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The Simboli family soars with Eagles

By Cary Shuman

Patricia Simboli, president of ACS Development Corporation, hosted a tour of the city and reception for students and faculty from the Boston College Carroll School of Management and the Joseph E. Corcoran Center for Real Estate and Urban Action last Friday.

Simboli said the inspiration for arranging a visit by students from one of the elite colleges in the country was her meeting with a professor, Edward Chazen, senior lecturer in real estate at the Carroll School of Management.

Simboli also has a distinct connection to Boston College, which is located in Chestnut Hill. Her father, ACS Development founder Anthony Simboli, is a “Double Eagle” at BC, graduating with both a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and master’s degree in philosophy in 1950.

Last Friday Patricia Simboli and the students, accompanied by Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe, took a bus tour of the city highlighting such areas as Admiral’s Hill, the Chelsea waterfront district, Parkside Commons, and the Everett Avenue urban renewal area, including the MITC, the transformation of the Mystic Mall anchored by Market Basket, and the new hotels.

Another major site that was showcased was the FBI Boston headquarters, a project that was developed by ACS and underlines the Simboli family’s incredible vision for the area.

“We also highlighted what is happening in the city and how does everything fit together: the of-

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Ashley Mendoza (6) talking with Santa and Mrs. Claus during the 15th annual Breakfast with Santa at Williams Middle School on Saturday morning, Dec. 7. The Chelsea Chamber helped to once again bring the event together and a large crowd of children and families showed up to get a few minutes with jolly old St. Nick.

PHOTO BY KEIKO HIROMI

Boston developer purchases Boston Market Terminal for \$28.5 million

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Market Terminal in the Chelsea/Everett industrial zone has sold to a national developer based in Boston for more than \$28 million.

The large property of more than 17 acres abutting the New England Produce Center is located on Market Street, officially in Everett, on the City Line between Everett and Chelsea, and the new developer intends to build a brand new \$100 million distribution center there for the changing needs of distribution in the economy.

The City of Chelsea and City of Everett have been

involved with the ownership of Terminal – which is a regional hub for food supplies like fruits, potatoes, onions and herbs – regarding flooding issues for many years, to no avail. Now, a whole new ballgame has unfolded with The Davis Companies purchasing the terminal for \$28.5 million on Nov. 25, according to property sale records for Middlesex County.

City of Everett assessments of the property are around \$9.1 million for property tax purposes

Jonathan Davis, president of The Davis Companies, said the location is very strategic and they hope to rebuild a new distribution center on the 17.8 acre

property.

“We’re exploring building a high-quality distribution center,” he said. “We’re going to demolish the old buildings there, but we are now in talks with the existing tenants for one-year extensions on their leases... We are in the early planning stages for a new state-of-the-art distribution facility of at least 250,000 sq. ft. and it might be even larger... We anticipate at a minimum of 160 new permanent jobs and hundreds of construction jobs. The project is going to be a \$75 million to \$100 million project or more.”

Davis said the project

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Spike in crime over the week includes break-in at Chelsea High, bank robbery and shots fired

By Seth Daniel

A series of serious crimes have spiked concern in Chelsea this month, though Chelsea Police have already made key arrests in most of the incidents.

While the summer and fall were relatively quiet

this year, suddenly a wave of activity showed up in December – starting with a series of break-ins to Chelsea High School.

“It was a busy week, but with a lot of success in terms of holding those responsible accountable for their actions,” said Chief

Brian Kyes.

•On Friday, Dec. 6, police responded to the high school at 5 a.m. for an unauthorized person in the school. That person was believed to be a suspect in three other breaks to the high school over the past three weeks. Other breaks occurred on Nov. 14, Nov. 21 and Nov. 24. More than 20 computers were stolen from the high school during the period.

Using State Police K-9 resources and school personnel, Police were able to locate the suspect in the school.

It is believed he entered the school through a window on the side of the building nearest the swimming pool.

Pierre Nrgle, 27, of Lawrence, was arrested and charged.

•On Monday, Dec. 2, around 3:30 p.m., a shooting incident occurred outside the laundromat at the corner of Essex and Ellsworth Streets. Two individual, both armed, had got into an altercation outside. Both men fired rounds at each other though only one

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Council deliberates on Central Ave. TIF

Sends it to subcommittee ahead of hearing

By Adam Swift

During its final meeting of the year, the City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed tax breaks for the Innes Apartment Redevelopment Project.

The hearing will be held during the Council’s regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Dec. 23, at City Hall.

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino is requesting the Council approve a 15-year Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement for the project. If approved, the TIF will give the developer a tax savings of about \$6.5 million over 15 years, will still bringing over \$4.6 million into the City coffers.

“Many of you are familiar with at least some aspect of this innovative joint venture between the Chelsea Housing Authority and developer Joseph J. Corcoran,” stated Ambrosino in a letter to the City Council. “The project involves the demolition of the existing 96 unit Innes Apartment public housing development and the construction on that site of a new, \$120 million development of 330 residential units and 7,000 square feet of commercial space.”

Within the development, 96 units scattered throughout the complex will be reserved for Chelsea Housing Authority tenants, effectively replacing the outdated 96 units on the current

site.

“Given the death of funding in the Commonwealth for the rehabilitation of existing public housing properties, this project provides a rare opportunity to develop new affordable housing for existing public housing tenants,” the City Manager stated. He added that because the affordable component of the project is so significant, a generous amount of public support is needed to make the project viable.

The Chelsea Housing Authority is providing the land for the project, and the state is kicking in approximately \$22 million in a combination of direct funding and infrastructure grants.

The City’s contribution consists of relief on building permit fees, a share of 40R funding provided by the state, and if approved by the Council, the property tax (TIF) relief.

The TIF proposed for the Innes project includes 80 percent tax relief for the first five years, 60 percent for the second five years, and 50 percent for the third five-year stretch.

Ambrosino noted that the parcel currently brings in no tax dollars for the City.

“The city has been supportive of the project because it promises significant housing benefits to 96 economically disadvantaged

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CHelsea TREE LIGHTING



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS

Jackelyn Hernandez, Kimberly Galvet, Mariana Gimenez greeted Santa in front of the Christmas tree during the Chelsea Tree Lighting on Thursday, Dec. 5, in Chelsea Square. Meanwhile (below), on the flip side of the matter, the Grinch posed for a photo with Ivan Martel in the Square. Scores of families and friends flocked to the Square to enjoy some holiday cheer.



PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

Friends singing ‘The 12 Days of Christmas’ during the Bellingham-Cary House’s Open House and Holiday gathering on Saturday, Dec. 7. The historic home opened its doors for holiday cheer all evening.

NEWS Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

PLASTIC BAG BAN COMING SOON

The City will officially ban plastic bag sales in the City on December 17. As of that date, retail establishments will no longer be able to utilize plastic bags for packaging of goods to customers at checkout. The goal of the ban is to improve the environment and to eliminate litter in the City. The City will be providing businesses with a supply of reusable bags to begin with. Questions can be directed by email to Fidel Maltez at [HYPER-LINK "mailto:Fmaltez@chelseama.gov"](mailto:Fmaltez@chelseama.gov) or by phone at 617-466-4300.

STATE REP. DAN RYAN OFFICE HOURS

State Rep. Dan Ryan announces Office Hours will be Friday, Dec. 13, from 10-11 a.m. at the Chelsea Public Library, 569 Broadway. Office Hours provide an opportunity for Chelsea residents to meet personally with the State Representative in Chelsea to discuss a legislative issue or to request assistance with a government agency. Spanish translation also available. Any questions please call the State Representative (617) 722-2370 or email Dan.Ryan@MA-house.gov

COLLABORATIVE GALA

The Chelsea Collaborative will celebrate 30-plus years of community service and social justice at their annual 2019 gala on Dec. 18. The Collaborative will host the event from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Emiliana Fiesta, 35 Fourth St.

THANK YOU TO MARY BOURQUE

The Chelsea Public Schools will host a Thank You Celebration for Supt. Mary Bourque on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m. in Chelsea High School. Suggestion donation is \$25 and all proceeds will go to the Chelsea Education Foundation for the arts programs in the schools. RSVP by Nov. 30 to vdymedina@Chelseama.gov.

