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## CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ENJOY PROM NIGHT



Shown above, Jose Reyes, Genesis Bonilla, Aracely Franco, Naun Ventura and Gabriela Marquez at the CHS Senior Prom held at Spinelli's in Lynnfield on Friday, May 19.

Shown to the right, Abraham Mendez and Nancy Prudencio.

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## Council approves free cash transfers

By Adam Swift

The City Council unanimously approved the appropriation of just over \$1.3 million in free cash into a variety of city projects and programs at Monday night's meeting.

In addition, the council also approved the transfer of a \$2.9 million surplus from the Clark Avenue Middle School project into the school department's capital stabilization fund.

Earlier this year, the state certified over \$17 million in free cash at the end of Fiscal Year 2022, as well as about \$6 million free cash in the city's water and sewer enterprise funds.

"For the most part, we are taking money from free cash and we are cleaning up something where there may have been an overage or something may have come up over the year for adjustments," said Councilor-at-Large Brian Hatleberg. "I wanted to take a moment to point out that we have surplus fund-

ing in the Clark Avenue Middle School, it is really a wonderful thing to see. It is greatly to the credit of the project administration."

Hatleberg said that money can be used for future needed school capital improvement projects. While people tend to think of the schools as fairly new, Hatleberg said there are some capital needs that will be coming up in the near future.

The free cash transfers that were approved by the council included Some of the requests included \$176,000 for the Bunker Hill Scholarship Program for Chelsea High School students, \$100,000 for seed funds for the Chelsea 400th celebration in 2024, \$11,000 for city audit services, and \$50,000 for the Mill Creek Riverwalk project.

Other transfers included \$200,000 for additional costs for the Powderhorn Hill staircase refurbish-

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## Brown wants more info on proposed Encore expansion impact on Chelsea

By Adam Swift

District 8 City Councilor Calvin Brown wants Interim City Manager Ned Keefe to meet with representatives from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission about the planned expansion of the Encore Resort and Casino in Everett.

"Encore has been buying up a lot of property around the casino and they are potentially going to do a significant expansion," said Brown. "We've got a mediation agreement with them when they first opened up under the conditions we had then."

Brown said he would like to see more details from the state about the proposed Encore expansion and specifically, how it will impact traffic in Chelsea.

"I believe here in Chelsea that if you start making more activities and facilities over there, you

are going to have more traffic that would have an impact here in the city of Chelsea," said Brown. "If we are going to have a significant impact from this work that they are doing, then we need to have them back at the table and

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## Council debates avenues for affordable housing discussion

By Adam Swift

With the search for a new City Manager underway, the City Council debated the best way to address Chelsea's affordable housing needs at its regular meeting on Monday night.

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero introduced an order requesting a subcommittee meeting on affordable housing. Specifically, Recupero said he wanted numbers on the number of Chelsea residents who have obtained affordable housing units over the past several years.

"I've put this in before, and I have all the numbers and figures, but they are from 2010," said Recupero. "They are 12 to 13 years behind, so I would like to know exactly how

many Chelsea residents are actually getting these (affordable units). I believe that if we are going to give these corporations that come here a tax deferral, more Chelsea residents should be (in the units)."

Recupero said he understood state law limited how many affordable units could be set aside for Chelsea residents.

Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot questioned whether Recupero's request warranted a subcommittee meeting or if Recupero could be sent the information he requested from the city administration.

"I just respectfully feel like we have had this conversation so many times, and I feel like we know that people are kind of

bound by the state law because it limits, it would be illegal for them to say it is only for Chelsea residents; we already know that," said Vidot. "I just want to make sure that if we are going to a subcommittee, and I'm coming here on a Tuesday, that we are going to get somewhere, and I don't know if we are actu-

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## GEESE CROSSING



JOHN VITAGLIANO PHOTO

On Sunday, May 21, a family of geese decided they needed to cross Williams Street in Chelsea. While mother goose is leading her 14 youngsters, father goose is blocking traffic.

Please check back in next week's issue for an interview with Paul and Tracy Nowicki!

## East Boston teen charged with Chelsea shooting

Special to the Record

An East Boston teen was arraigned last week in Chelsea District Court on assault and multiple firearm charges for his role in the non-fatal shooting of a 16-year-old in Chelsea.

Moises Fermin Flores, 19, of East Boston was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, possession of a firearm without an FID card, possession of ammunition without an FID card, carrying a loaded large capacity firearm on a public way, and defacing a firearm, and ordered held without bail. He will return to court June 20 for a probable cause hearing, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

At about 5:15 p.m. on May 10, Chelsea police responded to Bosson Park for several calls reporting a fight, a male with a machete, and shots fired. Officers soon located a juvenile with a gunshot wound to his left foot and transported him to a local hospital.

Four individuals, later identified as Moises Fermin Flores, Misael

Rodriguez, and two juveniles were stopped shortly after at a Silver Line bus terminal while running away from the scene, according to the DA's office. The DA's office further stated that video surveillance showed Flores and Rodriguez each carrying a black handgun. The video reportedly showed the victim wielding a machete and advancing toward the four individuals before Rodriguez began shooting. Rodriguez is allegedly seen firing twice, striking the victim once in the foot. After the shooting, Flores, Rodriguez, and the two juveniles were observed fleeing up Bellingham Street toward Willow Street before being stopped by police, according to the DA's office.

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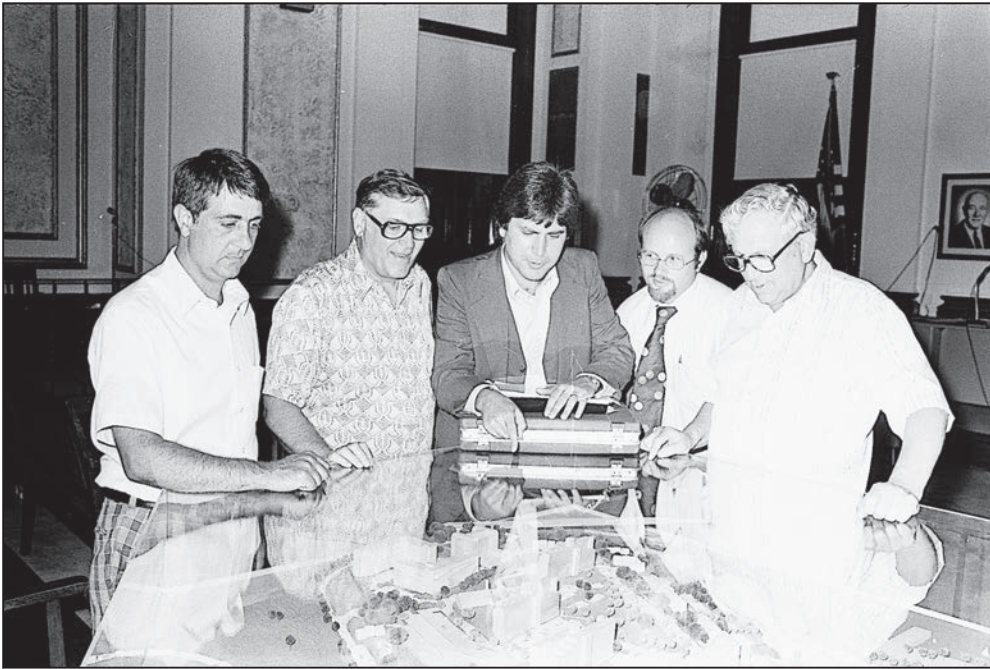
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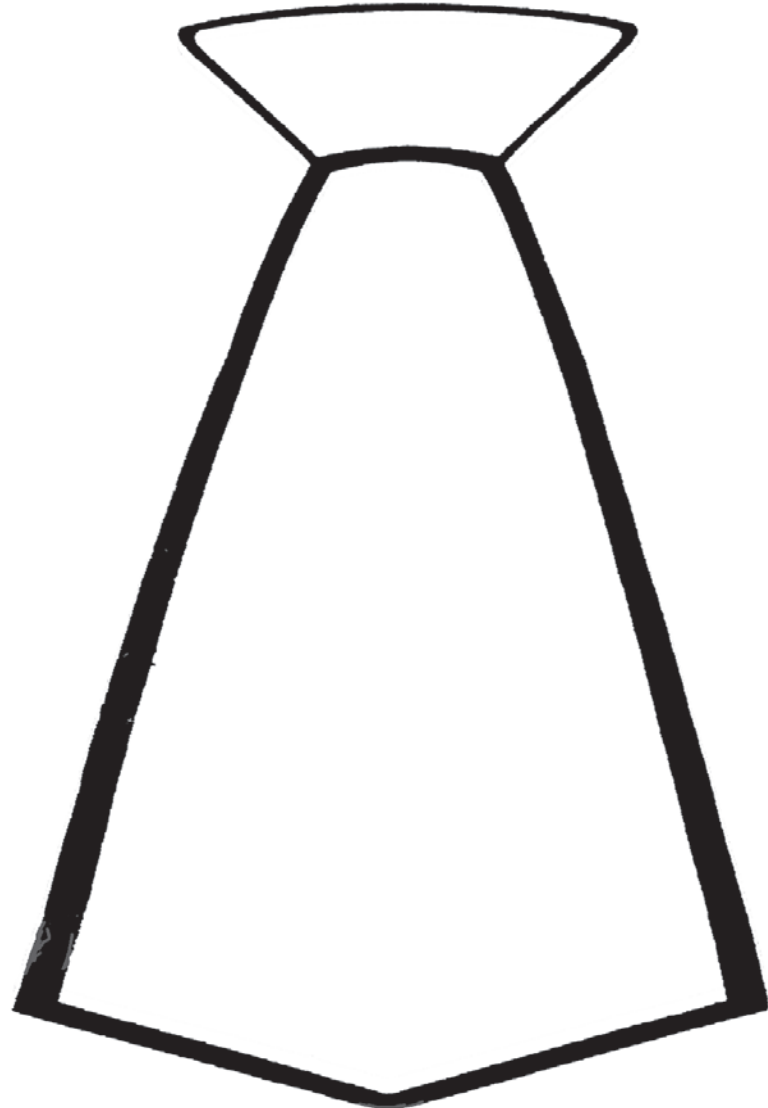
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OF ARNOLD JARMAK



