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Manny Lopes (center) is surrounded by EBNHC staff wishing him well on the next chapter of his career.

Farewell, But Not Goodbye

A personal thank you to the community from Manny Lopes

Special to the Independent

Manny Lopes, who has in many ways become the face of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), will officially leave the Health Center Friday to become Executive Vice President of Blue Cross Blue Shield Massachusetts.

Lopes took over the helm as CEO of EBNHC after his mentor Jack Cradock retired in 2012.

Lopes has served as CEO of the Health Center since then and as its president since 2015.

Lopes has also served as Director of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Board as well as Chair of the Blue Cross Foundation. In 2018, Lopes was appointed as the Chair of Boston's Board of Health.

Lopes grew up in East Boston and now lives in Topsfield with his wife

and children.

After nearly three decades at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, I have made the difficult decision to embark on the next chapter in my professional life. On November 1st, I will join Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts as Executive Vice President of Public Markets and Government Relations, continuing my fight for equitable access to health care

for our community as well as all Massachusetts residents.

While my new role means saying farewell to the health center, my ties to the community are unbreakable. Eastie born and raised, this region is part of who I am. I'm deeply grateful to the many community members who have supported me during my leadership

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Chelsea voters head to the polls on Tuesday

By Adam Swift

Early voting began this week for the Chelsea municipal election, with traditional voting taking place Tuesday, Nov. 2 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A number of contested City Council and School Committee are on the ballot, including a four-way race for three at-large seats featuring the three incumbents and a former ward councillor.

The incumbents include current Council President Roy Avellaneda, Damali Vidot, and Leo Robinson. They are joined on the ballot by former district Councillor Perlatonda.

On the district side, In District 8, Councillor Calvin Brown will face off against Challenger Maria Belen Power, a long-time activist with GreenRoots. In District 7, incumbent Yamir Rodriguez is facing a challenger in Tanairi Garcia, who has been the director of the food pantry operations at La Colaborativa since the pandemic began. In District 3, the ballot has current School Committee member Marisol Santiago facing Norieliz DeJesus. In District 2, Councillor Melinda Vega Maldonado will face Democratic Committee

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Councillors differ on effectiveness of new illegal fireworks ordinance

By Adam Swift

City Councillors are split on whether higher fines for illegal fireworks helped lower fireworks complaints over the summer.

"According to Police Chief Brian Kyes, the police department did not issue any fines for fireworks this summer," said City Manager Thomas Ambrosino. "Nonetheless, Chief Kyes believes strongly that the new ordinance, with its threat of larger financial penalties,

was an extremely helpful tool for his officers as they engaged with residents on fireworks complaints. The Chief confirmed that fireworks complaints this year were substantially reduced from the numbers in the summer of 2020."

Earlier this year, District 1 Councillor Todd Taylor pushed for higher fines of \$300 after a frenzy of fireworks complaints hit the city in the summer of 2020.

"I'm not entirely sur-

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Coyote complaints on rise in Prattville

By Adam Swift

As a densely populated urban area, it might not seem like Chelsea would have much of a problem with rampant wildlife within the city limits.

But like many other urban areas in the state, the number of coyote sightings and complaints in Chelsea have been on the upswing.

Recently, Ward 1 City Councillor Todd Taylor requested that City Manager Thomas Ambrosino look at ways the coyote control problem can be addressed in Chelsea at both the local and state

level.

"As of late, I have had several calls regarding coyotes in Prattville, and residents have been texting me pictures of coyotes out during the day," said Taylor. "This is not just at night, this is coyotes wandering around people's lawns. One of my friends who lives up on Kimball sent me a picture; he's got two small kids and would hate to have them totter out and meet a hungry coyote."

Taylor said he's not sure exactly what can be done about the situation, but added he would like the City Manager to in-



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A COYOTE

vestigate it. He said he would like to see not just what can be done to remove coyotes, but steps that can be taken to miti-

gate the problem.

"I know one of the neighbors said they put

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Ryan could lose Chelsea and gain parts of Everett and Cambridge in new House map

By John Lynds

The new redistricting map approved by the House has Chelsea being taken out of Rep. Dan Ryan's district. While Ryan would lose Chelsea he would gain two precincts in Everett and precincts in East Cambridge and Cambridgeport.

House Bill 4210, An Act relative to establish-

ing representative districts in the General Court, was given initial approval on a vote of 158-1 in the House late last week. The bill now moves to the Senate for approval before it can be sent to Governor Charlie Baker for his review and signature.

Ryan's loss of Chelsea is an effort by the legis-

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The Hartland

Chelsea native Bob Hart is a national real estate force

By Cary Shuman

Robert "Bob" Edward Hart has fond memories of his days growing up in

Chelsea, attending Shurtleff School, and graduating from Chelsea High School in the Class of 1975.

Bob Hart was a popular, widely admired, and personable student who attained academic excellence in the Chelsea school system, earning such prestigious honors as the Harvard Book Prize and the Jewish War Veterans Brotherhood Award for Leadership and Community Service.

He took his academic talents to Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), one of the most highly acclaimed engineering schools in the nation.

Today Bob Hart runs Los Angeles-based TruAmerica, a firm that started in June 2013, with \$10 million in working capital and since then has raised more than \$4 billion of capital, and now manages 55,000 residential units, making it one of the top 30 apartment companies

in America. In Massachusetts, his firm owns and manages large apartment complexes in Stoughton, Cohasset, and North Andover, and Worcester.

Bob was named by the Los Angeles Business Journal as one of the Most Influential People in real estate.

He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Cynthia, and their daughter, Mia, 16. He also spends

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Garcia sisters bring Free Little Library to John Ruiz Park

By Adam Swift

Sisters Kelly and Tanairi Garcia are no strangers to community service, and recently, they both put on their hardhats to bring one of the popular Free Little Libraries to their neighborhood at John Ruiz Park.

Both sisters are in the midst of a busy election season. Kelly is the current School Committee chair and is running for reelection, while Tanairi is challenging incumbent District 7 Councillor Yamir Rodriguez.

Kelly Garcia said the sisters came up with the idea to build the small, wooden library near where they were born and raised on Washington Avenue as a way to help improve literacy and raise a love of reading for children and young people in the neighborhood.

“We wanted to help increase literacy, so that when the kids walk to the local park, they can also check out a book at the Little Free Library,” said

Kelly Garcia.

The Little Free Library phenomenon is based on donations, where anyone can take a book, and community members are encouraged to stock the small wooden structure with new books. Kelly said she and her sister have already restocked since they built it several weeks ago.

Dozens of young neighborhood readers turned out for a recent kick-off party for the new library, with cotton candy, popcorn, balloons, and games.

But the most popular and fulfilling aspect of the celebration was the number of young people who were found curled up with a good book throughout the park.

“This is exactly what we intended when we started this, we want them to learn to love reading and engaging with books,” said Kelly. “As an educator myself, it is important to increase reading and vocabulary at a very young age.”



Chelsea children enjoy a party celebrating the opening of the small library

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lature to create a minority majority district for Chelsea voters following the 2020 US Census. A new state representative district will be created in Chelsea and take effect for the 2022 state elections if signed by Baker.

The new state representative district in Chelsea will be the 11th Suffolk and will be incumbent free for the 2022 election.

The change and creation of the 11 Suffolk district reflects the population changes identified by the 2020 U.S. Census. Legislators are required to redraw the districts every 10 years based on the Census results to ensure a roughly equal number of people reside in each district. With Massachusetts’ population increasing to 7,029,917, the size of each Representative’s district has grown to 43,937 compared to 40,923 in 2011, the last year the maps were redrawn.

New district boundaries for the House of Represen-

tatives are being set now in advance of a November 8 deadline because House candidates must reside in their district for one year prior to their election. New district maps for the Massachusetts Senate, Governor’s Council, and Congress will be finalized in the coming weeks, as candidates for these offices are not subject to the same one-year residency requirement.

Members of the Joint Special Committee on Redistricting held 20 hearings and created a website to solicit input from the public on the new House district maps. The committee took those comments into consideration when filing its final recommendations on October 19, noting that it worked to ensure that the new districts “comply with all constitutional and legal requirements,” including prior federal decisions and rulings issued by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.



The Free Little Library built by Kelly and Tanairi Garcia at John Ruiz Park.



Nany Camacho (Tanairi’s daughter) and Tanairi and Kelly Garcia celebrate the opening of the new Free Little Library in John Ruiz Park

MVES adds two new cultural meals

Mystic Valley Elder Services is excited to announce two new cultural meal types as part of the Meals on Wheels Program. Russian and Haitian meals will be available starting December 6 and are authentically prepared. Russian meals include signature dishes such as Chicken Shash-

lik, Lamb Pilaf, and Beef Stroganoff. Haitian meals include chicken Sausage Jambalaya, Eggplant Stew, and Caribbean Roast Lamb.

The Meals on Wheels program delivers meals to people over 60 who are homebound and unable to prepare their own meals. The hot and cold menu is varied and the meals are nutritionally

balanced, cooked without added salt, and consists of an entrée, two sides, dessert, milk, bread and margarine. Therapeutic meals available include soft, ground, pureed, low-lactose, renal, and cardiac menus as well as carb controlled meals for people with diabetes. Other cultural specific meals include: Chinese, Caribbean, Asian/Vietnamese

as well as vegetarian and Kosher meals.

If you or someone you love wish to learn more about the MVES Meals on Wheels Program, please contact us at 781-324-7705 ex.100 or visit mv.es.org/nutrition. Our team can assist you in determining eligibility for Meals on Wheels and other Nutrition Program offerings.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Stews and Stewed!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We recently acquired a copy of Clifford A. Wright’s book, “Real Stew,” and decided that we should cook our way through it this fall and winter. The full title of this delicious tome is “Real Stew: 300 Recipes for Authentic Home-Cooked Cassoulet, Gumbo, Chili, Curry, Minestrone, Bouillabaise, Stroganoff, Goulash, Chowder, and Much More.”

We agree that all these dishes fit the “New Food Lover’s Companion” definition of a stew or to stew. “Any dish that is prepared by stewing. The term is most often applied to dishes that contain meat, vegetables and a thick soup-like broth resulting from a combination of the stewing liquid and the natural juices of the food being stewed. stew v. A method of cooking by which food is barely covered with liquid and simmered slowly for a long period of time in a tightly covered pot.”

Stews from Everywhere for Every Eater

Wright has chapters on various meats from beef and lamb to goat and rabbit. He explores how diverse foodways have used their native pantry to produce an appropriate stewed dish for their taste.