LIBRARY UPDATES

•Lego Club, Dec. 5, 6 p.m.
Whether you are a great

Lego builder, or a first timer, this is the place for you. Joining us on the first Thursday of the month at the Lego Club.

•Movie Nights, Every Thursday, 3:30 p.m.
December, 12 - The Grinch
December, 19 - Abominable

YARD WASTE PICKUP

December 9 - 13 is the last week for yard waste pick-up until the next spring. Leaves, grass, and tree limbs can still be dropped off most mornings at the City Yard (380 Beacham St.) but call before you go: 617-466-4300

WATER LEAK ALERTS

The City of Chelsea is offering a free service to residents to help efficiently manage water usage and lower monthly bills. The service also notifies residents if usage indicates a possible leak. Register for this service at <http://chelsea.aquahawk.us> or call 617-464-4041 for more information.

GAME NIGHT MOVES INSIDE

Game Night on City Hall Plaza has been a great success this summer. The group doesn't want to break up so, as the evenings become increasingly wet, cold and dark, Game Night is moving inside the Chelsea Library at 569 Broadway. Everyone is welcome to join every Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. where friends and neighbors gather over dominos to play and chat. If the weather is really nice we'll catch a little more summer out on the plaza beside City Hall. Otherwise, the group meets inside the library. They will be in the room to the right just inside the main entrance.

ONLINE PAYMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PARKING

Beginning July 1, the City of Chelsea will offer an online payment portal for residential parking stickers and visitor passes. Residents can create an account and then sign in. For any questions, contact passistance@chelseama.gov or call 617-466-4054.

FREE WATER METER REPLACEMENT

The City of Chelsea's DPW is continuing its water meter replacement program for both residential and commercial customers. As part of this effort, meter service technicians from the DPW may be visiting a property to remove the old meter and replace it with a new meter. All DPW meter service technicians travel in marked City of Chelsea vehicles and have City of Chelsea identification badges. Whenever a water meter technician visits a property, one should ask to see the City issued ID. Installation of a new meter will typically take less than 30 minutes. The new meters will eliminate most estimated bills. Reliable readings will also allow customers to identify leaks that may result in higher than normal bills. There is no charge for the new meter.

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

Seniors 65 or older having trouble keeping up with real estate tax increases may wish to take advantage of the tax deferral program. This program allows seniors to defer taxes on their real estate, up to 50 percent of the fair market value of the property, provided they agree to repay the City upon death or resale of the property. The City has increased the income eligibility limits to this program and reduced the annual rate of interest on deferred taxes to 4 percent. Seniors who are interested should contact the Assessor's Office at 617-466-4010.

CHELSEA HILLS WALKS

The Chelsea Hill Community has updated its schedule and has new meeting times. Chelsea Hills will now be meeting every first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Starbucks at the Mystic Mall. As for their walks, they will have them every second Saturday at 10 a.m. and every fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m. Locations vary, so please check the Chelsea Hills Facebook page or subscribe to email list.

Apollinaire Play Lab students to present ¡Bocón! this Month!

Apollinaire Play Lab's young actors made a splash in the summer of 2018 with their performances of a Midsummer Night's Dream in Chelsea Square. This December, Chelsea's promising young thespians will present Lisa Loomer's timely piece, ¡Bocón!.

Filled with humor and mysticism, the story follows a twelve-year-old fleeing a repressive military regime in Central America for Los Angeles. A natural storyteller and bocón, or "big-mouth," our young hero loses their voice when their parents are taken. Along their metaphorical journey north to the City of Angels, they form a magical friendship with La Llorona, the "Weeping Woman" of Mexican and Central American mythology. La Llorona helps the child find their voice and the courage to cross the border to a new life.

Apollinaire's own professional company tackled this piece back in 2014 at Chelsea's Mary O'Malley Park. Now the mantle is being passed to their youth program.

Anna Hadingham, Apollinaire Play Lab's acting

teacher, directs. Previous to coming to Boston, Ms. Hadingham spent ten years working on theater and community-arts based projects with teens in an urban community on the outskirts of Guatemala City. Since her return to The U.S., Ms. Hadingham has also taught theatre at public schools around Boston, and at the Margarita Muñoz Academy, a collaboration with Company One Theater.

Ms. Hadingham shares, "¡Bocón! has been an eye-opening experience for this group of young actors from Chelsea; they have dedicated many hours of hard work to the creation of an authentic, funny and deeply moving piece of theater. Participating in this production has not only helped them build a sense of community with one another, but also has raised their awareness of the historical context of migration from Central America, and has fostered in them a sense of solidarity with the current situation of migrants and refugees coming to the U.S. border today."

Thanks to grants from the Chelsea Community Fund and Ramsey McClus-

key Family Foundation, the Play Lab was able to again hold a Play Production class culminating in a full-scale youth production.

The Ramsey McCluskey Family Foundation has supported Apollinaire's youth program since 2017 following the opening of the Riseman Family Theatre. Meg Ramsey shares: "The Ramsey McCluskey Family Foundation is very happy to be able to be one of the supporters of this production. It is so important that young people have the opportunity to learn about and participate in arts experiences such as those provided by the Apollinaire Play Lab. Preparing a show teaches teamwork, empathy, confidence and poise in addition to being a lot of fun. Best wishes to the cast and crew."

Tickets to the show are just \$5!

Dates and times: December 13 and 14 at 6 p.m., December 15 at 2 p.m.

Location: Riseman Family Theatre in the Chelsea Theatre Works, 187 Winnismet Street in Chelsea Square.

Council calls for more television coverage of City boards and commissions

By Adam Swift

In a world of online streaming and nearly limitless television viewing choices, Chelsea residents may soon be able to add Zoning Board and Licensing Commission hearings to their watch lists alongside 'Game of Thrones' and 'The Crown.'

City Council President Damali Vidot introduced an order at Monday night's Council meeting requesting City Manager Thomas Ambrosino explore the opportunity of Robert "Duke" Bradley Cable expanding its video coverage of meetings to include ZBA, Traffic and Parking Commission, Licensing, and any other boards of interest and have those meetings broadcast on Channel 3. Currently, City Council meetings are taped and broadcast from the Council Chambers in City Hall.

"There are a lot of boards in the city that have great power to approve or deny

projects in the city, and often, people have no idea what is happening in their backyards," said Vidot.

Televising the additional meetings would help increase transparency of City government, Vidot added.

She said she would like the City Manager to look at issues such as additional costs for televising these meetings, and the logistics of whether meetings could be taped where they are currently held, or if they would have to be broadcast from the Council Chambers, which are equipped with cameras. The Planning and Zoning boards typically meet at the Senior Center, while the Licensing Commission holds the majority of its meetings in the City Council conference room.

District 5 Councillor Judith Garcia said she supports bringing greater transparency to government, while outgoing District 1 Councillor Robert Bishop said he would like to see Council subcommittee meetings added to the list

of televised meetings.

Bishop noted that many important issues are discussed in the conference meetings, and that he would like to see those meetings moved from the conference room and into Council Chambers for greater exposure.

"In other business, District 4 Councillor Enio Lopez and District 6 Councillor Giovanni Recupero requested additional police patrols for Sector 4, which encompasses parts of their districts, noting an uptick in crime in the sector.

"I want to see more patrols and more police officers in that area," said Lopez, adding that he hoped increased patrols would help to decrease crime in the area.

Ambrosino also requested the Council approve bond refinancing for a 2009 city bond. He said the refinancing could save the city \$200,000 over the remaining six years of the bond.