**REMEMBERING RICHIE CLAYMAN** -- This month marks 10 years since the passing of Richard I. "Richie" Clayman, who died all-too-young at the age of 65 on May 1, 2013. Richie was a legendary figure both in his native city of Chelsea, where he served for many years on the Board of Aldermen and the School Committee and maintained a successful law practice, and in his later adopted city of Revere, where he was a well-known real estate developer. However, Richie was best-known not only for all of his accomplishments, but for his gregarious nature and willingness to help people in ways both big and small. According to the news article in the Chelsea Record of his funeral services at Temple Emmanuel, "The gathering was so immense that people had to stand two deep in the aisles and along the interior walls of the temple while others listened to the service from outside the main sanctuary." In these photos from the archives of legendary Chelsea Record photographer Arnold Jarmak, Richie is shown (top center) looking at a rendering of the Chelsea Naval Hospital development along with Assessor Guy Santagate (far left), Ward 2 Alderman Ted Smigielski (second from right), and Assessor Chairman Dave Newman (far right). In the bottom photo, Clayman is shown standing second from left. Other prominent officials included in the photo are Chelsea Atty. Evan Frost Gellar (third from left), Chelsea District Court Chief Probation Officer David Geenspan (fifth from left), and far right, Sol Nechtem, long-time Chelsea High Athletic Director, who is standing above his wife Gladys. Seated on the far left is the former Mrs. Amy Nechtem Clayman, who is now the Chief Justice of the Mass. Juvenile Court, and seated in the center is former long-time Ward 4 Alderman Charles Delorio.



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CPS celebrates second annual  
Youth Mental Health and Wellness Day

Special to the Record

With the sun shining above on a picturesque Thursday afternoon, the courtyard at the Williams School bustled with activity. Children were singing and dancing. Parents were smiling ear-to-ear. The second annual Youth Mental Health and Wellness Day presented by Chelsea Public Schools created an environment where kids and families could gather for two hours of fun while learning about resources available to them to help manage mental health needs.

Twenty-five community partners staged tables with information for the over 600 people in attendance on Thursday, May 18. Information available

included programs for kids to participate in outside of school hours and strategies to manage stress and anxiety. Activities for kids included a petting zoo, karate demonstration, Zumba class, dancing and even the opportunity to pie school staff members in the face.

"In Chelsea, Mental Health matters and as a school district we are committed to destigmatizing mental health care, encouraging our students and families to seek out support when needed, in addition to providing continuous access to resources that best service the needs of our students and families," commented CPS District Administrator of Social Work Brenda Pena.

Youth Mental Health and Wellness Day occurs every year in May during Mental Health Awareness Month. The event is part of CPS' ongoing efforts to reinforce the importance of mental health in students' education and livelihood. Over the past two years, CPS has prioritized expanding access to mental health supports. Investments in expanded telehealth services for middle and high school students and increasing its school counseling and social work departments are among the measures taken by CPS to meet the needs of students.

CPS families interested in more information about how to access these resources can call their child's school.

City seeking council approval to fund  
the Chelsea Microgrid Project

By Adam Swift

The City Council is being asked to approve an energy services agreement and authorize a lease purchase finance agreement to implement Phase 1 of the Chelsea Microgrid Project.

"The project seeks to provide emergency power to ensure continuity of public services, while promoting energy resilience and reducing greenhouse gas emissions through new energy (battery) storage facilities at City Hall and the police station, coupled with solar panels on the DPW City Yard," stated Interim City Manager Ned Keefe.

Keefe is requesting that the council approve an energy services agreement (ESA) with Ameresco, Inc. in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws and authorize a lease purchase finance agreement for the borrowing of funds in the amount of \$3,615,699 for the first phase of the microgrid project.

The microgrid project has been in discussion for more than five years,

particularly since the advent of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico in 2017, according to Keefe. The goals of the project are to increase energy resilience, provide clean back-up energy to power critical city operations during outages, reduce emissions, and empower residents to guide the adoption of clean energy technologies, according to Keefe.

"Alongside community partners, grant funding was secured to conduct a feasibility study to implement a cloud-based microgrid project in June 2020, where it was demonstrated that a project of this nature would be possible and beneficial," stated Keefe. "The microgrid team moved forward and secured \$965,500 in grant funding from the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program, Green Communities Program, and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to design and install Phase 1 of the project."

The city hired Ameresco to design, construct, and maintain the project. Phase 1 includes battery energy storage systems at

City Hall/911 Emergency Communications Center and the Chelsea Police Department, which will collectively provide back-up power for essential government services, as well as the solar panels at the DPW yard.

As is customary for energy projects, Keefe said municipalities will frequently design projects that recoup the initial investment through cost savings achieved through the energy efficiency upgrades, Keefe stated.

The approximately \$3.6 million not covered by the grants will be borrowed through a 15-year Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase if approved by the city council.

"Notably, the project will generate sufficient revenue to cover the costs of repayment, culminating with a surplus of approximately \$1 million from energy cost savings over the 20 year life of the project," Keefe stated.

Construction for the project is expected to get underway in the fall of 2023, with an estimated commercial operation date in the spring of 2024.

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Massachusetts State Police retraced the four individuals' flight path and recovered two black semi-automatic handguns. One had a filed down serial number and the second gun did not have any serial number. Flores reportedly told investigators he found the gun in his possession in a park near Logan Airport approximately a week ago.

Misael Rodriguez has not been apprehended at this time.

"This broad-daylight shooting in a public park is yet another example of gun violence that we're seeing too often, in too many places, with too many people

being hurt and too many neighborhoods being terrorized," said Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden. "Along with prosecuting those who carry and use guns, we are working with all of our police departments and all of our civic partners to address the issues that cause gun violence in the first place."

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles

over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

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# Rare Lounge debuts at Encore Boston Harbor

Encore Boston Harbor is pleased to announce the exciting addition of Rare Lounge. Located adjacent to Boston's highest-rated Forbes Travel Guide steakhouse, Rare Steakhouse, Rare Lounge will be under the direction of recently appointed Executive Chef Megan Vaughan.

