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Council to vote on City Manager job posting soon

By Adam Swift

The city is almost ready to officially advertise for the vacant City Manager position.

At Monday night's meeting, the council voted to review the job description created by UMass-Boston's Collins Center in subcommittee before moving forward with the posting.

The council was set to vote on the job posting Monday night, but Councilor-at-Large Damali Vi-dot raised some concerns about the process to come up with the posting, and requested the further review in subcommittee. Council President Leo Robinson set the subcommittee meeting for Tuesday, April 18, which will be followed by a special meeting of the full council to vote on the job posting.

Councilor-at-Large

Brian Hatleberg said he wanted to make sure the council acted as quickly as possible to approve the posting so that the city could start the process.

Applications will be reviewed by a screening committee, and that committee will then conduct interviews before forwarding a small number of finalists to the council for final interviews and selection.

In the posting submitted by the Collins Center, the ideal candidate for City Manager will be a "seasoned public administrator in an environment of similar complexity who possesses strong organizational, communication and community leadership skills."

The posting states that the city is seeking a manager with the skill, energy

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Innes development job fair scheduled for April 19

By Adam Swift

In addition to providing needed housing in the city, and significant upgrades with the replacement and updating of 96 public Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA) units, the Innes redevelopment project is providing construction job opportunities for Chelsea residents.

The Innes Resident Association is hosting a Construction Opportunity Fair on Wednesday, April 19 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club of Boston at 30 Wil-low St. in Chelsea.

All jobseekers are invited to attend the job fair, although all Chelsea resi-

dents and CHA tenants are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity.

The contractors and subcontractors for the Innes redevelopment project are hiring for the ongoing Innes project, and there will also be opportunities to learn more about how to get into the construction business for those who are interested. When it is finished, there will be 330 units at the new Innes site, including the 96 public housing replacement units and 40 middle income units in addition to the market rate units.

The job fair is being organized by Plumb House, Joseph J. Corcoran and Company, and John M. Corcoran and Company.

"It's very close to the construction site and you'll go by there and get excited and hopefully be working at the construction site," said Jen Corcoran, the project manager for the development from the Corcoran Company. "We've got contractors and subcontractors coming who represent who is working on the development currently, and we've

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TRASH NOTICE

Trash will be delayed by one day due to Patriot's Day Holiday Monday, April 17, 2023

JORDAN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WELCOMES RED SOX PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO JBGC BREAKFAST



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Guest speaker, Boston Red Sox President and CEO Sam Kennedy, BGCB officials Mike Kennealy, Dave Libby, and Robert Lewis Jr., New England Patriots Foundation President Josh Kraft, Breakfast Committee Chair Mark Robinson, and Jordan Boys and Girls Club Director Gina Centrella.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Boston Red Sox President and CEO Sam Kennedy, and Metro Credit Union Vice President Saritin Rizzuto.



Boston Red Sox President and CEO Sam Kennedy and Anthony Rubiera, Teen Pathways Director at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club. See more photos on page 8.

Traffic Comm. schedules public hearing for Clark Avenue proposal

By Adam Swift

The Traffic and Parking Commission will hold a public hearing on making a portion of Clark Avenue a one-way street, although city officials stated there may not be much of a need to make a change to the road.

Earlier this year, Broadway resident Craig Moore made the request to make Clark Avenue one way between Stockton Street and Webster Avenue.

"Since we have fielded this request, the DPW and Housing and Community Development have collected data on crash-

es along this segment of Clark, as well as assessed operations," said Alex Train, the city's housing and community development director. "Usually, when we are looking at issues pertaining to narrow streets, we look for things like sideswipes and parked vehicles being hit. We

didn't see anything that stood out to us in terms of the crash data."

Train said the city also began collecting feedback from neighbors about the potential benefits and drawbacks of making the section of the street one

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Rep. Judith Garcia welcomes high school students to State House

Special to the Record

Hundreds of students from across the Commonwealth spent Friday, March 31 at the Massachusetts State House. Since its advent in 1947, Student Government Day has invited high school students to learn about the process of government in Massachusetts through a series of activities, including mock hearings and speeches from sitting elected officials.

Three local Chelsea students joined their peers at Beacon Hill, where they met several elected officials, including State Senator Sal DiDomenico and fellow Chelsea native State Representative Judith Garcia. All of the students in attendance were selected by their classmates at school for the role.

"Taking part in Student Government Day has given me the opportunity to hear perspectives from all over the commonwealth.

This was particularly interesting to me, as it gave me a chance to learn new things that I hadn't considered before," said Chelsea High student Jimmy Merino.

Aya Faiz of Excel Academy reiterated that sentiment, adding, "The experience was thought provoking when my views were challenged."

"Politics and how the

government works has always been a topic I've found interesting," said Chelsea's Hellen Funez.

"Getting to know how the

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Rep. Judith Garcia and State Sen. Sal DiDomenico shown with student visitors to the State House for Student Government Day.

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Student-led lobby day at State House champions college hunger

More than 60 students, legislators, and advocates convened at the Massachusetts State House for a student-led lobby day around the often-overlooked issue of college hunger. As 37 percent of public university students in Massachusetts face food insecurity, and with the Healey Administration’s focus on keeping the Massachusetts workforce competitive and higher education affordable for all, the Massachusetts Hunger-Free Campus Coalition and MASSPIRG Students congregated around deep-rooted food insecurity among students and corresponding legislation to relieve it.

The Massachusetts Hunger-Free Campus Coalition assembles over 40 colleges, students, advocates and anti-poverty organizations to dismantle barriers to healthy, consistent meals for students. Co-led by The Greater Boston Food Bank, the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, and the Mass Law Reform Institute, the coalition promotes food access through awareness and advocacy, and connects students facing food insecurity with federal assistance programs and other resources. MASSPIRG Students represent colleges across the



Pictured (left to right) are Sean Simonini, MASSPIRG Chapter Chair at UMASS Lowell; MA State Rep Andy Vargas, and Senator Sal DiDomenico.

state, organizing students around issues of public health, climate change and democracy.

During the program, speakers shared personal experiences and called for prioritization of the urgent issue alongside legislative action. The program called for the passing of An Act Establishing the MA Hunger-Free Campus Initiative (S.835 / H.1293), which would fund hunger relief solutions and resources across college campuses including food pantries, educational resources around SNAP and provide a single point of contact for hunger needs on campuses. The coalition and MASSPIRG students are seeking addi-

tional funding in the FY24 state budget – \$4 million – towards the Hunger Free Campus Initiative.

The bill’s legislative sponsors; State Representative Andy Vargas of Haverhill, State Representative Mindy Domb of Amherst, and Senator Joan Lovely of Salem as well as co-sponsor Senator Sal DiDomenico of Everett joined to share sentiments and support of the pressing issue.

“Hunger can have a profoundly negative impact on students, including loss of concentration and heightened depression and anxiety” said Senator Joan B. Lovely (D-Salem). “For college students who struggle to afford

tuition, rent, and the high cost of living, the effects of food insecurity can be especially detrimental. That is why I am proud to partner with Representatives Vargas and Domb, MASSPIRG, and the MA Hunger Free Campus Coalition to file legislation to establish a Hunger-Free Campus Initiative. By creating on-campus programs that improve access to food, like those found at Salem State University and North Shore Community College, we can help our students lead healthy, productive lives both inside and outside of the classroom. I will continue to champion this important work on Beacon Hill to end hunger across our colleges and universities.”

