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The Josh Kraft Way

Street to be named in honor of JGBC founder

By Cary Shuman

The Chelsea City Council voted unanimously to name a street in honor of former Jordan Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Josh Kraft.

Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson sponsored the motion that will name an area between Maverick Street and Congress Avenue adjacent to the club, "Josh Kraft Way."

"Josh Kraft came to Chelsea and helped affect Chelsea youths in a positive, uplifting manner," said Robinson. "He was able to deliver a state-of-the-art Boys and Girls Club facility to Chelsea that has benefited our youth in so many ways. His leadership of the club was exceptional. The naming of this street is a fitting honor for a someone who was outstanding leader in our community for many years."

Kraft served as the founding executive director of the Chelsea-based club for 15 years, leading the way for the construction of the new \$11.2 million clubhouse on Willow

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NEW SUPERVISORS



Congratulations to the CPD's newest Patrol Sergeants - Star Chung (1st Asian American Female Sgt.), Paul Marchese (son of CPD Officer Ed Marchese - Ret.) and Jay Guido (son of former Revere Police Chief Jim Guido - Ret.).

"The City is extremely lucky to have such great new supervisors," said Chief Brian Kyes.

MIT Wastewater monitoring could be public health measure of the future

By Seth Daniel

A pilot program being run by MIT, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and the City of Chelsea could help public health officials get an early, pinpointed lead on COVID-19 outbreaks simply by checking what's been flushed down the toilet.

Though it sounds like gross business, the pi-

lot program piggy-backs on a program run by the MWRA where they analyze wastewater at Deer Island for the whole system and have learned that they can predict surges in COVID-19 several days before positive tests start showing up. That is because the virus - like all other viruses - travels through human waste and shows up at treatment facilities before it shows up

in hospitals. By detecting a large surges at Deer Island in virus content, the MWRA is able to help public health officials prepare for a likely surge in cases. One of the limits of the program is that it can only tell broadly that surges are coming, and cannot give any details about where those surges might be clustered.

Now Chelsea is run-

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Technical difficulties

Rental Assistance program hits a snag during lottery drawing

By Seth Daniel

After several technical difficulties occurred and multiple numbers were pulled repeatedly (especially #839 for some reason), the first lottery on Jan. 6 for the Rental Assistance Program Round 2 was nullified.

The City re-booted the process and started over, it said. The second lottery took place on Jan. 7 and was more successful.

"We felt the first lottery was not fair and transparent due to technical difficulties," said City Manager Tom Ambrosino. "So we nullified the results and redid the lottery."

According to a message to applicants from the City, there were technical errors and residents couldn't often hear the broadcast online.

Likewise, many complained that the same numbers were being pulled multiple times,

meaning there were somehow multiple entries of the same numbers in the Jan. 6 lottery.

Many of those watching the proceedings were shocked and very disappointed.

"I formally request that the City of Chelsea submit the process again as it is notable on the live broadcast and on the list provided of winners that the calculation used was faulty - not providing an equal opportunity and fairness for us citizens in need," wrote Villalba Alanis on the during the broadcast.

The lottery was re-done on Jan. 7, and the results then seemed to be much more consistent and fair.

This is the second Rental Assistance program round, and those picked in the lottery access funds to help pay rent due to COVID-19 loss of income. The first round took place last year and went off without a hitch.

Developer makes \$12.3 million move on industrial property

By Seth Daniel

A Boston developer who already has a transformative, 320-unit apartment building on Second and Vine Streets under review in Everett on the City Line has purchased additional land on the street to round out the project.

According to Bldup.com, Block Properties purchased two other development parcels along Second and Vine this month for \$7.3 million. Last fall, they purchased the property with the apartment building proposal for \$5 million. President Jonathan Block said the new purchase completes the land holdings needed for the project.

The current proposal on 2nd and Vine replaces and older warehouse building and is part of a complete transformation that has happened before and during COVID-19 on the Commercial Triangle area of Everett and across the line into Chelsea as well.

Block told the Record the industrial areas in Everett and Chelsea have a lot of energy, and a pro-development atmosphere on either side that is missing in other places.

"It's a very interesting area," he said. "We had obviously seen some of the other projects constructed or proposed in the area. That, in conjunction with what seemed to be a very friendly City environment needed for the project."

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Father Edgar warns Chelsea Funeral Fund almost depleted

By Seth Daniel

With five requests to the Chelsea Funeral Fund since Dec. 30, including one of Monday for a COVID-19 death, Father Edgar Duarte of St. Luke's Church warned the City Council that it is in danger of being depleted very soon if no action is taken.

The Funeral Fund was established originally in June to help residents provide a burial for unexpected deaths during the COVID-19, and many from community organizations and City government have referred those in need of funeral money to Father Edgar and the Fund. Families are able to access \$1,700 for referrals, and Father Edgar most of the time donates his services to officiate over the burial.

Father Edgar said there had been 12 families



Father Edgar Duarte told the Chelsea City Council that due to increased need, the Chelsea Funeral Fund is in danger of being depleted.

that have been helped at a cost of \$20,000 since COVID-19 hit, but he said there has been a major uptick in requests since the end of 2020 and the Fund is in danger of running out of money.

"The objective of the fund is to help residents provide a dignified burial of their dead in the worst

of times," he said. "One issue that concerns me now is since Dec. 30 the number of referrals has been increased greatly in a short time."

He said there were two referrals last week, and two the previous week. On Monday, La Colaborativa Director Gladys Vega sent over another referral for a 60-year-old man that recently died of COVID-19.

"At this time, the Fund was started with \$22,000 and is left with \$8,000," he told the Council. "With this man referred today, it will be left with a little over \$6,000. We are very concerned that at this pace and with the increased mortality rates because of COVID-19, our Fund will dry up before our regular fundraising efforts can replenish the Fund."

Father Edgar and Councilor Judith Garcia put an order before the Council

to provide \$25,000 of City funds to help replenish the Funeral Fund.

That effort was moved to a Second Reading at the City Council on Monday night, with much support from Councilors - including Councilor Damali Vidot.

Vidot said after having spent an hour talking about a \$300,000 project to beautify the downtown, things like this just seemed so much more important.

"There are dire needs out there like this," she said.

"We have a responsibility to help Father Edgar, who is doing the Lord's work literally," she said. "I feel what he has done is immeasurable and we should support him."

Garcia said the Fund is quickly getting depleted, and compared to other expenditures for COVID-19, it's a very small amount.



A rendering of the 320-unit building on 2nd and Vine Streets in the Commercial Triangle District of Everett at the City Line with Chelsea. The project is brought by Block Properties, of Chestnut Hill. The project is under review at the Everett Planning Board right now, and the developer has spent more than \$12 million acquiring properties on Second Street and Vine Streets at the City Line.

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CHELSEA SCHOOL UPDATE

DISTICTWIDE

•The Chelsea REACH Program ended 2020 by collecting over 200 toys to donate for Chelsea families and collaborated with La Colaborativa to distribute them. We also had our last open mic for the 2020 year. We look forward to starting 2021 again with our writing workshops and monthly open mics! On behalf of REACH we wish you a Happy New Year.

ELC UPDATES

•Ms. Lindsay and Mr. Jose’s class had fun before the break making fake snow, reindeer shapes, and receiving special gifts on a snowy day! Happy Holiday and Happy New Year to our Busy Bees at the ELC.

KELLY SCHOOL UPDATES

•The Kelly School staff made the most of the two welcome-back professional development days, working to grow self-awareness of how personal identities affect interactions at school, and to add to the repertoire of teaching moves that grow students’ expressive language and empower them as “expert learners.”

•The Caminos Program has GROWN up into 5th and 6th grades -- and those kids have grown too. The Kelly School thanks the CPS Finance and Facilities teams for investing in new “right-size” furniture for 5th and 6th grade classrooms. There’s no more crowding tall pre-teen knees under an elementary-sized table.

SOKOLOWSKI SCHOOL UPDATES

•Every year, the first grade team organizes a Gingerbread Day during the holiday season. Students usually engage in holiday crafts, read alouds, sing alongs, and play games together. This year, the school was proud to host the 1st Virtual Gin-



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The School Committee heard big news from its Student Representative Richard Flores. Flores received early acceptance to Harvard University recently. We are super proud of Richard and this amazing accomplishment, said the Committee.

gerbread Day. All first graders spent time in 5 different centers: a movement center, engineering a gingerbread man trap, how to draw a gingerbread man, how to write steps to catch a gingerbread man, and building a gingerbread house with math shapes. The school ended its day with Mr. Meyers and Mr. Machado reading aloud The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School.

•Is there a better way to ring in the year than singing and dancing together? Well, that’s exactly what happened on Monday, Jan 4. The Sokolowski invited Veronica Robles to help start the New Year on the right foot. Veronica is a female Mariachi singer and a cultural icon for Latinos in Boston. She is also the co-founder and director of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center, a non-profit organization that supports community action offering Latin American arts and culture programs while also providing jobs for youth. With her roots in Chelsea, Veronica was able to enlighten all of us about the importance of celebrating differences! She also led us in sing-alongs and got everyone up and dancing.

