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Members of the CJL team shown above are all smiles following the news of the Deficiency-Free survey status at Katzman Family **Center for Living** 

#### Katzman Family Center for Living receives Deficiency-Free Survey

Special to the Record

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The Katzman Family Center for Living, operated by Chelsea Jewish Lifecare and an affiliate of Legacy Lifecare, announced that it recently achieved a deficiency-free survey. This conducted designation, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, means that the skilled nurs-

ing residence adheres to the highest standards of care, safety, and quality, with no violations or deficiencies.

"We are so pleased to have earned a deficiency-free survey," said Ginny Person, Licensed Nursing Home Administrator at Katzman Family Center for Living. "This achievement would not have been possible without the hard work,

dedication, and loyalty of every single person on our staff. The survey highlights our commitment to providing exceptional, high-quality care to our residents."

Person noted that the survey is a valuable tool for prospective residents and families. "Receiving a deficiency-free survey means individuals can expect the highest level of care," explained Person. "This is an important consideration when choosing short-term rehab, long-term care, and memory support."

Katzman Family Center for Living, the flagship property of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, was founded to create individualized care in a real home setting. After under-

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#### City Manager highlights Battle of Chelsea Creek commemorations

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City Manager Fidel Maltez has placed an emphasis on communicating with residents since he took office last year. Earlier this week, Maltez recorded the latest in his series of public outreach videos to air on Chelsea Community TV. The text of his May video, which focus-

es on events commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Chelsea Creek, is below:

Hello Residents of Chelsea, welcome to Our Community! My name is Fidel Maltez, and it is my honor to serve as your City Man-

May is an important month as we commemo-

rate the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Chelsea Creek. We are honored to take part in this important celebration of Chelsea's role in the founding of our nation. Taking place from May 25 to May 27 in 1775, the Battle of Chelsea Creek was an important, yet often overlooked event in the early stages of the American

Revolutionary War.

The Battles of Lexington and Concord, ignited the spirit of resistance across the thirteen colonies. In response, colonial assemblies rallied to support Massachusetts, and many began sending troops north to aid the Massachusetts Commit-

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## Garcia closes out House budget debate, champions immigration legal assistance fund in FY26 state budget

Representative Judith Garcia (D-Chelsea) delivered her inaugural speech on the floor of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in support of the Fiscal Year 2026 state budget, with a special emphasis on the creation of a statewide \$5 million immigration legal assistance fund for non-violent offenders. This provision, included in the House's proposed budget, will be distributed by the Office for Refugees and Immigrants to designated nonprofit organizations to expand access to legal representation for immigrants and refugees across the Commonwealth.



Representative Garcia underscored the importance of this much needed fund for a fairer and more efficient legal system. "Immigrants make up more than

18% of Massachusetts' population and drive over \$100 billion in economic activity in Greater Boston alone," said Garcia. "They are not just participants in our lo-



Representative Judith Garcia delivers her inaugural speech on the creation of an immigration legal assistance fund for non-violent individuals.

cal economy-they are its backbone: launching small businesses, staffing hospitals, building homes, caring for our loved ones. Even those without legal status paid nearly \$650 million in taxes in 2022."Garcia highlighted the urgent need to ensure that people who contribute to the Commonwealth every day are given the dignity of due process. She referenced her own mother's decades of work in Chelsea's Kayem Foods factory, as well as the stories of highly skilled immigrant professionals contributing to the state's leadership in healthcare and medical research, who still face uncertainty due to immigration status.

'This is the complexity of our immigration system. It's not black and white. It's deeply nuanced and, too often, unforgiving," she said.

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## Council gets update on comprehensive plan

By Adam Swift

City officials, steering committee members, and a consultant are continuing to gather feedback for the city's ongoing comprehensive planning process, Chelsea Pa'Lante.

At Monday night's city council meeting, City Manager Fidel Maltez provided an update on the planning process following the steering committee's second meeting last month.

"Over 150 comment cards were collected at the Chelsea Pa'Lante Fest on March 15," Maltez stated. "Utile, our consultant team, along with city staff, had over 200 conversations with Chelsea residents and stakeholders during what we hope will be an annual event to celebrate our city. We're still in the informa-

tion gathering phase and survey outreach (is) ongoing, with 167 respondents to date."

The comprehensive planning survey closes on May 23. Anyone interested in taking part in the survey should visit palante.chelseama.gov/home.

Some of the key takeaways from the engagement work so far, according to Maltez, include a strong appreciation for Chelsea's diversity, community resources, and transportation access. Priorities that were raised include affordable housing, more recreational spaces, cultural events, and safer streets.

Some of the additional research conducted by Utile shows that Chelsea is

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## DPW contract pending final city council approval

By Adam Swift

The agreement was presented to the council Monday night, and will be taken up for further discussion at its next ways and means

subcommittee meeting.

District 8 Councilor The city and the union Calvin Brown requested representing its Department that the council consider of Public Works employees approving the contract at have come to an agreement Monday night's meeting. He said he spoke with City Manager Fidel Maltez and that the financial impact of the agreement would fall

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## CHS AVID, Early College Programs host first annual **Mock Interview Forum**

Special to the Record

The AVID Program and Early College Programs proudly collaborated with MassHire and MEFA Pathways to host the first annual Mock Interview Forum on Wednesday, April 30. The event brought together students and professionals from a wide range of industries for a day of career readiness and skill building.

Held in a supportive and professional setting, at

MEFA Pathways offices, 60 State Street Boston, MA, the forum gave students the invaluable opportunity to participate in two mock interviews with industry professionals. The goal: to help students sharpen their interview techniques, build confidence, and gain insight into real-world expectations.

Participants matched with professionals

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Chelsea Public Schools Director of Multilingual Education Dr. Alberto Carrero helping CHS student Jose Romero tie his tie at the Mock Interview Forum.

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### Detective Medina retires after 32 years with CPD

Police Department celebrated the incredible career and retirement of Detective Rosalba Medina, who finished her last shift after serving the City of Chelsea for over 32 years with the department.

Detective Medina has been a trailblazer in domestic violence investigations, always defending victims with empathy, determination, and deep compassion. She was not only a fierce protector of survivors, but also a trusted advocate in the community—especially among Chelsea's diverse populations. Her work

Last week, the Chelsea investigating scams and crimes that targeted vulnerable residents made her a true community detective and a trusted face to so many, according to a statement from the police department.

The statement added that Detective Medina leaves behind a legacy of justice, heart, and humanity and that the department is deeply grateful for her decades of service and proud to have had her as part of the CPD family.

Enjoy your well-earned retirement, Detective Medina-you will always be a part of Chelsea's story.



COURTESY PHOTO

#### **Chelsea Police Detective** Rosalba Medina.

# DiDomenico supports \$55.5M state funding for food banks

Special to the Record

The state's four food banks (The Greater Boston Food Bank, The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, The Merrimack Valley Food Bank, and The Worcester County Food Bank) gathered for a speaking program and advocacy day around the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program (MEFAP).

Established in 1995, ME-FAP is an often-overlooked funding mechanism that fuels the state's hunger-relief efforts, enabling the state's food banks to distribute high-nutrition food to over 894 emergency food providers statewide. MEFAP is

not only a hunger-relief tool but an economic stimulant, supporting local farms and agriculture.

The event celebrated 30 years of the program, and called for a \$55.5M line item in the FY26 state bud-

These funds are particularly important to maintain the state's hunger-relief efforts, positioned as an effective "replacement mechanism" as \$3.3 million in USDA funding was cut from the state's food system, effectively canceling 122,000 cases of food slated for families in need. Meanwhile, threats to SNAP benefits loom alongside high grocery prices and inflation.

Sal DiDomenico's Remarks: But we all know, and as Mark mentioned and Representative Barbara mentioned, what's happening at the national level, there is an assault – an assault on people in need. There's an assault on programs that benefit people in need, and food science programs and SNAP – these have been on their radar since day one. And because of that, we have to prepare even more and give more at the state level to combat what is happening at the federal level. So, the \$55.5 million ask for MEFAP this year is in my mind very reasonable.

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going a dramatic \$16 million renovation, the skilled nursing residence reflects the Green House® model of care, with an abundance of open spaces, natural light, es, traditional and specialand kitchens on every floor. ized assisted living options, For more information about the Katzman Family Center for Living, please visit the Chelsea Jewish Lifecare

Chelsea Jewish Lifecare is redefining senior care and re-envisioning what life should be like for those living with disabling conditions. The eldercare comray of skilled and short-term rehab residences, ALS, MS and ventilator dependent specialized care residencmemory care, independent living, adult day health, and homecare and hospice agencies that deliver customized and compassionate care.

