9,249	9,271	22	0.2%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,777	1,889	112	6.3%
Food & Accommodation	9,564	7,515	-2,049	-21.4%
Other Services	5,383	4,833	-550	-10.2%
Public Administration	1,244	1,604	360	28.9%
Information Not Available	8,705	8,498	-207	-2.4%



## Traffic impacts for railroad crossing work in Chelsea, Everett

The MBTA is building a new, fully accessible Chelsea Commuter Rail station next to the final SL3 stop in Chelsea. When complete, the new station will connect the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Lines to the SL3. While building the new station, the MBTA is also upgrading the rail signal system and replacing the railroad crossings at Third Street, Eastern Avenue, and Everett Avenue in Chelsea, as well as Second Street in Everett. To prepare for the railroad crossing work, the MBTA’s contractor will be doing utility work at these locations in May, with the working having started on May 4. Work had been postponed in April previously.

•Traffic Impacts in May

To safely perform work at the railroad crossings, traffic will be impacted in the following locations at these scheduled\* times:

\*Third Street in Chelsea – Monday, May 4, through Friday, May 8, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Traffic will be reduced to a single lane with alternating traffic in each direction.

\*Eastern Avenue in Chelsea – Monday, May 11, through Friday, May 15, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. One lane of traffic will remain open in each direction.

\*If work is completed ahead of schedule at one crossing, work will immediately commence at the next scheduled crossing (Monday through Friday).

Police details will help

direct traffic around all railroad crossings while construction is in progress.

The current Chelsea Commuter Rail station, on the Newburyport/Rockport Line at Arlington Street in Chelsea, is inconvenient for transfers to other modes, is not accessible to people with disabilities, and is in disrepair. The MBTA is investing \$32 million to construct the new Chelsea Commuter Rail station, including full high-level platforms for boarding, canopies and benches, new sidewalks, security cameras, passenger assistance telephones, lighting, and more. Work began in August 2019 and is expected to be completed in 2021.

## U.S. Attorney’s office and Homeland Security investigations remind parents of risks to children online

The U.S. Attorney’s Office and Homeland Security Investigations are partnering to alert parents and guardians of the potential dangers to children online, and providing guidance for internet safety.

As a result of school closings due to COVID-19, children are increasingly using online resources for schoolwork as well as entertainment. Due to increased access to and reliance on social media, chatting apps, gaming, and other internet-based platforms, children may be more vulnerable to sexual exploitation. Now more than ever before, it is imperative that parents and guardians take steps to educate and protect children online.

The U.S. Attorney’s Office and Homeland Security Investigations have partnered to develop an awareness campaign, “Think Before You Click,” to encourage parents and guardians to discuss internet safety with children of all ages and to monitor internet use. Included are tips for identifying potential victimization and resources to report concerns. The flyer was distributed to law enforcement officers and school leaders

throughout the Commonwealth.

“Children are susceptible to online predators because they are often unaware of how dangerous online environments can be,” said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. “Children are at an even greater inadvertent risk now due to school closures and the prevalence of ongoing learning and leisure activities. Through “Think Before You Click,” we aim to make parents and guardians more cognizant of the dangers to children online, and arm them with tools to protect children’s privacy.”

“The COVID-19 pandemic has created an increase in online activity, whereby students are utilizing the internet and social media as a key source of education and entertainment. The marked increase in social media usage and lessened social interaction may create opportunity for predators to exploit our children. That being said, parental supervision, open discussions about internet safety, active monitoring, and smarter use of privacy settings will reduce the chance of victimization from child predators,” said

Michael S. Shea, Acting Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Boston. “The inherent dangers presented by social media applications are evident. HSI and our law enforcement partners will continue to take an aggressive, whole of government approach to identifying, disrupting, and dismantling those malicious organizations and actors who seek to prey upon our children.”

