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APPRECIATION Remembering Trina Wilkerson

By Cary Shuman

Hundreds of friends, family, former high school classmates, and co-workers paid their respects to Trina Louise Wilkerson during memorial observances at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Malden.

Trina passed away unexpectedly on March 6. She was 45 years old.

Reggie Wilkerson, her older brother and one of Chelsea High's greatest quarterbacks, said he appreciated the many people who came out to pay tribute to his sister's beautiful life.

Trina was a lifelong supporter of Reggie's and the caretaker of the well-known Wilkerson family.

"Trina was a great little sister, the best," said Reggie. "She was always there for me. She took care of our family, and that was so important. She took so much care of everybody in our family."

Reggie and Trina participated in Chelsea Pop Warner together, he as a football player, she as a cheerleader.

Trina was an amazing party organizer and loved being around people. She uplifted others with her smile and kind words.

When Irena Wilkerson, Reggie and Trina's beloved mother, passed away, Trina decided to organize a party to honor her and donate the proceeds to the American Cancer Society. Reggie helped out, to be sure, but Trina was the planner who took care of the details to insure the success of the event, making sure that everyone had a good time.

Reggie said he will carry on with the fifth annual fundraiser – in memory of Irena Wilkerson and Trina Wilkerson – and host the benefit this Saturday, March 30, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Merritt Club.

Paying their respects

One of the many friends who turned out for the tribute to Trina Wilkerson was Phunk Phenomenon Dance Studio owner Reia Briggs Connor.

"Reia was one of my sister's best friends," said Reggie. "Reia, my sister, and I used to take dance lessons together at Genevieve's. I was a dancer, too. We used to wear our little costumes."

City Councillors Leo Robinson and Calvin Brown joined other local dignitaries in paying their respects to Trina.

"Just a great young lady," said Calvin Brown. "I'm so fortunate to having gotten to know Trina and her beautiful family. We have lost a great person, someone who loved Chelsea and gave back to her community."

Also turning out for the memorial observances in Malden were Trina's co-workers at Hyde Park Community Center.

"My sister was a youth counselor in Boston, so there were a lot of youths whom my sister mentored during their childhood – they spoke at the services," said Reggie. "It was very touching to hear their stories and how much they loved my sister and what she did to help them succeed in their lives. I was like, 'wow,

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CHS DRAMA PRESENTS 'ONCE ON THIS ISLAND'



PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

The cast performing "And the Gods" as Ti Moune, played by Leah Kazuko, takes it all in. The Chelsea High Drama Club will perform 'Once on This Island' from April 4-6 at the Auditorium. See more photos on Page 6.

Split decision for Broadway affordable housing, faces tough path again

By Adam Swift

It was a split decision for a 38-unit affordable housing project at the former Midas site on Broadway before the Planning Board on Tuesday night.

For the second time in less than a year, the Planning Board approved the site plan for the development, a partnership between the Traggorth Companies and The Neighborhood Developers (TND).

Late last year, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) narrowly denied the 42 unit affordable- and market-rate residential development at 1001

Broadway. The Suffolk County Land Court remanded the controversial Zoning Board affordable housing denial on Broadway back to the ZBA with a revised plan.

However, the project did not garner the necessary votes from the Planning Board for a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant special permits for the project for parking and lot coverage relief.

The project will still come before the ZBA at its April 9 meeting for approval, but if the revised project is to move forward, it will have to do so without the Planning Board's

seal of approval.

Four of the six board members who voted Monday night did support recommending the special permits to the ZBA. But given the need to pull in a two-thirds vote of the overall nine-member board, it wasn't enough to gain official approval of the project.

Planning Board members Todd Taylor and Shuvam Bhaumik cast the votes against the recommendation, in large part echoing the parking and larger economic impact of the project on the city.

Monday night's two hour

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Webster Avenue Pot Shop gets Planning Board Okay

By Adam Swift

A retail marijuana shop on Webster Avenue near the Home Depot is one step closer to opening in Chelsea.

Tuesday night, the Planning Board approved a site plan for a 10,000 square foot retail marijuana facility at 121 Webster Ave. by The Western Front, LLC.

The pot shop still needs additional approvals from the state's Cannabis Control Commission as well as the local Zoning and Licensing Boards before it can officially open its doors. But local officials have praised the plans for the facility, which is filing for a license to operate under a state economic empower-

ment provision.

The economic empowerment provision helps provide for minority populations that have faced the brunt of marijuana prohibition punishments achieve social and economic justice, according to Timothy Flaherty, the attorney representing the Western Front team.

The Western Front's board includes a number of Massachusetts business and community leaders who have addressed social justice issues in the past, including board chair Marvin Gilmore.

Gilmore has a long and storied history in the Boston area and beyond. He co-founded Unity Bank and Trust, was a major real estate develop-

er in the Southwest Corridor of Boston, owned the storied Western Front nightclub in Cambridge, and was awarded the Legion of Honor, among other awards, for helping storm the beaches of Normandy in World War II.

Economic empowerment applications get priority for consideration at the Cannabis Control Commission, Flaherty said.

As for the proposed site at 121 Webster Ave., Flaherty said as a stand-alone building in an area with adequate parking, is an optimal site for a retail marijuana facility.

All marijuana products will be shipped in pre-packaged

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A lot of noise but little action on planes at Council

By Adam Swift

For as long as jets have rumbled over Chelsea as they land at and depart from Logan Airport, City officials have struggled with getting state and federal officials to help mitigate the noise from that air traffic.

Monday night, District 6 City Councillor Giovanni Recupero introduced an order asking City Manager Tom Ambrosino to look at renegotiating a deal with Massport to bring back the window and soundproofing program to the city.

"People deserve a little more consideration than they have been given," said Recupero.

The Councillor said he would like to see Massport provide soundproof windows

for residents suffering excessive noise from plane traffic, as it has done in the past.

"I'd like to get them back to the table and figure out a way to help with the problem," Recupero said.

Councillor-At-Large Roy Avellaneda said he appreciated Recupero's efforts to get Massport back to the table to discuss sound mitigation, but that he didn't have high hopes that it would be successful.

"Whenever the City Manager has approached Massport, the answer has been that it is a nonstarter; they have done their program," said Avellaneda.

Avellaneda said he has been working with City Manager Tom Ambrosino to find a company to undertake an independent sound study of noise from the airport. But, he

said it has been very difficult to find a company qualified to do that study.

If a company is found that can perform an independent sound study, Avellaneda said he hopes it has the support of his fellow councillors.

On the positive side, Avellaneda said he attended a recent Massport meeting with airport communities in which officials stated that a new Massport sound study is underway. He said this study will take into account items that a study released in 2017 did not take into account, such as the impact of hills on sound and the resonating sound of airplanes.

The 2017 study was conducted by the Center for Research on Environmental

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School Committeeman Julio Hernandez resigns

By Adam Swift and Seth Daniel

In a sudden move, District 5 School Committee member Julio Hernandez has resigned – one of the City's up-and-coming political figures that many thought had a big future on the Committee.

Hernandez, a Chelsea High graduate, told the Record this week that it was with a heavy heart that he resigned, and he felt it was necessary as he had to work more hours and attend college at the same time.

"When I ran for office, I had more support from my family," he said. "As rent started getting higher, I knew that

I needed more income, and while still being in college, I decided to look at other jobs.

"I loved working in the School Committee, but it also made me angry to see some members not show up to meetings, not ask questions, and not have thorough discussions regarding our students' education," he continued. "Student advocacy has always been my platform, to serve all students the right way. From starting the policy of an outdoor graduation, to having the opportunity to work with many

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Cocinas program looks to promote healthy eating with traditional foods

By Seth Daniel

When Jose Barriga was working as a translator at an area hospital, he routinely saw a cycle of poor health from his Latino patients that seemed to be caused by the food they ate.

Many of them new to the country, or having come as adults, food and cooking and daily life was far different than in their native countries. Yet many still cooked and ate in the same ways that they did when they lived at home.

Doctors suggesting that patients give up their traditional food was a non-starter, even if

they agreed to it at the hospital.

At the same time, Barriga saw that something did need to change, but maybe not altogether.

That's what bore the idea of the Cocinas Saludables program in Chelsea, which is in its second year and is a partnership with the Cambridge Food Lab, Chelsea Collaborative, and Healthy Chelsea.

"What I realized when I was interpreting is there is a big problem in communication between health care providers and the Latino community,"

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PHOTO BY DEREK KOUYOU MJIAN

Jose Barriga (center) discusses the Malanga with Bessie Pacheco and Alicia Castillo on Monday during the Cocinas Saludables Seminar program in Chelsea this March. Participants in the two-week class meet at the Chelsea Collaborative and travel to Stop & Compare Supermarket in Bellingham Square to discuss healthier alternatives in cooking traditional Latino dishes. The class continues on April 1 where participants will cook a traditional meal using the new techniques and ingredients.