Real Estate Transfers

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Edge Real Estate Invests	Alfonso, Jose	32 2nd St	\$475,000
Davis, Natalia	Polad, Nadia	200 Captains Row #306	\$410,000
Loulourgas, Fotis N	Setian, Vartan H	92 Captains Row #92	\$740,000
Pearce, Alpha K	Abdalla, Tarek	11 Cheever St	\$367,000
Lorson, Sydney	Mccarthy, Sheanah	69 Grove St	\$612,500
Garcia, Iris I	Fulco, Margaret C	26 Heard St	\$500,000
Kohler, Peter	Marecki, Richard	12 Jones Ave #2	\$318,000
Div BMT LLC	Boston Market Terminal	45 Market St	\$28,500,000
Molina, Nelson	Montoya, Oyuky	38 Marlborough St	\$105,500
Florentino, Pedro	Souza, Vilma	292 Washington Ave #2R	\$305,000
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BELLINGHAM-CARY HOUSE HOLIDAY GATHERING

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

When history lovers, Eric Peters and Brayton Ducharme, settled in Chelsea in 2018, they were excited to discover The Governor Bellingham-Cary House during a summer walk through the neighborhood. The couple – who are fond of the Cary House Orchards Hot Pepper Jelly -- attended their first Open House & Holiday Gathering on December 7 as new members of the association, huddling in the entryway of the 17th Century home with friends in a jubilant singing of “The 12 Days of Christmas.”

“I was pleasantly surprised to find a historic gem in Chelsea,” said Ducharme, who agrees with Peters that The Cary-House feels like visiting grandma’s home during the festive season. “They were very warm and welcoming. It’s a good way to connect with the community. We love that as new homeowners.”



Karen MacInnis, president, speaking with visitors.



Brayton Ducharme and Eric Peters.



Sandy and Jeff Schiff.



Curator Darren Brown providing tours of The Bellingham-Cary House.

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will include a vigorous public-private solution to the flooding issues on the culvert that runs under the Terminal – something that has plagued the property and the area for years (see accompanying story). That fix is expected to get underway in the next few months.

He also said the location is very strategic for distribution facilities of products of all kinds. He said there isn’t much property like this available in the Greater Boston area. He noted the facility is three miles from Logan Airport and downtown Boston, as well as one mile from I-93.

“The location is just a very strategic location for distribution,” Davis said. “As Boston changes, there are fewer and fewer places where we can distribute the products that our businesses and our residents need...The two forces of e-commerce changing the way things are distributed, and the force of population growth in Boston, Chelsea and Everett, are changing the dynamics of a neigh-

borhood like this. This Distribution Center is really a prime spot for last-mile distribution. The fact is there are very few opportunities for developing first-class distribution...”

Everett Planning Director Tony Sousa said the Terminal is in the traditional Industrial Zone, and the development of it will benefit both cities.

“It’s going to benefit Everett and it’s going to benefit Chelsea,” he said. “Obviously, with the improvements done to the culvert, it’s going to give everyone more security in the Commercial Triangle for redevelopment there...One thing we hear about a lot is that we need to end or mitigate flooding there. That is going to be done. It will be a tremendous enhancement we haven’t had in years.”

Davis said they aren’t certain what kind of distribution will be there.

It could be fruit, like now, or it could be something demanded by the new economy. When mentioning “last mile” distribution, most turn to the idea of Am-

azon or some service like it. Already Amazon occupies a portion of the Produce Market area on Beacham Street just over the line in Everett, but Davis said he had no preconceived ideas about tenants.

“The market is kind of going to dictate what tenants we attract,” he said. “It’s an interesting question. We will certainly talk to produce merchants. That has been a produce distribution facility since they moved from Haymarket 50 or 60 years ago, but we’re going to be talking to a variety of uses to see what the demand is.”

The Davis Companies has done a lot of commercial and industrial development around the country, though not that much in Boston – where at the moment they have been building high-end housing and working on innovation uses in the Seaport District of Boston.

Davis said they plan to file their project with Everett for review in the summer of 2020.

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families in Chelsea,” stated Ambrosino. “The reality is that, without this project and the TIF proposed here, these units will likely remain in their current distressed condition for many years.”

The Council approved a

request by District 5 Councilor Judith Garcia to hold a subcommittee conference meeting to address any questions about the project, although Councilor-At-Large Leo Robinson said there wasn’t really a need for a subcommittee

date since there will be a public hearing before the vote.

Ambrosino said he was not opposed to a subcommittee meeting, as long as it is held before the scheduled Dec. 23 public hearing.

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man was hit. The injured man was only grazed in the abdomen with no penetration wounds.

Police were not notified of the event until much later by the laundromat owner, and the ShotSpotter system didn’t activate. The injured man was put under arrest at the scene. On Thursday, Dec. 5, Santos Canizalez, 19, of 155 Pearl St., was arrested and charged as the other half of the shooting incident.

•On Dec. 5, police got reports of an armed robbery

at the cab stand in Bellingham Square. Around 7:30 p.m., Officer Rob Hammond was reporting to work for his shift when he heard the radio call. Being in the area, he quickly located the suspect in the Square, who fled on foot. A chase ensued through the downtown, and the suspect was eventually apprehended in the Family Market on Fourth Street/Broadway by Officer Hammond.

A firearm was located in close proximity to the suspect while he was hiding in

the store. Felony charges against the suspect are pending.

•Finally, on Saturday, Dec. 7, the TD Bank in Bellingham Square was robbed at gunpoint around 3 p.m. The suspect entered the bank wearing a motorcycle helmet and a mask. He demanded money and fled. Later on, he was arrested in Revere, with all the money apparently being recovered. The FBI is leading that investigation and charges are pending.

POLICE Briefs BY SETH DANIEL AND PAUL KOOLLOIAN

SHOT AT A CAR

On Nov. 29, at 1:17 a.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Bloomingdale Street at Spruce Street for a report of a gunshot. Officers were able to determine a male fired a single round at a white vehicle that was traveling in the wrong direction on Bloomingdale Street.

Officers received reports of male hiding in a backyard that fired the gun. Offices placed the male under arrest and recovered the illegally possessed firearm.

Fernando Herculano-Caballero, 23, of Somerville, was charged with discharging a firearm 500 feet from a home, carrying a loaded firearm without a permit, possession of a large capacity firearm, and possession of ammo without a permit.

WRONG WAY

On Nov. 22, at 5:22

p.m., officers were dispatched to 180 Walnut St. for a report of a motor vehicle accident. Officers observed that one of the vehicles apparently drove down the wrong way after colliding with the second vehicle. The operator of that vehicle failed a roadside assessment giving probable cause to the officers that he was operating under the influence of alcohol.

Julio Carranza-Castane, 58, of East Boston, was charged with operating under the influence of liquor, leaving the scene of property damage, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

BREAKING INTO CARS

On Nov. 27, at 3:30 a.m., officers responded to a call for a report of a suspicious person checking cars on Addison Street. A witness gave officers a

description of a male that was involved. He was placed under arrest after the witness told officers that he entered the garage and began removing tools.

Marvin Padilla-Caballero, 22, of East Boston, was charged with breaking and entering for a felony, carrying a dangerous weapon, possession of a Class B drug, trespassing and receiving stolen property.

STOLEN CAR

On Nov. 28, at 11:18 a.m., a CPD officer on patrol in the area of Webster Avenue observed a grey Jeep exiting the Home Depot parking lot. The officer received a bulletin earlier that the vehicle was stolen. The officer was able to safely stop the vehicle a short time later and placed the driver under arrest.

Jonathan Arce, 32, of Revere, was charged with unlicensed operation, and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

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REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.” --
Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.

With Christmas just two weeks away, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our last-minute holiday shopping in hopes of finding that “perfect” gift for our family members and loved ones. Although the vast majority of Americans have much to be thankful for because of a strong economy and a record-low unemployment rate, there are many of our fellow citizens who have not shared in the general prosperity. Statistics tell us that millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, are struggling financially, often through no fault of their own, thanks to a combination of low-wage jobs and a strong real estate market that ironically has made apartments (let along buying a home) unaffordable. Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to high rents and soaring land values.

This dichotomy is most evident and acute in the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco, Despite the vast wealth in those metropolitan areas, thousands of homeless persons, including many who have full-time jobs, are living in tent and cardboard “neighborhoods” on city sidewalks. The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what we read about in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy. Indeed, the announcement by the Trump administration last week that there will be a cutback in the Food Stamps program (known as SNAP) that threatens to leave millions of Americans (including many children) hungry is a real-life Grinch story, but without a happy ending. Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, actually is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Giving to others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called “warm glow” effect. Whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even as simple as dropping a few dollars in the buckets of the Salvation Army Santas, there are multiple opportunities in the next two weeks for each and every one of us to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate.