“We know that hunger exists on college campuses, but too often college students are overlooked,” said State Representative Andy Vargas, (D-Haverhill). “College students manage busy schedules and often work full-time jobs on top of managing their schoolwork. No student should have to worry about where their next meal is coming from or compromise their education to eat. While many campuses have created incredible programs to support their students, we need a systems-wide approach to maximize federal funding and scale best practices. The passage of our bill will give colleges infrastructure to address hunger on campus in a sustainable way, and I’m grateful to the Hunger-Free Campus coalition for their advocacy.” -

“Today’s students are responding to historic economic pressures whether it be escalating costs of college, the burden of student debt, the escalating costs

associated with textbooks, housing and transportation, and in many cases, childcare,” said State Representative Mindy Domb (D-Amherst). “In this puzzle and trade-offs surrounding their economic insecurity, something has to give, and too often it is food. We know that food insecurity on campus exists, and it undermines students’ academic success, completion, and retention. Hungry students can’t learn and can’t succeed, and that includes students in college. The Hunger Free Campus legislation will help deliver the interventions that work to reduce college student food insecurity and support our students.”

“I am proud to cosponsor the MA Hunger-Free Campus Initiative bill and advocate for funding in the FY24 state budget to ensure no student goes hungry at any public college in our state,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “We spend a lot of money to ensure our state universities have talented professors and world class resources, but this money is wasted when students are hungry, can’t concentrate in class and can’t afford to feed themselves. I look forward to working with Senator Lovely, Representative Vargas, Representative Domb, and the MA Hunger Free Campus Coalition to pass this critical piece of legislation.”

Following the speaking program, student representatives met with legislators for lobby meetings around the coalition’s priorities and advancing solutions for college hunger.

“The students who are spending their time today

to improve the quality of life for all students are the very ones that will continue to be on the forefront of improving our communities through organizing, advocacy and service,” said Dierdre Cummings, MASSPIRG Legislative Director.

“No student should ever have to go hungry,” said Sean Simonini, MASSPIRG Chapter Chair at UMASS Lowell. “How can we be expected to do our best work if our biggest worry is where our next meal is going to come from? The thought that over 1-in-3 college students - including my classmates - have faced food or housing insecurity is more than enough reason for our legislature to pass the Hunger Free Campus Act now.”

Several members of the MA Hunger Free Campus Coalition were also present at today’s event at The State House. This state-wide coalition was formed in 2019 and today includes over 40 schools, civic agencies and hunger-relief organizations across Massachusetts.

“In a commonwealth that prides itself on its world-class higher education, that invests millions of dollars in public education every year, we’ve fallen behind in making sure that our students don’t go hungry,” said Kate Adams, Policy Manager at The Greater Boston Food Bank. “We’re encouraged that Governor Healey has made significant commitments to expand access and remove barriers to higher education, but we can’t miss the essential role that food plays in the retention, achievement and graduation of students.”

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got over 15 different subcontractors attending, including our management company, Corcoran Management. There are over 40 positions available, both with Plumb House, who is our general contractor, and then some of the subcontractors have open positions as well.”

Corcoran said she is also hoping to see people come out who might not see themselves working in one of the construction fields, but could find out more about the field from some of the subcontractors attending the job fair.

Hiring Chelsea residents has been one of the goals for the developers during the project.

“We’ve only really marketed in and around Chelsea,” said Corcoran. “We won’t be doing a litmus test at the door, necessarily, but we’re making a special effort, especially reaching out to the Innes residents ... so we want to make sure we get as many of them out to the fair as possible, and CHA residents, as well.”

CHA Executive Director Paul Nowicki said that one of the things that was very high on the housing authority’s list when hiring a developer was the fact that the Corcoran companies made a true commitment to putting the CHA residents first.

“When you look at the

other developments of this magnitude, they will do a ‘rich door, poor door,’ meaning the public housing residents will have a lesser of a building than the market rate,” said Nowicki. “That is not the case here, and that was something that was very special to us and Chelsea Housing that everything that is in the market unit will be in the public housing units. Also, the commitment to the residents, they are going to have a residents services portion for all of the residents at the new development, and also their outreach and their caring to the neighborhood ... that really meant something to us at Chelsea Housing.”

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gy, creativity, vision, and experience to achieve the city’s goals. Those goals include preserving public service levels, fostering development, and maintaining the city’s positive civic attitude toward the future.

The position requires a Bachelor’s degree and seven to 10 years of experience as a municipal manager or other position that oversees the operations of a public entity governed by an elected policy body that makes decisions in a public setting. A Master’s degree is desirable but not

required.

In other business Monday night, the council approved proclamations recognizing Autism Awareness Month, Holocaust Remembrance Day, and National Arab-American Heritage Month.

In addition, Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot thanked Mimi Graney for her service as Chelsea’s Downtown Coordinator. Graney recently left to take a new position in Concord.

Vidot noted that she was initially hesitant about the position, but that Graney

did an amazing job promoting and improving the downtown.

“I don’t want anyone who has committed and given so much to our community and building us up to ever feel we don’t appreciate the work they have done,” said Vidot. “Mimi Graney, you will be truly missed and we appreciate the work you have done in this community. I have learned so much from you and thank you for the high bar you set while you were here.”

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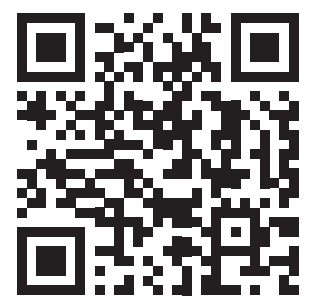
LAST CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE

The world’s most popular display of LEGO art exhibition extends its run one additional week

Special to the Record

A captivating exhibition featuring intriguing works of art by renowned contemporary artist Nathan Sawaya— has announced that it will extend its final week in Boston, with tickets now on sale through Sunday, April 30 — this will be the last chance to experience the exhibition as it must close. THE ART OF THE BRICK displays over 90 works of art made exclusively from one of the most recognizable toys in the world—the LEGO® brick. Tickets prices start at \$28 and last chance

tickets are available at www.artofthebrickexhibit.com. Centrally located in the Back Bay area of Boston, the newly renovated Newbury Street location introduces visitors to a



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reimagined museum-like experience, with breathtaking contemporary art at every turn. The collection features original pieces as well as re-imagined versions of some of the world's most famous art masterpieces made exclusively from LEGO bricks like Da Vinci's Mona Lisa and Van Gogh's Starry Night and as well as a gallery showcasing an innovative, multimedia collection of LEGO brick infused photography that Sawaya produced in collaboration with award-winning pho-

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Councilors raise concerns about residency waivers