Legacy Lifecare Inc. is a nonprofit management resources collaborative that provides small-to-mid-sized organizations with the infrastructure needed to suc-

munity includes a wide ar- ceed in today's complex senior care environment. In addition to Chelsea Jewish Lifecare of Chelsea and Peabody, other affiliates include JGS Lifecare of Longmeadow, Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Jamaica Plain, Elizabeth Seton Residence and Marillac Residence of Wellesley, Stone Rehabilitation & Senior Living of Newton, Sophia Snow Place of West Roxbury and Saint Joseph Living Center of Windham,

## News in Brief

#### **CITY LAUNCHES NEW BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SOFTWARE PLATFORM**

Chelsea recently launched a new budget development software platform designed to streamline the way the city plans budgets, allocates resources, and communicates financial information to the public.

This new system will significantly improve the efficiency of internal budget development processes while enhancing the city's ability to share timely, transparent, and accessible financial information with residents, staff, and stakeholders, according to city administration officials.

The platform will support a wide range of functions critical to effective municipal financial planning, including:

Efficient Operating Budget Development: The tool enables collaborative budget creation across departments and includes features for publishing an online, interactive budget website and producing a detailed budget book.

Workforce Planning: City departments will have better tools to forecast and manage staffing needs in alignment with financial planning.

Capital Budgeting: A dedicated module will support the planning, prioritization, and publishing of the City's capital investment program.

Improved Reporting and Transparency: Real-time dashboards and customizable reports will provide clear, actionable insights for decision-makers and the public alike.

"This new platform marks a major step forward in our efforts to modernize Manager Fidel Maltez. "By investing in technology that supports smarter, more transparent budgeting, we're better equipped to meet the needs of our residents and ensure accountability in how we use public funds."

The implementation of

this software is part of the city's ongoing commitment to efficient governance, data-driven decision-making, and responsive public service, he added.

For more information and to explore Chelsea's new budget portal, visit chelsea-

#### TD BANK AWARDS \$200,000 GRANT TO LOCAL NONPROFIT

Local nonprofit the Chelsea Restoration Corporation is looking to make good use of a recent \$200,000 grant.

TD Charitable Foundation, the giving arm of TD Bank, recently announced \$7.2 million awarded to 36 nonprofits across the bank's Maine to Florida footprint and in Michigan through the 19th annual Housing for Everyone grant program. Each \$200,000 grant will support solutions for lowto moderate-income (LMI) homeowners struggling to maintain homeownership.

The Chelsea Restoration Corp. will put the \$200,000 grant towards maintaining low-to-middle income households in the organization's catchment area. The grant will also support the CRC's free, personalized foreclosure prevention counseling and one-time direct support for emergency assistance.

Many households in LMI communities face significant challenges that threaten their ability to sustain homeownership, including rising property taxes, increasing home repair costs, and risk of foreclosure. To help address these issues, TD selected grant recipients focused on programs such as those that provide post-purchase homeownership support, foreclosure counseling), essential repairs, energy efficiency improvements, legal assistance, and/or property tax relief programs.

"Amid rising housing costs, these organizations play a vital role in supporting homeowners in communities across TD's footprint to afford critical repairs, avoid foreclosure, correct tangled titles, and so much more," said Paige Carlson-Heim, Director of the TD Charitable Foundation. "The efforts of the Housing for Everyone grantees are so appreciated, as their work is essential to protecting homeowners and providing long-term stability in our neighborhoods. By supporting these nonprofits, we hope to help mitigate the threat of home loss while ensuring homeowners have the resources and resilience they need to sustain longterm homeownership."

#### CHELSEA RESIDENT **SENTENCED** FOR FENTANYL TRAFFICKING

A Dominican national residing in Chelsea was sentenced last week in federal court in Boston for fentanyl trafficking.

Junior Baez Sanchez, 32, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Patti B. Saris to three years in prison. Baez Sanchez is subject to deportation upon completion of the imposed sentence. In January 2025, Baez Sanchez pleaded guilty to two counts of distributing fentanyl and one count of failing to appear for court, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

Baez Sanchez distributed more than 40 grams of fentanyl in Chelsea on June 2, 2020 and in Malden on July 15, 2020. In March 2021, Baez Sanchez was indicted by a federal grand jury and was scheduled for trial in October 2022.

Baez Sanchez failed to appear for court as required on Oct. 4, 2022—less than two weeks before trial-and counseling, financial assist the court issued a warrant city operations," said City tance funds (when accom- for his arrest. Approximatepanied by post-purchase ly two years later, on Sept. 24, 2024, Baez Sanchez was arrested on the warrant after law enforcement stopped a vehicle driven by Baez Sanchez. At the time of his arrest, Baez Sanchez had 12 clear bags of fentanyl in his pocket, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

## ARE YOU A CHELSEA BOY OR GIRL BETWEEN THE AGES OF 7 AND 15?

#### Would you like to attend a week of overnight summer camp at **NO CHARGE?**







The Rotary Club of Chelsea is looking for 20 children between the ages of 7 and 15 to sponsor at a week of overnight camp at Camp Rotary in Boxford, MA beginning Sunday, June 29th, 2025 and Sunday July 6th, 2025.

The Rotary Club of Chelsea will pay all registration fees and tuition. The Rotary Club of Chelsea will also provide transportation to and from Camp Rotary. Some personal expenses incurred while attending the camp will be the responsibility of the child and his/her family. Sponsorships are open to all Chelsea Residents who have NOT been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chelsea at Camp Rotary in the past.





To apply, please send a one-page essay of why the Rotary Club of Chelsea should send you to Camp Rotary this summer. All essays should be mailed or hand delivered by **Monday** May 19, 2025 to The Rotary Club of Chelsea, c/o Susan Gallant, 778 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150. All essays should include your name, address, age and telephone **number.** A committee of Chelsea Rotary Club members will review all essays. The committee will notify finalists. The camp week will begin Sunday afternoon and end Saturday morning.

GET YOUR ESSAY IN BY MAY 19th TO ENJOY A WEEK OF BOATING, SWIMMING, HIKING, CAMPFIRES AND LOTS MORE FUN SUMMER ACTIVITIES!!

#### Eres tú un niño o una niña y vives en Chelsea? ¿Tienes la edad de 7 a 15 años?







¿Te gustaría asistir durante una semana a un campamento de verano día y noche sin costo alguno?

El Club Rotario de Chelsea está buscando 20 niños y niñas de 7 a 15 años de edad para patrocinarlos al Campamento Rotarío, este se llevaría a cabo en la ciudad de Boxford, MA., comenzando la semana del 29 de Junio al 6 de Julio, 2025.

El Club Rotario de Chelsea pagará los gastos de matricula y registraron al campamento, también proveer∉ transportaci∉n de ida y vuelta al campamento. Todo gasto personal que se haga durante el transcurso de este campamento será la responsabilidad del niño(a) o familia.





patrocinio está abierto a todo niño o niña residentes de la cuidad de Chelsea, y que no han sido participantes de este campamento en el pasado.

Para aplicar, por favor envía una carta de una página al Club Rotario de Chelsea y explica el "por qu $\acute{e}$ " el Club debería enviarte a este campamento este verano. Todas las cartas deber $\acute{a}$ n ser enviadas por correo o personalmente a esta dirección:

Chelsea Rotary Club c/o Susan E Gallant, 778 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 antes del lunes 19 de Mayo de 2025.

No olvides colocar tu nombre, dirección, edad y número de teléfono de tus padres. Todas las cartas serán leídas y revisadas por los socios del comité del Club Rotario de Chelsea, asimismo el comité notificará a todos los finalistas. El ampamento empezara el domingo por la tarde y finalizara el día sábado por la mañana.

ENVIA TU CARTA **ANTES DEL LUNES 19 DE MAYO** Y DISFRUTA DE UNA SEMANA EN LA CUAL PUEDES ESTAR NAVEGANDO, NADANDO, ESCALANDO, PARTICIPANDO EN FOGATAS Y MUCHAS DIVERSIONES MAS.

## Massachusetts officials on hand at the launch of eviction record sealing law

Special to the Journal

On Monday, May 5, State Senator Lydia Edwards was joined by Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, State Senate President Karen Spilka, housing justice advocates and legal experts for a press conference to mark the historic first day Massachusetts tenants can begin the process of sealing past eviction records under a new law passed last year and signed by Governor Maura Healey.

The law, which goes into effect this month, allows renters to petition the court to seal eviction records after a designated waiting period-ranging from as little as one year for certain nofault cases to four years for nonpayment evictions. Senator Edwards, a longtime advocate for housing stability and former senate chair of the Joint Committee on Housing, championed the measure alongside col-

zations, and housing justice advocates.

