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Santa always counts on Chelsea Fire Department Rescue 1 to get him to his appointed rounds when in Chelsea during his tour around town. See more photos on Page 7.

Excel Academy Charter Schools gets grant from Barr Foundation

By John Lynds

Through a grant from the Barr Foundation Excel Academy Charter School in Chelsea and East Boston will become one of eight academic communities that were recently selected to take part in the new “Driving Toward Diversity in the Educator Workforce”.

In order to attract more teachers of color while retaining those who are already in the workforce, the Barr Foundation offered support through The New Teacher Project, or TNTP, and offered grants of up to

\$25,000 to Excel and other schools in districts across the region.

Through the new program Excel will examine how they can better attract and retain more diverse teachers to match a growing diverse student body. Excel will use the grant money to analyze current talent systems, practices, and system needs while also taking input from students, teachers, school leaders, families, and the broader community on how to better diversify its teaching staff.

According to Excel’s Director of Talent Alejan-

dra Gil, 88 percent of Excel’s student body in Chelsea and Eastie identify as people of color, while only 46 percent of staff do. With the new funding and dedicated support to increase educator diversity within their ranks, school administrators hope to shift those numbers significantly.

“Over the last five years, and particularly over the last three, Excel Academy Charter Schools has been committed to ensuring the composition of our staff better reflects the diversity of our students,” said Gil. “We believe representation matters. We want our

students to see themselves reflected in the community of adults supporting them to grow and discover their best selves so that when they leave our halls, they can successfully navigate all of the post-secondary options available to them.”

Education research finds that students of color who learn from teachers of color are more likely to complete high school, go onto college, face fewer suspensions and disciplinary action, and be referred to gifted and talented programs, according

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Teachers’ Union holds rally at high school

By Adam Swift

Chelsea teachers, educators, staff, and community rallied outside Chelsea High School on Wednesday afternoon as the Chelsea Teachers’ Union prepared for another negotiating session for

a new contract with district representatives.

Members of the union have been calling for investments in the schools that include appropriate class sizes, more social workers and English as a Second Language (ESL) educators, librarians in

every school, adequate prep time for staff who do translation work, and competitive pay to improve the district’s educator retention rate.

“We’ve seen movement from the district on the (paraprofessional) contracts in terms of wages

and in terms of compensation for translation,” said Kathryn Anderson, president of the union. “We have still not seen movement on having smaller class sizes or on wages for the teachers, so we are

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More than 100 teachers and educators gathered at CHS Wednesday afternoon at a rally to support changes investments in the school district.

Superintendent honors outgoing School Committee members

By Adam Swift

Last week’s School Committee meeting was the last for members Marisol Santiago and Rosemarie Carlisle.

During the meeting, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta (virtually) presented plaques to the two members for their service to the School Committee and the community.

“We wanted to say thank you to Marisol for (her) service to our Chelsea community and undying commitment to our schools,” said Abeyta. “We are so grateful and we just wanted to publicly say thank you.”

Carlisle is retiring from the School Committee after 27 years of service.

“We are so incredibly grateful and I know you have seen many superintendents and leadership teams come and go, and I am so fortunate I got the opportunity to work with you and you will be

missed,” said Abeyta.

Committee member Jeanette Velez said Carlisle is a force that’s kept the School Committee on its toes.

“I wish you all the best and we will truly miss you,” said Velez.

Velez also praised Santiago for being thorough and asking the questions that needed to be asked during the meetings.

Committee Chair Kelly Garcia thanked Carlisle for being a mentor.

“I knew I could always count on you to hear me out and express my concerns, and you reassured me,” said Garcia. “You trusted me like I was your daughter, and I will forever miss that feeling.”

Garcia also praised Santiago for her service.

“I aspire to ask as many questions as you,” she said. “You are always thinking of the things that we should be thinking

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School district sees greater teacher diversity

By Adam Swift

The school district’s commitment to increasing diversity in its hiring is paying off.

At last week’s School Committee meeting, human resources director Christine Lee and district equity officer Dr. Aaron Jennings gave an update on how the schools have worked to increase and retain a more diverse workforce.

During the past hiring season for the current school year, Lee said the about 35 percent of the 171 teachers hired were classified as diverse teachers of color, up from a total of about 15 percent

diversity of new hires two years ago.

“There are tremendous increases we are seeing with the work we are doing, and we are very excited about it,” said Lee.

The diversity numbers are also up on the administration side, Lee said.

Overall, the statistics for the 2020-21 school year showed a 66 percent increase in teacher diversity, a 66 percent increase in administrator diversity, and a 14 percent increase in central office diversity.

Jennings noted that the increase in diversity is in line with the district’s priority to recruit, support,

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CPC presents three new projects for Council approval

By Adam Swift

The Chelsea Community Preservation Committee is recommending three grant proposals for City Council approval.

Those grant proposals from the Community Preservation Fund include \$25,000 for Temple Emmanuel for a historic building exterior conditions assessment, \$252,000 for the rehabilitation of the Mace Basketball Court, and \$400,000 for pre-development funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

In the 2016 general election, Chelsea voters voted to adopt the Community Preservation Act and impose a 1.5 percent

surcharge on residential and commercial properties with exemptions for low- and moderate-income homeowners.

“The CPA currently has \$1.2 million in reserves from prior years and has received approximately \$1 million for the 2022 fiscal

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Subcommittee gives Ambrosino high marks

By Adam Swift

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino got high marks from the City Council’s city manager review subcommittee on Monday night, recommending a three-percent cost of living raise for each of the two years remaining on his contract.

Ambrosino signed a five-year contract with the city in 2019 at a salary of just under \$190,000 annually.

“In summary, the final rating by the committee was that the city manager did an incredible job managing city business and the covid response during one of the most stressful and difficult times in recent memory,” said Council President Roy Avellaneda. “The evaluation committee is aware that this is most likely the last two years that the city manager is working, and expects that the same professional effort shown previously will continue.”

The evaluation committee included Avellaneda along with fellow councillors Judith Garcia, Todd Taylor, Giovanni Recupero, and Melinda Vega Maldonado. The committee graded Ambrosino on finance, economic devel-

opment, neighborhood enhancement, community development, public safety, government philosophy, policy development and execution, intergovernmental relations, community relations, overall effectiveness, labor relations, and City Council relationships.

On a scale of one to five, Ambrosino got top marks in finance, neighborhood enhancement, community development, government philosophy, intergovernmental relations, and community relations.

In community development, the evaluation committee report stated that “the amount of social services provided by both the city and its third party organizations during COVID-19 pandemic was instrumental in literally keeping Chelsea residents fed and with shelter.”

Economic development and labor relations were on the lower end of the scale, where he earned a 3.5 out of 5 in each category.

For economic development, the evaluation committee report recognized the recent realignment by the city manager of community planning and development as its own department and a re-

cently released economic plan for the Second Street/Spruce Street corridor.

“The grade here is more a reflection of lack of a more holistic economic development approach in the last few years since the last evaluation,” the report summary states.

District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown said the evaluation is a reflection of the professionalism, care, and compassion Ambrosino has shown in his role as city manager, adding he hopes Ambrosino stays beyond the final two years on his contract.

“I just want to thank you for your work,” Brown told Ambrosino. “I know it’s been a very, very trying and tiring time with a lot of time away from home throughout the pandemic, but you are a great leader and I hope you continue to be that great leader.”

In addition to the council members on the subcommittee, Avellaneda said the evaluation also took into account the input from over 35 residents who filled out an online survey.

The council will vote on approval of the three percent cost of living raise for Ambrosino at its next meeting.

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and retain diverse and high quality teachers and leaders.

“I am just doubly excited to know we are in line and in sync as we move our district forward,” said Jennings.

Both Jennings and Lee said that the push to increase diversity is about more than statistics, it’s about creating more inclusive schools for students.

During their presentation, Lee and Jennings played videos from two Chelsea high school students who talked about what having a diverse teaching force means to them.

“Having teachers of color in the community means the world to me,” said CHS 12th grader Nasir Adams. “It means a lot of teachers are more understanding and more comfortable being themselves, and the teachers understand the struggles a lot of students are going through.”

Javin Diaz, a 10th grad-

er at the high school said teachers of color can help to empower students of color.

“They teach us how to look out for ourselves because they know what type of situation we are in, especially as people of color,” said Diaz.

Lee said there are a number of programs that have been put in place over the past several years to help recruit and retain a more diverse workforce. The Teacher Pathway Program has several avenues that encourage and help people of color and Chelsea residents to become teachers, including providing opportunities for paraprofessionals in the system to make the jump to teaching, as well as providing opportunities for parents in the district to become paraprofessionals.

The schools have also implemented a student to teacher pathway to help encourage and assist current high school students to go to college to become

teachers.

“Our theory of action was if we invest in people in our community, who know our students, who look like our students and have walked the walk, then we will be able to not only diversify our workforce, but also have educators who are committed to Chelsea because they are already from here and have ties to the community,” said Lee.

When it comes to retaining the new students Lee said a mentoring program is a big part of the strategy.

“This year, we did some work to revamp the mentoring program and there has been a focus on building relationships,” said Lee. “We know when you are supported and you know that someone cares about you who is a colleague and is there to help you, you are more likely to feel connected and feel supported and want to grow and develop in the community.”

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about that should be on the forefront of our brains.”

Abeyta also presented a plaque to Garcia for her service as the committee’s chair over the past year.

“We thank you so much for your commitment to the community of Chelsea and to the Chelsea public schools and the work we’ve done in the mid-

dle of a pandemic,” said Abeyta. “Thank you for your leadership, and we are so grateful.”

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to education research that points to the importance of having a diverse workforce that identifies with its students.

The same research found that in too many states and school districts educators don’t reflect the racial makeup of the students they serve. About 53 percent of students in the U.S. identify as people of color while 80 percent of teachers are white and 40 percent of public school districts do not have a single teacher of color,

according to the National Center for Education Statistics. The region wrestles with the same imbalances in its schools.

“Diversifying the workforce has been a goal and priority for educators and families for decades,” said Director of Education Leah Hamilton. “Why aren’t we making more progress? We are eager to learn from TNTP and local school systems to understand the unique local challenges and what can

make a difference. We will work with school districts across New England to analyze the problem and find more solutions that they can put into place. We hope this will help move the needle toward more action, more change, and better results for both students and teachers.”