By Adam Swift

Several City Councilors want to see a renewed effort from the city when it comes to hiring Chelsea residents for municipal jobs. The city charter requires that municipal employees live in Chelsea, but the city manager can request a waiver if there is not a qualified applicant for a position who resides in the city. Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot raised some continued concerns she has had about the process when the council was asked to approve a residency waiver for an E-911 operator at Monday night’s council meeting. Vidot noted that there was a bilingual applicant for the position from Chelsea who was not selected for the job. “I do understand that we give out waivers if someone meets the qualifications or has better skills for a position, but for too long, these positions, and particularly for the 911 office, have been reserved for some reason for people outside of the city,” said Vidot. “It doesn’t really

require a lot of training in order to be able to do that position, it’s really just a specific skill set. I’m really disappointed that we are bypassing not only someone who lives in Chelsea, he graduated from Chelsea High School, but he also speaks Spanish when that is something we are looking for in that office.” Vidot said she was sure the applicant who was granted a waiver was well-qualified for the position, but said she would like a further council discussion about the overall issue. “We are continuously giving out these waivers like they are hotcakes, and we really have to keep in mind that the charter requires us to hire people who are Chelsea residents, that they get priority over everyone else,” said Vidot. District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero said he agreed that it seems like the city government is looking outside its borders too often when it comes to filling positions. “Every time, the excuse is that there are not enough qualified people in the city of Chelsea,” said Recu-

pero. “There are 40,000 people in the city, how can you make a statement like that? These people are the middle class of the city, they are going to be making \$50,000 or more while the average person in the city only makes \$25,000 or \$30,000.” District 3 Councilor Norieliz DeJesus said she agreed with the concerns that were raised, but added that she has spoken to department heads in the city who have told her that there have been a lack of Chelsea applicants for city positions. DeJesus said she would like to see a subcommittee meeting to discuss ways the city can improve outreach when it comes to advertising municipal positions. Council President Leo Robinson noted that he worked with the 911 director to hold a workshop for local residents interested in becoming 911 operators, and only one Chelsea resident attended. However, he said he would schedule a subcommittee meeting with the director for a further discussion on the situation.

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government works and learning about facts from the state house was something that I’ll always remember.” “Young people are invested in politics,” said Representative Garcia, “They care about what’s happening, and they want to learn how the government works. It won’t be long before they’re voting and running for

office themselves, so I am always happy to incorporate them into our democracy and support them as they explore their role in it.” Some students were invited to speak or were selected to fulfill different roles in the legislative process, including governor, Speaker of the House, and House clerk. “Since there were a lot

of students, I didn’t get to speak, but when it was all done, Judith asked us what we would’ve said,” said Funez. “This made it special because it showed it mattered to her and that what we had to say also mattered. Student Government Day is an annual event that occurs every spring.

Transportation funding legislation benefits DiDomenico’s district

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate last week to pass a bill that includes \$350 million in authorizations for transportation needs across the state, including \$200 million for the state’s Chapter 90 program, which provides municipalities with funds for transportation-related improvements, including road and bridge repairs. “Families throughout my district deserve reliable and safe roads, bridges, buses, and trains so they can get to work, pick up their kids from school, and enjoy every part of our community,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “I was proud to support this transportation funding because it is an investment in the wellbeing of our families and our state’s economy for years to come. I want

to thank Senate President Spilka, Senator Crighton, and Senator Kennedy for all their work putting this legislation together and passing it swiftly.” “This legislation will maintain and improve our state’s infrastructure, ensure that residents have safe and reliable transportation options, and support sustainable, regionally equitable economic development in communities across the Commonwealth,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “I’d like to thank Senator Crighton for his work in crafting this legislation, Senator Kennedy for his help in advancing it, and all of my Senate colleagues for working collaboratively to ensure the transportation needs of our cities and towns are addressed in a regionally equitable manner.” This legislation also authorizes \$150 million in programs that will assist

municipalities with various transportation-related projects. This includes \$25 million for each of the following:

- The municipal small bridge program;
- The complete streets program;
- A bus transit infrastructure program;
- Grants to increase access to mass transit and commuter rail stations;
- Grants for municipalities and regional transit authorities to purchase electric vehicles and the infrastructure needed to support them;
- And new funding dedicated to additional transportation support based on road mileage, which is particularly helpful for rural communities.

A different version having previously been passed in the House of Representatives, the two chambers will now reconcile differences before sending the bill to the Governor’s desk.

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way. “From a design perspective, we don’t see any major benefits with regards to safety and operations if we were to convert this,” said Train. However, Train proposed moving the request to a public hearing to hear more from residents before the traffic commission makes a final decision. The commission also moved a request to implement daytime resident parking restrictions on Chestnut Street between Third and Fourth Streets to a public hearing. “This is something we would generally be in support of as long as it works for the neighborhood,” said Train.

The commission also heard several requests from District 6 City Councilor Giovanni Recupero. Recupero requested the installation of a stop sign at Pearl and Essex. Train noted that there is a redesign planned for that area that could help with some of the issues. As a more immediate step, Train recommended stepping up enforcement in the area and improving striping in the intersection to try to improve traffic and safety issues. Recupero also requested the city install a speed bump on Essex Street between Shawmut and Lynn. Train said placing a small speed bump in that area would be reasonable. Recupero also made a

request that the city look at adding dedicated handicap parking spaces along Broadway. While people with handicap plates and placards can use any of the spaces on Broadway, Recupero said there is a lack of dedicated handicap spaces. “As part of the larger downtown Broadway project, we are planning on adding handicap spaces on each block,” said Train. “That is a year away, though, so I think it is a great idea to look into in the meantime.” Train said the city could look at some possible locations for the parking spaces and present them to the Traffic and Parking Commission at its May meeting.

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THE MARATHON BOMBING,
10 YEARS LATER

This week marks the 10th anniversary of the tragic Boston Marathon bombing which occurred on April 15, 2013, when two brothers set off a pair of bombs near the finish line of the marathon, killing three persons (Krystle Marie Campbell, a 29-year-old restaurant manager from Medford; Lü Lingzi, a 23-year-old Chinese national and Boston University statistics graduate student; and 8-year-old Martin William Richard from Dorchester) and injuring 281 persons, of whom 16 lost limbs.

In addition, during the manhunt for the bombers in the ensuing days, the brothers shot and killed 27 year-old Sean Allen Collier, an MIT police officer, who crossed their path, and shot two Boston police officers, one of whom, Dennis Simmonds, died on April 10, 2014, from head injuries he received during the shootout in Water-town.

One of the brothers was killed during the shootout and the other eventually was captured, tried, convicted, and sentenced to death, and now is imprisoned in a federal Supermax facility.

For those of us who are lifelong Boston-area residents, the horror of that afternoon, as well as the three-day manhunt for the suspects, will remain etched in our memories forever as no other local event ever has.

We will never forget the tremendous performance of the medical and emergency crews on the scene and at our area hospitals, who miraculously saved the lives of scores of victims who otherwise might have died from their wounds.

Ten years later, the memory of that day gives all of us pause to reflect, both to remember the innocent victims and to honor those whose heroic actions saved lives.

CLARENCE THOMAS:
SUPREME HYPOCRITE

“I prefer the RV parks. I prefer the Walmart parking lots to the beaches and things like that. There’s something normal to me about it.” -- Judge Clarence Thomas in a recent interview.

The revelation this past week that Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and his wife have been accepting luxury vacations from a Texas billionaire for the past 25 years, including a recent vacation that is estimated to have had a price tag of \$500,000 (that’s not a typo -- there are no added zeros), is absolutely sickening.

For his part, this billionaire said he never discussed any cases with Thomas and reportedly never had any specific cases pertaining to him in front of the court.

