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The caps fly as the Class of Everett High School 2021 officially graduates. The day was hot and humid as graduates and faculty of Everett High School with their friends family filled Everett Memorial Stadium to conduct the Graduation Ceremonies for the class of 2021. A common theme in the speeches given was the adversity this class endured throughout the COVID Pandemic and the pride of the city in surmounting that challenge. See pages 5-13 for more photos.

The Class of 2021 rolled out the Red Carpet on Friday, June 4, for the culmination of Senior Week ahead of the June 9 in-person Commencement Exercises. One of the more inventive gifts was a T-shirt proclaiming victory over the pandemic for the Class of 2021. Here, Alexa Stevens, Joana Bonilla, Kaleigh Snook and Haley Oteri display their memorable shirt.



Class of 2021 will be known for extreme pandemic perseverance

By Seth Daniel

The senior class of 2021 had any number of reactions to being able to walk across the stage for a traditional graduation last week, on June 9, as it has been one of the most disrupted senior years on record for any class in more than a generation.

The Class of 2021 left school their junior year in March, and for the most part, more than 70 percent never returned to the building until graduation. About 30 percent chose to come back in person for a few short weeks,

but by and large it was a class that spent one-third of their high school careers at home in their bedrooms, at the kitchen table, glued to a laptop and missing some of the most important memory-makers of high school – like the Senior Prom.

One thing they were afforded, however, was the ability to stage a fun Senior Week and a traditional graduation in person at the Stadium.

The Independent caught up to several members of the senior class before graduation to find out how they made it and what

they thought of being able to have a commencement ceremony that was very much in question until only about three weeks

"It's been very difficult," said Senior Melany Fagundes. "I lost my grandmother in the pandemic and my boyfriend's relative too. It was tough to focus day in and day out at home. I stayed strong with my faith in God and that's really the only thing that pulled me through."

Senior Raquel DaSilva said the pandemic, like it or not, will shape her generation in ways that will stretch years into the

"I think it's definitely changed our perspective in life on everything," she said. "I think it will help people appreciate the opportunities that are offered in school. Some school activities might have seemed boring or not worth the time before the pandemic, but I think we will be up for anything now and willing to participate in any opportunity because we know we could lose all opportunities overnight."

McKenzie Bova said

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Council President Matewsky makes grand re-entrance back

By Seth Daniel

Council President Wayne Matewsky visited death's door for certain after having a critical heart attack three months ago while on vacation in Florida, but it was a door he did not pass through and now has recovered and was on hand to re-assume his post and tell the tale.

On Monday night before the early City Budget special meeting, Council Interim President Anthony DiPierro introduced Matewksy back to the body, and relinquished

the seat back to Matewksy



Wayne Matewsky.

 where the long-time councilor relayed the harrowing tale of how he survived a major heart attack, recovered in Florida and at home, and discovered just how much he is appreciated in Everett.

He said he was in Ft.

Lauderdale at a motel he has stayed at for the past four years, going there for some rest and relaxation from the COVID pandemic and ended up having a major heart attack.

"I went to Florida for a rest and I was there eight days and the heart attack hit me," he said. "It was sudden. I had no chest pains but just couldn't breathe. Thank God there is a fire station right behind the motel. I actually went there to get away from sirens and trains, but thank God for that fire station. The day of the heart

attack, when I opened my

door and told the manager at the pool to call 9-1-1, that fire department was there in a minute, and they rushed me to Holy Cross Hospital. They saved my life. For two weeks I was in an induced coma from what I'm told."

Matewsky, 62, has spent the last month or more recovering at Spaulding Hospital in Cambridge, and had spent some time in Florida recovering and gathering strength for the trip back to Everett.

Once he got back to Everett, Matewsky said

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Parker will not run for re-election

By Seth Daniel

After more than 30 years in elected office, School Committee Chair Frank Parker shocked the Everett political circles on Monday by announcing he was withdrawing from the race for re-election to the Ward 3 School Committee seat.

Parker told the Independent on Monday afternoon that it was a personal decision to withdraw and spend more time with family - something that has come into focus for him this year after losing his mother to COVID-19 in January and having recovered from cancer himself just two years ago.

"I withdrew and I will not seek re-election," said Parker. "I had told my family that this was going to be my last term. When I pulled my Nomination Papers recently for another

term, they reminded me of that promise. After much deliberation with my family and the fact that I just lost my mother this year to COVID-19, I decided that after 30 years of service, it was time to focus on family.

"Also, last August, my best friend since fifth grade, Kenny Upton, passed away," he continued. "Kenny was always my unofficial campaign manager and I couldn't imagine knocking on doors and campaigning without him."

Parker, 61, has served on the School Committee for most of his years in elected office, but also served a 10-year stint on the old Common Council as well. On the Common Council, he was key in helping others like John Burley to push the enhanced recycling efforts -

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Council passes City Budget

By Seth Daniel

By a vote of 7-2, the Everett City Council voted in the \$218.96 million City Budget that will take effect starting on July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

The City Budget, including the Everett Public Schools budget, has been debated and reviewed in three public meetings over the last week, but did not get unanimous support from the entire Council. Councilors Jimmy Tri Le and Stephanie Martins were not present for the Budget votes.

Both Councilors Fred Capone and Gerly Adrien voted against the City Budget, and both gave their reasoning that the Budget was not complete and didn't focus on the right priorities. Both are also running for mayor against incumbent Carlo DeMaria.

Capone said he could not vote for the operating budget this year because none of his cuts were approved.

"As the case has been every other year, many of my proposed budget cuts failed to pass," said Capone after the meeting. "I couldn't vote for the operational budget in good conscience for that reason.

Councilor Gerly Adrien said she held several information sessions with residents about the City Budget, and felt it didn't have the proper priorities for the residents of Everett

"After much engagement and discussions with Everett residents, I will be voting 'no' on Mayor De-Maria's proposed budget for the city because it is not equitable," she said.

and was not equitable.

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McLaughlin announces for Ward Six School Committee

Michael J. McLaughlin announced his candidacy for Ward Six Everett School Committee. The following is his statement:

I am excited and humbled to announce my candidacy for Everett School Committee. It has been my deep desire to give back to a school system that taught and buoyed my siblings and me.

As a student growing up with an IEP, I understand the worry and frustration of parents who want the best services for their children and smaller class sizes.

I am calling on the District to make mental health for the students of Ever-

ett a priority. These chil-

dren have suffered great-

ly through the pandemic, and we must not forget that just because they will back in the classroom. Kids need to be integrated with a plan, and their emotional wellness will be my top priority.

I have a deep understanding of budgeting and have experienced the frantic and often disconnected budget process. I will prioritize working with the other stakeholders and committees to harmonize our efforts to improve Everett Schools, as well as work with faculty and I will ensure that we

build momentum towards diversity, equity, and in-

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Everett residents rallied around Mayor Carlo DeMaria from 9-10:30 a.m. on Saturday June 5, holding signs in Everett Square. More than 100 supporters showed up in support for the mayor's reelection campaign. It is a good problem to have when you have more people than signs, said the



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On hand to support Everett Community Growers and to purchase some fresh produce at the farm stand located at the old Everett High School at 548 Broadway during the recent ribbon cutting ceremony were Jeffrey Smith, Michele Capone, Colleen Garrity, Rebecca Garrity. Michelle Goudey and Fred Capone, candidate for mayor. Meanwhile, Capone reported that he and his volunteers have been canvassing all Everett neighborhoods in the past several weeks taking the message to the doorsteps. He is seen here campaigning door-to-door with his wife, Michele, last weekend.

