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APPRECIATION

A tribute to Rotary Club President Dan Pranka

Special to the Record

Todd Taylor, past president of the Chelsea Rotary Club and District 1 City Councillor, issued the following statement honoring the life of fellow Rotarian and Club President Dan Pranka:

"It is with great sadness that the Chelsea Rotary Club announces the passing of its President, Dan Pranka. Dan passed away on December 8, 2021, at the age of 84. Many of us in Rotary said our final goodbye at a graveside service at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody.

Dan joined the Saugus Rotary Club in 1993 and transferred to the Chelsea Rotary Club in 2018. He was inaugurated as President of Chelsea Rotary in July of this year. From the beginning, Dan was instrumental in our fundraising efforts. He used his connections with the airlines, Boston professional sports teams, and his own travel business to provide prizes for our Chelsea Rotary Charitable Foundation raffles which help pay for a variety of projects including: college Scholarships for local Chelsea High students, sending local Chelsea kids to Camp Rotary every summer, funding our Chelsea Covid Relief efforts, funding our ongoing water project in Columbia (started by Rotarian Juan Gallego), along with many other worthy projects that Rotary does every year.

Dan was a great Rotarian, receiving our Rotarian of the Year award in 2019. But more than that, he was a beautiful person and a good friend with a truly generous spirit. Our deepest condolences go to Judy Pranka, Dan's wife of 56 years. She was a real friend of the club, and always assisting Dan in all he did. The Chelsea Rotary Board of Directors unanimously elected me to serve out the rest of Dan's term as Chelsea Rotary President. I am grateful for the club's confidence and with a heavy heart I accepted. After the graveside service, we held Dan's final raffle at our regular Tuesday meeting,

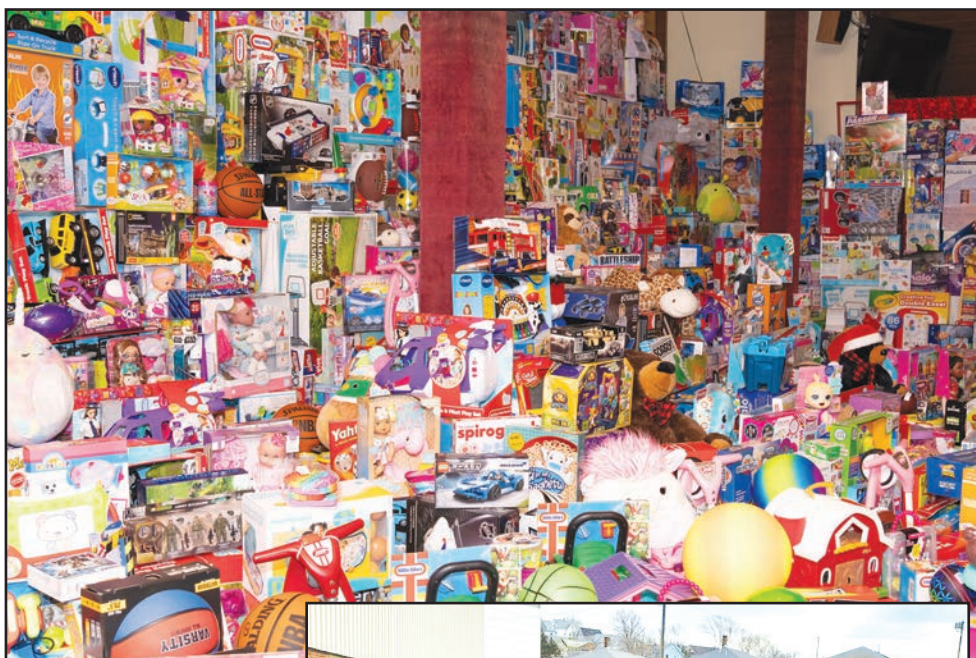
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UP FOR TWO



LEANING IN: Chelsea Captain Tyler Wilson shoots over Lynn Classical's Marquese L'Italien Avery (3). Chelsea squeaked out a 52-51 victory. See Page 7 for more photos.

DIDOMENICO FOUNDATION TOY DRIVE



Above, thousands of toys were piled at the Kowloon for the DiDomenico Foundation toy drive.

Kathi Reinstein, Vice President of Government Affairs for Roca, INC., Tricia DiDomenico, President of the DiDomenico Foundation, Mike Dantone, foundation member, and Sen. Sal DiDomenico. See Page 11 for more photos.



Council takes care of business in last meeting of the year

By Adam Swift

The City Council quickly took care of business during its last meeting of the year on Monday night, approving funding for several community preservation projects as well as a cost of living raise for City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

The council unanimously approved a 3 percent cost of living raise for Ambrosino that backdates to July 1 of this year. He is due for another 3 percent cost of living raise effective July 1, 2022.

The raises come as a result of the recent City Manager evaluation process by the council.

A special subcommit-

tee gave Ambrosino high marks for his job performance.

The city manager signed his most recent five-year contract with the city in 2019 at a salary of just under \$190,000 annually.

"In summary, the final rating by the committee was that the city manager did an incredible job managing city business and the covid response during one of the most stressful and difficult times in recent memory," said Council President Roy Avellaneda. "The evaluation committee is aware that this is most likely the last two years that the city manag-

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City Council honors outgoing members

By Adam Swift

The City Council honored its two departing members, District 3 Councillor Naomi Zabot and District 7 Councillor Yamir Rodriguez, at its last meeting of the year on Monday night.

Zabot, who did not run for reelection, will be joining the School Committee in the new year. The new District 3 Councillor will be Norieliz DeJesus. In District 7, Rodriguez lost his seat to challenger Tannairi Garcia.

District 5 Councillor Judith Garcia thanked Zabot for her one term of service to the city.

"I want to thank the councillor for her dedication and her work," said District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown. "It's been an honor to partner with you and do the work we have done. We butted heads on some things, but you had some great ideas for our community."

District 1 Councillor Todd Taylor also thanked Zabot for her service.

"I know from personal experience that it isn't always easy and sometimes people get on you," said Taylor. "I have a lot of respect for you and I was happy and proud to serve with you."

Council President Roy Avellaneda said Zabot was a strong voice for her constituents, and that the experience she has gained on the council can only help to make her a very effective school committee member.

Rodriguez, who served on the council for six years, was honored for his role as an advocate for the youth in Chelsea.