"As someone who has both organized alongside tenants and fought for housing justice in the State House, I know how life-changing this moment is. Eviction record sealing isn't just a policy—it's about restoring dignity, opening doors, and recognizing that one tough chapter shouldn't define a person's future. I'm proud that Massachusetts is making housing more equitable and allowing residents in the State to have a second chance," said Senator Lydia Edwards

In addition to the press conference held at the State House, State Senators from across Massachusetts marked the occasion by assisting constituents in their own districts with officially filing petitions under the new eviction sealing law.

These efforts reflect a unified commitment across the Commonwealth to ad-

leagues, grassroots organi- vancing housing justice and providing residents with a meaningful second chance.

Commenting on the bill Attorney General Andrea Campbell said, "An eviction record, even one that has been dismissed or was brought in retaliation for a tenant exercising their rights, can have devastating impacts especially on Black women and other women of color. I'm pleased to see Massachusetts take this historic step to create a pathway to seal eviction records which will open the door to stable housing for so many and allow our residents opportunities to build wealth. I am extremely grateful to Senator Lydia Edwards and Representative Mike Moran for their leadership and unwavering advocacy on this issue, and to the leadership of Senate President Spilka and Speaker Mariano for their commitment in ensuring this proposed legislation became law."



Attendees were City of Boston Chief of Housing, Sheila Dillon, Liet. Gov. Driscoll, AG Andrea Campbell, Senate President Karen Spilka, Deputy Secretary from EOHLC Jennifer Maddox, Greg Vasil - CEO of Greater Boston Real Estate Board, and MLRI attorneys as Sen. Edwards (center) holds a sample form that tenants need to submit online to request their eviction sealing sealed. It's a commemorative document.



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The tractor-trailer that struck a utility pole on Arlington Street last Thursday.

#### Police respond to tractor-trailer crash on Arlington St.

A tractor-trailer truck truck, according to police. struck a utility pole at Arlington Street at Everett ed at the scene. However, Avenue around 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 1.

At approximately 8:07 a.m. on May 1, Chelsea police responded to Arlington Street at Everett Avenue following reports of a motor vehicle crash involving a caution and in line with tractor-trailer. Upon arrival, officers determined that the tractor-trailer had struck a utility pole, causing the pole and attached electric wires to fall onto a parked pickup

No injuries were reportthe downed wires resulted in significant power disruptions in the surrounding area, and utility crews were

immediately notified to begin repairs. Out of an abundance of

standard investigative procedure, the Chelsea Police Department requested assistance from the Massachusetts State Police Truck Team to conduct a thor-

ough examination of both the driver and the involved commercial vehicle.

"We are grateful that no one was injured in this incident," said Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton.

" We appreciate the quick response of our officers, the Massachusetts State Police Truck Team, and the utility crews working to restore

service to our community." The investigation remains ongoing.

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representing diverse career paths—from government to sales and business to education, computer science and medicine, and beyond. This intentional pairing allowed students to receive tailored feedback relevant to their interests and goals. Some of the companies represented were: Lonza, Chase Bank,

Sasaki Foundation, National Aviation Academy, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, TJX, Rosetta Languages, City Year and more!

Organizers from all partner organizations emphasized the importance of early exposure to professional environments. "Mock in-City of Chelsea, Microsoft, terviews are a critical step

in preparing students not just to land a job, but to approach their future with confidence and clarity," said CHS AVID and Internship Manager Jackie Boyd.

The event marked a successful first run for what is expected to become an annual tradition supporting student growth and career readiness.

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under the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, negating the need for further review in subcommittee or a second reading before approval.

However, District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor, who chairs the ways and means subcommittee, said he would still like the opportunity to ask questions about the agreement.

"I feel like I need to do my due diligence in having all the financial orders come through my committee," Taylor said, adding that he did not believe there would be any negative impact of having the order come up in

subcommittee before a vote crease." by the full council.

Brown said he did not have an issue with it going to ways and means.

The new collective bargaining agreement Teamsters Local 25, covering the DPW workers, runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

"The major cost items of the particular agreement are the annual raises in the following amount: FY26 - 4.00%; Fy27 - 3.50%; and FY28 -- 3.00%," Maltez stated. "In addition, in FY26, there will be a onetime \$1,200 base wage in-

The total cost of the contract over the three years is approximately \$240,000, according to the city man-

"The current contract is in place and expires on June 30 of this year, which means we are ahead of the game in terms of negotiating the contract," said Maltez. "What is exciting about this one is once this contract is ratified by the city council ... the city no longer has any outstanding agreements; all of our labor contracts at that point will be fully negotiated."



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#### THE U.S. TODAY: FROM BRAIN GAIN TO BRAIN DRAIN

The founders of the greatest American companies (at least as measured by their stock-market caps) are Bill Gates of Microsoft, Jensen Huang of Nvidia, Elon Musk of Tesla and Space X, Mark Zuckerberg of Meta (Facebook), the late Steve Jobs of Apple, Sergey Brin of Alphabet (Google) and Jeff Bezos of

All seven share one of two things in common: Six went to top U.S. universities (Harvard for Gates and Zuckerberg; Stanford for Huang and Brin; Princeton for Bezos; and Pennsylvania for Musk) and five either themselves are immigrants (Musk, Huang, and Brin) or they are first-generation immigrants (Jobs's father was a Syrian immigrant and Bezos's adoptive father was a Cuban immigrant).

This is nothing new. America always has relied upon its immigrants and its universities to lead the way for American supremacy. This was especially true during WWII when the U.S. developed the atomic bomb thanks to a team of scientists (most of whom were foreign-born and working at the University of Chicago) that was led by physicist Robert Oppenheimer. Oppenheimer would have made the above list for two reasons: He was both Harvard-educated and the son of a German immigrant.

According to the Nobel Prize website, since 1901, there have been 148 prize recipients who were foreign-born individuals who either had immigrated permanently to the United States or were at a U.S. institution of higher learning at the time they received the award. These 148 individuals account for 16 percent of all Nobel Laureates.

Yet it is precisely these two great pillars of America's historic economic and technological strength -- our world-renowned universities and our immigrants -- that are on the verge of being destroyed. By attacking the former, we are discouraging the latter from coming to America.

The smartest and hardest-working individuals from across the globe -- who always have viewed America as the foremost country in the world where they could develop their ideas at the world's greatest scientific research institutions -- are either leaving or not coming because the welcome mat has been pulled from our doorstep.

Nations in Europe and Asia, whose leaders are mystified by our sudden ignorance and xenophobia, are rushing to fill the vacuum by offering grants and opportunities to world-class scientists that previously had been monopolized by the United

We are entering the equivalent of the Dark Ages -- and for the first time ever in our history, the United States is now facing the prospect of a brain drain, as opposed to being the beneficiary of a brain gain.

#### WILL WE HAVE FLU AND **COVID VACCINES THIS FALL?**

The actions reportedly being taken by Secretary of Health Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to impede the development of the flu and COVID vaccines for this coming year call into question whether these life-saving vaccines will be available for Americans this fall.

Annual flu and COVID shots are the best protection for all Americans from these two diseases, especially for senior citizens and those with compromised immune systems. Approximately 40,000 Americans die each year from the flu, of whom about 80% are over the age of 65. It is estimated that the annual vaccines prevent about seven million illnesses, three million doctor visits, 100,000 hospital stays, and 7,000 deaths. A substantial percentage of those who die from the flu are unvaccinated.

As for COVID-19, there were 76,446 deaths in the U.S. from COVID-19 in 2023, the vast majority among the elderly, the oldest of whom are 97 times more likely to die from a COVD-19 infection than a person under the age of 20. In addition, the lingering effects of COVID-19, known as long COVID, impact tens of thousands more Americans.

The flu vaccine is forward-looking. Scientists examine the data of the various strains floating around the world and then make a guess as to which ones will be most-prevalent in the coming winter season, and a vaccine is developed to target those strains.

However, the COVID vaccine looks only at the present, with the vaccines aiming to target the most prevalent variants at the time the vaccines are being developed. COVID always is mutating, so it is impossible to know what variant will come next. However, even though the COVID vaccines are outdated to some extent by the time most people receive them, the vaccine still offers substantial protection against the disease.

However, whether these life-saving vaccines, which must go through an approval process before the FDA, will be ready in time for the fall flu and COVID season is an open question given the gamesmanship being displayed by RFK Jr., who reportedly is creating new barriers in the approval process.

These vaccines literally are a matter of life and death for America's ever-aging population, but it would seem that those in charge these days could care less -- and that we are all just one big experiment for their dangerous and off-the-wall "theories.'

## Your opinions, please

The Record welcomes letters to the editor. Our mailing address is 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151.

Letters may also be e-mailed to stephen.quigley@reverejournal.com.

Letters must be signed.

We reserve the right to edit for length and content.