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clusion in our schools so that scholars of all colors, creeds, abilities, and identities feel welcomed, heard, represented, and empowered for years to come. I will advocate for equitable promotion from within rather than seeking outside candidates for jobs in our schools while ensuring that current employees are, at the very minimum, granted interviews for advancement.

As an eight-year member of the city council, I have had a strong record of showing up, listening, and working every day to serve the residents of Everett. I will do no less on behalf of the over 7,000 children of the Everett Public School System. I will be a bridge-builder between city hall and the school's central administration which will lead to positive outcomes for all

voices of our community.

If you believe in my job as YOUR Ward Six Councilor for eight years, then I ask you to let me work for your children's education in 2022. My voice on the School Committee will always be YOUR seat at the table.

Please elect Michael J. McLaughlin as YOUR family's voice on the Everett School Committee.



Michael J. McLaughlin announced his candidate for Ward Six Everett School Committee.

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getting curbside recycling to Everett instead of having to drop off recycling at the DPW yard. However, it is his stint on the School Committee over the last two years - serving as vice chair and now chair - that he said have distinguished

Parker was one of the long-time members that stayed on after the former Supt. Fred Foresteire resigned and left the district in disarray and without a clear leader.

"I did stick around to rebuild and bring in a new way of thinking about public education in Everett," he said. "In a time of chaos in 2018, I'd like to think I stepped up to bring order and change for the better and brought on a new administration so Everett can move forward and be better. I can't lie, the last three years have been difficult. I am also not good at leaving politics at my front porch. So, it's time to move on and time for someone new to step up with fresh ideas. I'm 61 and my idea of technology in the classroom was a 21-inch black and white TV in the front of the room. This gives an opportunity for someone from the general public to run and try to chisel and hammer out the policies that will last us another 20 years...We need more good candidates for the

School Committee."

One of his signature pieces, he said, was instituting the Robotics program into the curriculum in 2018, a move that launched what is now an entire award-winning STEM program focusing on all kinds of science and engineering.

A big motivator besides losing his mother was actually surviving cancer two years ago when he was running for re-election in a heated battle with Robert Santacroce. Not many people know he overcame the disease, and he said he kept it quiet, but he also said it helped him understand the short time given in life.

"Two years ago in July when I was running for re-election, I was diagnosed with cancer," he said. "Not a lot of people knew that. Not only did I beat back a tough political opponent, but also I beat back cancer. I'm about to have my two-year checkup and I'm hoping it is clean again. So, really, the decision is about my health and my family."

With Parker's withdrawal, the race now focuses on the two declared candidates, Santacroce and Veterans Agent Jeanne Cris-

•COUNCILOR MC-LAUGHLIN PULLS PA-FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Almost a month ago,

Ward 6 Councilor Michael McLaughlin surprised a few folks when he announced he wouldn't run again for his City Council seat, and this week he turned a few heads when he announced his plans to run for the Ward 6 School Committee seat - now occupied by former School Committee Chair Tom

Abruzzese. McLaughlin said he was compelled to run for School Committee to give back to the district that helped he and his family get a great education after moving to Everett from Boston decades ago. That desire to give back, he said, is particularly true after the pandemic as the schools try to pick up the pieces after a year of remote learning.

"It has been my deep desire to give back to a school system that taught and buoyed my siblings and me," he said. "As a student growing up with an IEP, I understand the worry and frustration of parents who want the best services for their children and smaller class sizes.

"I am calling on the District to make mental health for the students of Everett a priority," he continued. "These children have suffered greatly through the pandemic, and we must not forget that just because they will back in the classroom. Kids need to be integrated with a plan, and their emotional wellness will be my top priority."

However, McLaughlin said one of his greatest strengths will be showing up and listening on all occasions, something he said he has done for years as a councilor and something he questioned whether his opponent does well.

"As an eight-year member of the City Council, I have had a strong record of showing up, listening, and working every day to serve the residents of Everett," he said. "I will do no less on behalf of the over 7,000 children of the Everett Public School System. I will be a bridge-builder between City Hall and the school's central administration, which will lead to positive outcomes for all voices of our community."

McLaughlin will likely be facing only incumbent Abruzzese, as it has been rumored that former member Bernie D'Onofrio will focus on the at-large School Committee race and not the Ward 6 race. D'Onofrio has pulled papers for both seats. Also, in this race, it will be the first time that the candidates will be seeking only voters in Ward 6, as the citywide vote for ward seats has been done away with.

Council does not override term-limit legislation veto

By Seth Daniel

The City Council failed to get the eight votes necessary to override a rare mayoral veto of new Term Limit legislation that had passed the Council two weeks ago, but was vetoed by Mayor Carlo DeMaria last week. Councilor Anthony DiP-

ierro had put forth the measure of Term Limits for all elected officials in Everett at the May 12 meeting, and it passed by a close vote of 7-2 – to the surprise of some. The measure was to take effect this Jan. 1, 2022, and would limit elected officials to 10 consecutive years served. It was to advance to the State Legislature as a Home Rule Petition to change the City Charter, but in a rare move not often used in municipal government, Mayor DeMaria vetoed the piece.

In a letter to the Council read on Monday night, DeMaria said he felt term limits were not necessary when councilors and School Committee members are elected every two years, and the mayor every four years.

"Regular elections give an opportunity for residents to voice their opinion on whether a candidate should represent them or not," he wrote.

"The current City Council is a perfect example of diverse candidates that were able to earn the vote of residents," he contin-

DiPierro said he stood by the piece, and he called for the Council to override the veto. That required an eight-vote supermajority, and with Councilor Stephanie Martins absent, that was a tall task.

"I know it's a surprise to some, but the mayor and I

do disagree from time to time," he said. "I still stand by my reasoning for requesting this. I understand his reason for opposing it." Councilor

Marchese said he does support the matter as well, and wanted it to go back retroactively and apply to those already serving, but was willing to take anything on the subject.

"I wanted it to go retroactively, but Councilor DiPierro said he could only get it to start after the election," he said. "I'll take any kind of term limits we can have. Diversity will come. As we move on, diversity will come."

Councilor Gerly Adrien said she supports term limits, but only if they are ret-"People are being given

an additional 10 years and are not really subject to the term limits," she said. Councilor Fred Capone

said he does support term limits, but does not support changing the charter without a vote of the people – a position he has consistently stated for the past 12 months when any Charter Change has been proposed. Councilor Michael Mc-

Laughlin said he approved of the term limit legislation, but Councilor John Hanlon agreed with Mayor DeMaria in opposing the idea on merit. The override vote failed,

in a 5-5 stalemate with eight votes needed to override and send the matter to the State House.

Those voting to override were Councilors Rich Dell Isola, Rosa DiFlorio, DiPierro, Marchese and Mc-Laughlin.

Those voting against the override were Councilors Adrien, Capone, Hanlon, Jimmy Tri Le, and Wayne Matewsky.

DiDomenico secures \$500K for FD

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently announced that he secured \$500,000 to provide training and resources to the Hazardous Materials Response Teams for the Everett, Cambridge, and Boston Fire Departments in the Senate Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

DiDomenico has been a longtime advocate of this funding in the state budget and has worked each year since the beginning of his career in the Senate to secure resources for Fire Departments in his district.