This effort was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. PSC marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as identify and rescue victims. PSC also conducts education and outreach programs aimed at combating and preventing technology-facilitated crimes. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

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# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Tobin Curves Project: Construction Look-Ahead: May 3 – May 16, 2020

**ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS**

- Conditions on Route 1 will be as follows:
- \*ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND: Approaching the Tobin Bridge from Boston, the work zone begins in the left lane. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.)
- \*ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND: Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone begins in the left lane before the Carter Street off-ramp. Two of three travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.)
- \*SILVERLINE ALTER-NATING SINGLE LANE BUS TRAFFIC
- Beginning at the start of service on Monday, 5/4, the Silverline busway where it passes through the Silverline Gateway underneath the Chelsea Viaduct will be reduced to a single lane to facilitate safe bridge construction.
- Silverline service will be maintained without interruption or delay using alternating direction bus

traffic. The alternation of direction will be controlled by MBTA police and flag-gers.

- The single, alternating lane condition is projected to be in place through Friday, 5/29.
- CARTER STREET RAMP WEEKEND CLOSURES
- The Carter Street off-ramp will be temporarily closed for the weekend of 5/15 to 5/18. Work will be-gin at 10 p.m. on Friday and end on Monday at 5 a.m.
- Traffic will be detoured to the Route 16 West exit towards Everett to take Re-vere Beach Parkway to Ev-erett Avenue.
- LOCAL STREET CLOSURES
- A R L I N G T O N STREET: Arlington Street under Route 1 will be closed during the daytime (9 p.m.–5 a.m.) on 5/14. Signed detours and police details will guide drivers around the work zone via Spruce Street and Everett Ave.
- WORK HOURS
- Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place on a 2nd shift

(2 p.m.–1 a.m.) and over-night hours (9 p.m.–5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m.–7 p.m.)

**DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK**

- ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND: Bridge deck and gutter repairs continue in the left lane over the To-bin Bridge. We will con-tinue to remove bridge deck and install new bridge deck through the Chelsea Curves.
- ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND: Removal of existing bridge deck and installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea Curves.
- U N D E R N E A T H ROUTE 1: Crews will re-place and paint steel; pow-er wash and paint columns and support beams; exca-vate.; erect steel; place new concrete columns; and de-liver steel beams from the new bridge deck.
- TRAVEL TIPS
- The contractors are coor-dinating with local event or-ganizers and police to pro-vide awareness and manage traffic during events. For your awareness, there will be no events at the TD Gar-den during this look ahead schedule.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Dear Chelsea Community, Chelsea Public Schools is hereby announcing an upcoming budget hearing to review the revised proposal for the FY2021 budget. The District's original proposal, which was published in March, has been revised in light of anticipated financial impacts that will be faced by districts and municipalities across Massachusetts due to the ongoing pandemic. We recognize that participating in large group gatherings is prohibited due to COVID-19 and the importance of social distancing with no more than 10 people in one place. Thus, the budget hearing will be closed to the public. The meeting will be shown on Chelsea Cable and live streamed on the Chelsea Public Schools Facebook Page per the revised open meeting law issued on March 10, 2020. All School Committee members will dial in to the meeting. The following process will be in place. The public hearing will be on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Public comments will be accepted through the end of the day Wednesday, May 13, 2020 (no later than 2:00 pm) in writing at the fol-lowing email address: pub-lichearing@chelseaschools.com or call (617) 466-4450 to leave a message that will be transcribed. A second budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. All written comments or phoned messages will be read publicly, and I or my team will respond publicly. Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. will be the final budget meeting and the School Committee and District staff will participate remotely. The meeting will be shown on Chelsea Cable and live streamed on the Chelsea Public Schools Facebook Page. Sincerely, Almi G. Abeyta, Ed.D. PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 38N, the Chelsea School Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving comments on: 1) The proposed 2020-2021 school budget. Copies of the budget proposal will be available for inspection no later than 2 days prior to the hearing on the Chelsea Public Schools website at <https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/2433>. Please call 617-466-4450 to request a hard copy or to have a copy emailed to you. The meeting is closed to observe social distancing guidelines. The meeting will be live streamed for the public at: Chelsea Cable TV <https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/> Agenda is available online at the Chelsea Public Schools website: <https://www.chelseaschools.com/> Public Comments can be emailed or telephoned to the following by Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 2:00 pm: [publichearing@chelseaschools.com](mailto:publichearing@chelseaschools.com) 617-466-4450