Offering seamless transitions between pre-dinner drinks, tantalizing bites, and after-dinner night-caps, Rare Lounge will be a perfect complement to Rare Steakhouse. The lounge's menu will feature classic and new interpretations of popular cocktails, approachable menu

items, and a fresh, locally sourced raw bar. Menu highlights will include the "BDF" (Best Damn Fries), served with black truffle, Parmesan, and bearnaise sauces, as well as the Wild Wood, a unique Rare Lounge spin on the classic whiskey sour.

"We are thrilled to in-

troduce an extension of our Rare Steakhouse, with Rare Lounge," said Jenny Holaday, Encore Boston Harbor President. "This new venue expands our culinary offerings, providing our guests with intimate and accessible food and drink options."

As the Executive Chef of Rare Steakhouse and Rare Lounge, Chef Vaughan leads the development and execution of the exceptional cuisine for which Encore Boston Harbor has become renowned. Her previous roles include Executive Chef at Michael Mina's Bourbon Steak in Seattle, Corporate Chef within the Mina Group, Executive Chef at The Beach Club in Santa Monica, and Executive Sous Chef at Wolfgang Puck's CUT in Beverly Hills, which was awarded a Michelin Star during her tenure.

With its stylish and contemporary design, Rare Lounge will exude a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere providing



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

**Former Everett resident Victoria Fabbo, well-known food reviewer, registered dietitian, and professional chef, enjoys the event held at the new Rare Lounge inside Encore Boston Harbor.**

guests with a more intimate alternative to Rare Steakhouse's elegant dining room.

During a media event held May 16, guests praised the majestic lounge that will be open seven days a week. Said nationally known influencer Natalie Migliari-ni, creator of Beautiful Booze, a website and blog devoted to all things cocktails, beer, and wine, "The

new Rare Lounge retains the luxury and elegance of Rare Steakhouse and takes it an all-new direction with creative cocktails served in the elevated fashion one would expect. Not only is this lounge a great place to spend time if you're visiting Encore Boston Harbor, but it's an absolute gem for Bostonians who want a special evening out, or elevated date night."



**Pictured at the grand opening of the Rare Lounge at Encore Boston, from left, are Jenny Holaday, Encore Boston Harbor President, Chef Megan Vaughan, Executive Chef Rare Steakhouse and Rare Lounge, Chef Kimberly Beatrix, Executive Pastry Chef Encore Boston Harbor, Chef Sarah Thompson, Executive Chef Casa Playa, Wynn Las Vegas, Mariena Boarini, Master Mixologist, Wynn Resorts, Chef Jennifer Yee, Executive Pastry Chef Wynn Resorts, and Elizabeth Blau, CEO of Blau Associates.**

## Local school students compete in stock market challenge

The stock market soared on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, as Junior Achievement of Greater Boston (JA) brought its annual Stock Market Challenge to RSM US LLP at 80 City Square in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston, offering students from throughout the region a unique, hands-on opportunity to learn how the market operates by investing and trading stocks as if they were managing accounts on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

After a three-year, pandemic induced hiatus, JA was thrilled to host its coveted JA Stock Market Challenge in-person once again. Exceeding pre-pandemic student participation, a total of 1,125 students from Boston College High School, Boston Latin School, Brighton High School, Chelsea High School, Lawrence High School, Lowell High School, and Somerville High School participated in JA Take Stock in Your Future in-class lessons – JA's classroom curriculum that introduces students to basic concepts about how the stock market works and the impact of current events on the stock market – led by volunteers from JA's community, including individuals from companies such as Santander Bank. Lesson topics included understanding stocks, stock trading, and exploring dividends.

Of those 1,125 students, the 130 winners of the classroom competition, equaling 31 teams from five of JA's impact communities (Boston, Chelsea, Lawrence, Lowell, and Somerville), competed in JA's Stock Market Challenge – an exciting, fast-paced simulation of a 60-day stock trading period where teams of students are granted \$500,000 of fictional funds to battle each other, buying and selling stocks, to create the portfolio with the highest net worth. The money may have been imaginary, but the stakes were high, the energy was electric, and the competition was fierce.

As any teacher who has

implemented project-based learning can attest – it was fun to watch! Students were highly engaged and excited, taking ownership of what they were learning. Teams watched the news and hailed floor traders, which were comprised of volunteers from Delta Air Lines, Fidelity Investments, and RSM US LLP. The top three winning teams received fabulous prizes, with the first-place team of students each receiving a \$500 cash gift.

The winning teams from the student competition were:

1st place: Somerville High School

2nd place: Lawrence High School

3rd place: Brighton High School

"We are thrilled to have been able to host this hall-mark annual event for high school students once again," said Radhamés Nova, President & CEO of Junior Achievement of Greater Boston. "Local high school students were given the opportunity to experience first-hand what it's like to invest in the stock market for a day, how to think on their feet, make quick decisions under pressure, and the importance of teamwork. They also walked away not only with improved financial skills but also better informed about this industry."

Later that same day, attendees from local companies competed in the same competition, raising approximately \$120,000 for Junior Achievement of Greater Boston and its mission to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy through hands-on lessons in entrepreneurship, personal finance, and career readiness. The winning teams from the corporate competition were:

Webster Bank, Highest Net Worth

KPMG, Highest Return on Investments

We would like to thank our event presenting partners Delta Air Lines, Fidelity Investments, RSM US LLP, and many more for helping us provide this program to students!

About Junior Achievement of Greater Boston

Junior Achievement's (JA) mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. JA is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating young people on financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship through programs taught by trained corporate or community volunteers in schools and at after-school sites throughout the world. Together with our school, business, and community partners, Junior Achievement of Greater Boston draws on its 70+ year history to prepare today's youth for the workforce of tomorrow. Through our proven, hands-on programs and experiences, middle and high school students in Central and Eastern Massachusetts learn how to manage their finances, launch their own businesses, make their college and career goals a reality, and become future leaders. We engage volunteers from the business community who understand our students' lived experiences, and can guide them as they build their confidence, and important life and workplace skills. By focusing on communities most in need of opportunity, we're transforming students' lives, making a lasting impact on their families, schools and communities, and creating a more equitable society.

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ally going to do that with this order. I'm not going to say no to a subcommittee on conference if there is dialogue that needs to happen."

Councilor-at-Large Brian Hatleberg said he believes there should be a discussion on affordable housing that includes the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board and other key stakeholders, but said that conversation should prob-

ably wait until after the city hires a new city manager.

District 5 Councilor Judith Garcia agreed that a deeper discussion about affordable housing should wait until there is a new city manager.

"We're in the process of getting a city manager, and we need to understand that person's leadership style, what their vision is, what their purpose of

economic development is, and maybe then we can have that conversation," said Garcia.

Recupero said he was open to any amendments or changes in his motion that would result in a discussion about affordable housing.

"The only thing that is important to me is that we get Chelsea people to live in Chelsea, that's the bottom line," he said.

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ment, \$215,000 for DPW buildings and grounds projects, \$10,000 for DPW buildings and grounds overtime, \$60,000 for street and sidewalk over-

time, \$50,000 for sewer enterprise infrastructure, and \$61,000 for IT department projects.

Additional money was approved to pay expected

deficits in outside legal services, unemployment costs, redistricting expenses in the City Clerk's office, and solid waste disposal.

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LET US REMEMBER THOSE  
WHO “GAVE THE LAST FULL  
MEASURE”

Although the Memorial Day weekend signifies the start of the summer season and is observed by families and friends who gather for barbecues and similar festivities, we should keep in mind that Memorial Day is our most solemn national holiday in which we remember those who gave their lives in defense of our country. Their sacrifice in the many wars our nation has fought since our country’s founding should serve as a reminder that freedom isn’t free.

Although today we technically are at peace, the world feels anything but peaceful. Totalitarian adversaries either are wreaking havoc (Russia in Ukraine) or threatening to do so (No. Korea and China).

If the lessons of the past and present teach us anything, it is that we cannot take our freedom for granted. The same troops who at the present time are providing humanitarian and military aid in far-off places around the globe could be called upon to engage in a far different and far more dangerous mission at a moment’s notice.

We should keep in mind too, that the willingness of our military personnel to serve in defense of our country not only places them in harm’s way, but also imposes great sacrifices upon their families.

This realization made us think back to the roots of Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day in the aftermath of the Civil War, with the proclamation by Gen. Logan on May 5, 1868, in which he declared:

“The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit. Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation’s gratitude, the soldier’s and sailor’s widow and orphan.”

