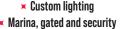


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CHELSEA STUDENT ARTWORK ON DISPLAY AT CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ANNUAL DISTRICT ART SHOW

Across two public viewings on Saturday, March 15, and Tuesday, March 18, the Chelsea Public Schools Visual Art Department hosted its annual District Art Show at the Williams School. Students from across the school district had pieces of artwork representing various techniques and skills on display for the community to see.

> Right, A sample of student work from the Intro to Digital Art class at Chelsea High School. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.



Chelsea Fire Department launches new Resident Assistance Unit

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea Fire Department has launched a new Resident Assistance Unit (RAU) that will provide support and services to residents following structure fires and other similar emergencies. The RAU will consist of two code enforcement inspectors who will work under the direction of the Fire Prevention Division and be responsible for immediate response to

all structure fires in the city. These individuals will also assist in incidents involving residents being displaced from their homes.

By establishing this unit, the Chelsea Fire Department hopes to improve community safety, build relationships with residents, and assist them with returning to their homes as quickly as possible following an

emergency. "Our goal will be to keep

residents in their homes or apartments whenever possible," said Chelsea Fire Chief John Quatieri. "When this is impossible, this new unit can provide guidance and direct support as need-

ed." The RAU will work closely with the Inspectional Services Department and property owners to support residents in navigating the process following a structure fire. They will follow

step-by-step approach of conducting a complete inspection of the property alongside Inspectional Services, report the status of all utilities and a summary of damage to property owners, and assist in finding temporary housing for displaced residents.

For questions about the RAU unit, please contact Chelsea Fire Department Chief John Quatieri at (617) 466-4600.



Chelsea Firefighter Felix Vega on the left, Lieutenant Nicholas Quatieri on the right.

COURTESY PHOTO

ICE detains hundreds in Greater Boston area, including Chelsea

By Adam Swift

Over the past week, Trump border czar Tom Homan claimed that the federal agents arrested at least 370 people in the Greater Boston area, including Chelsea.

"ICE had to find and arrest these illegal alien rapists because Massachusetts and Boston are sanctuaries that refuse to cooperate with ICE," Homan wrote this week on social media. "They would rather release these animals back into the community rather than honor ICE detainers or notify ICE when they are scheduled to be released."

In a press release, ICE officials claimed that 205 of those detained over the past week had "significant criminal convictions or charges." ICE claimed that those detained included members of major gangs like MS-13 and Tren de Aragua, and six people arrested are foreign fugitives currently facing charges or convictions for murder, drug trafficking, and more. Agents also reportedly claimed to have seized about 44 kilograms of methamphetamines, 5 kilograms of fentanyl, 1.2 kilograms of cocaine, three firearms, and ammunition during the operation.

For local officials and residents, the federal raids spread fear and confusion throughout Chelsea and the surrounding communities.

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Unsung greatness

From Shurtleff to CHS, Richie Zaluski is regarded as one of the city's best athletes

By Cary Shuman

If the Chelsea High School Hall of Fame makes a comeback, Richard Zaluski deserves a spot. He was a talented three-sport athlete (basketball, baseball, and football) who had much success as a Red Devil in the mid-1970s.

Now 66 years old and a 33-year employee of the U.S. Postal Service who retired five years ago, Zaluski lives in East Boston with his wife, Mary. They have a son, Ryan Zaluski, 32.

"I married an East Boston girl," said Richie. "We've



Richard Zaluski

been married 38 years." Prior to his career in the U.S. Postal Service, Zaluski served as a U.S. Army

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NTSB includes Tobin Bridge recommendations in report on collapse of Baltimore bridge

By Adam Swift

In the wake of the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore last year after it was struck by a container ship, the National Transportation and Safety Board (NTSB) released a report last week recommending the Tobin Bridge undergo a vulnerability assessment.

The Tobin Bridge was one of 68 bridges across the country, including the Sagamore and Bourne bridges on Cape Cod, identified for a vulnerability assessment.

NTSB Chair Jennifer Homendy stated that the agency issued urgent safety recommendations to 30 owners of 68 bridges in 19 states to assess the structures' vulnerability from a collision with ocean-going vessels.

The report does not indicate that the bridges are

in imminent danger of collapse, but did state that evaluations should be done to determine if they are above the acceptable level of risk set by the American Association of State Highway and

Transportation Officials. In a statement, MassDOT officials stated that they received the letter and report from the NTSB and intend to take any applicable safety measures the NTSB recommends to make sure the bridges are safe.

"After the Keys Bridge collapse in Maryland in March 2024, Governor

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Remembering the Battle of Chelsea Creek 250 years later — Read about it on Page 4

Residents honor Chelsea women past and present for National Women's History Month

Special to the Record

In recognition of National Women's History Month, the City of Chelsea invited the community to share the names of local women they wished to honor for their contributions to the city and the lives of Chelsea residents. The response was overwhelming, with residents submitting heartfelt tributes to women who have made a lasting impact on Chelsea and its community.

Residents shared their nominations through the City's Facebook page (facebook.com/CityOfChelsea). The City of Chelsea is proud to honor the following extraordinary women for their contributions to the city and its residents:

Wendy Lluberes Torres, an almost lifelong resident of Chelsea, was honored by Dimas Villanueva for spending "years getting to know and love her community. A teacher at the Early Learning Center for many years, she is resilient, intelligent, and resourceful. Wendy raised two sons who continue to represent Chelsea proudly—one following her path as a teacher, the other pursuing a career in the trades."

Reina Elsy Vaquerano was honored by Daniela Hernandez because "I love

Anna Vega, Juanita Lush, Mercedes Cordero, and Rosa Navarro were honored by Rob Rep, for their efforts in the "1970s to improve the lives of Chelsea residents, making significant contributions to the community."

Delia Valentin was honored by Glady Ator: "A beloved mother, Delia lived in Chelsea from 1960 to 2022 and was one of the first Latinas in the city, laying the foundation for future gener-

Gladis Vega was honored by Cristina Cruz: "Es úni-

Eleanor Porter Sullivan, a lifelong Chelsea resident, was honored by Karin Sullivan Killeen. Eleanor "raised four children while pursuing education and a career as a second-grade teacher, profoundly impacting the children and families she served."

Leslie Santiago was honored by Margarett Gray for raising "her son alone with no assistance. She also adopted a young boy. She is a strong mom, a strong woman, she was born and raised in Chelsea...she is one of the strongest, lovable, and kind moms I know."

Maria Dolores Romero was honored by Maria Urie Sykes: "The strongest woman I know."

Pastor Elaine Méndez was honored by Pastor Keila A. Velez: "Pastor Elaine Méndez at Revival Chelsea works hard every day finding and providing resources for the Chelsea community, providing food, workshops for women, family activities, community events, English classes, spiritual education and many other things. Her work is greatly appreciated in the commu-

Xianna Portillo was honored by Diana AV: "She is my daughter, born in Chelsea just like me...with a strength and resolve that brought her through many of life's adversities, where she faced giants and won. She is beautiful inside and out, intelligent, wise and powerful in every role she has earned and conquered in life. An amazing daughter, sister, wife, mother and professional. Her light shines from within her beautiful soul. We who know her are full of pride and feel blessed

to call her ours." Gloria Elizabeth Murray was honored by Heidy Velasquez: "My beloved mother, Gloria Elizabeth Murray (1961 - 2004) was a native of Honduras and resident of Chelsea, since the mid 80s. She was extremely hard working, courageous and always determined to push through any obstacles or challenges that came our way. She was also the owner of a gift shop in the early 2000s called "With Love From The Cape." Located in Boston Logan Airport, Terminal A. As well as the second owner of a property located on Broadway, past Beacon st. Thank you mom for all your teachings, love and dedication to us. Your loving memory always lives through your daughters and grandchildren."

Molly Baldwin was honored by Sunindiya Bhalla: for being a "longtime Chelsea resident and founder of Roca, an organization that has transformed the lives of many Chelsea youth."

Marie Smith was honored by Stacey Ann for "working for the City of Chelsea for over 20 years in various departments," and being a "Lifelong resident and mother of 3 children."

Marguerite J. (Toussaint) Rich (1922-2013) was honored by Michelle Fern: "My late grandmother Marguerite J. "Rita" (Toussaint) Rich was a longtime Chelsea resident. Born and raised in Belgium, she met Walter F. Rich while he was serving in the U.S. Army in WWII. They married and she became a war bride. She came to America with her husband, and they settled in Chelsea and raised their family here. She was a devoted wife, proud mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Nanie, thank you for helping to shape me into the woman I am today. I am so proud to be your granddaughter. You are missed and loved every day by all of us!"

Theresa Keefe Castro was honored by Shannon Marie K. because "she is one of the strongest women I know. She has been a life long resident of Chelsea. She has held her family and many more together for many years. She has opened her door and put food on the table for anyone who has been in need. She is someone who a lot of people rely on. She puts everyone before herself. She deserves to be honored!"

Frances Isham was honored by: Roberta Bilicki: "Born on Hawthorne Street, long resident who would never move out of Chelsea. She'd tell me about the factories she once worked at in Chelsea until the facilities moved away. She loved this city and always walked around with our big dog Lady. She lived 80 years

Maria de Jesus Chavez Reina was honored by Ruth Deras: "Maria de Jesus Chavez Reina (1925- 2020) beloved grandmother, Native of Honduras, C.A. Relocated part of our family to our beloved Chelsea in 1985. She sacrificed and toiled to secure a large part of our family opportunities and welcomed other Honduran newcomers to the city so they too, felt at home in our great City of Chelsea Massachusetts.'

Jean Tomasik was honored by Dianna Howard Stephenson: "My beautiful mother Jean Tomasik (1934- 2014), life long resident of Chelsea. Love and miss you Ma."

Mirian Albert was honored by Anna FA for her role as a "Senior Attorney for Lawyers for Civil Rights."

Bernice Doucette Keats and Annie Doucette Gregoire were honored by Linda Renzi: "They taught me that everyone was important no matter his/her heritage and they also were very strong women!"

Roseann Bongiovanni was honored by Irma Mazzoni: "Mujer de un gran corazón, inteligente y muy querida por todos los que la conocemos."

Anna Hernandez was honored by Tania Baez: "A lifelong Chelsea resident; paraprofessional at the Early Learning Center for more than 20 years; on site- Supervisor for the Chelsea Collaborative Park Ranger program for many years. She embodies the definition of resilience. Mother of two Chelsea residents that continue doing the work she started in the community of Chelsea."

Mari Santos was honored by Lauren Ciccia: "Mari was born and raised in Chelsea and is a woman in longterm recovery. Her journey of overcoming addiction has not only shaped her life, but also inspired countless others along the way. Today, Mari is deeply committed to giving back to her community, using her experiences to help others who are facing similar challenges. She works tirelessly to support those in recovery, whether through mentorship, community outreach, or advocacy for addiction recovery programs. Her strength, resilience, and dedication continue to inspire those around her, proving that recovery is not just possible, but can lead to a life full of purpose and service."

Carol-Lee Botchie (aka Mrs. B) was honored by John Botchie: "Carol-Lee Botchie (1943-2019), .a.k.a. Mrs. B. 35 years as a paraprofessional in the Chelsea school system...lifelong resident."

Danielamarina Hernandez was honored by Reina Elsy Vaquerano: "Danielamarina Hernandez because I Love her and I am so proud of the Smart, Thoughtful, Kind, Caring, Strong Young woman that She is!"

Winthrop Council approves Chelsea admission to regional dispatch center

Winthrop The Town Council unanimously agreed to a revised intermunicipal agreement that will allow Chelsea to join the Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center (MNRECC) alongside Winthrop and Re-

up more grant funding for

the regional center through the state 911 program, and will also lower Winthrop's assessment to be part of the regional dispatch center by a little over \$80,000 per year, according to Town Manager Tony Marino.