He also has a range of seafood and vegetable stews. Some of these are vegetarian, while others contain meat products. For example, bacon or salt pork is common in chowders, while some vegetable stews call for chicken broth. If you want a fully vegetarian or vegan meal you can easily adapt any stew recipe by using alternative ingredients that fit your preference.

The freedom to make changes to use what you have or what you want is a hallmark of stew evolution. One of the most ubiquitous examples is Biga or Hunter’s Stew. This dish uses whatever is on hand and might be cooked on a stove or over an open fire.

Hunter’s stew may have evolved from the Medieval tradition of the perpetual stew pot. That meal is called a companaticum by

Wikipedia. They defined it as “That which goes with bread.”

Our Stew Tips

When shopping for meat for our stews, we head straight for the least expensive cuts. For example, beef shanks cost us \$4.99 a pound.

Bone-in meat with plenty of connective tissue is ideal for a rich textured stew broth. After shredding the meat from the shanks, Penny mashes the bone marrow and returns it to the pot.

Stewed or braised dishes are usually better the next day, so these are great make-ahead meals.

In a beef stew, mushrooms add umami flavor and fool the eye to make it look to the eater like the pot contains more meat than it does.

In place of salt, we often add umami-rich salty ingredients like Worcestershire sauce for depth of flavor.

It’s Stew Time

Stews are perfect autumn and winter meals. We love stewy dishes because you cook once and



Beef shanks and mushrooms were the only items we shopped for to make a great stew. Once home, we gathered the rest of the ingredients from what we had on hand.

eat for days.

A pot of stew can also use the food you might waste. Wright’s last recipe in the book is for Cliff’s No Name Stew. He created a feast he made in a 22-quart pot with what he had in his freezer, refrigerator, and a trip to the farmers’ market. He enjoyed it with a gathering of friends.

Sharing is our final reason for loving stew. It’s a perfect meal to share with people you enjoy. Be generous, make a big pot of stew and share away, in-person if that is within your comfort zone, or as takeaway containers and a Zoom meal if not.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

I ENDORSE LEO ROBINSON FOR COUNCILLOR-AT- LARGE

Dear Editor:

I have known Leo Robinson for many years. He has served our city well in many capacities, including in his current position as councillor-at-large.

Leo is an outstanding person who always has the best interests of Chelsea residents in mind when he casts a vote.

As the son of former long-time School Committee member Liz McBride, I know the commitment and dedication it takes to be an effective elected official.

Leo Robinson has demonstrated that dedication throughout his service in Chelsea government. I am endorsing Leo Robinson in his re-election bid to the City Council.

I hope you will join me supporting Councillor-at-Large Robinson on Nov. 2.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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STEM opportunities in the Commonwealth are greater than ever

STEM-heavy industries are leading Massachusetts' recent economic growth according to a study released by Commonwealth Corporation in partnership with the Executive Office of Education (EOE), and the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) for the fourth annual Massachusetts STEM Week 2021. STEM Week takes place from October 18 – 22 and is organized by EOE and the STEM Advisory Council in partnership with the state's nine Regional STEM Networks. It is a statewide effort to boost the interest, awareness, and ability for all learners to envision themselves in STEM education and employment opportunities.

“Studying STEM creates endless opportunities, and we hope more students can see themselves in STEM,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Co-Chair of the STEM Advisory Council. “STEM

jobs and industries are vital to the Massachusetts economy, so we want to inspire young learners to get involved, be inspired, and picture themselves in a STEM career.”

Massachusetts's economy grew at an annual rate of 6.9%, according to Growth Domestic Product data released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis covering fourth quarter 2020 through first quarter 2021 (October 2020 – March 2021). This growth was led by the professional, scientific, and services industry, which has the highest concentration of STEM jobs across all industries. Looking forward, the demand for STEM jobs is increasing and expected to account for 40% of the increase in total employment in Massachusetts through 2028.

“To meet the needs of job growth projections in STEM, the Baker-Polito Administration is committed to upskilling workers for long-lasting careers

in technology, manufacturing, health care, and biotech,” said Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta. “One proven pathway is Apprenticeships, and we are expanding this program to include more training opportunities for software developers, cybersecurity analysts, and IT business analysts.”

One in five workers in Massachusetts work in the STEM field. Though often associated with science and technology, STEM jobs encompass a broad range of industry sectors. For example, one in five manufacturing jobs in Massachusetts is a STEM job; one in seven management jobs is STEM; and one out of every seven post-secondary teaching jobs is a STEM job.

“Our Administration, through the leadership of Lt. Governor Polito and the STEM Advisory Council, has worked hard for the past several years to help Massachusetts

students gain experience in STEM fields,” said Education Secretary James Peyser. “We have expanded career and college pathways for young people to pursue industry-recognized credentials, and we deepened partnerships with employers and higher education institutions to offer more work-based learning experiences in STEM fields.”

While STEM occupations are found in almost every industry in Massachusetts, racial minority representation in STEM continues to be low. Data from 2020 estimates that 27% of STEM workers are non-white, compared to the 2018 report of 24%. Black/African Americans make up 5% of the Massachusetts STEM workforce, most concentrated in healthcare. Hispanic/Latinx workers compose 6% of the STEM workforce. Asians are at 15% working in STEM. Though STEM jobs appear evenly distributed among men

and women, women tend to work in lower-paying STEM industries. Excluding healthcare, women hold 29% of STEM occupations, across the U.S.

“The findings in this report reinforce the importance of our efforts to continue raising awareness of key career paths among STEM fields, which are playing a leading role in the Commonwealth's economic recovery,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. “By focusing on the pipeline to develop talent, we can ensure STEM industries can continue to leverage a strong workforce in Massachusetts to strengthen their position in our economy and also expand STEM career opportunities to even more communities that traditionally have been underrepresented.”

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of the health center: residents, patients, EBNHC's Board of Directors, staff, friends, and family. I thank every member of our vibrant community for making these years so full of meaning, purpose, and growth. I can't imagine having travelled a different path. It has been an honor.

Over the last nine years as President & CEO, I've stood on the shoulders of giants like EBNHC former leaders, Jim Taylor and Jack Cradock, who, with the Board of Directors and our staff, built the health center from the ground up - turning a small community clinic into a recognizable force in local healthcare.

Looking back, I feel blessed to have inherited a strong and successful organization. The health center already had 40

years of innovation and impact under its belt when I became CEO in 2012. Thanks to Jack, Jim, and the Board of Directors, EBNHC was one of the first organizations to bring the PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) model to Massachusetts; in 1997, the health center was an early adopter of a little known electronic tool for managing patient care - Epic - which has now become the gold standard for electronic medical records nationwide; and EBNHC leveraged experience piloting new programs to found CATCH (Children's Access to Coordinated Health Care) for children with multiple disabilities and Project Shine for patients living with HIV.

This is only a short preview of EBNHC's long and illustrious history in

the community – a legacy that was turned over to me, just a kid from East Boston, nearly a decade ago.

Now, as the organization enters into another time of transition, I'd like to take the opportunity to reflect on what we've accomplished together as a health center and as a community over the last ten years. The positive impact is astounding.

We have expanded services to reach more than 120,000 patients across the Commonwealth's most vulnerable communities – solidifying access to equitable and inclusive care and consistently exceeding industry benchmarks in key areas of patient satisfaction.

Our Neighborhood PACE program has grown to over 700 members – more than doubling in

size since 2012 - and now boasts patient satisfaction rates of 95%, ensuring that more of our older adults can age in place, in the community, all while receiving superior care.

We have made it our mission to hire from the community and build an engaged workforce, winning 7 Boston Globe Top Place to Work awards in the last 8 years.

We have cut the ribbon on two new, state-of-the-art buildings while creating partnerships in our communities to ensure we can meet people where they are.

We are co-founders of the Commonwealth's largest Medicaid Accountable Care Organization, Community Care Cooperative, and established Advocates for Community Health, a new national advocacy organization for innovative

health centers focused on equity and impact.

We fought back against COVID-19 – together distributing key information, supporting residents in need, and providing critical services to help stop the spread. To date, EBNHC has processed more than 160,000 COVID-19 tests and administered over 100,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine - with East Boston, Chelsea, and Revere boasting the highest rates of Latinx vaccination in the Commonwealth.

Perhaps most importantly, we never shut our doors, offering care 24/7/365, even at the height of the initial COVID-19 surge.

Above all else, we've approached each day with compassion, respect, and an unwavering commitment to ensuring that all

are welcome at the health center and in the communities we serve.

Directly or indirectly, many in our neighborhoods have contributed to these successes. I thank you for your many years of support and partnership. My promise to you is that this work is not done. I will continue to advocate for our community and the health center remains strong and steadfast in its mission. You are in good hands.

I'm fiercely proud of what we have accomplished together and look forward to watching the next decade of progress from just across the harbor.

Thank you for everything, and be well.

Manny Lopes



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CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY WITH A TREE PLANTING

The City of Chelsea, DCR's Greening the Gateway Program, GreenRoots and the Chelsea Girl Scouts celebrated our annual Arbor Day planting on October 25th (postponed from April because of COVID precautions). A new tree was planted in front of Judie Dyer's home at 11 Heard Street. Jud-

ie is a life-long Chelsea resident who has served in every possible board in Chelsea. Judie had requested a tree through the Beautification Committee and we were glad to be able to deliver that tree while celebrating Arbor Day and helping the Chelsea Girl Scouts earn their tree planting badge. The

girls scouts learned about trees from Hillary Dimino and said the tree pledge before shoveling soil into the tree pit. Overall it was

a great event, made possible by the incredible collaboration and partnership.



The Girl Scouts listen to instructions while preparing to plant a tree on Heard Street.



Everyone involved gathers for a group photo.



Girl Scouts moving dirt around between buckets and into the tree pit.

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Leo has been working tirelessly for over 30 years as a Councillor At Large to represent Chelsea residents in a professional, honest, and courageous manner. Leo has established a clear and proven track record of accomplishments as a leader who understands resident needs, has compassion for the impoverished, and is sensitive to the needs of all Chelsea residents.

Leo's goal is to build a better Chelsea.

Leo ha trabajado duro durante más de treinta años como Concejal de la ciudad para representar a los residentes de Chelsea de manera profesional, honesta y valiente. Leo ha establecido un historial de logros claro y comprobado como un líder que comprende las necesidades de sus residentes, tiene compasión por los empobrecidos y es sensible a todos los residentes de Chelsea. El objetivo de Leo es construir una mejor Chelsea.