Above, Grisalda Valesquez examines a package of garlic. Below, Leslie Garcia examining Goya brown rice with Grisalda Valesquez.

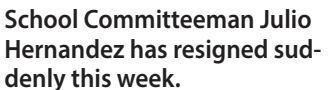


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Another section of the gallery displays large color posters revealing the identity of the 19 participating groups and gives additional background on the Chelsea Hunger Network. An infographic outlines the contributing factors leading to an increase in food

The 8th Annual Chelsea Empty Bowls event will take place on April 18, from 5-7 p.m. at the Williams School at 180 Walnut St. Choose one of the hundreds of bowls and mugs and serve yourself from an all-you-can-eat menu of delicious clam chowder, chili, soups, and Toscanini's ice cream. Tickets are \$20 (\$25 at the door) and can be purchased online at www.eventbrite.com under "Chelsea Empty Bowls". Children under 8 years old are free.

Because his resignation is more than 180 days from a City Election, Vidot said the



“Julio was an incredible leader during his tenure,” said District 5 City Council-

Appointing someone to a short-term on the School Committee would give that person a leg up on other candidates who run for the seat in the general election, Avellaneda said.

Inside the shop, plans also call for a future workforce development area and a work

District 3 City Councillor Joe Perlatonda also said he was very impressed with the organization and happy that they are committed to hiring Chelsea residents.

By Adam Swift

“The existing trees are old and unhealthy, lifting up the sidewalks themselves so that they are not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compli-

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“We (can) do a real noise study with proper equipment and prepare to say we have proof that our community is impacted and possibly prepare to embark on a lawsuit against MassPort and the FAA,” he said at the time.

•District 1 Councillor Robert Bishop was absent from Monday night's meeting, but with good reason. He was celebrating his 35th anniversary with his wife. Happy anniversary to the Bishops.

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The City of Chelsea is accepting applications for its Youth Commission. Members of the Youth Commission will advise and assist the City Council, the School Committee, and the City Manager in the development of policies, programs, and delivery of services for the health and welfare of Chelsea's youth and their families. The Youth Commission is comprised of eleven members each being appointed to the position for a one-year term beginning in September, 2019. Interested applicants must be Chelsea residents between the ages of 13 and 20 and currently en-

As part of Chelsea's celebration of Black History Month, the Lewis Latimer Society presents an exhibit at

“And Reggie, I want to tell you that because of Trina, my

“Trina did so much for kids and the community in general,” said Reggie proudly. “I want to carry on her legacy of caring and kindness and her generosity of spirit.”



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Gallery 456 featuring three notable former city residents of African descent. See portraits of each notable Black resident of Chelsea’s past at 456 Broadway, on display through the end of February.

Keep an eye out for these upcoming events at Gallery 456:

- Empty Bowls, an exhibit by the Chelsea Hunger Network: March 4 to April 18
- Senior Art Show, presented by the Chelsea Senior Center: April 29 to June 3.
- 2019 Year Book, presented by the Chelsea High School Year Book: June 3 through July 8. Opening reception Friday, June 7
- Photography One Person Show, the work of Matt Frank: July to August

FREE TAX PREPARATION at CAPIC

Despite the government shutdown, the Internal Revenue Service has confirmed that it will process tax returns beginning January 28 and provide refunds to taxpayers as scheduled.

- Official VITA Program start date is Jan. 28
- Drop-offs will be accept-

ed starting Jan. 22

- Days of hours of operation: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2-8 p.m.

- No appointments are needed as we are a drop off service only.

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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 re-sale 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.

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public hearing covered a lot of familiar ground for residents and city officials who have been following the course of the project over the past year.

Supporters of the project touted TND’s past successes in providing affordable housing in the city and the continued need to provide more affordable housing units in the city.

Those opposed to or with reservations about the development raised questions about traffic and parking, as well as continued development that puts affordable rental units on the market without providing for home ownership opportunities.

Representatives from TND and the Traggorth Companies presented their revised plans for the project, much as they had to the ZBA during an initial meeting earlier this month.

The major revisions to the proposed \$15 million project include cutting the total number of units from 42 to 38, making all the units affordable, and eliminating the fifth story of the building that had been proposed for the Broadway side of the development.

The commercial space on the first floor in the initial proposal has also been eliminated and replaced by a community room.

“The goal of the project has not changed since we have begun,” said Tanya Hahnel of the Traggorth Companies. “Our number one goal is to provide affordable housing and increase public access to Mill Creek.”

The original proposal denied by the ZBA totaled 42 units, with nine of those at market rate. The revised plans cut four units out, and lower the height of the building facing Broadway from five to

four stories.

A housing lottery will be held for all of those units, with 30 offered at 60 percent of the Average Median Income (AMI) for the area (about \$64,000 for a family of four) and eight at 30 percent AMI (about \$32,000 for a family of four), according to TND Project Manager Steve Laferriere. The maximum preference allowable under state law will be given to Chelsea residents for the units, Laferriere said.

There will be 42 parking spaces for the 38 units (the majority of which will be two-bedroom apartments). And because of state law regulating public access to public waterways, 31 of those parking spaces will be available as public parking from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to provide access to Mill Creek for everyone.

As with almost all development proposals in Chelsea, traffic and parking are a major roadblock to support for approval.

District 3 City Councillor Joe Perlatonda, who represents the area where the affordable housing will be built, said the project at the corner of Broadway and Clinton Street will only worsen a nightmare traffic and parking scenario.

While Perlatonda said the city needs more affordable housing, he said it can’t be at the detriment of the many residents who live in the already crowded and congested neighborhood.

“How are we going to get in and out of there?” he asked. “I think the board really needs to think this through.”

But for others, including City Council President Dama-li Vidot, the need for affordable housing units in Chelsea trumps the traffic and parking concerns.

“Housing shouldn’t be something we argue about,” said Vidot. “Affordable housing creation is absolutely needed.”

Vidot, who said she has almost never supported development in the city, said her main concern about the Traggorth/TND project was its impact on parking.

Hahnel said the developers would be willing to consider an agreement where residents would not be eligible to apply for city street parking stickers, thereby helping ease parking congestion in the neighborhood.

At-Large City Councillor Roy Avellaneda took a different view of the affordable rental units.

While Avellaneda said he is a supporter of affordable housing in Chelsea, he questioned TND’s recent history of developing affordable rental units at the expense of creating affordable home ownership opportunities.

“TND has a (real estate) portfolio but they keep building apartments,” said the councillor. “Where is the home ownership? Where is the balance?”

Avellaneda said the lack of more affordable home ownership opportunities in Chelsea is pricing out middle income and working families who want to set down roots in the city.

Taylor echoed Avellaneda’s sentiments that a lack of home ownership is an issue in Chelsea.

“I bet that by 2020, the new statistics will show that there is more affordable housing than home ownership (in Chelsea),” he said. “That’s not a good place to be in, and this is a problem that the city should really address.”

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to have a single lane of traffic closed and have the traffic managed by police. At night, there will be two-way traffic, according to Keegan. Access to schools, businesses, and residences will be kept open as much as possible, he added.

Chelsea resident John Gunning asked if the bus stops would remain in the current locations and if there would


be improvements to the bus shelters.

Keegan said engineers will be working with the MBTA during the next phase of design to address some of those issues.


“The T wants certain things and the city wants certain things (for the bus stops),” he said. “We are looking at different options at this point.”

Dunning said he would like to see fresh, new bus shelters and stops that will complement the surrounding area and completed improvements.

Cash said design, permitting, and right of way acquisition for the project will continue through 2019 and 2020 with construction anticipated to start in the spring of 2022.




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LEGALIZED MARIJUANA: A FEW OBSERVATIONS

We recently attended an event at an area Senior Center for an informational presentation on marijuana, which now is legal for recreational use in Massachusetts (as well as in 10 other states across the country).

The room that initially was set aside for the presentation soon was filled to overflowing, requiring that it be moved to a larger hall. There were about 50 persons in attendance, and we would guess that the average age of the attendees was about 70.

The participants made the usual jokes about old hippies and senior potheads.

So what's old is new again, literally and figuratively.

As Massachusetts and the nation grapple with the reality and implications of legalized marijuana, there are a few facts that must be kept in mind:

First and foremost, as with alcohol, marijuana should not be made available to young people under the age of 21. This has nothing to do with being prudish. Science has linked major brain and developmental disorders to marijuana consumption by young people, a fairly-recent discovery that is known as marijuana induced psychosis.