The agreement means that the MNRECC will now be eligible for up to \$14 million in state funds The agreement will open to renovate the old McKinley School in Revere for use as a dedicated regional dispatch center. The MNRECC currently operates out of the Revere Police headquarters.

"This is something that we have been trying to do since about 2014," said Terence Delehanty, the former Winthrop Police Chief who now serves as legal counsel for MNRECC. "I was on the (MNRECC) board from 2014 until the time I retired in Winthrop, and during

that time, we always tried to bring a third community in to reduce the cost to the other communities. The more communities that join, the more grant money is allocated, so it matters between two and three communities significantly."

Both Delehanty and MN-RECC Executive Director Whitney Morgan noted that the existing dispatchers from Chelsea will be brought over to be part of the regional dispatch center.

Delehanty said everyone that comes onboard receives extensive training, including Morgan taking all new employees on a tour of the communities so they can familiarize themselves with local landmarks.

"Currently, we have five dispatchers during the day, five dispatchers on the midshift, and four dispatchers on overnight," said Morgan. "On each shift, there is always a supervisor, and we hold all employees to a high standard. But with the supervisors, it is really their responsibility to speak to the departments in the situation of a major event."

In addition to saving money for the town and bringing in more grant money, Delehanty said the increased regionalization will also help provide a larger and quicker response in the case of a major emergency situation in one of the communities.

Winthrop Police Chief John Goodwin said regional dispatch centers provide professional service and allow emergency personnel to be out on the streets instead of answering phones.

"This is not just about the money, it's about a better service to the people and to the police officers in the streets," he said.

DPW offers residents opportunity to purchase discounted rain barrels

The City of Chelsea Department of Public Works is participating in a Rain Barrel Purchase Program that gives Chelsea residents the opportunity to purchase 60-gallon rain barrels at a discounted price of \$89, compared to the market rate currently set between \$120 and \$160.

The deadline to purchase a discounted barrel is midnight on April 20.

"Rain barrels can help residents reduce their water bills and improve residential stormwater management," said Cate Fox-Lent, Commissioner of Public Works for the City of Chelsea. "For example, water collected via rain barrels can be used to water gar-

dens and lawns, offsetting the cost of running a hose. Rain barrels also reduce the City's municipal water demands by reducing runoff and also saves energy at regional treatment plants."

Community members can purchase a rain barrel for their home by visiting greatamericanrainbarrel. com/community/ and selecting Chelsea as their town. All purchased barrels will be available for pick-up on Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. - 12 noon at the City Yard, located at 380 Beacham Street.

Residents who would like to order over the phone, or have customer service, product, or installation questions, must send their phone number and question sales@tgarb.com and a representative from The Great American Rain Barrel Company will reach out to them.

The Rain Barrel Purchase Program is made possible through the City's partnership with the Great American Rain Barrel, an organization helping communities and their residents conserve water supplies, save money, and protect the environ-

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), rain barrels can save the average homeowner 1,300 gallons of water, as 30% of daily water use takes place outdoors. Using the rain barrel's stored water on the landscape saves water resources and reduces the amount of water purchased from municipal sources.

Rain barrels also help capture rainwater from the roof that would otherwise become runoff, which picks up pollutants and transports them to waterways. Impaired waterways can affect aquatic life and human health. Stored water from the barrels can also be used as an additional resource in times of drought and reduces the risk of erosion and flooding during periods of heavy rainfall. To learn more, visit https://www.epa.

City to hold peace vigil in April on City Hall lawn

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea will hold a peace vigil and prayer, calling on the community to unite against violence on Saturday, April 26, at 1 p.m., on the City Hall lawn.

In response to recent events, this gathering aims empower community members and offer alternatives to violence by showing a path of hope, unity, and resilience. City officials encourage all Chelsea residents, business owners, and stakeholders to come together and send a powerful message that Chelsea will not tolerate violence in its streets.

The city is partnering with the Chelsea Police Department, community faith organizations, La Colaborativa, GreenRoots, the Chelsea Black Community, CAPIC, and Roca for this event.

The event is a family-friendly celebration emphasizing that Chelsea is united against violence. There will be spoken word, a performance by the Chelsea Black Community, a cultural group; Grupo Torogoz, and lively music.

"The City is deeply committed to ensuring the safety of our streets and of our community, and this upcoming vigil invites every-

one to join together in solidarity," said City Manager Fidel Maltez. "It's a chance for our community to come together in peace, united by hope and healing. Let us celebrate life with music, performances, and a shared commitment to a safer, stronger future.

"This is more than a vigil—it's a moment to cherish each other, reflect, and enjoy a day of togetherness."

For more information, chelseama.gov/cityvisit manager. For questions about the event, please contact the City Manager's Office at citymanager@ chelseama.gov or (617) 466-4100.

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Healey immediately convened experts from Mass-DOT, the U.S. Coast Guard, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and the Boston Harbor Pilots to discuss the potential for similar risks to the Tobin Bridge and other Massachusetts bridges," the MassDOT statement read. "The group confirmed that Massachusetts uses more robust maritime safety practices and that the risk of a similar incident in Massachusetts at the Tobin and other bridges is very low."

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez said that the report looked like it indicated that there is less risk of an incident at the Tobin Bridge

than there was in Baltimore because of the location of the piers near the bridge.

Maltez also noted that MassDOT is looking at the long-term vision for the Tobin, and that the plan could include replacing the Tobin Bridge with a tunnel.



Chelsea officials announce grant funding through MAPC

By Adam Swift

Chelsea was one of a number of local communities in the Greater Boston region to benefit from more than \$440,000 to advance regional priorities in housing production, climate resilience, economic development, and culture thanks to the latest round of technical assistance funding from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC).

MAPC, one of 13 regional planning agencies (RPAs) in the state, offers technical assistance grants each year that help advance the goals identified in Greater Boston's regional land use and policy plan, MetroCommon2050. All 101 cities and towns in the MAPC region are encouraged each year to apply for the Technical

Assistance Program (TAP), which helps municipalities take on critical work that they do not have the capacity to address on their own.

Chelsea's share of the MAPC funds will be used in coordination with Revere to work on the North Suffolk Schools Zero Carbon Action Plan.

Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop are part of the North Suffolk Office of Resilience and Sustainability, said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

"It is one of the biggest regionalization efforts we share with Winthrop and Revere," said Maltez.

The office has two fulltime employees, one working out of Revere and one out of Chelsea, who have been focusing on grant opportunities like the one awarded by MAPC.

"They have been pursuing grants to really implement these changes in the community," said Maltez. "The goal is to get us to shovel-ready projects so we can apply for more grant funding."

Many Massachusetts communities have limited professional planning capacity to help shape their future economic develtransportation, opment, housing, green spaces, and municipal facilities, according to MAPC. RPAs help with these essential tasks everything from updating stormwater guidelines and managing data to preparing economic development plans. The TAP and most of RPAs' work is primarily funded through District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) – dollars the Legislature and Governor appropriate annually and are distributed to all RPAs, including MAPC.

"A larger portion of this year's TAP grants support projects that cross municipal lines," said MAPC Executive Director Marc Draisen. "We are very glad to see that the critical DLTA funding from Beacon Hill is being used to take action on long-term regional goals and bring communities together across municipal lines."

The initial set of TAP-funded projects for FY25 supports cities and towns collaborating to advance program priorities and regional goals

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ICE // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Last Wednesday, March 19, local nonprofit La Colaborativa first heard word about ICE agents gathered near Market Basket, City Hall, and other locations in the city.

La Colaborativa closed the doors of its offices on March 19 to help protect Chelsea's immigrant population from the raids.

This past Monday morning, La Colaborativa officials were warning of the potential for further ICE activity in the area of the Chelsea produce market.

On March 19, La Colaborativa released a statement addressing the ICE action in Chelsea and the surrounding communities.

"Today, our community was harshly confronted with one of the largest immigration raids in Chelsea over recent decades," it stated. "Orchestrated outside of City Hall, the raid targeted a large number of residents, with agents arresting individuals simply walking to work. Soberingly, this ruthless action tore apart families, many of whom are in the U.S. legally, leaving children to awaken to a devastating reality.

"Unquestionably, today's events were designed to magnify fear, a fear that permeates our community, preventing countless families from commuting to work, attending school, or venturing out to the grocery store."

After documenting the severity of the raids, La Colaborativa officials said their team swiftly deployed its humanitarian crisis response across the city, and that they are working to marshal legal services, housing assistance, and crisis stabilization support for the families affected by the events.

City Manager Fidel Maltez said the city has not received official confirmation from the federal government regarding the number of people who were detained in Chelsea over the past week.

"They are really targeting the Boston area," said Maltez. "It was a tough week for many in the community, this prevents residents from shopping downtown, it prevents people from going to work. We, as a city, do not think that is the right approach."

Maltez said the Chelsea Police Department will continue its policy of not cooperating with federal authorities on immigration raids, while also ensuring that the city remains safe.

Arrest made following standoff on Shurtleff Street

Special to the Record

A three-hour standoff at 207 Shurtleff Street ended peacefully late Wednesday evening, May 19, resulting in the arrest of a suspect wanted on multiple warrants, according to Chelsea Police.

At approximately 6:45 p.m., Chelsea Police officers responded to a report of a disturbance at the apartment complex. The suspect, later identified as Douglas Chin, age 29 of Apartment 213, was allegedly involved in a violent altercation in the hallway, destroying property and threatening on-site staff, according to police.

Upon arrival, officers encountered Chin in the hallway and determined that he had outstanding warrants out of Cambridge District Court, including multiple assault charges, some involving police officers.

As officers attempted to take Chin into custody, he retreated into his apartment and refused to comply with police commands. Officers believed he might have been armed with a knife.

Chin became increasingly hostile, barricading himself inside his unit and making continued threats, according to police.

Chelsea Police secured the scene, evacuating residents from the affected floor for their safety. A trained CPD crisis negotiator was brought in and engaged in an extensive dialogue with Chin in an effort to de-escalate the situation, according to police.

After nearly three hours of negotiations, the Chelsea Police Department requested the assistance of the

Massachusetts State Police Tactical STOP Team to conduct a forced entry if necessary

At approximately 10:20 PM, State Police STOP Team members entered Chin's apartment and successfully took him into custody without incident. Chin was transported to the Cambridge Health Alliance in Everett for medical evaluation before being booked at Chelsea Police Headquarters.

"This outcome demonstrates the effectiveness of de-escalation efforts, teamwork, and our collaboration with state law enforcement partners," said Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton. "Our priority is always the safety of the community, and I commend our officers and our crisis negotiator for his patience and profession-

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sergeant on an air combat unit, working on an attack helicopter squadron for three years. "I was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas," said Zaluski. "I was an aircraft structure repairman."

Following his military service, Zaluski was a sheet metal worker and employed in HVAC before taking a position in the United States Postal service as a letter carrier.

Richie is the son of the late Henry and Mary Zaluski. He has a younger brother, Steven "Pie" Zaluski, who resides in Revere.

His life in sports began at Shurtleff

Richie Zaluski attended Shurtleff School where he thrived in intramural basketball and softball and was a member of the Shurtleff

Sports Club.

"Mr. [Arnold] Goodman ran both leagues and the Sports Club, and it was so much fun and the competition was really good," recalled Zaluski. "Mr. Goodman was a great teacher and organizer."

Interestingly, Zaluski was a teammate of another excellent multi-sport athlete that also went by "Richie Z." - and that would be Richie Zullo. Together, Zaluski and Zullo led their team to the Shurtleff Intramural Softball League championship. They would later team up for the 1975-76 Chelsea High School varsity basketball team alongside center Mike Wozniak, also a Shurtleff product, David Nalchajian, Mike Perry, Michael Breau, and Jay Seigal, among others.

Zaluski also remembered Mr. Goodman overseeing the Shurtleff and City of Chelsea Lodge of Elks' free throw contests.

Zaluski was also a Chelsea Little League All-Star for the Mets and a No. 1 draft pick and champion baseball player for Larry Notkin's Cubs in the Pony League.