Excel is a network of four schools serving students in grades 5 to 12 in Eastie and Chelsea with plans to expand to Rhode Island in the near future.

State November revenue collections total \$2.416 billion

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder has announced that preliminary revenue collections for November 2021 totaled \$2.416 billion, which is \$289 million

or 13.6% more than actual collections in November 2020, and \$192 million or 8.7% more than benchmark.

FY2022 year-to-date collections totaled approximately \$13.612 billion,

which is \$2.145 billion or 18.7% more than collections in the same period of FY2021, and \$914 million or 7.2% more than year-to-date benchmark.

“November 2021 revenue collections increased in most of the major tax types in comparison to November 2020 collections, including withholding, sales and use tax, and ‘all other’ tax,” said Commissioner Snyder. “The increase in withholding is likely related to improvements in labor market conditions. The sales and use tax increase in part reflects continued strength in retail sales and the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. The increase in “all other” tax is primarily attributable to estate tax, a category that tends to fluctuate, as well as room occupancy excise.”

In general, November is among the smaller months for revenue collection because neither individual nor business taxpayers make significant estimated payments during the month. Historically, roughly 6.5% of annual revenue, on average, has been received during November.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

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

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know: Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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Pursuant to the City of Chelsea Charter, Section 9-5(d), this is a Notice of all Board and Commission upcoming vacancies in the City of Chelsea through June 30, 2022.

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

The Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board; the Board of Health; the Board of Library Trustees; the Chelsea Community Scholarship Committee; the Community Recreation Advisory Board; the Conservation Commission; the Council on Elder Affairs; the Community Preservation Act Committee; the Cultural Council; the Chelsea Disability Commission; the Human Rights Commission; the Licensing Commission; the Planning Board; the Zoning Board of Appeals; and the Youth Commission. Information about each of these Boards is available at <https://www.chelseama.gov/home/pages/board-openings>. All of these Boards have three year terms except for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, which is a two year term, and the Youth Commission, which is a one year term. Those interested in applying should send both a letter of interest and a resume either by mail to the City Manager, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 or by email to tambrosino@chelseama.gov.

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Salvation Army of Chelsea participates in Red Kettle Challenge

By Cary Shuman

The Salvation Army of Chelsea was one of the vital organizations that stepped up and helped residents in a huge capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic that hit this city hard.

Salvation Army Captain and Commanding Officer Isael Gonzalez and his wife, Salvation Army Captain and Commanding Officer Brenda Gonzalez, directed a massive, daily effort that assisted hundreds of Chelsea residents in need at the charitable organization’s headquarters on Chestnut Street.

Last Friday, Dec. 3, the Salvation Army Chelsea Corps, led by the two Captains Gonzalez, joined three other Massachusetts Corps in participating in the Army’s national event, the Commander’s Red Kettle Challenge.

Aided by City Manager Thomas Ambrosino Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and Salvation Army board member Marlene Jennings, local Salvation Army personnel stood in the entranceway of the Market Basket in Chelsea seeking monetary donations for the Salvation Army.

“I’m happy to join this outstanding organization in participating in today’s Kettle Challenge,” said Ambrosino. “The Salvation Army does great work in providing assistance and services to our residents not only during the holiday season but throughout the year.”

Last year’s Red Kettle Challenge raised more than \$500,000 nationally in just four hours. With the need greater than ever, the Salvation Army sought to double that goal to \$1 million in 2021 at four Red Kettles throughout the country.

The Salvation Army will use the funds collected to provide new Christ-



Salvation Army of Chelsea Captain and Commanding Officer Brenda Gonzalez is pictured outside Market Basket, where the National Red Kettle Challenge event was held on Dec. 3.

mas gifts to the children of Chelsea through the Angel Tree program. The event winner will receive internal recognition by the national leadership of the organization and a special spotlight video of their preferred local program.

Capt. Isael Gonzalez expressed his gratitude to Ambrosino, Robinson, and Jennings for their participation in the fundraising effort, as well as volunteers

“We’re really happy with the generous contributions we received from the community at the Kettle Challenge,” said Gonzalez. “We are still concerned that we don’t have enough bell ringers (at the kettles), and that’s going to catch up with us. The Salvation Army is 20 percent down in its kettle income.”

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army annually helps more than 30 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction, and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at over 7,000 centers of operation around the country. In 2021, The Salvation Army was ranked #2 on the list of “America’s Favorite Charities” by The Chronicle of Philanthropy. For more information, visit SalvationArmyUSA.org. Follow us on Twitter @SalvationArmyUS and #DoingTheMostGood.



City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Salvation Army of Chelsea Commanding Officer Brenda Gonzalez (center), and Salvation Army volunteers Aracely Gamboa (left) and Edith Cardona (right) are pictured at the National Red Kettle Challenge fundraising event Dec. 3 at Market Basket.

PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

Sharlene McLean - 2018

The following is one in a series of sneak peeks at the upcoming People of Chelsea additions by Chelsea Photographer Darlene DeVita. The new work will ultimately appear on the fence of the Chelsea Public Library (CPL) Spring of 2022 a collaboration between the People of Chelsea project and the CPL.)

By Darlene DeVita

I moved to Chelsea in April 2001 because my West Somerville apartment was being sold. I’ve lived [here] for 18 years now. I love it here!

With the hindsight provided by having lived in Chelsea for almost 20 years, I’ve decided that Chelsea’s secret weapon (and what makes it a very special place in which to live) is the people of our community who choose to get involved and who



have made, and continue to make, a difference. We can each get as involved as we wish, and are able, in the social, cultural and political life of the City, and really make an impact.

As one of the last under-developed metro-Boston communities, Chelsea is on the tipping point of gentrification, and I wish

there were some way we could create truly affordable home-ownership opportunities, so those who have made Chelsea a unique and special community aren’t forced to leave, turning Chelsea into another cookie-cutter-blandly-pretty-homogeneous neighborhood.

DiDomenico and colleagues pass Mental Health Act

On November 17, Senator Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in Massachusetts Senate passed the Mental Health ABC Act 2.0: Addressing Barriers to Care (ABC), comprehensive legislation to continue the process of reforming the way mental health care is delivered in Massachusetts. This legislation comes at a time when the Massachusetts State Senate is making landmark investments in mental and behavioral health, including \$400 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to transform the behavioral health sector, with \$122 million dedicated to recruiting and retaining nearly 2,000 behavioral professionals.

The Mental Health ABC Act 2.0 is driven by the recognition that mental health is as important as physical health for every resident of the Commonwealth and should be treated as such. The bill proposes a wide variety of reforms to ensure equitable access to mental health care and remove barriers to care by supporting the behavioral health workforce.

“For too long, mental health has been overlooked within our health care system, leaving many Massachusetts residents without access to the critical services and treatment that they need,” said Assistant Majority Leader DiDomenico. “As we know, the COVID-19 pandemic has only increased the need for critical mental health resources, which are just as important as

those for physical health.” “I am proud of the steps my colleagues in the Senate, and I have taken to remove barriers and increase parity in mental health care.”

Amendments to the bill included provisions focused on suicide prevention and mental health care for people who are incarcerated, among other things. Senator DiDomenico also filed an amendment which was adopted to the final bill. His amendment would include the Department of Youth Services as a collaborator in developing the annual plan for promotion of behavioral health with the newly developed office of behavioral health promotion, which would bring an experienced voice in violence prevention and trauma-specific intervention and rehabilitation. Additionally, the Office of Behavioral Health Promotion would be tasked with identifying and disseminating evidence-based practices to prevent violence through trauma-specific intervention and rehabilitation.

“The fact of the matter is that a lot of behavioral health cannot be addressed without also the influences of community violence and its surrounding trauma. This has touched all of our districts, including mine” said Senator DiDomenico. “As we all know, the work surrounding violence prevention, at-risk youth, and trauma-informed treatments is far from over. But I am excited to have this amendment provide progress

and to continue our work with our often-overlooked communities”.

The final bill establishes a suicide postvention task force dedicated to addressing the after-effects of a confirmed suicide and requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to collect data on the physical location of suicides and the number of known attempts made by any person at the same location. It also directs the state 911 department to integrate training on identification of and response to callers experiencing behavioral health crises into the certification standards for 911 workers, and, in anticipation of the establishment of a new national ‘988’ hotline in July, designates one or more ‘988’ crisis hotline centers to provide crisis intervention services and crisis care coordination to individuals accessing the suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis hotline 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The final bill also allows people who are incarcerated experiencing acute mental health distress to petition to seek proper care in a Department Mental Health (DMH) facility as opposed to being subjected to in-prison ‘mental health watch,’ establishes a special commission to review and make recommendations to remedy administrative burdens to accessing mental health care and behavioral health care services, and requires the Office of Behavioral Health Promotion to ascertain the mental health needs of veterans.

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CHARLIE BAKER WILL BE MISSED

There has been a lot of speculation by the pundits as to the reasons behind Governor Charlie Baker’s decision not to run for re-election in 2022, but we think it comes down simply to this: Gov. Baker is burned-out, similar to so many of his fellow Baby Boomers (including the older members of Generation X) who are retiring from both the public and private sectors amidst what is being called the Great Resignation.

In our mind’s eye, we still think of Gov. Baker as the youthful man from the campaign trail in 2013, but the reality is that Gov. Baker just turned 65 years old. He ain’t a kid anymore.

And as so many other Baby Boomers are coming to realize, there is a lot more to life than work, especially when work no longer is fun.

We think it is telling that Lieut. Governor Karyn Polito -- who at 55 is a Gen Xer -- also announced that she has no plans to run for governor, which was actually more surprising than Gov. Baker’s announcement. The Lieut. Gov., who is part of the Baker team that consistently has been among the most-popular governorships in the country, would have been a strong candidate to make history as the first female governor in state history.

But after eight years as an highly-active Lieut. Gov., it is clear that Polito has no desire to occupy the corner office at the State House.

But regardless of Gov. Baker’s reasons for not seeking re-election, there is no disputing that Charlie Baker has been a great governor who has accomplished great things for our state, even amidst an unprecedented pandemic.