"This \$500,000 amendment I secured for our dedicated fire fighters is always at the top of my list of public safety priorities in our annual a state budget, and I'm proud to work with the Senate Committee on Ways & Means to ensure that this funding is included in our budget year after year," said DiDomenico. "Our firefighters are responding to extremely dangerous situations that not only impact the general public, but also their own health and safety as well. These resources will assist the HazMat Response Teams with their training and ensure that they have proper equipment to deal with emergencies that they encounter on the job.'

This is the fourth year in a row that Senator Di-Domenico has secured the amount of \$500,000 for the Hazardous Materials Response Teams in his district. This funding was secured in the Senate budget, and the Governor will sign the final budget this Summer after the Senate and House Conference Committees complete their work.

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Schena, Luigi M	43 Charlton St #B508	\$790,000
Tarzia, Michelle R	24 Corey St #402	\$455,000
Zidar, Mohamed	17 Irving St	\$535,000
Cifra, Paul J	59 Sammet St	\$660,000
Wright, Russell D	39 Villa Ave	\$580,000
Stearns Lending LLC	33 Waters Ave	\$565,000
Riehle, Erika K	120 Wyllis Ave #314	\$474,000
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After many hours and meetings on the Budget over the past weeks, no other councilors had any comments ahead of the

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he was glad to get the majority support of the Council, noting that

he believes it is fiscally responsible and serves the community. "I'm thankful for the support of the Everett City Council in passing the FY22 budget," said Mayor DeMaria. "The Ad-

ministration had worked

tirelessly to ensure that

the budget would not only

be fiscally responsible, but

also best serve our com-

anticipate a productive year.' Meanwhile, three other spending measures were also approved on Monday

munity. We appreciate

the Council's support and

night, with only Adrien voting against all four Budget spending items. Capone only voted 'no' on the main City Budget proposal. The Council voted 8-1

to approve the \$21.09 million Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and the \$21.03 million Water & Sewer Enterprise Budget.

Finally, the Council approved by a vote of 8-1 the ECTV budget of \$583,987.

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School holds annual commencement exercises

Staff Report

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School held its 16th annual Commencement Exercises on June 11 as 85 young men and women joined the ranks of alumni and became proud graduates in a ceremony on the Eastern Avenue turf. Samantha Tsang, a member of the Class of 2021, began the evening with a stirring rendition of the National Anthem. Valedictorian Jessica Li and Salutatorian Alexa Gibson addressed the crowd.

Following the awarding of diplomas by Director/Superintendent Mr. Alexander Dan, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Chris

Finn and Assistant Director Mr. Matthew Stone, each student received a copy of the United States Constitution and George Washington's Rules of Civility

Mr. Dan left the graduates with an inspirational and thought-provoking charge urging them to guard the truths they have been granted and to take the foundation they have acquired at Mystic Valley and build upon it.

Members of the class of 2021 combined to garner nearly \$1.4M worth of full or partial scholarships and direct-merit based grants.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

General Excellence in English: Rachel Sil-

va (Everett)

Effort Award in English: Janae Green (Ever-

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(Middlesex Community College)

Janae DyAnne Green (UMass-Lowell)

Conor William McKinnon (Umass-Lowell)

Bryant Gia Nguyen (Grinnell College)

Rachel Oliveira Silva (Northeastern University)

Crystal Hai Au Truong (UMass-Boston)



Mystic Valley Charter School held its 16th annual commencement exercises on June 11.

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he was touched at the outpouring of support from all of his colleagues – each of which he named and from residents and friends throughout the City. Some of his colleagues and his friends also visited him in Florida, such as DiPierro and Councilor Michael Marchese and Library Board member Edna Micelin.

He said he has gotten more than 400 cards in the

mail, baskets and gifts as well.

"I can't thank the people of Everett enough," he said. "I've never been sick in my life, but there were so many people who visited me or sent me notes to get well and I'll never forget it. I'm lucky to be alive and I mean that. I want to thank the membership of this Council. I didn't realize people appreciated me as much as they did.

When something this serious happens to you, you just really appreciate the kindness you receive."

Mayor Carlo DeMaria after the meeting sent out a statement welcoming Matewsky back to work.

"President Matewsky's return was a pleasant surprise on Monday evening," said Mayor DeMaria. "He gave us all quite a scare, but he has certainly come a long way and I look forward to continuing to serve the residents with him."

After telling his story, Matewsky didn't seem to miss a beat – launching into a Budget meeting and then conducting a full City Council meeting that went nearly three hours.

It was to the amazement of many in the Chambers and watching at home. Staff Report

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett will be enforcing the Public Nuisance ordinance to help control the noise in the neighborhoods of Everett as a result of increased noise complaints. Enforcement of this ordinance will be effective immediately.

Due to an increase in noise complaints throughout our community, the City of Everett will be increasing enforcement of our Public Nuisance ordinance," said Mayor DeMaria. "After hearing from residents, we must take serious action and enforce our ordinances to protect and preserve the peace and quiet in our

community. I am committed to maintaining the quiet enjoyment in the City of Everett."

City to begin enforcing Public Nuisance ordinance

As a reminder the following are violations of the ordinance:

•The playing of music, either live or prerecorded, between the hours of 10:00PM and 7:00AM in a manner that allows the music to be heard by anyone outside of your property

•At any time of the day, any act that causes a breach in someone's right to quiet enjoyment of their own property for example, loud music.

•Construction work be-

tween the hours of 9:00 PM and 7:00 AM unless authorized by the City.

Any and all complaints

should be made to Everett

Police Department by calling 911. All complaints should be followed up with an email to noise@ci.everett.ma.us for tracking and follow up purposes. Complaints will be addressed directly by Mayor DeMaria and the Everett Police Department.

The City is prepared to issue monetary fines which will be reflective of the egregiousness of the offense. The fines can be \$300 per visit by the Everett Police Department. Failure to pay these fines issues can and will result in a tax levy against the preparty.

The Everett Police Department will have adequate resources and equipment to respond to all calls received.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **Bread of Life mobile food pantry** at the Lafayette school in Everett needs volunteers to help distribute free groceries on Thursdays from 3 to 5pm. Call Charlene at 781-824-0564 or email charlene.wilson@breadoflifemalden.org The Bread of Life mobile food pantry distributes food to needy families every Thursday from 3 to 5pm at the Lafayette School in Everett.

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THE GUN CRISIS

The recent increase in mass shooting incidents across the country comes as no surprise to anyone with an ounce of common-sense.

The ease of purchase, and relatively low-cost, of assault-style weapons, particularly AR-15 semi-automatics with large-capacity magazines, makes it possible for anyone to become a mass murderer.

And make no mistake about it, the purpose of high capacity magazines in assault weapons is to reduce the time it takes to reload, thereby increasing the time in engaging the target, ensuring that a mass murderer can kill and maim large numbers of victims in a matter of

It is not a coincidence that the vast majority of mass

shootings occur in states with lax gun laws. Texas, Georgia, and other Southern states impose virtually no restrictions on the purchase and sale of these weapons that are designed to kill and maim as many people as quickly as possible.

Up to now, Massachusetts and many other states with stronger gun laws fortunately have been fairly insulated

However, that soon may change. It has long been the goal of the National Rifle Association and the gun lobby to invalidate what those groups consider to be restrictive gun laws in violation of the Second Amendment in every state. They want every citizen in the country to be able to buy whatever gun they want, whenever they want, and to be able to carry loaded firearms in public all the time and everywhere.