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Ronald Robinson Bob Repucci

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Rockland Trust appoints Karen Rebaza as Vice President, Residential Community Development Officer

Staff Report

Rockland Trust is pleased to welcome back Karen Rebaza to the Bank's residential lending group. In her newly established role as Vice President, Residential Community Development Officer, Rebaza will be responsible for growing the Bank's first time home buyer efforts through providing educational workshops, working with community housing organizations, and exploring opportunities for Rockland Trust to expand its residential product and program offerings in an effort to narrow Massachusetts' home ownership gap.

"Rockland Trust is thrilled to have Karen back on our residential lending team. Her extensive knowledge of how best to serve first time home buyers is a tremendous asset to the bank," said Joseph Lamberti, Vice President, General Sales Manager of Residential Lending at Rockland Trust. "Karen's expertise and leadership will enable us to bring greater opportunities and resources to the individuals and families in the communities we serve."

Rebaza rejoins Rockland Trust after spending two years serving as the Assistant Director of Homebuyer Services for Boston's Home Center; previously she worked as a senior loan officer at Rockland Trust and Blue



Karen Rebaza.

Hills Bank. Throughout her decade long career in the residential mortgage field, Rebaza has been deeply involved in advocating for the Boston community. She currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the East Boston YMCA board as well as the Advisory board for the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance's STASH Program.

"I am very excited to return to Rockland Trust and contribute to the Bank's ongoing efforts to narrow the homeownership gap in Massachusetts," said Rebaza. "I am eager to provide our community with specialized education and resources and assist our loan officers in building strong customer relationships."

Rebaza came to the United States from Guatemala in 1992 and is fluent in both Spanish and English. Due to her passion and dedication when it comes to community and narrowing the home ownership gap, she has received multiple awards throughout

her career recognizing her work in the mortgage field as well as her dedication to the community. Rebaza has received the Outstanding Professional Award, Mayor's Office City of Lynn- Presenter Centro de Mujeres Latina: MARIA in both 2018 and 2019. In 2017, Rebaza also received the Inspiration and Dedication to the Latino Community in Boston from the City of Boston. She currently resides in East Boston with her husband Marco and her four children.

Independent Bank Corp. (NASDAQ Global Select Market: INDB) is the holding company for Rockland Trust Company, a full-service commercial bank headquartered in Massachusetts. Rockland Trust was named to The Boston Globe's "Top Places to Work" 2020 list, an honor earned for the 12th consecutive year. In 2021, Rockland Trust was ranked the #1 Bank in Massachusetts according to Forbes World's Best Banks list for the second year in a row. Rockland Trust has a longstanding commitment to equity and inclusion.

In addition, Rockland Trust is deeply committed to the communities it serves, as reflected in the overall "Outstanding" rating in its most recent Community Reinvestment Act performance evaluation. Rockland Trust offers a wide range of banking, investment, and insurance services.

Comfort Foods



With a Kick

When the temperature drops, it's natural for thoughts — and cravings — to turn toward soothing and hearty comfort foods. There's nothing like a good casserole or a bowl of hot chili to make you feel good all over.

To kick up the fun in your favorite meals, try some comfort foods with salsa added into the mix. Salsa and pizante sauces are convenient ways to add different flavors and heat up the whole family with a satisfying meal.

These recipes are fast and easy, making them great weeknight dinners for the busy cook.

For more creative recipes and serving suggestions, visit pacefoods.com.

Monterey Chicken Tortilla Casserole
Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 40 minutes
Makes: 4

- 1 cup coarsely crumbled tortilla chips
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken OR cooked turkey
- 1 can (about 15 ounces) cream-style whole kernel corn
- 1 cup Pace Pizante sauce
- 3/4 cup sliced pitted ripe olives
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Chopped green pepper OR red pepper

Tortilla chips

- 1. Layer crumbled chips, chicken, corn and pizante sauce in 1-quart casserole. Top with olives and cheese.
- 2. Bake at 350°F for 40 minutes or until hot. Top with peppers. Serve with chips.

- Turn Up the Heat!
Here are some more ideas from Pace Foods to help you put some zip into your favorite foods.
- Zesty Grilled Cheese
Dip your grilled cheese sandwich into chunky salsa or pizante sauce for a full-flavored, zesty kick.
- Fiesta Meat Loaf
Use chunky salsa or pizante sauce instead of tomato sauce or ketchup for a juicy, zesty meat loaf. Just before serving, top with more salsa.
- Soup Toppers
Stir any delicious flavored salsa into your soup for a fresh new taste. Try it in black bean, tomato or vegetable soup.
- Fiesta Rice
Tired of making the same old side dishes? To freshen up any meal, stir chunky salsa or pizante sauce into your cooked rice for a lively side dish the whole family will love.



Chipotle Chili



Mexican Four Cheese Potatoes au Gratin

Chipotle Chili
Prep: 15 minutes
Cook: 8 hours
Makes: 8

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Pace Chunky salsa
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground chipotle chili pepper
- 1 large onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 2 pounds beef for stew, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

1 can (about 19 ounces) red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
Shredded cheddar cheese (optional)
Sour cream (optional)

- 1. Stir salsa, water, chili powder, chipotle pepper, onion, beef and beans in a 3 1/2-quart slow cooker.
- 2. Cover and cook on LOW for 8 to 9 hours* or until the beef is fork-tender. Serve with cheese and sour cream, if desired.

*Or on HIGH for 4 to 5 hours.

2-Step Beefy Taco Joes
Prep: 5 minutes
Cook: 10 minutes
Makes: 8

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Condensed Tomato soup (Regular OR 25% Less Sodium)
- 1 cup Pace Thick & Chunky salsa
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 Pepperidge Farm Sandwich rolls, any variety

- 1. Brown ground beef in skillet. Pour off fat.
- 2. Add soup and salsa. Heat through. Top with cheese. Serve on rolls.

Mexican Four Cheese Potatoes au Gratin
Prep: 10 minutes
Bake: 50 minutes
Stand: 10 minutes
Makes: 6

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Pace Mexican Four Cheese Salsa con Queso
- 3/4 cup Swanson Chicken broth (Regular, Natural Goodness® OR Certified Organic)
- 1/4 cup heavy cream OR half-and-half
- 3 medium potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced (about 3 cups)

- 1. Stir queso, broth and cream together in medium bowl.
- 2. Put HALF of potatoes in a 2-quart shallow baking dish. Pour HALF of queso mixture over potatoes. Repeat with remaining potatoes and queso mixture.

3. Bake at 350°F for 50 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Let stand for 10 minutes.

Mexi-Mac
Prep: 5 minutes
Cook: 20 minutes
Makes: 4

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cup Pace Pizante sauce
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) whole peeled tomatoes, cut up
- 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn
- 3 cups cooked elbow pasta
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Sliced avocado
- Sour cream

- 1. Cook beef in skillet until browned. Pour off fat.
- 2. Add pizante sauce, chili powder, tomatoes and corn. Heat to a boil. Cook over low heat 10 minutes. Add pasta. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover and heat until cheese melts. Garnish with avocado and sour cream.

RECOVERY SUPPORT HOTLINE

Call or Text 1-844-NSPEERS 844-677-3377

Support for anyone affected by addiction.
Any time. Any place.

North Suffolk Mental Health Association has added a free, around-the-clock Recovery Support Hotline to its Addiction and Recovery Services. The hotline is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by experienced Recovery Coaches who understand the challenges faced by individuals with substance use disorder who are doing everything they can to maintain their sobriety.

WHO'S CALLING

People in Recovery

For individuals seeking peer support from Recovery Coaches with lived experience, information about meetings, shelter, or any community recovery support service.

Family, Friends & Loved Ones

Substance use disorder affects more than the individual with SUD. Family, friends, loved ones and others can call when they need support or information.

People Considering Treatment

Individuals struggling with active use who want information about treatment options; a referral to treatment or detox; or information about meetings, shelter or any community recovery support service.

Adults & Adolescents
Translation Capability



WHO'S ANSWERING

NSMHA Recovery Coaches

Our experienced Recovery Coaches and peers in long-term recovery understand the challenges that can come with anyone facing addiction. These individuals are equipped with the knowledge, resources and tools to help those who are struggling to access the supports necessary to begin or maintain their own journey to recovery.

Coaches are also able to help loved ones and family members of individuals with SUD navigate what they're experiencing and provide support.

CALL FOR

Emotional, Social, Practical Support

Referrals to treatment
Meeting locations
Shelter locations
Connections to coaches
Information about a variety of treatment options

Peer into recovery.



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REMEMBERING THE
PERFECT STORM

It was 30 years ago this week when the Perfect Storm struck the East Coast of the United States, bringing powerful winds and gargantuan waves that pummeled the Massachusetts coastline on Wednesday, October 30, and continued into the next day.

Although the storm eventually affected the entire East Coast from Canada to Florida, the most-costly damage occurred in Massachusetts, with more than 100 homes destroyed, especially along the South Shore in Marshfield.

The damage would have been much greater, given the 30-foot waves that ravaged the coastline, but the storm struck during a neap tide, the time of the month when the high tides are at their lowest.

If it had occurred during one of those King Tides -- we can only imagine the devastation.

The storm originally was called the No-Name Storm or the Halloween Storm, but eventually became known as the Perfect Storm, after the book by journalist Sebastian Junger and subsequent movie (starring George Clooney) that chronicled the fate of the crew of the Gloucester fishing vessel, Andrea Gale, which sunk amidst the storm and its 100-foot waves.

Junger got that name from a Boston meteorologist, who told Junger that the storm was formed from the convergence of the remnants of Hurricane Grace and two other weather systems, which then combined into one powerful storm -- the Perfect Storm -- a few hundred miles out to sea and then made a beeline westward for a direct hit on Massachusetts.

According to the meteorologist, the unlikely convergence of a hurricane and two other weather systems is a once-in-a-hundred year event.

For those of us who recall seeing the waves crashing over the seawalls in Revere and Winthrop from our tall office buildings in downtown Boston, and then getting a first-hand look at the damage the next day, the Perfect Storm is one we'll remember for the rest of our lives, just as we'll never forget the Blizzard of '78 and the previous generation never forgot the Hurricane of 1938.

In view of all of the destruction wrought by weather events in other parts of the world in the past 15 years, we should consider ourselves lucky that we have not had to face similar natural catastrophes.

On the other hand, realizing that it's been 30 years since our last truly Big One, the odds are that we are overdue for another natural disaster -- "Time and tide wait for no man," wrote the poet -- and with the added impact of climate change, whatever fate awaits us, we fear it will be a bad outcome.