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Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Who makes Christmas?

try. My mom worked hard cooking and wrapping and decorating the Christmas tree. The mother of my two sons loved Christmas and always knocked herself out cooking, shopping and wrapping. I remember my grandmother Hinkle slaving over a stove and my hat is off to my two sisters and deceased mother’s in law who did so much to make Christmas meaningful for family and friends. Trust me here I don’t want to leave anyone out. Hear me I am not slighting the men of Christmas. My dad, Joseph and Jesus all count big time. Many men cook, wrap gifts and shop. I’ve done all of that. For 12 years my now deceased first wife could do nothing because of multiple sclerosis. Whatever was done was on me. Looking back I know I was sorely lacking when it came to pulling it altogether. I simply had to do the best I could and my best wasn’t all that great really. I wonder how many moms and women feel this way. I wonder how women cook their brains out and wrap to exhaustion, clean house and try to make Christmas wonderful and then feel like nobody gives a dang or appreciates what they have done? I bet plenty do. Don’t let this happen this year. Praise them! Thank the dear souls who knock themselves out to try to make Christmas happen - for you and your loved ones. Mary the mother of Jesus went through a lot. When she became pregnant and still a virgin, who bought her story? Not many. Joseph did and he married her and took care of her and the new baby Jesus. However, starting out as a young mother with so many unknowns

and the hardships that came with an unexpected pregnancy in that day were not easy. The Bible says, “But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” For most of her life before and after the birth of Jesus, she carried a heavy load. Keep the love, kindness and praise flowing this Christmas - especially for those dear women who often carry a heavy load. Often they are the ones who really make Christmas. *Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.*

GUEST OP-ED

A just society doesn’t criminalize girls

be arrested at school. Lat-inx girls are more than 1.5 times as likely as white girls to receive an out of school suspension, and Native American girls are suspended at three times the rate of white girls. When we unfairly discipline our girls, we rob them of their childhood by treating them as if they need less protection, nurturing, and comfort than other children. We fail to see their humanity and we fail to respond to the adverse childhood experiences that so many of us experience in our youth. These disturbing discrepancies are the result of a failure to cultivate schools as locations for healing so that they can be locations for learning.

The policies and unfair practices that disproportionately push girls of color from institutions of learning stem from deeply entrenched biases that require bold, community-based solutions to correct. Now is the time to support relationship-building, mental health support, and restorative interventions, as opposed to unfair and exclusionary discipline. This alarming crisis is what led to the development of the Ending Punitive, Unfair, School-based Harm that is Overt and Unresponsive to Trauma

Act. The Ending PUSH-OUT Act aims to dismantle school-to-confinement pathways by creating an ecosystem within our schools where all children, especially children of color, can heal and thrive. In order to create safe and nurturing school environments for all students, the Ending PUSHOUT Act emphasizes gender-specific and culturally-responsive protocols and policies that work to intentionally and holistically support girls of color. The bill establishes new federal grants to support states and districts that commit to ban unfair and discriminatory school discipline practices; it protects the Civil Rights Data Collection and strengthens the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights, both of which have been threatened by the Trump administration; and it establishes a Federal Interagency Task-force to End the School Pushout crisis, to measure the efficacy of these reforms and share best practices.

The Ending PUSHOUT Act challenges schools to ban most suspensions and expulsions for our youngest learners in pre-k through 5th grade; ban suspensions and expulsions in all grades for minor infractions such as tardiness and violations

of dress codes and hair policies; and ban the heinous practice of corporal punishment, which is still legal in 19 states. The Ending PUSHOUT Act is the first of many bills stemming from Representative Pressley’s People’s Justice Guarantee — a bold progressive resolution outlining a new vision for the American legal system that makes good on the promise of justice for all. Achieving this vision requires all of us to dismantle the systems of oppression and control that have unfairly policed and criminalized marginalized communities for generations. The Ending PUSHOUT Act does just that, centering the experiences of young girls of color and keeping them out of the criminal legal system and in the classroom where they can learn, thrive, and develop the skills necessary to achieve their dreams.

US Representative Ayanna Pressley represents Massachusetts’ Seventh Congressional District Monique W. Morris, Ed.D. is the creator of the documentary “PUSHOUT: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools” and the Founder and President of the National Black Women’s Justice Institute.

LETTER to the Editor

COUNCILOR PERLATONDA UPSET OVER COUNCIL

To the Editor,
I don’t understand my fellow Councilors. At our December 9 Council meeting, an order was introduced about the Central Avenue Redevelopment Project discussing the TIF being given by the City. Briefly, a TIF is a Tax Increment Financing used as a subsidy for redevelopment, infrastructure, and other community-improvement projects. Through the use of TIF, municipalities typically

divert future property tax revenue increases from a defined area or district toward an economic development project or public improvement project in the community. TIF subsidies are not appropriated directly from a City’s budget, but the City incurs loss through foregone tax revenue, but in this case the City will receive tax revenue which it is not getting now. Council President Damali Vidot wanted to move this to a sub-committee meeting and Councilor Leo Robinson objected, which made this go to a roll call vote and all but myself and Councilor Robinson voted against

this. We have had several meetings about the Central Avenue Project and there is no need to have another one. We, as councillors, receive a packet of the upcoming agenda for the meeting three days prior, which gives councillors plenty of time to review and ask questions before that upcoming meeting. In this week’s packet there was at least 25 pages discussing the Central Avenue Project, so if councillors took their time to go over what’s in their packets, they should know what is going on at the meeting.

Instead they just want to waste everyone’s time. What is there to discuss? The State is kicking in \$22 million and the City will get \$4.6 million back in tax revenue and currently we do not get any tax revenue on the property. Plus, these councillors keep talking about people being pushed out of Chelsea; well here is a project that is putting 96 people who are living in deplorable conditions put back in, and in better conditions. How much more needs to be discussed? Let’s move on. **Councilor Joe Perlatonda**

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fices, the industrial, the residential components of Chelsea,” said Simboli.

At a reception and presentation at the Residence Inn by Marriott, Simboli talked about developments following the Second Great Chelsea Fire of 1973 that destroyed 18 acres of the city. One of the region’s most accomplished real estate executives, Simboli brilliantly complemented her presentation by showing photos of the city then and now, depicting an amazing contrast of a city that has sprung from the ashes to become a center of business and development.

The enlightened students engaged in a question-and-answer session with City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and Ms. Simboli.

One BC student asked, “What does it take to be a successful developer and win these contracts?”

“I have no idea what it means to be a successful developer – so I’ll leave that to Patricia,” said Ambrosino.

“I think of myself and our firm, and developers in general, more like producers of a movie,” said Simboli. “We’re not the actor. We don’t create the costumes. We don’t make the sets. We don’t write the story. But we bring all these people together. I’m not an expert in engineering, architecture, soil conditions,

building constructional materials, or even zoning laws, but you have to have a mind that will push all that stuff together and be able to push all the pieces together. You have to be a collaborator and a visionary.”

Simboli praised her father as such “a visionary.”

“My father came to Chelsea because he saw its proximity to Boston, the airport, and the waterfront area and he met great people like Leo Robinson and the city councillors at the time,” said Simboli. “He had a vision for it and it took a long time for the vision to come to fruition.”

Anthony Simboli, a great role model for the BC students, delivered the final, inspirational message on what was a memorable and informative event for the Maroon and Gold delegation.

“The three words to remember are BC: ‘Ever to Excel’ – just keep that in mind,” said Mr. Simboli. “As a graduate you will realize what Boston College has done for you. It will give you a lot of support, more importantly it will give you confidence. Don’t underestimate yourself. Listen and go with your gut. Be honest about what you do and still be able to shake hands and when you do that, people say, ‘we shook hands on it,’ and that’s it. That’s the best advice I think I can give you.”



Pictured at the Marriott Residence Inn, Chelsea, are, from left, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, ACS Development Corporation founder Anthony Simboli, ACS Development Corporation President Patricia Simboli, Joseph E. Corcoran Center for Real Estate and Urban Action Assistant Director Taylor Perkins, and Boston College Professor and Senior Lecturer Edward Chazen.



Patricia Simboli, president of ACS Development, hosted a reception at the Marriott Residence Inn for a group of students and faculty from the Boston College Carroll School of Management. The reception followed an escorted tour of the city. The delegation is pictured with Ms. Simboli, her father, BC alumnus Anthony Simboli, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson following the presentation.