"He has been a great

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MassDOT issues advisory on holiday travel

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is encouraging members of the public to plan ahead for the holiday travel period in the coming weeks. Traffic volumes and public transportation are anticipated to be higher than normal. Drivers and public transportation ridership customers should use available real-time tools and resources for current travel conditions on major roadways such as dialing 511, visiting www.mass511.com or using the GoTime mobile app, and check MBTA schedule information available at mbta.com/holidays and the weather forecast before leaving home.

“During this holiday season, we are reminding drivers to expect more people traveling by car, public transportation, and in airports and to plan for any trips by checking conditions ahead of time and building in extra time,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. “Make sure to drive sober and hands free, follow speed limits, and be patient as more people return to traveling this season.”

The Highway Division is taking several steps to ensure safe and efficient travel on state-owned roadways. There will be no construction work on major arterial roadways from 5:00 a.m. on Friday, December 24, 2021, through the normal start of business at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, December 27, 2021, and from 5:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 30, 2021, through 5:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022.

In addition, the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane located on I-93 between Boston and Quincy will extend its afternoon hours by opening from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 23, 2021, and on Thursday, December 30, 2021. The HOV lane will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2021, and on Friday, December 31, 2021. Also, due to increased travel in and out of Logan Airport, the Sumner Tunnel swing lane will not be deployed on Friday, December 24, 2021, and Friday, December 31, 2021.

“We anticipate holiday travel on all roadways across the Commonwealth will be busy over the upcoming weeks, and we encourage the public to use readily available real-time traffic tools to help plan the timing of their travel,” said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. “We encourage all drivers to pay attention, slow down and not drive distracted so all travelers can safely reach their destinations.”

MassDOT strongly urges all drivers to minimize distractions by turning off or putting away cell phones, traveling the posted speed limit, driving sober and devoting full attention to what is ahead on the road. MassDOT encourages travelers to make an extra effort to be courteous on the roads and report to law enforcement any reckless driving.

RMV offices will be open on Friday, December 24, 2021, and Friday, December 31, 2021.

On Friday, December 24, 2021, the CharlieCard Store will close early, all subway lines and bus routes will operate a Saturday schedule, and all other modes will operate a weekday schedule. On Saturday, December 25, 2021, the CharlieCard Store will be closed, there will be no ferry service, all Commuter Rail lines will operate on a weekend schedule, and all other modes will operate on a Sunday schedule. On Friday, December 31, 2021, all subway lines will operate on a Saturday schedule with increased service after 3 p.m., all bus routes will operate on a Saturday schedule, and all other modes will operate on a weekday schedule. MBTA fares will not be collected after 8 p.m. on New Year’s Eve. On Saturday, January 1, 2022, the CharlieCard Store will be closed, there will be no ferry service, all Commuter Rail lines will operate on a weekend schedule, and all other modes will operate on a Sunday schedule.

Additionally, for travelers getting to and from Logan Airport in Boston, please note:

- MBTA Silver Line provides service between South Station and Logan’s terminals every 10 minutes. Outbound service

from Logan Airport to the South Boston Seaport District and South Station is free.

- MBTA Blue Line provides subway service between points in Boston, North of Boston and Airport Station. Water transportation is also available from Downtown Boston and the Logan dock.

- Massport provides free shuttle service to and from all terminals; the airport rental car center and the MBTA Blue Line Station.

- Logan Express serves 3 locations including Framingham, Woburn, and Braintree. There are also several bus and taxi options available.

Massport continues to take a number of precautions at the airport in order to ensure passengers have a safe and healthy travel experience. These initiatives include:

- Face coverings are required for all passengers and visitors while at the airport.

- Travelers departing from Logan should be aware of any travel restrictions at their destination.

- Coronavirus testing is available at Logan Airport’s Terminals E Arrivals level and Terminal C Departure level. The testing facility, XPresCheck, is offering a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or nasal swab test, a blood antibody test, and the rapid test.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are also encouraged to:

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

- Visit www.mass511.com, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

- Download MassDOT’s GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation wishes all members of the public a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

Fidel Maltez • 2019

The following is one in a series of sneak peeks at the upcoming People of Chelsea additions by Chelsea Photographer Darlene DeVita. The new work will ultimately appear on the fence of the Chelsea Public Library (CPL) Spring of 2022 a collaboration between the People of Chelsea project and the CPL.)

By Darlene DeVita

We bought a house here two years ago; my wife got a job at GreenRoots and is very involved in the community. I’m a civil engineer and my charge for the city is to improve our streets, sidewalks, parks and public facilities.

I love how everyone is [welcome] here, it’s di-



verse, socially, economically, and racially. On our little stretch of land we have everyone!

My focus [for Chelsea] is to improve every park

we have; spending a lot of time, money and energy on that.

Thank you for your support on this project Fidel!

Massachusetts unemployment, job estimates for Nov.

The state’s November total unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point at 5.4 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 16,800 jobs in November. This follows last month’s revised gain of 26,400 jobs. The largest over the month private sector job gains were in Leisure and Hospitality, Professional, Scientific, and Business Services, and Educational and Health Services. Since the employment trough in April 2020, Massachusetts has gained 519,500 jobs.

From November 2020 to November 2021, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 196,000 jobs. The largest over the year gains occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Professional, Scientific, and Business Services; and Education and Health Services.

The November unemployment rate was 1.2 percentage points above the national rate of 4.2 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force increased by 14,100 from 3,726,300 in October, as 8,200 more residents were employed, and 5,900 more residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down by 3.0 percentage points.

The state’s labor force

participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – was up three-tenths of a percentage point at 66.3 percent. Compared to November 2020, the labor force participation rate is up 0.4 percentage points.

November 2021 Employment Overview
Leisure and Hospitality gained 5,400 (+1.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 53,900 (+20.4%) jobs were added.

Professional and Business Services gained 3,400 (+0.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 44,200 (+7.7%) jobs were added.

Education and Health Services gained 2,200 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 26,300 (+3.5%) jobs were added.

Construction gained 1,900 (+1.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 10,700 (+6.7%) jobs were added.

Other Services gained 1,100 (+0.9%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 6,600 (+5.8%) jobs were added.

Manufacturing gained 700 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 9,000 (+3.9%) jobs were added.

Financial Activities gained 300 (+0.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 1,400 (+0.6%) jobs were added.

Government gained 2,000 (+0.5%) jobs over

the month. Over the year, 18,300 (+4.3%) jobs were added.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 100 jobs (0.0%) over the month. Over the year, 18,700 (+3.4%) jobs were added.