ENJOY A SAFE HALLOWEEN

Yes, we all want to party and enjoy this Halloween season as we emerge from the worst of the pandemic, especially after Halloween essentially was cancelled last year.

But we urge all of our readers not to overdo it and to enjoy the holiday responsibly with their friends and loved ones.

Excessive drinking never makes sense and there never is a good excuse for it.

So let's dress up in our Squid Games costumes -- but remember that the winner of the game had to keep his head (literally and figuratively) to survive.

He never would have made it if he had been under the influence.

Forum



GUEST OP-ED

Who Will Pay for the \$2 Trillion Infrastructure Project

Dr. Glenn Mollette

If you are making less than \$40,000 a year then you probably don't care that single people making over \$523,601 pay 37% of their income in federal taxes. Married people filing jointly making over \$628,301 also pay 37%. These people make it and can afford to pay it we often say. What affects someone else doesn't bother us that much when it comes to income and taxes.

Let's say you are making \$35,000 this year but next year you have an opportunity to make \$45,000. Suddenly your federal tax rate increases from 12% to 22%. This is a big jump. You have the opportunity to make more but more of what you make goes to taxes. You start calculating the hours and time worked versus how much more you have to pay in taxes and you start wondering if it's worth what it will take to

earn the extra income. If a great job comes your way to earn \$209,426 then you start calculating maybe it would be better to figure out how to make \$208,000 and stay in the 32% tax bracket. Most likely if you are making \$209,426 dollars a year you are probably working very hard for it and turning over \$70,000 plus a year to the government doesn't feel very good.

Our government is hungry for money. The \$2 trillion infrastructure project that is on the table will mean our government will desperately need lots more money for many years to come. Our grandchildren will be saddled with this debt for most of their lives.

We need infrastructure updates. Roads, bridges, new water lines, better energy sources, internet and more. The project will create a lot of jobs. However, don't be fooled into thinking someone else will pay for the project. We hear reports that the debt will

be passed onto America's 600 billionaires. Do you really think Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, Bernard Arnault, Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg are going to pay for this \$2 trillion-dollar infrastructure deal?

America's billionaires should pay their fair share like all Americans but a nation that penalizes prosperity is unfair. I don't feel sorry for billionaires but a billionaire shouldn't have to pay 40% of his/her earnings to the government. Also, America's billionaires have the resources to move to another country if they choose to. Their tax rate should be fair but we shouldn't run them out of the country.

If your income grows from \$30,000 a year to \$60,000, that is no reason for you to be penalized by your country. Congress needs to push for a flat tax and tax everyone including billionaires. A tax rate of 12% to 15% on all individuals and corporations would encourage people to make more and America would have more money to cover our infrastructure costs. Plus, more manufacturing would come back to America. Instead, our nation discourages prosperity by penalizing those who make more.

Every American will pay for the infrastructure project. We will be paying for a long time. Every American's tax burden will increase. Don't let Washington fool you into thinking somebody else will pay for this project. It's going to be all of us and for a very long time.

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A GOOD READ

Chelsea Public Library hosts Family Literacy Month

By Cary Shuman

When Margo Johnson helped found Chelsea's Family Literacy Day 16 years ago, she never could have anticipated the mega-event it would become for local schoolchildren.

Turn the clock ahead to today and Johnson is still involved in the celebration of reading, teaming up with CPL Librarian Sarah Gay Jackson, Children's Librarian Katherine Palencia, Library Assistants Amanda Arsenault and Yareli Arenas, and Guadalupe Panameno of Raising A Reader to make sure the tradition continues.

Arsenault is in her second year as one of the major planners of the event and the month-long activities which will be all virtual again this year.

"I was 10 years old myself when I first learned of this event, but I've been seeing it for several years," said Arsenault. "I've worked at the Library for eight years now, and I've been watching it progress, and it's very beautiful."

Johnson said she is excited about the festivities which are held in coordination with National Family Literacy Month.

"The goal is to promote family literacy and I think the goal is working," said Johnson.

While more than 1,000 young readers have attended past Family Literacy Days, Arsenault expects to well exceed that number virtually. "We were up 600 percent in online viewers during the pandemic," said Arsenault.

Last year, the Library distributed 200 craft kits and hundreds of free book bags. Families will again be required to wear masks when they come to the Library to receive their free book bags.

Many activities are planned

This year's Literacy Month schedule is packed with activities, including a Story Walk outside the Library, a scavenger hunt, and guest appearances. Local organizations such as GreenRoots, Chelsea Prospers, and HubCats Chelsea will be participating in the events.

"We also have a community cookbook that we'll be premiering in the third week of November," said Arsenault. "Anyone who has a recipe that they want to submit to us, we're going to put them all together in a collaborative piece and then we'll print it for the public, which I think will be really fun and exciting."

Arsenault said the month's schedule of activities will consist of four different themes: traditional and non-traditional storytelling (such as using art and pictures to tell stories); nature and environment; colors and sensory involvement; and health and wellness.

Raising A Reader making an impact

Guadalupe Panameno said the non-profit Raising A Reader organization has been collaborating with the Chelsea Public Library since the inception of Family Literacy Day.

"This year, we are providing some digital resources that we have created during the pandemic," said Panameno. "We're also going to have conversations with parents about how to read with your child. We're going to be kicking off the Chelsea celebration with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday. We're so appreciative of the Chelsea Public Library for hosting our first office here when the Raising A Reader program started."

Raising A Reader has donated a new piece of furniture to the CPL Children's Department that will be unveiled next week.

"It looks great," said



Looking forward to the start of Chelsea Family Literacy Month activities on Nov. 1 at the Chelsea Public Library are (front row) Library Assistant Yareli Arenas and Children's Librarian Katherine Palencia; (back row) Guadalupe Panameno of Raising A Reader, event founder Margo Johnson, and Library Assistant Amanda Arsenault.

Arsenault, who wouldn't reveal what the exciting addition to the Library will be.

Readership is up at the Chelsea Library

Chelsea residents' visits and use of CPL resources are increasing, according to Palencia, who has been the Children's Librarian for the past two years.

Palencia said the staff is excited to once again host Family Literacy Day activities.

"We're very excited for the free book distribution and to receive donations for the event," said Palencia. "We welcome children and families to be a part of this great event."

Palencia lauded the Chelsea Police Department and the Chelsea Fire Department for their generous donations to the Library.

"We're going to have an outdoor story time at John Ruiz Park (on Washington Avenue) on the last day of our schedule, and the Chelsea Police Department will have their comfort dog, Brute, there."



City of Chelsea and
Chelsea Veterans Services invite you to join our virtual

Veterans Day Ceremony

Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 10:00am.
Chelsea Community Cable, Channel 3 (Comcast)*

To all veterans and those who are serving under the flag at this moment, thank you for your sacrifices and contributions you and your families made.

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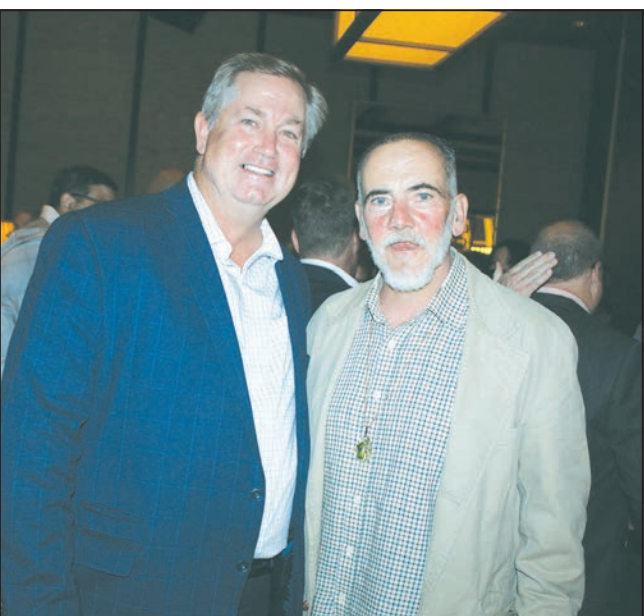
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Sports

SAVIO GRADUATES GATHER AT REUNION



Two former Chelsea youth sports greats, Tim Mullaney (left) and Nicholas Lehmann, are pictured at their Saint Dominic Savio High School (East Boston) Class of 1986 35th Reunion that was held Oct. 23 at Encore Boston Harbor.

BRUINS *Beat* by Bob Morello

Bruins on the road again

The Bruins on Wednesday, began a mini two-game road trip, which has them visiting two teams back-to-back, both undefeated at press time. Florida Panthers (6-0-0), and the Carolina Hurricanes (5-0-0). The Bs were coming off their recent 4-3 victory over the San Jose Sharks at TD Garden on Sunday, in a game that showed a few plusses. Jake DeBrusk continued his strong play, and scored his second goal of the young season, the game-winner, after taking a tasty feed from Oskar Steen, who had been called up from Providence just prior to the Sharks game. David Pastrnak potted his second goal to go along with his three assists, his five points putting him second on the team in points, behind the streaking Brad Marchand, who is off to a great start with four goals and three assists (7 points) in Boston's first four games. Defenseman Derek Forbort also made a good impression with a steady game, earning his first goal as a Bruin, while logging over 20 minutes of ice time versus the Sharks.

The back-to-back schedule has the Bs right back on the ice tonight (Thursday), Boston will be hosted by the Carolina Panthers (7:00pm). A tough game for sure, as the Canes are off to their best consecutive wins to start the season, in franchise history with a five-game win streak. One

of the reasons for their strong start lies with the steady play in goal by former Toronto Maple Leaf goaltender, Frederik Andersen, who has posted five wins in the team's first five games, with a 1.60 goals-against-average, and a .946 save percentage. On the offensive side, Andrei Svechnikov has notched five goals and four assists, for nine points in five games, followed closely by Sebastian Aho's seven points in five games with four goals and three assists.

Bruins General Manager Don Sweeney announced that recently acquired veteran Nick Foligno has been placed on injured reserve with an upper body injury. Coach Bruce Cassidy stated that Craig Smith will not be on the two-game road trip due to injury, and that goaltending duties will be shared equally on the brief trip, with Linus Ullmark (2-0) playing Wednesday, and Jeremy Swayman (1-1) in net to face the Hurricanes on Thursday. Bruins fourth line forward Curtis Lazar is expected to possibly make his return to the locals' lineup following an elbow injury.

Schedule-wise for the Bruins, they will return to Garden ice on Saturday (10/30 at 7:00pm), to host the Panthers for the second time in less than a week. Following a four-day layoff, the Bruins will host the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday (11/4 at 7:00pm).