METRO PRESENTS \$57,000 CHECK TO HARBORCOV



Metro Credit Union presented a \$57,000 donation to Harbor Cov to assist the local domestic violence prevention organization and shelter. The funds were raised at the “Still She Rises” event, a celebration of the life of Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo, a 20-year employee of MCU whose life was tragically cut short as a result of domestic violence in December, 2018. Pictured at the presentation ceremony are, from left, HarborCov Finance Director Claudia Carias, Metro Senior Vice President Charlene Bauer, HarborCov Co-Director Kourou Pich, Metro President and CEO Robert Cashman, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, and Metro Vice President Saritin Rizzuto.

POLICE Log

Wednesday, 11/20

Angel Ayala Amaya, 21, 29 Library St., Chelsea, was arrested for kidnapping (2 counts), threat to commit crime, destruction of property, malicious and assault.

Friday, 11/22

Juvenile Offender, was arrested on warrants.

Ramon Lagos, 48, 481 Broadway, Chelsea, was arrested for trespassing.

Jose Burgos-Murillo, 62, 11 Cross St., Chelsea, was arrested for trespassing and warrants.

Julio Carranza-Castane, 58, 6W Eagle St., Boston, was arrested for operating

under the influence of liquor, leaving scene of property damage and driving with a suspended license.

Sunday, 11/24

Robinson Yepes, 30, 70 Lafayette Ave., Chelsea, was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor.

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Adonis Brody (front), Aaliyah Trotman (back) and Beverly Martin Ross, holding Majore Chopman.



Gineline Iraola, Naleah Simmons and Alyna Iraola.



Nina Rosa, Council President Damali Vidot, State Rep. Dan Ryan, Audrey Ryan, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, DPW Commissioner Fidel Maltez, holding Ana Vitoria Maltez, Maria Belen Power, Maya Power Maltez, Louisa Figarola, Sophia Morales and Roseann Bongiovanni.



Lisandra Chiquillo, Leyton (2) and Edgard Garcia.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The 15th Annual Breakfast with Santa organized by Chelsea Chamber of Commerce took place at the Williams Middle School in Chelsea on Dec. 7. More than 400 guests attended, according to the organizer. Families and friends enjoy spending time together with free breakfast and free photo op with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

PHOTOS BY KEIKO HIROMI



Daniella Trujillo and Cindy Martinez create crafts during breakfast.



Elana, Cindy and Ethan Rodriguez read to see Santa Claus.



Santa Claus, Councilor Leo Robinson, Renee Ca-so-Griffin, School Committeeman Henry Wilson, David Mindlin and Mrs. Claus.



Sue Gallant and Beverly Jones, who helped coordinate the event once again.

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Sports

COACH LUCIA ROBINSON-GRIGGS WELCOMES FAMILY TO VASSAR COLLEGE



Lucia Robinson-Griggs has begun her head coaching tenure in the Vassar College women's basketball program. Pictured at the Hochberg Family Tip-Off Tournament in the Vassar home gymnasium in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., are Vassar Coach Lucia Robinson-Griggs (fourth from left) and the Robinson-Griggs and Mauch families, including Lucia's parents, Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson and Linda Alioto-Robinson (far right). The Lady Brewers opened their season with two victories.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins look to rebound

As the Record went to press last night (Wednesday), the Bruins were being hosted by the NHL-leading Washington Capitals. The Ovechkin-led Caps and the Boston Bruins have been playing at the same pace over their last ten games (7-2-1), the difference being the Bruins, after riding a lengthy winning streak, have hit a major pothole, picking up losses in their last three games. Looking to return to their winning ways in Washington, in a game that had the NHL's two top goal scorers facing off against each other. Alexander Ovechkin with 21 goals trails David Pastrnak who has potted 25 to lead the league.

Pasta has suddenly gone dry, with special attention from opposing teams, not able to find the back of the net over his last four games. His goal-scoring success has put a bullseye on his back and the opposition continues to double-team him and deliver board-rattling checks. Adding to the Bruins' scoring woes for the team is their power play, which after holding onto the number three spot overall in the league with a 28% average,

has suddenly hit a dry spell, heading into Washington, having capitalized only twice in their last 20 opportunities. Boston's success or demise against the Capitals will set the locals' up to face another pair of tough teams on this four-game road trip, as they will take on Eastern Conference/Atlantic Division rivals, Tampa Bay Lightning and the Florida Panthers. Tonight's contest with the Lightning (12/12 at 7 p.m.) features a team that seems to be finding a way back into the playoff race. The Panthers (12/14 at 7 p.m.) have scored a healthy 106 goals, but have also surrendered 101 (+5 differential).

Saturday's game with Florida will end Boston's current road trip, and will return the team back to the friendly confines of TD Garden ice where their record stands at 12-1-5. Visiting the Garden during the four-game homestand will be the Los Angeles Kings (Tuesday 12/17 at 7 p.m.) who presently find themselves at the bottom of the Western Conference standings, next up the New York Islanders (Thursday 12/19 at 7 p.m.), the Nashville Predators (Saturday 12/21

at 7:00pm), and finish up at home with the Washington Capitals on Monday, 12/23 at 7:00pm), before heading into the Christmas break.

BOSTON BRUINS TO HOST CASINO NIGHT

The Boston Bruins and the Boston Bruins Foundation announced the return of the Boston Bruins Casino Night, which will be held on February 13 at Encore Boston Harbor (1 Broadway, Everett, MA) from 6:30 – 9 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$500 and are on sale at <https://bbru.in/2OKIAJp>. Group tickets are available through sponsorship opportunities. If interested in sponsoring, please contact LMurphy@bostonbruins.com. Fans will have the opportunity play casino games (no cash value) alongside Bruins players and alumni. Ticket costs include chips for casino games, but do not hold any cash value. The event will include both a silent and a live auction including event tickets, gift certificates and more. Please note all attendees must be 21 years of age or older to attend. Cocktail attire is required for this event.

CHS Roundup

Five Red Devils named CAC stars

Five members of the Chelsea High football team were chosen to the 2019 all-star team of the Commonwealth Athletic Conference.

They are: Senior defen-

sive end and fullback Jabes Escalante; senior wide receiver and safety Carlos Pesante-Ortega; junior safety Raul Figueroa; sophomore defensive tackle and center Henri Martinez; and freshman running back and corner back Herman Esquivel.

Three Red Devils re-

ceived Honorable Mention accolades: Joshua Sosa, Jeffrey Ponce, and Francisco Jovel.

Coach Rasi Chau and his crew will be having their annual team banquet on Friday, January 17, from 5-9 p.m. at the Merritt Club on Webster Ave.

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U.S. ATTORNEY ANDREW LELLING SPEAKS AT JORDAN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB BREAKFAST

United States Attorney Andrew Lelling was the guest speaker at the Jordan Boys and Girls Breakfast Series. Mr. Lelling spoke about his duties as the U.S. Attorney for the state of Massachusetts and the current “Varsity Blues” college admissions bribery case. The case has garnered national headlines and increased visibility for Lelling, who is leading the prosecution. Mr. Lelling is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.



Mark Robinson, U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling, and Peter Zaksheski, managing director of Welsh Funeral Homes.



U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling, FBI Boston Office Special Agent In Charge Joseph Bonavolonta, and Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston President and CEO Josh Kraft.



Boys and Girls Club of Boston Executive Vice President Michelle Perez and Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes.



U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling and Joseph Vinard, president of the Chelsea Bank.



Breakfast Chair Mark Robinson (right) welcomes U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling to the Jordan Boys and Girls Club.



Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes, Chamber of Commerce President Joseph Mahoney, U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling, guest speaker, FBI Boston Office Special Agent In Charge Joseph Bonavolonta, and City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.



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Sounds of Christmas Concert returns to Revere Sunday, Dec. 15

The music of the holiday season will fill the air Sunday when the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra returns to Revere for the annual Robert A. Marra Memorial “Sounds of Christmas” Concert at St. Anthony’s Church beginning at 4 p.m.