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Estimada Comunidad de Chelsea: Las Escuelas Públicas de Chelsea anuncian la próxima audiencia presupuestaria para revisar la propuesta revisada para el presupuesto FY2021. La propuesta original del Distrito, que

se publicó en marzo, ha sido revisada a la luz de los impactos financieros anticipados que enfrentarán los distritos y municipios de Massachusetts debido a la pandemia en curso. Reconocemos que está prohibido participar en reuniones de grupos grandes debido a COVID-19 y la importancia del distanciamiento social con no más de 10 personas en un solo lugar. Por lo tanto, la audiencia del presupuesto estará cerrada al público. La reunión se mostrará en Chelsea Cable y se transmitirá en vivo en la página de Facebook de las Escuelas Públicas de Chelsea según la ley revisada de la reunión abierta emitida el 10 de marzo de 2020. Todos los miembros del Comité Escolar participarán en la reunión. El siguiente proceso estará en su lugar. La audiencia pública será el martes, 12 de mayo de 2020 a las 7:00 p.m. Los comentarios públicos se aceptarán hasta el final del día miércoles 13 de mayo de 2020 (hasta las 2:00 p.m.) por escrito en la siguiente dirección de correo electrónico: [publichearing@chelseaschools.com](mailto:publichearing@chelseaschools.com) o llame al (617) 466-4450 para dejar un mensaje que se transcribirá. Una segunda reunión de presupuesto se tendrá lugar el miércoles 13 de mayo, 2020 a las 7:00 p.m. Todos los comentarios escritos o mensajes de voz se leerán públicamente, y yo o mi equipo responderemos públicamente. El jueves 14 de mayo, 2020 será la reunión final del presupuesto y el Comité Escolar y el personal del Distrito participarán de forma remota. La reunión se mostrará en Chelsea Cable y se transmitirá en vivo en la página de Facebook de las Escuelas Públicas de Chelsea. Sinceramente, Almi G. Abeyta, Ed.D. REUNION PUBLICA De acuerdo con el Capítulo 71, Sección 38N, el Comité Escolar de Chelsea llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el martes, 12 de mayo del 2020 a las 7:00 p.m. con el propósito de recibir comentarios sobre: 1) El presupuesto escolar propuesto para el año 2020-2021. Las copias de la propuesta del presupuesto estarán disponibles para su inspección dos días antes de la audiencia en el sitio web de las Escuelas Públicas de Chelsea en <https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/2433>. Llame al 617-466-4450 para solicitar una copia impresa o para que le enviemos una copia por correo electrónico. La reunión está cerrada para observar las pautas de distanciamiento social. La reunión se transmitirá en vivo para el público en: Chelsea Cable TV <https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/> La agenda está disponible en línea en el sitio web de las Escuelas Públicas de Chelsea <https://www.chelseaschools.com/> Los comentarios públicos pueden enviarse por correo electrónico o por teléfono a los siguientes para el miércoles, 13 de mayo de 2020 a las 2:00 pm: [publichearing@chelseaschools.com](mailto:publichearing@chelseaschools.com) 617-466-4450

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total). Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work – HVAC and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement (Form CQ 3). General Bids will be received until May 21, 2020 at 11:00AM and publicly opened, forthwith online. All Bids should be submitted electronically online at [www.biddocsonline.com](http://www.biddocsonline.com) and received no later than the date and time specified above. General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the City of Chelsea – Public Schools. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available at [www.biddocsonline.com](http://www.biddocsonline.com) (may be viewed electronically and downloaded).