His ability to work with Democrats in the Mass. legislature, amidst an era of unprecedented political rancor at the national level, will be regarded as a shining example for future governors, regardless of party, to follow.

THROW THE BOOK AT THEM

Another news cycle -- and yet another mass shooting incident in America.

The horrific murder last week of at least four students at Oxford High School in suburban Detroit and the wounding of several others by 15-year-old fellow student Ethan Crumbley once again has brought unspeakable tragedy to a community in our country.

However, there is an additional twist to this story, which we will compartmentalize as follows, based on the facts as we know them:

-- The semi-automatic handgun used by Ethan Crumbley was brought for him as a Christmas present by his parents a few days before the shooting;

-- When a teacher became aware that Ethan Crumbley was drawing photos depicting violence by gunfire during class, Crumbley was taken to the office of a guidance counselor;

-- The guidance counselor called Crumbley’s parents, who came to the school, because of his disturbing images;

-- The parents never informed any school authority that they had bought their son a handgun as a “Christmas gift”;

-- The parents insisted that Ethan remain at school that day.

The parents have been charged with four counts each of involuntary manslaughter for their alleged role in the murders. The local district attorney has conceded that the prosecution of the parents presents novel questions of law.

If it is true that the parents did not divulge to the school authorities that they had bought their son a handgun, the question will be whether that omission makes them criminally liable for what transpired shortly after they left the school without their son.

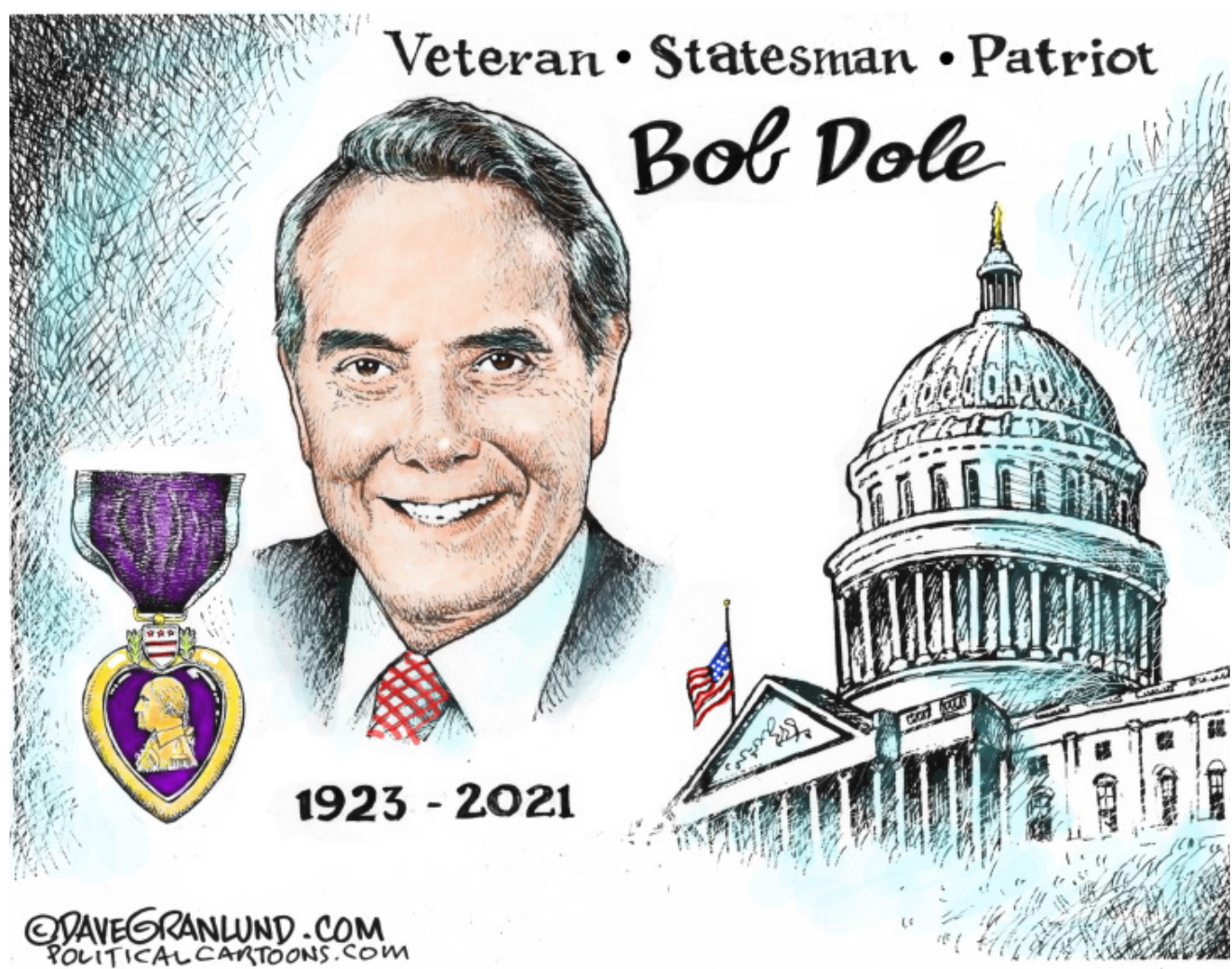
No right-thinking person would deny that the parents are morally-culpable for not disclosing to school personnel that they had bought their son a gun, even if they believed that the gun was in a locked box at home.

We also believe that if they had made that fact known, the student’s backpack and locker would have been searched immediately by school personnel and the tragedy could have been avoided. But does this make the parents criminally-liable?

Whether Michigan law encompasses a charge for involuntary manslaughter given the facts of this case ultimately will be decided by that state’s highest court, but we support the decision by the district attorney to bring the charges.

If nothing else, hopefully it will deter like-minded parents from buying guns for their children. And if the courts determine that the parents are not criminally-liable, perhaps legislatures will pass laws that do so in circumstances such as these.

Forum



GUEST OP-ED

What about the other Ethan Crumbleys?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We are unfortunately informed once again of another horrific, senseless school shooting. They don’t stop. When will the next one be? Who will be the next shooter and who will be the next unsuspecting victims?

Once again, American kids go to school to pursue education and American life but are murdered by a classmate while walking the hallway or sitting in a class. This has to stop. Will it ever?

According to news reports, on November 30, 2021, Ethan Crumbley, a fifteen-year-old, took the lives of four schoolmates and injured seven others at Oxford High School, a Detroit, Michigan suburb.

Crumbley has once again reminded us of the horrific outcomes of mental illness and the importance of parents, teachers, churches and communities working together to protect each other.

According to news reports, the Oxford school was alerted to Crumbley’s disturbing social media posts, drawings depicting violence, and other ac-

tions that had called for his parents to come to the school for a serious talk about their child. Reports of the parents buying a semi-automatic weapon for their son’s Christmas present and taking him to a shooting range for practice is revealing their denial of, as well their failure to address, their son’s problems.

My dad gave me some shotgun lessons when I was growing up. I was turned loose in the hills of Appalachia to hunt for squirrels at the age of 12 with a hunting license. Parents teaching their children to shoot a weapon and hunt are as old as our nation. However, parents should never provide their children access to guns when there are obvious warnings of mental illness.

Past school shooters have talked about being bullied by classmates or not fitting into any of the school social groups. Rejection, being bullied, failure to make the school team or feeling outright mistreated makes anyone feel bad, dejected and disappointed. Such feelings should be a push to any

of us to look at ourselves to see how we either must adjust, change, work harder, problem solve as to what is happening or even find a different school or community in which to live. Hurting others never resolves anything and only increases our pain, darkness and sentences the rest of our lives to prison or regret of how we handled our feelings.

School can be a difficult life learning ground. What we face in the local school often is only preparing us for what we may face at the office, the factory, the workplace and the neighborhood. Throughout life we know everyone is not going to like us, accept us, applaud us or even try to get along with us. There are always people who don’t like us. However, there are people who will affirm, support, and befriend us. Sometimes it just takes a while to find those communities, houses of faith, social groups, and others with whom we can emotionally connect.

The Ethan Crumbleys of the world are sad, scary and wreak destruction. They need help now. His life and many other lives

are forever destroyed. Apparently, his parents were living in some sort of disconnected denial of what their son was really about to do to himself, them and many others.

Schools and work places must have all authority to protect themselves quickly. Oxford school officials were alarmed by some of his actions. They were trying to work with the parents. Looking back, he should have been escorted out of the school and barred from its grounds until a professional counselor had given written permission for his return. I know, hindsight is always 20/20.

Sadly, for those who are now dead, it’s too late. Maybe the other Ethan Crumbleys can be stopped today, right now, before it’s too late.

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Chelsea native Brian Kelly is named head football coach at LSU

By Cary Shuman

Local college football fans will be turning their allegiances in a southerly direction after former Chelsean Brian Kelly was named as the new head football coach at Louisiana State University (LSU).

Kelly coached for the past 12 seasons at Notre Dame where he became the all-time winningest coach in the Fighting Irish football program. Kelly will be leading the LSU Tigers in the highly competitive Southeastern Conference.

Kelly spent his early childhood years in the city and attended Shurtleff School where his first and second grade teachers were Ms. Monziona and Ms. Vigliotti. Brian has had a lifelong role model in his older brother, Paul, an outstanding student in the accelerated learning program at Shurtleff and a talented all-around athlete. Brian and Paul played baseball in the Chelsea Little League and attended Camp Robie together at the Chelsea YMCA.

The Kelly family was well known and widely admired in the city, especially by their neighbors on Cottage Street. One of the Kelly sons' closest friends was Larry Novak, a talented musician and son of Murray and Dotty Novak.

Brian's father, Paul Kelly, served as the Ward 3 representative on the Chelsea Board of Aldermen in the 1960s and 1970s. The Kelly children, Brian, Paul, Kevin, and Kimberley would accompany and assist their popular and charismatic dad on the campaign trail. Mr. Kelly was also a superb, surehanded second baseman and clutch hitter in the Chelsea Municipal Fast Pitch Softball League. Two other Chelsea city officials from that era, Aldermen Billy Palladino and Thomas Fay Jr., were, like Mr. Kelly, regarded as standout players in the league that would large crowds nightly at the old Carter Park.