"I played catcher, first

base, everywhere, and I was a lefthander," said Zaluski, who later played softball for the Chelsea Tap and Saunders Asbestos Service teams.

Big-time success at CHS

A 1977 CHS graduate, Zaluski was a starting guard for head coach Jack Niven's Red Devils. Kevin Shea was the junior varsity head coach at the time.

Zaluski had a soft shooting touch as a high-scoring 6-foot-1-inch forward for Chelsea, who qualified for the state tournament in Richie's senior year.

"I was the second-leading scorer in the GBL," recalled Zaluski. "I averaged 19.8. [CHS teammate] Dave Molloy edged me by one-tenth of a point. He was at 19.9."

Zaluski said that Bobby Walker was in the backcourt with Molloy. "And Harvey Raley and George Hurst were in the frontcourt with me," he remembered. "We won a state tournament game. That was a really good team."

Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, a former CHS backcourtman, said that

Zaluski "had game."
"Richie was a great shooter and very athletic," said Robinson. "That was actually a terrific team with Richie Z., Dave Molloy, and Bobby Walker. I don't think two Chelsea players had ever finished 1-2 in scoring in the GBL like Richie and Dave did that season."

Zaluski also had the dis-

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tinction of playing for head coach Joe Bevere's 1975 Eastern Mass. championship baseball team.

"I got some at-bats that season as a sophomore," said Zaluski, who threw left-handed and batted right-handed, a somewhat rare combination. "What a great team that was – Bobby Spinney, Bob Ham, Kevin Veator, Mike Lush, Jerry Dion – we went all the way in the tournament."

Zaluski played varsity football for one season under head coach Todd Flaherty. "I was the back-up tight end to Al Jaynes, who was a great athlete who had played in Chelsea Pop Warner football for years. I had never played football but Coach Flaherty was looking for some athletes, so I decided to try out for the team."

Looking back at his CHS playing days, Zaluski said, "I still have amazing memories. I wish I could turn back the clock, but I'm very happy with what I accomplished as an athlete. I root for Chelsea High teams."

A Shurtleff School kid who helped pack the State Armory for CHS home games, Richard Zaluski awaits a much-deserved call from Chelsea High School Athletic Director Amanda Alpert and the possibly re-launched Hall of Fame Committee.

Yes, Richard Zaluski was that good – Hall of Fame-caliber, to be sure.

2024 shooting of estranged wife Special to the Record a Chelsea police officer on patrol in the area of Central eryone who is wor this tracic case and the shooting.

Chelsea man held without bail in

Luckenson King Pablo, 32, of Chelsea was arraigned in Suffolk Superior Court on Monday for the Dec. 6, 2024 shooting death of his estranged wife, Melissa Janvier Pablo, 32, in Chelsea.

He was ordered held without bail, and is due back in court on April 29 for a pre-trial conference.

King Pablo was arrested hours after the shooting on Dec. 6 at an Everett apartment building by Chelsea Police with assistance from the Massachusetts State Police and Everett Police.

Shortly before 8:45 a.m. on Friday morning, Dec. 6, Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton stated that

a Chelsea police officer on patrol in the area of Central Avenue at Marginal Street by the TownePlace Suites reported hearing shots fired and located a female victim on the ground.

The woman, later identified as Janvier Pablo, was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital, where she was later pronounced dead.

According to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office, the shooter ran from the scene and fled in a car.

"Losing someone so young to such a shocking act of violence is heartbreaking for family and friends and for our entire community," said Suffolk County D.A. Kevin Hayden following the shooting. "I thank everyone who is working on this tragic case and I offer my deepest condolences to all those who knew and loved Melissa Pablo."

In December, prosecutor Kyle Siconolfi said it was alleged that the defendant approached the victim and she attempted to get away from him, that he physically assaulted her, that she ran from him, that he pursued her, and that when the victim fell at the median of Marginal Street and was on the ground with her body half raised in the direction of the defendant, that he pointed what appeared to be a firearm at her in her upper body and she fell fully to the

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VACCINES ARE SAFE --AND THEY ARE ESSENTIAL

The recent outbreak of a measles epidemic in areas of west Texas and New Mexico (where the measles vaccination rate is far below the national average) should serve as a warning to all Americans that vaccinations against measles and other diseases are crucial not only for the individual health of our children, but for society at-large.

Measles officially had been declared eradicated in the United States more than two decades ago, with the occasional infection occurring in persons who had traveled abroad and who unknowingly had come into contact with a person who had measles.

Ironically however, the lack of measles outbreaks in this country over the past 20 years has led to complacency among certain groups who are unaware of the risks of this airborne disease and the ease with which it can spread.

In addition, those who refuse to receive vaccines either for themselves or their children have been grossly misled by charlatans who have made baseless assertions that vaccines can be harmful (such as suggesting a link between vaccines and autism).

In short, the combination of young parents who have no knowledge of the dangers of these diseases (because measles did not exist when they themselves were children) and the misinformation that has been spread by those who have no idea what they are talking about has created a dangerous situation that threatens the health of our country.

For those of us of a certain age who recall the ravages of polio, measles, chicken pox, rubella, mumps, and other diseases before the arrival of vaccines, the level of ignorance and deception in recent years has been nothing less than mind-boggling.

We urge all of our readers with young children to listen to the advice of their pediatricians and allow their children to receive the schedule of vaccinations that has been recommended by health authorities for decades.

Similarly, all of our readers who are "older" should stay up-to-date with their vaccines for the flu, COVID, pneumonia, and RSV. Unfortunately, the uptake of these vaccines has waned since the height of the pandemic, but they are essential for our health and well-being. These diseases kill and hospitalize tens of thousands of Americans annually, but the available vaccines could significantly reduce those numbers if everyone were to get their annual shots.

ONCE AGAIN, LOGAN WAS A **BREEZE**

We wish to take a moment to mention that our recent travels through Logan Airport, as always, were a breeze.

Unlike the days before 9/11, air travel has become a dreaded experience for everyone. The requirements of security protocols are not pleasant (though we are grateful for them because they ensure our safety), but the flying experience itself is no longer enjoyable.

The large number of canceled and delayed flights (primarily because of the increase in extreme weather caused by climate change), overbooked flights, cramped seating, lost luggage, and unruly and rude fellow travelers have made air travel far from something we look forward to.

However, unlike many other major airports, Logan stands out for its accessibility (thanks to the many options, whether by car, bus, subway, or boat) and its overall customer experience. The TSA lines seldomly are unmanageable, the concourses are clean, and the food offerings -- particularly because of the presence of Boston-based options such as Kelly's and Legal Seafoods -- are far better than most other airports we've visited.

To be sure, everything can be improved, but we wish to express our view that Massport is doing a great job at Logan Airport -- and we are grateful that the beginning and ending of our recent vacation were pleasant and stress-free experiences.

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GUEST OP-ED

Some anniversaries remembered and some forgotten

The following Op-Ed submitted by John Henry in December of 2024 is being reprinted this week in light of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Battle of Chelsea Creek.

By John J. Henry

Anniversaries are a time to look back, to celebrate milestones and achievements; it is also a time to remember the misfortunes and hardships that some of the members of our society experienced leading to the creation of our new nation and to reflect upon those events as we reconnect with our past.

During the upcoming two years a constellation of past historical events will be occurring which are significant to both our national and local histories, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

As this year comes to a

close a lesser known local historical event will be concluding; the 400th Anniversary of the, settlement of Winnisimmet, (now Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop), when an adventurous 22-year-old young man from Devonshire England, named Samuel Maverick, journeyed from Weymouth England arriving at Wessagusset, (now Weymouth), Massachusetts in 1623 to pursue his fortune in British North America. A short time after his arrival he decided to move on from Wessagusset traveling to the north side of the Mystic River, at the junction of Massachusetts Bay, arriving at an area of land in 1624, then populated by the Rumney Marsh Indians, part of the indigenous people of the Pawtucket nation, on land that they called Winnisimmet. Maverick took possession of the lands of Winnisimmet from the Rumney Marsh Indians by occupation, in keeping with the adverse land acquisition provisions of British law, thus establishing Winnisimmet as the fourth permanent British North American settlement in Massachusetts. Maverick would quickly develop the land that he occupied constructing a home, with a palisade defensive fortification enclosure, on the Winnisimmet hillside facing the Mystic River. Although in early conflict with the Rumney Marsh Indians Maverick subsequently established a harmonious fur trading relationship and friendship with them. During a smallpox epidemic outbreak Maverick ministered to the medical needs of the Rumney Marsh Indians and buried 30 of their dead in one day.

In June of 1630 Maverick

leader of the Massachusetts Bay Company, at his Winnisimmet home, as Winthrop traveled from his Salem outpost to Boston Harbor in search of a suitable location for the capital of his Massachusetts Bay Company settlement, his proverbial new Jerusalem, which Winthrop referred to as his, "city upon a hill", a model for the building of a new Puritan society in North America. Maverick would render essential services to Winthrop's Massachusetts Bay Company, as Winthrop labored to establish a home for his Puritan religious community as well as his, British North American economic colony. Winthrop would later establish Boston as the capital of the Massachusetts Bay Company in 1634 and he then quickly annexed all of Winnisimmet, including the lands of Rumney Marsh and Pullen Point as part of the new Puritan Town of Boston. Maverick would remain as a resident of Winnisimmet for a short time until he deeded his hillside estate and a portion of his other Winnisimmet land holdings to Richard Bellingham in1635. By then Maverick had already moved on from Winnisimmet to his new home at Noddle's Island, (now East Boston), in Massachusetts Bay.

While it is fitting and appropriate to recognize Maverick as the first English settler of our area, 400 years ago in 1624, it is inappropriate to condone Maverick's less then honorable character, stature and reputation since Maverick shamefully became the first slave trader in Massachusetts, committing New England's original sin. It should be noted, that Maverick was a product of his seventeenth century English times that condoned slavery for both cultural and economic reasons. Moreover, slavery was a major component of British economic Imperialism that relied heavily upon slavery for the establishment of British North American agricultural plantations, to acquire resources and produce agricultural products for shipment back to England. The cultivation, of agricultural products, required substantial feudal forced labor by both indentured servants as well as Negro slaves to become a successful economic venture.

In 1645 John Winthrop, who had served as Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony on six different occasions, wrote about British North American economic expansion stating: "I do not see how we can thrive until we get...a flock of slaves sufficient to do all of our business...and it will be cheaper to maintain twenty number of those very slaves now rest in our Rumney Marsh burial ground located on Butler Street.

Slavery in Massachusetts would last for 159 years.

It was not until the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780, and its subsequent judicial interpretation in1783, that ultimately brought an end to slavery in Massachusetts.

On March 27& 28,1775, members of our town's militia joined together with 1000 militia men from all of the then New England colonies, and tenaciously confronted 400 British Royal Marines, with their fleet of three naval vessels, assault barges and field artillery, encountering British troops beginning at the inner islands of Boston Harbor and ending in the marshlands and mudflats of Chelsea Creek, near Slade's Mill, resulting in the capture and sinking of the British Royal Navy schooner "Diana". The Battle of Chelsea Creek, although mostly forgotten to history, was notable since it was the first planned offensive battle of the Revolutionary War; the first instance of military cooperation by the New England colonies, battling the Redcoats; the first naval engagement of the Revolutionary War; the first capture of a British vessel of war; and the first time that artillery was used by the colonial militia against the British. While the colonial losses were minimal the Redcoats lost sixty-four

of their elite troops. On April 19,2025 our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the, "Short heard round the world", on April 19th 1775, when we celebrate the confrontation of Massachusetts colonists and British Redcoats at Lexington and Concord, marking an important battle of our war for Independence from Great Britain and another transition from a war of words to one of bullets.