Just as alcohol consumption affects a young person's still-developing brain (we now know that the human brain continues to develop up to the age of 25), marijuana consumption also can cause permanent brain damage -- and that is not too strong a word -- in teens. Parents must be extra-vigilant to ensure that their child is not consuming marijuana.

Second, those who choose edibles as their means of marijuana consumption must do so very carefully. Unlike smoking marijuana, eating a marijuana-infused product means that the "high" will take a long time to kick in. When you smoke marijuana, you know in short order when you've reached your limit and can stop. However, once an edible is consumed, it's too late to know whether you've had too much. So go slow -- really slow -- with marijuana chocolates, brownies, and other edible products.

Third, users of marijuana must be sure not to operate a motor vehicle. Getting high and driving are unsafe, just as is drinking and driving.

Fourth, although the anecdotal and research evidence that both marijuana (THC) and its non-intoxicating cousin, CBD, may offer relief for a variety of ailments and pains associated with old age is becoming clearer, much more research is needed.

Israel presently leads the world in marijuana research and it is time for the U.S. to get on board. Marijuana offers the potential as an alternative to dangerous and addictive prescription drugs, including opioids. The sooner we can begin to understand the benefits -- and pitfalls -- of marijuana consumption, the better.

There are pluses and minuses to the legalization of marijuana that must be understood and taken into account by each of us individually and by society as a whole.

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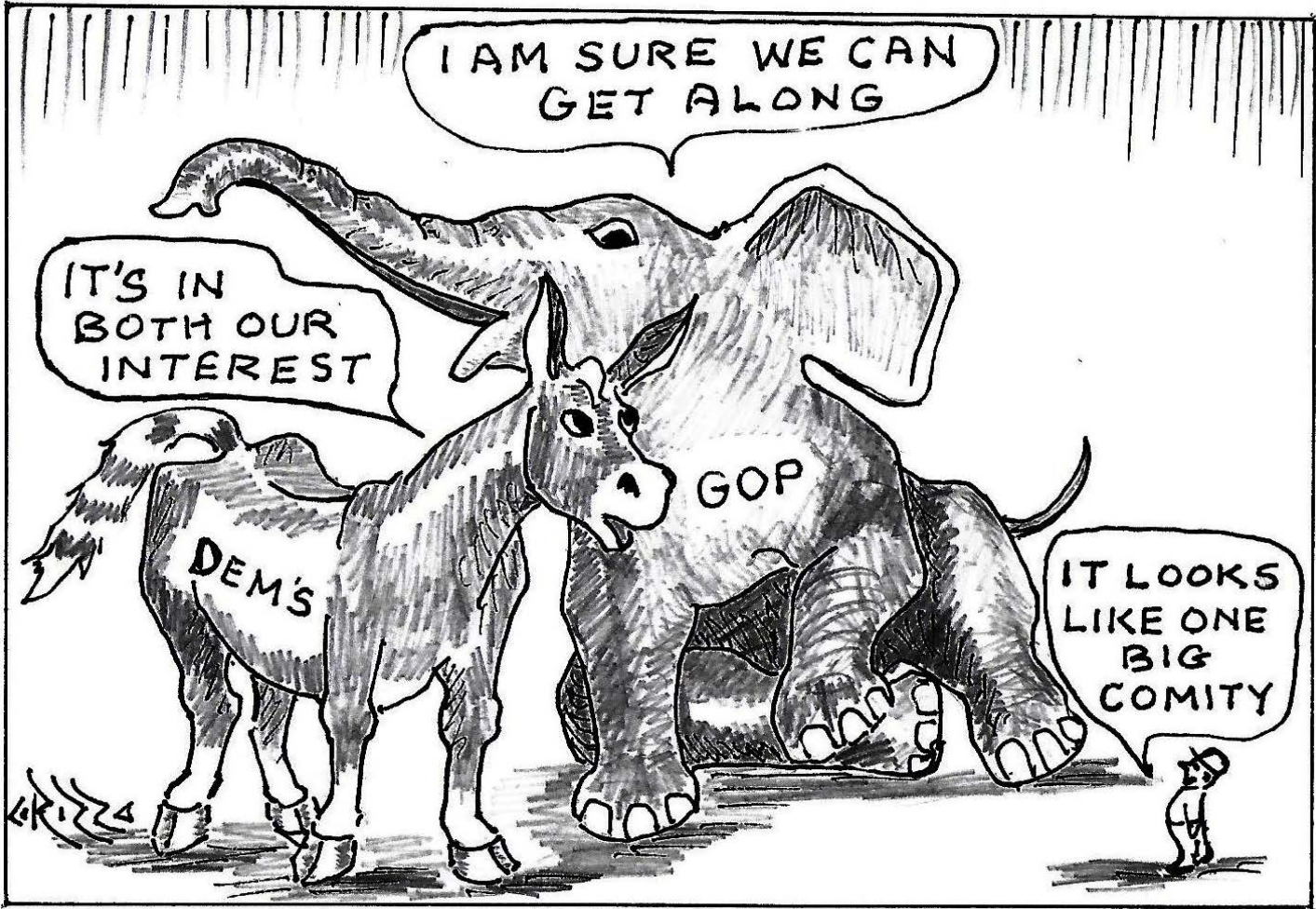
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LETTER to the Editor

AGREES WITH EDITORIAL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your timely editorial ("Another Side of Climate Change") pointing out the rapidly advancing ef-

fects of climate change across the nation.

Gov. Baker and our Legislature have taken a moderate, incremental approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Usually, this style is a good political strategy, and often a useful one in attempting

change. But nature plays by different rules. We now need a bold drive towards greenhouse gas reduction, not just a slow down-ratcheting. It may be expensive, but not as expensive as climate change.

Massachusetts is well situated to lead the nation on this

issue, with our strong economy, our technology resources, and our relatively enlightened population. Now we just need leaders who will make it happen.

Susan Donaldson, MD

GUEST OP-ED

Beware of scams coming over the telephone

By Glenn Mollette

In January a Denver couple received a scam phone call from a man who told them he had kidnapped their daughter. The man was very convincing that their daughter was in his possession. In the background they heard a woman's voice begging for help. The call was convincing enough that they tried to wire money to the man. Fortunately the money didn't go through. Police soon showed up after the wife left a note with the bank teller explaining what was happening. The police determined it was a scam.

A 90-year-old friend received a call a couple of years back. The caller explained that he was with the Internal Revenue Service. He alleged my friend was \$40,000 behind in his federal taxes and that payment had to be made immediately.

My friend didn't owe anybody and had always been a model citizen. The worry and fear for this 90-year-old man were more than he could handle. He committed suicide a few days after the call.

Several years ago I received a call after my son had boarded a submarine. I would not be able to communicate with him for several months. The caller in a very convincing voice stated my son owed \$350 and if not paid immediately he would file charges against him that would be very negative toward his military career. I explained he would not be available for awhile. The caller insisted that someone needed to intervene to prevent the black mark against my son. You guessed it. I fell for it and paid the demanded money. Of course within a couple of hours and some research I knew I had been scammed.

Somehow, somewhere

there is someone keeping an eye on soldier's families that they can catch at a vulnerable moment and scam them.

When you are scammed you feel like an idiot when it's over. It's embarrassing. However, these telephone artists are professionals. This is all they do every day. In places like Nigeria where many of these calls originate from people go to work from 9 to 5 every day like you go to your daily job. Only, their daily job is to come up with real life convincing lies to scam you out of your hard-earned money.

Some of us have only lost a few hundred dollars but others have lost thousands and in the case of my friend, he ended his life over a very believable telephone call.

I remember our first telephone. I was about 9 years old. Telephone calls were cool. I talked to friends on the tele-

phone for hours. When the telephone rang we knew it was family or friends calling and answering it was enjoyable and important. Today, a ringing telephone is a nuisance. Some days I receive five to 10 calls from local numbers who end up being people selling health insurance, credit cards, student loan payoffs, car warranties, scams pertaining to taxes owed and numerous others. Thus, I no longer answer the phone if I don't recognize the number. Leave a message and I promise I'll call you back. If the person calling you is real and legitimate they won't mind leaving you a message and a real number to return the call.

Glenn Mollette Nationally/internationally read author of columns, inspirational devotionals and books. He is the author of twelve books.

GUEST OP-ED

Local aid for climate change Jack Clarke

There are three proposals before Beacon Hill lawmakers that could help pay for how we cope with the impacts of climate change - all should be considered.

Climate change is the existential threat of our lifetime. It affects everyone, everywhere, and everything. And because certain Washington politicians are unwilling to deal with it, and President Trump still calls it a "hoax," state and local governments are forced to face climate change on their own.

In Massachusetts, we're not only fighting the causes of climate change, but also figuring out how to live with them.