•Mr. F’s third grade class had two special guests this week - Jayde and Kyle Umemba. Jayde and Kyle are activists from Chelsea who are working to make Chelsea

better for everyone. They talked to students about why they love Chelsea and told them about their work organizing protests for Black Lives Matter. Students also got to share MLK Jr.-inspired poems with them. It was great having Jayde and Kyle on Zoom. Special thanks to Cesar Castro for helping set this up.

CHELSEA OPPORTUNITY ACADEMY UPDATES

•Prior to vacation, students and staff members from the Chelsea Opportunity Academy participated in an outdoor, socially distanced holiday event. The COA family got together and enjoyed some hot chocolate and other holiday treats, discussed holiday traditions, and made plans for a great new year. Students left with smiles and new COA sweatshirts.

After vacation, COA welcomed four grant-funded Dropout Prevention Specialists to the COA family. These new staff members - JJ, Andy, Juliana, and Francisco - are all COA alumni who are returning to school to help with outreach to students and supervision of remote learning support centers. This Wednesday, Specialists worked with COA administration to learn the ins and outs of the staff side of COA.

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ronment for development with zoning changes and a pro-development atmosphere, it really appealed to us for our next project. It’s a place to be for a long time.”

Block Properties has been constructing and managing residential projects all over Greater Boston, noting Somerville as an area they have concentrated on.

Block said it might be hard for those in Everett, Chelsea or other long-time residents to see the potential value right now, but he said the area is a gem and has a lot of momentum with numerous projects on the Everett and Chelsea sides – as well as the potential extension of the Silver Line running right along Second Street in the near-future.

“It’s hard to see the future when you walk through there now,” he said. “It’s not without risk to us and other developers. But you have the Pioneer and the proposal at the Stop & Shop. You also have the project on Garvey up from us and the Greystone project (at the old Wood Waste site). On the other side of the

border in Chelsea there is also the Fairfield project. There’s a lot started and a lot coming in. There’s a combination of availability of land and parcels along with a pro-development atmosphere.”

Block also said there’s a lot more difficulty developing in some other places, particularly as developers scour the region for good residential sites.

“Other developers in Cambridge or Somerville or other submarkets are looking for the next area and I think this checks a lot of boxes,” he said. “It’s not going to be transformed a year or three years from now, but 10 years from now it will look really different and for the better.”

The company had a hearing on Tuesday at the Everett Planning Board, and reviews are ongoing.

Last October 12, the Everett Planning Board heard an initial review of the project from the development team where they reported a 320-unit, six-story apartment building with 450 parking spaces and 4,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail. The project was reported to be

an as-of-right project that would need no Zoning Board relief, a new trend in that district. They only need Site Plan Review from the Everett Planning Board and an Inclusionary Zoning (Affordable Housing) certification.

“Our approach is to make our front door on Second Street,” said Tamara Ray, an architect on the team with Stantec. “We know that in the future that is going to be the main street in the area. The T will probably go down the middle of the street so that’s our front door. We’re still in a gritty district now...We know we’re in a transformative district and we see our project as part of the transformation of the neighborhood.”

One unique part of the project is it is not a podium style development with parking on the first floors. Instead, they’ll have a hidden parking garage.

“Our project is not a podium project,” she said.

The design of the building includes red brick on part of it, but also fibre cement and a lot of unique colors.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Shenkin, Brian	Barrett, Donna	17 Addison St	\$563,000
Curtin RET	Bleck, Olaf	24 Breakwater Dr #24	\$595,000
Akatsuka, Neal K	Dilorenzo, Victoria C	81 Broadway #8	\$447,000
Murphy, Joseph	Henry, Francis	100 Commandants Way #205	\$315,000
Lopes, Mario W	Katherine Hm Improvement	31 John St	\$525,000
Babb, Shavar	Vaillancourt, Ross	10 Pembroke St #1	\$385,000



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ning a similar program, but drilled down to the neighborhood level so that those analyzing the waste water can find out if a specific neighborhood is experiencing a surge in COVID-19, or any other virus.

The program in Chelsea is purely for informational purposes, and MIT, MAPC, an analysis lab and the City of Chelsea DPW are partnering on it. The program started in the second week of November, and right now they have two locations where they are monitoring waste water.

Those locations are:

•Marginal and Pearls Streets.

•Crescent and Eastern Avenue.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said those two locations account for 25 percent of the City’s total wastewater flows. They are hoping to add two more locations very soon that would boost their analysis to 40 percent of the city. The program is funded and carried out by MIT.

While the program has very real benefits for the purpose of public health monitoring in the COVID-19 fight, Ambrosino said such an ex-

panded program could have long-term public health benefits.

“Long-term, if this infrastructure is kept beyond COVID-19, it’s the kind of infrastructure that could warn the City early of the spread of other viruses and the City could respond more quickly than currently possible,” he said.

City Councillor Leo Robinson said he was very interested in the program on Monday night at the Council meeting, and asked to be updated frequently on the matter.



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2021

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WE MUST NEVER FORGET THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

As we were watching on TV the dramatic events unfold in Washington last week when the Trump Mob stormed the Capitol, threatening the lives of the Vice President, members of Congress, and the police who tried to hold them back (and actually murdering one of the members of the Capitol Police), the image of a gathering 58 years earlier in August, 1963, illuminated our mind’s eye.

We are referring to the March on Washington, when more than 250,000 Americans from all across the country gathered at the Lincoln Memorial on a steamy summer day to demand “jobs and freedom,” an event that was climaxed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s immortal “I Have a Dream” speech.

The March on Washington was famous not only for Dr. King’s iconic words, but also because the unprecedented mass gathering of Americans was completely peaceful. Pundits and others had predicted rioting, but there were no arrests, no incidents, no violence -- a stark contrast to the events of last Wednesday perpetrated by Trump’s Mob.

The March on Washington and Dr. King’s subsequent peaceful protests galvanized support for the goals of “jobs and freedom,” eventually resulting in laws such as the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act that ended segregation in the South and discrimination in the North.

We would note that even the best efforts of a revered figure such as Dr. King could not stem the tide of violent rioting that marked the 1960s, most notably Watts in 1965, Detroit in 1967, and Chicago in 1968.

Yet Dr. King’s legacy of peaceful protest is what endures today.

For those of us old enough to remember the 1960s, it’s hard to believe that it has been almost 53 years since Dr. King was assassinated while he was standing on a balcony in a motel room in Memphis. Dr. King was in Memphis to show his solidarity with striking city trash collection workers.

Every school child for the past generation knows well the story of Dr. Martin Luther King. But an elementary school textbook cannot truly convey the extent to which he brought about real change in our country. To anyone under the age of 50, Dr. King is just another historical figure.

But for those of us who can recall the 1960s, a time when racial segregation was lawful throughout half of our country and a stealthy racism prevailed throughout the other half, Martin Luther King stands out as one of the great leaders in American history, a man whose stirring words and perseverance to his cause changed forever the historical trajectory of race relations in America, a subject that some historians refer to as the Original Sin of the American experience.

However, as much as things have changed for the better in the past 53 years in terms of racial equality in our society, the events of last Wednesday also made it clear that we still have a long way to go before it can be said, as Dr. King put it in his speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963: “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

“What would Dr. Martin Luther King do if he were alive today?” we often ask ourselves. We can’t say for sure, but we do know that although King accomplished much in his lifetime, he would be the first to understand that the work for which he gave his life still is far from done.

Dr. King advocated for non-violent protest and he practiced what he preached. That’s a lesson that must be re-learned by each succeeding generation. We can only hope that his spirit and courage can continue to inspire this and future generations to bring about a world in which all persons are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

RICK CROMWELL

The Chelsea community lost one of our good ones with the sudden passing of Maurice “Rick” Cromwell Jr. on New Year’s Eve.

Rick was a lifelong Chelsea resident who enjoyed a long and successful career in the food and hospitality industry.

Beyond his professional accomplishments however, Rick was a cherished member of the large and extended Cromwell family that has been an integral part of the fabric of our community for decades.