Although little known, by many of our current Revere citizens, a number of the then residents of our early town played an important role in this confrontation for independence from Great Britain, when the pastor of The Church of Christ at Chelsea, (now Revere), Reverend Phillips Payson, lead a party of men from his church congregation halting the retreating British Redcoats, after the confrontation at Lexington

John Winthrop, the Puritan one English servant." A and Concord, engaging the Redcoats at Menotomy, (now Arlington), in an intense rear action confrontation, when the men of the church congregation killed a number of the Redcoats and took several of the enemy as prisoners. By their courageous action the men from our town enshrined themselves in the history of our nation by their heroic participation in this important confrontation of the American Revolution for Independence from Great Britain. Also, for his heroic leadership of the men from his church congregation, Pastor Phillips Payson would become forever known as "Fighting Pastor Payson". Payson would go on to participate, with John Adams as a contributor, in the writing of the Massachusetts Constitution and as a founding member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, along with John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine and John and Samuel Adams.

Twenty days later, on June 17,1775, the colonists once again battled the British Redcoats at the bloody battle of Bunker Hill. The battle, which actually occurred at Breed's Hill, only lasted two hours, however, the losses were significant resulting in 1,054 British casualties and 450 colonial losses, demonstrating the fighting ability of the colonial forces to effectively do battle against the British Redcoats.

Over one year later, on July 4,1776, the Second Continental Congress of the thirteen American Colonies, meeting at Philadelphia, sent a bold message to the King and Parliament of Great Brit ain by proclaiming the American Declaration of Independence, from Great Britain.

Recognition of our past, acknowledging historical events and experiences of a bygone era, including both positive and negative aspects, allows us to gain important insights and lessons learned as we strive to shape a better future.

We can't change history but we certainly can learn from it. As William Shakespeare wrote in his play, 'The Tempest,"

"The past is prologue."

John J. Henry served as City Clerk of the City of Revere for thirty-two years from 1977-2009. He has written numerous articles, over the years, about the early history Revere.





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CITY HOLDS CHELSEA PA'LANTE FESTIVAL

the Chelsea Pa'Lante Festival on Saturday, March 15 to celebrate the city's efforts to create Chelsea Pa'Lante,

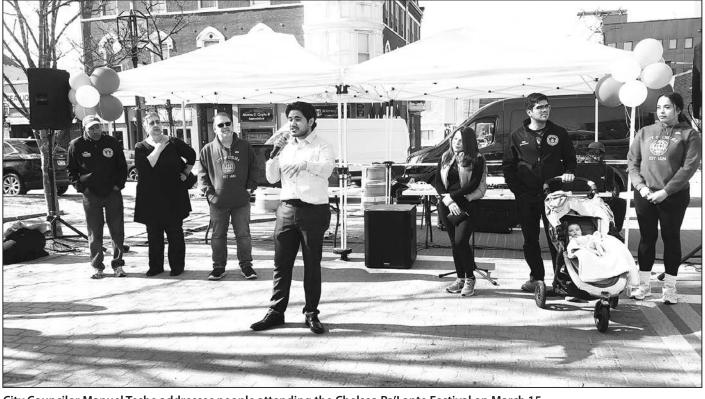
The City of Chelsea held Chelsea Onward, its first comprehensive plan in over 50 years.

The event was attended by families, public safety,

and elected officials as the new Chelsea Pa'Lante logo was unveiled.

City officials, residents, and consultants will be

working together to craft the new comprehensive plan that will help pave the way for the future of the city.



City Councilor Manuel Teshe addresses people attending the Chelsea Pa'Lante Festival on March 15.



Members of the Chelsea Fire Department and Rescue 1 were on hand at the festival.



City manager Fidel Maltez, City Councilor Leo Robinson, and members of the Chelsea Police Department took part in the touch-

Fontbonne to recognize three distinguished alumnae as it celebrates 70 years of empowering young women

Fontbonne, The Early College of Boston, a leading Catholic school for young women serving grades 7-12, will honor three distinguished alumnae for their accomplishments at the upcoming celebration of its milestone 70th anniversary. The gala will recognize Jean Hynes ('87), the first woman to be appointed CEO of Boston-based asset management firm Wellington Management; Melissa Nelson ('06), the first Black woman to lead the Nurse-Midwifery Division at Massachusetts General Hospital; and Arielle Gaines ('07), an educator and former Teacher of the Year at Match Community Day Charter School.

"Fontbonne's legacy of excellence in education and leadership is evident in the achievements of our alumnae," Fontbonne Head of School Maura Spignesi said. "These exceptional individuals have made meaningful contributions to society, demonstrating the strength, dedication, and impact that Fontbonne instills in all its students. Their success reflects the values and teach-

ings of our school, and we take pride in seeing them pursue their passions, which is what we always have and will continue to encourage," she continued. "We are incredibly proud of their contributions to their respective fields and society, and we hope their stories will continue to inspire our students for the next 70 years and beyond."

WCVB Newscenter 5's morning anchor, Antoinette Antonio, will emcee the event. Antonio joined the station in 2013 and is currently the co-anchor of the station's EyeOpener and Noon newscasts.

The gala, which will be held March 29, 2025 at Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood, will celebrate Fontbonne students' accomplishments over the past seven decades. This event will raise funds for the school's Light of Life Fund for financial assistance, which is essential for ensuring equitable access for all students throughout the Greater Boston area and the

The gala will showcase student performances and feature a student speaker

South Shore.

who will highlight the character and leadership skills students cultivate throughout their education at Fontbonne. Tickets can be purchased at the link here.

Honoree Career Summaries

Jean Hynes '87 – CEO, Wellington Management

Jean Hynes, chief executive officer and managing partner of Wellington Management, is the first woman CEO in the firm's history. Hynes has earned numerous accolades for her work, including recognition from Forbes 50 Over 50, Barron's 100 Most Influential Women in US Finance, and 100 Women in Finance's North American Industry Leadership Award. A CFA charter holder, she serves on the Investment Committee at Wellesley College and the board of The Massachusetts Competitive Partnership, among other leadership roles.

Melissa Nelson '06 -Chief Midwife, Massachusetts General Hospital

Melissa Nelson is the Director of the Nurse Midwifery Division at Massachusetts General Hospital. After receiving her nursing

education at the University of Pennsylvania, Nelson has dedicated her career to advancing maternal healthcare and addressing healthcare inequities. In 2023, she completed Duke University School of Medicine's Advanced Practice Provider Leadership Institute. A passionate educator, she also teaches and mentors students in midwifery and women's health.

Arielle Gaines '07 - Educator, Match Community Day Charter School

Arielle Gaines, a kindergarten teacher at Match Community Day Charter School, has made a significant impact in the field of education. Gaines earned degrees in physical education and education from Hampton University and the University of Massachusetts-Boston, respectively. Recognized for her leadership and pedagogical excellence, she was named Teacher of the Year at Match Community Day Charter for the 2023-2024 school year. She is committed to providing her students with a solid academic foundation and the confidence to advocate

for themselves.

OBITUARIES

Patricia 'Pat" Driscoll

August 9, 1935 – January 5, 2025

Patricia A. "Pat" (Fee) Driscoll of Chelsea, entered into eternal rest on Monday, January 6, 2025 at the Katzman Family Center for Living in Chelsea. She was 89 years of age.

Born in Chelsea, the loving daughter of the late Joseph and Stacia (Rockwall) Fee, Pat attended Chelsea public schools and graduated from Chelsea High School. She was a devoted mother, caring for her home and her four children.

Pat was a long lasting employee at the Massachusetts General Hospital. She began her working career in Boston and worked as a secretary in various departments within the hospital over the years. She retired as a secretary from the MGH office in Revere.

In her down time, Pat enjoyed painting and attending ceramics class. She was a kind, caring and loving person, who will be missed by all.

She was the beloved mother of Karen Smith of Florida and her late husband, Kevin Smith, Denise Driscoll and her significant other, Peter Steriti of Chelsea, Patricia Irgens and her husband, Daniel Irgens of Lynn and Paul Driscoll and his wife, Sandy Holden of Jamaica Plain; dear sister of David Fee and his wife Patricia Fee of Virginia and the late Joseph Fee, and his wife, Janet Fee, John Fee and his significant other, Eva Larkin of New Jersey; the cherished grandmother of three grandchildren, Brian, Amy and her husband,



Giancarlo and Kayla and four great grandchildren: Marley, Pierce, Avery and Sofia. She is also lovingly survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In honoring Patricia's memory, friends and family are invited to attend visiting hours at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Thursday, April 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. A Memorial Service will take place at the Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel, 302 Elm St., Everett, on Friday, April 4 at 12: Noon where those who cherished her will gather to celebrate her life in prayerful remembrance. Following the service, her inurnment will occur in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Pat will be deeply missed, but her spirit will remain alive in the hearts of those she loved, guiding and nurturing them as they continue along their journeys.

In lieu of flowers, remembrance donations can be made to the Lupus Foundation of New England, 290 W. Boylston St., Suite 60676, Worcester, MA 01606, or visit http://www. lupusne.org/

To send expressions of sympathy, visit www. welshfh.com.

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Happy 69th Birthday Remembrance ~ March 27th ~ SUSAN M. LUONGO



I miss you Mom

I thought of you with love today, But that is nothing new, I thought about you yesterday, And days before that too. I think of you in silence. I often speak your name, All I have are memories, And your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake, With which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping. I have you in my heart

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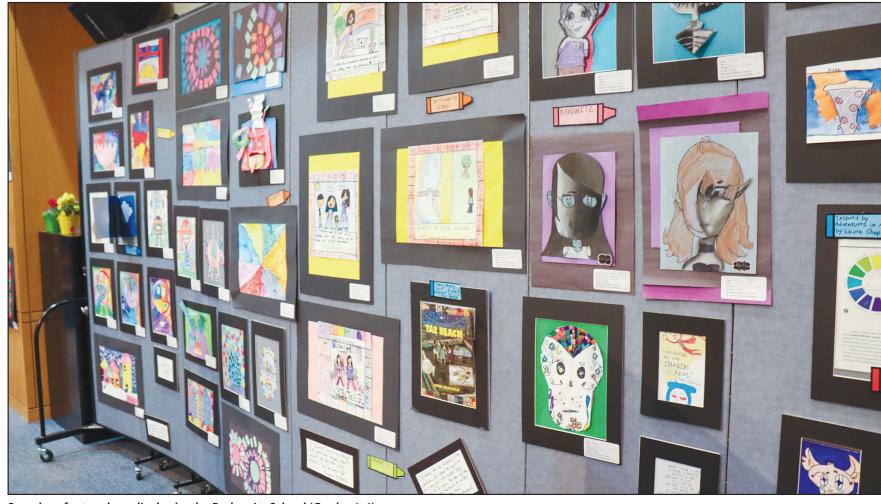
STUDENT ARTWORK ON DISPLAY AT CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ANNUAL DISTRICT ART SHOW

COURTESY PHOTOS

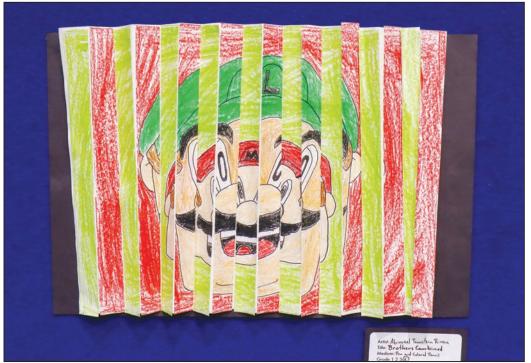
Across two public viewings on Saturday, March 15, and Tuesday, March 18, the Chelsea Public Schools Visual Art Department hosted its annual District Art Show at the Williams School.

Taking up the entirety of the Williams School Band Room, the show featured pieces of student artwork representing all schools in Chelsea. Hundreds of students, families and community members attended the two-day event. Attendees had the opportunity to complete a scavenger hunt and take in all that was on display.