"The Kellys were a



Brian Kelly at LSU.

great family and a great neighbor," recalled Ronald Waxman, who lived in a house across from the Kelly family on Cottage Street. Ronald's mother, Doris Waxman, served with Mr. Kelly in city government as a member of the Chelsea School Committee.

Brian Kelly has returned to visit Chelsea on occasion. During one visit, he and his brother, Paul, were filmed during a television segment while stopping at the famous bagel shop, Katz Bakery.

Brian Kelly attended St. John's Prep in Danvers, where he was a linebacker in the Eagles' football program that was led by head coach Fred Glatz. Kelly went on to play four years of varsity football at Assumption College in Worcester. He was a two-year captain of the Greyhounds. Following his graduation from college in 1983, Kelly was an assistant football coach at Assumption for four years. He was also coach of the Assumption softball team for four years. The sports stadium at Assumption is named Brian Kelly '83 stadium. He is an inductee in the Assumption College Hall of Fame.

Noted local writer David O'Connor said he is excited about Brian Kelly taking over the Tigers' football program.

"As an LSU fan, I am beyond thrilled that Coach Kelly has decided to lead the Tigers," said O'Connor. "By any measure, he is a fantastic coach, and

his proven track record is an ideal match for the high expectations of LSU football and the competition level of the Southeastern Conference. And, of course, as a lifelong Greater Boston resident with family connections to Chelsea, this news is all the more special. It is a great day to be a Tiger fan."

Following is the press release announcing Brian Kelly's appointment as the new LSU head football coach:

THREE-TIME NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR BRIAN KELLY NAMED LSU HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

The search for LSU Football's next championship head coach is over.

Brian Kelly, who has more victories than any active coach in major college football, has been hired as the head football coach at LSU, LSU Director of Athletics Scott Woodward announced on Nov. 30.

Kelly, who will receive a ten-year, \$95 million contract, plus incentives, will be formally introduced as the 34th head coach in LSU Football history at a press conference on Wednesday.

The most accomplished hire in program history, Kelly joins LSU – which has won national championships under each of its last three head coaches – with more than 280 career victories in his collegiate

head coaching career, the most among active FBS coaches. He is one of only five active FBS coaches who have guided their programs to multiple undefeated regular seasons since 2009, and he has led his teams to the College Football Playoffs in two of the last three seasons.

"Brian Kelly is the epitome of a winner," Woodward said. "He has built and sustained success at every program he's led, from multiple undefeated regular seasons and National Coach of the Year honors to national titles and College Football Playoff berths. His credentials and consistency speak for themselves.

"Most importantly, Coach Kelly's players and programs exemplify excellence in all aspects of the student-athlete experience – in competition, in the classroom, and throughout the community – and he shares our values and vision for elevating our university and our state. We're thrilled to welcome him and his family to Baton Rouge, and we are excited to work with him as we add to the championship legacy of LSU Football."

"I could not be more excited to join a program with the commitment to excellence, rich traditions, and unrivaled pride and passion of LSU Football," Kelly said. "I am fully committed to recruiting, developing, and graduating elite student-athletes, winning championships, and working together

with our administration to make Louisiana proud. Our potential is unlimited, and I cannot wait to call Baton Rouge home."

In 31 years as a head coach, Kelly has amassed a record of 284-97-2, which ranks him first among all active FBS coaches in career victories, ahead of Alabama's Nick Saban (272 wins) and North Carolina's Mack Brown (265 wins). Kelly has only had two teams finish below .500 during his 31-year collegiate career.

For the past 12 years, he has served as the head coach at Notre Dame. He leaves South Bend as the Irish's all-time winningest coach with 113 victories, moving ahead of legendary Knute Rockne for the top spot in 2021. His 12-year mark at Notre Dame stands at 113-40, which includes a 54-9 mark over the past five seasons.

During his Notre Dame career, Kelly led the Irish to the 2012 BCS national title game as well as College Football Playoff appearances in 2018 and 2020. He was named National Coach of the Year by numerous outlets in 2012 and 2018. He's the only coach to win the Home Depot Coach of the Year Award more than once, and he's done it three times (2009, 2012, and 2018).

In 12 seasons at Notre Dame, Kelly's teams won at least 10 games seven times, including this year, as the Irish are 11-1 and ranked No. 6 in the nation. Notre Dame's current streak of five straight seasons with double-digit wins includes a 10-3 record in 2017, followed by a 12-1 mark in 2018, 11-2 in 2019 and 10-2 in 2020.

Individually, Notre Dame players claimed eight consensus All-America honors playing for Kelly, while the Irish had players win nine national awards during that span. Kelly's Notre Dame teams have produced 53 NFL Draft picks since 2012, including nine in the first round.

Academically under Kelly, the Irish had eight players earn the presti-

gious CoSIDA Academic All-America honor, and three were selected as National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes. As a team, Notre Dame consistently ranked among the nation's top four in the NCAA's Graduation Success Rate.

Prior to joining the Irish, Kelly transformed Cincinnati into a football powerhouse, winning Big East titles in 2008 and 2009. In three years at Cincinnati, the Bearcats won 34 games and appeared in the Orange and Sugar Bowls. In 2007, Kelly led Cincinnati to the school's first-ever 10-win season with a 10-3 mark and a win in the PapaJohns.com Bowl. In his final season at Cincinnati, Kelly's team posted a 12-0 mark and earned a berth to the Sugar Bowl.

Kelly's first Division I head coaching position came in 2004 when he took over at Central Michigan. In three years with the Chippewas, Kelly's teams won 19 games, claimed the Mid-American Conference title in 2006 and appeared in a bowl game for the first time in 12 years.

Kelly's first head coaching job came at Division II Grand Valley State in 1991, a position he held for 13 years. He won 118 games at Grand Valley State and led the Lakers to back-to-back national titles in 2002 and 2003. He won 41 games during his final three years in Alendale.

A native of Everett, Mass., Kelly was a four-year letterwinner at linebacker and two-time team captain at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. He graduated from Assumption in 1983 with a degree in political science.

Kelly and his wife Paqui have three children – Patrick, Grace and Kenzel. The Kellys are active in community outreach and have established the Kelly Cares Foundation which has donated nearly \$5.8 million to support causes related to the fight against breast cancer since its founding in 2008.

NEWS IN BRIEF

AUDUBON APPLAUDS AGREEMENT TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN NATURE AND CLIMATE

As the major \$4 billion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending bill moves toward final passage and Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker's desk for approval, Mass Audubon leaders, who have been lobbying vigorously for investments in climate change mitigation and nature, praised the legislative conference committee for coming to an agreement this week.

"This is a significant moment for Massachusetts to ensure that nature-based climate solutions are put into place in every corner of our state, across rural and suburban settings, and especially in urban communities where residents have been disproportionately impacted by COVID," said Mass Audubon President David O'Neill.

"Not only will these funds reduce the risks of climate impacts and greenhouse gas emissions and restore critical water infrastruc-

ture, they also support investments that expand providing equitable access to nature when so many are seeking respite in the natural resources and amenities that we are so fortunate to have here. For too many years, these investments have been underfunded. This is a critical, once-in-a-generation opportunity to make progress, and we are so pleased to see state lawmakers leading us there."

Both the House and Senate approved plans over the past few weeks to spend more than \$3.82 billion in ARPA federal pandemic relief funds and state surplus money. The bill was accepted by the House on Thursday and is expected to be passed in the Senate on Friday, moving it onto Gov. Baker's desk. Just shy of \$2.5 billion of ARPA funds remain for the state legislature to debate next year.

"We are especially grateful to the members of the conference committee for their hard work over the last two weeks, and for the leadership shown by members in both branches who made a point of prioritizing nature and climate," O'Neill said. "This is a down payment on our

future. We will continue to need to commit sustained funding over time. This is an essential first step."

"I'm deeply grateful as well for State Rep. Daniel M. Donahue (D-Worcester); State Rep. Smitty Pignatelli (D-Pittsfield); State Rep. Thomas A. Golden, Jr. (D-Lowell); and State Sen. Adam Hinds (D-Berkshire County)," O'Neill continued. "They championed specific earmarks for Mass Audubon projects that are both shovel-ready and shovel-worthy." Those projects include repairs to storm-damaged trails and forests at the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Lenox; wetland restoration at Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center & Wildlife Sanctuary in Worcester; and an open space and parks initiative in Lowell, future site of a nature center at Rollie's Farm.

Mass Audubon Director of Legislative and Government Affairs Sam Anderson said the final law contains about \$377.6 million in investments in climate and nature, including \$15 million in parks and open space; \$100 million for environmental infrastructure, including local resiliency measures; \$100 million for

clean drinking water and sewer infrastructure; \$25 million for tree planting, particularly in Gateway cities; and \$7.5 million for green job workforce development.

OMICRON VARIANT DETECTED IN MASSACHUSETTS

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has announced that genetic sequencing has identified the COVID-19 Omicron variant for the first time in a case in Massachusetts. The individual is a female in her 20s and a resident of Middlesex County who traveled out of state. She is fully vaccinated, has experienced mild disease, and did not require hospitalization. The variant was identified through sequencing performed at New England Biolabs.

While Omicron is classified by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization as a Variant of Concern, scientists are still working to determine how it may compare with the predominant Delta variant in terms of transmissibility and disease severity. There is some limited evidence that

Omicron could be more transmissible than other COVID-19 virus variants, including Delta. This variant is being monitored closely by public health authorities around the world, and more information about what we know about Omicron is available on the CDC website.

All three COVID-19 vaccines in use in the U.S. have been shown to be highly protective against severe disease resulting in hospitalization or death due to known COVID-19 variants and remain the single best way for people to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their community from COVID-19. There are over 1,000 locations across the Commonwealth to get vaccinated or receive a booster. The vaccine is free, and no ID or insurance is required for vaccination. Visit [vax-finder.mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/vax-finder) for a list of vaccination locations.

Other public health prevention measures that help stop the spread of COVID-19 variants include: getting tested and staying home if you are sick, frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer, following masking requirements, and telling your close contacts if you test

positive for COVID-19 so they can take appropriate steps. To learn more about protecting yourself from COVID-19, visit www.mass.gov/covidvaccine.