In the aftermath of World War I, the term Supreme Sacrifice came into the national lexicon to describe those who gave their lives in that terrible conflict and has been associated with our wars for the past century.

However, prior to that time, President Abraham Lincoln coined a different phrase -- the “last full measure” -- in his speech at Gettysburg to honor the Union soldiers who fought and died to preserve the nation in that epic battle that turned back the Confederate Army.

Lincoln’s brief oration rates as the greatest-ever testament to those who have given their lives in defense of their country. We never tire of reading his plain yet profound words, and as the years pass, they seem to take on new meaning. Similar to the state of the nation when Lincoln delivered his speech on November 19, 1863, at the official dedication of the Soldiers National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, we are divided along lines that seem irreconcilable. Not only are we facing challenges to our democratic ideals abroad, but here at home as well.

We are printing the full text of the Gettysburg address in the hope that our readers draw as much inspiration from it as we do:

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

“Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

“We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

“But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

We hope our readers appreciate the eternal truths of Lincoln’s sentiments, which are as relevant today as they have been since the founding of our nation.

We wish all of our readers a happy Memorial Day weekend.

Forum



GUEST OP-ED

Reevaluate your church mission spending

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

For fifty years of my life, I’ve been associated with churches that have given over four million dollars collectively to outside denominational endeavors.

The typical mainline denominational church/parish will collect weekly offerings from their members. A percentage of this money each month is given to a state office. The state office will in turn keep a large percentage of the money for state denominational purposes. The rest of it will be sent to the national office. Some denominations have an international mission office and an American denominational office.

Local churches are always encouraged to give more of their weekly offerings to the state and national causes. The state and national entities employ people who do denominational work. They have full time salaries,

medical insurance, retirement plans and usually newer model cars to drive. They need more money like most everyone else. Many churches will give ten and often as high as 25 percent of their general offering to these outside entities.

The denomination rewards the church by praising them. Patting them on the back. They will usually list the top 100 giving churches on their denominational website or state publication piece. They will work hard to enlist the pastor of the church to serve on state committees. This is done to make the pastor feel important and to keep their hand in the local church through the church’s pastor. Executives from the denomination will come a couple of times a year to visit the church and praise them for their generosity. This usually is about the summation of what the local church gets back from their sacrificial 10 to 25%

percent giving.

In far too many cases the local church deprives itself of needed money to fund their own local needs. The local minister often has to scrape to get by while the church is mailing a big check to the denominational hierarchy.

I’ve been a strong advocate of International and state missions most of my life. However, I’m tired of seeing so many small churches do without while the state and national entities regardless of the denomination, do and have more.

If your church has been mailing 15 percent of its money down to the state office every month then why not keep eight percent of that to do local mission work in your neighborhood? Will the state or national office come to your town and help the homeless? Are they in your town helping unwed mothers and ministering to pregnant teenagers? Are they sup-

porting the local halfway house for drug addicts and safe house for abuse victims? Are they going door to door in your neighborhood telling people about God’s love? Too many churches rationalize, “We are doing mission work by sending our money to the state office.”

Churches should use more of their mission money at home. Your local area has needs. Jesus gave The Great Commission to go into the world but too often we miss what is right in our face. I’m for supporting mission work around the world but your greatest mission work is in your neighborhood.

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

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CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ENJOY PROM NIGHT AT SPINELLI’S IN LYNNFIELD

Last Friday, May 19, the CHS Senior Class of 2023 gathered at Spinelli’s in Lynnfield for their annual senior prom. This event for all senior classes everywhere signifies the final get together before that day in June that took 4 years to accomplish.

The students dressed in their finest attire, and filled with great expectations of what is to come, enjoyed a dinner and a night of celebration as friends, and as classmates forever.



Denis Portillo and Cristina Vasquez sit down to dinner.



Enjoying the prom, Aviana Brimley, Carlos Lopez and Alexandra Riyas.



Sheila Da Rosa and Yameli Miranca.



The Senior Class of CHS 2023 enjoyed a great night at Spinelli’s in Lynnfield.



Keira Dinklang and Brian Ojani.



Seniors from CHS enjoying their prom at Spinelli’s last Friday night.

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maybe talk about some additional costs for the impact that it will have on our community from the traffic.”

In February, state gaming regulators interpreted Everett’s 2013 casino referendum to authorize gaming not just on the current casino site, but on land across from the casino, as well.

Encore is proposing to develop on about 13 acres of parking lots across Broadway from the current hotel-casino

complex and turn it into a new development that will include two hotels with ballrooms and a combined 800 guest rooms, multiple restaurants, a 200-seat comedy club, a roof deck club, a 980-seat theater, an indoor nightclub, a poker room, and a WynnBet Sportsbook.

In addition, in April, Encore parent company Wynn Development purchased the Mike’s Roast Beef property on Broadway for a reported \$5.5 million.

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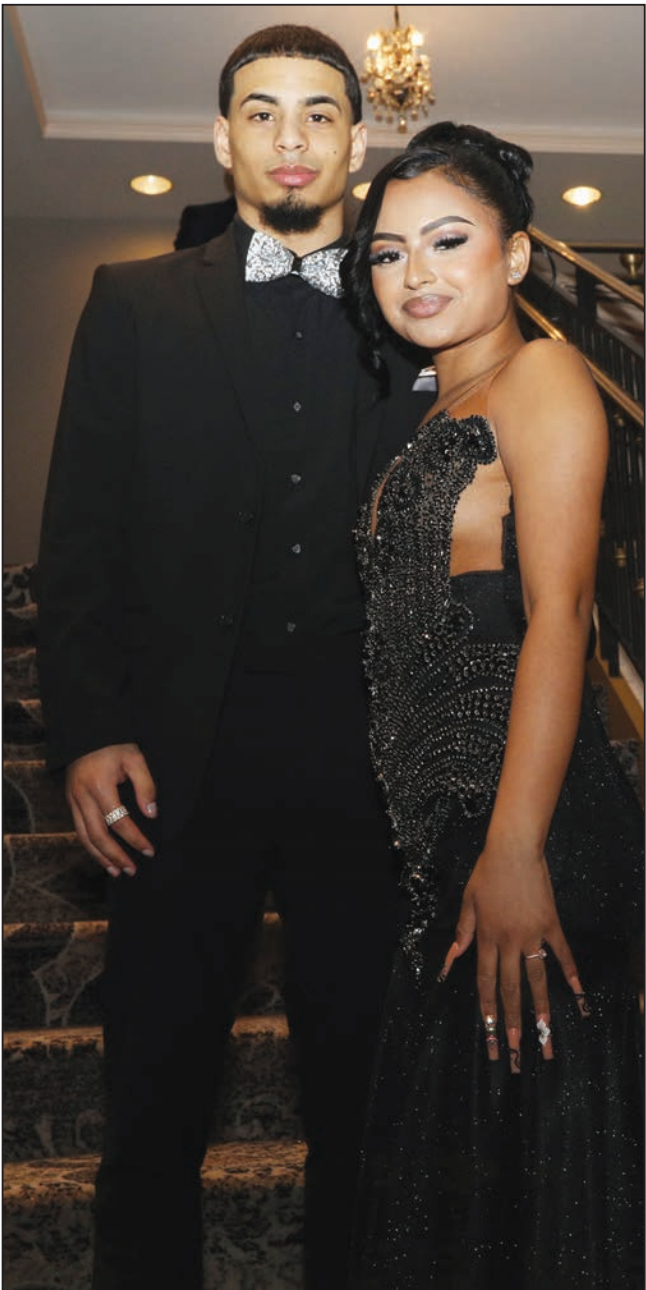
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Waiting for the photo booth, Jennifer Lopez and April Alvarez.



Heading up to the party, Erika Quintanilla, Joseline Moran, Maria Gracias, and Katerin Landaverde.



Sherwin Santos and Angie Murillo climbing the stairs to their senior prom.



Emily Menjivar and Ivona Niyonkinco.



Matching smiles, Messiah Yarde and Kiara Matos.



Hitting the dance floor, Victor Bermudez and Ariana Pacheco.



CHS Faculty, Patricia Arevalo, CHS Principal Obed Morales, Tiffany Robinson, Emma Gardiner, Elias Reinoso and Alan Beausoleil.