Admission to the concert is free in exchange for a generous donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Revere Food Pantry. Private sponsorship by Bocchino Insurance, Global Partners, Arbella Insurance, Comcast, RCN, and Action Emergency Services underwrites the concert.

Music Director Robert Lehmann promises another wonderful show. “We are always excited to come to Revere and play in the beautiful surroundings of St. Anthony’s Church,” said Lehmann. “The people of Revere make the Orchestra feel like family celebrating the holidays together.”

Accompanying the Orchestra again this year is vocalist Susie Pepper. “Susie played with us last year and people will remember that she sings just magnificently. We are so fortunate that her schedule allowed her to be part of the Revere concert again this year.”

Revere High School senior class president Jason Acosta will narrate an orig-

inal essay that he wrote for the occasion. “This is a part of the concert we began five years ago,” said concert co-chair and Orchestra president Robert Marra Jr. “We wanted to create a connection between the high school, where my father taught for 40 years, and the concert.”

Working with RHS Writing Center co-ordinator Allison Casper, an RHS senior has written an essay that expresses the writer’s individual perception of Christmas in a modern world. The writer then narrates the piece at the concert. “The essays have been varied in their tone and content,” said Marra. “Because the essay is the writer’s personal reflection, has been a very moving experience for the audience.”

Concert co-chair Domenic Bocchino, president of Bocchino Insurance, has been a principal sponsor of the concert since 2006. “Every year it is such a fulfilling experience to be part of this concert and Food Drive,” he said. “It is unfortunate that there is such a demand for food assistance in this day and age. Everyone who can come and enjoy the concert is fortunate to have all that they have, and so it really reflects the meaning of the holidays when people show

their generosity and charity through the food drive.”

Marra commented how the concert started in conjunction with Revere’s celebration of the United States Bicentennial year in 1976. “The first concert was held at Revere High School, and the following year it was moved to St. Anthony’s Church” he said. “It was a perfect setting to celebrate the holidays.”

The concert has been held at St. Anthony’s every year except for a three-year period in the mid-1980s. The current format of free admission and the associated Food Drive began in 1991. “Thanks to the sponsors, the concert became a free event with the Food Drive as the ‘cost’ of admission. The food drive was a huge success right from the start. We hope people will express their appreciation for the concert and the holiday season with a generous donation,” said Marra.

This year will mark the concert’s 43rd anniversary. “There is great tradition and history to Revere’s concert,” said Music Director Lehmann. “Not only for its longevity, but in its memorial of Robert Marra, who had such deep connection to the concert and to Revere.”

The concert was named in memory of Robert Marra Sr. after he died in 2002. “He was one of the original members of the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra and concertmaster for 50 years,” said Robert Jr. “Three of the most precious things in his life were the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra, St. Anthony’s Church, and his beloved City of Revere. This concert brings all those together. It’s a deeply emotional experience for our family that the tradition continues in music, at St. Anthony’s, and with such a charitable benefit to the Revere community.”



The knitting group with MGH staff.

Knitting for Love

By Amy Goldberg,
RN, Neighborhood PACE

Five years ago, my friend Gayle Gordon, the family liaison volunteer on the Mass General Hospital Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit, asked me if I knew of anyone who knitted blankets. At that time, the intensive care unit (ICU) was starting a program that provided handmade blankets to help family and friends dealing with difficult end-of-life care. The ICU nurses would place a comfort blanket on the patient, and then present the blanket to the family to take home after the patient had passed away. Blankets were chosen because they represent warmth and caring and because grieving family members could wrap themselves in something that would always have special meaning.

I knew that we had two knitting groups already up and running at Neighborhood PACE. One was at the Lewis Mall PACE Center and the other at the Winthrop PACE Center. I asked the knitting groups if they were interested in knitting “comfort blankets” for patients at Mass. General (MGH) and they were thrilled to help out. Volunteering in this way is rewarding to our Neighborhood PACE members. I know this because they tell me they feel wonderful “paying it forward.” Thus began the partnership between Neighborhood PACE and the MGH Neuroscience ICU.

Five years later, we have donated more than 900 beautiful comfort blankets to this unit. Not one blanket is the same as another. During the creative process, our knitters try to imagine colors and

themes that will brighten the day and bring smiles. We’ve had blankets that were red, white, and blue for veterans and others that were simply an array of vibrant colors. The nurses always try to match each blanket to the patient’s personality or love of various colors.

While our knitters have in previous years been thanked at special events, this amazing group has grown and MGH staff, including nurses, doctors, social workers, and the chaplain, wanted to again thank the knitters. They did so at a recent luncheon, where we heard many stories that touched our hearts.

The first story was about a family dealing with the imminent death of a loved one. They gently placed the comfort blanket over her while each family placed their hands on top of the blanket and began to pray. Another family took home their blanket and framed it. As they look at the framed piece, it brings back positive memories of spending time together.

The final story we heard was about a family that cherished their blanket after their loved one passed away. They gave the blanket to a newborn in the family as the baby’s first gift. There is something in the eyes of a newborn child that makes everything feel right. The family story, and the blanket, will be treasured by future generations.

At the luncheon, the chaplain blessed the knitters’ hands and thanked them as we all linked hands together. Each PACE participant went home with a framed picture of the MGH staff holding a banner that reads: “Thank you for

providing the gift of comfort to our patients and families.” Pictures, tears, and hugs completed our day.

Do you know someone whose health care needs are changing? For nearly three decades, Neighborhood PACE has enabled adults 55+ to stay healthy, active, and independent in the place they call home. Our participants often tell us they have never been as active or happy! A program of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Neighborhood PACE serves adults living in East Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere, Everett, Malden, Melrose, Medford, Stoneham, and Boston’s North End. As part of the national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) network, we provide the comprehensive care and support that you need as an individual with specific needs and preferences. Our program is the ideal solution for those who want an alternative to nursing home care for the right combination of medical, social, recreation, rehabilitation, home care, and other services. We even provide medications without co-pay and transportation to each PACE Center and medical appointments. Visit neighborhoodpace.org for details!

Knitters from the Lewis Mall PACE Center: Gloria Herpin, Josephine Alegata, Alma Mendoza, Anna Sophia Luna Perez, Irma Lopez, Bienvenida Vazquez, Rose Dello Russo (volunteer and knitter). Knitters from the Winthrop PACE Center: Donna Carbone, Janet Brown, Marcine Ford, Marie Bolduc, Marilyn Ford (volunteer and knitter).



Music Director Robert Lehmann and the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra return to Revere for the annual Robert A Marra Memorial “Sounds of Christmas” Concert this Sunday, 4 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Church.