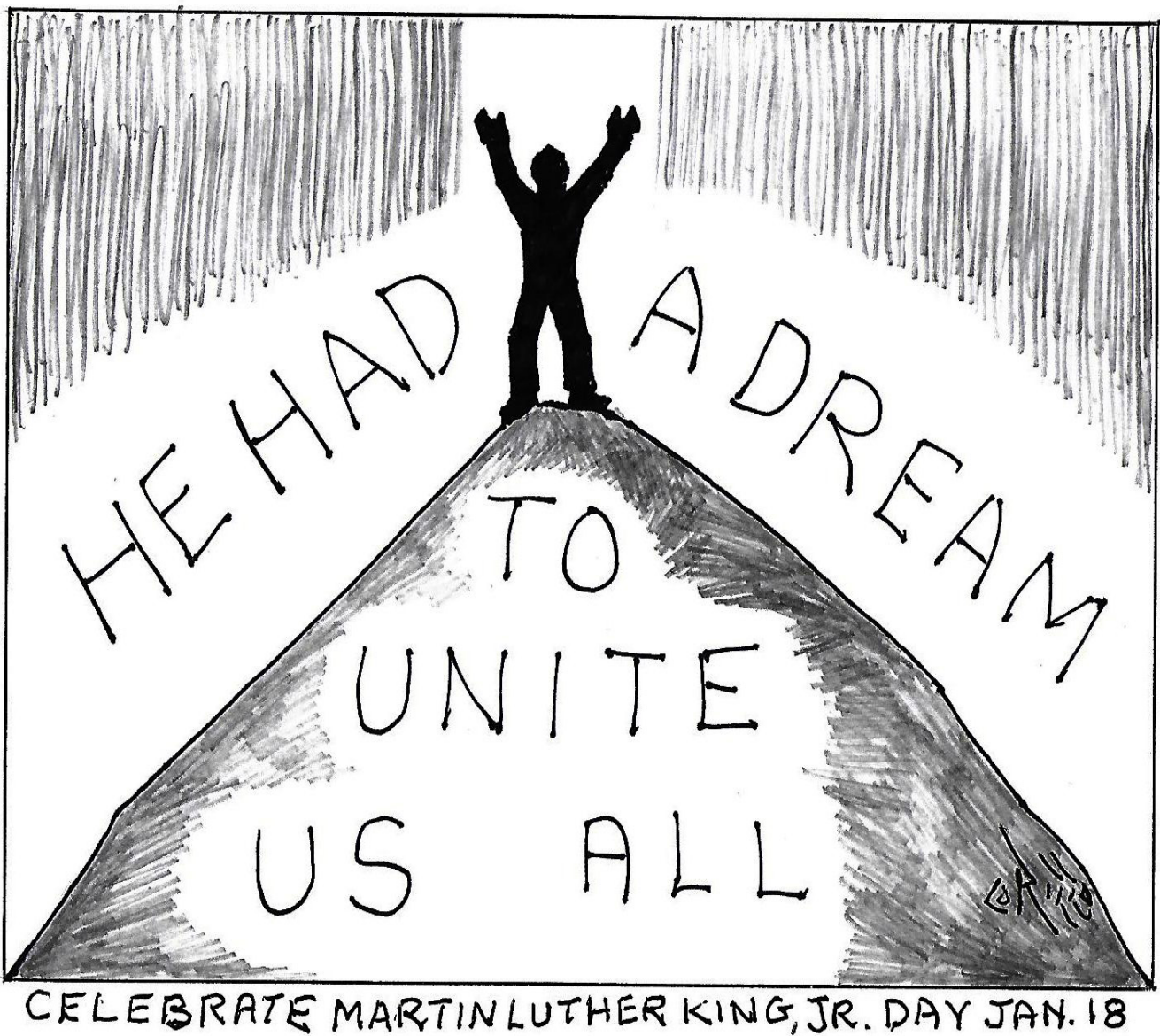
When we recall Ricky as a young man playing in the Chelsea Summer Basketball League on the steamy asphalt courts at the old Merritt and Highland Parks, being cheered on by his late mom, Madeline, and his lovely sisters and other family members, it makes us realize how quickly time flies -- and that family bonds last forever.

Although Rick had suffered from health issues in his later years, he always remained the affable and dapper man whose presence in any situation was a joy.

We know we join with all of our fellow Chelsea residents in extending our condolences to his children, Maurice III and Lauricia, his wonderful sisters and brothers, and his many other family members. He will be missed by all of us who knew and loved him.

May he rest in peace.

Forum



GUEST OP-ED

Please, stop the violence

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Acts of violence against a marriage partner have never saved a marriage. Violent acts toward family members have never made a family happier. Typically, they create emotional and sometimes physical wounds that are never forgotten. Too many families have suffered because someone in the family became violent.

Violence in our communities and towns always results in pain, division and sometimes even loss of life. Violence typically brings the wrong people together to do bad things. No community, city or state needs this.

In times of war or enemy aggression against our United States, violence has been necessary. Acts of war have never been pleasant. They result in the loss of life and horrific debilitation of so many people physically and mentally. Most Americans do not want to be at war with anyone.

In years past, we have had to protect our country against those who sought

to harm us. The Second Amendment gives Americans the right to bear arms and protect ourselves. We are grateful for our military but we pray for peace. None of us want our family members actively involved in combat if it can be avoided.

Violence like we saw last week at the United States Capitol was criminal. It helped no one. It solved nothing. Everyone who traveled to hear President Trump speak should have bought a nice dinner in D.C. and then traveled back to their families. Unlawfully entering the Capitol was wrong and was carried out in a violent criminal way. People were killed. Offices were torn apart and doors broken down. Staffers were terrified for their lives. This should never have happened. Many of these criminals will eventually be arrested and spend time in jail.

This act of criminal stupidity did nothing to advance or help President Trump. If they had stopped in front of the Capitol and given speeches, yelled,

screamed, waved their signs throughout the day and then gone home the results would have been better. Terrorism never produces positive results. Destruction of the property of others and the terrorism of people are savage and criminal.

This same kind of unnecessary violence was seen in many of our cities last summer. I traveled to Cleveland, Ohio after a march had taken place and saw the results of acts of violence. I saw almost all of downtown Cleveland boarded up. Businesses were closed. Hotels were closed. Very few restaurants were open. For weeks my family was afraid to stop in downtown Louisville because of the protests and disruption occurring in the city.

In the United States of America, individuals, groups and organizations have the absolute right to march, protest and exercise their free speech. However, the destruction of buildings and businesses are acts of violence and are criminal. The people who shut down sections

of cities throughout our country should be arrested for their behavior. An acquaintance, who lived outside Seattle for many years, was terrified to travel back to that city last year.

Violence against Democrats or Republicans will not bring this country back together. Invasion and violence against the Capitol solved nothing but ruined some lives. Violence will not change the results of the election. Joe Biden will be the President of the United States for the next four years.

March, protest, yell, scream and financially support organizations who promote your point of view. But please, put your guns, pipe bombs and hatred away.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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CHELSEA RECREATION ANNOUNCES FREE SPRING ONLINE CLASSES

Chelsea Recreation which includes Community Schools programming is offering free online spring classes to all residents who register beginning January 12 at 4pm . There are classes in martial arts for ages 3.5-12, ballet, art, music and adult cardio. Learn about safety around water with Longfellow’s WHALE Tales , the process of buying a home, take one of our popular Spanish or English language classes or participate in our Valentine’s Day Virtual Fitness Challenge. Those interested have three easy ways to register: by email: recreation@chelseama.gov, phone 617 466-5233, 4-8:30pm; or online at register.communitypass.net/Chelsea.

VACANCIES ON VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

Pursuant to the City of Chelsea Charter, Section 9-5(d), this is a Notice of all Board and Commission upcoming vacancies in the City of Chelsea through June 30, 2021.

During that timeframe, openings will occur in the following Boards and Commissions:

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FOOD PANTRY FOR VETERANS

Contactless delivery and car pickup will be between 10 am and noon at 150 Marginal St. The next event dates are:

- March 3, 2021
 - April 7, 2021
 - May 5, 2021
- Contact Veterans’ Services if you have a question: Francisco Toro
Email: ftoro@chelseama.gov.

ROUTE 1 HOUSING PROGRAM

In an effort to enhance and preserve the quality of the existing housing supply in the City of Chelsea, the City has premiered the Route 1 Housing Enhancements Program.

The Program provides assistance to homeowners seeking to address sound attenuation, air quality improvements, and exterior repairs. Targeting properties adjacent to Route 1, the Program strives to mitigate the adverse public health effects caused by Route 1, including, but not limited to, noise pollution, degraded air quality, and property damage that occurred during recent state construction.

Learn more about this program and find the application online at www.ChelseaMa.gov/Route-1-Enhancement.

SAVE A LIFE, WEAR A MASK

If you see businesses or workplaces not complying with safety guidelines, please report it by calling the City of Chelsea 311 (non-emergencies line) at 617-466-4209 or visiting mass.gov/compliance.

Commuter Rail schedule changes approved; take effect January 23

The MBTA is reminding customers that, as of January 23, MBTA Commuter Rail schedules take effect which were approved in December 2020 by the MBTA’s Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB). It represents an increase in weekday service levels from the current schedule and provides more than 50 percent of weekday service levels from the same time last year, while current ridership levels are approximately 10 percent.

As part of the Board’s direction to align service with ridership while maintaining access for transit-critical communities, effective January 23, 2021, Commuter Rail weekend service will only run on select lines and weekday service will increase slightly. New Winter Service Schedules will be available at www.MBTA.com on January 15, 2021, and print copies will be available at major stations starting the week of January 18, 2021. The Reduced Service Schedule currently in place will remain through January 22, 2021.

The new Winter Service Schedule starts to align service with the lower ridership levels experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning January 23, 2021, Commuter Rail will only offer weekend service on the Newburyport/Rockport, Framingham/Worcester, Fairmount, Providence, and Middleborough Lines. These lines experienced more ridership gains over the last several months compared to other lines and serve transit-critical communities. All other Commuter Rail lines will not have weekend service. Ridership has remained low during the pandemic with approximately 8% of regular weekday ridership during the morning rush hour period in the fall of 2020 compared to fall 2019.

The new Winter Service Schedule includes additional trains on the Middleborough Line, Fairmount Line, and Newburyport/Rockport Line. These added trains help to fill in service gaps that existed in the previous schedule and help to offer more consistent train intervals, such as

clockface service which makes riding simpler for passengers.

Since March, Keolis and the MBTA have introduced new technologies, such as electrostatic sprayers, to help sanitize passenger areas quickly and thoroughly. As part of this enhanced cleaning, added attention is given to touch surfaces, employee areas and air filtration systems. All coach cars continue to be cleaned at least every 24 hours as a protection for passengers and train crews.