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Ann Quigley, 72  
Oldest grandchild of former Chelsea mayor

Barbara Ann Quigley died peacefully at the Life Care Center of Acton on Friday, April 24. She was 72.

Barbara Ann was born on July 10, 1947 in Winchester. She was the oldest child of the late Barbara Regan and Lawrence F. Quigley, Jr. and the oldest grandchild of Lawrence F. Quigley, the former mayor of Chelsea, and Zita (Lawlor) Quigley, a long-time Point Shirley resident.

An accomplished pianist, Barbara attended Jackson College. Her graduate thesis was on Women in Mythology. After college, Barbara attended the Carl Jung Institute in Switzerland and studied under Carl Jung’s protégés before accepting enrollment in the Divinity/Philosophy Department at the University of Chicago.


While at the University of Chicago, at the age of 29, Barbara contracted viral encephalitis. Barbara bore the crippling disease with dignity and amazingly good spirits for the rest of her life. Her gifted mind saw her through her most difficult days.

She is survived by her sisters, Suzanne Devlin, Nanette Malloy, Carolyn Kane, and Heather Tremblay, and by her brothers Lawrence, Michael, and Graham Quigley.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Kathleen Quigley.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Life Care Center of Acton. Her family appreciates beyond words their care and devotion to Barbara’s well-being.

Adolphe ‘Spinney’  
Spinazola  
Retired Chelsea Fire Captain

 Adolphe M. “Spinney” Spinazola passed away in Salem on Tuesday, April 28 due to COVID-19 complications. He was 93 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, a son of the late Joseph and Amelia (Cianculli) Spinazola, he attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School. He enlisted in the US Army, served during the Korean Conflict, was honorably discharged in 1952 and returned home to Chelsea.

He married Dorothy M. (Arsenault) and together they raised two daughters.


He was appointed to the Chelsea Fire Department in 1963, promoted to Lieutenant in 1971 and battled the Chelsea Fire in 1973. He was promoted to Captain in 1984 and retired from the Chelsea Fire Department in 1991 after 28 years of service to his beloved community.

A resident of Chelsea for most of his life, he settled in Swampscott and enjoyed his retirement years there.

Known to his friends as “Spinney,” he was a member of the Cary Square Assoc. and past member of Chelsea Fire Fighters Union Local 937. After attending a morning Mass in Swampscott, he would make his daily trip to Chelsea to visit with family and stop at the Cary Sq. Club to meet with old friends and fire department buddies.

He was widowed in 1984 with the passing of his beloved wife Dorothy M. Spinazola. In addition to

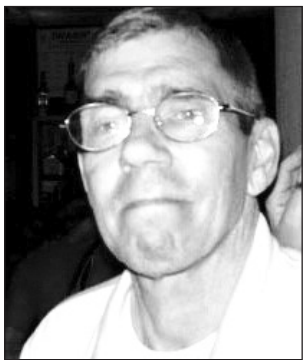
John Chwaliszewski, Jr.  
May 30, 1947 – April 21, 2020

 John S. Chwaliszewski, Jr. passed away on Tuesday, April 21 while convalescing at Elmhurst Health Care in Melrose. He was 72 years old. Formerly of Chelsea and Revere, he has been residing in Reading for the past 20 years.

Born in Winthrop and raised in Chelsea, he was the eldest son of the late John S. Sr. and Harriet E. (Hudson) Chwaliszewski. He attended St. Stanislaus Parochial School and Chelsea High School, graduated from Revere High School and received his Bachelors degree from Northeastern University.

John served in the US Army Reserve and worked for many years as a purchasing agent for General Electric. He was medically disabled and retired from work at a young age. John enjoyed photography, woodworking and boating.

In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by a brother-in-law, Thomas Carroll. He was the beloved father of Diane Tremblay and her husband, Thomas of Weymouth and John S. Chwaliszewski, III of New Bedford and the loving grandfather of Nicholas and Teagan Tremblay; dear brother of Paul Chwaliszewski and his wife, Pat of Abington, “Marti” Carroll.



roll of Shelton, CT, Mary Chwaliszewski Brady and her husband, Steve Brady of Revere, Rita Dignan and her husband, Peter of Wyndham NH, Loretta Chwaliszewski Fallon and her husband, Frank Fallon of Revere, and Helen Chwaliszewski of Saugus. John is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and extended family members and friends.