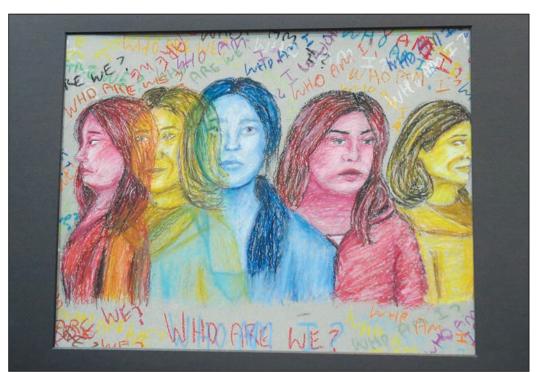
A variety of mediums were on display including but not limited to painting at the elementary schools, sculpture and ceramics at the middle schools and high schools, advanced placement coursework at Chelsea High School and much more.



Samples of artwork on display by the Berkowitz School (Grades 1-4)



Combined drawing of brothers Mario and Luigi by Abimael T. at the Sokolowski School



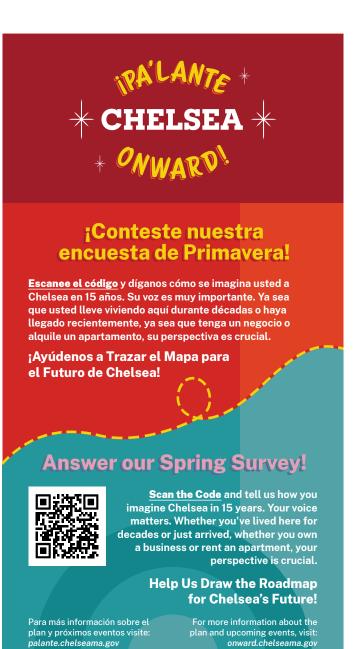
CHS Student Jay Velasquez designed this oil pastel for an AP Art course at Chelsea High School



Chelsea High School students created paper mache/acrylic masks



Samples of student artwork in ceramics at Chelsea High School



Fish and Wildlife Service reopens public comment period for monarch butterfly

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is reopening the public comment period for a proposed rule to list the monarch butterfly as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The proposed rule includes

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species-specific protections and flexibilities to encourage conservation of the butterfly under section 4(d) of the ESA. The comment period will be reopened for 60 days, until May 19, 2025, to give all interested parties an additional opportunity to comment on the proposed rule, which was published on December 12, 2024. Comments that were previously submitted do not need to be resubmitted as they are already incorporated into the public record and will be fully considered in the final listing determination.

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Public comments are an integral part of the ESA listing determination process, and the Service recognizes

the complexity of the infor-

mation requested for public comment in the proposed rule. By reopening the public comment period, the agency is ensuring everyone has a chance to share information relevant to the conservation status of the species, including the associated 4(d) rule and proposed critical habitat designation.

The reopening of the public comment period for the monarch butterfly will publish in the Federal Register Reading Room. A reopened 60-day comment period will close on May 19, 2025. Information about how to submit comments can be found on regulations.gov by searching for docket number FWS-R3-ES-2024-0137.



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Samples of artwork (medium: crayons) submitted by the Kelly Elementary School



Students completing their scavenger hunt, identifying specific pieces at the Art Show



Students at the Hooks School completed a "Crazy Socks" assignment using a mixed medium weave



Students at the Wright Science & Technology Academy used clay to create fantasy creatures

CHS Roundup

CHS SPRING SPORTS TO SWING INTO GEAR

The 2025 spring sports season will swing into high gear for Chelsea High athletes this coming week.

The CHS baseball team will open its season on Monday when the Red Devils travel to Roxbury Prep. They will play their home opener next Thursday when they host New Mission at Carter Park at 3:30.

The Lady Red Devil soft-

ball team also will open its season on Monday when they host Roxbury Prep at Carter.

The boys volleyball team will get its season underway next Wednesday at Boston Latin Academy.

The boys and girls out-door track and field teams will host a tri-meet at Chelsea Stadium on April 8 and the girls flag football team will open their season when they host two opponents on April 10.



Families gathered to observe the student artwork. Some traversed the space on a scavenger hunt looking for specific pieces!





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BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

BRUINS WINDING DOWN.

The Bruins are still battling hard, despite six losses in a row, a stat that is magnified by the number of goals scored (11), and goals allowed (30). Three of those losses happening in the first three games of their five game road trip, beginning with defeats applied by Vegas Golden Knights, San Jose Sharks, and Sunday night's 7-2 loss at the hands of the Los Angeles Kings. There were a few encouraging moments, such as the Elias Lindholm putting the puck in the back of the Los Angeles net a mere 19 seconds after the drop of the puck to start the Kings Lysell and the aggressive play of Marat Khusnutdinov in Sunday's loss. Another lone highlight, Morgan Geekie scoring his 25th goal of the season. The dis-

appointments are mounting with each loss, Boston knew they would be in for a fight coming in, as the Kings have been unstoppable on home ice, picking up points in their last 14 home games. During that point streak the Kings are 11-0-3, winning eight of the last nine, and boasting six consecutive wins.

The Bruins have seen

their regular season record drop faster than the recent Dow Jones average, as they continue to spiral down below the .500 mark with a record of 30-33-9. Boston's offense continues to sputter, as was obvious, especially game, the speed of Fabian in the third period, when the locals only shot on net was by defenseman Parker Wotherspoon, a reality that has happened much too often of late, with the team unable to maintain any of-

fensive rhythm. Another issue has been the ability of teams to come in on the Bruins goaltenders unabated, without a single response from the Boston defense. It must be painful for Bruins management to watch their \$8.25 million goaltender Swayman, surrender seven goals to the Kings on Sunday, and only make 16 saves on the night. Surely a season to forget for Swayman who has now allowed 155 goals in the 51 games he has started...giving him poor stats that include: 3.12 goals-against-average, and a save percentage of .892.

Interim head coach Joe Sacco has rolled with the influx of new faces, doing what he can to fit players in where he hopes they might prosper, but several of the moves are crushed by the pressure of the team

trying to get into one of the two wild card spots. Sacco offered comments of encouragement before the Kings game: "Anytime you're going through a situation like we're in right now, it's always hard, but I think that for the most part we do a good job of talking about the game and then we put it behind us, and we move on to the next game, I think that's the most important thing. We have a lot of new players, we have a lot of young players in our lineup right now, so they're learning how we go about our business day to day and our routine and our structure still, but they're part of it, too, and they have to learn the process that goes on here."

The Bruins' - lost weekend began with the stop in San Jose on Saturday, to a team that sits at the very bottom of the National Hockey League standings. The night ended with a 3-1 Bruins loss, in game that had two local college players delivering some timely plays for San Jose. Macklin Celebrini (Boston University), earned assists #30/31, on goals by William Eklund and Lucas Carlsson, and Will Smith (Boston College) earned his 21st assist, also on Carlsson's goal. Just a bit of local flavor, eh? Ten games remain to be played in Boston's regular season, with the Bruins trailing the Montreal Canadiens by a half-dozen points for the second wild card spot, plus Montreal holds three games in hand. The 'wishing-and-hoping' appears to

take on the Sharks,

over – if not mathematically, still over! Next up for Boston are two road games Wednesday 10:00pm versus Anaheim, and they end their road trip, and the month of March on Saturday 8:00pm in Detroit. Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00pm, the Bruins will host the Washington Capitals and Alex Ovechkin, as the GR8 chase continues with Ovechkin in pursuit of Wayne Gretzky's goal-scoring totals.

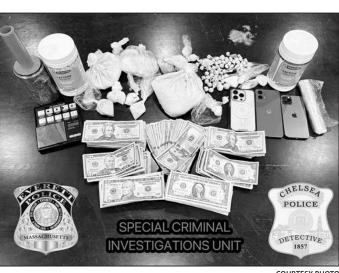
Regional police effort leads to arrest of Chelsea man on drug trafficking charges

Special to the Independent

A Chelsea man is being held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing after local and federal law enforcement officers seized over 1,000 grams of drugs and over \$12,000 in U.S. currency from his residence on Wednesday, May 19, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

Eric Serrano, 45, of Chelsea was charged with trafficking fentanyl over 200 grams, trafficking cocaine over 36 grams, and providing a false name to law enforcement.

Judge Jane Prince ordered Serrano held without bail pending a dangerous-



Shown are drugs and money the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office stated was seized from a Spencer Avenue address in Chelsea.

ness hearing this week.

At about 9 a.m. on March 19, as a result of an investigation led by the Everett departments, DEA Task

Police Department along with members of the Chelsea, Revere, Salem Police Force and Massachusetts State Police, investigators executed search warrants for Serrano, his vehicle, and his Spencer Avenue residence.

Officers seized 1138 grams of fentanyl, 63 grams of cocaine and \$12,012 in cash, according to the district attorney's office.

Officers located a second male, later identified as Felix Agromonte, 23, of Lawrence inside the residence.

A CJIS query revealed Agromonte had four outstanding warrants from various agencies for charges related to shoplifting, resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, larceny over \$1200, conspiracy to violate drug laws,

possession with intent to distribute a Class A substance, and possession with intent to distribute a Class B substance.

"This is another example of excellent teamwork between agencies," stated Everett Police Chief Paul Strong. "We have worked together with these agencies for several years and the dedication and hard work that these agencies do to rid communities of these dangerous drugs is incredible."

Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton praised the interdepartmental work and said his department will work tirelessly for its residents to keep drug dealers and drugs off the streets.

Serrano has been con-

victed of drug distribution related offenses back in 1997 and 2010, according to the DA's office

According to the website AddictionResource.net, the street cost per gram of fentanyl runs between \$150 and \$200, making the street value of 1138 grams as high as \$227,600.

"This is a large amount of drugs that could do a large amount of damage in our neighborhoods," said Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden. "We're seeing some positive trends in opioid-related overdose deaths across the state in recent years and part of the reason is operations like this that take deadly drugs like fentanyl off the streets."

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE



CHELSEA

Invitation

for Bids Annual Sidewalk Reconstruction The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "Annual Sidewalk Reconstruction". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after March 27, 2025 by visiting the City's website at https://www. chelseama.gov/departments/ purchasing/current_bids_ solicitations.php. An optional pre-bid conference and site tour is scheduled for 03/31/2025 @ 11:00 AM, meeting on site at the corner of Chester Avenue & Highland

Invitation for Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Annual Sidewalk Reconstruction" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, April 10, 2025. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M. Dragica Ivanis

Chief Procurement Officer 3/27/25

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Probate **And Family Court**

24 New Chardon St.

Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR **FORMAL ADJUDICATION** Docket No. SU25P0402EA Estate of: Barbara G. Puzan Date of Death: NOTICE TO 08/30/2024 CONTRACTORS MASSACHUSETTS

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John J. Wisniewski of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: John J. Wisniewski of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/28/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRA-TION UNDER THE MASSACHU-SETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE

(MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of

administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 19, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DIVISION OF CAPITAL **ASSET MANAGEMENT** AND MAINTENANCE **Electronic Bids submitted** in the format furnished by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM) and clearly identified as a bid will be received through DCAMM's E-Bid Room at www.bidexpress. com/businesses/10279/ home no later than the date and time specified and will forthwith be publicly opened remotely by DCAMM Bid Room personnel and read aloud over a conference call line. Persons interested in accessing the remote bid opening can do so by using the following phone number: Audio Conferencing Dial-In Number (617)-315-0704, Meeting Number 2333 916 4237#. If prompted for attendee ID, please press #. Mass. State Project No.

Power Plant Decommissioning Study for Chelsea Veterans Home Domiciliary Redevelopment, Chelsea, MA The following Filed Sub-Bids: HVAC; Electrical Sub-Bids at 12:00 Noon: April 14, 2025 General Bids at 2:00 PM: April

28, 2025 **Every Filed Sub-Bidder must** be certified by DCAMM in the category for which they bid. Every General Bidder must be certified by DCAMM for the category of work listed below and for no less than the bid price plus all add alternates of this project, if applicable. Category of Work: General **Building Construction** E.C.C: \$1,304,598 This project is scheduled

for 106 calendar days to

substantial completion. Scope:

Demolition of the incinerator building and demolition and relocation of all electrical, mechanical, and fire protection equipment within the space. A Pre-Bid/Site Visit will be held on March 31, 2025 at 10:00 AM at Chelsea Veterans Home, 91 Crest Ave., Chelsea, MA. Meet outside.