The NRA basically has adopted Archie Bunker-reasoning. (Archie's solution to solving the airplane hijacking problem of the 1970s was to give every passenger a gun when they boarded so that they could "get the drop" on the would-be hijacker).

The NRA's long-cherished dream of an AR-15 in every household took a big step forward two weeks ago with a decision by a federal judge striking down California's ban on the sale of assault-style weapons that has been in effect since 1989.

The judge began his opinion with these words: "Like the Swiss Army Knife, the popular AR-15 rifle is a perfect combination of home defense weapon and homeland defense equipment. Firearms deemed as 'assault weapons' are fairly ordinary, popular, modern rifles."

Obviously, even comparing an AR-15 to a Swiss Army Knife is ridiculous on its face -- we've never heard of a mass murderer using a knife as a weapon -but what in our view was really chilling was the judge's words stating that an AR-15 is useful as a "homeland defense weapon."

That wording mimics what the gun crowd (the type of guys who like to dress up in camouflage) sees as the principal argument in favor of lax gun laws: That ordinary citizens will need these weapons in order to defend our country against the possibility of a foreign invading

That argument likewise is nonsense, but it's what animates the gun types who like to play soldier -- and obviously was among the reasons for the judge's decision striking down the California statute.

The state is appealing this judge's ruling. Ultimately, this question will reach the U.S. Supreme Court. However, given the present make-up of the court, we would bet even-money that the court will strike down the California statute -- and when that happens, it will be open season on innocent Americans all across the country for mass murderers.

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GUEST OP-ED

Everett's evolving waterfront

By Mayor Carlo DeMaria

Over the last several years, the Everett Waterfront has undergone quite the transformation. From improving the water quality to creating more green spaces and waterfront recreation, Mayor DeMaria has remained committed to improving the city's environmental resources and creating more public access to the waterfront.

Most recently, the Is-

land End River was "daylighted," or freed from previously collapsed debris, which was causing severe flooding issues in the city. The river, which was one of the most polluted bodies of water in the Mystic River Watershed, now flows into an environmentally friendly stream and successfully raised its EPA rating from an F to a B-. Although this was only Phase 1 of a larger initiative, it has already greatly improved the visual appeal of the area.

If you've visited the Harborwalk at Encore, then you already know

about its beautiful waterfront, but you may not know exactly what went into making it that way. The process involved dredging pollutants and putting down clean sand, which helped marine life return to the waters. They also creating a living shoreline - one of only two in Massachusetts which is a more natural barrier versus a typically used seawall. What was once a contaminated Montesanto chemical plant has now become a major point of pride within the city.

Beyond the Harborwalk, you'll find a walking path to Gateway Park, which has further opened up previously inaccessible waterfront. Keep heading north and you'll find Rivergreen Park. A former GE site, this Malden River strip of land has been completely overhauled.

There are now more than two miles of shoreline available for public enjoyment, including playgrounds, parks, ballfields and a kayak and a canoe launch, which has Mayor, and became a reality last year thanks to a partnership with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA). But this is only the beginning... A vision plan is currently underway for a Riverwalk that will include many more amenities and improvements. Some ideas are a seating plaza at Gateway Park, a mooring field, an overlook pier, an additional kayak launch at Gateway mall and a seating area, a boardwalk, additional shade structures and improvements to Village Landing Park. A community boathouse and crew dock for the high school is also in the works at Rivergreen Park. Vegetation is being thinned for better views across the area, and there are plans for an extension of the Everett Riverwalk up to National Grid, ultimately connecting with the Malden Riv-

long been a goal of the

Everett's Fermentation District is another example of new waterfront accessibility. This up-andcoming neighborhood is home to several breweries and distilleries and will soon be the site of a new housing development. It has become a destination for both residents and visitors and has furthered Everett's stock as a desirable place to live.

At a recent public forum and the city's Earth Day celebration, the Mayor further discussed his Riverfront Development Plan, which was prepared by Shadley Associates and made possible by the MWRA and Friends of the Malden River. You can view the plan here: https:// fb.watch/5C8HKljT3u/.

As Mayor DeMaria remains focused on his vision of a fully restored waterfront and giving complete access of the river back to the people, it's safe to say that the development will only continue to make Everett a more beautiful, clean, and safe community for all.

Carlo DeMaria is the *Mayor of Everett.*

LETTERS to the Editor

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REINSTATEMENT OF SUNDAY MASS **OBLIGATION**

To the Editor,

"Without the Lord's day, we cannot live!" His Holiness, Pope Benedict, in his homily at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Vienna on September 9, 2007, quoted the Abitinian Martyrs, who during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. The martyrs responded to the magistrate: "Sine dominico non possumus!" - without the Lord's day, we cannot live! The Pope went on to say: "For these Christians, the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment, but an inner necessity. Without him who sustains our lives, life itself is empty. To do without or to betray this focus would deprive life of its very foundation, would take away its inner

dignity and beauty." Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021.

We are mindful of the Lord's statement: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20). While we certainly can pray alone, there is both strength and blessedness in communal prayer.

We do also note that attendance at Mass is our way of following the Third Commandment of the Decalogue: "Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy. For six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy." (Ex. 20:8,11)

We call to mind the many times we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there (Mt 13:54, Mk 1:21-28, Lk 4:16-30, Jn 6:22-59). It is a desire of every Christian to conform his or her life to the life of Jesus, and Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath.

Most significantly, receiving the Eucharist is the center of every Catholic life. The Lord commands us to take and eat, and to do it in memory of Him. (Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:14-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26, CCC 1324). The Eucharist is food for our difficult journev through life, filling us with joy and strengthening us to embrace our suffering. It transforms us from the inside out and creates a unity among us that is a strong witness to the whole world.

Therefore, it is with great confidence and trust in the Lord that we reinstate this Sunday Mass obligation. It has been a long, difficult year. People have experienced great pain and suffering throughout this pandemic. Loss of life has been immense. People continue to recover from the longterm effects of the coronavirus.

The heroes among us — our nurses, doctors, first responders and all medical professionals were a source of enormous comfort. Priests brought the Sacrament of the Sick to COVID patients. Now we are able to join together, remembering the lives changed and the sacrifices made. Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist.

In this year of Saint Joseph, who was always a faithful observer of the sabbath, we chose Father's Day as an appropriate day to encourage all of our people, and especially our families, to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap **Archbishop of Boston**

DEAR ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE EVERETT CITY COUNCIL

To the Editor,

Please allow me to introduce myself on the behalf of Everett High School's Student Advisory Council.

We are here to promote student voice, choice, and opportunities. We believe that a financial commitment to the students at Everett High School is a moral commitment because the students will eventually become future contributors to the economic elevation of the city, the torch bearers of equitable practices, and the advocates for diversi-

As we move into the next school year, we would like the School Committee and city of Everett to commit to a long term plan dedicated to the students of Everett. This plan should focus on ensuring that a variety of equitable opportunities are presented to all students across our district, positive culture diversity as well prioritizing the needs of students both academically and social/ emotionally with a deeper emphasis on college and career placement.

We will be adding new members this incoming school year, to make our council more efficient. As we further beat back COVID, we look forward to working with you live in person to the betterment of the entire school community.

We thank you all of your time and efforts in helping us all move forward collectively and we hope that this work may continue beyond it's given measures.

Dyna Louis **EHS Student Advisory Board Member Student Representative** Ex/Officio School **Committee Member**

Your opinions, please

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Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

~ Mayor Carlo and Mrs. Stacy DeMaria





 ${\bf Mayor\ Carlo\ DeMaria\ and\ Brendon\ Previllon.}$



Mayor Carlo DeMaria with Class President Ann Laurie Pierre and family.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Brendan Currie.