However, among the other guests on these vacation junkets were top executives of major U.S. corporations, so it certainly is conceivable that some of these companies may have had matters that came before the Supreme Court during the 25 years that Thomas has been receiving these extraordinary gifts from the Texas billionaire.

However, the focus on whether any one of these wealthy and influential persons had any specific matters before the Supreme Court misses the point entirely, which is this: Thomas is hobnobbing with, and accepting gifts of immense value from, individuals who have a great deal of general interest in cases that come before the Supreme Court.

For example, the infamous Citizens United case in 2010 (in which the court held that the free speech clause of the First Amendment prohibits the government from restricting independent expenditures for political campaigns by corporations, thereby striking down a federal law that had placed a limit on donations by corporations) was brought by billionaires -- and who have been influencing U.S. elections ever since with what is known as “dark money” (because its source is unknown). Thomas -- surprise! -- voted with the majority in a 5-4 decision.

But beyond what constitutes an obvious conflict of interest by Thomas, this is just another example of the hypocrisy that has marked Thomas’s tenure ever since he was appointed to the Supreme Court more than 30 years ago.

Thomas rates as the most unqualified person ever to sit on the court. He never tried a case in a courtroom and had no substantive legal experience prior to being appointed to a seat on the federal Appeals Court. (He was incapable of having been named as a federal district court judge because he would have been clueless as to how to conduct a trial.)

He often speaks and writes of his humble beginnings growing up poor on a farm in Georgia, but he never acknowledges that it was thanks to de facto affirmative action programs at Holy Cross and Yale Law School that gave him the opportunity to rise to the highest court in the land. Nor does he acknowledge that it essentially was affirmative action by President George H.W. Bush that elevated him to his judicial posts, because Thomas by any objective measure was unqualified to be a judge.

But here’s the irony of Thomas’s personal affirmative action story: He is among the leaders of the Supreme Court faction that no doubt soon will be striking down affirmative action programs that have existed for decades in universities across the country.

Thomas’s stance on affirmative action is the height of hypocrisy — he benefited from programs that afforded him opportunities, but he is pulling up the proverbial ladder so that others cannot follow him — that goes way beyond taking expensive vacations in the face of his laughably stated preference for “Walmart parking lots.”

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GUEST OP-ED

A climate resilient Boston needs Belle Isle Marsh

By Ana Tavares Leary

Nestled between the cities of Boston, Revere, and Winthrop lies a natural barrier to climate change, the 359-acre Belle Isle Marsh. A salt marsh is a low-lying, coastal area that mostly comprises grasses that are frequently flooded by ocean tides.

This wetland protects coastal areas from flooding, destructive winds, higher tides, and increasingly intense storms. Plants in salt marshes help buffer the coast and reduce the impacts of storm surges, such as those generated during hurricanes. The Marsh delivers essential ecosystem services, which are important to help reduce climate change impacts caused by rising sea levels and severe weather events. Belle Isle Marsh provides critical habitats for wildlife—including the 271 species of birds which have been documented there—and recreation areas for local communities.

Background

In 1988, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts designated Belle Isle Marsh as an ACEC, or an Area of Critical Environmental Concern. This area once contaminated by industry is now one

of the most biological-ly significant habitats in Boston, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Thousands of birds migrate to this area, and many endangered and threatened species can be found in the reservation year round.

The largest remaining salt marsh in Boston Harbor, Belle Isle Marsh plays an important role in the prevention of flooding by delivering flood storage capacity. This capacity is lost when marshlands are filled or degraded via poor water quality from stormwater, which can also negatively impact public health, wellbeing, and safety to surrounding communities. Marshland filling accelerated in Boston during the expansion of Logan Airport in the 1960s.

Investing in a wetland is investing in public health. Salt marshes contribute to positive physical and mental wellbeing; they clean polluted air and purify water. Also, they provide accessible green spaces for recreation, physical activity, and connection to nature, all of which are crucial for improved mental health.

Coastal ecosystems (mangroves, salt marshes, seagrass meadows) are

also known as blue carbon systems. Salt marshes and seagrass beds can sequester carbon (like forests do) during plant photosynthesis creating a carbon “sink” (capture). If destroyed, these habitats would emit a large amount of carbon into the atmosphere. Preserving these vital coastal systems is essential to reducing the effects of climate change and protecting vulnerable communities.

Given the enormous benefits of the Marsh to its neighboring cities, what is being done to conserve it?

FBIM

Local nonprofit and environmental advocacy group, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh (FBIM), has spent 40 years protecting and preserving critical conservation habitats, specifically Belle Isle Marsh. This group of volunteers and conservationists organized in 1983 to protect the Marsh from industrial use, and it continues to work in close partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and other regional conservation groups. FBIM’s mandate is to protect the Marsh and its surroundings, to educate the public about the importance of salt marshes and barrier beaches, and to offer edu-

cational programming in all areas of the reservation.

Recently, the organization has partnered with the Mystic River Watershed Association, the Nature Conservancy, and the DCR to conduct an environmental inventory of Belle Isle Marsh, with technical assistance from the Woods Hole Group, to better understand the health of salt marsh’s ecosystem and to measure how it has changed over time. This inventory helps inform how the Marsh will adapt over the next 50 years to climate change, sea level rise, and increasing storms.

What can you do to get involved to help protect Belle Isle Marsh?

First, come visit Belle Isle to go bird watching, enjoy a leisurely walk, watch the sunset, or climb the observation tower. Then, read more about the organization on our website (<https://friendsofbelleislemarsh.com>) and join in on upcoming events, including monthly bird-watching walks, summer kayaking expedition, art painting night, and tide pool explorations for children. Finally, become a member to advocate for local conservation efforts, and take greater action in

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Ashley Villanueva hits the pavement for her patients

Ashley Villanueva, 24, of Chelsea, was taught at an early age the importance of ensuring everyone has enough healthy, fresh food to eat. Her parents, who both immigrated to the United States from Mexico in their 20’s, ran a small food truck which sold meals to migrant workers at the nearby blueberry farms. She has fond memories of watching her mother in the kitchen preparing traditional staples, like tortillas and beans, finding joy in cooking food for others. After initially launching a career in mental health services, Villanueva’s passion for feeding her neighbors led her to join Project Bread’s Health-care Partnerships team as a program associate to do just that, carrying on her parents’ legacy.

Recognizing that reliable access to nutritious food is integral to overall health, Project Bread, Massachusetts’ leading anti-hunger organization statewide, launched a Health Care Partnerships program in 2020 to help food insecure patients with complex diagnoses and specific dietary needs access healthy food and prepare it properly at home. Coordinators, assisted by program associates like Villanueva, provide one on one services to address barriers that individuals living on a low-income face when accessing food for health-related diets. Examples include connecting people with SNAP, providing ba-



Ashley Villanueva.

sic kitchen equipment, arranging for transportation to shop for food, and distributing gift cards to local grocery stores. The pilot seeks to address the social determinants of health, with food insecurity and access being a major barrier for many individuals.