Minimum rates of wages to be paid on the project have been determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor Standards. These rates are incorporated into the bid

documents. Bid documents for this project may be accessed or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through DCAMM's E-Bid Room https:// www.bidexpress.com/businesses/10279/home, A hard copy set can be made available for viewing in DCAMM's Bid Room located at One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor, Boston, MA during normal business hours by appointment only by contacting DCAMM's Bid Room. In order to access bid documents and submit bids through DCAMM's E-Bid Room potential bidders must first be verified by DCAMM's Bid Room and then register with the E-Bid Room vendor. Instructions on the processes can be found on DCAMM's website www. mass.gov/dcamm/bids or contact DCAMM's Bid Room at bidroom.dcamm@mass.gov or (617) 727-4003. Adam Baacke COMMISSIONER

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LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR **PROPOSALS** MARGINAL STREET REDESIGN **PROJECT** The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking

PROJECT". Request for Proposals will be available on or after March 27, 2025 by visiting the City's website at https://www. chelseama.gov/departments/ purchasing/current_bids_ solicitations.php. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "MARGINAL STREET REDESIGN PROJECT" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, April 10, 2025. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or

all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis

Chief Procurement Officer 3/27/25

LEGAL NOTICE



PUBLIC HEARING TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION **PUBLIC HEARING** Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 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, April 1, 2025 at 6:00

P.M. **City Council Chambers** 500 Broadway 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 of Request for Proposals for the discontinuance of a "MARGINAL STREET REDESIGN parcel known as Merritt Road,

between Webster Avenue and Stockton Street, pursuant to section 24-85 of the Chelsea Code of Ordinance. Per Order

Chief Keith E. Houghton Chairperson

3/13/25, 3/27/25

LEGAL NOTICE



Re:Rancho Las Pupusas, Inc. d/b/aRancho Las Pupusas 36 Second Street Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, April 10, 2025 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a Change of Hours from Sunday-Saturday 11pm-11pm to Sunday-Saturday 11am-1am on a Liquor License application for Rancho Las Pupusas, Inc. d//b/a Rancho Las Pupusas at 36 Second Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMIS-SION

Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 3/20/25, 3/27/25

LEGAL NOTICE



Re Rivian, LLC 25 Griffin Way, Chelsea, MA 02150 Chelsea Licensing Commission, April 10, 2025 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 500 Broadway, City Council Conference Room . Chelsea MA. 02150 by the Chelsea

Licensing Commission on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for a Class II License application for Rivian, LLC at 25 Griffin Way, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters of this hearing CHELSEA LICENSING COMMIS-SION

Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 3/27/25, 4/3/25

LEGAL NOTICE



LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS** NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING** The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:00pm at City Hall 3rd floor in the DPW Conference room. Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Eversource for the following petition: Winnisimmet St. Northeasterly from pole 7/2-1X, at the intersection of Beacon St., install approximately 32 feet of conduit. Public comments will be accepted during the meeting. Written comments are accepted by email to cfox@chelseama.gov until 12:00pm on 4/15/25. The public is invited to attend. Cate Fox Lent

3/27/25, 4/3/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a

Docket No.

SU25P0490GD

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 In the interests Of: Jency Rodrigues Of:Chelsea, MA Minor NOTICE TO ALL **INTERESTED PARTIES** A hearing on a Petition for

Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 03/06/2025 by Jesslexis Paz of Chelsea, MA will be held 04/07/2025 10:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing, Located 24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Fl. Probation Dept., Boston MA 02114

You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court: and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: March 10, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

Register of Probate

Brazilian nationals with local ties charged in firearms investigation

Special to the Independent

Last week, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced the results of a year-long federal investigation into illegal firearm sales across Massachusetts.

According to the charging documents, the investigation identified Brazilian nationals in several communities in Massachusetts who have allegedly been involved in the sale of various types of firearms. It is further alleged that some of the firearms were tied to gang-related activities involving a large transnational criminal organization, Primeiro Comando da Capital, as well as smaller, local street gangs, specifically the "Tropa de Sete" and "Trem Bala" street gangs.

Of the 18 Brazilian nationals charged separately,, several had local addresses, including:

1. Lucas Henrique Moreira De Paiva, 22, resided in Malden, Weymouth and Chelsea, charged with engaging in the business of dealing firearms without a license;

2. Victor Eduardo Santos De Souza, 21, resided in

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Shown is a firearm allegedly tied to Brazilian transnational criminal organization.

charged with engaging in the business of dealing firearms without a license;

3. Riquelme Henrique De Aguilar Ferreira, 21, resided in Framingham and Revere, charged with engaging in the business of dealing firearms without a license;

4. Gideoni De Oliveira Moutinho, 32, resided in Malden, Weymouth and Chelsea, charged with engaging in the business of dealing firearms without a license; and

5. Joao Victor Da Silva Soares, 21, of Everett, ing quantities of fentanyl charged with conspiracy to engage in the business of dealing in firearms without a license.

Primeiro Comando da Capital, originally found-Framingham and Revere, ed in the prison systems in covered include, but are not

São Paulo, Brazil, is one of the largest criminal organizations in Brazil and Latin America. It is alleged that Primeiro Comando da Capital members and their associates are known to commit violent offenses in furtherance of the organization, to include murders, armed robberies, kidnappings and the coordination of a transnational drug trafficking operation, according to the

To date, approximately 110 firearms, traffickand ammunition have been seized over the course of the investigation which began in 2024, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. The firearms allegedly re-

U.S. Attorney's office.

limited to, handguns, rifles, short-barreled rifles and shotguns that were primarily trafficked from areas in Florida and South Carolina into Massachusetts.

Eighteen Brazilian nationals have been charged separately with federal firearms offenses over the course of the investigation. The majority of the defendants have no legal status in the United States and are in the United States illegally, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

"As alleged, these defendants - most of whom have no legal status in the United States - played a role in bringing deadly weapons into Massachusetts, some as traffickers and others as unlawful possessors. This kind of lawlessness fuels violent crime and empowers transnational criminal organizations that profit from chaos and fear. It puts American lives at risk," said United States Attorney Leah B. Foley. "This case is a testament to the strength of our federal, state, and local law enforcement partnerships in keeping our communities safe and upholding the rule of law."

The combination of ille-

gal firearms and individuals unlawfully in our country presents a grave threat to public safety. said James

M. Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Boston Field Division.

"Not only are many of

these individuals in the

country illegally, these de-

fendants also allegedly trafficked dangerous firearms in connection with transnational gangs, posing a serious threat to our communities in Massachusetts," said Michael J. Krol, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England.. "This investigation is the result of collaboration with our partners, each leveraging

our unique expertise and

authorities to work towards

our shared public safety

goals." Patricia H. Hyde, Acting Field Office Director, Boston, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Enforcement and Removal Operations, said many of the 18 Brazilian aliens illegally settled in our Massachusetts communities apparently with the intention of causing harm to its resi-

"Not only were they allegedly members or associates of dangerous transnational criminal organizations, but they were also allegedly involved in trafficking significant amounts of illegal firearms, ammunition, and fentanyl," Hyde said. "ICE Boston will continue to prioritize the safety of our public by arresting and removing illegal alien offenders from our New England neighborhoods."

The charges of engaging in the business of dealing firearms without a license and conspiracy provide for a sentence of up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of possession of a firearm by an illegal alien provides for a sentence of up to 15 years in prison, three of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The defendants are subject to deportation upon completion of any sentence imposed. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR PROJECT BREAD'S 57TH WALK FOR HUNGER



The Walk for Hunger, Project Bread's flagship community fundraiser, is seeking walkers to mobilize their neighbors and join the celebration. The one-day event is set for Sunday, May 4 on the Boston Common, and will feature family-friendly activities, food and entertainment along the 3-mile loop. In its 57th year, Project Bread invites you to help raise more than \$1 million to support the leading statewide food security organization's approach to ensure food access for all children and families in Massachusetts. Likeminded anti-hunger organizations can enroll in the nonprofit's co-fundraising program, The Commonwealth, forming teams to raise money to support their own work, while also furthering Project Bread's statewide effort.

Walk for Hunger or to make a donation, visit projectbread.org/walk or email walk@project-

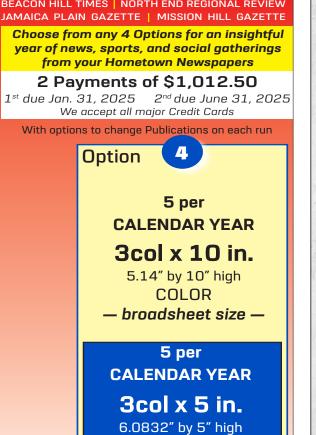




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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

HART HONORED BY ELKS AT IRISH NIGHT DINNER

EVERETT - The Saugus-Everett Elks Lodge honored Supt. of Everett Schools William Hart at its Irish Night Dinner March 13 at Elks Hall in Saugus.

A capacity crowd of EPS school administrators, city officials, and friends joined Elks members and guests in honoring Mr. Hart for his longtime and distinguished career in the field of education.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Rep. Joseph McGonagle, and Ward 5 Councilor Robert Van Campen presented citations to Hart during the impressive program.

Following his Supt. William Hart's biography:

William Hart was appointed Superintendent of the Everett Public Schools (EPS) in December of 2023, culminating a distinguished career in educational leadership and civic engagement. He oversees one of the most diverse districts in Massachusetts, one that is home to more than 7,400 students and 1,300 employees.

During the first 14 months of his tenure, Mr. Hart successfully negotiated union contract extensions with five collective bargaining units, rebuilt trust among faculty, professional staff, and central administration, and reestablished a working relationship with Everett City Hall. He has reenergized Central Administration, creating and restoring critical education, financial, and human resource functions that enable the EPS to focus on one thing above all others: To best serve our students and their success.

Since occupying the Superintendent's Office, Mr. Hart has immersed himself in the Everett Public Schools, working tirelessly to build relationships with families, visit schools and classrooms, attend events, and represent the district's interests with city and state leaders and among multiple stakeholders.

Mr. Hart, who continues to call Everett his hometown, joined the EPS after decades spent establishing himself as a nationally-recognized leader in higher education. He served as the Chief Executive Officer for the Massachusetts Community Colleges from 2009-2019, during which time he worked with 15 college presidents and 165 trustees. During his tenure, he advanced and expanded the community college mission and secured \$64 million in state and federal grants, in addition to annual state appropriations, all of which directly benefited campus-

He was the Deputy Director for Massachusetts Community Colleges from 2004-2009. Prior to that, he was Vice President of Communications and Assistant to the President for Public Affairs at Bunker Hill Community College. During his career, Mr. Hart has served on a variety of public policy committees, task forces, educational institutes on the

state and local level, as well as civic and charitable organizations.

Mr. Hart taught multiple courses across various academic disciplines, including history, government, and politics at Bunker Hill from 1992 to 2009. In the classroom, he adapted his teaching style to engage a myriad of diverse student learners from various educational levels and backgrounds.

During his career, Mr. Hart has been a tireless public servant, fulfilling various leadership roles under four Everett mayors, most recently as the Chair of the Board of Assessors and previously as Chair of the Parks Commission. He is a former president and longtime member of the Everett Chamber of Commerce. He was an Everett City Councilor from 1981-1985 and a School Committee member from 1988-1995, serving as chairperson in 1994. Mr. Hart also received gubernatorial appointments from Deval Patrick and Charlie Baker.

BPDA BOARD APPROVES CHANGES FOR PROJECTS ON LIVERPOOL AND MAVERICK

EAST BOSTON - The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board discussed two projects in the neighborhood that requested changes at its meeting last week: one at 151 Liverpool Street and the other at 279 Maverick Street, which were approved.