Residents are also urged to enable MassNotify on their smartphone. The service can be accessed through both Android and iPhone settings; it is NOT an application that can be obtained through an app store. This private and anonymous service notifies users of a potential exposure to COVID-19 so they may take the appropriate precautions. For more information and instructions on enabling MassNotify on your smartphone, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-more-about-massnotify>.

The State Public Health Laboratory, the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, and several hospital and academic laboratories have all contributed to sequencing efforts in Massachusetts during the pandemic. This sequencing data contributes to the tracking of clusters and patterns of disease spread. This in-state laboratory capacity to sequence variants allows Massachusetts to not have to rely on out-of-state laboratories.

North Shore Philharmonic makes a musical return to Revere

Hundreds of concert-goers poured into St. Anthony's Church Sunday for the annual Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" Concert, bringing with them two truckloads of food for the associated Food Drive and resuming a 45-year tradition that was wiped out last year because of the pandemic.

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra and featured soprano Jean Danton kindled everyone's holiday spirits with a wonderful performance of classical holiday-themed music, topped off by the popular "Sing-along" of well-known Christmas carols.

Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo delivered a stirring "Holiday Message" in which he commented about the gratitude and optimism reflected in the community as it emerges from the pandemic. His remarks expressed sentiments of those in need, and those who have helped out, and those who have perished during the excruciating months since the pandemic took hold in March of 2020.

Speaking "...in the voice of those who are gone..." the Mayor said: "Our optimism is that those we have left behind will fathom deep in their souls that life is too fragile, too tender, too valuable to squander with anger, envy, or hostility. Our optimism is that those we have left behind will look around them, grateful for their blessings, their health, and their chance to revel in the spirit and delights of the holiday season, now, every day hereafter."

Twenty-six members of the Revere High football team, who completed a successful 8-2 season on Thanksgiving Day, pitched in to help collect, box, load, and deliver some two tons of food to



Revere Mayor Brian M. Arrigo delivered a Holiday Message.

the Revere Food Pantry. Concert sponsor and co-chair Dom Bocchino, president of Bocchino Insurance Agency, remarked that the player's spirit and energy was a welcome sight both for concert goers and volunteers who were relieved of the task of carrying boxes upon boxes of food from the church into a truck. "The players were fantastic," said Bocchino. "They were walking out into the parking lot as people arrived and carrying the bags of food for them. They were filling boxes, loading the truck... they were just fantastic. They did in an hour what would have taken us two days!"

The concert audience, screened upon entrance for vaccination proof or negative covid test and required to wear masks throughout, was nonetheless enthusiastic and rose in standing ovation as Ms. Danton and the Orchestra, under conductor Robert Lehmann, played a rousing "Let There Be Peace On Earth" in the concert's traditional conclusion.

"The Orchestra and I enjoy this concert immensely," said Lehmann. "We are so thrilled to be back in Revere, where we always enjoy such a welcoming and excited reception."

Concert co-chair Robert Marra Jr. expressed gratitude to the concert sponsors Bocchino Insurance,

Arbella Insurance Foundation, Comcast, RCN, Global Partners, and Action Emergency Services, emphasizing the role of Action's Mike Zaccaria. "Not only did Michael contribute as a sponsor, but he provided the trucks to transport the food from the Church to the Food Pantry. That kind of community engagement is what makes this so special in so many ways."

"So many are involved in making this concert happen," he said, citing members of the St. Anthony's Church Confirmation Class who helped convert the Church's altar area to a concert stage; members of the St. Anthony's Holy Name Society who helped collect food, and volunteers who had the unenjoyable task of checking



Brass players in the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra are in the spirit during an encore performance of "Sleigh Ride."

vaccination cards and covid test results. "I think the overall circumstances could have been an obstacle, but I think everyone cooperated and were determined to have a great time. After missing out last year, this was special."

The Sounds of Christmas concert began in 1976 when the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra played a holiday concert at Revere High to mark the end of the nation's Bicentennial year. In 1977 the concert was relocated to St. Anthony's, where it

has been performed annually except for a three-year gap in the late 1980s and in 2020. The associated Food Drive began in 1991. In 2002, the concert was renamed in memory of violinist Robert A. Marra, lifelong Revere resident, Revere High teacher, and a founding member of the Orchestra who died in 2002. "It occurred to me that this year's concert marked 20 years since Dad played his last 'Sounds of Christmas' concert, and that made it all the more meaningful," said Marra.



Soprano Jean Danton entertains the audience.



Twenty-six members of the Revere High football team showed up to assist in packing the food donated to the concert and then delivering it to the Revere Food Pantry this winter. Standing, left to right: Sachin Neaupane, Youness Chahid, Jason Shosho, Mahdi Bellemseh, Moe Hussein, Addison Merida, Mark Marchese, Sam Ochoa, Steven Ticlayauri, Wilmer Mejia Rodriguez, Max Doucette, Zach Benkirane. Back row: Joelle Vazquez, Darian Martinez, Walter Rodriguez, Sam Ochoa, Adam Metawea, Nico Aguirre, Carlos Rizo, Diego Madrigal, Augusto Goncalves. Kneeling in front: Zairus Deganwalla, Chase Smith.



North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra harpist Yvonne Cox during a selection from The Nutcracker.

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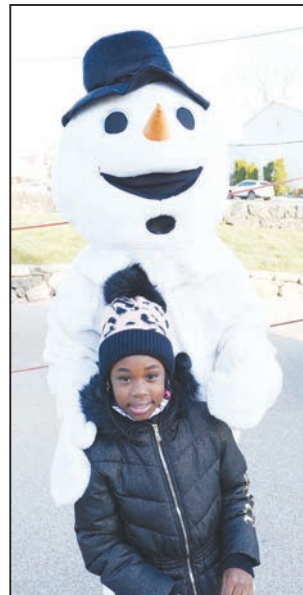
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Edward Puentes has the best seat in the house, keeping a watchful eye out for Santa.



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Chelsea Councillor Todd Taylor was with Chelsea School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera, Sarah Neville and Robi.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino and with Police Officer Joanne O'Brien, Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs Bea Cravatta and guests at Washington Park.



Local children enjoy decorating gingerbread cookies.



CHS student advisor Lara Taneeb with the Chelsea High School Interact Club.



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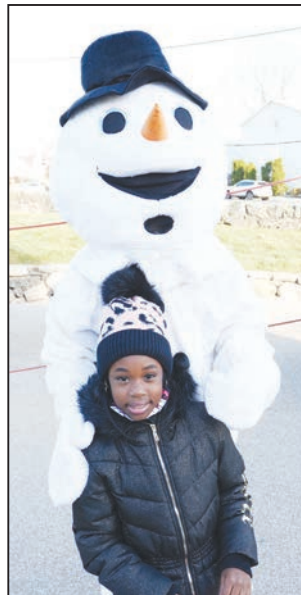
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

E CLUB CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

EVERETT - The E Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary Dinner at Spinelli's. The E Club honors Everett's history in sports by awarding scholarships to student athletes as a foundation for success in whichever paths they choose to pursue after high school.

This year, The E Club welcomed special guests, Paul Perillo and Brandon Conde.

Perillo is a 1986 Everett High School graduate who played football and baseball. His passion for sports inspired an interest in sports journalism and led to a career with the Boston Herald in addition to a variety of opportunities in radio and television.

Conde is a lifelong Everett resident who graduated in 2012 who was passionate about football from a young age. In High School he had a successful football career, winning multiple Super Bowls under Coach DiBiaso. He continued to play football for Bridgewater State where he studied biology. In 2019, Brandon experienced a life-altering accident that injured his spinal cord, making him a tetraplegic.

The E Club will hold their annual meeting on January 11, at the Zion Baptist Church and their next dinner in May 2022. All are invited to join.

MADARO SUPPORTS BILL PROTECTING COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

EAST BOSTON - House Speaker Ron Mariano's bill aimed at protecting community hospitals like East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) that was supported by Rep. Adrian Madaro passed in the House by a 158-1 vote. The bill is now in the Senate.

The legislation, said Madaro, would put more

eyes on major hospitals and health care providers that have been expanding into areas already served by community health centers like EBNHC. The bill would give the Health Policy Commission (HPC) the authority to investigate the market impact of major hospital expansions that require an additional license if they plan to establish new satellite campuses in places like Eastie, Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop--communities already served by EBNHC.

The problem, explained Madaro, is healthcare providers like Massachusetts General Brigham have been rapidly expanding into low-income communities as well as suburban locations. This pits larger healthcare providers against smaller providers like EBNHC as they compete for privately insured patients. These patients command higher rates, leaving hospitals like EBNHC with a greater share of patients on Medicare and Medicaid. Studies have shown that when a larger provider moves into an area already serviced by community hospitals like EBNHC they receive significantly higher rates of reimbursement for their services than the community hospital--in some cases more than 30 percent.

Community hospitals like EBNHC already operate on very thin margins with the constant possibility of closure. Madaro said the bill passed by the House would limit unchecked growth of hospital chains, better suiting community hospitals to survive and ensuring continued competition in the health care market.

"Our community providers are the backbone of our local healthcare system, ensuring affordable and accessible healthcare to those who need it most," said Madaro. "This legislation protects local providers, like East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, guaranteeing that residents across our community can continue to access low-cost, quality

healthcare services".

The legislation creates a more rigorous review to ensure that when large hospital systems expand, they are not infringing on community hospital markets and raising health care costs for patients. It also requires the ongoing upkeep of a health resource inventory, which will give regulators a better understanding of the Commonwealth's existing health care resources to inform these review processes and future reform efforts.

A key highlight of the bill would protect EBNHC's market and gives the Health Center another tool to halt Determination of Need (DoN) proceedings should a proposed larger healthcare provider encroach on their primary service area. Under the bill the Department of Public Health will determine the need for the expansion of a larger healthcare provider into an area already served by a smaller community health center. Part of the expansion application would require the larger healthcare provider to include a letter of support from the CEO or board chair of an existing independent community hospital like EBNHC if the two entities are providing service in the same area.