Elsy Mafute, Brenda Quijada, Paola Garcia, Silvia Hernandez and Sandra Hernandez.



SENATOR DIDOMENICO CELEBRATES UNIVERSAL SCHOOL MEALS

Last week, Senator DiDomenico joined Project Bread, Cindy Long, the Food and Nutrition Service Administrator for the US Department of Agriculture, Representative Andy Vargas, and many others for a roundtable discussion celebrating the work that the legislature, schools, and anti-hunger organizations have done in Massachusetts ensuring robust access to school meals. “I am proud to work alongside these dedicated groups, advocates, and colleagues and we will keep pushing and advocating until the Universal School Meals program is fully funded and made permanent in our state,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “This is the year to the make it happen and our students and families should not have to worry about food in our schools. Making free universal school meals permanent throughout the Commonwealth is one of my highest priorities this session.”



Senator DiDomenico speaking next to Representative Andy Vargas to his left.

SOCIAL WORK ORGANIZATION TOUTS SUPPORT FOR BILL SPONSORED BY DIDOMENICO

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for a legislative briefing alongside State Representative Christine Barber, and State Representative Mike Kushmerek. The briefing highlighted a bill DiDomenico filed alongside colleagues and NASW, the SUPER Act (S.160/H.1253), which will enable more providers to enter the social work field at a time of huge demand.

“Massachusetts is facing a well-documented shortage of behavioral health professionals, including social workers,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “Social workers are some of the most essential workers in our state and we must do everything we can to support them and the people they serve. This bill will uplift the social work profession, bringing more providers into the field and empowering residents to access services from a diversity of providers.”



Senator DiDomenico speaking alongside advocates.

EXCELLENCE’S BEAUTY SALON HOLDS GRAND OPENING AT ITS NEW LOCATION

Salon held a grand opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new location 154 Everett Ave., Unit 4



Ready to officially cut the ribbon at Excellence’s Beauty Salon grand opening celebration are, from left, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Board Member Arthur Arsenault, Chamber Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Nelson Mejia, Maritza Luzon, beauty salon owner Icauri Mejia, Hector Prieto, and David Lorenzo Quiroz.



Marae Maybeth, Excellence’s Beauty Salon owner Icauri Mejia, and her father, Nelson Mejia, pictured at the grand opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Icauri Mejia, owner of Excellence’s Beauty Salon, is pictured with her sons, David L. Quiroz and Leonardo Montero, at the grand opening celebration Saturday.



Excellence’s excellent beauty technicians, from left, Melissa Granda Parra, Anery Mateo, beauty salon owner Icauri Mejia, Maritza Luzon, Ana Ricon, Olga Duvan, and Veronica Gil.

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# Planning Board looks ahead to a busy summer

By Adam Swift

It was a short night for the Planning Board for its May meeting on Tuesday night, but longer agendas and bigger projects are on the horizon for the summer.

The board voted not to recommend approvals for special permits for two projects where the petitioners failed to show up for Tuesday night’s meeting and failed to notify the board. Those projects were for a special permit for a driveway opening permit on Grove Street and a special permit for a trade shop and accessory equipment storage on Crescent Avenue.

“We have a very full agenda for next month, and I think adding two more (cases) simply because they could not do us the courtesy of letting us know ahead of time that they couldn’t be here, I would vote against continuing the hearings,” said Planning Board member Sharlene McLean.

The Planning Board did recommend approval for the one case that it did hear, a special permit for a driveway extension on

Ash Street.

The board held a discussion on summer meeting dates, given the number of cases currently slated to appear before it.

There are seven cases on the agenda for June, and another four for July, with the possibility for an additional four, according to John DePriest, the city’s director of permitting and land use planning.

DePriest also noted that the large Chelsea Soldiers’ Home redevelopment project is headed to the Planning Board in July. He suggested the board set up a separate date to hear that case, since he said it will likely take several hours.

The Soldiers’ Home developers also want to give an informal presentation to the Planning Board, which the board tentatively scheduled for June 21.

“They will get to talk a little more informally, and there will be more time to think about (the project),” DePriest told the Planning Board. “There will not be any decisions based on the informal meeting, but at least it will give you a chance to absorb some of the information and some of the background.”

## NEWS BRIEFS

### POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

In recognition of the sacrifice made by generations of service men and women in defense of our nation, Post Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day. There will be no mail delivery, other than guaranteed overnight parcels. Full retail and delivery services will resume on Tuesday, May 30.

### JEFFREY PONCE LOPEZ NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Jeffrey Ponce Lopez, a member of the class of 2026 majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering, was named to the university’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for the spring 2023 semester.

A total of 2,054 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI’s spring 2023 Dean’s List. The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean’s List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

“WPI’s academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is re-

quired in traditional courses. WPI students work on open-ended problems for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real” said Professor Arthur C. Heinricher. “Some of this nation’s best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean’s List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students.”

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI’s pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts.

## Charles Marino Retired Chelsea Police Officer and 55-year owner and operator of New England Crane Service in Everett

Charles “Charlie” A. Marino passed away Monday morning, May 22 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers surrounded by the comfort and love of his family. He was 80 years old.

Born in Chelsea, the son of the late Louis and Frances (LaRosa) Marino, Charlie attended school in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1960. He attended classes at Bunker Hill Community College but soon enlisted in the US Army on January 29, 1960. He was honorably discharged on February 4, 1963. Charlie was the late owner and operator of New England Crane Service in Everett. He owned the company for 55 years before retirement. Charlie was also a police officer for the Chelsea Police Department, dedicating 15 years of service before retiring.

During his retirement, Charlie enjoyed playing golf. He recently took up woodworking and enjoyed spending time in his garage working on projects. Charlie was a longtime Chelsea resident and recently moved back into the area after having lived in Saugus for the past several years. Charlie will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

## Steven Paradis He will be missed beyond words

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Visiting Hours today, Thursday, May 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Steven W. Paradis, 61, who died unexpectedly on Saturday, May 20th when he was stricken at his home, later passing at the CHA – Everett Hospital. His funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, May 26th beginning at 10 a.m., followed by a Graveside Service at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Steve was born on April 18, 1962 in Chelsea to his late parents, John and Ann M. (Dion) Paradis. He was raised in Chelsea with his five brothers. Steve was educated in both St. Rose of Lima Parochial School and Chelsea Public Schools and attended Chelsea High School. Steve spent his entire working career in a field that he was most passionate about, landscaping.

For many years, he worked at Hanscom Airforce Base as a groundskeeper. Due to his diligent and prideful work, this led him to personally maintain several of the General’s homes and for other officers as well. Steven later left and began working at Holy Cross Cemetery. He often would help his family and friends design both landscape and hardscape projects.

Steve married his love and best friend Michele “Mickey” (Burley) on May 6, 1988, and they

# OBITUARIES

## Eleanor Hooton Retired NYNEX Communications Manager

The beloved husband of Elaine M. (Sasso) of Chelsea, he was the father of Deborah Lochiatto of Peabody and Dina Pagliuca of Wakefield, stepfather of Charles and Richard Henry; the brother of the late Stephen Marino and Salvatore F. Marino, brother-in-law of Robert Sasso and cherished Papa of Jonathan, Kristina, Anthony and Michael. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Charlie’s visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Saturday, May 27 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow the visitation at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 12 Noon. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Charlie’s memory may be made to CareDimensions, 75 Sylvan St. Ste B-102, Danvers, MA 01923 or on-line at [www.caredimensions.org](http://www.caredimensions.org).

We encourage family and friends to visit [carafafuneralhome.com](http://carafafuneralhome.com) to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Eleanor (“Ellie”) A. Hooton, a resident of Melrose for more than 20 years, the beloved daughter of the late William A. and Vera F. (Batten) Hooton and dear sister to her late brother William F. (“Bill”) Hooten, passed away at home on May 20 at the age of 84.

Ellie was born and raised in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School. She began a more than 40-year career with New England Telephone and Telegraph as a telephone operator and advanced throughout her career, ultimately retiring in 1998 as a Communications Manager for NYNEX.

Ellie loved travelling, particularly with lifelong friends the late Clare Proctor and Jeanie Letizia, affectionately referred to as “the girls.” Spending summers at Plum Island, eating Saturday night dinners in the North End, escaping to Hilton Head, SC for respite from New England winters, and exploring venues throughout the United States and Europe, Ellie was always happy to meet new people and experience newfound locales.