According to BPDA Board Chair Priscilla Rojas, a project previously approved by the Board at 151 Liverpool Street is slated to bring 36 homeownership units—five of which are inclusionary development policy (IDP) units—to the neighborhood.

Quinn Valcich, a senior project manager at the Planning Department, noted that a notice of project change (NPC) had been developed to remove the below-grade parking aspect of the project. This will lower the total number of parking spots to 14, down from the previously planned 36.

He also noted that a public meeting regarding the expedited NPC was held last October at the request of City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata and was "well attended."

There were no questions or comments from the Board concerning this request, and the NPC was approved unanimously.

Zoe Schutte, a project assistant at the Planning Department, described the change for the project at 279 Maverick Street as a "small project alteration"

project alteration."
According to Schutte, this project, which was approved back in 2022, would bring a five-story mixed-use building with 32 residential units—five of which are affordable—ground-floor retail and 22 parking spaces to the neighborhood.

Specifically, this project

WINTHROP COMPLETES HISTORIC JOURNEY ON GARDEN ICE



The Winthrop High School players and coaches, pictured after winning the MIAA state championship March 16 at the TD Garden.

is changing from a rental project to a condo-owner-ship project with no other changes. Unlike the project on Liverpool Street, a public meeting for this alteration was not requested, so one did not occur.

Ultimately, none of the members of the BPDA Board offered comments or questions on this project, and it was approved unanimously.

For more information about the BPDA Board and to view upcoming and past meeting agendas, visit https://www.bostonplans.org/about-us/bpda-board/board-meetings.

COUNCILLORS LOOK FOR RELIEF FROM MANDATED STATE ADU ORDINANCE

REVERE - City Councillors want Revere to take a closer look at a proposed state-mandated change to the city's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance.

Last year, Governor Maura Healey signed the Affordable Housing Acts. Part of that act requires that all municipalities allow the construction of ADUs, sometimes known as in-law apartments, in any zone that allows single-family homes.

At last week's meeting, the city council approved two separate motions related to compliance with the state ADU ordinance.

One filed by Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley asks the city solicitor to draft a potential home rule petition for the state legislature that would make Revere exempt from the state ordinance.

The second, filed by Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio, asks the solicitor to look into the feasibility of challenging some of the aspects of the state ordinance in court.

"I am asking for an exemption by way of a home rule petition from Section 8 of the Affordable Homes Act on accessory dwelling units and (to) allow us to keep our ordinance under Title 17 rather than seeking a modification," said Kelley.

Kelley said the city's current ADU ordinance is a common sense approach which fits Revere's unique needs and dynamics.

"For example, we require owner occupancy for two years, the state has no such requirement," she said.

The city ordinance also restricts ADUs to sin-

gle-family homes only and prohibits enlarging the principal dwelling to create the units. She said the state ordinance does not.

"Let's keep in mind that our ADU ordinance was intended to help single-family homeowners, many of (whom) are senior citizens, many of whom had unpermitted inlaw apartments that were built decades ago," Kelley said. "It allows these units to remain, bringing them up to code, and only requires one off-street parking spot, instead of the required two spaces."

However, she said the state ordinance does not require any parking as long as the unit is within half a mile of any transportation center, a definition which includes bus stops.

Kelley said the state-mandated ADU requirements will hit the densely-built and populated Revere harder than other communities that have more space for the ADUs. She added that it will also put undue pressure on city and emergency services.

"By approving this tonight, we are not asking the state to exempt us from creating additional housing, merely asking to keep our common sense approach, protecting our single-family neighborhoods, and preserving the quality of life for our residents," said Kelley.

Argenzio said his motion was slightly different from Kelley's, but that it sought to achieve the same goals.

In addition to the issues raised by Kelley, Argenzio said he also had issues with the possibility of allowing the ADUs to be built in flood zones, as well as the definition of reasonable restrictions that the city could place on the building of the units

Director of Planning and Community Development Tom Skwierawski said the city can continue to work on refining the ADU ordinance, and said there were issues that need to be cleared up by the state, such as the definition of reasonable regulations.

"I'm not convinced a home rule petition so soon after this legislation has been passed would be fruitful at the State House, nor do (I believe) challenging in court as a municipality might be the right way to go," he said. "What I am committed to doing with everyone on the council here is putting forth a set of, as Councillor Kelley mentioned, common sense

regulations of what we all thought ADU development was going to look like, and putting that and codifying it in our ordinance."

Skwierawski said the city could take steps in its ordinance to make sure there are no ADUs allowed in basements below flood elevation and to limit some of the zoning districts they would be allowed in by right. The state ordinance calls for allowing the ADUs by right in all zoning districts that allow the construction of single family homes, but Skwierawski said the city might be able to remove the ADUs by right in districts that are more geared toward business.

"What my position is is that rather than trying to come up with modifications and trying to piecemeal this, I really think it is better for us to say we have something on the books," said Kelley. "We are not trying to block the creation of these ADUs where it is reasonable within our city."

WINTHROP COMPLETES HISTORIC JOURNEY ON GARDEN ICE

WINTHROP - A season that began with high hopes in November ended in a dream-come-true reality, with hats on the ice and students and fans cheering, all in supreme recognition of senior captain Michael Holgersen's hat trick and the Vikings' incredible 2024-25 campaign.

campaign.

The Vikings locked up the state championship with Holgersen's center-ice, open netter to put the final stamp on an impressive 3-0 victory over Dedham Sunday at the TD Garden in Boston.

Head coach Coach Dale Dunbar said it was a masterful performance in which all players can take pride for the team's accomplishment.

From senior captain Phil Boncore's can't-stop-this drive to the net in the second period (19 seconds after a disallowed goal by Dedham, determined by video replay) that helped produce the game's key first goal, to goaltender Michael Donahue's 22-save gem, to a Fab Five defense that shut down and shut out Dedham, who had averaged five goals per game - the effort was emblematic of being the undisputed Division 4 state champion.

Dunbar made it a point to hail the three lines – Phil

Boncore, Michael Holgersen, and Joe Pumphret; Dom Spinale, Luke Gitinji, and Nick Romano; and Jay Fotiades, Bert Kline, and Charlie Ferrara – who all figured prominently in the end-to-end execution and throttling of the Dedham offense.

Donahue, who has allowed only one goal in three Final Four games over the past two seasons, combined with the five Winthrop defensemen – Paul Ferrara, Aidan Survilas, Nikita Rossi, Ricky Mackenzie, and Tomas Babine – to do what no one had done this post-season, contain a redhot senior-rich Dedham attack.

'A Tribute To The Kids'

Dale Dunbar was emotional as he talked to reporters in the press room about the journey from Winthrop to Framingham, Chelmsford and Boston, and the culmination of a season for the ages.

"It's so emotional," Dunbar said. "Twenty years chasing it. I couldn't be more proud of these kids. They weren't given much of a chance. Last year's team was supposed to be the team. We started off 0-2. Our captains from that point on just took this team over. They listened to us. We knew it was going to get better and we kept on getting better and better and better. It's just a tribute to all these kids. To get here and to win it, now I know what the guys are like when they hold the Stanley Cup.'

Holgersen's hat trick

If Michael Holgersen hadn't understood to that point the magnitude of his and the team's majesty, he quickly learned in his joint post-game interview alongside teammates Phil Boncore and Michael Donahue.

Holgersen was asked what it was like to win the title.

"Everyone doubted us from the beginning. They thought last year was our year, and we showed what we can really do," said Holgersen. "It took a lot of ups and downs during the year, but we got there."

About his hat trick, Holgersen told reporters, "I never thought a hat trick in TD Garden would happen. I mean it's not on me, it's my team around me that helped me get to this point, so I thank all of them. Looking up and seeing all the hats come down, it was an awesome feeling."

See REGION Page 11



MBTA officials announce service changes for April on several lines

Special to the Times-Free Press

Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at mbta.com/ alerts. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X @MBTA, @ MBTA_CR, and @MBTA_ CR_Alerts for up-to-date service information.

On the Green Line B **Branch:**

Boston College Station will be closed beginning at approximately 8:30 PM on Friday, April 11, and continuing each day through the weekend of April 12 - 13.

Riders can board and disembark at the intersection of Lake Street and Commonwealth Avenue, which is less than a 2-minute walk (about 350 feet) from Boston College Station.

This service change is in place for crews to perform annual programmed maintenance, addressing routine needs and ensuring that all infrastructure remains in peak operating condition. This maintenance includes inspections, adjustments, and repairs to keep the system safe and running smoothly throughout the year.

On the Blue Line:

Bowdoin station will be closed during the following dates and times:

Beginning at approximately 7 PM on Friday, April 11, and continuing all day Saturday through Monday, April 12 – 14.

Beginning at approximately 7 PM on Friday, April 25, and continuing all day Saturday through Monday, April 26 - 28.

Riders can board and disembark the Blue Line at Government Center station, which is less than a quarter mile or about a four-minute walk from Bowdoin.

Riders should anticipate slightly longer time between trains of about 7 - 8 minutes beginning at 7 PM through the end of service on April 11 and April 25.

This service change is in place for Maintenance of Way crews to perform critical infrastructure upgrade work.

On the Newburyport/ **Rockport Commuter** Rail Line:

Newburyport/Rockport Sunday, April 25 – 27.

Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between North Station and Swampscott during the following

The weekend of April 5 –

Every day, Friday through Sunday, April 25 - 27.

A dedicated diversion schedule is available on mbta.

Express shuttle buses will operate directly between Swampscott and North Sta-

Shuttle buses will also make local stops between Swampscott, Lynn within the busway at the legacy station, Wonderland for connections to the Blue Line subway, Chelsea Station for connections to the Silver Line 3 (SL3), and North Station.

The last outbound shuttle bus will also make a special late-night stop at Salem and Beverly Depot.

Commuter Rail fares will be free between Swampscott and Newburyport or Rock-

Passengers may utilize the SL3, which travels through Chelsea and East Boston to Logan Airport, the Seaport District, and South Station, making connections to many area bus routes (including the 111, 112, and 116) as well as the Blue and Red lines.

This service change was in place to support critical signal upgrade work at North Sta-

On the Haverhill **Commuter Rail Line:**

Haverhill Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between Oak Grove and North Station during the following dates:

The weekend of April 5 –

Every day, Friday through Sunday, April 25 - 27.

A dedicated diversion schedule will be available on

Passengers should instead use Orange Line subway service between Oak Grove and North Station.

This service change is in place for crews to perform critical signal upgrade work at North Station.

On the Lowell Commuter **Rail Line:**

Lowell Commuter Rail Line service will be suspend-

ed between Anderson/Woburn and North Station during the following dates:

The weekend of April 5 -

Every day, Friday through

dedicated diversion schedule will be available on mbta.com.

Free and accessible shuttle bus service will replace train service between Anderson/ Woburn and North Station. Both local and express shuttle buses will operate.

This service change is in place for crews to perform critical signal upgrade work at North Station.

On the Franklin/Foxboro **Commuter Rail Line:**

Franklin/Foxboro Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended in the following areas during the following

Between Forge Park/495 and Readville every day, Friday through Sunday, April 11 -13.

dedicated diversion schedule will be available on mbta.com.

Free and accessible shuttle bus service will replace train service between Forge Park/495 and Readville.

Between Foxboro and Readville on Friday, April 11. A dedicated diversion schedule will be available on mbta.com.

Free and accessible shuttle bus service will replace train service between Foxboro and Mansfield on the Providence Commuter Rail Line for continued service to South Sta-

These service changes are in place due to work taking place on the Neponset River Bridge.

On the Red Line Ashmont Branch and Mattapan Line:

As previously announced, Red Line Ashmont Branch service between JFK/UMass and Ashmont as well as the entire Mattapan Line will be replaced with free and accessible shuttle bus service for nine days from April 1-9.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops at all Ashmont Branch and Mattapan Line stations.