The MBTA’s Forging Ahead initiative aims to preserve access and quality of service for transit-critical communities and to match service to existing ridership levels. Commuter Rail ridership is approximately 10% of its pre-COVID levels. As part of its Forging Ahead initiative, the MBTA organized a months-long process to solicit the public’s input, including more than 7,000 comments from riders and stakeholders and which was used to shape the final plan approved by the FMCB.

DiDomenico’s environmental justice bill included in landmark climate change legislation

Last week, the Massachusetts Legislature passed breakthrough climate legislation that overhauls the state’s climate laws, drives down greenhouse gas emissions, and creates clean energy jobs.

The bill, An Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy, includes major changes to the way the Commonwealth approaches statewide climate change policy and historic environmental justice language taken from legislation sponsored by State Senator Sal DiDomenico. Senator DiDomenico was a lead sponsor of the Environmental Justice Act, and worked with his colleagues Senator Jamie Eldridge and Representatives Liz Miranda, Adrian Madaro, and Michelle DuBois on this important issue throughout the last session.

“I am absolutely thrilled that these key environmental justice provisions were included in this historic climate change bill,” said Senator DiDomenico. “Time and again, cities like Chelsea and Everett have been disproportionately impacted by our long history of short-sighted environmental policies, and we have taken on this toxic burden for our entire region. Moving forward, this legislation ensures that EJ communities have a seat at the table and a voice when decisions are made that impact their homes and their health. There are many landmark components of this bill, but this provision in particular is so important for our community. I am very grateful to the incredible EJ organizations, like Chelsea’s own GreenRoots for their

fierce advocacy on this; their tireless work has yielded a big win for EJ communities across the Commonwealth.”

Critically, for the first very first time, this bill codifies environmental justice into Massachusetts law, defining Environmental Justice populations and providing new tools and protections for affected neighborhoods. It also requires each climate roadmap plan to improve or mitigate economic, environmental, and public health impacts on EJ populations and low- and moderate-income individuals.

The legislation also includes, among other items, the following provisions:

- Sets a statewide net zero limit on greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and mandates emissions limits every five years, as well as limits for specific sectors of the economy, including transportation and buildings.
- Requires an additional 2,400 megawatts of offshore wind, building on previous legislation action and increases the total to 5,600 megawatts in the Commonwealth.
- Directs the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), regulator of the state’s electric and natural gas utilities, to balance priorities going forward: system safety, system security, reliability, affordability, equity, and, significantly, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- Sets appliance energy efficiency standards for a variety of common appliances including plumbing, faucets, computers, and commercial appliances.
- Adopts several measures aimed at improving gas pipeline safety, including increased fines for safety violations and regulations related to training and certifying utility contractors.

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- Increases the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) by 3 percent each year from 2025 – 2029, resulting in 40 percent renewable energy by 2030.
- Establishes an opt-in municipal net zero energy stretch code, including a definition of “net zero building.”
- Prioritizes equitable access to the state’s solar programs by low-income communities.
- Establishes \$12 million in annual funding for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center in order to create a pathway to the clean energy industry for environmental justice populations and minority-owned and women-owned businesses.
- Provides solar incentives for businesses by exempting them from the net metering cap to allow them to install solar systems on their premises to help offset their electricity use and save money.
- Requires utilities to include an explicit value for greenhouse gas reductions when they calculate the cost-effectiveness of an offering of MassSave.
- Creates a first-time greenhouse gas emissions standard for municipal lighting plants that requires them to purchase 50 percent non-emitting electricity by 2030 and “net zero” by 2050.
- Sets benchmarks for the adoption of clean energy technologies including electric vehicles, charging stations, solar technology, energy storage, heat pumps and anaerobic digestors.

The bill now awaits the Governor’s signature.

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The 14th Annual MLK Celebration will be virtual this year, Jan. 18

Staff Report

The 14th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration in Chelsea will be held virtually this year on Monday, Jan. 18. The event will be held online and those who wish to participate will have to sign up by Jan. 15 to get the invite to the celebration. The program will begin at 10 a.m. on Jan. 18. Rev. Sandra Whitley said the keynote speaker will be the Honorable Angel Kelley, who is an As-

sociate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court. The program will also include an update on the Public Service Project that serves the homeless in the community – known as Project Opening Doors. They will also be highlighting public school art, poetry and essay contest winners, Spirit Award winners and Young Adult Dreamers & Achievers Award winners. To register for the event, go online to www.drking-chelsea2021.eventbrite.com.



The Honorable Angel Kelley, a associate justice of the Superior Court, will be the keynote speaker for this year's online MLK Celebration.

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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



Gov. Charles Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito joined legislators and public safety officials to participate in a ceremonial signing the Patient First Health Care and Police Reform bills.

GOV. BAKER HOLDS BILL SIGNING FOR PATIENT FIRST HEALTH CARE BILL

Gov. Charles Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito joined Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders to participate in a ceremonial signing of S.2984, An Act Promoting a Resilient Health Care System That Puts Patients First.

Baker and Polito were also joined by Sen. Cindy Friedman, Sen. Julian Cyr, and Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr to participate in the ceremonial signing. Baker also acknowledged the work of Speaker of the House Ronald Mariano, Senate President Karen Spilka, and other legislators for their work in advancing this comprehensive health care legislation.

The new law increases insurance coverage for telehealth services, expands the scope of practice for nurse practitioners, other specialized

nurses, and optometrists, and takes steps to protect consumers from surprise medical bills. Recognizing the continuing impacts of COVID-19, the law also extends requirements for all insurance carriers in Massachusetts to cover COVID-19 testing and treatment. In addition, the legislation takes several steps to increase MassHealth member access to urgent care sites, including eliminating referral requirements before urgent care visits and requirements for care coordination with the member's primary care physician.

GOV. BAKER SIGNS POLICE REFORM BILL

Gov. Charles Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito joined legislators and public safety officials to participate in a ceremonial signing of S.2963, An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth.

Baker and Polito were also joined by Senate

President Karen Spilka, Speaker of the House Ronald Mariano, Sen. William Brownsberger, Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz, Rep. Claire Cronin, Rep. Russell Holmes, Rep. Chynah Tyler, MA Chiefs of Police Association President Ed Dunne, and former MA Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers President Larry Ellison to participate in the ceremonial signing.

The legislation will create a mandatory certification process for police officers, increases accountability and transparency in law enforcement and gives police departments a greater ability to hire or promote only qualified applicants. The new law also identifies the general circumstances under which police officers can use physical force, and places strict limits on the use of so-called 'no-knock warrants.' In addition, the legislation requires law enforcement to seek a court order when conducting a facial recognition search except in emergency situations.

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Street. He is stepping down as the president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston after a distinguished 30-year association with the organization. Mark Robinson, chair of the JGBC Breakfast

Series, said of Josh Kraft Way, "What a great and deserving honor!"

Robinson added, "Josh's legacy is beyond his leadership and the Chelsea Clubhouse. His positive impact on the

lives of hundreds of children who passed through The Willow Street Clubhouse and their families is generational for it will multiply to the thousands for years to come. The Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea would not have happened without Josh and Chelsea will forever be the beneficiary."

John Montes, program director at the JGBC, had the opportunity to work with Kraft at the local club for 20 years. He said he is excited that there will be street named in honor of Kraft.

"This is an amazing tribute to Josh," said Montes. "He has done so much for this community that I could not think of anyone more deserving of this honor."

Josh Kraft is the son of New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft and the late Myra Kraft. Josh is the president of the New England Patriots Foundation.

Postal employees will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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USPS will issue new 2021 stamps for price change

The U.S. Postal Service will release three new stamps as part of 2021 price change:

Barns, a 36-cent postcard stamp; Brush Rabbit, a 20-cent additional ounce stamp; and Castillo de San Marcos, a \$7.95 Priority Mail stamp. The stamps will be available beginning Sunday, Jan. 24. There will be no national first-day-of-issue ceremony for these stamps.

•Barns

The U.S. Postal Service has four new postcard stamps that celebrate the beauty and history of American barns. The artist created digital paintings of four types of iconic barns found in the rural American landscape. With differing qualities of light and color, each piece reflects one of the four seasons: a round barn surrounded by the hazy light and warm colors of fall; a gambrel-roofed barn in summer; a forebay barn in early spring; and a Western barn on a winter's night. Ashley Walton designed the stamps with original artwork by Kim Johnson. Greg Breeding was the art director.

Along the bottom of each stamp is the word "postcard," to indicate their usage. These stamps will always be valid for the rate printed on them.

•Brush Rabbits

The U.S. Postal Service features a brush rabbit (Sylvilagus bachmani) on this additional ounce stamp, available in a pane of 20 or a coil of 100. The brush rabbit is a small brownish cottontail rabbit of the U.S. West Coast and Baja California, Mexico. It lives mostly west of the Sierra Nevada range



One of the focuses of the new stamps will be barns.

and south of the Columbia River, which defines the coastal Oregon-Washington border. The adult is about a foot long and generally weighs between one and two pounds.

The pencil-and-watercolor illustration is from preexisting artwork by designer and illustrator Dugald Stermer (1936-2011). Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamp.

The words "additional ounce" on this stamp indicate its usage value. This stamp will always be valid for the rate printed on it.