CHS GIRLS AND BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS TOP MALDEN

The Chelsea High girls and boys cross country teams defeated Greater Boston League rival Malden last Wednesday on the Red Devils' home course at Admiral's Hill.

On the boys' side, after Malden captured the top two spots, a parade of Chelsea runners came across in places 3-7 to clinch the meet.

Ian Padilla led the Red Devil pack, finishing in a time of 18:44, which was just 16 seconds behind the first-place Malden runner.

Ian was followed by Alejandro Zepeda in 20:00, Johnny Maldonado in 20:20, Ruben Padilla in 20:29, and Alex Estrada in 20:36.

Austin Freeman ran a strong race, finishing in ninth place in 21:28. Juan Alfaro grabbed 10th spot in 21:40 and Nate Nadow finished 11th in 22:45.

Jose Olivar came across in 12th spot in 25:14, Jimmy Merino finished 14th in 25:54, Carlos Alfaro grabbed 15th in 25:58, and Marcos Hernandez came across in 18th position in 26:23.

The final score showed the Red Devils winning the meet, 25-32.

For the CHS girls, who cruised to a 17-38 victory, Gizelle Rodriguez finished in first place in a clocking of 22:07. Darily

Sanchez grabbed second place in 25:52, followed by Gigi Olivar in third in 26:26, Holly Hattleberg in fifth in 26:31, and Rosalinda Rojas in sixth in 26:55.

Coach Sam Fogel and his crew were set to compete in the GBL Meet that was scheduled for yesterday (Wednesday) at Torbert Macdonald Park in Medford.

CHS BOYS EARN 1-1 TIE WITH REVERE

The Chelsea High boys soccer team engaged in a fierce battle with Greater Boston League rival Revere, which entered the game with a winning record and in third place in the GBL, and deadlocked their Beach City rival to a 1-1 standoff.

Christian Palacios gave the Red Devils a 1-0 lead in the opening half, but the Patriots brought the contest back to level midway through the second half on a free kick.

"With 29 minutes to go in the first half, we got a throw-in near the corner flag and Jefferson Ruiz made a long throw-in," said CHS assistant coach Luis Cruz. "A Revere defender headed the ball out of their box, but Christian was right on the 18 yard line."

Palacios then delivered a powerful shot that found its way through a group of Revere defenders and into the back of the Patriot net

for his second goal of the season.

"From that point on, Revere was trying to tie the game, but our whole squad kept on fighting and Revere was unable to score," noted Cruz. "However, with 21 minutes left in the second half, Revere had a free kick and scored from a set piece. They crossed the ball and one of their players headed it. Our goalkeeper tried to save it, but he just couldn't reach it."

"This was a very intense game and I'd say it was the best game we have played so far," Cruz continued. "We kept on fighting and believed that we could win. It was nice to see the boys fighting for each other on the field."

Two days later the Red Devils took on the first-place and undefeated Medford Mustangs -- who have yielded just nine goals in 14 GBL contests -- and came up on the short end of a 5-0 decision in their season finale.

"Our last game of the season didn't go as we expected it," said Cruz. "Medford (which needed a victory in order to stay ahead of Everertt for first place in the GBL standings) came in hungry, but we were sloppy from the opening kick-off."

CHS GIRLS SOCCER JUST SHORT VS. SALEM

The Chelsea High girls soccer team turned in a

fine effort, but came up just short in a 1-0 loss to Salem this past Friday.

"This was a real back-and-forth game," said CHS head coach Randy Grajal. "Salem scored their goal at the 10-minute mark in the first half, but after that we made a few changes in our tactics and were able to neutralize Salem's best player/goal scorer."

"The team played with poise and they played extremely well the rest of the match," Grajal continued, "but we were not able to score the tying goal. I am extremely proud of the progress the team has made throughout the season and I am also very confident the team will continue to improve as we move onto our final week of games."

Earlier in the week, the Lady Red Devils played well in a 2-0 contest at Lynn English.

"The team played a solid game," said Grajal. "We had many opportunities to score, but could not capitalize. The team showed great chemistry and they were able to maintain good control of the ball in the midfield. Lynn English scored their two goals on breakaways and that proved to be the difference."

Grajal and his crew were scheduled to conclude their season yesterday (Wednesday) at Northeast Regional.

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In collaboration with Cambridge Health Alliance

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10.30.21

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State Health Officials announce ninth human case of West Nile Virus in Massachusetts

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) last week announced the ninth human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in the state this year. The individual is a male in his 60s who was exposed to WNV in Middlesex County.

Twenty-seven communities in Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties are at high risk and 71 communities are at moderate risk for WNV. There are no additional risk level changes associated with this new case.

“While the risk from WNV is declining at this time of year, some risk will continue until there has been a hard frost,” said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. “People should continue to take steps to prevent mosquito bites anytime they are outdoors.”

In 2020, there were 11 human cases of WNV infection identified in Massachusetts. WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare cases, more severe illness can occur.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites
Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-menthane 3, 8-diol (PMD)], or IR3535 according to the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home
Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals
Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs should be flushed out to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). If an animal is diagnosed with WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources’ (MDAR) Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795 and to the DPH by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at www.mass.gov/MosquitoesandTick or by calling the DPH Epidemiology Program at 617-983-6800.

HALLOWEEN CHECKLIST

Candy ☑, Costume ☑, Designated Driver ☑

Special to the Record

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is urging everyone to make a plan for a designated driver before Halloween weekend begins. MADD is concerned anytime a holiday falls on a weekend when the risk of drunk driving deaths and injuries is higher.

“If you plan to consume alcohol or any other drugs, the safest choice you can make is to decide who your non-drinking, unimpaired driver will be at the same time you’re planning for your costume or party,” said MADD New England Region Executive Director, Bob Garguilo. “The key is to plan your ride before there is even an opportunity to find yourself in a dangerous situation, putting your life and the lives of others at risk.”

Drunk driving is the leading cause of death and injuries on our nation’s roads, killing more than 10,000 people every year and injuring 300,000 more. Drivers are increasingly testing positive for other impairing substances and multiple substances. According to NHTSA, between 2009 and 2018 the presence of marijuana nearly doubled in drivers who were killed in crashes and were tested for marijuana. Of fatally injured drivers who were tested for the presence of drugs in 2018, 46% tested positive.

It is a crime to drive under the influence of alcohol and other drugs – legal and illegal – in every state, and drunk or drug-impaired driving poses a threat to the driver, passengers and everyone else on the road. Marijuana, for example, has been shown to slow reaction times, impair cognitive performance and make it more difficult for drivers to keep a steady position in their lane. Combining marijuana with alcohol is even more dangerous.

“Early estimates for 2020 and 2021 are showing an increase in deaths and injuries caused by impaired driving and other dangerous driving behaviors like speeding and not using seatbelts. All of these tragedies are 100% preventable. We are asking everyone to do their part,” Otte said.

Tips for a safe Halloween:

- Plan ahead and designate a non-drinking, unimpaired driver, use rideshare or public transportation.
- Always wear your seatbelt and make sure your passengers are wearing theirs.
- Never get into a car with an impaired driver or put yourself in a situation where you don’t feel safe.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement immediately.
- If you witness someone who is about to drive impaired, attempt to stop them but be as non-confrontational as possible. Enlist the help of others, if possible. Call law enforcement if attempts to stop them from driving fail.

About Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Founded in 1980 by a mother whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver, Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) is the nation’s largest nonprofit working to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking. MADD has helped to save more than 400,000 lives, reduce drunk driving deaths by more than 50 percent and promote designating a non-drinking driver. MADD’s Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving® calls for law enforcement support, ignition interlocks for all offenders and advanced vehicle technology. MADD has provided supportive services to nearly one million drunk and drugged driving victims and survivors at no charge through local victim advocates and the 24-Hour Victim Help Line 1-877-MADD-HELP. Visit www.madd.org or call 1-877-ASK-MADD.

OBITUARIES

Julia Santiago

Dec. 10, 1940 — Oct. 16, 2021

Julia “Migna” Santiago entered eternal life on Saturday, October 16 surrounded by her loving and caring family in the peaceful surroundings of her home in Randolph. She was 80 years old.

Born in Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico, the daughter of the late Benigno Martinez and Joaquina Rodriguez, as a Certified Nursing Assistant, Julia devoted her life to serving elders and people with disabilities. She also worked as a teacher’s aide in the public school system, helping students excel in their studies. She will be forever missed by all who loved her.



The devoted mother of Charles Hogan, Christine Hogan, Jacqueline Martir, Marilyn Verde and Anita Pleasant and the dear sister of Jose R. Martinez, Rafael Martinez, Angel Luis Martinez, Jose Martinez, Maria Martinez, Aurelia Martinez and the late Rogelio Santiago, Julia is the cherished grandmother of nine grandchildren: Luiz Rodrigues, Antonio Wide-man, Israel Molina, Damaris Gomera, Kimberly Hogan, Christopher Hogan, Christian Verde, Eric Verde, Ingrid Regil and six great grandchildren: Eva Molina, Sebastian Molina, Alina Gomera, Alexandria Gomera, Jazzlyn Hogan, Zyir Pta. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Anthony Memorial – Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea on Monday October 25. Private interment will be held at a later date.

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com

Evelyn Longo

Seamstress who was very kind and always helped others out

Evelyn M. Longo, 100, a long-time resident of Chelsea and a recent resident of Masconomet Healthcare, Topsfield, passed away on Monday, October 25.

Evelyn was a seamstress. She was very kind and was always helping others out.

The wife of the late Anthony Longo, she was the mother of Robert Longo and his wife, Linda of Miller Place, NY, Ralph Longo and his wife, Nancy of Beverly and the late Patricia English and her late husband, Larry. She was born in St. Jarvis, Quebec, Canada to the late Joseph and Marie A. (Beland) Labbe and is the sister of Joseph Labbe of Revere and the late Alice Basile, Jeannette Richard and Yvette DeStefano and is also survived by



many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Evelyn will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation or your favorite charity.

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Back from the Capitol

Chelsea friends and family turn out for Georgetown football star Kingsley Umemba

By Cary Shuman

The on-field result was not what Kingsley Umemba wanted as Holy Cross defeated his Georgetown University football team at Fitton Field in Worcester.

But the reception that the 6-foot-4-inch, 248-pound linebacker and defensive end enjoyed during the game and afterwards from his Chelsea delegation was something he'll remember forever.