 ${\bf Mayor\ Carlo\ DeMaria\ with\ Andrea\ Rodriguez\text{-}Gomez}$



Mayor Carlo DeMaria with Everett first responders at the EHS graduation.



 ${\bf Mayor\ Carlo\ De Maria\ with\ Andrea\ Rodriguez\text{-}Gomez\ and\ family.}$



Mayor Carlo DeMaria with a EHS graduate and family.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria with Class President Ann Laurie Pierre

On the Red Carpet

The Class of 2021 rolled out the Red Carpet on Friday, June 4, for the culmination of Senior Week ahead of the June 9 in-person Commencement Exercises. Not being able to have a Prom, students were encouraged

to dress up in their very best and walk the red carpet to celebrate their senior year. City officials, School officials and organizations were on hand to greet students and present them with gifts to mark the occasion.



Christine Comeau walks the Red Carpet outside of Everett High.



Twins Macayla and Alyssa Bessler said they felt the Class of 2021 had closure in being able to return to school for a few weeks and have Senior Week/Graduation in person.



Melany Fagundes walks the Red Carpet after being interviewed for ECTV, while Raquel DaSilva looks on in the background.



Teacher Kim Auger gives a happy embrace to EHS Senior Gianna Stickney.

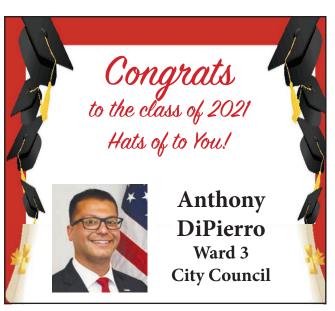


Keara Farrell, who was on the Field Hockey team, was excit-



McKenzie Bova sported a colorful pink gown and formal attire as she walked the Red Carpet on June 4.

Final Event...This groups of friends showed up well-dressed for their last Senior Week event and the conclusion of their very unique time in high school. (L-R) David Bermudez, Bryan DeSouza, Gianna Stickney, Logan Barrett, Alyssa Bessler, Macayla Bessler, and Cody





Graduation / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

she is very grateful to be able to graduate in a ceremony with her family. As the first in her family to graduate high school, not being able to have a ceremony was going to rob her, and her parents, of a very proud moment.

"I'm excited I'll be the first person to graduate high school in my family," said Bova, who noted she enjoyed and thrived in remote schooling. "My parents weren't able to finish high school so it's important to graduate and to be able to have them there with me. I wasn't sure if that was going to be able to happen until recently."

While most seniors said they remained remote even after being given the option to return to school this month, some decided to come back for the short period of time before the end of school.

Twin sisters Macayla and Alyssa Bessler said they chose to come back

in person, even though it

was only a short time, so

they could get some clo-

sure with friends, teachers

and even the school building they hadn't been to for 15 months.

"We talked about it and decided to return," said Alyssa. "We didn't know what it would be like. It was a transition and it wasn't long, but we were able to see for the first time a lot of people we hadn't seen in months."

Said Macayla, "We feel 100 percent that we got closure on our senior year. I feel like it was a difficult year to get through, but being able to come back and see friends and teachers and students we hadn't seen in such a long time. It helped to give the closure that maybe the seniors didn't get last year." Senior Marc Oliver said

there are a lot of things that will change for him, and he hoped that next year's seniors will have a better year than his class

"It is so awesome to be able to have a graduation," he said. "It's been a

hard year. This is my first

time doing virtual school.

I think it was pretty good.

I'm still in a bit of shock by it, but I appreciate the staff and all they did. They did a very good job. I hope the next seniors can have a better year. One thing I will take with me is even though they lifted the ban on masks, I'll probably still continue to wear a mask at times because I think it prevents you from getting a lot of illnesses like the flu."

Oliver said while there are a lot of things they missed out on, he said having a Senior Week and graduation brought back some of the spirit and enthusiasm he remembers from other graduating classes that came before the pandemic. "I didn't really think I'd

be able to have graduation, but when I found out I was so happy to be able to come and I think the other students should look forward to it," he said. "Even though it's different, and things have been difficult, it's still the same spirit and enthusiasm."

On the Red Carpet



Music Director Gene O'Brien, Nelia Braga and Principal Erik Naumann.



Councilor Stephanie Martins speaks with EHS Senior Dalens Jean.



Everett Teachers Association Vice President Peter Lahey and President Kim Auger wait to greet seniors.



EHS Senior David Matthias, Councilor Stephanie Martins, EHS Senior Brendon Previlon, his sister (EHS Sophomore) Raeliyah Previlon and Grandmother Marie Cazzeau.



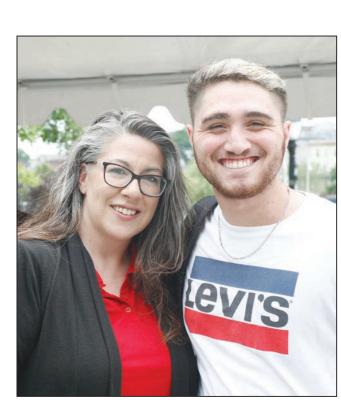
Dressed immaculately from head to toe, EHS Senior Marc Oliver visited the various booths at the Red Carpet.



Jayson Abruzzese, School Committeeman Tom Abruzzese, Supt. Priya Tahiliani and School Committeeman Marcony Almeida-Barros.



EHS Senior Devin St. Fleur gives the peace sign as he walked the Red Carpet with his friend, Louie Phillippe.



School Committeewoman Samantha Lambert with EHS Senior Kelvin Alves-Nunes.



Councilor Fred Capone, EHS Senior Ayush Joshi and Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Multi-talented EHS Senior Darren Pierre – a celebrated visual artist and clothing designer - can also sing! At the Red Carpet event, Pierre picked up the mic and gave an impromptu concert to the delight of all his class-



EHS Seniors Kaia Moise, and Sarah Novack paused for a photos with State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Councilor Stephanie Martins, School Committeewoman Samantha Lambert, Supt. Priya Tahiliani, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Special Education Director William Donohue, EPS Director of Human Resources Francesse Canty, Adeleine Celestin of EPS, Asst. Supt. Kevin Shaw and State Rep. Joe McGonagle.



Hats off to the Class of 2021

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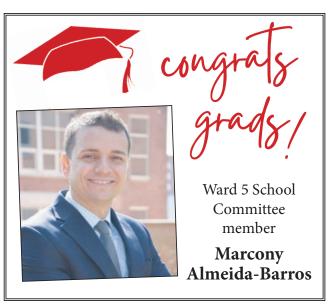
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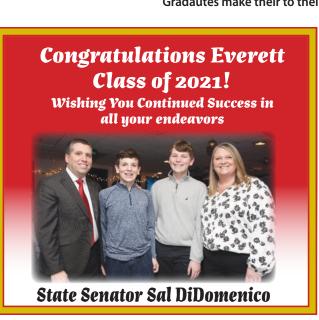
The procession makes its way into the stadium.



Gradautes make their to their seats for the cememony to proceed.