While we've reduced the Commonwealth's carbon emissions by 21.4 percent, based on 1990 levels, and need to aggressively push to achieve zero emissions, we also must learn to adapt to the effects

of climate change - including hotter days, accelerated sea-level rise, and stronger storms - all significant in a place we call the Bay State. And they come at great cost.

As a member of the state's Coastal Erosion Commission, we found that the replacement cost for the buildings and contents exposed to our quickly eroding shoreline was more than \$7 billion - and that was four years ago!

According to estimates from the Cambridge-based Union of Concerned Scientists, during the next 26 years, over half the amount of property the \$7 billion represents will be chronically flooded, affecting 14,000 Massachusetts residents.

Between 2005 and 2017, increased flood risks eroded \$273.4 million worth of Massachusetts home values, according to the First Street

Foundation, a nonprofit that researches the effects of rising seas.

Most vulnerable, however, are people - on whom we can never apply a price tag.

Presently, 85 percent of Massachusetts' 6.9 million residents live within 50 miles of the coast.

As a Chelsea native who grew up learning to swim at nearby Revere Beach, and whose neighbors "worked down the docks," I can attest that coastal residents aren't all rich or living in second homes.

So what do we do and how do we pay for it?

Today, 160 Massachusetts cities and towns are painstakingly drafting Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness plans, documenting their exposure to climate change and considering how they'll defend themselves. The local blueprints are funded by a cli-

mate change bond signed by Governor Charlie Baker last summer. This bond assigns \$501 million to adaptation measures that also include repairs to dams and seawalls, restoration of wetlands, and the Commonwealth's own adaptation road map.

Eventually, all 351 cities and towns will outline their adaptation strategies.

After the plans are written, the expensive work of implementation begins. We'll need to pay to protect, strengthen, and in some instances relocate threatened people and their homes, their streets, culverts, utilities, water supplies, and waste water treatment plants - many of which lie at sea level.

And that's where the legislature comes in as it considers this enormous expense.

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CHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS ONCE ON THIS ISLAND

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

To comfort a little girl scared of a storm, a village recounts the legend of Ti Moune in Chelsea High School Drama Club's production of 'Once on This Island' – playing at Chelsea High from April 4-6.

The romantic musical takes place on an island where the peasants labor and the wealthy eat well. 'Once on This Island' describes how Ti Moune unites these differing people with her kindness.

"The Gods send her on a



Sophomore, Brandon, as Daniel, singing, "Discovering Daniel."

journey to prove that love can conquer death," said senior, Leah Kazuko, who plays Ti Moune. "Ti Moune is amazing because she is selfless. I love her character because I can relate to her. She is one small girl, but her story is the story of the island. She inspires me."

Kazuko hopes that audiences will be moved by the message of unconditional love. The Drama Club will be presenting 'Once on This Island' April 4, 5, and 6, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets cost \$7 for students and seniors, and \$10 for adults.



Pictured above, "Waiting for Life" To the right, Leah Kazuko, senior, as Ti Moune, singing, "Discovering Daniel."



The Chelsea High School Drama Club performing "The Prologue" to Once on This Island.



Alex Tran, junior, singing, "One Small Girl."

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he said. “A doctor will say you need to change how you eat, usually suggesting to cook brown rice or eat other foods. They have the best interests, but the language is not effective. I was seeing a cycle. I saw mothers with diabetes bringing children who were overweight. The issues they were having in large part was due to the foods they were eating or their cooking techniques. This is a huge, huge problem from a public health perspective in the Latino community.”

What Barriga and the other partners are trying to do is create of both worlds.

They’re looking to have their arroz con habichuelas, and eat them too.

Anais Caraballo of the Collaborative said they are excited to host the class for a second year, and said she sees a great value in educating people on how to cook traditional foods in a more healthy manner.

“I think it’s very important coming from a Puerto Rican background,” she said. “It’s a great program to have the community become more aware of healthier ways to eat and cook, but at the same time still be able to enjoy cultural foods that are an ingrained part of their lives.”

On Monday, Barriga and a class of 10 people met in the Collaborative to talk about foods and cooking and how people thought about food. That was followed up with a trip to Stop & Compare – a loyal partner to the program. There, those in the class walked through the aisles with Barriga to look at ingredients in their traditional foods.

Armed with materials from their class, and the advice of Barriga, they looked at the ingredients they usually buy, and considered alternatives

that were healthier. In that sense, they didn’t have to give up the foods that meant so much to them, and they could also ensure they were eating healthy.

Barriga said he customizes the class according to the culture. If there are a lot of Caribbean cultures in the class – such as Puerto Ricans – he will discuss different ways of cooking aside from frying – as well as using healthier oils when cooking the food.

“When it comes to the Caribbean community, it’s talking about fried foods, which is a constant in the Caribbean diet,” he said. “My proposal isn’t to be 100 percent healthy options. If you come and say you have to change everything you eat, people won’t do it. I give them a couple of changes that will help their overall health in the long run. I try to be realistic. For the Caribbean cultures, I tell them to avoid fried foods sometimes, and try to sauté a little more so they use less oil.”

Another issue is that many people who have just come from outside the United States arrive and find food cheaper and more accessible. For example, a family in El Salvador may only have had meat one time a week. However, in the

U.S. they find they can have it seven days a week, and they do that.

“If you grow up poor and food was a problem, then you come to the U.S. and food is plentiful,” he said.

That is also true when it comes to activity.

Many people had a similar diet in their home countries, but they often had to walk or bicycle many miles each day just to do simple tasks. That active lifestyle and different climate helped to regulate their diet.

Once here in Chelsea, they find themselves far less active and in a climate that is inhospitable to them six months of the year.

“I call that the food-culture clash,” he said. “They have no cars in many Latin American countries. They walk or they bike. People come here and they get overweight because

it’s very comfortable. They drive and there is a lack of physical activity, which is a major symptom of being overweight.”

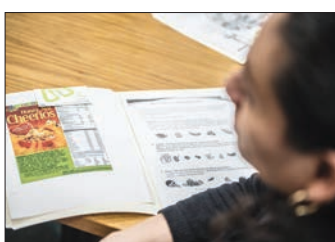
Next Monday, students in the Cocinas class will gather the remainder of their ingredients and cook up traditional foods with a healthy twist.



Jose Barriga discussing nutritional value in foods and giving participants in his seminar a new perspective on food shopping.



Bessie Pacheco selects some mangos.

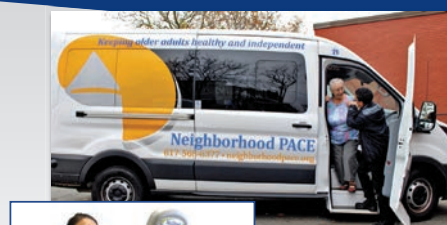


A packet of information on nutrition values and reading labels effectively.



Claudia and Marta Medina are looking at the food on the aisles with more scrutiny as they review their class packet.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CITY'S BOND RATING HITS HIGHEST LEVEL

EVERETT - On Monday, March 18, Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced that Standard & Poor's Global Ratings assigned its 'AA+' long-term rating to the City of Everett for the third year in a row.

S & P cited the City's strong management, strong budgetary performance, with operating surpluses, very strong budgetary flexibility, very strong liquidity, and low overall net debt. S & P also highlighted the DeMaria administration's formal five-year, long-term capital and operating projections; and regular reporting on city finances with budget-to-actuals submitted to the city council monthly and investment statements shared quarterly.

The rating continues to be driven by the development of the \$2.6 billion Encore Boston Harbor, which has had a notable effect on property values, and will add \$25 million in annual recurring revenues to the City's coffers once complete and will increase by 2.5 percent annually. The casino is one of three licensed in the state under current legislation and will be the closest casino to Boston.

Besides the casino, S & P also cited that additional recent residential and mixed-use development has aided further tax base expansion. These developments include:

- The newly opened, Pioneer, a mixed-used development that contains 284 apartment units and 2,100 square feet of retail space and a parking garage;
- WoodWaste, a residential project that will include 545 rental units.

They expect the city's economy will likely remain strong throughout the two-year outlook period.

The long-term rating reflects the strong economy,

with access to a broad and diverse metropolitan statistical area. In addition to, strong management with good financial policies and practices, strong budgetary performance, and strong institutional framework score.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "The state of our city is strong and I am proud and honored that Standard and Poor's Global Ratings has given us one of their highest ratings. These ratings ensure that we will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in borrowing costs. Saving our residents critical funds and allowing us to reinvest into city services, which are critical to our community. Everett is a great place to invest right now."

McGONAGLE GETS BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

EVERETT - Rep. Joe McGonagle along with his colleagues in the House announced that they passed legislation that lifts a decades-old family welfare cap.