Information lost 200 (-0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 6,800 (+7.8%) jobs were added.

Labor Force Overview

The November estimates show 3,537,500 Massachusetts residents were employed and 202,900 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,740,400. The unemployment rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point at 5.4 percent. Over the month, the November labor force was up by 14,100 from 3,726,300 in October, with 8,100 more residents employed and 5,900 more residents unemployed. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was up by 0.3 percentage point at 66.3 percent. The labor force was up 18,900 from the November 2020 estimate of 3,721,600, as 129,200 more residents were employed and 110,400 fewer residents were unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends.

Leftover safety: Extending your holiday meals

Enjoying terrific food is one of the highlights of the holiday season. However, all good things must come to an end, including the holiday celebrations. But holiday meals often bring leftovers and leftovers can help stretch out your holiday cheer. According to Mystic Valley Elder Services Registered Dietician Candace Quigley, it’s important to assess the safety of the foods that are leftover. “If perishable foods, such as meat, poultry, cooked foods, cheese, cut up fruits and vegetables, were out for more than two hours, they should be discarded,” she says. “The last thing your winter season needs is a bellyache—or worse—caused by improperly stored leftovers. And after the holidays, you may find yourself with a particularly full refrigerator.”

To keep your food tasty and free of nasty bacteria, follow these food safety tips (adapted from the Federal Food Safety Service):

Keep food out of the danger zone: Bacteria grow rapidly between the temperatures of 41° F and 140° F. After food is safely cooked, hot food must be kept hot at 140° F or warmer to prevent bacterial growth. Make sure to refrigerate the food within 2 hours of cooking food or after it is removed from an appliance keeping it warm.

Cool food rapidly: To prevent bacterial growth, it’s important to divide large amounts of hot food into shallow containers so it reaches the safe refrigerator-storage temperature of 41°F or below as fast as possible. Cut large items of food into smaller portions to cool. Cut turkey into smaller pieces and refrigerate. Store turkey and stuffing in separate containers.

Wrap leftovers well: Cover leftovers, wrap them in airtight packaging, or seal them in storage containers. These practices help keep bacteria out, retain moisture, and prevent leftovers from picking up

odors from other food in the refrigerator. Immediately refrigerate or freeze the wrapped leftovers for rapid cooling.

Store leftovers safely: Leftovers can be kept in the refrigerator for 3 to 4 days (gravy should be used within 1-2 days) or frozen for 3 to 4 months. Consider marking your leftovers with the date.

Reheat leftovers safely: When reheating leftovers, be sure they reach 165° F as measured with a food thermometer. Reheat gravy, sauces, and soups by bringing them to a rolling boil. When reheating in the microwave, cover and rotate the food for even heating. Arrange food items evenly in a covered microwave safe glass or ceramic dish, and add some liquid if needed. Be sure the covering is microwave safe, and vent the lid or wrap to let the steam escape. The moist heat that is created will help destroy harmful bacteria and will ensure uniform cooking.

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HAVE A MERRY -- AND SAFE -- CHRISTMAS

The holiday season usually is the most wonderful time of the year.

But Christmas, 2021, is anything but wonderful, even for those of us who are among the most fortunate in our society.

Our collective stress and anxiety levels are at an all-time high thanks to the recent arrival of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, which has upended the holiday plans for many of us.

Each and every day, the virus is killing almost 1300 Americans, a statistic that has become mind-numbingly routine. That figure still is well below the 3000 deaths per day a year ago at this time, but still, it translates into 500,000 deaths per year.

Hospitals once again are at full capacity in many states, with coronavirus patients filling emergency rooms and crowding-out those who have other health issues.

This was not the scenario we had envisioned a few months ago, when it appeared that we had COVID-19 under control.

For those of us who are fully-vaccinated with three shots of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines (or one J&J plus one of the those other two), the effects of the Omicron variant are proving to be fairly mild, akin to having a bad cold.

But for anyone who is unvaccinated, infection with the Omicron variant is proving inescapable thanks to its high-degree of transmissibility. And as the statistics demonstrate, the chances of becoming seriously ill are dangerously-significant.

Although the pandemic has eviscerated the usual holiday celebrations that bring together family, friends, and colleagues, adding to our mental health issues, especially for older Americans, the toned-down holiday season offers us an opportunity for reflection, a chance to reach an appreciation for the things that really matter in our lives: The health and safety of ourselves and our loved ones, as well as the urgent need to assist those who find themselves in dire straits this holiday season.

We hope that all of our readers will heed the warnings of our public health officials and that those with the means to do so will help the vast numbers of our less-fortunate fellow Americans.

We wish all of our readers a merry -- and safe -- Christmas.