In addition to travel, Ellie also enjoyed gardening, which included spending volunteer time with the Melrose Garden Club. She was also a regular volunteer at the Milano Family Senior Center in Melrose. While leaving Chelsea in 1999 was difficult, she made a wonderful transition and established herself within her new community.

Ellie is survived by her cousin, Anne (Alexander) McGravey of North Andover, her godson, Patrick McGravey and his wife, Amy Van Lauwe of Melrose, along their children Bennet and Alexander McGravey Van Lauwe, and second cousin, Christopher McGravey and his wife, Maria McGravey of Peabody. She is also survived by second cousins: Randy Goodell of Tomar, Portugal, Scott Goodell



of Stockbridge, MA, and Dustan Goodell of Dallas, TX. Many more loving relatives and friends, who all treasured their time with “Aunt Ellie” will miss her infectious laugh, her caring heart and her wonderful sense of humor. It was also always greatly appreciated when she brought homemade baked goods to gatherings that were from her father’s “classic” recipe cards that will live on with friends and family members.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Ellie’s visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea today, Thursday, May 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. Her funeral will be held from the Funeral Home on Friday at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish/Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Interment to follow in the family lot at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish/Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea, MA 02150 or Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church, 46 Myrtle St., Melrose, MA02176.

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# Public urged to report shark sightings

Special to the Times-Free Press

After a 12-foot white shark was spotted off Cape Cod over the weekend, New England Aquarium scientists are urging the public to report shark sightings and be aware of their surroundings as the holiday weekend approaches.

The shark was seen feeding on a seal off of Provincetown, MA, on Saturday. This is the time of year that scientists expect to see white sharks returning to the inshore waters off of Massachusetts, where the animals hunt seals into the fall months.

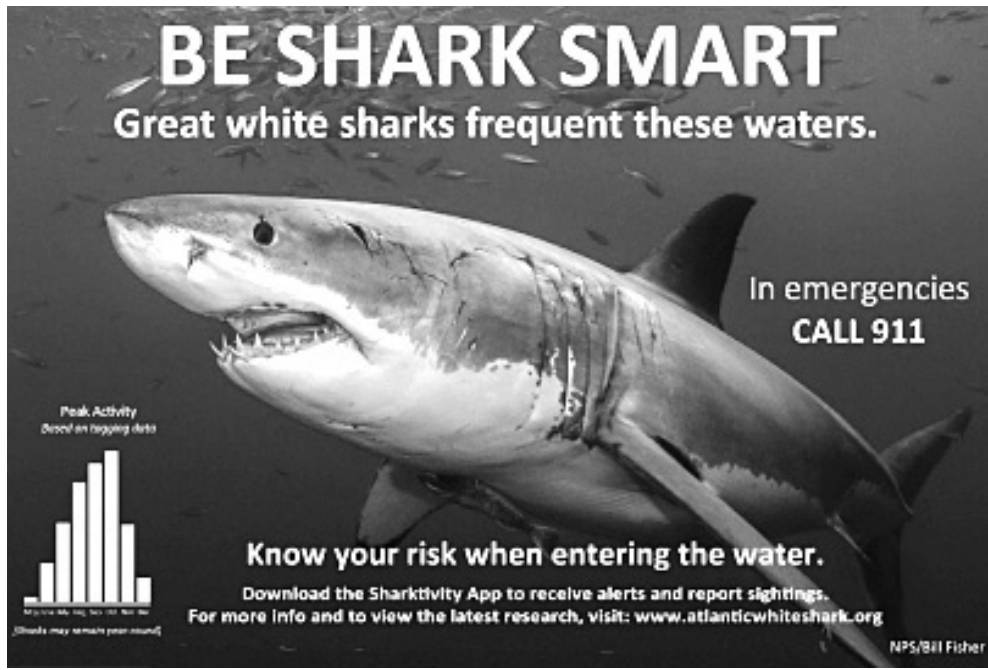
“Though white shark bites on humans are rare, the sighting serves as a reminder to beachgoers and boaters to be mindful

of the presence of these ocean animals,” said John Chisholm, adjunct scientist in the New England Aquarium’s Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life. “It’s important to be aware of sharks’ presence in shallow waters, to avoid areas where seals are present or schools of fish are visible, and to stay close to shore where rescuers can reach you if needed.”

As part of a partnership between the New England Aquarium and Atlantic White Shark Conservancy, Chisholm serves as the Citizen Science Coordinator for the Conservancy, documenting accounts of shark-seal interactions and verifying shark sighting reports made by the public through the Sharktivity app. Sharktivity provides

information and push notifications on white shark sightings, detections, and movements to raise awareness and help people and sharks co-exist. The app sightings are input by researchers, safety officials, and others who upload photos and video, essentially crowdsourcing critical data on where sharks are spotted.

“There is a real public concern around beach safety, and we recognize the need to respond to that,” said Nick Whitney, senior scientist at the Aquarium and chair of the Anderson Cabot Center’s Fisheries Science and Emerging Technologies program. “That’s why we’re excited to continue this partnership with the Conservancy to help pro-



vide accurate, timely information on shark sightings in the region.”

The New England Aquarium has a team of nine scientists who study shark species, from porbeagles and nurse sharks

to sandbar and sand tiger sharks. Many shark species reside in Massachusetts waters. Aquarium researchers’ work focuses on monitoring of these animals using innovative tagging technologies in-

cluding satellite, acoustic, accelerometer, and camera tags to track the sharks’ habitat use, life history, and impacts of bycatch during commercial and recreational fishing activities.

# TSA is prepared for high travel volumes this Memorial Day weekend and the summer

Special to the Times-Free Press

TSA is prepared for high travel volumes this Memorial Day weekend and the summer travel season

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is prepared to screen high volumes of passengers at airport security checkpoints nationwide this summer travel season, which begins Memorial Day weekend and runs through Labor Day. The agency forecasts Friday, May 26, to be the busiest day of the long weekend, projecting to screen approximately 2.6 million passengers.

Today, the agency announced that teenagers aged 13-17 may now accompany TSA PreCheck® enrolled parents or guardians through TSA PreCheck screening when traveling on the same reservation and when the TSA PreCheck indicator appears on the teen’s boarding pass. Children 12 and under may still accompany an enrolled parent or guardian when traveling through the TSA PreCheck lanes anytime without restriction.

“TSA is ready to handle this summer’s anticipated increase in travel. Our staffing levels are better and this is largely due to better pay for all TSA employees which starts on July 1st,” said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. “This key action, supported by the President and Congress, enables us, for the first time in TSA’s history, to pay our workforce using the same pay scale that applies to other federal employees. As expected, this has already improved our recruiting and retention rates. For passengers, this will mean better overall staffing for all of TSA’s activities that support secure and efficient travel and an improved passenger experience. Our strong partnerships with airports and airlines will ensure we are able to anticipate and respond to changes in passenger travel throughout the summer. Passengers can help as well by being prepared, by having their identification ready when they begin screening and checking to make sure they aren’t bringing firearms, oversized liquids or

any other prohibited item into the checkpoint. One person’s actions can delay screening for everyone else.”

Earlier today at a press conference at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens and six airport and airline partners joined Pekoske to discuss their operational preparedness for anticipated summer travel volumes, changes in transportation security and other travel tips. Industry representatives included Jan Lennon, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport Deputy General Manager for Operations; Nicholas E. Calio, President and CEO, Airlines for America; Kevin M. Burke, President and CEO, Airports Council International – North America; Stephanie K. Gupta, Senior Vice President, Security and Facilitation, American Association of Airport Executives; Paul Doell, Vice President of Government Affairs and Security Policy, National Air Carrier Association; and Drew Jacoby Lemos, Vice President of Government and External Affairs for the Regional Airline Association.