# Forum

#### Battle // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

tee of Safety in its efforts to ton vessel built in America surround and isolate British forces. The British army, now occupying Boston, found itself encircled by an ever-growing army of citizen soldiers. These forces, soon to be known as the Continental Army, fortified positions in nearby towns and villages: Chelsea, Medford, Winthrop, Charlestown, Cambridge, and Rox-

By May 1775, General Thomas Gage, commander of the British army in Boston, faced a serious logistical crisis. Cut off from the farms of Middlesex, Suffolk, and Norfolk Counties, his garrison of thousands was quickly running out of food. These surrounding farms had long served as Boston's breadbasket, and now they were out of reach.

To sustain the troops, the British turned to a new strategy: using the islands of Boston Harbor, especially Noddle's Island and Hog Island, to raise cattle and gather hay. But the American colonists had a strategy of their own: deny the British any food at all.

It was this strategy, to sever British access to livestock and forage on Noddle's Island, that set the stage for the Battle of Chelsea Creek, which took place exactly one month after the alarm at Lexington and Concord.

After sunset on May 26, 1775, soldiers under Colonel John Stark and Colonel John Nixon marched out of Cambridge, crossed the Mystic River into Malden, and made their way through Chelsea. They were joined by a company of local militia from Chelsea itself. Before daybreak on May 27, the troops crossed the creek to Hog Island, located in what is now Orient Heights in East Boston. Working quickly, the Americans drove off all the horses and livestock they could find. Then, at low tide, they crossed a narrow inlet to Noddle's Island, dragging the animals through the shallow water between the two islands.

Around 2:00 p.m., Vice Admiral Samuel Graves, commander of the British North American fleet, was alerted to the presence of Colonial troops. In addition to the food stores, Graves was concerned about naval supplies, masts, ropes, sails, lumber, and equipment critical to maintaining his ships that were stockpiled on the island. Without waiting for orders from General Gage, he took action. Graves ordered the schooner Diana and 400 Royal Marines up Chelsea Creek to engage the American forces.

The Diana was a 120-

and purchased by the British to expand their fleet. It was likely armed with six 4-pounder cannons and twelve swivel guns. As the schooner advanced, she came under heavy fire from both sides of the Creek. Between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m., British Marines began rowing ashore, but American troops pushed them back. Stark's men dug into a shallow trench near the creek and opened fire, halting the British advance and inflicting significant casualties.

As night fell, Lieutenant Thomas Graves, commander of the Diana, found himself in a precarious position. The tide turned, the wind died, and the schooner was left stranded in the upper reaches of the creek. In an attempt to escape, he ordered the Marines in barges to tow the Diana downstream. But the tide worked against them. The Americans peppered the towing parties with musket fire, and reinforcements began arriving by the hour.

That evening, General Israel Putnam arrived in Chelsea with over two thousand men and two field cannons from Cambridge. As the Diana was slowly towed past what is now the Eastern Minerals salt dock and the Meridian Street Bridge, American forces kept up a constant barrage from muskets and artillery. Near the Winnisimmet Ferry landing, the schooner ran firmly aground in the mud.

At around 3:00 a.m., the Diana listed onto her side. Her crew escaped into waiting barges and abandoned the vessel. American forces quickly boarded, stripping the ship of every valuable item—cannons, ammunition, and rigging. As dawn broke, Samuel Pratt, a local farmer from Chelsea, brought hay from his farm and stacked it beneath the ship's stern. The militia lit the hay, and the Diana was soon a smoldering wreck, blazing in the creek's soft

It marked the first planned offensive by the provincial forces against British troops and represented the beginning of intercolonial military cooperation in the fight for constitutional rights.

The battle also holds distinction as the first naval engagement of the Revolutionary War, and as the first instance in which American forces captured a British warship—the HMS Diana.

This battle marked the initial use of artillery by colonial forces and introduced a military strategy that would prove critical throughout the conflict - disrupting British supply lines to weaken their

occupation of Boston.

In recognition of this historic event, the City invites all community members to join in commemorating this significant milestone in American history by participating in the rich programming the City is making available to residents and visitors of Chelsea. Programming is already

underway, beginning with the Open House and Historical Talks series at the Governor Bellingham-Cary House Museum—the oldest building in the City that remains after over 350 years. You can catch these throughout the month of May. Get to know the history of the Battle of Chelsea Creek and the Governor Bellingham Cary House at the museum during this unique and interesting open house/historical talks

As we lead up to the main festivities on Memorial Day weekend, a family-friendly celebration will take place on Tuesday, May 13th at the Williams School, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., featuring pony rides, a petting zoo, and 18th-century games.

On Saturday, May 24, 2025, we will host a citywide festival from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Port Park. We are proud to host the schooner Ernestina-Morrissey, built in 1894 and part of the

Massachusetts Maritime Academy's permanent fleet, which will help illustrate the type of vessel destroyed during the Battle of Chelsea Creek. Ernestina is returning to Chelsea after over 20 years. Residents and visitors will have the opportunity to get on the schooner's deck, explore the vessel, and meet the Mass Maritime Academy crew.

This major event will also feature an American militia parade along Marginal Street, between the Eastern Minerals headquarters and the park, ending with a musket firing drill. At the park, everyone will have the chance to interact with reenactors and explore the encampment—step

in time and see how camps were set up in the 18th century. Redcoats will be there, and we've planned several interactive activities for families with children. A historical cannon display from Groton, including cannon salutes at noon and 2 p.m. Delicious offerings from local restaurants such as Bella Isla, Chelsea Station, Antojitos Latinos, Tawakal Halal Food, Boba Tea, and more—plus a beer garden hosted by Bent Water Brewery.

The Governor Bellingham Cary House Museum will open its doors that same day from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for visitors to explore the house. The City has been working with the East Boston Historical Society, which will also host events on the other side of the Chelsea Creek that weekend. The East Boston locations will be on the Urban Wild site off of Condor Street in East Boston, as well as across the street at the American Legion Playground (also known as the City Yards).

On Memorial Day, we are proud to partner with Boston Harbor Now, the National Park Service, GreenRoots, and the Mystic Watershed Association for a special boat tour through Chelsea Creek. Complete event details and programming information are available at chelseaprospers.org.

All celebrations are made possible through a Massachusetts tourism grant, as part of the Massachusetts 250 statewide initiative. We want to thank everyone who played a role in planning and supporting the event with special recognition to our community partners at East-

The 250th anniversary of the Battle of Chelsea Creek is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for celebration and we encourage all residents to take part in this interactive, historical experience.

See you next time on Our Community. Thank you and May god bless the City of Chelsea.

#### **Correction**

In the letter to the editor entitled, Make A Difference, published in May 1 edition of The Chelsea Record. The phone number for the Chelsea YMCA is 617-884-8776 for people to arrange to drop off donations of clothes, not 617-884-5132.

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## Northeast Metro Tech student, Kellum, wins MSBA design contest

In September, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) invited students from across the Commonwealth in Grades 10-12 to design new logos for the agency, which partners Massachusetts communities to support the design and construction of educationally-appropriate, flexible, sustainable, and cost-effective public-school facilities. The Building a Logo contest was geared toward connecting students with a deeper understanding of MSBA's work.

Northeast Metro Tech senior Design and Visual Communications student Kacey Kellum designed and submitted a logo to the MSBA, and her design placed third from those submitted across the state.

On Wednesday, March 26, Treasurer and Receiver General Deborah B. Goldberg, and First Deputy Treasurer and Chief Executive Officer of the MSBA James MacDonald visited Northeast Metro Tech to congratulate and recognize Kellum on her excellent design.

Kellum was presented with a \$100 prize and certificate of accomplishment from the MSBA during a celebration that included an intimate reception prepared by Northeast Metro Tech Culinary students. The ceremony was attended by Kellum's family, Design and Visual Communications instructors, and school administrators in addition to Goldberg and MacDonald.

"Kacey embodies the talent and spirit of an artist - with a mindful grasp on the reality that a young designer must also be business minded and multi-faceted," said Design and Visual Communications Instructor Brian Anthony Peluso. "Her commitment, dedication and willingness to buy-in on her projects have proven to be valuable attributes and have helped her develop into an impressive, aspiring creative professional."

"Congratulations to Kacey on this well-deserved recognition," said Superintendent DiBarri. "Kacey's talent and skill at Design and Visual Communication were on full display with this design, and we look forward to seeing what she will accomplish when she moves on from Northeast Metro Tech later this year. Her future is bright!"



Massachusetts Treasurer and Receiver General Deborah B. Goldberg, (center) presents a \$100 check to Northeast Metro Tech senior Design and Visual Communications student Kacey Kellum, after Kellum earned third place in the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Building a Logo contest. From left are, Principal Richard Barden, MSBA Chief Executive Officer James MacDonald, Kellum, Goldberg, Assistant Superintendent Tracey O'Brien, Assistant Principal Jack O'Brien and Design and Visual Communications Instructor Brian Peluso.