A private graveside inurnment and family farewell service will be held in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. For those who wish, we encourage family and friends to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card here.

In lieu of flowers, should friends desire, contributions in John’s memory should be directed to Dana Farber, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. Or visit [www.dana-farber.org/gift](http://www.dana-farber.org/gift).

Arrangements by the Anthony Memorial –Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea.

Sygmund Piasecki  
Retired printing industry machinist



Sygmund “Ziggie” F. Piasecki, 76, of Billerica passed away on Tuesday, April 21 after a brief illness.

Ziggie was born on July 6, 1943 in Chelsea to Zygmunt and Blanche (Naruszewicz) Piasecki. He graduated from Everett Vocational High School in 1961 and worked as a machinist in the printing industry for Metropolitan Lithograph & Printing in Everett and for Matheson Higgins Congress Press in Woburn (and many other jobs in between) before retiring in 2008.

Ziggie loved the outdoors and being with family and friends. He was a member of the Billerica Elks, the Chelsea Yacht Club, and was a past president of the Polish Political Club. He went boating, fishing, and camping on Rainsford Island with his children and then his grandchildren. He enjoyed playing cribbage with anyone willing to lose to him! His other hobbies included taking his grandchildren to flea markets and yard sales on weekends. He was also an avid music lover, especially Elvis Presley and polka music.

Ziggie was preceded in death by his mother, Blanche, and his father, Zygmunt. He is survived

by six children: James Piasecki and his wife, Pamela of Walpole, Tim Piasecki of Billerica, Steve Fulmer, Norma “Sissy” Scalese and her husband, Joe of Billerica, Billie Jo Barr of Burlington and Kelly Ann Mauch of Troy, NH; his brother, Peter Piasecki and his wife, Debra of Chelsea, twelve grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, several cousins, a niece and a nephew. A celebration of life service will be announced and held at a future date when family and friends can attend. Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personal sympathy card visit; [www.WelshFuneral-Home.com](http://www.WelshFuneral-Home.com).

Donna Marie Cimino  
Feb. 8, 1966 – April 29, 2020

Donna Marie Cimino of Roslindale, formerly of Chelsea, passed away on Wednesday, April 29 at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston due to Covid-19 related illness. She was 54 years old.

Born in Winthrop, she was raised in Chelsea, a special and beloved daughter of Dorothy (Ducey) Cimino and the late Arnold Cimino.

Donna lived most of her life at home in Chelsea, cared for by her mother and family. She took residence in a group home for independent living and learning in Roslindale ten years ago.

She took great pleasure in the simple things in life, a car ride to go sightseeing, day trips to the beach, enjoying a strawberry shake or walking arm in arm with a loved one.

She was the forever loved daughter of Dorothy (Ducey) Cimino of Chelsea and the late Arnold Cimino; loving sister of Arnold Cimino and his wife, Carol of Chelsea, Catherine Terry of Everett, Doty Lombardi and her husband, Tony of Peabody, Susan Tanaglia and her husband, Robert

of Lynn and the late Frances Cimino; cherished aunt of Sal Lombardi, Cindy Sambataro, Anthony Lombardi and Christine Hebert; adored great aunt of Nino, Nicholas and Jack Sambataro, Emma and Ava Lombardi, Rose-Marie and Jerome Hebert.

A private family farewell will be held followed by graveside prayers and interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

In lieu of flowers, should friends desire, contributions in Donna’s memory should be directed to Autism Speaks-New England, 88 Broad St., Boston, MA 02110 <https://act.autism-speaks.org> or the Brigham Covid-19 Response Fund c/o 116 Huntington Ave, 3rd floor, Boston MA 02116 <https://Giving.brighamandwomens.org/covid-19>

Arrangements are by the Anthony Memorial –Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea.