LEGAL NOTICES

<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>LEGAL NOTICE</div></div></div><div><div><div></div><div>NOTICE OF HEARINGS PROPOSED HOME RULE PETITION ON ADDITIONAL ALL-ALCOHOL LICENSES</div></div></div><div><div><div>Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Act, MGL Ch. 40A, Section 5 and Chapter 34, Section 34-4 of the City of Chelsea Code of Ordinances, that the Chelsea City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, December 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 to discuss a proposed home rule petition on additional all-alcohol licenses that would allow for an additional 10 licenses to the City, limited to hotels, restaurants, and large function halls. All interested parties should attend the hearings or provide written comment to the City Council. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA. Councilor Damali Vidot, President</div><div>Chelsea City Council 12/5/19, 12/12/19</div></div></div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>LEGAL NOTICE</div></div></div><div><div><div>COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT</div><div>Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON</div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION</div></div></div><div><div><div>Docket No. SUI19P2612EA</div><div>Estate of: Angela S. Millington</div><div>Date of Death 07/13/2019</div></div></div><div><div><div>To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kathy McNair of Brighton, 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: Kathy McNair of Brighton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.</div><div>IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/08/2020. 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.</div><div>UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS</div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)</div></div></div><div><div><div>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.</div><div>WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 27, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 12/12/19</div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>LEGAL NOTICE</div></div></div><div><div><div>REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CITY OF CHELSEA CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS</div><div>Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Community Center Corporation, a nonprofit organization, with a principle place of business located in Chelsea, Massachusetts seeks request for proposals (RFP) from nonprofit and charitable organizations located and or operating in the City of Chelsea. Said RFP(s) shall request funds from the CCCC in order to assist an existing program operated by the charitable organization or to create and establish a new program. The RFP must be received by the CCCC no later than January 17, 2020 sent to the address set forth below. The RFP must include a description of</div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>LEGAL NOTICE</div></div></div><div><div><div>NOTICE</div><div>In accordance with Section 2-7(d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on November 18, 2019 at the City Council voted after a second reading</div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>LEGAL NOTICE</div></div></div><div><div><div>CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DEVELOPMENT REVIEW & PLANNING SERVICES</div><div>The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for “Develop-</div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>LEGAL NOTICE</div></div></div><div><div><div>ment Review & Planning Services”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after December 9, 2019 by contacting Dylan Cook, Chief Procurement Officer at dcook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City’s website at http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “Development Review & Planning Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, December 23, 2019. 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. Dylan Cook Chief Procurement Officer 12/12/19</div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>LEGAL NOTICE</div></div></div><div><div><div>on 12/23/2019 at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers at Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 306, Chelsea, MA 02150, in order to review the proposed Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Zone, Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Plan, and Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Agreement for Central Avenue Commerce District, in support of the Innes Apartments Redevelopment Project, and to solicit public comment. Notice of this public hearing is posted at the City Clerk’s Office and in the Chelsea Record</div><div>Copies of the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Zone, Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Plan, and Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Agreement are available for examination by members of the general public by visiting the Department of Planning and Development in Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea, MA 02150 during City Hall business hours. 12/5/19, 12/12/19</div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>LEGAL NOTICE</div></div></div><div><div><div>Chelsea City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, December 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 to discuss zoning rules to</div><div>* Add Storage of Vehicle for Hire or Return from Hire as a new definition to Section 34-241 - Definitions and to amend the use in Commercial Uses in Subsection C of Section 34-300, The Table of Principal Use Regulations</div><div>* To amend Section 34-111(a), Community Improvement Trust Fund, by striking the words “currently nonconforming” in both paragraph one and paragraph two and replacing with the words “allowed by right”</div><div>* To amend Section 34-182, Wireless Communications Overlay District, to regulate the deployment of small wireless facilities. All interested parties should attend the hearings or provide written comment to the City Council. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA. Councilor Damali Vidot, President</div><div>Chelsea City Council 12/5/19, 12/12/19</div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>To:</div></div></div><div><div><div>Neysa Wright and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Arvest Central Mortgage Company claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 104 Cottage Street, given by Neysa Wright to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for LaonDepot.com, dated June 3, 2016, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 56240, Page 85, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 6, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 20, 2019. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 18-031242/ FC01 12/12/19</div></div></div></div></div></div>
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OBITUARIES

John Noel, Jr.

Dedicated and hardworking family man

John R. Noel Jr., 79, of Chelsea passed away on Dec. 7.

He was born in Chelsea on Oct. 25, 1940, the son of the late Leslie and Lorraine (Marsh) Noel.

John was a very dedicated family man who was married to his loving wife, Barbara for 57 years. He was a driver for the Drum and Bugle Corps for many years with his wife Barbara as a chaperone. He was an avid fisherman, was in a bowling league for a number of years and was overall a very hardworking man.

John is survived by his wife, Barbara (Hilton) Noel; daughters, Lisa Wilson and her husband, Mark, Jean Sayers and her husband, Michae, and Lynn



Kalil and her husband, John; sisters; Julia Muskauskis and Helen Rawls; four grandchildren: William Wilson, Kelly Wilson, Kristina Kalil and John Kalil Jr., and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are in the care of Zis-Sweeney & St. Laurent Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.zissweeneyfuneralhome.com.

Catherine D’Esposito

She had a heart of gold and loved her family and friends

Catherine D’Esposito.

She had a heart of gold and loved her family and friends.

Catherine A. (Malek) D’Esposito, a lifelong Chelsea resident, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 1, at Massachusetts General Hospital at the age of 86.

She loved her family and friends, especially her friends at the Village at Admiral’s Way. Cathy had a heart of gold that she tried to hide. She cared and donated to many animal and veterans’ organizations in the hope of making someone’s life a little better.

The devoted wife of the late Frank D’Esposito, she

was the beloved mother of Denise DiMeo of Danvers and Gregory Bradley of Chelsea, daughter of the late Stanley and Imelda (Francis) Malek, dear sister of Joan Medberry, Stanley “Dukie” Malek, Dorothy Dobbins, Susan Malek, John Malek and the late Lorraine Mazzoni and cherished grandmother of the late Richard and Marisa DiMeo.

A Celebration of Life was held in the Smith Funeral Home, 125 Washington Avenue, Chelsea on Sunday, Dec. 8 and committal services were private.

Richard T. Gurska of Salem, NH, formerly of Chelsea, died on Dec. 8.

Born in New York City 84 years ago, Richard passed away unexpectedly Sunday at the Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, surrounded by his loving family, shortly after admission from home.

A lifelong resident of Chelsea until moving to a retirement community in Salem, NH four years ago, he was a graduate of St. Rose School, Boston Trade High School and received his degree from Northeastern University. His working career involved production inventory control management at many wellknown firms, among them, RCA, Digital, Barnstead, Energy Sciences and Maplewood Engineering. He also was a Past President of APICS Boston Chapter.

He was past Grand Knight of the Chelsea Knights of Columbus Council #83, treasurer for over 30 years, treasurer and longtime member of the bowling league and was the coach of the K of C #83 softball team that won the City Championship in 1977. Along with his wife, Helen, he belonged to the Couples Club. He was an honorary member of the Irish Club and in his spare time, he enjoyed reading and crossword puzzles.

He was the devoted husband for 61 years of Helen A. (Curran), loving son of the late Mariann Gurska and son-in-law of the late Helen and Lester Curran; beloved father of Eileen Ellis and her husband, Ed-



ward of Revere, Jeannette Kirby of Salem, NH, Richard L. Gurska of Revere and Chelsea Fire Department Captain Michael P. Gurska and his wife, Stacey of Revere. He was the brother of the late Edward Gurski; cherished grandfather of Matthew and Ryan Basile, Jillian Fennelly and her husband, Jason, Alyssa Kirby and her partner, Matthew Gauvin and Evan Kirby, Kali Rios and Courtney, Lindsay, Michael and Meghan Gurska. He is also lovingly survived by his great-grandchildren: Dino and Gus Basile, Perynn and Aleister Fennelly, Lyla Breton and Wraith Rios.

Family and friends are kindly invited to attend a Funeral Service in the Smith Funeral Home, 125 Washington Avenue, Chelsea on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 12 Noon. Visitation with the family prior to the service will begin at 10 a.m. Committal Services will be private. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215 or at www.diabetes.org.

Denise Stec

Nov. 20, 1958 – Dec. 7. 2019

Denise M. (Piotrowski) Stec passed away on Saturday, Dec. 7 in the peaceful surroundings of her home in Wakefield after a yearlong battle with overwhelming illness. She was 61 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was a beloved daughter of the late Charles G. Sr. and Patricia A. (Harrington) Piotrowski. Denise attended St. Stanislaus Parochial School and graduated from Chelsea High School. She continued her education at Salem State College, receiving her Bachelor’s Degree in teaching.

She married Alexander Stec and together they remained in Chelsea making their home and raising their daughter, Alexandra.

Denise worked for a time as a teacher at St. Rose School in Chelsea for several years. She continued her career as a Contract Manager at Fenway Health in Boston and retired last year due to health issues.

She moved to Wakefield 23 years ago with her husband, Alexander and their daughter, Alex. After 25 years of marriage, she was widowed in June of 2008 with the passing of her be-



loved husband, Alexander.

Denise’s life was that of extreme devotion to home and family, she enjoyed baking and reading.

In addition to her husband and parents, Denise was also predeceased by her brother, Kevin Piotrowski. She is survived by her adoring daughter, Alexandra “Alex” Lamson and her husband, William of Wakefield. She was the dear sister of Charles G. Piotrowski, Jr. and his wife, Joan of Maine and Florida, Cheryl Breault and her husband, Donald of Stoneham and is also survived by several extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, Dec. 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. Her Funeral will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home on Friday at 8:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Patrick’s Church, 71 Central St., Stoneham at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Thomas Phillips, Jr.