Gerry Meola (middle) received his Chelsea High School diploma at Chelsea City Hall on Thursday, May 1. He was presented the diploma by CPS Communications Director Michael Sullivan (right) and joined by Chelsea City Councilor-at-Large Leo

## Chelsea Public Schools awards diploma to Vietnam Veteran Gerald V. Meola

Chelsea Public Schools recently awarded a Chelsea High School diploma to Gerald V. Meola, a U.S. Army veteran who sacrificed his education to serve his country during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Meola, known as "Gerry," was on track to graduate with the Chelsea High School Class of 1966 when he was drafted into military service shortly before he was set to graduate. During his time in the Army, he served on the U.S.S. Nimitz. After returning from the war, Gerry furthered his education but never stopped dreaming of holding an official high school diploma.

Meola commented when reflecting on his upbringing in the city, "My heart will always be in Chelsea."

Now residing in Salem, Massachusetts, Gerry recently reached out to the Chelsea Public Schools district to explore the possibility of receiving a formal diploma. His motivation was heartfelt - he wanted to be able to show his grandchildren that he was a high school graduate.

Recognizing his service, sacrifice, and enduring commitment to education, the district was honored to fulfill his request and celebrate his long-overdue achievement.

"We are deeply moved by Mr. Meola's story and are proud to present him with this honorary diploma," said Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, Superintendent of Chelsea Public Schools. "His dedication

to both his country and his personal goals is an inspiration to our entire community."

The diploma presentation underscores the district's commitment to honoring those who have made extraordinary sacrifices and affirms that it is never too late to celebrate educational milestones.

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"And while the challenges your profession." are vast, one thing is clear: access to legal representation should not be determined by your paycheck or

Representative Garcia concluded by thanking Speaker Ron Mariano, Ways and Means Chair-

man Aaron Michlewitz, and Leader Frank Moran for their bold leadership in supporting the immigration legal assistance fund.

The budget passed the House of Representatives 151-6 and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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younger and more densely populated than the state average and that overcrowded housing remains a significant challenge. In addition, the research shows that three-quarters of residents are residents with large, multifamily housing predominating, and that most

also work in the city.

"The next phase of the process will focus on developing the plan framework, including visioning workshops, scenario development, and identifying implementation strategies," stated Maltez.

throughout this summer, with additional survey work taking place in the fall based on feedback from the engagement work.

"Rounding out the fall of 2025 and winter of 2026 will be focused engagement events to help develop the draft plan," Maltez added. "The consultant team aims

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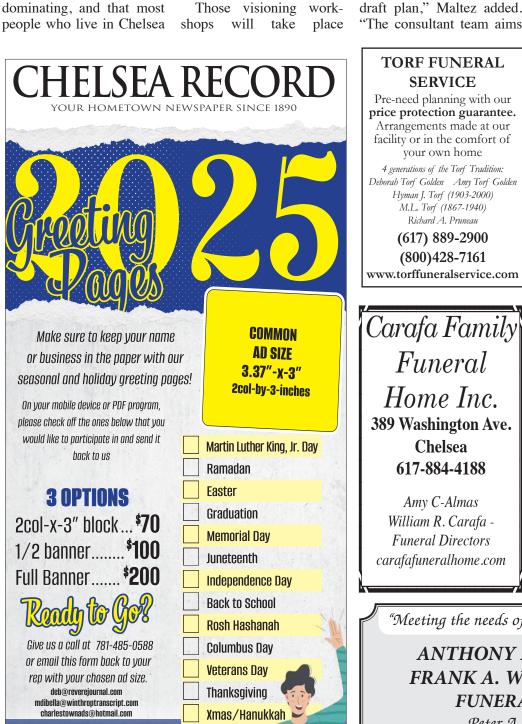
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to provide a final report to the planning board by mid-2026."

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown thanked Maltez for the update. He also thanked all residents who have already given feedback for the plan, and encouraged everyone to take part in the





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#### FORMER NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS STAR MATTHEW SLATER SPEAKS AT JGBC BREAKFAST

Former New England Patriots star Matthew Slater was the guest speaker at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast held in the Clubhouse.

Slater is considered one of the greatest special teams' players in NFL history, having earned 10 Pro Bowl selections. He helped

Mark Robinson.

the New England Patriots win three Super Bowls.

Breakfast Series Co-Chair Mark Robinson praised Slater, a UCLA All-Pac 10 First Team selection, as one of the best inspirational speakers in the 30 years of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast Series.

Slater delivered remarks before taking questions from guests.

A true gentleman of the game, Slater graciously obliged the many requests for photographs from guests following the program.



Representing the Chelsea business community, Chamber of Commerce Executive **Director Jennifer Hassell** (right) joins guest speaker Matthew Slater for a photo following the breakfast.



**Financial Planner Joseph** Mahoney and guest speaker Matthew Slater.



**Guest speaker Matthew Slat**er and Kayem President and **CEO Matt Monkiewicz.** 



**Guest speaker Matthew Slat**er and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



Chelsea Chief of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki, guest speaker Matthew Slater, and Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Paul Nowicki, who played Division 1 college football at Clemson University.



City Manager Fidel Maltez welcomes New England Patriots three-time Super Bowl champion Matthew Slater to the City of Chelsea.



**Breakfast Co-Chair Mark Rob**inson (right) praised former **Patriots star Matthew Slater** as the best inspirational speaker in the history of the 30-year Breakfast Series.



Mass. Competitive Partnership President and CEO Jay Ash and guest speaker Matthew Slater.



er and City Councilor Calvin T. Brown.



**Guest speaker Matt Slater** and Breakfast Business Sponsor David Geller.



**Guest speaker Matthew Slat**er and Hamza Abdul of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club.





Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Breakfast Series Committee Member Mark White, former Chelsea DPW Director Joseph Foti, City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, Mass. Competitive Partnership President and CEO Jay Ash, and Assistant Sec. for Communities and Programs Juan Vega.



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, City Councilor Calvin T. Brown JBGC Executive Director Gina Centrella, guest speaker Matthew Slater, City Manager Fidel Maltez, and Breakfast Co-Chair

BGCB Director of Community Development and Administration Lisa Gillis, JBGC Executive Director Gina Centrella, guest speaker Matthew Slater, BGCB Director of Programs and Partnerships Leah Reich, Tracey Marchetti, and Director of Volunteer and BGCB Alumni Services Isidra Qui-



The McNamee family greets guest speaker Matthew Slater at the breakfast. From left, are Joseph McNamee, Shelagh Mahoney McNamee, Michael McNamee, and Sean McNamee.



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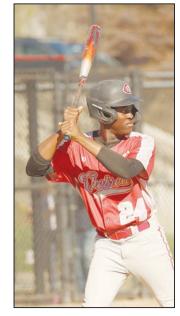
Representing East Cambridge Savings Bank at the breakfast, Juan Gonzalez, Sandy Youssef, Aida Marroquin, and Don Wallaga.



# **Sports**

#### CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL LOOSES ON THE ROAD AT GLENDALE PARK IN EVERETT.

Last week the Red Devils of Chelsea High School traveled to Glendale Park in Everett home of the Crimson Tide of EHS. Giving up a large lead in early innings led the Red Devils to a 12-2 loss, bringing their overall record to 0-9, and a league record of 0-8. This places the CHS Red Devils in 8th place in league standing.



Leonardo Perez Frances at bat for the Red Devils.



Catcher Leudy Ramon Sanchez takes the field.

## CHS Roundup

#### SIMON, SERRANO PACE CHS GIRLS IN SPLIT OF TRI-MEET

The Chelsea High girls track and field team split its recent tri-meet with two GBL opponents, defeating Lynn English 88-47, but falling short to Somerville, 76-59, at Lynn's Manning Field last Wednesday.

Sophomore Thania Simon won four events vs. both opponents to score a total of 40 points on the day. Thania won the 100 meter dash with a sprint of 12.8; the 200 dash in 27.2; the long jump with a leap of 16'-10"; and the triple jump with a distance of 34'-8".

Sophomore Lilly Serrano also enjoyed a huge day, tallying 24 points by winning the 400 dash vs. both opponents in a clocking of 1:04.7; taking second place vs. both in the 100 dash in a time of 13.2; and grabbing first vs. English and second vs. Somerville in the high

**Bob Bolognese** 

jump.

Senior Lauren Nadow took first vs. English and third vs. Somerville in the 100 hurdles; second vs. English in the 400 hurdles; and second vs. English and third vs. Somerville in the javelin for a total of 13 points.