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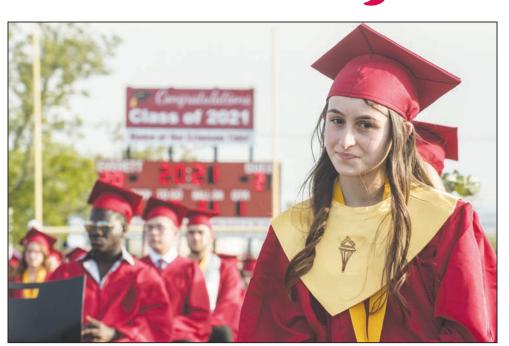






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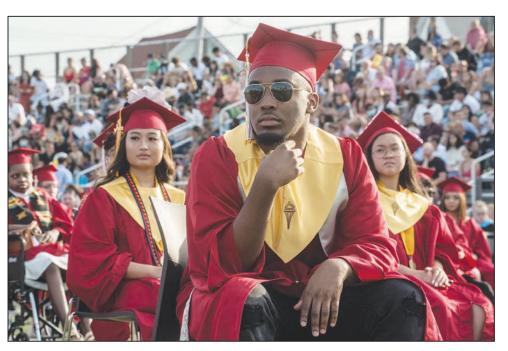
Graduation



Graduate Keara Farrell listens as Tina Nguyen gives the Salutatorian Address.



Graduate Melany Fagundes holds her honor graduate medal.



Graduate Edwin François listens as Tina Nguyen gives the Salutatorian Address.



Graduate Mimi Lee reacts as her name is read on the list of recipients of the Perfect Attendence Award.



Graduate Ghustin Boyce can hardly contain his excitement.



Graduate Nam Trang applauds.



Glendale Court

Graduate Rebecca Covelle is enjoying her day.

Whitney Lorenti House



The Everett High School A Cappella Choir, conducted by Ms Nadia Monti, sings the National Anthem.







Graduation



Tina Nguyen gives the Everett HS Salutatorian Address.



 $Karen\ Portillo\ gives\ the\ Valedictorian\ Address\ "Keep\ Moving\ Forward".$



Karen Portillo's fellow Everett HS graduates applaud her Valedictorian Address.



Everett HS Class President Ann Lairie Pierre speaks to the gathering.



Everett Mayor Carlo DeMAria speaks.



Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico speaks.



Massachusetts State Representative Joseph McGonagle speaks.



Everett School Superintendent Priya Tahiliani speaks.







Graduation



Everett HS graduate Isadora Pimenta radiates her joy after receiving her diploma.



Graduate Molly Fiddler shows off her diploma.



Karen Portillo is presented with a the Rotary Valedictorian Award by Dr Andrea Tringali.



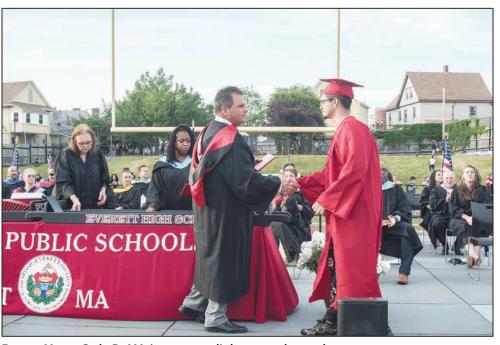
Everett HS Class President Ann Lairie Pierre receives assistance from Everett School Committee member Frank Parker in holding her banner calling for togetherness through equality high.



Everett HS graduate Ali Foutain hugs his mom Michelle Siriani after leaving the podium.



 $\label{lem:energy} \textbf{Everett Mayor Carlo DeMAria presents diplomas to the graduates}.$



Everett Mayor Carlo DeMAria presents diplomas to the graduates.



Everett HS graduate Ashley Fitzgerald cheers her fellow graduates on.



Graduate Aolani Rouse is enjoying her day.



Everett HS graduate Sarah Novack adorned her cap with a dragon character from her favorite anime show "Fairy Tale".

Graduation



 $\label{thm:equal_problem} \textbf{Everett HS graduate Erminia Palma (center) with her parents Juan and Eloisa.}$



Graduate Edwin François listens as Tina Nguyen gives the Salutatorian Address.



Everett HS graduate Adriana Rosenstein and Coach Dani Gagnon.



Everett HS graduate Brandon Gibbs (center) with family showing off the flags of his herritage, Barbados and Puerto Rico.



Gratuate Rosekeana Beauplan says farewell to Everett HS ESL teacher Sandy Nilson.



Now former class mates greet each other after the ceremony ends.



There was much emotion as friends now will set off in their lives.



Two friends take a quick selfie togther to share their achievment on social media.



Now former classmates greet each other after the ceremony ends.



Scholarships

Amerino J. "Moody" Sarno Memorial Award Recipient: Nery Matias Scholarship Recipient: Josaiah Stewart

Anette Cadet Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Hesham Belqaid

Angelo & "Buddy" DiMott Memorial

Scholarship Recipient: Samy Lamothe

Arnold Plotnick Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Davino Kuilan

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cipients: Keara Farrell, Katrina Nguyen Benjamin Whitcomb Family Music

Scholarship Recipients: Melissa Cine, Fiorella Ventura

Cassidy Curran, Gianna Stickney

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Christopher Daniel Brienza, EHS

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cipient: Ashley Fitzgerald

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DiDomenico Foundation Scholarship Recipient: Melissa Cine

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Recipient: Alexa Stevens Dr. Peter and Donna Masucci and the Joint Committee for Children's Health

Care in Everett Scholarship Recipients

Elizabeth McNeil Scholarship Fund Recipient: Mihret Amare

Mihret Amare, Keara Farrell

EHS Alumni Advocating Academic Achievement Recipients: Mihret Amare, Ann Laurie Pierre

EHS Class of 1978 Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Ann Laurie Pierre

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Everett Backman Scholarship Recipient: Maha Melicio

Everett Crimson Tide Pop Warner Scholarship Recipient: Donrae Richard-

Everett Firefighters Union IAFF Local 143 Memorial Scholarship Recipients:

Molly Fidler, Erminia Palma Portillo Everett High School Golden Graduate

Scholarship Recipient: Bryan De Souza

Everett High School PTO Scholarship Recipients: Mihret Amare, Julie Do, Ashley Fitzgerald, Katrina Nguyen, Isa-

dora Pimenta Everett High School Theatre Company Performance Excellence Scholarship

Recipient: Bryan DeSouza Everett Police Betterment Association

Everett Police Superior Officers' Award Recipient: Madison Smith

Everett Public Schools Custodians Scholarship Recipients: Gianni LaMonica, Donrae Richardson, Kaleigh Snook

Everett Teachers' Association Scholarship Recipients: Isabella Blauvelt, Josh Chaves, Matthew Chaves, Cleo Murphy, Tyler Murphy, Zachary Murphy, Donrae Richardson, Kaleigh Snook, Alexa Stevens, Gianna Stickney

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Joey LoRusso Memorial Fund Scholarship Recipient: Adrian Figueroa

Joseph Arthur Curnane Jr. Memorial Scholarship Recipients: Julie Do, Thomas O'Shea III

Scholarship Recipient: Regine Georges Joseph B. Harris and Eileen H. Harris

Joseph "Bob" Cardello Memorial

Memorial Scholarship Award Recipient:

Brandon Gibbs

Joseph J. Pagano Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Isadora Pimenta

Joseph (Joey)Rainone, Forever 22, Memorial Scholarship, by the EHS Class of 1989 Recipient: Cassidy Curran

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Recipients: Carla Berciano, Adia Bond, Cassidy Curran, Donrae Richardson Kiwanis Club of Everett Awards