•Castillo de San Marcos

The latest Priority Mail stamp, which bears the new price, celebrates the oldest masonry fortification in the United States, the Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine, Fla.

The stamp art features a digital illustration of the fortress based on a contemporary photograph. With a view toward the northeast corner of the fortress, the artwork captures it in the golden glow of sunrise over Matanzas Bay. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp with art created by

Chicago-based graphic illustrator Dan Cosgrove.

This stamp provides a convenient way for customers to pay for Priority Mail Flat Rate shipping with a single stamp. Priority Mail is the Postal Service's bestselling mail service. Domestic deliveries arrive in one-three business days depending on where a package starts and where it's going. Tracking and insurance are included, and shipping boxes and envelopes are free.

•Postal Products

Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through the Postal Store at usps.com/shopstamps, by calling 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724), by mail through USA Philatelic, or at Post Office locations nationwide.

Information for ordering first-day-of-issue postmarks and covers is at usps.com/shop.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.



DIDOMENICO SWORN INTO STATE SENATE

State Senator Sal DiDomenico (pictured above and center top) was, once again, sworn into the Massachusetts State Senate last week outside the State House. DiDomenico has served the Middlesex and Suffolk District for the past 10 years and this ceremony was a little bit different than what he and his colleagues had experienced in the past. Because of the many COVID-19 precautions, the Senators took the oath of office from Governor Charlie Baker outside in a socially distant event. Senator DiDomenico said that it is special each time he is sworn into office. "It is an honor and privilege serving the residents of Allston, Brighton, Cambridge, Charlestown, Chelsea, Everett and the West End of Boston," stated DiDomenico. "It is a humbling experience each time I raise my hand and take the oath, and I am extremely grateful to the residents of my district for their trust and confidence. I want to thank my family, staff and friends for their unwavering support, and I am excited to continue working with my colleagues to move our Commonwealth forward." After the ceremony the Senate met in a remote session and DiDomenico cast his vote for his friend, Senator Karen Spilka to continue as Senate President for this upcoming term.

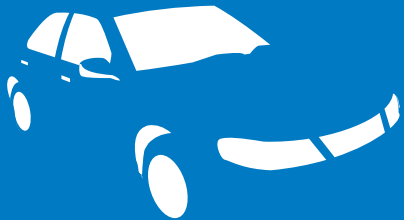


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Ella Jagielski

March 6, 1925 – January 9, 2021

Ella M. Jagielski, 95, of Chelsea passed away on Saturday January 9 in the peaceful surroundings of the home where she resided in for over 57 years.

Born in Winchester, Connecticut, the daughter of the late Andrew and Margaret (Kiepeicz) Horvath, she attended schools in Torrington, Connecticut.

She married Edmund J. Jagielski in 1951 -- he was the church organist at St. Stanislaus Church and a teacher in Chelsea for many years.

Ella worked as a Nurses Aide and as a Laboratory Assistant at the Chelsea Soldiers Home for almost 30 years. In her lifetime, she enjoyed time with her family and loved nights out playing bingo with friends.

She was widowed in 2017 after 66 years of marriage with her beloved husband, the late Edmund Jagielski.

Ella was the beloved mother of Jacqueline Clark of California, Susan Kennedy and her husband, George of Illinois, Mary Hescocock and her husband, Paul of Chelsea, John Jagielski and his wife, Dana of Duxbury, David Jagielski of Chelsea and Laurie Solis of Plymouth; cherished grandmother of Jennifer, Lauren, Michael,



Matthew and Olivia and is also lovingly survived by her great grandchildren; Hannah, Natalie, Brendan and Grace. She was also the mother of Sandra Bailey of West Melbourne, Florida, James White of Enfield, Connecticut, and Charlotte Tabin of Agawam from a previous marriage and had an additional seven grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Funeral Services were private and concluded with Ella being placed to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. 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 to visit: www.welshfh.com Should friends desire, contributions in her memory should be directed to St Jude Children's research hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38501 or visit www.StJude.org/donate.

Nancy Serna

July 19, 1948 – January 8, 2021

Nancy B. Serna, 72, passed away on Friday, January 8 at the Cambridge Hospital after a very brief illness.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the beloved daughter of the late Thomas and Beatrice (Walczak) Swope, Nancy attended St. Stanislaus parochial school and graduated from Chelsea High School. She worked for a time with the Bell System before becoming a fulltime mother raising her family of three daughters and a son. She was a resident of Chelsea for most of her life before settling in East Boston 20 years ago.

In her lifetime, she enjoyed completing puzzles, reading and relaxing watching television. She was the beloved mother of Amy DeBona and JoMarie DeBona, both of East Boston, Nicole DeBona of Florida and Jonathan DeBona and his wife, Lisette of New Hampshire; dear sister of Thomas Swope of Taunton, Allan Swope of Winthrop and



the late Joseph Swope. She was the cherished grandmother of 24 and adoring great-grandmother of nine.

Her Funeral will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, today, Thursday, January 14 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at 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 visit: www.WelshFH.com.

Francisca Prudencio Carcamo

October 4, 1932 – January 4, 2021

Our family sadly and suddenly lost our matriarch, our beloved Francisca Prudencio Carcamo "Paca" on January 4, 2021, at the age of 88. She's gone home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ, and to be reunited with her loving partner, Julian Castro.

Paca was predeceased by her father, Benedicto Prudencio, her mother, Bernarda Carcamo and several brothers and sisters.

She is lovingly remembered by her children: Ramiro Reyes, Edgardo Prudencio, Francisco Castro, Placido Castro, Cesar Castro, Alberto Castro, Lionel Castro, Adalid Castro, Iris Castro, Glenda Castro and her daughter in law, Theresa Castro.

Paca is also survived by her sister, Edelmira, her brother, Cleofis and by many nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many friends.

Paca has been a Chelsea resident for several decades. She loved traveling back and forth to her beautiful country of Honduras. And she loved cooking authentic Honduran food.

She was very active in her church, Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana & Emanuel, and will be greatly missed by all.

She will always be remembered, and forever in our hearts. We love you, Rest In Peace.

Nuestra familia, triste y repentinamente, perdió a nuestra matriarca, nuestra amada Francisca Prudencio Carcamo (Paca) el 4 de enero de 2021, a la edad de 88 años. Ella se fue a casa para estar con nuestro Señor Jesucristo y reunirse con su amada pareja. Julián Castro.

Paca murió después que su padre Benedicto Prudencio, su madre Bernarda Carcamo y varios



hermanos y hermanas.

Sus hijos, Ramiro Reyes, Edgardo Prudencio, Francisco Castro, Placido Castro, Cesar Castro, Alberto Castro, Lionel Castro, Adalid Castro, Iris Castro, Glenda Castro y su nuera, Theresa Castro, la recuerdan con cariño.

A Paca también le sobreviven su hermana Edelmira, su hermano Cleofis y muchas sobrinas, sobrinos, primos, nietos, bisnietos y muchos amigos.

Paca ha sido residente de Chelsea durante varias décadas. Le encantaba viajar de ida y vuelta a su hermoso país de Honduras. Y le encantaba cocinar auténtica comida hondureña.

Ella estuvo muy activa en su iglesia, Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana & Emanuel, y todos la extrañaremos mucho.

Ella siempre será recordada y para siempre en nuestros corazones. Te amamos, descansa en paz.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea and a visitation was held at the funeral home on Saturday January 9. Final services and burial will take place in her native Honduras.

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 to visit the funeral home website at: www.welshfh.com.

Olivette Marie "Yvette" Pizzano

Of Revere, formerly of Chelsea

Olivette Marie (Dion) "Yvette" Pizzano, 96, passed away on Sunday, January 10 at the Light-house Care Center in Revere where she was receiving supportive care for the past several years.

Born in Nashua, NH, she was an adoring daughter of the late Edmond and Olivine (Roy) Dion. She grew up in Chelsea, attending Our Lady of the Assumption School and Carter Jr. High School. She left school at an early age to help support her family. She worked for Modine Paint Factory and other paint manufacturers in the area.

In 1953 she wed Frederick Pizzano, the late proprietor of Pizzano Hardware in Revere. Together they raised their own family of two daughters. Yvette was widowed in 1972 having shared 19 years with her beloved husband. Formerly of Chelsea, she resided for most of her life in Revere. She lived a quiet life, devoted to home, family and faith. She was a former dedicated member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.

In addition to her parents, Yvette was predeceased by her cherished daughter, Michelle Pizzano. She is the forever loved mother of Elisa Brelsford and her husband, Dennis of

Revere; adored grandmother and great grandmother of Adam and Crystal Brelsford and their children: Adam, Jr., Alex and Aaron Brelsford, Seth and Kelly Brelsford and their children: Morgan and Benjamin, Keith Brelsford and his companion, Jessica and their children, Payton and Skyla; the loving sister to Raymond Dion



of Lynnfield, Gerald Dion of New Hampshire, Paul Dion of Revere, Cecile Resca of Peabody, Yvonne Petrosino of Plymouth and the late Norman Dion and Theresa Erickson and their spouses. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandchildren and nephews, extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend her funeral from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday, January 15, at 9:30 a.m. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, practice physical distancing when greeting the family, pay their respects and exit the funeral home to allow other guests to enter. The visitation will be immediately followed by a Funeral Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church, Beach St., Revere at 10:30 a.m.