Hazel Hatleberg outran the field in the mile with a time of 6:39.2 to tally 10

Additional point-scorers for the Lady Red Devils were:

-- Aly Perez took first vs. English and third vs. Somerville in the 2-mile;

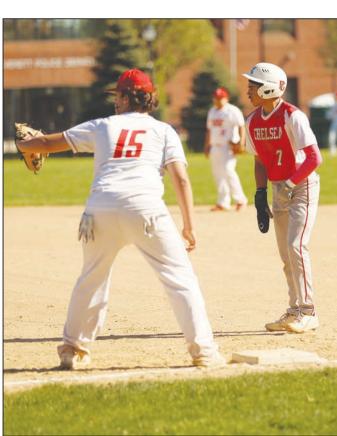
-- Ashley Gomes took first vs. English and third vs. Somerville in the 400 hurdles;

-- Junior Emelin Rosales grabbed a third place vs. English in the 200 dash;

-- Katherine Benitez finished second vs. both rivals in the 800;

-- Kimberly Fuentes Chavez finished third vs. both opponents in the 800;





Senior Captain Elijah Rivera takes a lead off 1st Base.

-- Briana Campos took third vs. English in the jav-

-- The quartet of Hatleberg, Campos, Fuentes-Chavez, and Benitez defeated Somerville in the 4 x 400 relay;

-- Kiara Ramirez Villate took first vs. English and second vs. Somerville in both the shot-put and ths discus;

-- Angely Mejia-Martinez took second vs. English and third vs. Someville in the discus and second vs. English in the shot; -- Dieunie Cademus finished third vs. English in the shot;

-- Maria Sola-Hernandez took third vs. English in the discus:

-- Leeanny Sanchez Ynoa took second vs. both opponents in the long jump;

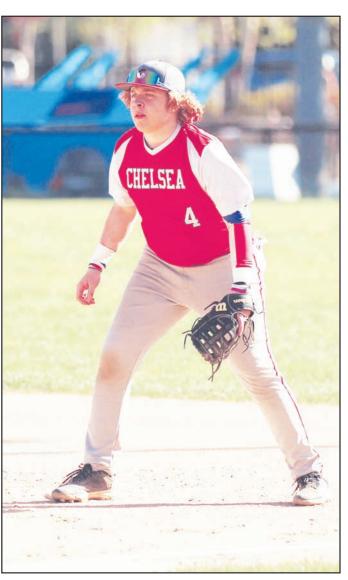
#### CHS BOYS TRACK DEFEATS ENGLISH

The Chelsea High boys outdoor track and field team defeated Lynn English 76-

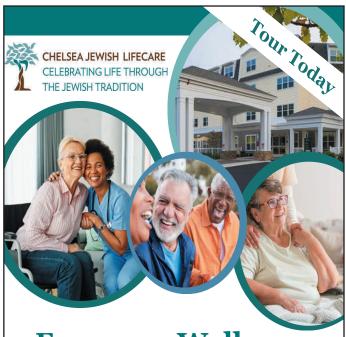
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Djeuly Jules makes a play at third Base.



Senior Captain Xavier Santiago at first Base for Chelsea High's Red Devils.



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## Northeast Metro Tech's Sarah Pierce among Trial Court's Women's History month honorees

Special to the Journal

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to report that Northeast Metro Tech Physics Instructor Sarah Pierce was one of nine trailblazing women honored by the Massachusetts Trial Court in recognition of Women's History Month.

Instructor Pierce, who has been with Northeast Metro Tech for eight years, teaches physics and environmental sciences. She has also coached the varsity girls soccer team, the JV girls lacrosse team, and JV girls basketball, while advising the Student Council, National Honor Society, and National Technical Honor Society.

Instructor Pierce is also an active volunteer in her community, assisting at the Revere Food Pantry for years, and serving as the director of a youth group in Swampscott.

Instructor Pierce is currently working toward a second master's degree and is planning a wedding for September.

She

Wednesday, March 26, during the Massachusetts Trial Court's 5th Annual Trial Court Women's History Month Celebration at the Edward Kennedy Institute in Boston. Pierce's family members, as well as Northeast Metro Tech colleagues and students, joined her as she was honored for inspiring women and uplifting her community.

"We can't have a beautiful world for a beautiful life if we don't make us all as beautiful as we can be," Pierce said. "So be as beautiful as you can be and bring as many people as you can for the ride. Because if everyone around you is beautiful, we will be living in a really beautiful world."

Other women who were honored were Dr. Alexandra Walker, Director of Community Relations and Strategy for the Alliance for Community and Justice Innovation; student leader Marli Forrester; Stacy Deveau, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Boston Municipal Court-Central; Toni Wiley, Chief Execuwas honored on tive Officer of the Sports-



Northeast Metro Tech Physics Teacher, coach, and advisor Sarah Pierce stands with Northeast Metro Tech students after she was honored at the Massachusett's Trial Court's 5th Annual Trial Court Women's History Month Celebration at the Edward Kennedy Institute in Boston.

men's Tennis & Enrichment Center; Cecely Reardon, Commissioner of the Department of Youth Services; Petrina Martin Cherry, Vice-President of Community Engagement and External Affairs, Boston Medical Center Health Sys-

tem; Amanda Fernandez, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Latinos For Education; and Susan Church, Immigration Attorney and Chief Operating Officer for the Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immi-

"Over the past eight years, Ms. Pierce has made an incredible impact at Northeast, coaching multiple sports, advising student clubs, and serving on key committees," said Superintendent DiBarri. "She has also created meaningful ser-

vice opportunities for students, and has inspired our students to be as best as they can be. We are truly lucky to have empowering instructors like Ms. Pierce here at Northeast."

#### PROJECT BREAD'S 57TH WALK FOR HUNGER RAISES OVER \$1 MILLION AHEAD OF NONPROFIT'S ADVOCACY IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Special to the Record

On Sunday, May 4, thousands gathered on Boston Common and tuned in from around the world for Project Bread's 57th Annual Walk for Hunger, a beloved Massachusetts tradition and the nation's oldest continual pledge walk. This year, more than 4,500 participants, both in-person and virtual walkers across 20 states and 3 countries, united to raise \$1,046,000 (and counting) to ensure everyone in Massachusetts can put food on the table.

"The Walk for Hunger is more than a fundraiser—it's a movement born of the belief that every single person in Massachusetts should be able to feed themselves and their families," says Erin McAleer, Project Bread's President & CEO. "We are facing a crisis point. As food prices soar and federal support for critical programs hangs in the balance, The Walk is a vital call to action. Every single person walking, fundraising, donating, and taking action is raising their voice to stand against the injustice of hunger."

This year's Walk comes at an urgent time for Massachusetts families facing hunger. Nearly a fifth of people in Massachusetts are struggling to afford groceries, while the very programs that ensure families have enough to eat are under attack. Project Bread's event brought together families, local leaders, advocates, and longtime supporters to sound the alarm and protect the programs that help people put food on the table. Project Bread Board of Directors Chair Pete Levangie and his wife Enid announced a \$20,000 fundraising incentive on Sunday morning, matching each donation dollar for dollar made throughout the morning. Walkers rose to the challenge and met the match in less than three hours.

The event provided a family-friendly opportunity for thousands in Massachusetts to get involved in this fight. The Make Hunger History Coalition, launched last year, had a strong pres-

ence at the Policy Station hosted by Director Spencer Masterson. Attendees pledged to make hunger history, with over 200 walkers adding their name to the pledge board.

In addition, The Walk for Hunger featured a 3-mile loop on Boston Common, accessible for all ages and abilities. Walkers enjoyed family-friendly activities, including lawn games, face painting, arts and crafts, and live music. Project Bread's Chef Educator Sherry Hughes kicked off the morning with a live Breakfast Quesadilla recipe demo, developed for Massachusetts schools. Performances and local food vendors added to the festive, community-centered atmosphere.

Now in its seventh year, the Commonwealth Program-Project Bread's joint fundraising initiativewelcomed 51 community-based organizations, who together have already raised over \$200,000 to support their own anti-hunger work while contributing to the Walk's statewide goal.

During the Opening Ceremony, Project Bread CEO Erin McAleer presented the prestigious Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice to the organization's inaugural Council of Experts-a powerful group of ambassadors with lived experience of food insecurity in Massachusetts. Attending honorees Paula Andrea Tobon, Giovanny Zuniga, Levenia Furusa, Kelly Russell, and Elsa Flores were celebrated not only for their leadership in policy, research, communications, and community engagement, but for embodying the future of systemic change, ensuring that those who have experienced the injustice of hunger firsthand are actively shaping the policies and strategies meant to address it.

"The [Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice] serves as proof that vulnerability is strength and not a weakness. It is proof that our voices have power," shared Kelly Russell in live remarks during the event. "Our experience living or



Paula Andrea Tobon and Giovanny Zuniga holding the starting line ribbon as Project Bread CEO Erin McAleer cuts it to kick off the 57th Annual Walk for Hunger.

working in the gap and overcoming those challenges has meaning and should be present and accounted for at every phase of policy making. It is evidence that education is not only found in a book. I could not be more proud to be standing here and sharing this award with this amazing group of change makers that I am privileged to call my colleagues and friends!"