Riders are encouraged to utilize the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line, which will be fare-free during this service change.

Weekday shuttle bus frequencies are as follows:

Shuttle buses operating between JFK/UMass and Ashmont will operate every three-to-five minutes all day.

Shuttle buses operating between Ashmont and Mattapan will operate every five-to-six minutes all day.

Riders will need to transfer between the JFK/ UMass-Ashmont and Ashmont-Mattapan shuttle bus services at Ashmont.

Weekend shuttle bus frequencies are as follows:

Shuttle buses operating between JFK/UMass and Mattapan via Ashmont will operate every 8 - 12 minutes all day with some shuttle buses terminating at Ashmont.

Riders using shuttle buses during these service changes should budget ample extra travel time.

For example, a rider travelling to Park Street from Mattapan should budget at least an additional 45-60 minutes of travel time in addition to their regular commute.

Bus Route 18 will be detoured during this time period. Riders are encouraged to see T-Alerts for full detour information.

Riders should note that Red Line trains will operate between Alewife and Braintree. Trains will operate every seven-to-eight minutes.

An accessible van will be available for the duration of the service change, serving all Red Line stations between JFK/UMass and Ashmont only. Riders should see station personnel or use the call box to request the accessible

This service change is in place for crews to perform critical track renewal work on the Ashmont Branch and Mattapan Line. The MBTA will maximize the service outage by performing additional work, including walkway safety replacements at Geneva Avenue, Dorchester Avenue, and Adams Street, track and power upgrades at Codman Yard, stairway improvements at JFK/UMass and Fields Corner, power switch box replacements, inspections at the Dorchester Greenway, duct bank replacements at Freeport Street, and a variety of station enhancement work.

On the Red Line:

As previously announced, Red Line Ashmont Branch service will operate with shuttle trains between Ashmont and JFK/UMass for 21 days April 10 - 30.

A shuttle train is one train that will operate, back and forth, between Ashmont and JFK/UMass on a single track. Two shuttle trains will be operating between Ashmont and JFK/UMass during this work - one on each track. Shuttle trains will terminate at JFK/ UMass. Riders will need to transfer from the Ashmont side of JFK/UMass station to the Braintree side for continued service towards Alewife, or southbound service to Braintree.

Riders will experience longer wait times during this service change and should allow

extra travel time.

JFK/UMass - Ashmont shuttle trains will terminate at JFK/UMass. Riders will need to transfer between the JFK/UMass - Ashmont shuttle train and other Red Line service at JFK/UMass for service toward Alewife or Braintree.

Riders should note that shuttle buses will not be offered as an alternative during this service change (because shuttle trains will be operat-

This service change is in place to perform critical special track work at the crossover near Ashmont.

The MBTA previously announced service changes in March. More information is available here.

The MBTA understands how these service changes affect riders' daily travels during this period, but we are committed to improving your travels long term with more reliable, timely, and safe service. We thank riders for their patience as we deliver this important work and for continuing to ride our system.

For more information, visit mbta.com or connect with the T on X @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @ the MBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.



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Boncore seized the momentum

Phil Boncore made the "play of the day" to set up Holgersen moments after

Dedham's goal was rightfully disallowed due to the net being dislodged. "After they [Dedham] scored a goal and it getting called back, it was a huge

deal," said Boncore. "We knew we had to take advantage of that and we wanted to get as much pressure on them as possible."

Boncore's line outplayed its counterparts from Dedham.

"The chemistry on our line and on the team completely is just nuts," said Boncore. "We're all pulling together."

Boncore just missed cashing in on an in-close wrist shot during the game on a terrific feed from Joe Pumphret from behind the net, but Noel Adams was equal to the task.

Boncore was a crowd favorite with his tenacity and toughness, and he was happy to reward the team's supporters with a state championship.

"It brought the whole town together," said Boncore. "We had a saying, 'All playoffs for the town' because everyone was pulling for us and our crowd was just absolutely insane this week."

Donahue thrives in the spotlight

Michael Donahue was asked about the pressure of playing the game's most important position in the MIAA Tournament.

"Honestly, I love the pressure. It honestly makes me play better," said Donahue. "You just have to relax and stay calm."

Donahue said he appreciated the student body and the town's ardent support through the regular season, MIAA playoffs, and of course, at the Garden.

"It feels so good," said Donahue, who joined his uncle, Sean Donahue, as a state hockey champion. "You have random kids just going up to you and saying how they're going to the

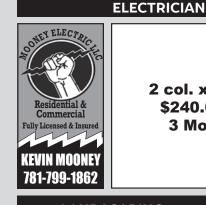
games and high-fiving you, and it just kind of pumps you up, makes you play better knowing that we have the whole town going to the game – it fires you up." An overwhelming

reaction to a state championship Dale Dunbar said "Win-

throp is only a mile square" and the response to the Vikings' post season run packed rinks, everybody all-in, and tons of text messages from friends, alumni, and the hockey community – has been overwhelming.

"I can tell you right now that when we come over this bridge [Belle Isle], it's going to be insane. I've dreamt of it, believe it or not I have, and now it's reality. And I couldn't be more happy for our kids, our student body, everybody involved. It's the administration. It's a village. That's what Winthrop is. It's a village where we all support and care about each other no matter what the sport is, and today these kids are the heroes."

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ICA/Boston announces Sarah Sze as inaugural recipient of the Meraki Artist Award

New \$100,000 award recognizes the achievements of women visual artists

Special to the Journal

The Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston (ICA) is pleased to announce Sarah Sze (b. 1969, Boston, MA) as the inaugural recipient of its new Meraki Artist Award. Widely recognized for expanding the boundaries between painting, sculpture, video, and installation, Sze's work blends the intimate with the monumental. precision with chaos, and the physical with the digital. Her intimate paintings and large-scale installations and public works challenge perceptions of space, time, and scale, making her one of the most compelling artists of our time.

"It's a huge honor to be the first recipient of the Meraki Artist Award and I'm inspired by the dedication to love, care, and art that the award stands for," said Sze.

Generously funded by \$100,000 award celebrates thrilled to recognize Sarah

of women artists and their impact on the field of contemporary visual art. Sze will accept the Meraki Artist Award at the museum's annual Women's Luncheon on May 5, 2025.

"I am honored to collaborate with the ICA to spotlight the passion and presence that women visual artists bring to their practice through the Meraki Artist Award," said Demoulas. "I want to offer heartfelt congratulations to Sarah, whose innovate work inspires us to see the world in new ways." "In Greek, the word

meraki means to pour your soul into something, and I can think of no better way to describe Fotene's longstanding support of artists and the ICA," said Jill Medvedow, Ellen Matilda Poss Director of the ICA. "The generosity of this award is echoed in the open spirit and artistic expansiveness Fotene Demoulas, the of Sarah's work. We are

the artistic achievements as the inaugural recipient of the Meraki Artist Award and to celebrate her important contributions to art and culture."

> An exhibition of works promised to the ICA by Fotene and Tom Coté will go on view at the museum in January 2026. Reflecting their longtime support of artists at every stage of their career through exhibitions, publications, and museum acquisitions, the exhibition features work by 20 artists including Charlene von Heyl, Deana Lawson, Deborah Roberts, Diedrick Brackens, Laura Owens, Lynette Yiadom-Boakye, Mickalene Thomas, Njideka Akunyili Crosby, Olga de Amaral, and Sarah Sze. The artworks reflect multiple generations, styles, media, and thematic concerns, exemplifying a sustained interest in formal and material complexity and a steadfast belief in the singular perspectives that artists contribute to the world.

Sarah Sze gleans objects and images from worlds both physical and digital, assembling them into complex multimedia works that shift scale between microscopic observation and macroscopic perspective on the infinite. A peerless bricoleur, Sze moves with a light touch across proliferating media. Her dynamic, generative body of work spans sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking, video, and installation while always addressing the precarious nature of materiality and grappling with matters of entropy and temporality.

Born in Boston, Sze earned a BA from Yale University in 1991 and an MFA from the School of Visual Arts, New York, in 1997. While still in graduate school, she challenged the very nature of sculpture, at MoMA PS1 in New York, by burrowing into the walls of the building, creating sculptural portals



Sarah Sze

Fresh and Local

The soup cure

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

You may think of a soup cure as using chicken soup to relieve respiratory symptoms, or one of the many hangover soups you can find online, including Korean Haejang-guk, which translates to "soup to chase a hangover." However, the Boston Globe food section recently praised soup as a cure for food waste.

Globe correspondent, Lisa Zwirn presented her action plan. She wrote, "Take

a look in your fridge and identify those foods you'll likely throw away in a few days." "With the addition of stock, water, or other liquid, leftovers can become soup. Yes, something as simple (and cost-saving!) as making soup from leftover foods is the perfect fix to prevent food waste."

Need a Soup Formula? Food writer, Pam Ander-

son offers one of the best we've ever seen in her book, "How to Cook Without a Book." She writes, "This formula is easy to internalize: 1 pound protein, 1 pound vegetables, 1 quart broth, 1 onion, 1 can tomatoes, a beans), and herbs, spices, and/or flavorings. The technique is simple, too: Sauté for about 20 minutes, and serve it up."

generous servings, but you be waiting in the refrigeracan easily halve or double it. tor. Sautéed onion is used in

Other advantages of soup are that it is easy to reheat, many soups freeze well, and a good thermos makes it a great lunch on the go.

Gather

Penny starts with the vegetable crisper and pulls out some of her favorite soup makers. This is the time to use those limp carrots or starch (potatoes, rice, pasta, the outside stalks of celery. She might supplement with frozen vegetables. Next is protein from leftovers or an onion until softened, add her freezer stash. Our soup the remaining ingredients, can be vegan or vegetarian bring it to a simmer, cook by using beans and grains as protein.

Since we eat a lot of This guideline makes four soup, the sautéed onion may so many dishes that Penny always makes a double or triple batch and refrigerates

Zwirn suggests using meat or whatever else they

water, broth, miso, bouillon, tomato, coconut milk, fish stock, or clam juice as your liquid. She adds salt, pepper, fresh herbs, lemon juice or vinegar, hot sauce, or other flavorings for seasoning or added zest. You can also top the soup with croutons, crackers, herbs, or cheese.

Sharing Soup Is Caring

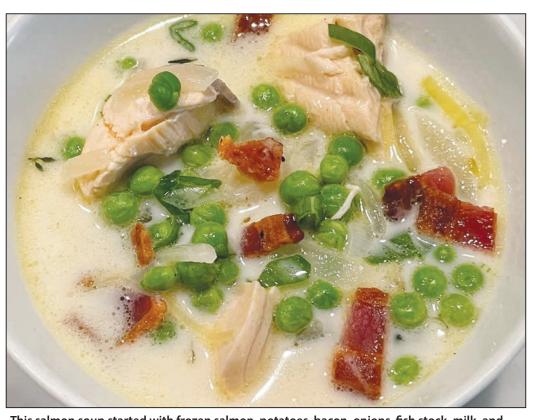
The story of stone soup is part of many cultures. The basic storyline is of a hungry person who convinces a community to add a little something to a pot of water containing just a stone. They offer to share their delicious "stone soup" with the villagers. The stranger explained that the soup would be even more tasty with some garnish. The community begins to contribute a Email Penny@BostonZest. the extra for the next meal. potato, a carrot, a piece of

have. In the end, the stranger removes the stone from the pot and everyone shares a meal of stone soup.

Soups are easy to share. We loved having an informal soup exchange with friends a few years ago. We would pack soups in onequart mason jars and arrange a hand-off. This trade allowed us to try new recipes and experience soups we didn't know we liked until someone made them.

You may not think of soup as something to bring to a community picnic or potluck, but it's easy. Put your soup in a crock pot with a ladle, paper cups, and spoons, and it will be easy to serve and enjoy.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? com with your suggestion.



This salmon soup started with frozen salmon, potatoes, bacon, onions, fish stock, milk, and