To continue to modernize airport checkpoints, enhance security effectiveness and efficiency and improve the passenger experience, TSA is deploying new technology solutions nationwide. Credential Authentication Technology (CAT) units confirm the authenticity of a passenger’s identification credentials, along with their flight details and pre-screening status (such as TSA PreCheck) all without a boarding pass. With CAT, passengers only need to provide their acceptable photo identification to the officer. The second generation of CAT, also called CAT-2, in use at several airports nationwide, has the same capabilities, but is also equipped with a camera that captures a real-time photo of the traveler at the Travel Document Checker podium. CAT-2 compares the traveler’s photo on the identification credential against the in-person, real-time photo. Once the CAT-2 confirms the

match, a TSA officer will verify and the traveler can proceed to security screening, without ever exchanging a boarding pass. TSA officers may perform additional passenger verification if needed. Photos captured by CAT units are never stored or used for any other purpose than immediate identity verification. Travelers who do not wish to participate in the facial matching process may opt out in favor of an alternative identity verification process without losing their place in line. TSA is committed to protecting passenger privacy, civil rights, civil liberties and ensuring the public’s trust as it seeks to improve the passenger experience through its exploration of identity verification technologies.

To date, TSA has deployed 2,054 CAT units to 223 airports. Among those, 238 CAT units represent the second generation (CAT-2) technology. Additionally, Georgia is the latest state to launch its mobile driver’s license (mDL). TSA is able to read the following digital IDs: Arizona, Colorado, Georgia and Maryland mDLs provisioned to Apple Wallet, Utah mDLs stored in the GET Mobile ID app and American Airlines digital ID stored in the Airside Digital Identity app.

TSA is also deploying new state-of-the-art Computed Tomography (CT) units to checkpoints nationwide, which significantly improves scanning and threat detection capabilities for carry-on bags. CT units give TSA officers the ability to review a 3D image of passengers’ bags and reduce the need to physically search the contents of the bag. Passengers screened in security lanes with CT units do not need to remove their 3-1-1 liquids or laptops, but they must place every carry-on item, including bags, into a bin for screening. TSA has also deployed 678 CT units to 218 airports nationwide. In April, the agency announced awards for the procurement and maintenance of additional CT scanners and CAT-2 units for installments at security checkpoints starting this summer.

Based on some of the

most recent trends at the nation’s airports, TSA recommends the following seven simple tips to get through the TSA security checkpoint quickly and efficiently:

Tip 1: TSA PreCheck® members: Make sure your Known Traveler Number (KTN) is in your reservation. With over 15 million TSA PreCheck members, it is essential that airline reservations have the passenger’s correct KTN and date of birth so they can truly “Travel with Ease.” Those who fly with multiple airlines should ensure their KTN is updated in each of their airline profiles every time they travel. TSA PreCheck passengers are low-risk travelers who do not need to remove shoes, belts, liquids, food, laptops and light jackets at the TSA checkpoint.

If you aren’t yet enrolled in TSA PreCheck and appreciate faster checkpoint screening, we encourage you to enroll for a five-year membership at a cost of \$78. Most new enrollees receive their KTN within three to five days. Members may renew membership online up to six months prior to expiration for another five-year term for \$70.

In April, 94% of TSA PreCheck passengers waited less than 5 minutes at the checkpoint. TSA’s wait time standards for TSA PreCheck lanes are under 10 minutes and under 30 minutes for standard lanes.

Tip 2: Pack an empty bag and know before you go. When airline passengers begin packing for travel with an empty bag, they are less likely to be stopped at the security checkpoint for having prohibited items. Prior to packing that empty bag, check TSA’s “What Can I Bring?” tool to know what is prohibited. Firearms are prohibited at airport security checkpoints and on board aircraft. Passengers may travel with a firearm if they properly pack the firearm in checked baggage and declare it with the airline at check-in. Airlines may have additional requirements for traveling with firearms and ammunition, so travelers must also contact their airline regarding firearm and ammunition carriage policies

prior to arriving at the airport. If passengers bring a firearm to the security checkpoint, they will face significant penalties to include federal penalties and additional screening.

Tip 3: Give yourself plenty of time. Summer travel will be busy, so plan ahead! Give yourself plenty of time to park or return a rental car, take a shuttle to the airport if needed, check-in with your airline, check in bags with the airline and prepare for the security checkpoint. Save time by removing items from pockets and placing them in your carry-on bag, instead of putting items directly into bins at the conveyor belt.

Tip 4: Be aware of new checkpoint technology and follow guidance from our TSA officers. TSA uses a variety of security methods to secure our transportation systems. Screening protocols can be unpredictable and may vary from airport to airport depending on available technology and the current threat environment, so it is important to listen and follow officer directions. Some airports may have installed the new state-of-the-art advanced technology CT scanners. The opening to the X-ray tunnel on a CT unit is slightly smaller than on a traditional X-ray unit so TSA advises travelers not to force larger items into the tunnel, but to ask a TSA officer for assistance. Passengers must also place everything, including bags, into the bin for screening. Passengers are also reminded to bring at maximum one carry-on bag and one personal item through security screening. Some airports have construction underway to install these new CT scanners, and TSA asks passengers to be patient during the screening process.

Before passengers go through the AIT, all items such as wallets, cell phones and all light outerwear must be removed. Light outerwear is defined as an outer layer of clothing with a full front zipper or buttons used to fasten the outer garment, excluding button up shirts. Examples include, but are not limited to, windbreakers and vests, suit/sport

coats, blazers and light jackets.

Tip 5: Respect TSA and other frontline airport and airline employees. Violence and unruly behavior in the nation’s transportation system are not acceptable and results in delays at traveler checkpoints. TSA officers, along with all frontline airport and airline employees and local law enforcement are all working together to ensure safe and secure travel. Assaulting a TSA officer is a federal offense and will result in penalties and/or arrest. Always follow the directions of flight attendants aboard aircraft. They are there for your safety and security.

Tip 6: Make sure you have an acceptable ID. Adult passengers 18 years and older must show valid identification at the airport checkpoint in order to travel. Beginning May 7, 2025, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies with REAL ID, check with your state department of motor vehicles. For questions on acceptable IDs, go to TSA.gov.

Tip 7: Contact TSA with questions, complaints, complaints or assistance. Travelers with questions have many options for contacting TSA. AskTSA is available for live assistance from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. ET via Twitter or Facebook by messaging @AskTSA or by sending a text to “272872” (“AskTSA”). For customer service issues, travelers may reach the TSA Contact Center (TCC) at (866) 289-9673. Individuals with disabilities, medical needs or other special circumstances may request passenger assistance at least 72 hours in advance by contacting our TSA Cares passenger support line at (855) 787-2227. Live assistance for both the TCC and TSA Cares is available weekdays, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET, or weekends and holidays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

For those traveling with children this summer, TSA offers kid-friendly videos for children packing for their upcoming trip.



ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA & NORTH SHORE NEWS

BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

The Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore recently held our first Spring Fundraiser since Covid at the Prince House of Pizza on Route 1 in Saugus. It was a fun night with all you could eat Pizza and great entertainment. The comedians who performed were Artie Januario, Tony V, and Brad Mastrangelo. The Zonta Club members want to thank all those who came and supported our club. The monies raised will continue to provide many services: we give Market Basket Gift certificates at the holidays to needy families, we provide school supplies for children living in shelters, we give scholarships for graduating high school girls and we have supported local domestic violence shelters and many other causes dedicated to assisting women and children. The women and children from Chelsea,



The Prince comedy sign.

Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Saugus benefit from the funds raised in our fundraisers. Our goal is to “Build a Better World for Women & Girls!”



Pictured (left to right) are Zonta member Christine DePrizio, Allison Frometa, Lori Loussedes, Stacy Hescok, Virginia Amara, Loraine Santacroce, Nidia Peguero, and Kate DePrizio.



Pictured (left to right) are Zonta Member Diane Cambria, Century 21 Realtors Luis Tejada and Nidia Peguero.

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By Penny & Ed Cherubino

It's the time of year when you'll have more opportunities to eat with your hands. Picnic, cook-out and beachside foods lend themselves to indulging in hand-to-mouth and finger-licking enjoyment.

There are some foods that most people feel comfortable eating with their hands. We can't imagine eating hot dogs, tacos, whole artichokes, hamburgers, most sandwiches, pizza, fried chicken, oysters, ribs, corn on the cob, or a slice of watermelon with a knife and fork.

We've added more items to this list as dining has become more casual. Penny loves to eat fish and chips or fried seafood by hand. Since she can do it at a clam shack, she gives herself the okay to do it at a favorite pub. If she plans to share her plate with tablemates, she'll share it before treating it as finger food.