All attending Mass are required to provide contact information, wear face coverings and, practice physical distancing while in church. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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 visit: www.WelshFH.com.

Santos Rivera

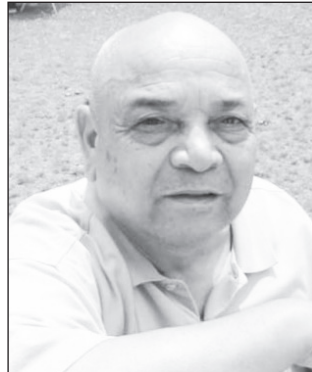
April 7, 1950 – January 2, 2021

Santos Rivera, 70, passed away on Saturday, January 2 at Massachusetts General Hospital following complications due to Covid-19.

Born and raised in Arroyo, Puerto Rico, he was the second of seven children of the late Antero Rivera Sr. and still living, Lydia Torres.

Santos settled with his parents and siblings as one of the initial Hispanic families in Chelsea in the 1960's. He was always a hard worker and currently worked at REM Transportation. His devotion was family and being the beloved husband of Dominga Rivera-Crespo for 49 years. His passions were boxing and baseball. He was an avid Red Sox fan and played for the local baseball teams for many years.

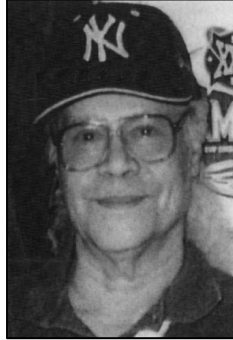
He is lovingly survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Dominga Rivera Crespo of Chelsea, his mother, Lydia Torres, his children: Jorge Rivera, Rosa Olivarez-Jorge and Lena White; his siblings Antero Rivera, Jr., Rosa



Rivera, Carmen Crespo, Lydia Santa, Norma Sanchez, and Margarita Rivera; the cherished grandfather of 10 and adored great-grandfather of nine. He is also survived by many friends and extended family members.

Funeral arrangements were by the Anthony Memorial - Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea and final services will take place in Arroyo Puerto Rico, interment will be in Cementerio Municipal de Arroyo. 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 by visiting: www.welshfh.com.

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Sheriffs’ Association elects Tompkins President

Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins and Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi have been elected by their fellow county sheriffs to serve, respectively, as President and Vice President of the Massachusetts Sheriffs’ Association (MSA).

This marks a return to the position that Tompkins previously held in 2015, and it is the first time that Cocchi has been elected to serve the organization. Both positions carry a two-year term of service. Tompkins and Cocchi take the helm from outgoing President Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian and outgoing Vice President Franklin County Sheriff Christopher Donegan.

“I am greatly honored to be chosen by my fellow sheriffs to once again represent the MSA in this capacity,” said Tompkins. “I believe that we are at a critical inflection point in the relationship between criminal justice and social justice, and I am very much looking forward to working with Sheriff Cocchi and MSA Executive Director Carrie Hill to not only expand on the progress that we’re making in the delivery of the comprehensive services we provide for our populations, but to help drive corrections further forward in this way.”

Sheriff Cocchi said he is excited to serve as vice president, and that he sees



Sheriff Steven Tompkins (left) was elected president of Mass. Sheriffs’ Association and Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi was elected vice president.

the position as an opportunity to advocate for enlightened and effective corrections at a time when law enforcement is under pressure and being judged by the bad actions of a few.

“I am eager to serve my brother sheriffs as an advocate for the important work we do, fighting for what is in the best interests of the people we all serve,” Cocchi said. “Right now, more than ever, law enforcement officials need to step up and not just do the right thing, but speak on behalf of what is right. We play a significant part in the lives of our justice-involved population, and I’m honored to be able to advocate for their interests through the MSA.”

Established 35 years ago, the Massachusetts Sheriffs’ Association is comprised of the 14 duly-elected county sheriffs serving across the Commonwealth of Massachu-

setts. In their roles as MSA President and Vice President, Sheriff Tompkins and Sheriff Cocchi will work in concert with the MSA body and its strategic partners to better educate and inform their collective constituency about the important work that the county sheriffs are doing to advance and enhance programs and services that address behavioral health and substance use, women’s programming, reentry services, LGBTQI-specific programming, and a host of others.

“As we enter the New Year, I am profoundly optimistic about the better days to come,” said Tompkins. “In my capacity as the incoming president of the MSA, I look forward to collaborating with everyone across the fourteen counties and beyond to make our communities safer, healthier and more vibrant.”

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Chelsea Curves construction look-ahead through Jan 23

This is a brief overview of construction operations and traffic impacts for the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work, temporary ramp and street closures, and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

•ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND: Approaching the Tobin Bridge from Boston, the work zone begins in the right lane. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.)

•ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND: Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone is in the median. As of Wednesday, 12/23 all 3 travel lanes are open during the daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.)

*From Monday 1/11 through Friday, 1/15, Route 1 Southbound will experience full overnight closures (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.)

*The detour for these closures will be that southbound traffic will exit Route 1 at Carter Street,

travel on Carter Street to Everett Avenue, turn left onto Everett Avenue, and turn right onto the Everett Avenue on-ramp to rejoin the highway.

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

•5th STREET: On Monday, 1/11, Tuesday, 1/12, and Wednesday, 1/13 5TH street will be closed during the daytime (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

•A R L I N G T O N STREET: On Thursday, 1/14 and Friday, 1/15 Arlington Street will be closed during the daytime (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

WORK HOURS

•Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place on a 2nd shift (2 p.m. – 1 a.m.) and overnight hours (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.).

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

•ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND: Installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

•ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND: Completion

of new bridge deck and placement of Bridge Barrier will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

For more information about the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project, please visit the project website.

COMPLETED WORK

•As of 12/27, the Tobin Bridge portion of the combined Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves project is now complete. All remaining work is within the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the job.

TRAVEL TIPS

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police detail, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The contractors are coordinating with local event organizers and police to provide awareness and manage traffic during events. For your awareness, there will be no events at the TD Garden during this look ahead schedule.

35 legislators urge Baker to prioritize low-income schools for vaccines, pool testing

Thirty-five legislators are calling upon the Baker administration to prioritize low-income schools for vaccines and pool testing in order to ensure the quickest return to in-person learning in communities that need it most. \

While remote learning has changed life for every student and family, it is evident that the consequences and negative effects are disproportionately felt in low-income districts.

Led by Rep. Andy X. Vargas (D-Haverhill) and Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), the 35

legislators signed a letter to Governor Baker, Secretary Sudders, and Secretary Peyser, asking for “a deliberate prioritization in the application and marketing of both pool testing and vaccine deployment” in low-income school districts.

“With vaccines for all K-12 staff on the horizon and the recent announcement of pool testing resources available, we hope the administration can prioritize low-income school districts first. Several studies and evidence from our constituents have

shown how challenging remote learning has been for low-income schools and families,” said Representative Vargas.

“There is no question that lower income communities have been hit the hardest since the pandemic began,” said Senator Gomez. “This letter makes clear, through the support of my colleagues, that the Administration should prioritize the needs of low-income school districts for vaccines and pool testing, particularly in communities where COVID-19 cases are at their highest.”

“Communities like Chelsea and Revere have been some of the hardest-hit during the COVID pandemic, and many families have made clear that remote learning is not the preferred method of education for their children,” said Representative Jessica Ann Giannino. “Some children in the Sixteenth Suffolk District do not have access to internet in their homes, and many parents are faced with the challenge of either going to work to provide for their family or staying home to be present with their chil-

dren because they do not have anyone to watch their kids during what would be a normal school day – a choice no parent should be faced with having to make. Remote learning has served its purpose, but we need to work efficiently to get our children back into the classroom in a way in which is safe for all – students, faculty and staff. I am proud that one of the first letters I am signing onto as our communities’ State Representative is to ask the Baker administration to prioritize vaccine and pool testing for school

districts like Chelsea and Revere to ensure our children can be back in-person as soon as possible.”

The Baker administration has placed K-12 workers in Phase 2 of the vaccine deployment plan, but it has not specified which K-12 schools would come first. Additionally, the administration announced pool testing resources last week and funding available on a first come first serve basis. Legislators would like to see both offered and deployed in low-income districts first.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
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Tuesday, January 26, 2021
6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of:
Acquisitions Division LLC or Nominee
For Site Plan Review of a Petition to establish ten (10) additional residential units by constructing a third floor above the existing commercial and residential space at
52 Washington Avenue & 245 Walnut Street
All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jdepriest@chelseama.

gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA.