"The House took a major step in working to guarantee that every Massachusetts resident has access to quality, affordable health care by passing legislation that will protect community hospitals," said Speaker Mariano (D-Quincy). "Community hospitals offer high-quality care to the most vulnerable patient populations at affordable rates. Our efforts to control health care cost growth depends on their continued existence."

LIQUOR LICENSING INFORMATIONAL FORUM AT NSLBA

LYNN - Lynn Police Chief Chris Reddy, Lt.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER HOSTED BY MASS BADGE



Parks Director Mike Hinojosa with Patrick Keefe with his kitchen crew, that worked very hard to bring the Mass Badge Thanksgiving Community Feast to a new level.

Tom Reddy, and Officers Jose Almonte and Hector Orellana appeared at a North Shore Latino Business Association-sponsored liquor license informational forum Monday at North Shore Latino Business Association (NSLBA) headquarters on Sutton Street.

NSLBA Executive Director Frances Martinez had reached out to the Lynn Police Department on behalf of members who were seeking up-to-date information about the liquor licensing process.

Lt. Reddy, who serves as the LPD's liaison to the Licensing Commission, led 25 Latino and minority business owners and managers through a comprehensive, one-hour presentation about all phases of the liquor licensing application process and the LPD's enforcement of the Commission's rules and regulations. Chief Reddy and Officers Almonte and Orellana sat at the head table in the large room, taking part in the presentation and making themselves available to the assemblage during the question-and-answer period and the informal meet-and-greet session that followed Lt. Reddy's remarks.

"There are all different levels of the liquor licensing process, the package store, beer and wine, and malt levels, for example, but there is a lot of rules and regulations and paperwork in the process, and I know that Frances [Martinez] works with groups to get that done," said Reddy. "But we can also help you do that. Mainly it is a function of City Hall, but we can steer you in the right direction to the resources that can help you," continued Reddy.

The executive officer of the LPD Criminal Investigation Division, Reddy noted that it is the Lynn Police Department that is called upon to look at violations or problems that arise with the liquor licenses. "That's when the Police Department becomes involved. Basically, we would be the ones looking to see if there was a complaint or a violation. The people that make the decision about what happens with your license, if there is a violation or a problem, is the Lynn Licensing Commission that has three members and meets twice monthly," said Reddy. "I sit in on those meetings as an advisor, to speak on the Police Department's point of view."

"I can tell you the Licensing Commission, as well as the Mayor and the

City Council, the Chief of Police, and the Police Department want to see Lynn thrive and Lynn businesses thrive. They work very hard to make that happen. You can see during the last two years with the pandemic the leeway that the Licensing Commission is trying to give as long as you do it the right way -- to put in outdoor seating, allow extra room, to allow businesses to stay open and not have to close," said Reddy. "We want to see Lynn prosper and that starts with having great people running these bars and restaurants. Our concern is that the businesses have to be run in a safe and diligent manner."

Martinez pleased by turnout

Martinez was pleased with the high turnout, notably so on a Monday night following the long Thanksgiving weekend. The spirit of cooperation between the business community and the Lynn Police was evident in the room. All participants wore face coverings throughout the program.

Martinez, whose organization has become the "go-to" resource for Latino and minority-owned businesses in the city, said her inspiration for the meeting was "to make sure everyone is on the same page."

"As Lieutenant Reddy and Chief Reddy mentioned, we want to have businesses stay in business," added Martinez. "We want to make sure the business owners understand the regulations and be able to have a good practice to run the business. It's important for them to hear directly from our police department to understand that the goal for everyone is to have a successful business. Of course, there are regulations that everyone has to follow and that's the meaning of this meeting."

The meeting was not unprecedented, but it was historic in the sense that it was NSBLA's first forum of this nature following the COVID-19 pandemic that severely impacted Lynn businesses.

"We had a similar meeting with the Lynn Police two years ago, but after the pandemic, this is the first one," related Martinez. "We are excited by the great turnout. It is part of the work that the Association is doing, making sure that people get the information that is important to them. We look forward to future meetings with the Lynn Police, who are our friends."

Encarnacion lauds

Lynn Police Department

The Lynn Police Department received praise from business owners for their participation in the forum.

"This was very informative for the business owners, especially those who have a liquor license in the city," said Basilio Encarnacion, owner of Rincon Macorisano Restaurant, which is in the process of moving to Lewis Street. "Most of us don't know 100 percent how to do this, so it's great to have a good relationship with the Police in the community. That's one way we can have a better community."

COMMITTEE HEARS ABOUT DEMOGRAPHICS

REVERE - During a presentation by Revere Public Schools (RPS) Executive Director of Data and Accountability Jamie Flint to the Revere School Committee it was not surprising to see that 59 percent of Revere High School's population is Latino while only 30 percent is White.

However, what may be surprising to some is the Latino enrollment in high school Advanced Placement (AP) courses does not reflect the demographics of the student population and RPS is hoping to change that.

According to Flint's presentation at the November 16 meeting, Latino enrollment in Science and Technology AP courses is relatively equal with enrollment of White students with 39 percent being Latino and 38.1 percent being White.

However, the numbers seem to become more lopsided with only 37.9 percent being enrolled in English Language Arts AP courses, 36 percent enrolled in Math AP courses, and only 35.5 percent being enrolled in AP Social Science courses at the High School. The one area where Latino students far outnumber White students in AP course enrollment is Foreign Language where 63.3 percent enrolled are Latino.

"The demographic breakdown really hasn't changed dramatically over the last few years," said Flint. "This is the current makeup of students enrolled in Revere High (AP courses). We continue to work on addressing the need for placement participation and (RHS) is very excited to partner with MathInsight-the same partner that we have in our equity audit."

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Flint said with this partnership RHS and MassInsight are looking at student participation and success in AP courses since last March.

“With MassInsight as a partner we will have an opportunity to work with other school districts to strategize on improving preparation and exam success, focusing on low income students in AP courses,” said Flint.

With input from other school districts, MassInsight and RHS are meeting bi-weekly and recently created a leadership group that works to help analyze student data around AP enrollment successes.

“They are very excited and report that by next year we’re going to start to see a more dramatic change in these AP course demographics because they’ve been working very hard at increasing their communication with families over AP coursework, as well as engaging teachers,” said Flint.

At the meeting Revere Superintendent Dr. Di-
anne Kelly said RPS has been taking measures to get more Latino students enrolled in AP courses with the goal of having more Latino students taking advantage of honors-type courses.

“You’ll see that our student population is 30% White and 59%, Hispanic or Latino,” said Kelly. “What we want to do is get to a space where our AP enrollment is reflective of our overall student enrollment and what Jaime has shown us is that that is not the case. Our goal is to have AP classes that are reflective of our overall student body. We also hope to tear down the kinds of barriers that prevent equitable access

to rigorous curriculum so that all students can access this kind of work. One of the ways that we do that is by taking away the kind of rules that say things like, “You have to have been in honors classes in order to take AP courses”, and by taking away other kinds of rules and structures that we have historically created in our educational systems.”

TOWN’S WASTE WATER PREDICTS SPIKE IN COVID

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council met on Nov. 23, where it learned about a recent spike in coronavirus cases.

COVID-19
Winthrop’s positive test cases had been declining in October, but more than doubled in the week leading up to the meeting. DPH Director Meredith Hurley said that analyses of the town’s wastewater foretold the increase. The percent positive rate sits at 2.3, but Hurley expects it to climb above 3 percent.

In Winthrop, 92 percent of adults aged 30 to 49 have received their first vaccine dose, and 84 percent fully are vaccinated. Seventy-six percent of adults aged 50 to 64 have received a first dose, and 70 percent are fully vaccinated. Eighty-seven percent of those in the 75 and older age bracket are partially vaccinated and 77 percent are fully vaccinated.

Seventy-three percent of children aged 12 to 15 and 79 percent of individuals aged 16 to 19 have received their first dose of the vaccination. There is currently no data on the vaccination rates of children ages 5 to 11.

Booster shots are now

available for any fully vaccinated adult. The Town may be able to host local booster clinics depending on staff availability.

“There’s a plethora of supply out there for folks to get vaccinated,” said Dir. Hurley.

The Town will host a second pediatric vaccination clinic on Dec. 4 for children ages five to 11 at the Senior Center.

Councilor Rob DeMarco expressed hesitation to vaccinate his children, ages 8 and 11, because the long-term effects are as yet unknown. He suggested that other parents may have the same concerns. Dir. Hurley encouraged Councilor DeMarco and any concerned parents to “speak to a trusted healthcare professional.”

“Pediatricians should be making the time to have that conversation,” she said.

As of the date of the meeting, there had been no in-school spread of COVID.

Fire Department
The Council promoted firefighter Eric Cusack to lieutenant, and Lt. David Higginbotham to fire captain. It swore in Cpt. Stephen Calandra as a fire prevention officer, and Devon Racow as a probationary firefighter. The men posed for photographs with their families and council members.

“I want to thank you all for your service,” Council Pres. Phil Boncore told the men. “It’s an outstanding job that you do.”

General Updates
Early voting in the Dec. 14 senate special election is currently underway.

The council voted to allow National Grid to move existing poles and wires to enable construction to be completed in the marina.

Winthrop Police Department shares package theft prevention tips during holiday season

Winthrop Police De-
With the holiday season fast approaching and more people shopping for gifts, Chief Terence M. Delehanty and the Winthrop Police Department would like to provide tips to prevent theft for residents expecting package deliveries in the coming weeks.

According to the National Neighborhood Watch, nearly one in four adults in the United States has reported having a package stolen at least once.

The Winthrop Police Department wishes to share the following tips from the National Neighborhood Watch to help prevent package theft:

- Consider getting a P.O. box at your local post office or having packages delivered to your office
- Set up notifications to track your packages
- Install a security camera in the area(s) outside your home where packages may be delivered
- Require a signature upon delivery to ensure packages are never left unattended
- Reschedule delivery or ask for a package hold when on vacation
- Research potential home security technology and locking device options to protect and monitor packages
- Ask your neighbors to grab your packages for safekeeping until you return home
- Sign up for the USPS

“Informed Delivery” service, where you can get a daily email with a picture/scan of the mail you will receive that day. To sign up, click here.