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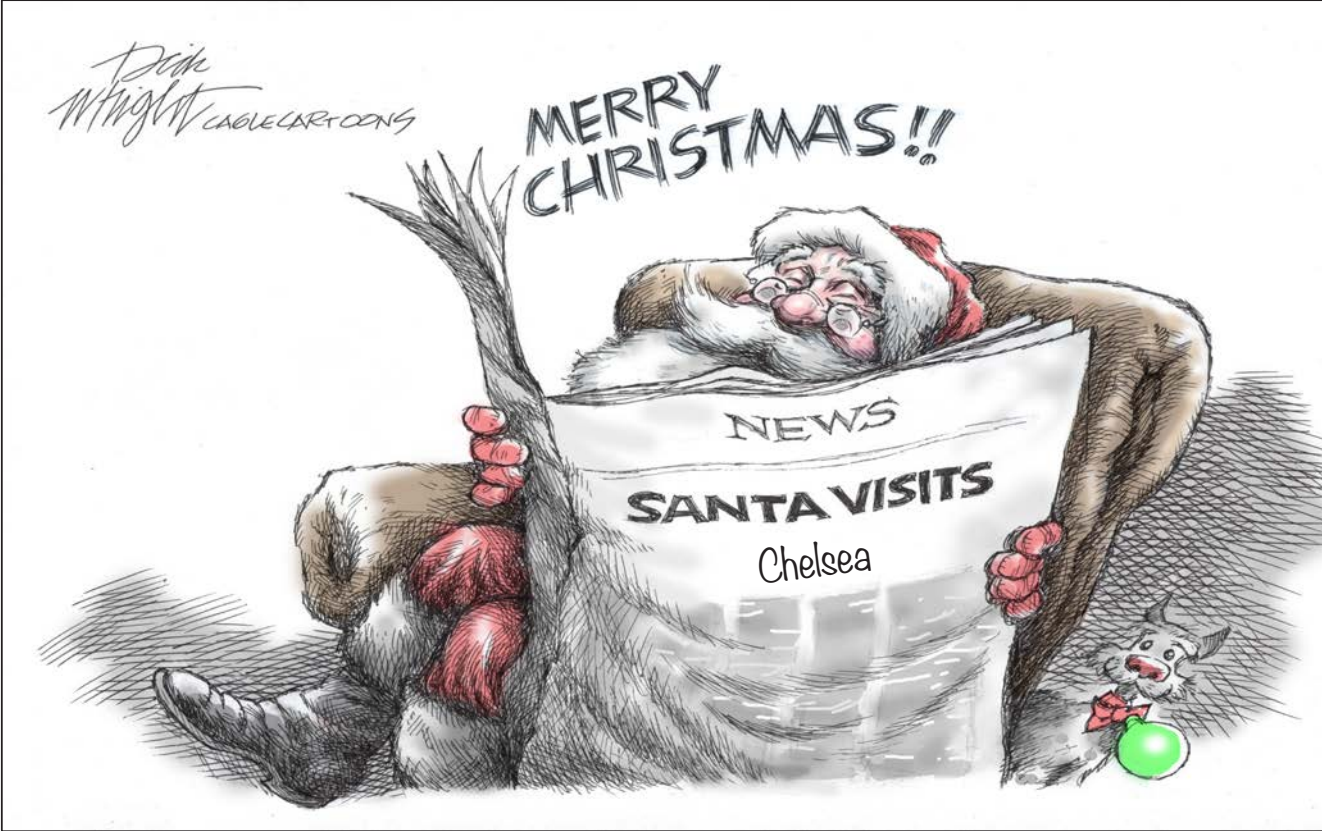
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GUEST OP-ED

Where are all the teachers of color?

instilled a narrative that people of color did not belong in positions of power within education. Furthermore, my experience is not singular as only 8% of all educators in Massachusetts identify as Black, Indigenous, Latinx or Asian during the 2020-21 school year. It was not until I studied abroad (and 15 years of schooling) that I had two professors of color from Puerto Rico and Bolivia that could speak the same language as my mother. It took traveling halfway across the world to experience this but I felt seen and validated by my professors. Studies show that there is an improvement in the academic performance and social-emotional learning of students when taught by educators of color, yet state and school leaders fail to provide an inclusive and supportive environment for

educators of color.

We start to uncover the answer to the question: Where are all the teachers of color? Teachers of color are leaving the classroom at a higher rate than their white counterparts due to the insufficient support from state, school and local leaders. To our state education leaders, the data show we need to remove the initial barriers, such as the teaching licensure process and the cost of state exams, including MTELs, to increase the number of applicants of color within the teaching profession. To our school committees, we need to create a pipeline of homegrown educators to serve as mirrors and windows for our students. To our school leaders, educators of color need more professional autonomy including their own differentiated professional development

opportunities, input on the teacher schedule and curricular decisions.

Each day I enter the classroom, I aspire to be the leader, teacher and mentor that I always wanted growing up: one that is empathetic, vulnerable and grounded in self-improvement. I am reminded of the gap that I am filling through my ability to communicate with my student's parents in their native language to relay areas of growth and successes, to develop a deep connection with my students through our shared experiences and to build solidarity with my fellow educators of color. Finally, to our teachers of color, although you may not see the impact of your presence while you are in the classroom, know that you are needed and you are making a lasting influence on those around you.

GUEST OP-ED

Gift ideas for Christmas

when his Christmas lights won't work and he literally kicks, stomps and curses a blue streak across his yard. It's a funny scene. Mostly because in some way we've all been there a time or two.

Most of us enjoy giving if we can. We enjoy giving to the people we love. Christmas trees, decorating, eating and gatherings are all a part of the season. However, we become frustrated when we lose sight of the big picture. The big picture includes looking around and beyond our Christmas pain. Millions of people would simply be thrilled to have the problems that some of us have. Many people are in the nursing home and will never go to the mall again. Some have a terminal disease and this may be their last Christmas. Depression will weigh heavy on many who have

lost their homes, buried loved ones or experienced financial devastation from medical care or natural disasters. Most of these people would love to have a house to decorate or gifts to buy for a loved one.

Celebrate Christmas this year. Give away some special gifts. Give gifts that money can't buy or time cannot fade. Give love, give forgiveness and give some mercy. Extend these generously to yourself. If you can't give them to yourself it's impossible to give them to others.

The little baby that Christmas celebrates became a man and taught people that we should love God and love others as we love ourselves. Herein is part of the rub. Too often people stop loving themselves. Life becomes imperfect, we fail, get hurt or mad and we kick Santa or the reindeer across

the yard. Unfortunately, we don't stop there. We go into Ebenezer Scrooge bah humbug mode. We don't get our groove back and miss out on some of Christmas' most wonderful characteristics- mercy and forgiveness.

The Christmas story is about a child who came to show us the way. He showed us how to love, forgive and be merciful. Some of the people in your life probably need it more than you know. Give generously and start with yourself.

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.

LETTER to the Editor

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY To the Editor

On behalf of the the Brown Jug of Chelsea, we would like to thank all for their generous contributions to our 12th annual toy drive. It was a huge success. Your generosity means those children will

have wonderful and beautiful gifts on Christmas morning. Thank you again for helping make our community stronger and for making a magical holiday for many family's.
Best Wishes

**Mike, Cheryl,
Michael Matrinko**

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To the Editor,
My name is Leo Robinson and I have been a city councilor for over 30 years. I come before you representing the Soldier's Home neighborhood that I live in as well. My neigh-

bors have come before you expressing their numerous concerns regarding 122 Warren Avenue, and I would like to submit this letter as a statement of opposition to the future development proposed. The developers feel as if we want to not have

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center distributes at-home COVID-19 test kits to use ahead of the holidays

Ahead of the holiday, staff and volunteers at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Community Resource and Wellness Center gave out At-Home Covid-19 Test Kits to hundreds of community members this week in addition to giving out food, masks, diapers and other critically needed resources.