Immediately after the Walk, Council of Experts members flew down to Washington, D.C. where some of them joined an expert panel alongside Project Bread's Director of Public Policy Leran Minc during the National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference. This moment underscored Massachusetts' national leadership in food justice, with Project Bread modeling what it means to work in authentic partnership with people whose lived experience is their expertise. In a time when civic voices-particularly in policymaking and government affairs—are being silenced or sidelined, this is more than symbolic. It's transformative. These Council members aren't just part of the conversation—they're bringing the realities of hunger to national platforms, including Capitol Hill, where they'll advocate for change as part of the Food Research & Action Center's annual conference. Their presence and power are a critical reminder that effective, equitable solutions must be informed by those who know the issue most intimately.

Fundraising for the Walk for Hunger will continue through the summer, already surpassing this year's goal of \$1 million. Visit www. projectbread.org/walk donate or start a personal fundraiser to support this ongoing mission.

People experiencing food insecurity should call into Project Bread's toll-free FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential assistance to connect with food resources, including SNAP benefits, in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org/get-help.

Project Bread is the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts. Beginning in 1969 with the first Walk for Hunger, the nonprofit focuses on driving systemic change to ensure people of all ages have reliable access to healthy food. Project

Bread works collaboratively across sectors to create innovative solutions to end hunger and improve lives across the Commonwealth. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org.



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More than 4,500 participants, both in-person and virtual, participated in the 57th Walk for Hunger.

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Mimi Graney es miembro de la junta de la Casa del Gobernador Bellingham-Cary y trabajó anteriormente para la Ciudad de Chelsea, donde se centró en el arte público y las iniciativas locales para el autora de Fluff: La dulce y pegajosa historia de un ícono estadounidense, que recorre la historia de Marshmallow Fluff y explora temas más amplios como la la publicidad estadounidenses.

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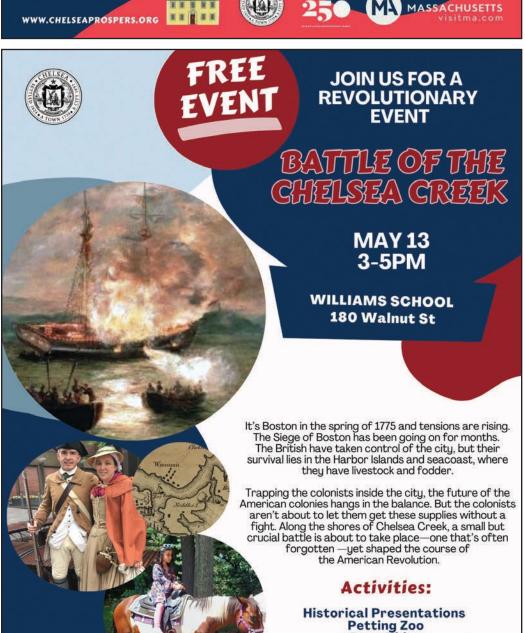
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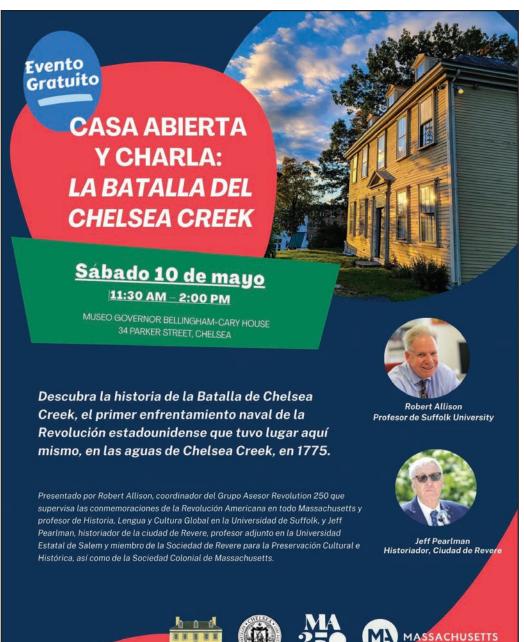
Atrapados dentro de la ciudad, el futuro de las colonias americanas pende de un hilo, pero los colonos no están dispuestos a permitir que obtengan estos suministros sin luchar. A orillas del Chelsea Creek, está a punto de librarse una pequeña pero crucial batalla, una que a menudo se olvida, pero que marcó el curso de la Revolución Americana.

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#### Fresh and Local

### Small menus

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We've noticed a welcome trend emerging in this area: small, specialized menus with just one or a few items. These businesses have been encouraged by food halls, pop-ups, food trucks, and food carts. Small menus have the potential for increased profitability, better-quality food, and reduced food waste.

Matt Goulding, in his book "Rice, Noodle, Fish," wrote an ode to specialization. "The concept of shokunin, an artisan deeply and singularly dedicated to their craft, is at the core of Japanese culture." "In the west, where miso-braised short ribs share menus with white truffle pizza and sea bass ceviche, restaurants cast massive nets to try to catch as many fish as possible but, in Japan, the secret to success is choosing one thing and doing it really well. Forever."

#### **Some Specialists**

The perfect example of this dedication to one food is Flake in Coolidge Cor-

ner. They make one thing: pastéis de nata — Lisbon's beloved egg custard tarts. And they do it perfectly. When they run out of freshly baked pastéis de nata, they close!

An example of long-term success in specialization is Galleria Umberto in Boston's North End, which opened in 1974. There are nine items on the menu, but their pizza is the draw! They limit their hours and have been known to close for the month of July. It was named an America's Classic by the James Beard Foundation in 2018.

This concept has even spawned a national chain, Medium Rare. They recently opened a Watertown location. The dinner menu is a prix fixe menu of steak frites, accompanied by a salad and artisan bread.

#### From Pop-up, Food Hall, or Food Truck to **Brick-and-Mortar**

Bow Market in Union Square is known as a popup testing ground. They invite entrepreneurs to "Test

your concept in one of our rotating food and retail spaces." The marketplace website even has an "Alum" map with flags to the brickand-mortar businesses that began at Bow.

Food Halls are the perfect creative space for small menu concepts. These formats help gather an audience for an idea that might not be sustainable in a separate setting; they are a winwin for both vendors and customers.

At High Street Place in Downtown Boston, you can gather a Pennypacker's porchetta sandwich, a glass of sparkling wine from Bubble Bath, and a dessert from Noble Castella, a Japanese bakery. What's more, every member of your party can put together a meal from different stalls.

Other Boston Food Halls include the Boston Public Market, The Lineup on Federal Street, Time Out Market in the Fenway, Hub Hall next to North Station, and The Charles River Speedway in Brighton.



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#### Slightly Larger, But Still **Specialized**

Finally, we love restaurants that may have more items on the menu but serve excellent versions of their specialty. A recent visit to Lan Feast in Coolidge Corner made us appreciate a well-executed menu of authentic Chinese Lanzhou dishes, including handpulled noodles.

We love Thai food and

recommend Pad Thai Cafe on Hemenway Street in the Symphony area for their separate and more authentic Thai menu. And, we found another distinct flavor of Thailand at Mahaniyom in Brookline Village.

The next time you decide you want ramen, pizza, Chinese food, Vietnamese food, or a great dessert, consider trying a specialist who only makes food from a specific

region. You may find you love Yunnan, Sichuan, or Hunan cuisine. Or, that you prefer the less sweet types of desserts offered in Asian bakeries. Exploring world cuisines is fun, and going to a specialist can help you find the best examples of what's available.

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

## Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts celebrates National Bike Month

Special to the Record

In celebration of National Bike Month and National Mental Health Awareness Month, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ("Blue Cross"), the title sponsor of Greater Boston's municipally owned bike-sharing system, Bluebikes, will offer its largest-ever free credit - \$50.

Individuals can redeem the free \$50 credit by entering code BLUECROSSMA-BIKE in the "Rewards" sec-

The credit is available while supplies last and can be used for both pedal and ebike trips across Bluebikes' 500 stations in 13 municipalities, including Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville, and Watertown. Once redeemed, the credit will be added to the rider's Bluebikes account and will remain valid through December 31, 2025.

Regular physical activity like biking has been shown tion of the Bluebikes App. to reduce the risk of chronic

conditions—including heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers—and support improved sleep and reduced anxiety, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The initiative is fully funded by Blue Cross, reinforcing the health plan's commitment to expanding access to the health and wellness benefits of biking while advancing its broader goal of building healthier, more connected communities through sustainable transportation.

"We're proud to offer hear from riders, and we across the 13 municipali- http://bluebikes.com/.

our largest-ever Bluebikes credit during National Bike Month—and Mental Health Awareness Month—to help even more people discover the joy and benefits of cycling," said Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. "Biking supports both physical and mental health, reduces carbon emissions, and strengthens community connections. We're continually inspired Riders can find more than by the personal stories we 5,300 bikes and 500 stations

hope this initiative empowers even more people to experience the power of a simple ride."