Rep. McGonagle was one of the co-sponsors of this measure and advocated in favor to lift this cap. In conjunction with other co-sponsors, he helped deliver powerful testimony earlier this month at a hearing of the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities.

The family cap, which was established in Massachusetts in 1995, prohibits children from accessing Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) if they were born after the date a qualifying family first began receiving benefits. Lifting the cap will extend cash benefits to the 8,700 Massachusetts children and their families who have previously been excluded due to this policy. Children will no longer be denied \$100 a month in welfare benefits based on when they were conceived.

This change will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2019.

"I'm proud to stand alongside so many of my colleagues in the House to vote to repeal the family welfare cap. This cap is harmful to our children - and denies assistance to our neediest families," said Rep. Joe McGonagle. "By voting to lift this cap, we will give families the resources they need to take care of their kids. It's a great step forward."

The bill now moves to the Senate for their approval. Upon final passage, the Governor has 10 days to approve or veto the bill.

MT. CARMEL AND NOAH PROJECTS APPROVED

EAST BOSTON - At a recent Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) board hearing, two large East Boston projects in Jeffries Point's Gove Street area, as well as the backside of Eagle Hill were approved.

The BPDA board said the residential projects moving forward make progress towards Mayor Martin Walsh's goal of increasing affordable housing to support a strong middle-class. Mayor Walsh's 2019 legislative agenda aims to support the creation of new affordable housing, increase access to homeownership opportunities, and prevent displacement of residents.

The first project approved was the slightly contentious project to transform the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and surrounding properties, which include the church, rectory, convent and a large vacant parcel, into housing.

At the BPDA hearing the board approved developers Timothy White and Richard Egan to transform the four Mount Carmel Church parcels on Gove and Frankfort streets in 112 residential units that

GOVERNOR'S GARDEN CONSOLIDATES WITH KINSHIP FLORAL



A longtime name in the floral business in the Town of Winthrop will be closing. Owner Carole Abrams Palmariello announced she will be retiring and closing The Governor's Garden on March 31, 2019. A "consolidation sale" is currently going on at 3 Crest Avenue, Winthrop. Palmariello's niece, Kerri Abrams, owner of Kinship Floral at 245 Revere St., Revere, will take over operations of Governor's Garden under Kinship's flag, including servicing of the Governor Garden's website and business phone number. Kinship Owner, Kerri Abrams said, "Kinship is humbled to announce that we will be taking the reigns of Governor's Garden, a floral shop led by my aunt, Carole Abrams Palmariello that has served the Winthrop community for over 40 years. My brother Corey and I have many fond childhood memories at Governor's Garden. We are honored to continue the wonderful business built by Carole and we welcome Governor's Garden customers to the Kinship family. Congratulations to our aunt Carole on her 43 years of business. You're an amazing trailblazer for women in small business and we wish you the happiest retirement. You certainly earned it!"

include 12 income-restricted units.

Members of the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) voted 17 to 7 against the proposal to develop the former Mount Carmel Church property.

While the developer plans to renovate the church and construct four-story row-houses on the vacant parcel along Frankfort Street, the developer's plan to construct a six-story building at the

corner of Frankfort and Gove streets that will replace the existing convent was the most concerning to residents.

However, GSCA members like Jack Scalcione applauded the developer's work with the community.

Scalcione, who lives on Frankfort Street, said the developer has worked closely with the abutters for several months.

In total the project will include 112 units and 84 park-

ing spaces, 71 of which are located in a below-grade garage.

The developer recently eliminated the development of the rectory and decided to raze that building to house 13 of the 84 parking spaces, as well as to create a new landscaped greenspace.

The renovated Mount Carmel Church building will include 14 residential units.

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UP AND AWAY

City looking to be ready for recreational marijuana

City Manager Tom Ambrosino has filed an ordinance to be prepared for the coming on July 1 - the first day that the state Cannabis Control Commission can begin licensing recreational marijuana establishments.

Ambrosino filed an ordinance that would regulate operations of such establishments, and would also put a local sales tax of 3 percent on all sales in Chelsea. That is the maximum amount of sales tax allowed in the law.

In order to include Independent Marijuana Testing Lab, Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Establishment, Marijuana Product Retailer, and Marijuana Dispensary.

Before seeking city permits for any marijuana establishment, any petitioner must already be approved by the Cannabis Control Board.

All retailers in the ordinance are prohibited from opening between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.

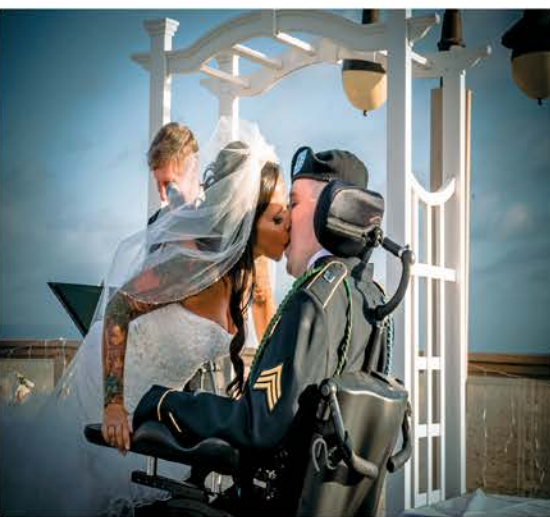
Ambrosino had no estimate on how much the local tax would

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The existing rectory and convent buildings will be razed and the vacant Frankfort Street parcel will include the construction of a new building that includes 98 condominium units. The rectory building located at 128-134 Gove St., and the convent are both compromised structurally and are not suitable for human habitation, according to current Boston building codes.

According to the filing, the proposed project will provide market-rate and affordable units with a variety of unit sizes and styles to accommodate Eastie's diverse and growing population.

The unit designs will vary and include apartments and lofts. The unit mix for the 112 units will comprise a mix of studio units, one-bedroom or one-bedroom plus den units, and two-bedroom units.

Thirteen percent of the units will be designated as affordable in accordance with the BPDA's Inclusionary Development Policy (IPD).

Attorney for the project, Jeff Drago, said White and Egan plan to make the former Mount Carmel Church building "the cornerstone of this development."

"This will be a respectful reuse being converted into spacious loft-style living units that capture the soaring interior spaces and volume of the building," he said. "There will be three levels of residential units with the top-floor units capturing the currently hidden truss space above the vaulted ceiling. The exterior of the building, including its brick and stone façade, will be restored. It will be sensitively repaired where religious iconography was removed. The front-door and side-window openings will be lowered to the ground to better connect the building to the street and surrounding landscape."

The developers will also create a reflective outdoor space along the widened sidewalks at the corner of Frankfort and Gove streets that honors Mount Carmel's history.

On the vacant lot the developers plan to erect a building that mirrors the brick row houses along Frankfort Street. The four-story structure will extend along Frankfort Street and articulate as individual row houses with separate, raised entrances and planter boxes. The fourth floor will contain setbacks for private deck space while reducing the massing along Frankfort Street.

This design was in response to many residents at past meetings not liking the modern design of some of the buildings. The original design included a mix of glass and other materials but residents asked the developer to consider replicating the architectural styles of the turn of the 20th-century brick buildings along Frankfort Street.

The developers will also construct the six-story build-

ing at the corner of Frankfort and Gove streets that will replace the existing convent.

White and Egan purchased the property in 2015 for \$3 million.

The BPDA also approved the East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) and East Boston Community Development Corporation's (CDC) plans to develop artist live, and work space on Condor Street.

NOAH and CDC's Aileron, located on approximately 26,250 square-feet of vacant land, on 131-151 Condor St. in Eagle Hill will construct an approximately 49,750 square-foot mixed-use, mixed-income development that includes two buildings with a total of 40 residential units, artist studios, a work bar/gallery, community studio space, and a workshop

Last week the Boston City Council approved \$735,200 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding to the proposed Aileron development to build seven housing units, including four affordable units.

Overall, NOAH, its architect Eastie based Joy St Design, and the CDC have joined forces to create a 41-unit project that includes a mixed-use, mixed-income, ownership/rental housing and gallery spaces for the Eastie artist community and community at large.

NOAH's project, dubbed 'Aileron' will include eight ownership units, half workforce and half market, in one building with 33-units occupying a larger building next door. Of the 33 units in the larger building 17 will be set aside for artist work/living space.

NOAH is also proposing two large common spaces, a Gallery and Workbar, that will be available for the other residents in the building.

The vacant land was previously owned by the Boston Planning & Development Agency, and was transferred to the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) in 2017 for disposition in support of affordable housing.

TUFTS TOBACCO SEEKS TO SELL RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

EAST BOSTON - Tufts Tobacco owner Jimmy Shenna has successfully run a highly regulated business in Orient Heights Square for over two decades without any incidents.