On a daily basis, Villanueva works behind-the-scenes to ensure the nutrition services coordinators have the tools to assist food insecure patients to access nutrition resources. She troubleshoots technical and logistical issues to ensure information systems are updated and items are available to support virtual cooking classes offered and kitchen appliances are available to patients. A former Commonwealth Corps service member for La Colaborativa, one of Project Bread’s community partners which operates a pantry feeding 7,000 to 8,000 households weekly, Villanueva saw firsthand the high need in the community. Knowing the work that she does through Project Bread is helping families access healthy, fresh food is what excites her on the job each

morning. “When I think of hunger ending, I see a human brightness,” says Villanueva. “It would be easier to navigate the world if someone doesn’t have to worry about their next meal. The community and clients we serve are resilient. Many have been in survival mode for a very long time, it’s all they know. Wouldn’t it be amazing to focus on something other than their next meal – their families, themselves, engaging more with individuals and being more present? At Project Bread, we make this possible.” Members of the community can help Villanueva improve access to nutrition resources across the Commonwealth by joining her on Sunday, May 7, for Project Bread’s 55th annual Walk for Hunger. Back in person for the first time since 2019, more than 3,000 Massachusetts residents will gather on the Boston Common and hundreds of others will participate remotely for the one-day fundraising event to raise more than \$1 million to ensure Massachusetts residents of all ages across the state have enough to eat. New this year, there will be several family-friendly activations along the Boston Common three-mile route to raise awareness for food insecurity, nutrition resources available and other ways to get involved through the nonprofit to help neighbors in need. “Good health is impos-

sible if you don’t have enough to eat but food is just one of many barriers people face, from having a working refrigerator and basic pots and pans, to transportation, and nutrition support,” says Sarah Cluggish, Chief Programs Officer of Project Bread. “Ashley has helped keep our program running smoothly so we can get critical food resources to our clients and ensure they are able to meet their own and their families’ needs. It’s this commitment to our clients and ending hunger statewide that brings our team, as well as the Massachusetts community, together each year.”

To register for Project Bread’s Walk for Hunger, or to support a walker or team, visit projectbread.org/walk or call (617) 723-5000. There is no registration fee or fundraising minimum to participate, although a \$250 minimum goal is suggested. Participants who raise \$500 or more are recognized as Heart & Sole walkers and receive access to personalized fundraising support, exclusive event gear, and invitations to events.

Project Bread, the leading statewide anti-hunger nonprofit, connects people and communities in Massachusetts to reliable sources of food, while advocating for policies that make food more accessible—so that no one goes hungry. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org.

SEAN MCCARTHY CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY AT NEW BRIDGE CAFÉ



Sean McCarthy, owner of New Bridge Café, holds the cake that he received from his niece, Brooklynne Spadafora-McCarthy (right), in celebration of his 56th birthday. In the photo (below), Brooklynne records the happy occasion by taking a picture of her uncle Sean, at the famous restaurant known far and wide for its sumptuous steak tips. Sean is the son of legendary softball pitcher Eddie McCarthy, who starred for the New Bridge Café team in the Chelsea Municipal Fast Pitch Softball League.



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your community. **Conclusion** Understanding the critical importance of protecting our natural habitats is a first step to preserving and cherishing them. Wetlands provide myriad ecosystem services that benefit surrounding communities and help cities fight climate change.

Preserving Belle Isle Marsh—an essential coastal resource—contributes to a more climate resilient Boston, Winthrop, and Revere.

Ana Tavares Leary is the Conservation Program Manager for Friends of the Belle Isle Marsh.

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Know the Early Warning Signs of COPD

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a long-term lung disease that makes it hard to breathe. A leading cause of disability and death in the United States, more than 12.5 million people have been diagnosed, and millions more may have the disease without even knowing it. While there is no cure, knowing COPD’s early warning signs can lead to earlier treatment and may prevent its progression.

The American Lung Association, funded with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is sharing the following insights to help Americans recognize the warning signs of COPD and take action:

Early Warning Signs of COPD

Not everyone has the same COPD symptoms, but some of the more common early warning signs and symptoms may include shortness of breath, a cough that may bring up mucus or phlegm, chest tightness, fatigue and reoccurring lung infections. People may think these symptoms are because of aging, smoking or being out of shape and become less active to avoid experiencing them. These signs and symptoms shouldn’t be ignored. Speak with your healthcare provider if you experience any of these symptoms and discuss any activities you are avoiding due to breathing difficulties.

Risk Factors and Diagnosis

Anyone can develop COPD, but people aged 40 or older and those who smoke or used to smoke are at higher risk. Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of COPD, however 1 in 4 people with COPD never smoked cigarettes. Secondhand smoke, air pollution, workplace exposures to dust, fumes and chemicals, and a genetic condition called alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency (AATD) are also causes and risk factors for COPD.

People are often diagnosed at later stages of COPD when the disease has progressed because they delayed sharing their early symptoms with their healthcare provider. Everyone with risk factors and those experiencing early warning signs should talk to

their healthcare provider about any breathing issues. It’s especially important for women to do so. Because COPD has been historically thought of as a “man’s disease” or an “old person’s disease,” women are sometimes misdiagnosed or receive a delayed diagnosis. But overall, more women are affected by COPD than men and the death rate is higher in women. In addition, women tend to develop the disease at a younger age.

To diagnose COPD, the healthcare provider will evaluate symptoms, gather a complete health history, conduct a health exam and perform a pulmonary function test called spirometry. The results of the spirometry test can determine if you have COPD.

Lifestyle Changes

In addition to treatment, certain lifestyle changes may make a difference, as patients living with COPD know firsthand. After being diagnosed with stage 2 COPD in the wake of a COVID-19 infection, Bob F. partnered with his doctor and started monitoring his breathing at home and leaned into exercise. His hard work has paid off, with his last pulmonary function test showing that the disease has not progressed, and he is in better overall shape than before.

“Most of the advice you should follow is no different than what doctors tell us all. Eat right, exercise, sleep, drink plenty of water, manage your weight and don’t smoke. If you do these things, you may slow the progression of your COPD,” says Bob.

But you shouldn’t wait until a COPD diagnosis to make these changes. Lifestyle changes like quitting smoking, avoiding secondhand smoke and reducing your exposure to air pollution may reduce your risk for developing COPD. If you are experiencing shortness of breath or other respiratory symptoms, do not delay talking to your healthcare provider about your symptoms or COPD risk factors. For more information about COPD, visit Lung.org/COPD. (State-Point