Kiwanis Club Award Recipients: Mihret Amare, Keara Farrell, Anadia Osorio, Donrae Richardson, Kaleigh Snook, Alexa Stevens

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Seth Osorio

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Kiwanis Club of Everett /Frank E. Woodward Scholarship Award Recipient Katrina Nguyen

Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Michelle Pham

The Ersilia Humanitarian Award Recipient: Raquel DaSilva

The Ersilia Service Award Recipient: Ashley Fitzgerald

Lafayette School PTO Scholarship Recipients: Ineda Bresha, Keara Farrell, Rose-Edgaina Jean Pierre, Ann Laurie Pierre, Alexa Stevens

Lawrence Harvard Davis Leadership Award Recipient: Adia Bond

Leonard F. Piazza Memorial Scholarship Recipients: Joshua Chaves, Ashley Fitzgerald, Thomas O'Shea III, Kaleigh Snook, Gianna Stickney

Let's Give Back Scholarship Recipient: Anadia Osorio

Louis M. Ponderoso Scholarship Fund,

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ship Recipient: Keara Farrell Madeline English School PTO Schol-

arship Recipients: Marc-Oliver Bazile, Isabella Blauvelt, Marcda Pierre, Johnny Torres

Madeline "Maddy" English Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Kaleigh Snook

Marie & Victor DeRubeis Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Kaleigh Snook

Mary and Phineas Tobe Memorial Scholarship Recipients: Kiara Cruz, Tyler Huynh, Tina Nguyen, Ann Laurie Pierre, Karen Portillo

Mayor's Future Community Leadership Scholarship Recipients: Maha Melicio, Erminia Palma Portillo, Oscar Sego-

Michael Strianese Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Kaleigh Snook

Mrs. Hanlon's Kindness Scholarship Recipient: Ann Laurie Pierre

Noreen Colannino Memorial Scholar-

ship Recipient: Jamily Pimenta

Matthew Chaves

Edwin Francois

Parlin School PTO Scholarship Recipients: Lesly Benitez, Joshua Chaves,

Patrolman Glen G. Briley Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Gustavo Aguiar

Recipient: Isabella Blauvelt

Paul Maged Memorial Scholarship

Principal Edward Leo Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Tyrese Baptiste

Richard Aliberti Memorial Scholar-

ship Recipients: Lize Jeune, Christian

Robert Carreiro Memorial Scholarship Recipients Imane Bouhou, Nam Tran,

Robie A. MacLaughlin Memorial Scholarship Recipients: Erminia Palma Portillo, Marcda Pierre

Rose & Leone D'Assisi Memorial Scholarship Recipients: Adia Bond, Carla Berciano

Rotary Club of Everett Scholarship Recipients: Vitoria Fantin, Emily Huynh, Dayana Juarez Ponce, Gianna Morales, Erminia Palma Portillo, Kiaura Santilus, Victor Santos, Giulia Sousa, Vivian Vu-Le, Vivica Vu-Le

Rotary Club of Everett Awards:

Salvatore J. Rauseo, Everett High School, Class of 1956, Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Kaleigh Yurko

Saugus - Everett Lodge of Elks # 642 Scholarship Recipients: Mihret Amare, Camden Burton, Ashley Fitzpatrick, Erminia Palma Portillo, Isadora Pimenta, Donrae Richardson, Kaleigh Snook, Alexa Stevens, Nam Tran

arship Recipient: Juvens Louis

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The Samer Mustafa Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Imane Bouhou

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cipient: Julie Do Whittier School PTO Scholarships

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cipient: Mimi Le, Fiorella Ventura Winifred LeVine Sawyer Memorial

Scholarship Recipient: Molly Fidler

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Zonta Club of Chelsea Northshore Scholarship Recipient: Lesly Benitez

Commander Daniel Grittie Award for Everett High School students going into the Military Recipients: Bidley Victor, Gustavo Costa Azevedo





OBITUARIES

Diane Totten

Retail management contractor/consultant who will affectionately be remembered for her caring, generous and thoughtful ways

Diane (Longfield) Totten passed away Friday, June 11 after living with metastasized recurrent breast cancer.

Diane was the loving wife of Vietnam Navy veteran, masonry instructor and business owner, John R. Totten of Cape Cod and

She was born and raised in East Boston, attended Boston Public Schools and graduated from Pope John XXIII High School in Everett. She was an excellent student and was actively involved in many extracurricular activities, including Junior Achieve-

Diane was a hard worker. She often worked two jobs, beginning employment at Liberty Market, East Boston, where she promoted several times before graduating high school.

Diane earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology, summa cum laude, from Framingham State College. Following a vocation in the travel industry, she transitioned into a career in Consumer Relations and Human Resources and further pursued her studies in business and law. In later years, as a management contractor/consultant, Diane partnered with senior decision-makers of major corporations and start-up companies. She also assumed operations of her husband's seasonal contracting business.

Diane was well-liked and had many interests. She was a former member of the Boston Ski and Sports Association and Ski Wheelers. She had a passion for musical theater and dance, both as a patron and performer. In her quiet moments, she enjoyed writing.

Diane relocated sever-



al times before residing on Cape Cod, in the Boston area and on the South Shore with her husband, John, sharing with him her fondness for travel, big band music and ballroom

Diane will affectionately be remembered for her caring, generous and thoughtful ways.

Diane's parents were the late Wilbert "Bill" Longfield and Anne J. (Rigano) Longfield of Cambridge, formerly of East Boston. Her sister was the late Julie Longfield of Revere and East Boston. She is survived by her brother, "Chuck" Longfield and his wife, Susie Mees-Longfield of Cambridge, niece, Kate and nephews, Tim and Matt Longfield, plus many loving cousins.

Family and friends will honor Diane's life by gathering in the Short, Williamson & Diamond Funeral Home, 52 Trapelo Road, Belmont on Thursday, June 17 from 3 to 7 p.m. and again at 9 a.m. Friday before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Church, 770 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in her honor at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at the Mt. Auburn Cemetery, 580 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge. Services are smoke and fragrance free.

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Conrad Lattanzi

Past Commander of Saugus VFW and member of the Knights of Columbus

Conrad A. Lattanzi of Everett entered into eternal rest on Thursday, June 10. He was 90 years old. Born in Mal-



den, he was a lifelong resident of Everett and a graduate of Everett High School,

class of 1950. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and served for four years during the Korean Conflict. Conrad enjoyed working on cars as an auto mechanic for many years both on the job and for family and friends. He then went on to work as a service writer in the automotive industry. He was the Past Commander, Saugus VFW, Post 2346 and a member of the

Knights of Columbus. The beloved husband of Eileen M. (Surette) for over 61 years, he was the dear and devoted father of Robert and his wife, Susan of Belchertown, Karen Charette and her husband, Frank of Dracut, Gary of Everett and Joanne Gustin and her husband, Doug of Tewksbury; brother of the late Andrew Lattanzi; loving grandfather of Kristyn and Matthew Lattanzi, Courtney Shaughnessy, Kyle FitzGerald, Jake and Trinity Gustin and



great-grandfather of Mia, Joshua and Raya Shaugh-

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Conrad's visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett, Thursday, June 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. His funeral will be from the funeral home on Friday at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, 487 Broadway, Everett, at 10 a.m. Interment with U.S. Air Force Military Honors will be in the Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. Contributions in Conrad's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants

Joan Beraldi

on duty.

Retired electronics technician, school bus driver

Joan A. Beraldi, a longtime resident of Revere, passed away on June 12, just weeks before her 86th birthday.