When cigar bars were En Vogue over a decade ago Shenna's business was booming and was an anchor in the square. With a lounge, televisions, a full liquor license and one of the most comprehensive collections of cigars for sale, Shenna used to see over 250 customers come in and out of Tufts each day.

However, stricter regulations over employee sec-

ond-hand smoke issues, the relinquishing of his liquor license and the decline of cigar smoking in general has Shenna struggling.

However, the new burgeoning adult-use cannabis shop business has Shenna trying to keep his business alive by switching from tobacco sales to recreational marijuana sales.

At last Monday night's Orient Heights Neighborhood Council meeting, Sheena and a team of other East Boston residents led by attorney and former Boston City Councilor Mike Ross, pitched the idea of turning Tufts into an adult-use marijuana facility under the name Local Roots.

"There a lot of people coming in from out of town and landing in Boston and opening these very lucrative businesses," said Ross. "Everyone on the team lives in neighborhood so we all got together and attempted to do this Local Roots business."

Ross said Tufts would cease selling tobacco products and switch over to adult use cannabis sales under the Local Roots banner.

"Jimmy (Shenna) has been running a successful and highly regulated business in the community for 25 years without incident," said Ross. "Like his current business no one under the age of 21 would be able to step foot into the adult use facility. It's not like a liquor store where minors can walk in to buy chips or a soda or other non-alcohol products. This would strictly be for adults and it will be highly regulated."

Ross explained that Tufts interior would be turned into an adult-use shop. Security measures would include a foyer between the street entrance and actual interior shop. There customers would have to produce identification showing they are an adult before being let into the shop.

"There will be no flashy signs, marijuana leafs or any other signage that would advertise the business," said Ross.

Like his current business Ross said Shenna would be instrumental keep cannabis and cannabis related products out of the hands of minors because he has been able to do so with tobacco for many years.

"He has ran Tufts Tobacco without one single incident," said Ross.

In fact Shenna has long maintained that tobacco should only be sold in licensed tobacco shops by licensed tobacconists like himself. Shenna's currently holds a license to sell tobacco and another license to allow smoking in his establishment. He is allowed

the second license because a majority of his sales are directly related to tobacco and not food, liquor or other goods and services. Convenience stores, supermarkets and other stores have the same license to sell tobacco but smoking is not allowed in those establishments because most of their sales come from other commodities.

So if a convenience store, supermarket or another store gets caught selling tobacco or tobacco products to minors they are fined and have their license to sell tobacco suspended for few days. It doesn't really affect these types of stores because they sell other goods and services for a profit.

The same rule of thumb would apply if the adult-use cannabis shop was allowed to open in Orient Heights. Ross said the Local Roots team would invest nearly \$1 million into rehabbing Tufts and could easily risk losing that investment and its marijuana license if any violations occurred.

Ross also said that above the six percent in tax on the shops sales, the team is in the beginning stages of seeking organizations or programs that may need help in the community.

At the meeting the primary concern was over traffic and parking and adults using the product in the area around the shop.

Ross said in regards to parking patrons could take advantage of parking in the square, take the MBTA Blue Line because the shop would be located directly across from Orient Heights train station, or take advantage of the very inexpensive MBTA lot on Barnes Avenue that is a two-minute walk.

"There could be a lot of options for customers trying to access the shop," said Ross.

But in the end as more marijuana shops open there will be less demand on the few that have already opened. Ross said they will most likely morph into the equivalent of a local liquor store.

"You are not going to drive across town to say Jamaica Plain to buy a bottle of wine," said Ross. "In the end this will be a store that services the local neighborhood and some of the surrounding communities."

As far as crime in or around the shop, former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, who is working with the Local Roots team, said during his trip to Colorado when he was on the Council to get suggestions from officials there on how to regulate and zone the new industry here was very infor-

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OBITUARIES

Hector Corchado Gonzales

Oct. 30, 1937 — March 19, 2019



Hector Corchado Gonzalez of Medway died Tuesday, March 19 at Medway Country Manor in Medway following a long illness. He was 81 years old.

He leaves his wife of 47 years, Ana, his three sisters, a son, Hector, and two daughters, Yuria and Sahara, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many longtime friends.

He was born and raised in Isabela Puerto Rico, the son of Rosauro and Julia Corchado. In his early years, Hector helped work the family farm and learned to fix cars. He left Puerto Rico as a young man for the U.S., worked hard and forged many solid friendships along the way. He met Ana in the late 1960s and together they created a family. Hector was a loving father and a good provider who always had his family's best interests

at heart. Hector will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere on Saturday, March 30 at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to Parkinson Research Foundation, 5969 Cattlebridge Blvd., Suite 100, Sarasota, FL 34232

Rogelio Sanchez

July 19, 1937 — March 21, 2019



Rogelio Sanchez of Jamaica Plain, formerly of Chelsea and Guatemala, passed away on Thursday, March 21 after a brief illness while at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

He was born and raised in San Jose el Idolo, Guatemala, and came to the United States as a young man, settling in Chelsea and residing here for many years. He has been living in Jamaica Plain for the last 10 years.

He worked for NECCO in Revere producing their renowned candies for several years. He enjoyed passing time sitting by his apartment window and watching his favorite television shows while observing the coming and goings of his neighbors and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ofelia Ruiz de Sanchez at home in Guatemala. He was the beloved father of Elcida Sanchez, Olga Sanchez and Antonio Sanchez, all

of Chelsea. He was the brother of Natividad Sanchez of Jamaica Plain and Julio Sanchez of Los Angeles, Calif.; grandfather of Sayra Hernandez and Luis Hernandez and is also survived by several additional grandchildren.

Visiting hours were held at the Frank A. Welsh & Sons Funeral Home, Chelsea and Rogelio will be returned to Guatemala for burial in municipal cemetery in San Jose el Idolo. Arrangements were by Anthony Memorial-Frank A. Welsh & Sons Funeral Home.

MaryEllen 'Mel' Appleby

Aug. 6, 1959 — Dec. 15, 2018



MaryEllen 'Mel' Appleby of Beaufort, South Carolina passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 15, 2018 at her residence. She was 59 years old.

The daughter of the late Howard and Martha (Kobernik) Appleby, Mary Ellen was born in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 6, 1959.

Mel, as she was known to family and friends, recently retired from Beaufort Memorial Hospital where she worked as a Registered Nurse since 1983. Mel loved helping the sick and hurting. For over 30 years she was devoted to caring for patients in the emergency department and found great fulfillment training new nurses. Mel's passion inspired her niece to pursue a professional nursing career.

Not only was her nursing knowledge extensive, she also cultivated a love of history and the arts through military world travel in her early and adult years. Mel was deeply loved by her family. She is remembered fondly for her sense of humor, generosity, compassion for those in need, people and animals. She especially loved rescuing cats.

Mary Ellen is survived by her two brothers; Mark Appleby and his husband, Keith DuBois of Savannah, Ga., and Matthew Appleby and his wife, Diane of Harvest, Ala., nieces: Sara Haire and her husband, Daniel, Jennifer Lockhart and her husband, Brian; nephews: Jacob Appleby and his wife, Megan and Joshua Appleby and his wife, Leslie. She is also survived by two grandnieces and five

grand nephews.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to visit on Saturday, March 30h at the Frank A. Welsh & Sons Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea from 10:30 to 11 a.m. followed by a celebration of her life in the funeral home at 11 a.m. The Funeral home is fully handicap accessible, ample parking opposite funeral home.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2019-05
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, April 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Chelsea Senior Center – 10 Riley Way – Chelsea, MA
With reference to the application of: Pedro Florentino
For Variance seeking approval for the transfer of a section of one lot to an abutting lot which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for lot size, side yard setback and which also exceeds maximum lot coverage percentage at the premises known as: 51 Library Street
All interested parties should attend the hearing or provide written comment to the Board. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA.
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2019-06
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, April 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Chelsea Senior Center – 10 Riley Way – Chelsea, MA
With reference to the application of: Elk Scalli
For Special Permit for a driveway opening pursuant to Section 34-106 of the City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance which states parking is not permitted in the front yard, within five (5) feet of a property line nor within five (5) feet of a structure at the premises known as: 84 Beacon Street
All interested parties should attend the hearing or provide written comment to the Board. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA.
3/21/9, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2019-07
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, April 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Chelsea Senior Center –

10 Riley Way – Chelsea, MA
With reference to the application of: Dave Peach
For Special Permit to establish a church in the second and third floor which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for number of off-street parking spaces at the premises known as: 307 Broadway
All interested parties should attend the hearing or provide written comment to the Board. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA.
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2019-08
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, April 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Chelsea Senior Center – 10 Riley Way – Chelsea, MA
With reference to the application of: Acquisitions Division, LLC or Nominee
For Special Permit and Variance to establish ten (10) additional residential units by constructing a third floor above existing commercial and residential space which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for side and rear yard setbacks, usable open space and number of off-street parking spaces at the premises known as: 52 Washington Avenue and 245 Walnut Street
All interested parties should attend the hearing or provide written comment to the Board. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA.
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2019-09
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, April 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Chelsea Senior Center – 10 Riley Way – Chelsea, MA
With reference to the application of: Ready 2 Run Graphics
For Variance seeking approval for the placement of a window sign pursuant to Section 34-109 (c) at the premises known as: 275 Broadway
All interested parties should attend the hearing or provide written comment to the Board.