"We know that families will be celebrating the holiday season together over the coming weeks, and we wanted to give our community another tool to help combat the spread of COVID-19 and celebrate the holidays safely...testing, masking, and vaccination remain critical to slowing and stopping the spread of COVID" said Greg Wilmot, Interim President and CEO at East



Pictured here in front of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Community Resource and Wellness Center at 282 Meridian Street is Interim President and CEO Greg Wilmot, Wellness Center Director Kathy Field and employees and volunteers of the Wellness Center – at-home test kits in hand.

Boston Neighborhood Health Center. East Bos-

ton Neighborhood Health Center is also sharing supplies with other communi-

ty organizations ahead of the holidays.



A member of the community stands with Health Center leader Greg Wilmot as she comes for weekly food and also leaves with a few test kits for family members to use before they gather for the holidays.

Metro Credit Union partners with The Salvation Army for holiday gifting

Metro Credit Union, Massachusetts' largest state-chartered credit union, recently partnered with The Salvation Army in support of their annual Angel Tree Toy Drive program. This marks the fifth consecutive year that Metro has participated in the program.

The Salvation Army national holiday assistance program provides new clothes and toys for children who otherwise may go without gifts. Locally, the Angel Tree program serves about 800 children from 350 families.

Donors select anonymous children (known as "Angels") and fulfill their wish lists, which include a toy of the child's choosing and sizes for essential winter clothes. The Salvation Army has been serving the community of Chelsea through the program for the past six years.

"The credit union philosophy of 'people helping people' is especially prominent during the holiday season, and Metro's employees went above and beyond to support families in need this year through the Angel Tree Program," said Charlene Bauer, SVP of Outreach, Advocacy and Chief Development Officer of Metro Credit Union.

During December 2021, Metro employees fulfilled holiday wish lists for 75 children in need. The credit union looks forward to continuing their involvement with the program in years to come.

For more information about Metro Credit Union, please visit metrocu.org, or follow Metro Credit Union on LinkedIn.



Pictured (left to right) Isael Gonzalez, Commanding Officer at The Salvation Army with Metro Credit Union employees Charlene Bauer, SVP of Outreach, Advocacy and Chief Development Officer and John Prendergast, Operations Specialist.

About Metro Credit Union Metro Credit Union is the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, with \$2.4 billion in assets. Metro provides a full range of financial products to close to 200,000 members in Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Plymouth, Barnstable, Bristol and Worcester counties in Massachusetts, and Rockingham and Hillsborough counties in New Hampshire, as well as to employees of over 1,200 companies through its Metro@work program. Founded in 1926, Metro currently operates 14 branch offices in Boston, Burlington, Chelsea, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Melrose, Newton, Peabody, Salem, Tewksbury, and coming soon to Dorchester, Reading, and West Roxbury. Metro is also a Juntos Avanzamos ("Together We Advance") designated credit union, an honor given to financial institutions for their commitment to serving and empowering Hispanic

and immigrant consumers. Metro was recently named among the most charitable companies in Massachusetts by the Boston Business Journal. Learn more at MetroCU.org and connect with us on LinkedIn.

About The Salvation Army The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church established in London in 1865, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination for more than 130 years in the United States. Nearly 30 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through a range of social services: providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless, and opportunities for underprivileged children. 82 cents of every dollar The Salvation Army spends is used to support those services in 5,000 communities nationwide. For more information, go to salvationarmyusa.org.




Pictured (left to right) Metro Credit Union employees Traci Michel, Chief Operating Officer; Marie O'Neill, SVP Engagement, Experience and Marketing; Robert Cashman, Chief Executive Officer; Charlene Bauer, SVP of Outreach, Advocacy and Chief Development Officer; Erik Porter, SVP Chief Financial Officer; and Jim Herndon, SVP Human Resources with toys donated by employees.

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CHELSEA GIRLS IN BASKETBALL ACTION AGAINST LYNN CLASSICAL

A powerful Lynn Classical team proved too much for a scrappy Chelsea team in girls basketball competition Thursday, December 16 at Lynn Classical High School.



PASS PLAY: Chelsea's Desayna Christmas gets a pass off in front of Lynn Classical's Lauren Hennessey.



FINDING A PATH: Chelsea's Edissa Ndayikeza (3) dribbles past Lynn Classical's Kylee Mills.



STOP ACTION: Chelsea's Ashley Puzul and Lynn Classical's Reese Brinkler keep an eye on a loose ball.



PLAYING KEEPAWAY: Chelsea's Katie Arias (41) protects the ball from Lynn Classical's captain Reese Brinkler.

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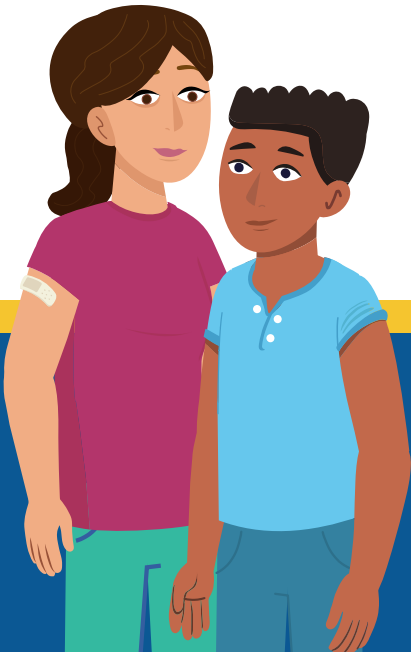
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It's natural to have questions about the vaccine for your child. Here are some facts:

- The COVID-19 vaccine was thoroughly tested.
- The clinical trials included thousands of kids ages 5-11.
- The vaccine has been proven safe for kids ages 5 and up.
- It was also proven to be 91% effective at preventing COVID-19 in kids.



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Sports

CHELSEA BOYS IN BASKETBALL ACTION AGAINST LYNN CLASSICAL

The Chelsea Red Devils and Lynn Classical Rams played a thriller Thursday, December 16, at Chelsea High School, with Chelsea squeaking by with a 52-51 win.



FUMBLE!: Red devils Eldon Bonitto (24), Makhai Nicholas (5, on floor) and Braulil Quezada (12) eye a loose ball.



EYE ON THE PRIZE: Eldon Bonitto (24) has his sights glued to the basket as he gets past Lynn Classical's Marquese L'Italien Avery (3).



REBOUND CONTEST: Chelsea's Erick Galeano-Flores (4) and Lynn Classical captain Nathan Reyes (12) battle for a rebound.



PARDON MY REACH: Chelsea's Eldon Bonitto reaches for a steal from Lynn Classical's Jadden Gonzalez.