If you believe you have fallen victim to package theft, you should do the following:

- Confirm with your delivery company that your package was actually delivered
- Identify which package was stolen and what the contents of that package were
- Contact the police immediately and report your package as stolen
- If you have a security camera on your home, give a copy of the video to police
- Report the package theft to the applicable carrier:

- USPS
- UPS
- FedEx
- Amazon

Should you happen to witness package theft, do not approach the suspect. Instead, pay attention to what their vehicle looks like and its license plate number. If possible, get a physical description of the suspect to share with the police.

Residents should note that around the holidays mail carriers such as Amazon and FedEx contract independent carriers to help deliver items during the peak season. These independent carriers typically drive their own ve-

hicles that have no affiliation markers. Residents should be mindful of these individuals who are oftentimes mistaken as thieves when dropping off packages on behalf of carriers or delivery companies. As always, though, if you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood report it to the police immediately.

Chief Delehanty would also like to offer tips to holiday shoppers on how to avoid any incidents or theft while shopping in stores and online:

- As more people are on the road during the holiday season, be sure to drive carefully. Be patient when looking for a parking space. Do not speed up in a parking lot to catch an empty spot. Look for other cars or people when backing out of a parking space, and back out slowly.
- Keep shopping bags out of plain sight in your vehicle, preferably in your trunk.
- Keep your purse close to your body or your wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.
- Save your receipts and monitor your credit card activity.
- When shopping online, stick to retailers you know or have shopped with before.
- Do not use public Wi-Fi to make purchases in order to prevent hackers from intercepting your information.

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and being more particularly described in a deed recorded in Book 8821 Page 583
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The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors’ Title see deed dated October 1, 1975, and recorded in Book 8821 at Page 582 with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold

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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 November 15, 2021, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that the Council appropriate the following amounts from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for \$250,000 for Governor Bellingham Cary House Roof and Structural Water Damage Repairs and \$450,000 for Open Space Acquisition at 88 Clinton Street. 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 12/9/21 C

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The 2020 Federal tax return for the Chelsea Education Foundation, Inc., a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation and public charity established to support Chelsea Public Schools (the “Corporation”), is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Chelsea Public Library, 569 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. Copies of the documents may also be obtained by written request to the Corporation. Such requests should be addressed to

Chelsea Education Foundation, Inc., c/o Chelsea Public Schools, 500 Broadway, Room 216, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. 12/9/21 C

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU21P2385EA Estate of: Wayne T. Kerr Date of Death: 10/06/2021 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robert L. Brooks of Braintree, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must

file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/04/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 29, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 12/09/21 C

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OBITUARIES

Nicholas Kostas Galatis

February 26, 1926 -- December 1, 2021

On Wednesday, December 1, Nicholas Kostas Galatis entered into eternal life. He passed away peacefully at his home in Gloucester with his loving family by his side. He was 95 years of age.

 Born and raised in Chelsea, a beloved son of the late Costadinos “Charles” and Theodula “Loula” (Starvropoulos) Galatis, from a young age, Nick demonstrated a strong work ethic and dedication to his family. As a child, he began shining shoes in Chelsea Square, worked for a local dry cleaner as well as a car dealership and furniture store. He also spent his summers at the Cape Ann Golf Course in Essex working for his uncle. He held numerous jobs during his adolescent years to help support his parents and siblings at home as family was the most important thing to Nick.

A graduate of Chelsea High School, he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1944 during WWII and served honorably as a crewman aboard the USS Sigsbee (DD-502). While stationed in Charleston, SC, he was bowling during a weekend leave when he met and fell in love with Susan R. Garvin. It was love at first sight and this began their storied wartime romance. After a three-month courtship period, they married on February 16, 1946. The blissful newlyweds remained in Charleston until his discharge in May of '46. Shortly after, they decided to return to Nick's hometown where they would eventually raise their family of two sons and a daughter.

Once settled back in Chelsea, Nick worked for a couple of local companies which included Commonwealth Bakery and Smithcraft Lighting. Shortly after, Smithcraft relocated and Nick began working for Alleghany Airlines in the maintenance, repair and overhaul facility at Logan Airport. In 1979, Alleghany was acquired by US Airways and Nick continued to work for them advancing his career until he retired as the Managing Foreman of Stores in 1990. Shortly after his retirement, he and his wife, Susan moved to Gloucester and happily resided there until his passing.

During his lifetime, Nick was devoted to his family and helping others. He enjoyed working, being a mason, gardening, golfing, square dancing, and spending time with friends and family. He also enjoyed traveling and would often return to South Carolina for the annual Garvin Family Reunions with his extended family.

He was a longtime



member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England in Boston. He was a past member of the Faith Lodge and Robert Lash Lodge A.F. & A.M. and he was also a member of the Aleppo Shrine.

In addition to his parents, Nick was also predeceased by his daughter, Lola Galatis, son, Charles N. Galatis, Sr., grandson, Charles N. “Chuck” Galatis., Jr, great-grandson, Charles “Little Chuck” Galatis III, brothers, Socrates K. “Sockey” Galatis and Basil K. “Bill” Galatis.

He was the beloved husband of 75 years to Susan R. “Sue” (Garvin) Galatis of Gloucester; devoted father of Peter N. Galatis of Gloucester, dear brother of Kanela “Kay” Murphy and John K. Galatis, both of Revere, cherished grandfather of Jhamaul Galatis and Demetrios “Jim” Galatis of Fitchburg, Alycia Dow, Peter Galatis, III and Jennifer Galatis, all of New Hampshire; adored great-grandfather of Xavier Galatis, Edwin Galatis, Jr., both of Chelsea, Athena Lambert of New Hampshire, Kyra Carey of Vermont and Alyssa Galatis of New Hampshire, Thea Dow, Nicholas Galatis, Lilly May Galatis and Aiden Galatis, all of New Hampshire; caring great-great-grandfather of Abigail Lambert of New Hampshire and the loving uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, today, Thursday, December 9 at 11 a.m. Per order Chelsea Board of Health, all visitors are required to wear face masks while in the Funeral Home. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Should friends desire, contributions in his memory may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 51 Blossom St., Boston MA 02114. www.ShrinersHQ.org or Alzheimer's Association Massachusetts Chapter, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 www.Alz.org/donate

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.Welsh-FH.com.

Catherine Burge

September 26, 1942 – December 3, 2021

Catherine Burge entered eternal life on Friday, December 3. She was 79 years of age.

Born in Revere, a beloved daughter of the late Howard and Margaret (Peters) Haumann, she was a lifelong resident of Chelsea, attended St. Rose Parochial School and graduated from St. Rose High School.

She married William “Billy” Burge and they shared the past 56 years with love and devotion making their home and raising a family of three sons. A devoted housewife and mother, Catherine also worked outside of her home at Metropolitan Credit Union for 26 years as a Customer Service Representative.

Home and family were a central part of her life. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, cruising to Alaska and Bermuda and vacationing in Aruba. She also enjoyed playing Bingo and mechanical games of chance.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 56 years, William “Billy” Burge. She was the devoted mother of Michael Burge and his wife, Sau of Burlington, John Burge of Chelsea and Timothy Burge and his wife, Lisa of Sudbury. She was the cherished grandmother of Tyler Burge, Leona Smith, Justin Burge and Kyle Burge; dear sister of Howard Haumann and

his late wife, Ann, Edward Haumann and his wife, Paula, Joseph Haumann and his wife, Nancy, Caroline Paladino and her late husband, Anthony, the late William Hauman who is survived by his wife, Leona Haumann, Mary Szalkowski and Madeline Paradis and her late husband, Gary. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, December 9 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. All visitors are required to wear face masks while in the Funeral Home per order of the Chelsea Board of Health.

Her Funeral will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home on Friday, December 10 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody.


Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.Welsh-FH.com.

Masks while in Church, per order Chelsea Board of Health.

Arthur MacDonald

December 11, 1940 - November 21, 2021

Arthur R. MacDonald, 80, passed away on Wednesday, November 24.

 Born and raised in Chelsea, a beloved and loving son of the late Frances M. (Bradley) MacDonald and the late Leo A. MacDonald, Sr., Arthur attended the Shurtleff elementary school and Chelsea High School. As a young man, he enlisted into the US Air Force in 1957 and served during the Vietnam Era. He was honorably discharged in 1961 holding the rank of Airman Second Class.

A former resident of Chelsea and Dorchester, Arthur has been living in Boston's North End for the past 25 years. He worked for many years at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston as the manager of the bank's printing department.

In his lifetime, he enjoyed playing tennis, trav-

eling to Las Vegas and other destinations and he always enjoyed lively debates with friends and companions at Rocco's Cucina & Bar in the North End.

In addition to his parents, Arthur was also predeceased by siblings, the late Beverly Pappalardo, Leo A. MacDonald, Jr. and Robert McAleer and his former wife and friend, Helen Laima (Jakutis) MacDonald.

He is lovingly survived by his sister, Maureen Harris and her husband, Michael of the North End and is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

A celebration of his life will be scheduled for the spring of 2022.


Should friends desire, contributions in Arthur's name may be made to a charity of their choice.

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

Thomas Klosiewicz

Graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1980

Thomas J. Klosiewicz, 59, of Air Heights, WA, passed away with his loving sister by his side on November 27 at the Spokane Hospice House after a brief illness.

 Thomas was the beloved husband of the late Nipha “Pat” Klosiewicz, devoted son of Lucia Klosiewicz of Billerica and the late Thaddeus Klosiewicz, brother of Edward Klosiewicz of Manchester, NH and Jane “Jennie” Klosiewicz-Gesualdi and her husband, Anthony of Billerica. He was the uncle of Edward Klosiewicz, Jr. and Theresa Klosiewicz of Malden and Thomas Gesualdi of Billerica; the loving godson of Jane Koza of Beverly and is also survived by many extended family members in Poland.

Thomas grew up in Chelsea, attended Chelsea schools and was a 1980 graduate of Chelsea High School. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served from August 1980 until he was discharged honorably in October of 1984. Following active duty, he continued in the Navy re-



serves for over 20 years.