Many of us need help deciding if sopping up every last spec of a delightful sauce with a piece of bread is allowed. Ed gives every reader permission to ask for a slice of bread to clean their plate. If the chef went to the trouble of making a masterful sauce, they would want you to enjoy all of it. Naturally, we don't want to add

to food waste or increase restaurant costs. Perhaps the waitstaff could mention that a bit of bread is optional when they serve a dish with a sauce that might require mopping.

For Some, It's the Norm

For other cultures, bread is their utensil of choice. In a New York Times article on this topic, cookbook author and cooking teacher Julie Shani described her struggle to learn to eat with utensils. She grew up in India, where the norm was eating with her right hand. She explained, "Eating with the hands evokes great emotion." She continued, "It kindles something very warm and gentle and caressing. Using a fork is unthinkable in traditional Indian eating."

In Northern Thailand, sticky rice is used to gather other foods for delivery to the mouth. Thai people seldom use chopsticks unless they are dealing with noodles. Here, the tradition when not eating with your hand is to use a fork to arrange food on a spoon.

There Are Traditions

In many cultures where eating with your hands is correct etiquette, there are guidelines for behavior. Almost universally, the

right hand is used to eat. In some cases, only the thumb and index fingers of the right hand. The left hand is used for other purposes and is considered unclean.

While you may have washed your hands at a sink and tap before approaching the table, your host may bring a jug of water and basin to each person for a public rinse. This is more about honoring tradition than hygienic but rest assured that the hands of those around you are clean.

In some cultures feeding others by hand is a sign of caring or respect. Elders may feed children. The best morsel on a communal plate may be offered to an honored guest.

As Jonathan Swift wrote in 1738, "They say fingers were made before forks, and hands before knives." We bet you have food you eat with your hands at home or with those close to you that you'd never eat with your hands in public. As we researched this column, we found this topic to be a great conversation starter. So what do you secretly eat with your hands?

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







CHS Roundup

WARSAME IS DOUBLE GBL CHAMP; SETS NEW SCHOOL RECORD IN TRIPLE JUMP; ARACENA WINS SHOT-PUT CROWN

Chelsea High track standout Ali Warsame shone brightly at Monday's Greater Boston League Meet, winning two 2023 championships and taking third place in another event to tally 26 points on the day.

Ali captured the long jump with a leap of 21"-0.5", marking the first time that he broke the 21 foot barrier. He then went on to top the field in the triple jump with an incredible hop, skip, and jump of 44'-6," shattering his own previous CHS school record of 43"3.5" by more than a foot. In addition to the winning jump, Ali had another over 44' and two more over 43'.

His winning mark also qualified Warsame for the Championship division at

the Nike Outdoor National meet.

Ali's other six points came in his third-place finish in the 200 dash with a sprint of 23.73, which was just .45 off the first-place time.

The Red Devils also had another league champion, Ariel Aracena, who won the shot-put competition with a toss of 41'-1". Ariel was in third place going into his final throw and came through with a personal record (PR) heave of nearly two feet beyond his previous best of 39"4.5".

Throwing teammate Theo Seale turned in a pair of PR performances. Theo came through with a discus spin of 112'-1", five feet better than his previous best, to give Chelsea a fifth place medal in an event in which the Red Devils were not ranked to score points.

In the shot, Theo scored six points with his third-place performance with a PR toss of 39'-9.5", for a total of eight points that he contributed to the CHS

cause.

Nate Nadow was another big point-getter with 15 points. Nate placed second in the 400 hurdles in a clocking of 1:01.74, took third in the 800 (achieving a new PR of 2:06.57 in the process), and anchored the fourth-place 800 relay quartet.

Austin Freeman, who also was a member of the 4 x 800 relay squad, placed sixth in the 800 (2:18.81) to earn a point for the team. Alex Flores and Ivan Irias rounded out the 4 x 800 quartet.

The 4 x 400 foursome of Jose Olivar, Brayan Amaya, Kyle Leong, and Sherwin Kim placed sixth, as did the 4 x 100 squad of Jose Olivar, Alex Cano, Justin Velasquez, and Jaiven Diaz.

Somerville, which was 7-0 in the dual-meet regular season, won the meet with 121 points. Revere was second with 92 points, followed by Everett with 79 points, Malden with 73, Chelsea and Medford with 65 each, Lynn Classi-

cal with 15 and Lynn English with 10.

Ali Warsame (TJ, LJ, 200) and Nate Nadow (400H) will represent Chelsea at the MIAA D2 State Meet this weekend.

**RAMIREZ TOPS CHS SCORESHEET AT GBL**

Kiara Ramirez placed third in both the shot-put and the discus to score 12 points for the Chelsea High outdoor track and field team at Monday's Greater Boston League Meet held at Dilboy Stadium in Somerville.

Kiara tossed the shot-put 30'5" for her third-place effort and spun the discus 79'-7" to land in third place in that event.

Teammate Dhalia Christmas finished fourth in both the shot and the disc to tally eight points with throws of 75'-2" (discus) and 29'-2.5" (shot-put).

Lady Red Devil Lamari Davis scored two points with a fifth-place effort in

the discus with a toss of 73'-7", a massive throw for Lamari that shattered her own personal record (PR) by almost four feet and marked her first-ever 70'+ throw.

Lauren Nadow added two points in the javelin, finishing fifth with a throw of 72'-7, which was a massive PR by five feet. Lauren turned in another PR in the 100 hurdles to earn a point for sixth place, and would be a part of the sixth place 4 x 800 quartet

with teammates Rosalinda Rojas, Reina Moreira, and Ashley Mejia.

Marcaylla Louis-Jean also had a strong day, leaping 31'-10" (a 2+ foot PR) in the triple jump to finish fourth, and was a part of the fourth place 4 x 400 team with Emily Singh, Keiri Hernandez, and Giselle Olivar.

Kiara Ramirez will represent Chelsea in the shot-put at the MIAA D2 State Meet this weekend.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

**FALCON INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI**

Sofia Falcon of Chelsea was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Falcon was initiated at Salem State University.

Falcon is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

More About Phi Kappa

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Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit [www.phikappaphi.org](http://www.phikappaphi.org).

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Chelsea Research Festival a success

By Record Staff

The Chelsea Research Festival, under the leadership of Dr. Sarah Neville, was held May 18 at Chelsea High School.

Local health organizations and other groups, including Chelsea students, presented the findings of their research at the Festival.



The People's A.M.E. Church was one of the presenters at the Chelsea Research Festival. Members of the church are pictured in front of their research display. From left, are Major Chapman (who is the great grandson of Beverly Martin-Ross), Nicole McKoy, CBC President Joan Cromwell, the Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyon, Stacey Smith, Dennis Smith Jr., Marie Smith-Estabrook, and Maureen Lee.



Dr. Sarah Neville (right) joins People's A.M.E. Church research leader Stacey Smith for a photo at the Research Festival.

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CHELSEA KIWANIS CLUB HOSTS INTERCLUB MEETING AT CHELSEA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Recently the Chelsea Kiwanis Clubs hosted an interclub for clubs around the district, including Everett, East Boston, Medford, Malden and Somerville.

A buffet luncheon was first, followed by special guest speaker, State Senator Sal DiDomenico and Sarah Muncey, co-founder, and co-president of Childcare Neighborhood Villages.



A Kiwanis Bell as a token of thanks to State Senator sal DiDomenico from Chelsea Kiwanis Club President Rich Cuthie.



Chelsea Kiwanis President Rich Cuthie leads the Pledge of Allegiance.



Sarah Muncey spoke on child care and options that are available.



State Senator Sal DiDomenico spoke at the Chelsea Kiwanis Interclub held at the Chelsea Boys and Girls Club.



Joining the meeting, Jackie Bevere, Socorro Vega, Kelly Garcia and Amy Izen.



Chelsea Councillor Leo Robinson (center) with Kiwanis President Rich Cuthie and Lt. Governor John Marttuchio.



Chelsea President Rich Cuthie with guest speakers, Senator Sal DiDomenico and Sarah Muncey.



District Lt. Governors for the Kiwanis, Past Lt. Gov. Danielle Hender, Current Lt. Governor John Marttuchio, In-coming Lt. Gov. Mernaysa Rivera, Former Lt. Governors, State Representative Paul Donato and John Chirichiello.



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