Bluebikes is municipally owned by 13 cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts and jointly managed by the Cities of Boston, Cambridge, Everett, Somerville, and the Town of Brookline. The system is operated by Lyft and has been supported by Blue Cross as the title sponsor since May 2018.

ties, and since the system's inception, Bluebikes users have taken more than 25 million rides and logged over 56 million miles. The system also offers an income-eligible program to ensure affordable transportation options are available to all. This initiative builds on Blue Cross' longstanding commitment to access.

For more information on Bluebikes, please visit

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

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NOTICE OF

HEARING

Case No. 2025-05 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of: Adonay Cortez Amaya For Special Permit seeking ap-

proval for a Driveway Opening Permit which does not meet the minimum requirements for front yard setback, within five (5) feet of a side lot line, nor within five (5) feel of a wall containing windows at the premises known as: 24 Louis Street A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during nor-

mal business hours: Monday,

Wednesday and Thursday 8

a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday,

8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8

a.m. to noon 5/8/25, 5/15/25

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**



CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS CHS PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "CHS PARTIAL" ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after May 08, 2025 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/ departments/purchasing/ current\_bids\_\_\_solicitations.

Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "CHS PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts. \* A Non-Mandatory pre-bid meeting on May 14, 2025, 10am to 11:30am, Chelsea High School, 299 Everett Avenue, Chelsea 02150. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) - ROOFING category and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM

Prime Update Statement.

GENERAL BIDS will be received no later than 11:00 AM on May 29, 2025 and publicly opened. Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update

Statement. \* Filed sub-bids categories: PLUMBING. Filed sub-bides will be received no later than 11:00AM on May 22, 2025 and publicly opened. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea." The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any 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 Opportu-

nity Employer. This Invitation

for Bids is in accordance with

Chief Procurement Officer

5/8/25

M.G.L. Chapter 149.

Dragica Ivanis

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CHELSEA REQUEST FOR QUOTES CSO MONITORING SERVICES The City of Chelsea Massa-

chusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking quotes CSO MONITORING SERVICES. Specifications and contract documents will be available

on or after May 08, 2025 by contacting by visiting the City's website: https://www.chelseama.gov/ departments/purchasing/

current\_bids\_\_\_solicitations. Quotes can be sent to Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer, (email:divanis@ chelseama.gov, Procurement Office, Chelsea City Hall, Room 204, 500 Broadway, Chelsea,

Isaac Smith (email: ismith@ chelseama.gov), Environmental Compliance Coordinator, Department of Public Works, 500 Broadway, Room 310, Chelsea MA 02150

MA, 02150.

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Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

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 CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU25CO249CA In the matter of: Brianne ¡Grace Grealish A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Brianne Grace Grealish of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Brianne Grace Burke

IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at:Suffolk Probate

and Family Court before 10:00 a.m.on the return date of 05/29/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 30, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate

5/08/25

**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)7<sup>88</sup>-8300 **ÖRDER FOR SERVICE** 

AND MAILING Docket No. SU25W0357WD Senia J. Guevara Oseguera Isael A. Romero

BY PUBLICATION

Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom. Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Custody/Support/ Parenting Time filed on March 06, 2025.

Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) cannot be found within the Commonwealth and defendant(s)/respondent(s) present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable. and defendant(s)/respondent(s) has not voluntarily appeared in this action. It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint

If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Date: 4/02/2025 Hon. Brian J. Dunn, Justice of probate and Family Court. 5/08/25

herein on or before May 27,

2025.

**LEGAL NOTICE** Commonwealth

Of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family** Court Suffolk Probate **And Family Court** 

24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 SUMMONS BY **PUBLICATION** Docket No.

SU24D1823DR Maria Fonseca Pires Plaintiff

Eugenio G. Pires Defendant To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requestina that the Court grant a divorce

for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from

taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Maria Fonseca Pires 473 Revere Beach Pkwy. Revere, MA 02151, your answer on or before 06/17/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of this Court.

Date: April 23, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate

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## Driscoll to deliver keynote address at BHCC May 22 commencement

Special to the Record

Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll will deliver the keynote address at Bunker Hill Community College's 51st Commencement exercises on Thursday, May 22, at the MGM Fenway Music Hall in Boston.

"In Massachusetts, education is our calling card – it's what brings people here and elevates our workforce, attracts employers, and puts us at the forefront of the global economy," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "As a public higher education graduate myself, I know just how life changing our state's public higher education system can be - especially our incredible community colleges like Bunker Hill. It's why Governor Healey and I have prioritized investing in our community colleges and making them free for everyone. The Bunker Hill Class of 2025 graduates are a great example of why these investments are so important. Each and every graduate is going to make a positive impact on our communities and our economy. I'm excited to congratulate them and celebrate them all in person at the Bunker Hill Community College's 51st Commencement speaker!"

Governor "Lieutenant Driscoll knows the power of public higher education to transform the lives of individuals and communities," said Bunker Hill Community College President Pam

Eddinger. "As Mayor of Salem, she worked to ensure pathways to opportunity and economic mobility were available to all residents, and now, as Lieutenant Governor, she and the Healey-Driscoll Administration have led the most significant expansion of access to higher education in our state's history. We are so happy that she will be our 2025 Commencement speaker."

BHCC graduates approximately 1,000 students each year from associate degree and certificate programs. Most BHCC alums go on to complete a bachelor's degree at four-year colleges and universities in the Boston area and across the country. The five largest institutions where BHCC alumni complete their degrees are UMass Boston, UMass Lowell, UMass Amherst, Northeastern University, and Lesley University.

Kim Driscoll is the 73rd Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She was sworn in on January 5, 2023, joining Governor Maura Healey in an historic series of firsts: Governor Healey is the first woman and first openly LGBTQ person elected Governor of Massachusetts, and together, Healey and Driscoll are the first all-women executive team to lead Massachusetts.

Prior to taking office as Lieutenant Governor, Driscoll served as the City of Salem's first woman

Mayor. Elected in 2006, she turned deficits into record surpluses and saved taxpayers' money by strengthening city services, revitalizing Salem's downtown, leading a vast improvement in Salem's K-12 schools, reforming city pensions and health insurance programs to protect employee benefits, bidding public contracts, and bringing transparency to City Hall. Under her leadership, Salem became one of the first communities in Massachusetts to adopt the expansion of free, high-quality early education opportunities starting at age

The daughter of a Navy chef from Lynn and an accountant's assistant from Trinidad, Driscoll spent her childhood in a number of states, before attending Salem State University where she studied government and became a standout athlete on the women's basketball team. Like so many Salem State students, she fell in love with Salem and made it her home after graduation, pursuing a career in municipal government, and married her college sweetheart, a second-generation union brick-

In addition to Lieutenant Governor Driscoll, Bunker Hill's commencement will feature student and faculty speakers. For more information on BHCC's commencement, visit bhcc.edu/ commencement.

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52, but fell short to undefeated Somerville, 106-30, in a tri-meet last Wednesday at Manning Field in Lynn.

Ariel Chacon-Arena outshot-put with a toss of 50'-3" (which was 13 feet further than his closest opponent) and the discus with a spin of 117'-6".

Ariel led a Chelsea sweep of both Somerville and English in the discus with teammates Kevin Romero-Molina and Adonis Alvarez-Umana taking second and third respectively.

Xavy Guzman sprinted past the field to take first place vs. both Somervlle and English in the 400 dash with a time of 54.2.

Additional point-scorers for the Red Devils were:

- second in the 200 dash vs. English and a third vs. English in the javelin;
- -- Leeandro Castro took classed the field in both the second vs. English in the 400 hurdles; third vs. English in the 200; first vs. English in the triple jump; and third vs. English in the long
  - Carlos Perez-Acosta took first vs. English and third vs. Somerville in the
  - Bryan Amaya-Yanes took second vs. English in the 800;
  - -- Kyle Leong finished second vs. English in the
  - -- Ivan Irias finished first vs. English and third vs.
  - Somerville in the 2-mile; -- Sherwin Kim took first

- -- Juan Portillo with a vs. English and third vs. Somerville in the 400 hurdles and second vs. both opponents in the 110 hurdles;
  - -- Nathanyel Ramos Quijada took first vs. English and third vs. Somerville in the high jump;
  - Tiago Antunes took second vs. English in the long jump and third vs. English in the triple jump;
  - -- Younes Sharif took third place vs. English in both the 110 and 400 hurdles;
  - Kevn Romero-Molina took second vs. English and third vs. Somerville in the shot;
  - -- Adonis Alvarez-Umana took first vs. English and second vs. Somerville in the iavelin:

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