A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA.
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2019-10
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, April 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Chelsea Senior Center – 10 Riley Way – Chelsea, MA
With reference to the application of: Full Revival Church – Diego Netto
For Special Permit seeking approval to establish a church which does not meet the current minimum zoning requirements for number of off-street parking spaces at the premises known as: 157 Clark Avenue
All interested parties should attend the hearing or provide written comment to the Board. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA.
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Aguilar Corporation d/b/a Bar La Cueva
802 Broadway, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 18, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider the revocation of the Amusement & Entertainment License of Aguilar Corporation d/b/a Bar La Cueva, 802 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for violation of Chelsea Licensing Commission Rules & Regulations, Sec 2.11 (b), noise from entertainment heard outside boundaries of licensed premise.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Cheryl Watson Fisher
City Solicitor
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is given in accordance with Section 40, Chapter 131 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Wetland Protection Act), that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Conservation

Commission will be held: Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
Conference Room 101 City Hall, 500 Broadway.
The purpose of the Public Hearing is to review the Notice of Intent (NOI), submitted by Eric Davis, Global Companies, LLC, for replacement of three berthing dolphins at 11 Broadway.
A copy of the NOI is available for review in the Department of Planning and Development offices, Rm 101, during City Hall business hours.
Per Order
Stephen N. Sarikas
Chair
3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Fannie's Place d/b/a Chelsea Walk Pub
416 Broadway, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 18, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a proposal to suspend, revoke, and/or modify the Restaurant/All Alcoholic Beverages License of the premise due to violations of M.G.L. Chapter 138 Sec. 69, over serving patrons; violations of Chelsea Licensing Commission Rules & Regulations; 2.08(p) sale of alcohol to an intoxicated person; 2.09(e) noise, disturbance, misconduct, disorder or act outside/adjacent to the licensed premise; and 2.09(h) failure to provide video surveillance footage, as reported in Chelsea Police Department Reports #11-1145-AR, #18-1165-AR, #18-3411-OF, #18-3450-OF and #18-3476-OF.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Cheryl Watson Fisher
City Solicitor
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is given in accordance with Section 40, Chapter 131 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Wetland Protection Act), that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Conservation Commission will be held: Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
Conference Room 101 City Hall, 500 Broadway.
The purpose of the Public Hearing, which was continued from November 29, 2018, is to review the Notice of Intent (NOI), submitted by Christopher E. Gill, Gulf Oil Limited Partnership for maintenance dredging at 124 Eastern Avenue.
A copy of the NOI is

available for review in the Department of Planning and Development offices, Rm 101, during City Hall business hours.
Per Order
Stephen N. Sarikas
Chair
3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Fiesta Shows
Chelsea Commons, 1100 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 18, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider the application of Fiesta Shows, for an Amusement and Entertainment License for a carnival to be held May 9th thru May 12th, 2019 at Chelsea Commons, 1100 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA 02150.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Cheryl Watson Fisher
City Solicitor
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



CHELSEA TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.
City Council Conference Room
City Hall, 500 Broadway
Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding a request for the Commission to review the current parking situation on Hawthorn Place due to a recent residential complaint.
Per Order
Chief Brian A. Kyes
Chairperson
3/14/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Colven Management, Inc., d/b/a Holiday Inn
Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 18, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider the revocation of the Amusement & Entertainment License of Las Pupusas Del Chino, Inc., 92 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, Massachusetts, for violations of our Amusement & Entertainment License per Chelsea Police Report

consider the application of Colven Management, Inc., d/b/a/ Holiday Inn Chelsea, 1012 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for a change of Manager.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Cheryl Watson Fisher
City Solicitor
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
SUFFOLK, SS
Case No. 19 SM 000288
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Julio Burgos And Mary Burgos
And all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. §3901 (et seq): East Cambridge Savings Bank, successor by merger to Chelsea-Provident Co-Operative Bank. Claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 196 Poplar Street, given by Julio Burgos and Mary Burgos to Chelsea-Provident Co-Operative Bank, dated November 1, 2004, and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 35827, Page 101, has filed with this Court a Complaint for Determination of 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 th at 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 May 6, 2019, or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on March 22, 2019.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Las Pupusas Del Chino, Inc., 92 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 18, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider the revocation of the Amusement & Entertainment License of Las Pupusas Del Chino, Inc., 92 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, Massachusetts, for violations of our Amusement & Entertainment License per Chelsea Police Report

#19-364-OF, dancing by patrons inside the licensed premise
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Cheryl Watson Fisher
City Solicitor
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Casa Mariachi Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a La Esquina Mariachi Restaurant
170 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 18, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of a transfer of All Alcohol License and Transfer of Location from Los Recuerdos Inc., 14-16 Fifth Street to Casa Mariachi Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a La Esquina Mariachi Restaurant, 170 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Cheryl Watson Fisher
City Solicitor
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION
NOTICE
Docket No. SU18P2519EA
Estate of: Marie Emma Trainor
Also Known As: Marie E. Trainor
Date of Death: July 4, 2018
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner James M. Trainor of Troy, NY. A Will has been admitted to informal probate. James M. Trainor of Troy, NY has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the

Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Molinas Butcher Shop d/b/a Rincon Handureno Function Hall
194 Broadway, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 14, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a proposal to modify the Amusement/Entertainment License of Molinas Butcher Shop d/b/a/ Rincon Handureno Function Hall, 194 Broadway, Chelsea, MA.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Cheryl Watson Fisher
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3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Pepper Dining, Inc., d/b/a/ Chili's
1040 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 18, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider the revocation of the Package Store-Wine and Malt Beverages License of Samir, Inc., d/b/a Tedeschi Foodshops, 178-182 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA for non-use.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Cheryl Watson Fisher
City Solicitor
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Pineda Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Rincon Latinos Restaurant
373 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 18, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a proposal to suspend, revoke, and/or modify the Restaurant/ All Alcoholic Beverages License violations of M.G.L. Chapter 138 Sec. 69, over serving patrons; violations of Chelsea Licensing Commission Rules & Regulations, 2.04(h) exceeding occupancy of the licensed premise; and violations of the Amusement & Entertainment License,

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Sor Brothers Convenience Corp., d/b/a Shop N' Go
354 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 18, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider the revocation of the Package Store-Wine and Malt Beverages License of Sor Brothers Convenience Corp., d/b/a Shop N'Go, 354 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA for non-use.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Cheryl Watson Fisher
City Solicitor
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Samir, Inc., d/b/a Tedeschi Foodshops
178-182 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 18, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider the revocation of the Package Store-Wine and Malt Beverages License of Samir, Inc., d/b/a Tedeschi Foodshops, 178-182 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA for non-use.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Cheryl Watson Fisher
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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
AND MAILING
Docket No. SU19D0266DR
Joye Wells vs. Brandyn Wells
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 Divorce 18. Pursuant to Supplement Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant 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 herein on or before April 04, 2019. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.
Date: February 15, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Justice of Probate and Family Court
3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Wing's El Corral Inc. d/b/a Wings,
408 Broadway, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 18, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a proposal to suspend, revoke, and/or modify the Restaurant/ All Alcoholic Beverages License violations of M.G.L. Chapter 138 Sec. 69, over serving patrons; violations of Chelsea Licensing Commission Rules & Regulations, 2.04(h) exceeding occupancy of the licensed premise; and violations of the Amusement & Entertainment License,

dancing by patrons inside the licensed premise, as reported in Chelsea Police Department in Reports #19-427-OF and #19-134-OF.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Cheryl Watson Fisher
City Solicitor
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Winnisimmet Lounge LLC d/b/a The Lounge at Winnisimmet
73 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 18, 2019
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for a New Application for an Amusement & Entertainment License at Winnisimmet Lounge LLC d/b/a The Lounge at Winnisimmet, 73 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea, MA.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Cheryl Watson Fisher
City Solicitor
3/21/19, 3/28/19 C

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mative.
“Look, I went to Denver and I talked to city councilors there who were against adult use marijuana. I talked to the Mayor who was also against adult use marijuana and after a year of the shops being open they changed their minds,” said LaMattina. “They told us, and feel free to talk to the other City Councilors that traveled there with me, that the shops reduced street crime

and petty crime in the neighborhoods the shops were located.”