CHS ROUNDUP

CHS TRACK TEAMS OPEN SEASON WITH WINS

The Chelsea High girls and boys indoor track teams opened their season last week with victories over Greater Boston League rival Lynn English.

Coach Cesar Hernandez's boys squad handily swept past their Bulldog rivals by a score of 65-11, while the girls edged their English counterparts by a closer margin of 34-30.

The winning effort by the Chelsea boys was led by a host of Red Devils who captured first-place in their individual events: Nasir Adams in the hurdles; Emmanuel Simon in the 55 dash and high jump; Alejandro Cepeda in the mile; Ali Warsame in the 300 dash; Nate Nadow in the 600 dash; Alex Estrada in the 1000; and Ian Padilla in the two-mile run.

The CHS 4 x 400 relay quartet of Warsame, Nadow, Cepeda, and Freeman also put up five points for the Red Devil cause with a first-place finish.

Second-place performances, which earned three points for the Chelsea side of the scoresheet, were recorded by: Carlos Jimenez in the hurdles, Johnny Maldonado in the mile; Jeffrey Ponce in the shot-put; Austin Freeman in the 600; Jose Olivar in the 1000; and Ruben Padilla in the two-mile.

Markland Richards in the 55 dash and Juan Alfano in the mile (to compete a CHS sweep in the mile event) added single points with their third-place efforts.

On the girls' side, the Lady Red Devils received

first-place performances from Lauren Nadow in the hurdles (13.02), Gizelle Rodriguez in the mile (6:13.8), Giselle Olivar in the 1000 (4:02.6), and the 4 x 400 relay quartet of Rodriguez, Jasmine Maradiaga, Olivar, and Darily Sanchez (5:03.4).

Second-place performances that earned three points for Chelsea came from Rosalinda Rojas in the mile, Sanchez in the 300 dash, Dhalia Christmas in the shot-put, and Maradiaga in the 600.

Adding crucial points for third-place finishes in a meet where every point mattered were Angel Tate in the shot-put and Holly Hattleberg in the 1000.

"The best performance of the night came from Jeffrey Ponce, who had a personal best in the shot-put at 42'5", which is just two inches off the school record," said Hernandez. "That was the first time Jeffrey ever had been over 40 feet, which he was able to do with all three throws."

Hernandez and his crew were scheduled to meet Lynn Classical yesterday (Wednesday).

STRONG PERFORMANCES BY CHS AT MSTCA MEETS

A number of Chelsea High indoor track athletes turned in strong performances at the Mass. State Track Coaches Association Winter Festival held two weeks ago at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston.

Gizelle Rodriguez broke the Chelsea High school re-

cord in the 1000 meter run (previously held by Jocelyn Poste) with a time of 3:26.19.

"We thought Gizelle had a strong chance of breaking it this season, and it was great to see her do it in her first meet," said CHS head coach Cesar Hernandez. "Strong performances for our boys' team came from Emmanuel Simon in the 55 meter dash, running 7.14 (.15 off the school record, finishing 18th of 84); Jeffrey Ponce, throwing 38'-10.75", finishing seventh in the shot-put field; Ali Warsame, running 41.19 in the 300 to finish 18th in the field; and Nate Nadow, running 1:36.78 in the 600 for 14th place."

A large contingent of Red Devils then competed in the MSTCA's Speed Classic this past Sunday at the RLTAAC.

Emmanuel Simon continued to close in on the 55 meter CHS school record and state-qualifying mark with a sprint of 7.04. Gizelle Rodriguez also had a strong performance in the 600, where she ran 1:50.26.

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CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS WINTER CONCERT

By Marianne Salza

Chelsea High School (CHS) presented its first Winter Concert since 2019 on December 14. The Concert Band, Orchestra – which formed this school year – and Cantare, performed iconic musical pieces such as the Star Wars theme song, “Silent Night,” and “I Don’t Want a Lot for Christmas,” a piece that audience members were welcomed to join on stage to sing together in.



Cellist, Jasmine Maradiaga Varela



Violinist, Isaiah Laporte



Flautist, Dairly Sanchez



he CHS Cantare, directed by Michael Bednarsky



Cantare students, Silvia Rodriguez Martinez, Martha De Los Reyes Gomez, and Genesis Guzman Guevara.



The CHS Orchestra, directed by Ali You.



Saxophonist, Bryan Molina Mendoza.



The CHS Cantare invited members of the audience to join them in singing “I Don’t Want a Lot for Christmas.”

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Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor
6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of:
Frank J. Mastrocola, Jr.
For Special Permit and Variances seeking approval for the construction of a roof deck which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for front and rear yard setbacks and which also exceeds maximum height at the premises known as
24 Beacon Street
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during

normal business hours:
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
12/16/21, 12/23/21

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CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Community Engagement Services for Chelsea Climate Resilience Projects
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked "Community Engagement Services for Chelsea Climate Resilience Projects"
Request for Proposals will be available on or after December 23, 2021 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@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 "Community Engagement Services for Chelsea Climate Resilience Projects" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, January 6, 2022.
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.
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Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
12/23/21

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Premises: 28 Shawmut Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Margaret E. Lewis and Kenneth T. Lewis to Sovereign Bank, FSB, said mortgage dated May 12, 2006, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, in Book 39806 at Page 143 and now held by Santander Bank, N.A. fka Sovereign Bank, FSB for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on January 7, 2022 at 1:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: That certain piece or parcel of land, and the buildings and improvements thereon, : In the Town of: CHELSEA County of: SUFFOLK and State of: MASSACHUSETTS and being more particularly described in a deed recorded in

Book 8821 Page 583
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Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor
6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of:

Fatima Belhamri
For Special Permit to establish a driveway and curb cut which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for parking within the required front yard setback of property or within (5) five feet of a side lot line nor within five (5) feet of any wall containing ground floor or basement windows at the premises known as
12 Louis Street
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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Docket No. SU21 C0375CA
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Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/30/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
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Date: December 13, 2021
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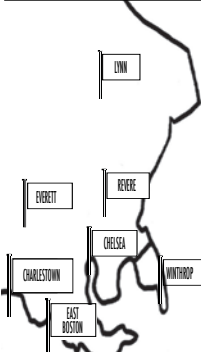
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Napoleon Lobo

September 07, 1935 - December 19, 2021

Napoleon J. Lobo passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, December 19. He was 86 years of age. Born and raised in Brava, Cabo Verde, he was one of eleven children given to the union of the late John Sabastian Lobo and Ana (nee; Andrade) Lobo. He received his early education in Cabo Verde and as a young man he served with the Cape Verdean military.