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(LEGAL NOTICE)
CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
Renovations to Firefighter’s Quarters at the Sagamore Ave Fire Station
The City of Chelsea is seeking sealed bids to provide all labor, tools, equipment, transportation and supervision necessary for office renovations to City Clerk offices in City Hall. Specifications and contract documents will be available on or

after Thursday, January 14, 2021 at the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts. Bid documents can be downloaded at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Renovations to Firefighter’s Quarters at the Sagamore Ave Fire Station” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 10:00AM Thursday, February 11, 2021, for general contractor bids. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Renovations to Firefighter’s Quarters at the Sagamore Ave Fire Station-HVAC” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 10:00AM Thursday, January 28, 2021, for filed sub-bids. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Renovations to Firefighter’s Quarters at the Sagamore Ave Fire Station-ELECTRICAL” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City

Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00PM Thursday, January 28, 2021, for filed sub-bids. A pre-bid conference will be held for all interested parties on-site at the Fire Station, 38 Sagamore Ave., Chelsea, MA on January 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM, E.D.T. Attendance at this pre-bid conference is highly recommended for parties submitting a bid. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the “City of Chelsea.” The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. To be given consideration, all general bids must be accompanied by a copy of the Bidder’s Certificate of Eligibility (DCAM&M Form) and an Update Statement (DCAM&M Form). The certification category of work

is: General Contractor certification, filed sub-bids include HVAC and Electrical. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer

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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on December 8, 2020, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations:
To convert the metered parking

spaces in front of 306 Broadway to a Commercial Loading Zone. To post “30 Minute Parking, Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 6 pm” signs in front of the businesses at 76-84 Washington Avenue. Jeannette Cintron White
Parking Clerk

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CITY OF CHELSEA
CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL ROOF PROJECTS
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked “CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL ROOF PROJECTS”. Request for Qualifications will be available on or after January 14, 2021 by contacting Dylan

Cook, School Business Manager at dcCook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City’s website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL ROOF PROJECTS” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:30 AM on February 04, 2021. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Dylan Cook
School Business Manager

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CRIME UP IN EASTIE

EAST BOSTON - The Boston Police Department released the year-end crime report for East Boston that compared the overall crime stats in 2020 with the overall crime stats for 2019.

The report shows larceny from motor vehicles, or car breaks, in Eastie skewed the overall crime stats in the neighborhood and were up 100 percent from the previous year.

Part One Crimes, the more serious crimes that the Boston Police track, was up 21 percent overall in Eastie when comparing Jan. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2020 with the same time period last year.

According to District A-7 Community Police Officer Dan Simons the main culprit for the uptick in overall crime was larceny from a motor vehicle.

There were only 107 reported car breaks in 2019 but that number increased to 213 for 2020.

“We ended the year with a 100 percent increase in car breaks,” said Simons at a Harbor View Neighborhood Assoc. meeting Monday night. “Unfortunately I have the report that over this past weekend we did have some reports of some more car breaks up in the St. Andrew Road, Thurston Street and Bayswater Street area. The tough thing with these crimes is the victims that reported these car breaks also reported that they don’t think they locked their vehicles. Ultimately, the best way to put a stop to the car breaks is for everybody to make sure that they take all their valuables into their home or lock them in the trunk and lock their vehicle. Our detectives are finding that probably 90 percent of the vehicles that are victims of car breaks left their ve-

hicle unlocked and there’s no forcible entry. We’re hoping, going forward in 2021, we can bring some of these numbers down.”

It seems the number of motor vehicle larcenies, an opportunistic crime that only takes seconds to pull off, is up all over Boston. Citywide the number has gone from 2,713 in 2019 to 3,348 in 2020 or a 23 percent increase.

As for other Part One Crimes, Eastie nearly ended 2020 with no recorded homicides, but the Christmas Eve killing of Ker-wide Barthélemy in Maverick Square became the only recorded homicide of the year.

“We were doing really well with homicides and we didn’t have one until Christmas Eve unfortunately,” said Simons. “We had the assault in Maverick Square that resulted in a fatality. However, I can’t stress it enough that with the community’s help, the help of witnesses and the quick action of the police we were able to apprehend the suspect that was ultimately charged with the homicide. Unfortunately 2019 ended the way it did with just one homicide in East Boston which is one too many.”

Rape or Attempted Rape was down from 10 to 6; Robbery or Attempted Robbery remained the same at 57 for both 2019 and 2020; Domestic Aggravated Assault was up from 41 to 43; Non-Domestic Aggravated Assault was up from 49 to 67; Commercial Burglaries were up from 25 to 29; Residential Burglaries were up from 49 to 56; other Larcenies were up from 199 to 203; and Auto Theft was up from 44 to 51.

Overall there were 736 Part One Crimes, up from the 583 reported during 2019.

THIEVES TARGET PRIUS CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

EAST BOSTON - Just before New Years Eve an Orient Heights resident awoke to a loud noise outside his home.

“I heard a loud noise, looked outside and didn’t see anything,” said the residents who will remain nameless.

The next morning when he started his Toyota Prius he realized someone had stolen his catalytic converter.

“It was so fast within 10-20 seconds,” he said. “They also got another resident who lives right near me.”

A car’s catalytic converter acts to decrease the harmful chemicals in car emissions and the theft of these parts from Toyota Priuses are on the rise here and nationally.

Apparently thieves target these devices on the underside of cars because they contain valuable metals that act as oxidation catalysts and are mandated to reduce pollution.

The Prius catalytic converters contain platinum, palladium and rhodium and thieves can pocket up to \$200 per converter and it takes only minutes for a skilled thief to cut it from underneath the car. All the thief needs is a reciprocal saw and a steady hand. Experts believe it takes two to three minutes to pull off the heist.

This type of crime has gotten so bad that online manufacturers sell metal plates to cover the catalytic converters, which make them more difficult to steal. Those parts are rarely covered by insurance and retail at around \$440 installed. While they’re pricey they are cheaper than the cost to replace a stolen one. Even with insurance a replacement cost is around \$500. With-

FIGHTING COVID ONE VACCINE AT A TIME



Revere’s Michaela Maguire, RN at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, receives the first round of her COVID-19 vaccination.

out insurance, it could cost a Prius owner \$3,000 or more to replace.

It has gotten so bad that many Prius owners have asked Toyota to recall Priuses and install the metal plates that should have been there to begin with to protect converters.

“Yeah, we did get one theft recently in East Boston and I believe like three or four citywide,” said District A-7 Community Officer Dan Simons. “The report I saw that was recorded in the last few days was that somebody went out and realized that their catalytic converter was taken. He realized this because the car was making a loud noise like a muscle car. Those are valuable parts to thieves.”

MATEWSKY TO LEAD COUNCIL

EVERETT - The Everett City Council elected Councilor-at-Large Wayne Matewsky as the 2021 City Council President during their annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 4 – with some attending in

person and some attending via Zoom.

“Honesty, respect, and fairness has always been what I strive to do in this chamber and in my life,” said Matewsky. “I want to thank my colleagues who spoke and sponsored me tonight. I’m very grateful, [and] I appreciate your faith in me.”

The motion to nominate Matewsky as President was accompanied by words of praise from many of his fellow Council members, each of whom recognized his dedication to serving the people of Everett. His election to the position of Council President was unanimously affirmed by the body, with no opposition from fellow Councilors.

“I have known Wayne for many years and have always admired his work ethic and his deep connection that he has fostered with his constituents throughout the years,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “I look forward to working closely with Council President Matewsky and want to congratulate him for his election to the position of

Council President.”

President Matewsky has proudly served 40 years in public office, advocating for the Everett community. He has held numerous elected positions, including Common Councilor, Alderman-at-Large, and Massachusetts State Representative. Matewsky has been on the City Council as a Councilor-at-Large since 2015, but in all his years, he has never been the Council President until now.

DEVELOPER TO START MORE PROJECTS

EVERETT - A Boston developer who already has a transformative, 320-unit apartment building on Second and Vine Streets under review by the City has purchased additional land on the street.

According to Bldup.com, Block Properties purchased two other development parcels along Second and Vine this month for \$7.3 million. Last fall, they purchased the property with the

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apartment building proposal for \$5 million.

The current proposal on 2nd and Vine replaces and older warehouse building and is part of a complete transformation that has happened before and during COVID-19 on the Commercial Triangle area of the city. That comes only about one year after the City changed the zoning.

The company, owned by Jon Block of Block Properties, had a hearing on Dec. 7 at the Planning Board, but it was continued due to an advertising error until this month – when the Board will continue the review.

Last October 12, the Planning Board heard an initial review of the project from the development team where they reported a 320-unit, six-story apartment building with 450 parking spaces and 4,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail. The project was reported to be an as-of-right project that would need no Zoning Board relief, a new trend in that district. They only need Site Plan Review from the Planning Board and an Inclusionary Zoning (Affordable Housing) certification.

“Our approach is to make our front door on Second Street,” said Tamara Ray, an architect on the team with Stantec. “We know that in the future that is going to be the main street in the area. The T will probably go down the middle of the street so that’s our front door. We’re still in a gritty district now...We know we’re in a transformative district and we see our project as part of the transformation of the neighborhood.”

One unique part of the project is it is not a podium style development with parking on the first floors. Instead, they’ll have a hidden parking garage.

“Our project is not a podium project,” she said.

The design of the building includes the Planning Board’s preferred red brick on part of it, but also fibre cement and a lot of unique colors.

It was uncertain how the new property acquisition would fit into the existing development.

MC GEE LAUDS DELEO ON WORK

LYNN - Lynn Mayor Thomas M. McGee had an up-close look at the prestige and honor associated with being the Speaker of the Mass. House of Repre-

sentatives.

McGee’s father, the late Thomas W. McGee, served as Speaker of the House from 1975 to 1984, rising from his seat on the Lynn City Council to be elected state representative and then elected by his House colleagues to one of the most powerful positions in state government.