Marie Papasadora  
“Revere First” volunteer and an original member  
of the Board of Directors of MGH Revere


Marie (Terrazzano) Papasadora, 88, of Revere entered into rest on May 1.

Earlier in life Marie was a bookkeeper for Electronic Fasteners located in Waltham and then for the Revere Housing Authority. Marie was on the original Board of Directors for MGH Revere and one of the first volunteers with Representative William Reinstein’s “Revere First.” Marie loved to bake for her family, play bingo, enjoyed cards with her friends and will be sadly missed by all.

Marie was born on Sept. 29, 1931 to the late Antonio and Mary Terrazzano. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Papasadora, loving mother of the late Revere Police Sgt. Peter Papasadora and his wife, Denise of Revere; the adored grandmother of Taylor, John and Joseph Papasadora; cherished sister of Angelina and her husband, Domenic Bramante of Revere, the late Albert Terrazzano and his wife, Carmella of Amesbury and the dear sister to the late Irene Terrazzano of Revere. Marie is also survived by her nephew Albert Terrazano and his wife, Cynthia, and her great nephew, Anthony of Amesbury. She also leaves many cousins, nieces and nephews.



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you, and saw you pass away.  
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we could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands at rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.  
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Joe, Debbie, Bill Jr.  
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Edgar Luis Martinez  
Castillo  
A great father, brother, son and friend



Edgar Luis Martinez Castillo passed away on Thursday, April 30 after a battle with Covid-19. He was 65 years old.

The world has lost a great father, brother, son and friend.

Edgar, also known by many who loved him as “Macho” and “Tico,” was born in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica and has lived in Chelsea since 1986.

He is survived by his children: Edgar, Luis, Rebecca, Jose Luis and Sebastian along with eight grandkids.

Unfortunately we could not hold a proper memorial and visitation due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We would like to thank the doctors, nurses and volunteers of Massachusetts General Hospital ICU who

took great care of our father throughout his toughest battle.

“No farewell words were spoken,  
No time to say “Good-bye”  
You were gone before I knew it,  
and only God knows why.”



# Kathleen DiChiara

WWII English War Bride and a woman of style, elegance and grace

Kathleen “Kay” (Davies) DiChiara of Revere died on April 30 at the age of 92.

Born in Liverpool, England to the late Daniel and Elizabeth (Hanratty) Davies, she was the beloved wife of the late Alfonso “Al” DiChiara, devoted mother of Sandra DeChristoforo and her late partner, Steve of Revere and the late Nicholas DiChiara of Westminster, CO; dear sister of the late Anne Matthews and Bette Machon of England; cherished grandmother of Gina Bassant and her late husband, Jay of Revere, Brenda Spinelli and her husband Jim of Port St. Lucie, FL and Johnna Wallace and her husband, Bruce of Port St. Lucie, FL; adored great grandmother of Cassandra, Nikolas, Caden and August. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

We lost a remarkable woman. A woman full of life, courage and determination. Throughout her exceptional life she endured many challenges but also enjoyed many incredible experiences. Growing up in England during World War II led her to meet a U.S. soldier and fall in love, and that love led her to move to the United States, to marry and start a new life and a family.

Kay was a devoted wife and an amazing mother, grandmother and great-grandmother (Nana). A woman of style, elegance



and grace. She was the family’s matriarch, historian and storyteller. She loved to travel the world and read everything she could. Her talents were endless; there wasn’t anything she couldn’t cook, sew, create or learn. Always there to lend a hand and always had a smile. And she was the best bargain shopper, especially at her beloved Filene’s.

There is so much that can be said about Kay and the way she lived life. She will be tremendously missed and remembered by all those who love her.