GETTING THE WORD OUT ABOUT WAGE THEFT

LYNN -Quite simply, wage theft happens when someone does work and is not paid for it. “Immigrants are easy targets, most don’t realize it’s a crime,” said Kathleen Santo-

ra, a member of the recently appointed to the Lynn Wage Theft Taskforce and a union painter representing the Painters Union District Council 35 Local 939. “But wage theft can happen to anyone in any industry.”

“We have a very strong ordinance in Lynn, it has some teeth in it and can actually do something,” Santora said. Having a taskforce in place also makes a difference.

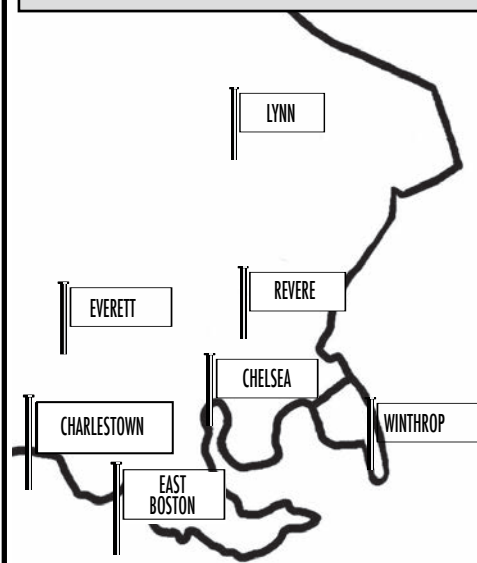
The Wage Theft Taskforce, comprised of one (1) designee submitted by the Lynn City Council, one (1) designee submitted by the Mayor, one (1) representative chosen by the Lynn City Council from a list provided by the North Shore Labor Council, one (1) representative chosen by the Lynn City Council from a list provided by the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce, one (1) representative chosen by

the Lynn City Council from a list provided by the North Shore Latino Business Association, one (1) representative chosen by the Lynn City Council from a list provided by the North Shore Building Trades Council, one (1) representative chosen by the Lynn City Council from a list provided by the Lynn Worker Center, and one (1) representative from the Lynn community chosen by the Lynn City

Council from a list provided by New Lynn Coalition. Members of the Wage Theft Advisory Committee may be reappointed annually and must be appointed no later than the second meeting of the new year.

The wage ordinance was passed by the Lynn City Council in March 2018 after it was offered as a motion by then City Councilor and now State Representative Peter Capano.

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Social Security and OIG launch public service announcement campaign

The Social Security Administra-
tion (SSA) and its Office of the In-
spector General (OIG) launched a
joint Public Service Announcement
(PSA) campaign addressing a na-
tionwide telephone impersonation
scheme. Social Security and the OIG
continue to receive reports from
across the country about fraudu-
lent phone calls from people falsely
claiming to be Social Security em-
ployees. Calls can even “spoof” So-
cial Security’s national customer ser-
vice number as the incoming number
on the caller ID. The new PSAs will
air on TV and radio stations across
the country to alert the public to re-
main vigilant against potential fraud.

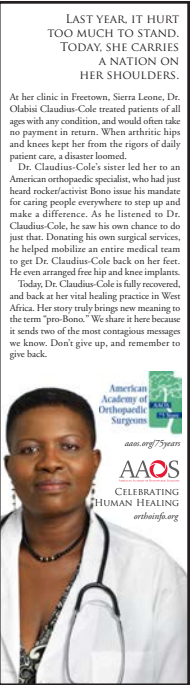
“We urge you to always be cau-
tious and to avoid providing sensi-
tive information such as your Social
Security number or bank account
information to unknown people over
the phone or Internet,” said Nancy A.
Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of
Social Security. “If you receive a call
and are not expecting one, you must
be extra careful – you can always get
the caller’s information, hang up, and
contact the official phone number
of the business or agency the caller
claims to represent. Do not reveal

personal data to a stranger who calls
you.”

Social Security employees do oc-
casionaly contact people--generally
those who have ongoing business
with the agency--by telephone for
business purposes. However, Social
Security employees will never threat-
en a person or promise a Social Secu-
rity benefit approval, or increase, in
exchange for information. In those
cases, the call is fraudulent and peo-
ple should not engage with the caller.
If a person receives these calls, he or
she should report the information to
the OIG Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-
0271 or online at <https://oig.ssa.gov/>
report.

“These calls appear to be happen-
ing across the country, so we appre-
ciate SSA’s partnership in this national
public outreach effort,” said Gail S.
Ennis, the Inspector General for the
Social Security Administration. “Our
message to the public is simply this: If
you or someone you know receives a
questionable call claiming to be from
SSA or the OIG, just hang up.”

The new PSA addressing the tele-
phone impersonation scheme is
available online at www.youtube.com/socialsecurity.



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TEMPLE EMMANUEL HOLDS PURIM CELEBRATION

Temple Emmanuel held the “Queen’s Royal Party” to celebrate the Jewish holiday Purim. The guests enjoyed delicious food, musical entertainment, a play, and a raffle drawing for prizes. Temple President Sara Lee Callahan thanked the members for their continued support of the synagogue.



Event Chair Carole Turransky and her husband, Ralph Turransky.



Event Chair Carole Turransky and Rabbi Oksana Chapman, display the “Happy Purim” cake that was served to the guests following dinner.



Temple Brotherhood member Jay Rosenzwaig with Jerri Haggie and Rabbi Oksana Chapman, spiritual leader of the Temple Emmanuel congregation.



Front row, from left, Murray Novak, Dotty Novak, Beverly Feinstein, and Gloria Gerrig. Back row, from left, Barbara Gerrig, Edythe Shuman, Ronda, Stephen Vider, and Temple President Sara Lee Callahan.



From left, Rita Shapiro, Tom Spiridigliozzi, Jay Rosenzwaig, Jerri Haggie, Bekcy Swope, and Beverly Newman.

STEVEN HOFFMAN OF MASS. CANNABIS COMMISSION SPEAKS AT JGBC BREAKFAST

Steven Hoffman, chairman of the Mass. Cannabis Commission, was the guest speaker at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast on March 21.

Hoffman talked about the state’s marijuana industry, consisting of medicinal and recreational marijuana dispensaries, and the rules that

have been adopted to regulate the new industry. Hoffman said there are currently a dozen marijuana shops operating in Massa-

chusetts and that number will cap off at approximately 200 shops in the future.



Mass. Cannabis Commission Chair Steven Hoffman and Joseph Mahoney, interim president of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.



City Manager Thomas Ambrosino and Kayem Foods President and CEO Matthew Monkiewicz.



Cannabis Commission Chair Steven Hoffman and Judy Mastrocola.



Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes, Special Agent in Charge, FBI Boston Division Joseph R. Bonavolonta, and Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI Boston Division Kevin R. White.



JGBC Executive Director Gina Centrella, Mass. Cannabis Commission Chair Steven Hoffman, and JGBC Breakfast Series Chair Mark Robinson.



Chelsea Bank President Joseph Vinard, Don Wyse, and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson.

DA Rollins releases comprehensive policy memo

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins this evening announced the release of a 65-page policy memo that defines her bold vision for her office and provides specific instructions to her staff on handling the low-level, non-violent offenses that she pledged to divert, dismiss, or otherwise resolve without incarceration. “This document is a memo to my staff, but it also fulfills a commitment I made to the community we serve,” District Attorney Rollins said. “This is

a roadmap to a criminal justice system that works equally for everyone, based on research, data, and input from across the spectrum of stakeholders.” District Attorney Rollins distributed the memo to her staff earlier today in advance of this evening’s general announcement. While parts of it lay out office-wide goals to minimize the impact of the criminal justice system and reduce racial and socioeconomic disparities, it also contains specific guidelines for addressing some of the

most common – but least serious – offenses that prosecutors handle in Suffolk County’s nine district and municipal courts. “We start with a presumption that, in most cases, these charges don’t need to be prosecuted,” District Attorney Rollins said. “Dismissal, diversion, treatment, and services are much more often the appropriate outcomes.” District Attorney Rollins thanked her staff, and in particular her executive staff and transition team, for their assis-

tance in drafting, revising, and formatting the unprecedented policy guide – a process that utilized the expertise of prosecutors, defense attorneys, retired judges, and returning citizens in equal measure. “I’m grateful to all of them for their input,” she said, “but most of all I’m grateful to the people of Suffolk County for placing their trust in me and supporting my mission.”

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