He married Adelina (Pina) on June 24, 1964 and they began raising their family of five daughters and three sons in Cabo Verde. In Brava he owned and operated a bar and was a well known and fondly remembered barkeeper.

In 1976, together with his family, he immigrated to the United States and settled briefly in Dorchester. In 1982 he moved to Chelsea purchasing a home for his family.

He worked for many years at Sweetheart Paper in Chelsea. When the company ceased its operation in Chelsea, he embarked on a new career working at Logan Airport for Mass Port Authority. He retired after 20 years at the airport.

He was most devoted to his wife, family and home. In his lifetime, he enjoyed music and dance. He played various string instruments including the violin, guitar and ukulele entertaining family and friends in his home's basement "Man Cave". He also enjoyed the company of his feline and canine companions along with his parrot and parakeets.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Adelina P. Lobo of Chelsea. He was the devoted father of Jeannie Lobo Fa-



cada of Bridgewater, John Lobo of Lynn, Domingas Lobo of Taunton, Ana Lobo of Everett, Eduardo Lobo and Maria C. Lobo, both in Cabo Verde, Elizabeth Lobo of France, and the late Joseph Lobo; dear brother of Eugenia Fortes, Eva Gibeau, Edith Rosa, Maria Lobo-Gomes, Jose Lobo, Sabastian Lobo, Eduardo "Eddie" Lobo, John Lobo, Jr. the late Domingas Gibeau and Jack Lobo. He is also survived by 23 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Funeral Services will be conducted from the Welsh Funeral Home today, Thursday, December 23 at 10 a.m. All visitors are required to wear face masks while in the Funeral Home, per order Chelsea Board of Health. All services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Visitors and guests are respectfully asked to please refrain from crowding and are requested to keep personal contact to a minimum.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home.

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit; www.WelshFH.com.

Dr. Eduardo María Budge Liceti

Respected and much loved
MGH Chelsea Pediatrician

Dr. Eduardo Maria Budge Liceti passed away unexpectedly on November 28.

He was born in Lima, Peru on October 5, 1959, the fourth son of Violeta Liceti and Pablo Budge. He had three siblings: Patricia, Silvia, and Andrés (deceased). His father remarried Aurora Roca and then came five more siblings: Pablo (deceased) and his twin, María Mónica, Elizabeth, Jorge Luis and Francisco.

From a young age, Eduardo was curious, eager to learn and a little bit of a trouble maker. Whether it was running down neighborhood kids on his tricycle, running away to climb a tree and watch everyone search for him, or being found, yet again, at the clinic on the next block getting stitched up, he always kept his family on their toes and gave them a good laugh. As a brother and son, Eduardo was dedicated, loving, generous and always present even when he wasn't physically close by.

Eduardo's school friends always described him as empathetic and generous with a great sense of humor. A teacher once said that although he did bother the class sometimes, he had a big heart of gold.

Eduardo attended the Marist College in Lima, Peru and then did his medical degree at Cayetano Heredia University. Later he would do his specialization in Pediatrics and Pulmonology.

Eduardo married María del Carmen García Figari and they moved to the United States where he would complete his residency and begin his admirable career as a pediatrician. Eduardo worked at MGH Chelsea for 26 years. Although he was always a jokester, he took his job very seriously. He had a great amount of love and respect for all of his colleagues, patients and their families and received the same amount of love and respect in return. He could not go anywhere without at least one person coming up to say hello. Eduardo's patients were his top priority and he was the kind of doctor that any parent would feel lucky to have for their child. Dr. Budge made such a big impact on his patients that many of them even came back to see him years later with their own children.

Eduardo's biggest accomplishments in life, however, were his two children: Alonso and Mariana. He was so proud of Alonso's entrepreneurial spirit and was incredibly supportive while Alonso started and continued to grow his business. Any time Alonso had a new idea for his business, even if it sounded crazy, Eduardo proudly stood beside him and believed in him. Whenever he would talk about Mariana following



in his footsteps and taking the journey of becoming a doctor, his eyes would light up. He knew that she not only had the intelligence that it would take to succeed, but also the empathy and big heart that would make her excel as a pediatrician. The bond that Eduardo had with both his children was strong and unbreakable.

Eduardo also leaves behind his daughter-in-law, Haley and his granddaughter, Gianna. Gianna was the light of Eduardo's life. Although they only had each other for a short 18 months, the love they shared for each other was beautiful and they created a bond as strong as the one he shared with his children. Anytime he saw her it was like his heart melted and all the worries disappeared. He loved to watch her learn and play. He also loved taking selfies with her and photos of her. He always seemed to capture the best ones. She was his pride and joy. Eduardo also had a very loving relationship with Haley and they often found themselves laughing together at things no one else thought were funny. He always answered Haley's calls and eased her mind whenever she had any concerns about Gianna's well being. Even when it was something silly like hiccups lasting too long, he never made Haley feel like she was overreacting and continuously assured her that she was "doing a great job".

Eduardo's mischievous tendencies from childhood carried on into his adult life as well. He enjoyed riding around on his Vespa (a nice upgrade from his tricycle), showing up unexpectedly in the early morning hours to visit family, testing his luck with daring stunts on motorcycles and boats (his luck usually betraying him), stirring the politics pot, and telling jokes that weren't always funny but made you laugh anyways just because of the way he told them and the way he would laugh until he couldn't catch his breath or finish the joke. These quirks are the things about Eduardo that his family will miss the most.

Eduardo will be deeply missed by his family, friends, colleagues and patients. His big heart and great sense of humor will live on in our memories of him. Eduardo was laid to rest, surrounded by his loved ones in Lima, Peru.

Donald Meuse

Converse Rubber retiree and drummer for
local band, "The Rhythm Notes"

Donald J. Meuse of Malden, formerly of Chelsea, died peacefully on December 16 after a brief illness, surrounded by his loving family at the age of 85.

Born in Boston and raised in Malden where he attended Malden Public Schools, for over 23 years he worked for Converse Rubber in Malden. In 1980, he moved his family to Chelsea where he resided for 30 years. He retired in 2010 and shortly after returned to Malden, his hometown.

An avid New England sports fan, he also had a warm spot in his heart for the Montreal Canadians. A lover of music, in his early years, he, as the drummer, along with his friends, formed a band named the The Rhythm Notes that played local venues in the Boston area celebrating weddings and other social gatherings. In his later years, he enjoyed his time in retirement spending time with his family.