“My dad was elected Speaker when I was 19 so I visited him in the Speaker’s Office a lot,” said the mayor. “It was an exciting time. I was thinking of the day my dad was elected speaker, how excited he was and how proud we were of him. It was a culmination of the hard work he did over the years. I’m very proud of what he did when he was Speaker of the House. It’s a position that only a small number of people over 200-plus years have served in. I was thinking of my dad and how important it was for him to be able to be in that position and make a difference in people’s lives.”

McGee thus had a unique perspective as Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo retired from the position last week. DeLeo is seeking a teaching position at Northeastern University, his alma mater.

McGee served eight years in the House of Representatives with Robert DeLeo. As state senator and chair of the Mass. Democratic Party, McGee continued a good working relationship with DeLeo, who represented Revere and Winthrop in the House.

“I got a chance to know him really well and I really enjoyed serving with him,” said McGee. “I also had the opportunity to work with him as senator over the years and also as mayor of Lynn. He’s always been a great supporter of the city on issues of importance that we’ve needed help on. He topped off a great 30-year career by serving as Speaker of the House and he had a lot of major accomplishments. He was always available by phone on things of importance to Lynn and he’ll definitely be missed. I wish him the best.”

Interestingly, five candidates are running in the special election on March 2 for the state representative seat held by DeLeo. The Democratic candidates are Marc Silvestri and Juan Pablo Jaramillo of Revere and Jeffrey Turco, Valentino Capobianco,

and Alicia DelVento of Winthrop. As of Wednesday, there was no Republican candidate running for the seat.

“It’s been 30 years so when there’s an open seat, there is an opportunity and it’s good to see a lot of candidates coming out and putting their names out to run,” said McGee. “Public service is tough during these pretty challenging times and it’s important that good people continue to be involved and serve in the Legislature. So that should be an interesting race with a good field of candidates.”

KEEFE REFLECTS ON TERM AS PRESIDENT

REVERE - Ward 4 Councilor Patrick Keefe completed a successful year as City Council President. The Council elected its new leader at its first meeting of 2021 on Monday, Jan. 11.

Keefe led the 11-member Council through an unprecedented year that was dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic which had a major impact on all areas of life in Revere. Due to the coronavirus, the Council began holding its meetings on Zoom, giving councilors the opportunity to participate remotely from their respective homes. To their credit, Keefe and virtually all of his colleagues had perfect attendance records in 2020.

Keefe drew praise from his colleagues for his leadership and accessibility throughout the year. He was held in high esteem by the longer-serving councilors and the newer members such as Councilor-at-Large Gerry Viscon-

ti and Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino.

As a newly elected member of the Council, I felt President Keefe was very welcoming and cordial,” said Serino. “In the early days of the pandemic, we got to know each other and bond a bit while we put together food packages at the Senior Center for the City’s COVID food delivery program. I always found Pat to be receptive to my ideas, and I thank him for his service as our Council President during a very challenging year.”

The Revere Journal asked President Keefe to talk about his and the Council’s achievements during the past year and the challenge of leading the Council during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Keefe issued the following statement reflecting on his year as the president of the Revere City Council:

“The last year serving as Council President has been a pleasure. It was my honor to represent my colleagues and I feel like I represented them well.

The year 2020 was nothing that we expected and since early March it has certainly reshaped our focus on how council business is handled and what our priorities should be.

I don’t like to personally list my accomplishments as I feel they should speak for themselves and the residents of Revere certainly acknowledge me when they are happy, and I hear when they are not happy with the decisions we make. This is how I always do my job. It’s not about me, it’s about the residents we serve.

One of the most significant achievements we as

a Council made this year was an enormous sense of inclusion and communication within the council membership.

Even though we may not have met in person as much as we would have liked, I can honestly say that the entire team chatted almost every day - more often it was all throughout the day. Technology has certainly brought us closer together, even for my senior colleagues!

Whether it was about how we can better serve our residents in need during these tumultuous times or just checking in on each other, everyone at some point came across a personal or family struggle.

If I can look back, I will say my most important accomplishment was this: creating a better bond among the group. And we

had a few tough meetings -communicating through Zoom can at times be misinterpreted and give the wrong impression or you might miss what a fellow councilor meant to say. But in the end, we had a productive year and we are all stronger because of it.

As I said before, maybe I’ll go down as the first Zoom President in Revere’s history, but I hope at some point I’ll get another chance to yield the gavel in front of a live audience.

Let’s all hope we can go back to normalcy soon, but in the meantime I want to wish our residents, my fellow councilors and the next President of the Revere City Council (Tony Zambuto perhaps) a happy and healthy new year!

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Encore Boston Harbor announces changes to culinary team

Staff Report

Encore Boston Harbor is raising its culinary bar with the addition of a new Red 8 Executive Chef and a new Executive Director of Food & Beverage and Culinary Operations.

Award-winning chef Richard Chen has joined the team as the Executive Chef of Red 8 and Encore Boston Harbor's Executive Chef, Joseph Leibowitz, has been promoted to Executive Director of Food & Beverage and Culinary Operations.

Chef Chen, a seasoned culinary veteran with an area of expertise in Cantonese cooking, has received numerous awards and accolades. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Chef Chen has opened more than a half dozen new concepts across the country, including luxury hotels, casino resorts, cruise ships and standalone restaurants.

He launched his career in Chicago at the Ritz Carlton of Chicago, earning Mobil Five Star and AAA Five Diamond awards during his tenure. He then moved onto the Peninsula of Chicago, a five-star hotel, where he earned two AAA diamond awards, two Mobil star awards, and the title of "Best Chinese Restaurant" in Chicago.



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From there, Chef Chen went on to open Wing Lei at Wynn Las Vegas. It was at Wing Lei that he earned a Michelin star in both 2008 and 2009, along with a collection of Mobil and AAA Diamonds five and four-star awards. Wing Lei remains the only Chinese restaurant in North America to have ever earned a Michelin star. He also spent time at Michi in Texas, consulting for Princess Cruises and Parq Vancouver's fine dining Chinese restaurant, 1886. Most recently, Chef Chen held the title of the Hard Rock Fire Mountain's property Executive Sous Chef before returning to the East Coast to join Encore Boston Harbor as the Executive Chef at Red 8.

Joining Chef Chen in elevating the Encore

Boston Harbor culinary team is Joseph Leibowitz. Holding the title most recently as Executive Chef of Encore Boston Harbor, Chef Leibowitz has been promoted to Executive Director of Food & Beverage and Culinary Operations for the property. Chef Leibowitz will now oversee all back-of-house operations for 18 dining and lounge venues. He is responsible for concept and menu development, purchasing, food costing, kitchen design, stewarding, as well as staffing and training all employees.

Prior to relocating to Boston, Chef Leibowitz spent 13 years at Wynn and Encore Las Vegas in a variety of culinary positions. He began his career with Wynn Resorts under the helm of Chef Alex Stratta, at Alex restaurant where he was quickly promoted to Executive Sous Chef for the Michelin-rated two-star and Forbes five-star establishment before becoming the Chef de Cuisine of the restaurant. He later became Executive Chef of Tableau, the resort's premier Tower Suites dining venue before being asked to join the corporate side of operations as Executive Sous chef for Wynn and Encore Las Vegas.

For the next three years, Chef Leibowitz helped

develop and lead a team of over 1,200 chefs, cooks and stewards. He then went on to assist in designing all of the back-of-house spaces for Encore Boston Harbor, before developing the culinary team for the resort's grand opening in June 2019.

Since arriving in Boston, Chef Leibowitz has been appointed to multiple advisory boards to help cultivate the future of culinary arts as a profession in Massachusetts. Chef Leibowitz and Encore Boston Harbor quickly formed a partnership with a local non-profit culinary program, the New England Center for Arts and Technology, and spearheaded the fundraising of over \$300,000 to fuel the development of the program and its students.

A New York native, Chef Leibowitz lived most of his life on Long Island and graduated at the top of his class from the New York Institute of Technology's culinary program. Chef Leibowitz spends his free time with his three children and his wife, whose support and love drives him to be the chef and father he is today.

According to Encore Boston Harbor President Brian Gullbrants, "We are thrilled to welcome Richard Chen as the new Executive Chef of Red 8. He is one of the most talented Cantonese chefs in the world, and we are honored to have him as part of our team." He continued, "The addition of Chef Chen paired with the promotion of our own Chef Joseph Leibowitz will continue to elevate the caliber of our food and beverage program at Encore Boston Harbor."

Red 8 is open Thursday through Sunday from noon-9 p.m. Red 8 is located inside Encore Boston Harbor at 1 Broadway in Everett. There is complimentary self-parking available. Reservations can be made online or by calling 857-770-7000. For information on all other Encore Boston Harbor dining experiences, please log onto <https://www.encorebostonharbor.com/dining-and-nightlife>.

POLICE Briefs BY SETH DANIEL



Warm wishes to Sgt. David Flibotte on his retirement after 34 years of service. Behind every first class police agency is a humble leader who sets process and regulations responsible for exceptional police operations, said Chief Brian Kyes. CPD. Sgt. Flibotte was that unsung hero, he said. Sgt. Flibotte's last shift was Jan. 3.



Best wishes to Sgt. Robert Belanger on his retirement after 32 years with CPD. Instrumental in instituting health and wellness training to keep his fellow officers physically healthy, he was known as the Department's fitness guru. Thank you for your dedication and service, said Chief Brian Kyes. Sgt. Belanger's last shift was on Jan. 4.



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