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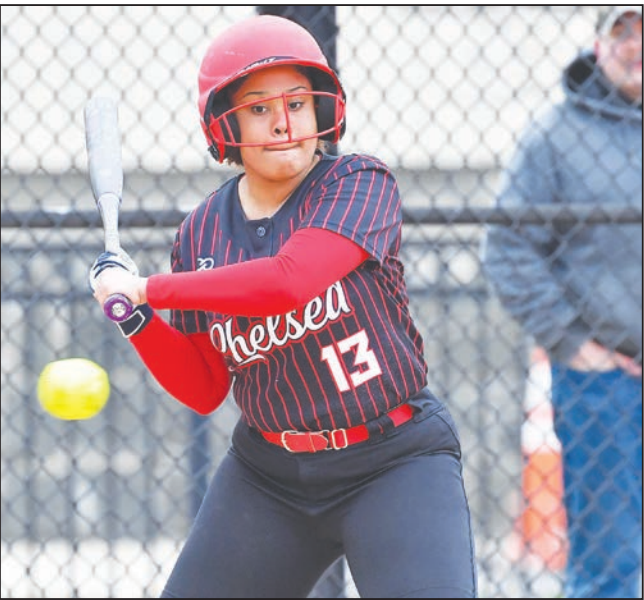
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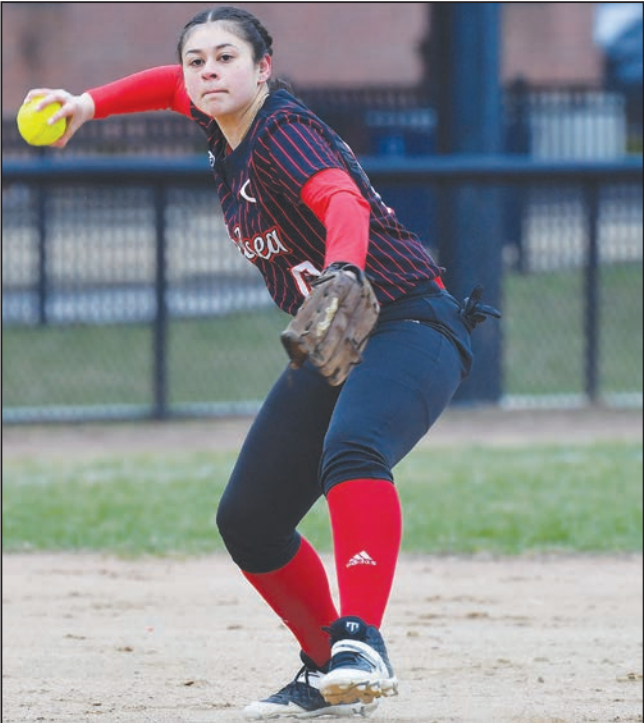
CHELSEA GIRLS IN SOFTBALL ACTION AGAINST EVERETT

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The Red Devils fell into an early deficit and then could not muster any offense against a strong Everett team, losing 17-0 at Glendale Park on Wednesday, April 5.



NOT TO MY LIKING: Nidya Castillo Rodriguez decides to let this pitch pass.



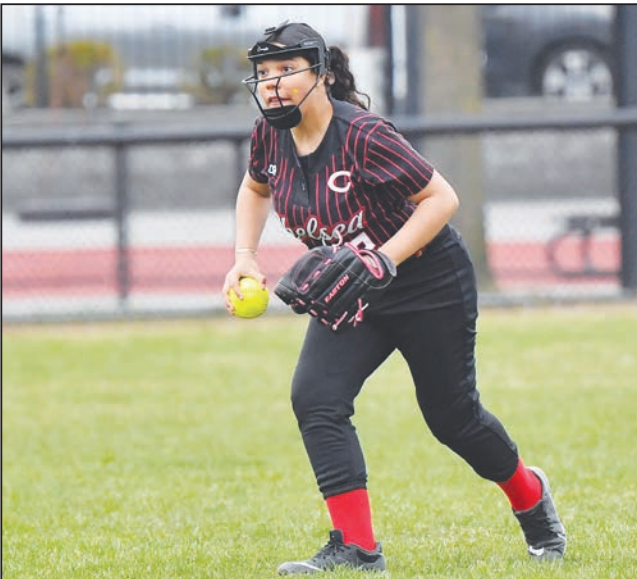
REACTION TIME: Shortstop Yareliz Gonzalez Falcon reacts to a ball hit up the middle.



LONG REACH: Catcher Ariel Rodriguez reaches for a ball off a foul tip.



PLAYING DEFENSE: Starting pitcher Juliana Hassell releases a throw to first base after fielding a slow grounder back to the pitcher's box.



HOLDING THE RUNNER: Centerfielder Jailene Artica runs the ball back to the infield after fielding a base hit.



GOOD EFFORT: Juliana Hassell, playing centerfield, made the effort but couldn't haul in a ball hit over head.



TOP OF THE WINDUP: Juliana Hassell, pitching in relief, at the top of her windup.

CHS ROUNDUP

CHS BASEBALL TEAM TO HOST ENGLISH TOMORROW

The Chelsea High baseball team, which is working hard to earn its first victory of the season, will entertain Greater Boston League rival Lynn English tomorrow (Friday) at Car-

ter Park at 4:00. "We are young and most have never played the game," noted CHS head coach Mike Lush. Members of the 2023 Red Devil squad are: Elijah Rivera, Michael Wagner, Yared Rodriguez, Xavier Santiago, Leudy Sanchez, Jesse Castillo, Greandoll Oliva, David

Gochez, Nazareth Aquino, Laeonardo Perez, Victor Murillo, Jefry Meza, Dylan Ryan, Anthony Rosario, Adam Yamil Soto, Zakaria Moubtassim, Joshua Alvarado, Emmanuel Rodriguez-Vega, Emmanuel Garcia, and Roni Mendez. Among the top performers for the Red Dev-

ils at the plate have been Rivera, who is hitting .555 with five hits in 11 at-bats, and Sanchez, who is hitting .333 with three hits in nine at-bats. On the mound, Rivera has fanned 12 opponents in two starts and Sanchez has struck out 15 enemy batters in five appearances.

A GRANDSON'S TRIBUTE TO LOU DEPRIZIO



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RJ Frometa, pictured above with his parents, Fito Frometa and Allison DePrizio Frometa, wore a special Blue Devils jersey during the Chelsea Youth Basketball League season honoring his grandfather, the beloved Little League president and coach, Lou DePrizio. In the photo right, RJ Frometa display the back of his jersey which reads, "In Memory of Lou DePrizio." Interestingly, RJ's brilliant uncle, Mike DePrizio, played for the Sixers team in the CYBL and for his father Lou's Yankees teams in the Chelsea Little League before going on to attend high school and graduate from Harvard University.

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BOSTON RED SOX PRESIDENT AND CEO SAM KENNEDY SPEAKS AT JBGC BREAKFAST

Cary Shuman Photos

Boston Red Sox President and CEO Sam Kennedy was the guest speaker at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast Tuesday at the Chelsea Station Restaurant.

A graduate of Brookline High School and Trinity College, Kennedy has been a part of the Red Sox leadership team for 22 years, becoming president of the organization

in 2015. During that span, the Red Sox won World Series titles in 2004, 2007, 2013, and 2018.

Kennedy spoke about his tenure with the Red Sox organization and following his interesting presentation, he took questions from the audience.



Boston Red Sox President and CEO Sam Kennedy, guest speaker, delivers his remarks at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast.



From left: Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston Chief Strategy Officer Mike Kennealy, Chief Financial Officer Dave Libby, President and CEO Robert Lewis Jr., Judy Mastrocola, and former Massachusetts state senator Frank Mastrocola.



Mark Nadow, owner of the The Chelsea Station Restaurant, welcomes Boston Red Sox President and CEO Sam Kennedy to the breakfast Tuesday in Chelsea.