In accordance with the CDC’s current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham, MA 02452 or to a Cancer Charity of your choice in Kathleen’s name. For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

# Paul Bright, Jr.

Former RHS Hockey Captain, Retired Chef, Emergency Call-Taker

Paul A. Bright Jr. loved life and lived it with enthusiasm, joy, and an open heart that warmly encompassed everyone he loved and who loved him.

He loved the Boston Bruins, Aerosmith, cooking, his two cats, and, most of all, his cherished daughters, granddaughter, family, and loyal friends.

A Revere resident for most of his life, Paul passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 26.

Paul is survived by four daughters, Amanda, Dayna, Diandra, and Danae Bright, all of Revere; a granddaughter, Julianna; three siblings, Kathleen Bright-Procopio and her husband David of Saugus, Revere Fire Chief Christopher Bright and his wife Mary Ellen of Wakefield, and Amy Ciccone and her husband Eric of Marblehead. He also leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins and his aunt and uncle, Marilyn (Toomey) and Raymond Longden, of Fairfield, Conn. He was the former husband of Diana(DeSimone) Bright of Revere.

Born in Revere to the late Paul Sr. and Katherine (Toomey) Bright, Paul attended the Immaculate Conception School and graduated from Revere High School, where he skated for the school’s strong hockey teams and was chosen as a team captain in 1975. He would remain an ardent sports fan throughout his life, especially of the Bruins and Patriots.

He enjoyed the company of a group of loyal friends who often gathered behind the old Revere Cinema on Broadway, and, in reference to the place where they hung out, called themselves the Show Yard Kickers. Once, as youths, they painted a mural on a wall in tribute to the rock band Aerosmith, and Paul would remain a passionate fan of their music throughout his life.

He was employed for



many years in the culinary industry, working as a chef for Marriott Hotels and prominent corporate and event catering companies. Throughout his life, Paul enjoyed cooking and good food, and at one point contributed a recipe column to The Revere Journal.

Later in his life Paul worked as a 911 call-taker for the city of Revere and later for the city of Chelsea. After several years he was promoted to deputy director of the Chelsea 911 department. He retired several years ago.

Paul lived in Chelsea briefly and moved to Boston two years ago. In his retirement, in addition to his close bonds with his daughters and granddaughter, dear friends and family, he also cherished the companionship of his two beloved cats, J.J. and Mittens, whom he had rescued separately.

Throughout his life, Paul was a joyous and warm presence whenever he was around family and his many friends, always quick with a smile, a laugh, or a humorous remark. He had the gift of making people feel good when they were around him.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Vertuccio and Smith Home for Funerals in Revere, are private because of restrictions caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Remembrances in Paul Bright Jr.’s name may be made to the Animal Rescue League of Boston, 10 Chandler St., Boston MA 02116.

# Frances Cargill

Enjoyed being with family

Frances A. (Stone) Cargill lost her battle with leukemia on Monday afternoon, April 20.

Fran was born in California on May 9, 1944 when her dad was in the service. She grew up in Chelsea, lived in Cambridge for many years and moved to Medford years ago to be near her daughter, Cheryl.

She faced many challenges in life caring for her disabled husband, George, and dealing with physical and mental health issues. Her earlier work life consisted of working at Market Forge and Ann & Hope.

She enjoyed being with her family, watching her favorite wrestling programs, playing Bingo, hearing a good joke, dancing when she was able and shopping.

Fran is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Cargill, who lovingly arranged her care and managed her affairs over these past difficult years. Her other survivors include her son, David Sears and his partner, Karen Tedesco, her sister, Marsha Stone and her husband, Norm Hirschfeld of Greenfield, her brother, Harvey Stone and his wife, Mary of Lynnfield, niece Andrea Stone Mancinelli of Lynnfield and nephew James Stone of Northboro. In ad-

dition, she had great nephews and nieces. Fran was predeceased by her beloved husband, George and her mother and father, Dorothy and George Stone, her grandmother, Ida Kaplan and uncle Abraham (Eli) Kaplan.