Even before Kingsley bounded up the ramp to see his family and friends, his mother, Joan Cromwell, had won over the entire team. Joan had already begun distributing to the Georgetown players the 120 meals that she had cooked in the days leading up to the game. The players no doubt appreciated Joan's generosity and culinary talents on their long bus ride back to Washington, D.C., home to Georgetown University.

But this was Kingsley Umemba's day, and it was clear by talking to his coaches and teammates that the Chelsea native had made a lasting impact on them with his exceptional leadership and positive attitude over the past five seasons (The team's 2020

season was canceled due to the pandemic).

The people who had followed Kingsley's superb football career from Chelsea Pop Warner onto the Buckingham Browne and Nichols School wanted to be there for his final college game in Massachusetts.

Kingsley played well in his dual role on defense and special teams. He registered a sack of the Holy Cross quarterback and was in on several tackles.

For those sitting in the Kingsley Umemba rooting section behind the Georgetown bench, it was heartening to hear former CHS football player Allan Washington predict so many Holy Cross plays in advance, showcasing his knowledge of the game. Kingsley's uncle, former CHS basketball standout John Martin, also offered his in-depth analysis of the Georgetown defensive strategy and spoke to the Hoyas' coaches after the game.

One of the team leaders

Larry Doherty is the defensive coordinator for the Georgetown Hoyas. He has been impressed by Umemba's steady improvement as a player, his versatility, and his nose



Kingsley Umemba is pictured with his proud parents, Kenneth Umemba and Joan Cromwell Umemba, following the Georgetown-Holy Cross football game.

for the football.

"Kingsley's been playing linebacker and defensive and on our special teams, so he has a lot of roles," said Doherty. "He's improved every year for us. He's very valuable to our team and one of our most respected leaders. But more importantly, Kingsley's a great young man from a great family. I love the family."

Crediting Kingsley's mom Joan's contribution of 120 meals for the players, Doherty said, "She's amazing."

Head Coach Rob Sgarlata also spoke highly of Umemba's contribution to the team. "Kingsley has done a really good job for us over his five years," said Sgarlata. "He's done a good job of really trying to keep our team together, doing everything that is asked of him. He's brought a lot to our program. The seniors fought through a lot with us, so I'm proud of the whole group."

Kingsley reflects on his career at Georgetown

Kingsley Umemba could have called it a career after COVID-19 canceled the entire 2020 season, but he wanted to return for a fifth year of college football.

"Last year was really tough and it gave a lot of kids who were playing sports an identity crisis, because it affected everyone's regular schedule with schoolwork and sports - I think it's been very helpful for a lot of kids to have a season. I'm glad I came back."

He said he had a tremendous academic and athletic experience at Georgetown. "I'm so happy that I chose Georgetown. The educational opportunities, the sports, the social life, the networking - Georgetown offers the best of everything," said Kingsley.

Kingsley said he was overwhelmed by the support he received from his family for the game against Holy Cross.



Georgetown University football player Kingsley Umemba, of Chelsea, reacts to the cheers from his hometown delegation during the Georgetown-Holy Cross football game.



Kenneth Umemba, father of BB&N and Georgetown defensive end Kingsley Umemba, welcomes Steve Azar and Leeann Azar, father of Georgetown football player Neal Azar, to the pre-game tailgate party.

"It's a great feeling, very comforting," said Kingsley. "When I come home, I expect to see my family, and they put me in a lot more confident state to play a lot better game. It's always good."

Umemba will graduate in December with a degree in Sociology and a minor in Economics.

"My parents want me to go to law school, but I'm considering my options," said the handsome schol-

ar-athlete.

As for having his parents, Kenneth and Joan, in Worcester, Kingsley said, "It's always great to see my parents - especially when they're cooking like this. I love seeing people from Chelsea. If I had been playing at Chelsea Stadium, I probably would have had three sacks instead of one today. It's good to be back home and in my home state of Massachusetts."



Kingsley Umemba gets an enthusiastic reception after the Georgetown-Holy Cross football game.



Enjoying the Georgetown University football pre-game tailgate party are, Kingsley Umemba's parents, Kenneth Umemba and Joan Cromwell, with grandson, Adonis Brody, Nicole McKoy, Beverly Martin Ross, Larry Ross, and Allan Washington.



Kingsley Umemba's personal fan club is pictured at halftime in the stands at Fitton Field in Worcester for the Georgetown-Holy Cross football field.



Georgetown University football player Kingsley Umemba greets the Chelsea delegation after the Georgetown-Holy Cross game Oct. 16 in Worcester. From left, Maureen Lee, Nicole McKoy, Kenneth Umemba, John Martin, Adonis Brody, Sheila O'Brien, Allan Washington, Kingsley Umemba, Joan Cromwell, Senai Finch, Beverly Martin Ross, Larry Ross, Delia Martin, Jayde Umemba, Danielle Martin and Janielle Martin.



John Martin and Kingsley Umemba.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

OFFICIALS
TAKE STEPS TO
STOP STUDENTS
FIGHTING

EVERETT - “We are making headway, but there is still a way to go,” Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani told School Committee members regarding the measures that school officials are taking to stem the recent increase in incidents of fighting at Everett High School.

Tahiliani, speaking at a meeting of the School Committee, even went so far to say that school officials could be looking at prosecuting those students responsible for filming and then posting the fights on social media platforms.

Tahiliani, who temporarily has moved her office to the high school to have a more hands-on approach to the problem, outlined some of the measures being taken by school officials, including having a full-time staff to record a students’ attendance during the entire day; having students review the student handbook; filling vacant positions; and stressing the responsibility of students who record and then post videos on social media.

The committee backed the superintendent’s actions, acknowledging that there is a problem at the high school. However, the members agreed that once the misinformation that is circulating on social media is corrected, parents will feel much better about the situation.

“As a parent with a daughter in the Everett Public Schools, I understand the concerns fellow parents have about recent incidents at the high school,” said Mayor DeMaria. “It’s important for families to know that these issues are being taken seriously by the School Department and the School Resource Officers assigned by the Everett Police Department to the high school. Progress has already been made on a series of measures and more work is underway to prevent further incidents,” the Mayor continued. “The School Department has committed to sharing information with parents about the efforts underway to keep our students safe and help address parents’ concerns. I look forward to working with the Superintendent and my colleagues on the School Committee to find additional ways to support the social and emotional learning needs

of all our students to help them transition back into the classroom environment and the impacts they have felt from the pandemic.”

Ward 5 member Marcony Almedida Barros told his colleagues that he was at Everett High for more than three hours and saw no major problems at the school. He also mentioned how he communicated with parents in Portuguese, and once the truth about the situation came out, how relieved the parents felt.

“There are rumors that the place is falling apart,” Barros said, adding, “We need to communicate with parents that there are fights, but we are taking action.”

Ward 1 School Committeeman Allen Panarese echoed Barros’s sentiments.

“Five percent of the students’ actions are negative and are overshadowing the 95% of the good accomplishments of the students,” Panarese said.

“My son feels safe at Everett High,” at-large committeewoman Samantha Lambert told her colleagues.

Tahiliani added that the Everett High staff are working with the Everett Police School Resource Officers to address the issue.

Kimberly Auger of the Everett Teachers’ Association (ETA) issued a statement on the matter.

“The ETA membership wants nothing more than to reconnect with and support our students. We welcome and encourage more visits and discussions between teachers and administrators. We know our members already show up every day for our students’ social, academic, and emotional growth. We are all willing to examine and improve our practice within our classrooms and our schools. The staff at each school, nearly all of whom we represent – teachers, administrative assistants, para-professionals, vice-principals, coordinators, directors, department heads – stand ready to continue to help the Superintendent and the building principals create a productive environment for the students and staff at Everett Public Schools.”

During the public comment period, Ben Murray, an Everett teacher, urged all parties, “.... not to fingerpoint, but to work on the common goal to educate children.”

Tahiliani added, “We are striving to have one good day after another.”

COVID-19 testing

Tahiliani noted that 20 COVID-19 cases were confirmed in the schools for the period of October 1-14. The school population still falls short of the state-mandated 80% threshold of fully-vaccinated students that would permit the schools to have the state’s mandatory mask-wearing order rescinded.

Tahiliani also told members that between Cataldo Ambulance and Cambridge Health, the schools have been able to increase the number of students taking part in the test-and-stay program, whereby students with symptoms are tested, and if found negative for COVID-19, they can stay in school.

NEW ART EXHIBIT INSTALLED

EAST BOSTON - A new art exhibit that is a collaboration between Boston Harbor Now and conservation photographer Lauren Owens Lambert has been installed at LoPresti Park in East Boston and Langone Park in the North End.

“On the Edge: Boston’s Working Waterfront” uses Lambert’s photos to showcase the range of jobs linked to the Boston waterfront and the value they bring to the city and the region.

The new art installation features a photo by Lambert of two Piers Park Sailing Center staff and students practicing righting a capsized boat at the sailing center.

While traditional maritime jobs persist, the changing waterfront—cleaned over the past four decades, lined with significant new construction, and preparing for the impacts of climate change—offers employment to many.

Through a set of working portraits by Lambert the installation represents, on a human scale, the economic impact and interconnection of Boston Harbor.

Like the Piers Park Sailing Center picture Lamberts other portraits illustrate a cross-section of the city’s workforce and highlight the diversity of humans and roles that help the region benefit from a healthy and connected harbor.

Lambert commented that the harbor is a vital

FALL CRAFT FAIR AT
ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WINTHROP



Reneé Pike, Ellen MacNeil, and Joe Pike enjoying the Fall Craft Fair at St. John’s Episcopal Church on Saturday, Oct. 16.

economic engine that powers the City and the many lives and livelihoods that depend on it.

Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo said his team is really excited for the public art installation because it showcases the historic maritime work that continues today in Eastie.

Lambert is a photographer and video journalist based in the Boston area whose work has a creative focus in documenting the human aspect of climate change, ocean health, natural resource management, conservation, and our relationship with the natural world during the age of the Anthropocene.

Her work has been published with Agence France-Presse, Audubon Magazine, BioGraphic Magazine, and The Boston Globe. She is an International League of Conservation Photographer and has presented work at the United Nations on the importance of visual storytelling with ocean science and data communication.

REMEMBERING DOUG MULLINS

LYNN - The Lynn baseball community will honor the memory of Doug Mullins, a highly respected athlete and coach, with a tremendous tribute: the Doug Mullins Memorial Baseball Tournament to be held May 27-28, 2022, at Fraser Field.