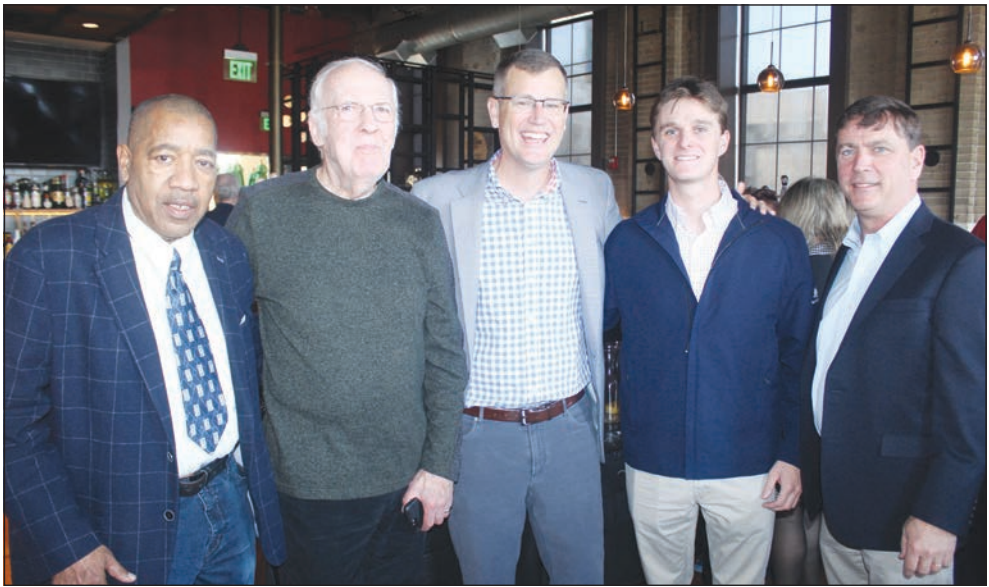
Jennifer Hassell, Gina Centrella, and Josh Kraft.



One North Boston Manager Caitlin Bishop and Breakfast Committee Chair Mark Robinson.



Boston Red Sox President and CEO Sam Kennedy, with breakfast guests from East Cambridge Savings Bank.



City Council President Leo Robinson, Joseph Mahoney, guest speaker Sam Kennedy, Michael McNamee, and Joseph McNamee.

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topographer Dean West.

THE ART OF THE BRICK also includes fan favorite, Yellow, a sculpture of a man ripping his chest open with thousands of yellow LEGO bricks cascading from the cavity. In addition, visitors will be able to walk beside a 20-foot-long T-Rex dinosaur skeleton made out of bricks and come face-to-face with a giant LEGO skull.

THE ART OF THE BRICK is the first major exhibition to use LEGO bricks as the sole art medium. Sawaya transforms

LEGO bricks into tremendous and thought-provoking sculptures, elevating the toy to the realm of art. Sawaya's ability to transform this common toy into something meaningful, his devotion to spatial perfection and the way he conceptualizes action, enables him to elevate what almost every child has played with into the status of contemporary art.

Seen by more than 10 million people worldwide, THE ART OF THE BRICK has inspired creativity and wonder in fans of all ages in over 100 cities in 24 countries across 6 continents. CNN rated THE ART OF THE BRICK as one of the global "top ten must-see exhibitions," PBS NewsHour hailed the artist, "Nathan Sawaya the Leonardo Da Vinci of LEGO Art," and The New York Times proclaimed "...the playfulness is contagious."

Follow THE ART OF THE BRICK exhibit (@artofthebrickexhibit) on Facebook and Instagram, and at the hashtag #BostonBricks

Former NYC corporate lawyer turned contemporary artist, Nathan Sawaya is the first artist ever to take the LEGO brick into the art world as a medium. Sawaya has earned a top position in the world of contemporary art and has created a new dimension by merging Pop Art and Surrealism in awe-inspiring and groundbreaking ways. Sawaya's touring exhibition – THE ART OF THE BRICK® – has entertained and inspired millions of art lovers and enthusiasts around the world. CNN heralded, THE ART OF THE BRICK is one of the top ten "must-see exhibits in the world!" Sawaya is an author, speaker and one of the most popular, award-winning contemporary artists of our time. For more information visit www.brickartist.com.

Running Subway is a New York-based entertainment production company that has produced a multitude of successful exhibitions and theatrical productions including King Tut, The World of DaVinci, The Dead Sea Scrolls, Harry Potter, and The Art of the Brick. Running Subway is also responsible for the highly successful, Broadway and touring production of How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical as well as

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BRUINS *Beat*

by Bob Morello

Bruins strong to the end

Where would one ever begin writing this as a Hollywood-type script, in preparation for a great sports movie? It would be tough to write a script that would be believable, if all the things that have happened for the 2022-23 Boston Bruins this season were included in the story. The idea that a team (as of Wednesday) had compiled a record of 64-12-5...thus far having surpassed, and then some, the existing NHL record of 62 wins (64) in this 82-game regular season schedule...add to that their notching the most points(133) achieved in a single season – topping the 1976-77 Montreal Canadiens record of 132 by a single point with one game still to play! Then add in David Pastrnak scoring 60 goals – the first Bruins player to do it since the Phil Esposito years, and lets keep the imagined fantasy going with a pair of outstanding goaltenders: Linus Ullmark and Jeremy Swayman. Ullmark is #1 across the NHL Goaltending leaderboard – top man in wins (40), goals-against-average (1.89), and save percentage .938. The ‘technical backup’ Swayman holds the #3 spot on that same leaderboard with very respectable numbers that include 23 wins, a goals-against-average of 2.21, and save percentage .922. Okay, still not unbelievable enough, let’s

imagine Ullmark as a candidate for the Vezina Trophy “as the goalie who is the best at their position,” we can consider Bruins captain Patrice Bergeron a finalist to win the Selke Trophy... “given to the forward who best excels in the defensive aspects of the game,” and if he wins it would be for the sixth time in his career. Let’s not forget the new coach Jim Montgomery, make him a finalist for the Jack Adams Award...the coach “adjudged to have contributed the most to his team’s success.” Perhaps we should stop there? No, let’s not – we can add Bruins General Manager Don Sweeney to the mix as a finalist for The Jim Gregory General Manager of the Year Award “given annually to the top National Hockey League general manager.” Enough said!

Back to Earth, with knowing that much of the above is true, and happening right before the eyes of the Boston Bruins faithful. We could dwell on the fact that Ullmark left Tuesday night’s win halfway thought the third period, due to him appearing to tweak some part of his body, and was replaced capably by Swayman. According to coach Montgomery, no reason for concern. “He’s going

to be fine, just some muscle tightening, that’s all.” With the playoffs ready to start either Monday or Tuesday, naturally there is reason for concern, but with Swayman ready to fill the role, there should not be panic. The Bruins have already recalled goaltender Brandon Bussi from Providence on an emergency basis as a possible backup, which means Ullmark might sit out the season finale in Montreal tonight (Thursday)...and not have the opportunity to surpass Pete Peeters’ 1982-83 40-win season. A definite plus is the resuscitation of the power play, as the locals scored twice on the power play on Tuesday, something that hasn’t happened since last December. Several of Don Sweeney’s moves are quickly coming to fruition, a list that not only includes the addition of Dmitry Orlov, Garnet Hathaway, and Tyler Bertuzzi...but also the surprise season of Pavel Zacha, with career-highs (21 goals and 36 assists – 57 points) that earned him NESN’s 7th Player Award for the 2022-23 season. He was acquired from the New Jersey Devils in a swap for winger Erik Hauula, and was signed by Sweeney for four years at

a reasonable price – a bargain to be sure. In addition to all that, remember that he was mainly responsible for unpopular hiring of Montgomery as the replacement for the popular Bruce Cassidy – what a difference maker that was! Following tonight’s finale in Montreal, the Bruins will be only 16 wins away, I’d like to think of it as reachable, when you remember this team had 14 consecutive wins on TD Garden ice at the start of the 2022-23 season, and other numerous win streaks. The team can take note of coach Montgomery’s comment’s following Tuesday’s victory – he expressed great confidence, a peaceful, easy feeling, and more, based on the confidence that this team plays the right way. When you add up the coach’s comments, you can think about the possibilities that are within reach for this group, solidarity that could very well end up earning the 2023 Stanley Cup. The road is paved one game at a time, culminating in 16 victories, or 16 Ullmark/Swayman bows and hugs celebrations! Next week will provide lots of answers as the playoffs begin, and opponents are determined. The best advice is: fasten your seatbelt, this is going to be one heck of a ride ! Stay tuned for the release of the Playoff Schedule.