The family extends tremendous gratitude to all the staff at the PACE, formerly ESP, program from Cambridge Health Alliance who provided the most caring and compassionate service to Fran for many years. Also a special thank you to Maria Melchionno, RN and Dr. Debashish Misra from the Oncology Department for their extraordinary and kind care throughout her many months of treatment. We also thank Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital staff for their attention and care thru her month stay last year.

In her memory, please donate to the charity of your choice. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date when we can all safely gather again.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Beals-Geake-Maglioizzi Funeral Home of Medford. For additional information, please visit, [www.magliozzifuneralhome.com](http://www.magliozzifuneralhome.com).

# Gloria Gerrig

Harvard University retiree and 15 year co-president of Temple Emanuel

Gloria Gerrig, 89, long time Chelsea resident, passed away peacefully on May 4.

Born in Everett on July 27, 1930, the daughter of the late William and Rose (Abrams) Gerrig, she proudly retired

from Harvard University Economics Dept. after 35 years and was co-president of Temple Emmanuel in Chelsea for 15 plus years.

She is survived by her beloved sister Barbara Gerrig of Chelsea and sister-in-law Bernice“ Bunny” (Hoffman) Gerrig of Lincoln. She was the cherished sister of the late Leatrice Mazzone and Edward Gerrig; devoted aunt to Gene and Robert Mazzone, Judy Gudinas, Richard and Beth Gerrig, Georgia LeBlond



and the late Risa Gerrig as well as several great nieces and nephews. She will be sorely missed by her Harvard and Temple Emmanuel friends.

Contributions in Gloria’s memory may be made to Temple Emmanuel, 6 Tudor St., Chelsea, MA 02150. All arrangements will be private. Visit [www.torffuneralservice.com](http://www.torffuneralservice.com) for guestbook.

# Paul Bard

He had a beautiful soul



Paul G. Bard, a longtime resident of Chelsea, passed on April 30 af-

ter a period of declining health.

Born August 13, 1948 in Chelsea, Paul was a son of the late Thomas D. and Sylvia Perez Bard, He grew up in the Chelsea area, attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School. Paul was proud to be a US Marine veteran and kept those memories close to his heart.

Paul had a beautiful soul. He brought smiles to all who loved him with his sharp wit and fun loving outlook on life. He will be deeply missed.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Lisa. He is also survived by his loving son Paul J Bard (PJ) of Revere and his former spouse, Janis. In addition he leaves his sister Rhoda Burrows, Warrenton MO, brother, Thomas Bard, (MaryJo) Boise, ID, sister ,Charlene Lombardi, Del Ray Beach, FL, brother, Dennis Bard (Karen) and



sister, Susie Alfieri (Tony) of Old Lyme, CT. He was predeceased by his sister, Robin Ann Bard. Paul is survived by many nieces and nephews along with lifelong friends, Kenny and Rita Flynn.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of the Covid Unit at MA General Hospital for the exceptional loving care and compassion shown to Paul during this difficult time. In accordance with the CDC’s current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Chelsea Soldiers Home, 91 Crest Ave, Chelsea, MA. For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

# Laura Josephine Fiorino

Past member of Women’s Auxiliary and American Legion Post 6, East Boston

Laura Josephine (Voci) Fiorino, a lifelong resident of East Boston, died on May, 1 at the age of 94.

Laura was a past member of the Women’s Auxiliary and the American Legion Post 6 in East Boston. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Born in Revere on August 2, 1925 to the late Joseph Voci Sr. and Amelia (Cataldo) Voci, she was the devoted mother of Vincent “Vinny” Fiorino and his wife, Lorraine of Revere and Philip Fiorino and his wife, Diana of Saugus; beloved sister of the late Grace Guerrero, Patricia Lavoine, Irene Coughlin, Albert Voci and Joseph Voci Jr. ; cherished grandmother of Vincent, Michael, Stephen, and Ava and adored great grandmother of Alessan-



dra, Craig and Alyssa. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC’s current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lighthouse Nursing Care Center, 204 Proctor Ave, Revere, MA 02151. For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

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