Retired self employed general contractor

Thomas Phillips, Jr. a lifelong resident of Chelsea, passed away Friday evening, Dec. 6 at the Massachusetts General Hospital after declining health issues. He was 61 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the son of Rosemarie T. (Smith) Phillips of Chelsea and the late Thomas C. “Torro” Phillips, Sr., Thomas attended Chelsea Public Schools and graduated from St. Dom Savio High School, Class of 1976. He attended one year of college at St. Francis in Biddeford, ME but later came home to start his working career.

He worked at City Hall Market for three years before working alongside his father at Torro Contractors. After leaving Torro Contractors, Thomas became a self-employed general contractor and began Thomas Phillips, Jr. Building Construction. He started off building locally and then began work in Hyannis, Cape Cod. Thomas retired 10 years ago due to health reasons.

For many years, Thomas enjoyed playing fast pitch softball for Torro Contractors. He loved music, boating and especially loved all



Boston sports teams.

The former husband of the late Nicole P. (Parrotta) Phillips, he is the devoted father of Alexandra E. Phillips and her husband, Victor of New Jersey, beloved son of Rosemarie T. (Smith) Phillips of Chelsea and the late Thomas C. “Torro” Phillips, Sr. He is also lovingly survived by one granddaughter, Beatrice Barkalov of New Jersey.

Thomas’ Memorial Service will be conducted in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. An hour of visitation will precede the service from 10 to 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

Theresa Moschella

Mass. Division of Unemployment retiree and ardent supporter of St. Anthony’s Church in Revere

Theresa J. “Terry” Moschella, a lifelong Chelsea resident, died on Dec. 2 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Born in Boston, after finishing high school, she began working for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Unemployment at Government Center in the Hurley Building and retired from that position at 55 years old.

An ardent supporter of St. Anthony’s Church, she volunteered tirelessly for the parish. An extremely giving person, she worked in the office three days a week, assisted at Monday Bingo and was an important fundraiser for the church. In her spare time, she enjoyed ceramics and arts and crafts.

She was the devoted daughter of the late Joseph and Josephine (Mirabella) Moschella, beloved sister of Marie Salvati and her husband, Joseph of Boston, Anthony “Sonny” Moschella of Revere and the late Robert Moschella, Sr.; dear sister-in law of Christine Peluso of Saugus; cherished aunt of Maria Sidman and her husband, John of Saugus, Sharon Salvati of Boston, Gail Orenberg and her late husband, Kenneth of Randolph, Anthony Salvati and his wife, Nicole of Saugus, Michael Moschella, Catherine Wagner of Melrose, Robert Moschella and his wife, Kathleen of Billerica, Scott Moschella



and his wife, Marilyn of Chelsea, Bryan Moschella and his wife, Leslie of Saugus and the late Mark Moschella. She is also lovingly survived by her great nieces and nephews, Jennifer, Thomas, Michael, Joshua, Nicholas, Aleia, Karyn, Robert, Jr., David, Adriana, Scotty, Anthony, Nicole, Bryan, Mark Anthony and Brianna.

Will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to St. Anthony’s Church because of her active role in the Parish.

Funeral arrangements were under the directions of the Smith Funeral Home, 125 Washington Avenue, Chelsea. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to St. Anthony’s Church because of her active role in the Parish. To send a message of condolence to Terry’s family, please visit www.smithfuneralhomes.com.

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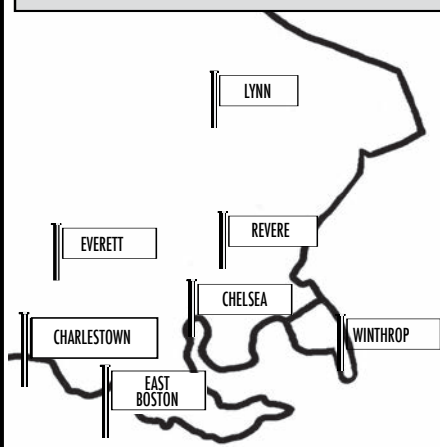
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Responsibilities:

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2. Prepares leases and agreements for all units.
3. Meets with participants and landlords, schedules meetings.
4. Determines contract rent for apartments.
5. Computes participant rent share.
6. Monitors lease enforcement.
7. Conducts annual rent recertification.
8. Participates in rent reasonableness test.
9. Mediates participants and landlords to appropriate agencies as necessary.
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11. Refers participants and landlords to appropriate agencies as necessary.
12. Performs inspections on an as needed basis.
13. Prepares monthly reports on activity.
14. Compile rent reasonable data
15. Performs other related duties as required

Minimum Qualifications and Experience:

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AROUND THE CITY

MARIAH CAREY

The Boch Center and Live Nation announced the superstar will bring her All I Want for Christmas is You tour to Boch Center Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston, Friday, December 13, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$60.95. bochcenter.org, Ticketmaster, 800-982-ARTS.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The Boston Community Lighting for Chanukah Festival of Lights is held Wednesday, December 18, 4:30-10 p.m., at the Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. The community candle lighting is at 6:30 p.m. free. Jartsboston.org.

BRETT ELDREDGE

The Boch Center and Live Nation announced Eldredge will perform his acclaimed Glow LIVE holiday tour performance Saturday, December 14, 8 p.m., at the Boch Center Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston. bochcenter.org, Ticketmaster.

COPLEY SINGERS

The singers hold their annual holiday concert Sunday, December 15, at 3:30 p.m., on behalf of the Vine Food Pantry, accompanied by organist Mark Dwyer, co-hosted by St. Mary-St.Catherine of Siena Church and the Friends of the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library, at the church, 55 Warren St., Charlestown. Donations to the food pantry accepted.Free, open to all. Stmarystcatherine.org, info@stmarystcatherine.org, 617-242-4664.

MARTINA McBRIDE

Lowell Memorial Auditorium presents the country music icon-Food Network star, Saturday, December 14, 8 p.m., bringing her annual Joy of Christmas performance there. \$49.25-\$89.25. lowellauditorium.com, 800-657-8774.

CHARLES LAQUIDARA

Special guest Red Sox Hall of Famer Bill "Spaceman" Lee warms up the crowd

at Boston's favorite longtime DJ Laquidara's first farewell tour, Daze in the Life," an intimate evening of mishegas, Tuesday, December 10, 7 p.m., at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont St., Boston. Tickets \$10.41-\$125 VIP meet-and-greet. DazeintheLife.com, thewilbur.com.

BOSTON DANCE THEATER

Global Arts Live (GAL), formerly World Music, presents the dance theater, performing world and national premiere works, Friday, December 13,14, at 8 p.m., Dec. 15, at 3 p.m., at the Institute of Contemporary Art// Boston, 25 Harbor Shore Drive,Boston, \$40/ GAL members, \$36.globalartslive.org, 617-876-4275.

PARADE

Moonbox presents the touching musical December 11-28, at Boston center for the Arts Calderwood Pavilion, 527Tremont St., South End., Boston.



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The City of Chelsea celebrated its holiday tree lighting on Thursday evening, Dec. 5, with entertainment and fun activities. Families had the opportunity to create their own gingerbread cookies while staying warm with hot cocoa. The Off Broadway Dance Studio performed a number of cheerful dances. Santa made a special visit with the assistance of the Chelsea Fire Department.

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS



Myles Casey and Jessica Wynns decorated cookies.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino welcomed Santa to town.



Kara Ryan, Matt Frank, State Rep. Dan Ryan, and Councilor Leo Robinson posed for a photo with the Grinch.



Off Broadway Dance Studio entertained with a variety of dance numbers throughout the evening.



Families lined up to greet Santa as he arrived on a Chelsea fire truck.



Students from Berkowitz Elementary School performed for the crowd.



Santa arrived in style on top of a Chelsea fire truck.



Camilla Ordonez and Armani Maldonado Vega enjoyed drawing holiday pictures.



Lucas Tapia eagerly waited for a box of popcorn during the holiday festivities.



Scooby and DJ Sekayi played music for the crowd throughout the night.



Felicia Soriano said hello to Frosty in Chelsea Square.



Whidden Batres and Carlos Romero enjoyed the holiday festivities in Chelsea Square.