He was the devoted father of Stacy Meuse and her partner, John Solio of Reading, Donna Baumann



and her husband, Robert of Saugus, Barbara Luiso and her husband, Carlo of Salem, NH, Michael Stell of Bradford and Debby Varney and her husband, Michael of Lowell and the former husband of Elizabeth (Vezina) Meuse of Saugus. He is also lovingly survived by many grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contribution be made to the Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226 or at www.jimmyfund.org/ways-to-give.

To send a message of condolence to Donald's family, please visit www.smithfuneralhomes.com.

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any development in our neighborhood, but that is far from the truth.

The developers are looking into obtaining 9 different variances as well as 4 special permits. But we would like for the Zoning Board to consider that what they are asking is a far reach regarding this proposal.

The developers have also violated the City of Chelsea Ordinances, as a "stop order" was issued by the Inspectional Services Department. They were going to convert a living room into a bedroom without a permit; other issues such as the demolition of an entry closet being converted to a new entryway, removal of kitchen cabinets, countertops and tile from walls, as well as carpets were not being done so with a permit. The city would have lost \$25,557.95 regarding

the lack of permits being requested.

The City Manager has expressed his opposition to the petition as it proposes a density higher than currently permitted in the R1 District. There is a inconsistency between the petition and the proposed plan. The petition states that the units in the new building will each contain 3 bedrooms, however the plans clearly shows each unit with 4 bedrooms.

We the residents see the developing group not being able to satisfy the four conditions of variances stated in Section 34-213 (c) in the Chelsea Code of Ordinances. We hope that the Board take in consideration this letter when making a decision about our neighborhood.

**Leo Robinson
And Abutters of
122 Warren Ave**

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Another leaf has fallen,
another soul has gone.
But still we have God's promises,
in every robin's song.
For They are in His heaven,
and though He takes away,
They always leave to mortals,

the bright sun's kindly ray.
He leaves the fragrant blossoms,
and lovely forest, green.
And gives us new
found comfort,
when we on Him will lean.

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DIDOMENICO FOUNDATION HOLDS ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Senator Sal DiDomenico and the DiDomenico Foundation held their annual toy drive at the Kowloon on Thursday evening, with a record of

\$23,000 in toys and additional donations. Guests enjoyed gathering and celebrating for a good cause.



Will Hurley volunteered to load toys at the event



Councilor Rich Dell Isola offered a helping hand at the Kowloon



Al Lattanzi and Councilor Anthony DiPierro attended the DiDomenico Foundation toy drive at the Kowloon.



Rich and Rose Eliseo sat with Santa.



Senator Sal DiDomenico welcomed Santa to the celebration.



Senator Sal DiDomenico and his family were pleased to bring their annual toy fundraiser back.



Senator Sal DiDomenico was joined by his family, Sal, Tricia, and Matthew



Senator Sal DiDomenico used a ladder to reach the top of the mountain of toys



Matthew Judd and Brendan Mangan attended the DiDomenico Foundation toy drive.



Dan Skeritt and Councilor Stephanie Martins attended the DiDomenico toy drive.



Councilor at Large John Hanlon and Fran Hanlon enjoyed dinner at the Kowloon.



State Representative Dan Ryan volunteered unloading the toys



William Hurley IV offered Gene O'Brien a helping hand in packing toys



School Committee member Cynthia Sarnie and Councilor Mike McLaughlin greeted Santa.



Bishop Brown and Angelmarie DiNunzio enjoyed their evening with the DiDomenico Foundation.



Councilor at Large Rich Dell Isola and Mike Mangan enjoyed an evening at the Kowloon.



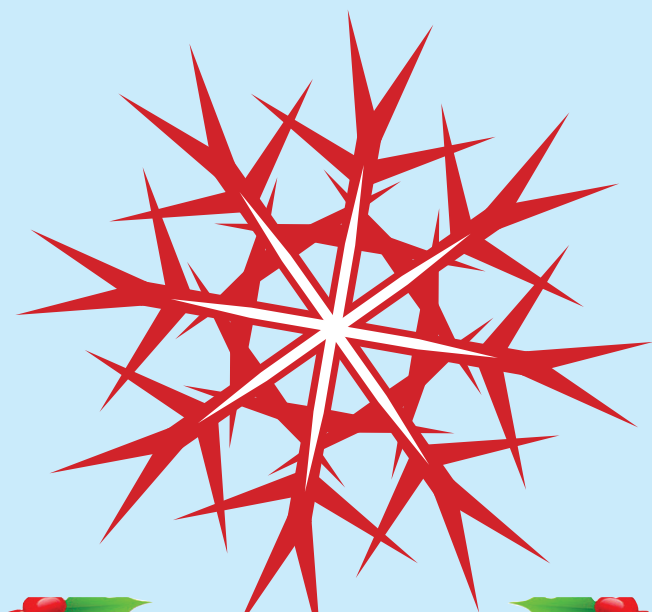
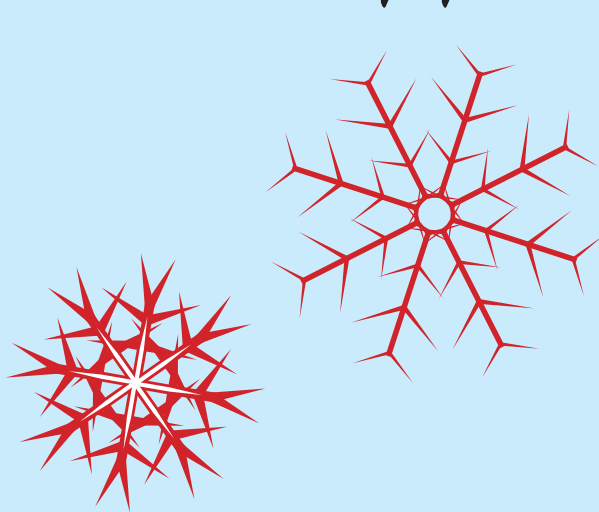
Irene and Paul Cardillo attended the DiDomenico Foundation toy drive on Thursday.



Thousands of toys were piled at the Kowloon for the DiDomenico Foundation toy drive.



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We wish you a Merry Christmas
& a Very Happy New Year full of
health and happiness in 2022



Wishing you and
 your family a
 Merry Christmas

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*I wish you health
 & happiness
 in the New Year*



Leo Robinson
 Councilor-at-Large



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