He met his wife in 1983 in California, living in Alameda for 10 years before relocating to and settling down in Airway Heights. He worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital as a Boiler Engineer for over 30 years, the last 20 at the VA Medical Center in Spokane, WA retiring in 2019. Tom enjoyed fishing with his wife and friends as well as hunting and enjoying his wife and home together. He will be deeply missed.

Visiting hours were held in the Smith Funeral Home, Chelsea on Monday, December 6 and a Funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols Street, Chelsea on Tuesday, December 7. Services concluded with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Leonard J.

“Danny” Richard

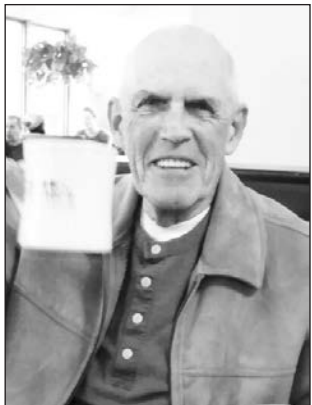
August 8, 1936 – December 4, 2021

Leonard J. “Danny” Richard, 91, a lifelong resident of Chelsea's Mill Hill neighborhood, passed away on Saturday, December 4. He was a member of the French, Polish and Irish Clubs in Chelsea and the Moose Club in Revere. An avid walker, he traveled by foot throughout Chelsea and the Greater Boston area. It was not uncommon for him to walk 30 or more miles each week. Along the way, he would pick up discarded items such as pens and bottle caps and used them to create his artwork.

Lenny worked two full-time jobs for many years; at the Everlastic Company on Spencer Avenue but he was most proud to serve the Veterans at the Soldiers Home where he worked as an orderly.

He is survived by his twin sister, Laura Steriti and her children, Lenore Steriti and her partner, Maria Paulo, Lea Steriti and wife, Zoe Zarkadas, Maria Steriti and partner, Joslyn Portier and Felicia Steriti-Smith and her husband, Chris Smith; grandniece, Leah McKeon and her husband, Sean, grandnephew, Phil Cowels and his wife, Kristina, grandniece Lani Steriti and partner, Theo Honigmann and grandnephew, Noah Cowels and partner, Danielle Angers.

When Laura lost her husband Phil in 1968, Lenny stepped up and offered emotional, physical and financial support to her and her children until the time of his passing. He was the best brother and dad anyone could ask for. He instilled in his family, who are forever in his debt, a respect for and interest in nature, history, science, astronomy, the arts, and space exploration. He was happiest when his family gathered around a table to enjoy a meal. He freely



lent a helping hand, kind gesture or gift to those who crossed his path. The world is a better place because of him and the good deeds he performed throughout his life.

Lenny is also survived by his sister, Elsie Fenby of Florida, numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Matthew P. and May G. (Savoy), brother, Ronald, sisters Lillian Lemoure, Isabel Caron, Stella Stahl, Jeanette “Mitzy” Wasson and Nancy Desjaton.

His family would like to thank Steve Powers and the entire crew at S&L for watching out for Lenny over the years. Steve referred to Lenny by his nickname “Danny” and Lenny referred to Steve as “Stevie”. Their friendship lasted over 40 years.

Expressions of sympathy in Lenny's name may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. Care Dimensions has Hospice Houses in Lincoln and Danvers. Their Lincoln facility provided exceptional care and comfort to Lenny and his family.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. His artwork will be on display at that time.

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4-ALARM FIRE ON MARGINAL STREET



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A 4-alarm fire burned through a three-story multi-family home at 68 Marginal St. on Thursday night, Dec. 2. The fire is believed to be electrical in origin, with Fire Chief Leonard Albanese saying he believes high-tension power lines clipping part of the siding may have started it. Extremely strong winds Thursday night knocked out power to buildings in the area. No one was harmed as a result, but the nine occupants of the building have been displaced.

CHS ROUNDUP

CHS BOYS, GIRLS BASKETBALL OPEN SEASON THIS TUESDAY; TRACK TEAMS START WEDNESDAY

The Chelsea High boys and girls basketball teams will open their 2022 season this coming Tuesday (December 14) with contests against Greater Boston League rival Lynn English.

The boys' squad will trek to Lynn English, while the girls will host English at 4:00 at the CHS gym.

The next opponent for both teams will be Lynn Classical next Thursday (December 16), with the

boys entertaining Classical at 5:30 and the girls journeying to Classical.

Both teams will play 14 games against their seven Greater Boston League rivals: Lynn English, Lynn Classical, Everett, Malden, Medford, Revere, and Somerville.

Non-league opponents for the boys will be Watertown, East Boston, KIPP Academy, Charlestown, and Austin Prep.

For the girls, non-league foes will include Lynn Tech, Mt. Alvernia, Salem, and Winthrop.

The CHS boys and girls indoor track teams will get their season underway next Wednesday (December 15) against Lynn English.

U.S. Postal Service introduces Pen Pal Project

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program, students will improve their writing, communication, and collaboration skills.

WeAreTeachers offers daily articles, videos and giveaways for educators.

U.S. public, charter, and private school teachers are invited to join The USPS Pen Pal Project. More information, including official rules and instructions for teachers to sign their classes up for the project, is available at WeAreTeachers.com.

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LOCAL STUDENT EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

KELLY NAMED TO HONOR ROLL

Chelsea resident Kelly Nguyen was recently named to the first quarter

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really hoping that the rally just demonstrates that the whole membership is standing behind us, that the teachers and students and community members are standing together for smaller class sizes and more competitive pay to keep our teachers here.”

While the school district has been taking steps to recruit and retain a more diverse teaching staff, Anderson said the lack of compensation compared to surrounding communities is a big factor in all Chelsea teachers, including teachers of color, leaving the district.

Teacher salaries are 16 percent higher in Everett, and nearly 29 percent higher in Boston, Anderson said.

Anderson said there is also a great need for smaller class sizes and better working conditions.

“We need more prep

time to make sure we are keeping the most qualified teachers here,” she said. “When there are 30 kids in a room versus 25 kids in a room, it makes a big difference on a day-to-day basis just on how much attention you can give to each of the students, how much individualized support you can provide and how much feedback you can give. With the labor shortages we have already, the more we can retain the teachers, the better the conditions are going to be for our kids.”

Anderson said the union was hoping to see some movement from the district in the negotiations planned for Wednesday afternoon.

School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia said she is hopeful an agreement can be reached soon that is beneficial to all sides.



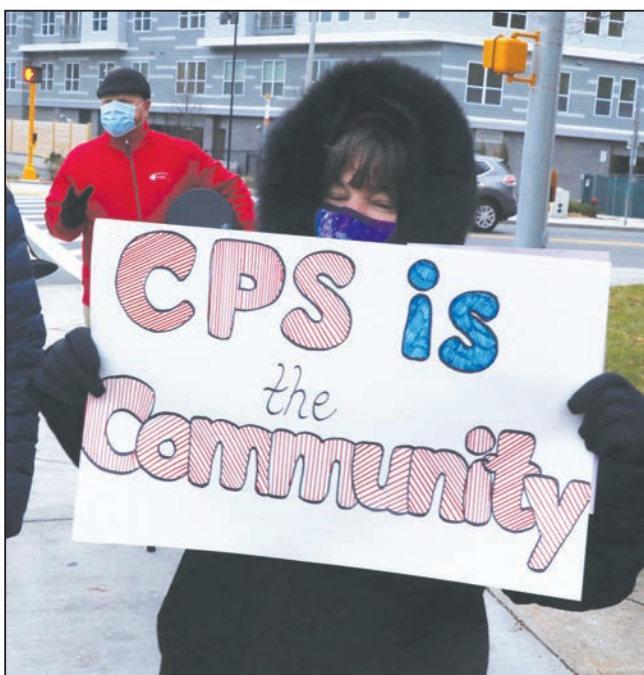
Andres Torrie proudly displays his CTU T-shirt at the rally.

“I know that Superintendent Dr. (Almi) Abeyta and her team are working diligently with the Chelsea Teachers’ Union to reach an agreement during this collective bargaining process,” Garcia said. “As a School Committee, we care deeply about ensuring that a fair and equita-

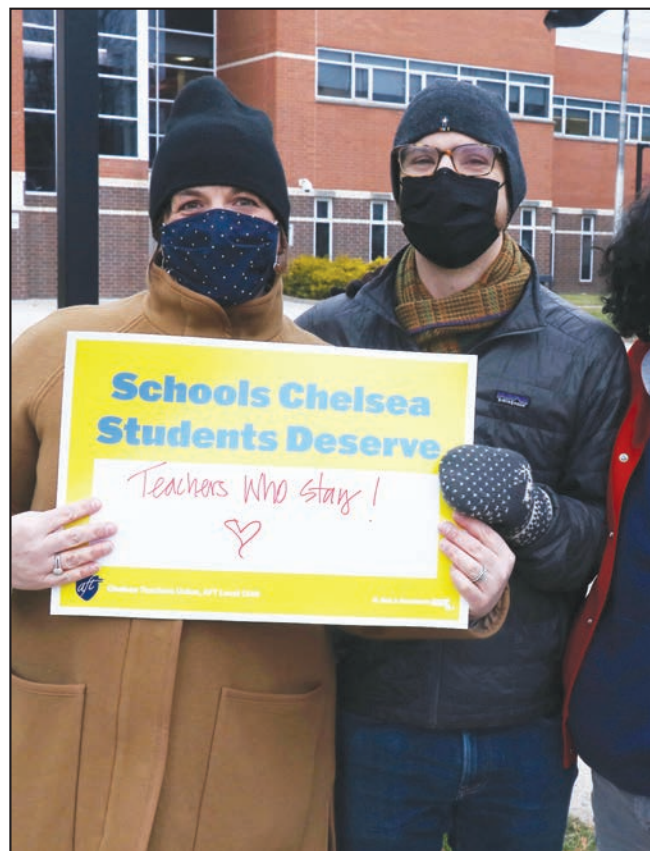


Supporters hold signs at the Chelsea teachers rally.

ble agreement is reached for both sides. I am confident that we are making progress and hope to have an agreement soon.”



A supporter holds a sign t the rally.



CHS teachers taking part in the rally, Sarah Ruddy and Nate Weaver.



Chelsea Teachers Union President Kathryn Anderson passes out information during the CTU rally at Chelsea High School.

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