Douglas Adam Mullins was the head coach of the Lynn English baseball team before his passing on Oct. 17, 2020, at the age of 34. Mr. Mullins had an All-Star-caliber career at Lynn Classical and later served as an assistant baseball coach at St. Mary’s and Lynn English before being promoted to the head coaching position

at Lynn English on the recommendation of head coach Joe Caponigro and the appointment by Director of Athletics Dick Newton.

The English, Classical and St. Mary’s baseball teams will compete with Swampscott High School in the first Doug Mullins Memorial Baseball Tournament which will be held during Memorial Day weekend.

Caponigro, head coach of the Swampscott High baseball team, is the director of the tournament.

“I loved Doug as a coach and loved him as a person,” said Caponigro. “He was a terrific young guy, very motivated, very good to his players – just an all-around great person.”

Caponigro said when he brought forth his proposal for the tournament to the Lynn athletic directors, Dick Newton (English), Bill Devin (Classical), and Jeff Newhall (St. Mary’s), and head baseball coaches, Esteban Paula (English), Mike Zukowski (Classical), and Derek Dana (St. Mary’s), they warmly embraced the tournament and its intended goals of honoring Mr. Mullins’ legacy.

“I also wanted Swampscott to be a part of the tournament because of my connection and friendship to Doug,” said Caponigro.

The final Nipper Clancy Memorial Baseball Tournament was slated to be held in 2020, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the tournament was canceled. The Doug Mullins Baseball Tournament will now become the premier showcase for Lynn baseball on the holiday weekend.

“I had the pleasure of coaching Doug Mullins when he was in the ninth grade,” said Classical AD Devin. “At the time I was the freshman coach, and Dougie was one of my best players. He could pitch, play shortstop, play outfield, and he had tremendous speed. I told [then-Classical] Coach Jim Tgettis that this kid was going to be a very special player on the varsity, which he was.”

Devin said what impressed him the most was Doug’s leadership qualities and character.

“He was a tremendous person, so likable – everything was team first,” said Devin. “He was an extremely hard worker, a great athlete, just a well-rounded person. My sons, Brandon and Sean, played on Doug’s team in American Legion Baseball, and they absolutely loved him as a coach. So, I’m completely honored to be a part of the Doug Mullins Tournament. It’s going to be something special and will keep his memory alive.”

Dick Newton is also excited to be a part of the tournament. “This event is going to be the start of something that we hope continues for many years,” said Newton. “It’s a tribute to Doug and his family to have a tournament named after him. Doug was a wonderful guy who played for Classical and coached at English. He was a Lynn guy through and through, but the most important thing about Doug was that he had many, many friends that loved him and they want to keep his memory alive.”

Jeff Newhall said the Spartans’ baseball team, which is the two-time defending Division 2 state champion, is looking forward to competing in the Doug Mullins Tournament.

“The tournament is an excellent and much-deserved tribute to Doug Mullins and his family and a showcase for high school baseball,” said Newhall.

Caponigro said that an MVP Award will be presented to the tournament’s most outstanding player. Players from each of the four teams will be eligible for selection to the Doug Mullins All-Tournament team.

PLASTIC BAG BANNING ORDINANCE PASSES TWO YEAR MARK

REVERE - Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna calls the ordinance banning single-use plastic bags in Revere “one of my biggest and proudest accomplishments as a councillor.”

The City Council passed the ordinance co-sponsored by McKenna and Councillor-at-Large Jessica Giannino in April, 2019.

“It’s been two-and-a-half years,” said McKenna proudly. “When we first started, there were 80 cities and towns on board, and now there are 140 on board banning single-use plastic bags.” McKenna said she and Giannino worked on the ordinance for 18 months before putting it before the Council. “Councillors [Patrick] Keefe and [Steven] Morabito also jumped on board with it,” recalled McKenna.

McKenna said the ordinance has made “a world of difference” in the city’s environment.

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Baker signs student nutrition act ensuring more students access free meals at school

Staff Report

Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and Secretary of Education James Peyser joined lawmakers to participate in a ceremonial bill signing for An Act Promoting Student Nutrition (H 3999) which increases students’ access to free school meals and prohibits schools from using any punitive measures against students with meal debt. The legislation requires any school or district to implement universal free breakfast and lunch for all students if a majority of its the students meet low-income criteria.

“This legislation is another way we can ensure all children in the Commonwealth have access to healthy meals when they are in school,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “We are thankful to our partners in the Legislature for their leadership on this important issue so that no child goes hungry and can focus on their learning and education.”

“This bill will end the undue burden on students whose families have school meal debt by preventing children from being involved,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “No child should be involved in debt collection or made to feel uncomfortable when they go to eat lunch at school.”

“As a state, we simply cannot accept hungry students as part of our reality. Students who don’t get enough to eat every single day face very real disadvantages as compared to their peers,” said Senate President Karen Spilka. “This legislation ensures that students across the Commonwealth have equitable access to nutrition to ensure that they start every day ready to learn. I’d like to thank Senate Majority Leader Cindy Creem for her leadership on this bill, and to the Legislature and Governor Baker for acknowledging that supporting our students through accessible meals, rather than shaming families for their inability to pay, is the best path towards success for all of our students.”

“Addressing food insecurity, especially among our state’s most vulnerable students so they are able to learn and succeed in school, is a top priority for the Massachusetts House of Representatives,” said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano. “I would like to thank Chair Alice Peisch and Representative Andy Vargas for their leadership and hard work in extending access to meals and working to end hunger in our schools.”

“School meals are critical to students’ health and well-being,” said Secretary of Education James Peyser. “This new law will expand access to free school meals to ensure thousands of additional students have access to healthy meals every day so they can learn and grow to their full potential.”

The legislation also requires school districts that participate in the national school lunch

program to take steps to maximize federal revenue resources and savings for families and directs the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to assist districts in improving direct certification for its students. It also allows school districts to certify children for free or reduced-priced meals for up to four consecutive school years.

In addition, school districts will be required to determine whether a student with unpaid meal debt is eligible for free or reduced-priced meals within 30 days of notification of the debt. During that 30-day window, students can still access meals until it is determined whether the family is eligible for free or reduced meals. School employees are now prohibited in any way from publicly identifying a student with meal debt; denying a student a meal; disposing of a student’s meal; or serving a student an alternative meal because of debt.



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Local officials and lawmakers who attended Northeast Metro Tech’s Legislative Breakfast were served by culinary students and faculty. From left, Mia Lara Anorga of Revere, Olivia McCluskey of North Reading, Gertrude Nabbale of Malden, Culinary Arts Department Head Elizabeth Beals, retired Culinary Arts Department Head Paul Mortimer, Taylor Nuzzo of Saugus, Beatriz Fermino of Malden, and Myah Joseph of Wakefield.

Northeast Metro Tech hosts Legislative Breakfast

Staff Report

Northeast Metro Tech recently welcomed state legislators and town officials to the campus and provided updates about the school’s building project.

A legislative breakfast on Friday, Oct. 15 served as an opportunity for school leaders to share news about the project’s progress, and to elicit support as the District’s 12 sending communities are asked to support a state-of-the-art structure.

reer technical education requires more space than comprehensive schools, and therefore the state pays a lower share of the District’s total cost.

• School officials have planned diligently for many years, developing a cost-effective plan and giving communities time to plan for project expenditures.

• The District places 400 applicants on a waitlist each year, the largest list of any technical school in the state.

The new school will feature improved Individualized Education Program (IEP) accommodations, state-of-the-art shop space, expanded program offerings, a new primary access roadway from Farm Street to reduce traffic congestion, a full-size gym, a 750-seat auditorium, outdoor space for learning and a new cafeteria.

With a focus on sustainability, the project is targeting LEED Silver+ certification with energy-efficient mechanical systems, provisions for solar panels, and vegetated roofs. The compact, four-story design will feature an upper-level courtyard, roof decks, and a double-height library rotunda.

The project is estimated to cost \$317.4 million. The project will proceed on schedule if all district communities’ legislative bodies do not oppose the project. If one community does, voters can support the project in a districtwide referendum planned during the winter.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2021-28
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:00 p.m. Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor
With reference to the application of: Ola Bayode
For Special Permit seeking approval for the retail sale of marijuana at the premises known as: 267 Broadway
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: The City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 10/21/21, 10/28/21 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2021-29
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:00 p.m. Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor
With reference to the application of: Mikael R. Vienneau
Broadway Capital Development, LLC
For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to demolish the existing structure, combine all lots, convert from a wholesale business and storage use to residential dwellings containing seven or more units to construct twenty (20) residential units which do not meet the minimum current zoning requirements for lot size, rear, front and side yard setbacks, open space, parking aisle width, number of off street parking spaces and exceeds maximum lot

coverage at the premises known as: 146, 150, 156 Williams Street 65 Pine Street
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: The City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 10/21/21, 10/28/21 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
INVITATION FOR BIDS STREET SWEEPING SERVICES
The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking sealed bids to furnish all services to provide street sweeping services for the City of Chelsea.
Invitation for Bid documents are available on or after October 28, 2021 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "STREET SWEEPING SERVICES" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00 AM on Monday, November 15, 2021.
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.
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 30B.

Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
10/28/2021 C

LEGAL NOTICE


COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU21P2171GD
In the matter of: Alexander Figueroa Of: Chelsea, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department Of Developmental Serv of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Alexander Figueroa is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Vilma Oliva of Chelsea, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/18/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition.
If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions

about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 21, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2002-10
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:00 p.m. Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor
With reference to the application of: The Neighborhood Developers
For a request for modification to previously approved Special Permit at the premises known as: 110 Chestnut Street
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: The City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 10/21/21, 10/28/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE


Chelsea Licensing Commission, November 18, 2021
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a Change of Manager application of an All Kinds of Alcohol License (On Premise) for Colwen Management, Inc d/b/a Holiday Inn Chelsea at 1012 Broadway,

Chelsea, MA. 02150. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. To consider a Change of Manager application of an All Kinds of Alcohol License (On Premise) for Colwen Management, Inc. d/b/a Homewood Suites Chelsea at 145 Beech Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
10/28/2021, 11/4/2021 C

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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 October 5, 2021, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations:
To extend the bus stop at the intersection of Jefferson and Washington Avenue between approximately ten to fifteen feet in order to increase pedestrian safety.
To remove the handicap sign at 70 Hawthorn Street.
The reduction of one parking space in the Fifth Street Lot resulting from the repairs to the Tobin Bridge by MassDOT.
To remove the handicap sign at 850 Broadway.
To post a "30 Minute Loading Zone, 8am to 1pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday" sign at 258 Chestnut Street.
To extend the outdoor dining parklet program by twelve months, subject to the Licensing Commission's approval.
Jeannette Cintron White
Parking Clerk

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CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATIONS FOR BIDS
City Hall Men's & Women's Bathroom Renovation
The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking bids for "City Hall Men's & Women's Bathroom Renovation".
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after October 28, 2021 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "City Hall Men's & Women's Bathroom Renovation" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00AM, Monday, November 15, 2021.
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.
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
10/28/2021 C

LEGAL NOTICE


Chelsea Licensing Commission, November 18, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. to consider a Change of Manager application of an All Kinds of Alcohol License (On Premise) for Colwen Management, Inc d/b/a Residence Inn by Marriott Chelsea at 200 Maple Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
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Every Filed Sub-Bidder must be certified by DCAMM in the category for which they bid.
Every General Bidder must be certified by DCAMM for the category of work listed below and for no less than the bid price plus all add alternates of this project, if applicable.
The Category of Work is: General Building Construction
Mass. State Project No. DCP2141
Massachusetts Information Technology

Center – Renovation and Modernization Phase 2, Chelsea, MA
The following Filed Sub-Bids: Acoustical Tile; Resilient Floors; Painting; Fire Protection; Plumbing; HVAC; Electrical E.C.C.: \$2,084,733
This project is scheduled for 90 calendar days to substantial completion.
Scope: Interior remodeling of an existing office building, including first floor relocation of LWD print and mail shop; second floor renovation to provide new office space; minor HVAC and fire protection work to support new and rearranged rooms, and demountable partitions. New demountable partition specification for DIRT is proprietary. Installation shall be by DIRT certified installer.
A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on November 3, 2021 @ 11:00 AM at MITC, 200 Arlington St. Meet in the main lobby. Due to security requirements, everyone attending must submit their names by email to karen.badalaty@mass.gov before the end of the day November 1, 2021.
Parking is in MITC's visitor lot, diagonally across from the MITC building.
Minimum rates of wages to be paid on the project have been determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor Standards. These rates are incorporated into the bid documents.
Bid documents for this project may be accessed or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through DCAMM's E-Bid Room <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/10279/> home, A hard copy set can be made available for viewing in DCAMM's Bid Room located at One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor, Boston, MA during normal business hours by appointment only by contacting DCAMM's Bid Room.
In order to access bid documents and submit bids through DCAMM's E-Bid Room potential bidders must first be verified by DCAMM's Bid Room and then register with the E-Bid Room vendor. Instructions on the processes can be found on DCAMM's website www.mass.gov/dcomm/bids or contact DCAMM's Bid Room at (617) 727-4003 or bidroom.dcomm@mass.gov.
Carol W. Gladstone
COMMISSIONER

10/28/2021 C

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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on October 18, 2021, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council hereby expressly DISAPPROVES the \$317,422,620 borrowing and debt authorized on September 9, 2021 by the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District Committee for the purpose of paying costs of designing, engineering, constructing and equipping the New Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School and related athletic facilities and expressly does NOT authorize the payment of any share of the District's debt for this purpose.
Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150.
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
10/28/2021 C

LEGAL NOTICE


Public Hearing
At 6pm on November 16, 2021 at the Chelsea Public Library auditorium (569 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150) the City of Chelsea Board of Health will hold a public hearing to consider amendments to its Tobacco Control Regulations. Among other things, the proposed changes include prohibition of tobacco products containing mint or menthol flavor, a requirement that identification be provided by any person purchasing tobacco products, and substantially increased fines for violations. A complete copy of the proposed regulation is available from the City of Chelsea Department of Public Health. Please call 617-466-4083 or email famaya@chelseama.gov to obtain a copy.
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weekends at his beach house in Malibu and is in the process of building a new summer home in the Hamptons on Long Island.

His roots are in Chelsea

The son of Alfred Hart, a postal worker, and Sylvia Hart, Bob Hart lived at 89 Bellingham St., across the street from the former Chelsea Memorial Hospital at the top of the hill, for the first 16 years of his life.

“My aunt Ruth and my uncle Joe lived downstairs, and my parents and I lived upstairs – it was one of those traditional duplexes,” recalled Bob. “Bob Ham was my neighbor and one of my best friends, and we grew up together. My parents and I moved over to Cottage Street, and when I went off to college at WPI, my parents stayed there until my dad passed away in 1980. My father’s ancestors settled Chelsea. If you look back at the records, my great-great-great-grandfather, Isaac Hart, was one of the first Jewish settlers in Chelsea from England.”

Bob skipped kindergarten and attended Shurtleff School for grades one through eight, entering the accelerated program for the top students academically.

“I was the Shurtleff School chess champion in the seventh grade, and I was very proud of it,” said Bob. “James Stafford ran the Chess Club. I played intramural basketball in Mr. [Arnold] Goodman’s junior high league. Miss Lewis was my fourth-grade teacher, and she was a great teacher and helped me develop academically. I also remember Mrs. Maglione and Mrs. Healey.”

When he started high school as a member of the first freshman class (Chelsea was a three-year high school until that time), he became a member of the Michael Lubell AZA organization at the old Chelsea YMHA on Crescent Avenue. The Jewish youth organization later merged with the Chelsea Clovers and became the Clover-Lubell AZA. “Paul Tannebaum was the club adviser,” recalled Bob.

Elected AZA president, Bob credits the Chelsea YMHA for helping him develop his leadership skills and fostering his interest in community service, something he carries forth to this day.

“I think the YMHA really helped me come into my own through the B’nai B’rith and AZA youth programs there,” said Bob. “During my early teenage years, I worked for Murray and Eddy’s (Delicatessen) with Murray, Eddie, and Sammy Rosenberg. They gave me my first start as a dishwasher and kitchen helper and were a great bunch of guys and strong mentors for hard work.”

His academic career was exemplary in the College Classical Course, regularly attaining high honor roll status in each quarter. In addition to receiving the Harvard Book Award, he was a National Latin Scholar in Ms. Marilyn Glover’s class.

A science scholar, Bob applied and was admitted to a number of top engineering schools including Northeastern, Rensselaer Polytechnic (RPI) and was wait-listed at MIT. He chose and received a partial academic scholarship to WPI.

“I studied civil engineering, and structural engineering was my discipline at WPI,” said Bob. “As I got into real estate in my later career, my background in engineering helped me a lot.”

Beginning his professional career

Upon his graduation in 1979, Bob entered the field of technical sales and worked for La Crosse, Wisconsin-based, Trane Air Conditioning, that had recruited him at WPI. He relocated to Los Angeles where he worked at the local Trane sales offices.

“I didn’t get into real estate until after I moved to California in 1980,” said Bob. “I was always curious about the real estate field for reasons I can’t fully explain. I even sat for the Massachusetts real estate exam and obtained my sales license when I was coming out of WPI after receiving dozens of qualified job offers in engineering.”

He applied to graduate school in business and was accepted to the Anderson School of Management at UCLA in 1981.

“It’s interesting. I was president of my AZA Chapter, president of my junior class at WPI, and I became president of my business school class at UCLA,” said Bob. “I was following a pattern where at one point I actually thought I wanted to

go into politics and enter government service, but I quickly decided there’s no money in that, so I went into business out of business school.”

Entering the field of real estate

Bob took a position shortly after business school in the entertainment industry for the Disney Channel for three years from 1985-1988.

“That job provided me with the capital for my initial real estate ventures,” said Bob. “I bought a duplex for \$157,000 in Venice, California in 1987 while I was at Disney. I sold it a year-and-a-half later for \$250,000, which was a lot of money then. That duplex was the germination of my entrepreneurial path into real estate. I was a small developer and investor but still working for a living too.

“In the early 1990s, I hit a rough patch in the economy which were the downward years when the Resolution Trust Corporation came in and took over a lot of the failed savings and loan institutions across the US – and there was high inflation, so I had to learn what we call in real estate, workouts. So that’s where I really became more of a real estate asset management professional. In 1994, I took my first job as a real estate professional for Executive Life, a failing insurance company that was seized by California Insurance Commissioner, John Garamendi. At the time, it was the largest insurance takeover in U.S. history. I was brought on as a member of the executive team to help rehabilitate the company, and I spent four years doing that, working for the insurance commissioner and the trustees.”

In that capacity, Bob started working on large-scale real estate deals “and that really led to the next step in my career starting in the mid-to-late 1990s.”

He moved on to Heitman Capital in Los Angeles, working on troubled assets for pension funds and large domestic and international banks for three years.

“All the while, I had been building my own small real estate portfolio building by building one at a time,” said Bob. “And in the year 2000, I was in my early 40s and I joined a company in Beverly Hills called Ken-

nedy Wilson (KW), and I started their apartment business from the ground up. That’s when my career really shifted toward dealing with large-scale apartment communities, and I became president of a newly formed company that I built within KW called Kennedy Wilson Multifamily. For 14 years, I built that business into a \$3 billion multi-family enterprise within this larger public real estate company and really made a name for myself doing that.”

One of Bob’s investors at Kennedy Wilson, Guardian Life, a New York-based insurance company, approached him and asked if he would consider leaving Kennedy Wilson and building a new company with Guardian Life as a strategic partner.

“I left Kennedy Wilson in June, 2013, and formed what is now TruAmerica Multifamily,” said Bob.

TruAmerica is now a \$14 billion company that has 55,000 units under its ownership and management and one of the top-30 apartment owner/operators in the country.

“We built TruAmerica up over the last eight years with Guardian Life and many institutional investors to what it is today. TruAmerica has been the highlight of my 40-year business career, and it’s been a real good run for me and something I am very proud of in this mature phase of my career. At 64½, I am still going strong and run the company day to day with my management team.”

Attributing his success to an optimistic outlook and his Chelsea upbringing

“Growing up in Chelsea in a duplex and living a close existence in a lower middle-class family, I really learned to appreciate the simple things,” said Bob. “And when I got into apartments, what I do is workforce housing. I buy Class B housing that houses blue and grey collar families and I improve it and I get a lot of satisfaction from that, so I attribute a lot of my success to those early days in Chelsea and seeing how people who aren’t as wealthy as others can live in harmony and do good for others while doing well. So, I always look back to my roots in Chelsea as kind of a humble beginning.”



Bob Hart, then and now.



Bob Hart is pictured with Chelsea friends, Jerry Bornstein and Burt Freedman, at his graduation ceremony from WPI in 1979 when he received his degree in civil engineering.



Chelsea native Bob Hart, with his wife, Cynthia, and their daughter, at their home in California.

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