OBITUARIES

Janice Lucy McLellan

She will be forever missed by her loving family

Janice Lucy (Lewis) McLellan entered eternal rest on Easter morning, April 9 at her home in Revere, surrounded by the love and comfort of her family. She was 83 years of age.

Born in Chelsea, the daughter of the late Byron and Mildred (Nickley) Lewis, Janice has been a long-time resident of Revere for 43 years. Janice dedicated her working career as a health care aide for seniors, having worked at the Shapiro Adult Day Care Center. During the course of her career, she also cared for children at a day care center.

Janice enjoyed baking, but most importantly she enjoyed time with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed taking her grandchildren to Roller World or Bonkers for fun. She will be forever missed by her loving family.

The beloved wife of Hugh W. McLellan, Sr. of Revere, she was the beloved mother of Donna M. McLellan and her companion, Melissa A. DuFour of Revere, Hugh W. McLellan, Jr. of Saugus and the late Robert Taylor, Joseph Taylor, William Taylor, Paul Taylor. Janice was predeceased by eight brothers and three sisters. She was the cherished grandmother of Da-



vid J. Mullett, Danielle M. Mullett Sr., Krystle M. McLellan, Hugh W. McLellan III and four great grandchildren: Elijah A. McLellan, David W. LePage, Jr., Grace M. D’Orsi and Ava R. LePage. Janice also leaves behind her loving dog, Lucy.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Wednesday, April 12. Funeral from the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Street, Chelsea today, Thursday at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 670 Washington Ave., Revere at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. We encourage family and friends to visit carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Jeffrey Bowen unveils new luxury townhouses on Blossom Street

By Cary Shuman

For two decades Jeffrey Bowen has been at the helm of a citywide resurgence in the real estate market. The well-known realtor is now focusing his sights on the marketing of a new property at 84-86 Blossom Street, Chelsea.

Bowen, who owns ChelseaRealEstate.com, is offering for sale “four brand-new luxury townhomes with iron finishes, quartz counters, red-oak hardwood flooring, custom-tile bathrooms, air-conditioning, garage parking, and a common yard.”



Chelsea realtor, Jeffrey Bowen, pictured in one of the new luxury townhouses on Blossom Street.

“I sold the developer the lot three years ago,

and we’ve just finished construction,” said Bowen proudly.

The tri-level townhomes are two-bedroom, 2 ½ bath with garage parking and plenty of storage space. The townhomes are each listed at \$749,000.

“The townhomes are close to Market Basket and Starbucks, and you can walk to the commuter rail and Silver Line,” said Bowen. “And per square foot, the price of these townhomes is lower than the neighboring communities of Charlestown and East Boston.”

Bowen is hosting open houses at the Blossom

Street property from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, with private showings upon request.

“These are the most luxurious townhomes and the only townhomes that Chelsea has for sale,” said Bowen. “There are only three new condo projects in Chelsea right now, 157 Chestnut St., 163 Chestnut St., and 84-86 Blossom St.”


Bowen is highly regarded as a generous, community-minded person with a love for Chelsea. He grew up in East Boston, attended St. Rose School, and lived in Chelsea for 17 years.



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From left, are Rick Gordon, Allan Alpert, Peter Zaksheski, D. Bruce Mauch, Edward Palleschi, Joseph Vinard, David Mindlin, and City Council President Leo Robinson.

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CHELSEA TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval to make Clark Avenue a one-way Street, in the southwest direction, between Stockton Street and Webster Avenue. Per Order Chief Keith E. Houghton Chairperson 4/13/23 C

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Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities employment

1. Knowledge of ground keeping and custodial cleaning preferred.
2. Knowledge of the proper use of chemicals, fertilizers, and pesticides.
3. Knowledge of occupational hazards and safety measures.
4. Ability to understand and conduct oral and written instructions.
5. Ability to maintain acceptable working relationships with co-workers.
6. Ability to work in adverse conditions, such as: sleet, snow, heat, cold, dust and dirt, as well as cramped quarters and high places.
7. Ability to lift heavy objects.
8. Knowledgeable and skilled in performing various painting task
9. Knowledgeable and skilled in performing various carpentry task

Responsibilities

1. Work in a professional and courteous manner within a service environment.
2. Perform preventive ground keeping and custodial procedures.
3. Document information required maintaining records on preventive maintenance programs, repairs, installations, and stock utilization and working orders.
4. Be proficient with hand and power tools.
5. Report on working in emergency conditions.
6. When necessary, works under adverse conditions, shovels snow, and lifts heavy objects.
7. Perform all other related duties that may be assigned.

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TEMPLE EMMANUEL HOSTS PASSOVER SEDER

Temple Emmanuel of Chelsea celebrated the Jewish holiday of Passover with a traditional Seder at the Elaine and Larry Smith Social Hall. Rabbi Oksana Chapman, spiritual leader of the congregation, presided

over the Seder. Vocalist Marsha Weiss performed Passover songs. Temple President Sara Lee Callahan thanked Cindy Millman for her efforts in leading the organizing of the event.



The guests surprised longtime Temple Emmanuel member Beverly Feinstein with a cake in celebration of her 90th birthday.



Rabbi Oksana Chapmam, with the Temple's esteemed musical couple, Herman Weiss and Marsha Johnson Weiss.



Event Chair Cindy Millman, one of Temple Emmanuel's most dedicated members, with Rabbi Oksana Chapman, the spiritual leader of the congregation.



Seated are Sheldon Young and Sandra Padulsky. Standing are Lynda Diamond, Sarah Diamond, Stuart Bell, Karen Poverman, and Steve Poverman.



Seated are Shirley Kaplan and Edythe Shuman. Standing are Ronda Winer, Marsha Weiss, Darleen Kirshon, and Barry Kirshon.



Seated are Charlie Drector, Dotty Novak, and Beverly Feinstein. Standing are Caren Drector, Murray Novak, Cindy Millman, and Stephen Vider.



Seated are Adam Beairsto, Samantha Beairsto, Ava Ellison, and Gina Ellison. Standing are Ellen Goldstick, Esther Wegman, Lewis Wegman, Sam McSweeney, Sue Huberman, Sharon Minkovitz, and Marilyn Davidson.



Ken Wacks, Jay Rosenzwaig, Howie Sorkin, Janice Doherty, Renee George, and Sandra Turyn.



The Temple President's Table, seated are Todd Finn, Steve Bell, and Attorney Michael Callahan. Standing are David Pressman, Ralph Turransky, Carole Turransky, and Temple President Sara Lee Callahan.

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