Joan was born in Cambridge on July 4, 1935 to the late Walter and Josephine Trokiel. The family moved from Cambridge to Revere in 1950.

Joan worked as an electronics technician in the Greater Boston area. After retirement, she worked as a school bus driver taking special needs children to school. She enjoyed the relationships that she developed with many of the children and their parents and looked forward to

greeting the kids each day. Joan enjoyed many activities and hobbies. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing delicious meals with portions that were large enough to feed twice as many people than were seated at the table. Every holiday was like Thanksgiving. She also enjoyed taking an occasional break from cooking to eat at restaurants with family and friends, which was often an adventure for those at the table because of her high expectations of the quality of the cooking. She was passionate about animals and had many toy poodles as pets, including her favorite, Toby.

She always kept a full bucket of peanuts on hand to feed the squirrels and birds. She traveled to various parts of the world, such as a trip with her daughter to Spain and another trip to Dubai to visit her grandson and his family. She enjoyed close-by trips with friends to local casinos. Finally, she enjoyed spending time out-



doors planting flowers and various types of trees.

She was predeceased by her late husband Joseph L. Beraldi. Joan is survived by her son, Robert J. Palermo of Revere, and her Deborah A. daughter, Belfiore and her husband, Joseph Belfiore of Hampton, NH; her grandsons: Robert J. Palermo Jr. and his wife, Renee M. Palermo of Caledonia, Michigan, and Matthew P. Palermo and his wife, Yulia Palermo of Dubai, UAE, She also leaves behind four great-grandchildren: Jadyn, Briella, Aleksandra and Ander Palermo, who she enjoyed spending time with on Facetime.

A Funeral Mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, June 16 at Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere. Following the services at Saint Anthony's Church, she will be interred at the Puritan Lawn Cemetery in Peabody. The burial service will be private for immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, given her affection for animals, donations may be made to the Animal Rescue League of Boston or a charity of your choice. For guest book please visit www. buonfiglio.com.

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Roger Purrington

Retired US Army Chief Warrant Officer 3

Roger Purrington of Gloucester, VA, formerly of Wayland, MA, passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer on June 13 at the age of 61. Roger proudly served

country his in the United States Army and retired after 20 years as a Chief Warrant Officer

3. He enjoyed projects around the house and gardening. Roger was a big football fan and his favorite team was the Denver Broncos. He will be sorely missed by all who knew

Born in Wayland on March 7, 1960 to the late Fredrick and Mary (Haley), he is survived by his loving mother, Dorothy Sulik and her husband, Jack of Stoneham, dear son in law of Paul and Mary Buonfiglio of Revere; beloved husband of Jennifer (Buonfiglio) Purrington, loving father of Ryan and Jay Purrington of Virginia and Ashley Grace of South Carollina; adored grandfather of Charles, Warren and Korra; caring brother of Martha Langan and her husband, Paul of South Carolina, Christopher Purrington of Colorado and the late Jay and Sarah



Purrington. He also leaves behind his dearest friends, Stacey Foley and Jana Hagood. He was the loving nephew of the late Eleanor "Ellie" Adgate and is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

His Funeral will be held from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Friday, June 18 at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A visitation will be held on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. Private Interment. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Roger's name to Gloucester, VA Fire Department, P.O. Box 1417, Gloucester, VA 23061 or at gyfrs. org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com



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Wednesday, June 30, 2021, starting at 6:00PM., Peter J. Mc-Carron Memorial Chambers, City Hall 3rd Floor 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 20149. The amendment proposes the creation of a new destination

district on the east side of Broadway, across from the Encore Boston Harbor Resort. To create the destination district, the amendment proposes land use changes within a portion of the plan area east of Broadway, the modification of the plan boundary to include an additional parcel of land, the identification of four parcels for potential acquisition, and associated public improvements in the plan area.

A draft of the amendment is available on the City of Everett website, www.cityofeverett.com, and at the City Clerk's Office at 484 Broadway, Room 10, Everett City Hall between 8:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. on Monday and Thursday, and 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

June 16, 2021

CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

> **Mystic Side Congregational Church 422 Main Street** Everett, MA

Immaculate Conception Parish

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Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar;

Secretary Barbara Can-

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows: Saturday (Sunday Vig-

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il) 4 p.m., Sunday a.m.,

Community 4 p.m. Haitian Commu-

nity Masses are being held in

the Chapel. Eucharistic Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Each Thursdays' adoration

News and Notes

will conclude the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend a few moments with Our

Blessed Lord

Book - We have a new Fundraiser Program in the back of the Church. It's called Bring a Book-Buy a Book. All books are a dollar and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. Brink a Book and Buy a Book and make a donation. Our selections are great and varied. Please stop by the table and see what we have. Thank you

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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Senior Pastor Bishop Robert G. Brown will be hosting Virtual Masses to bring the people together, spiritually while they can't physically. Their virtual sanctuaries can be accessed via their facebook page, "Zion Church Ministries."

For more information, they can be reached online at zionchurchministries.com or via email at office@zionchurchministries.com

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

9:30 p.m.

Glendale United Methodist Church is open to all and we welcome people of all faiths, race, nationalities and sexual preference. No one is ever turned away. If you are looking for a new home church, we would like you to check us out and let us know what we can do to make church a better fit in your life.

Bible Study: Consider joining us for Bible study on Sunday. We meet in the Church Parlor off the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00 Sponsor the bulletin! For

a \$5 donation, you can dedicate the Sunday bulletin to recognize family, friends, or special occasions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Pastor's study. Feel free to choose your particular week and leave a copy of your dedication in the mail in that is on the Pastor's door. Please contact the Pastor if you have any questions.

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This outreach is being done to honor the United Methodist Women's Group, who for so many years were our outreach source. Please bring any food item(s) to church and place in the box located on the altar. We are on the Internet

http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org **Glendale United Methodist Church Pastor David Jackson** 392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers) Please enter the church by the driveway on **Walnut Street** 617-387-2916 PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com **Pastor's Office Hours:** Saturdays 10 a.m. to

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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

erett is a new church for for our newsletter and see Everett that will begin meeting in 2021. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at www.for-

Church at the Well Ev- everett.church to sign up how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network www.everettcan.com to request any additional help.

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all. There are 3 services on

Sundays: 10 a.m. English, 1 p.m. South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3 p.m. Haitian Cre-Come all and let us walk

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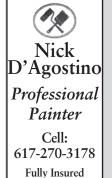
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Pioneer Charter School of Science's graduation showcases the diversity of its senior class

Pioneer Charter School of Science (PCSS) I in Everett and PCSS II in Saugus celebrated the schools graduating classes last Thursday evening in a combined ceremony at Rivergreen Park in Everett. Under threatening skies, but luckily just a passing light shower, the 103 seniors (53 from PCSS I and 50 from PCSS II) celebrated their collective journey through academic challenges, social growth and a worldwide pandemic that interrupted their junior and seniors years - and looked ahead to the next chapter in their lives.

Nearly every student is off to college, earning more than \$9 million in scholarships and grants.

The class of 2021 received more acceptances to Ivy League Schools than any other class in the school's history. Some students will stay in New England, with a few matriculating to institutions like Brandeis, Dartmouth, Boston University and Northeastern, while others will travel all over the country to attend Stanford, UPenn and Cornell.

Melissa Gonzalez, of Revere, was PCSS I Valedictorian, and will be headed to Dartmouth to study biological sciences. Norah Asemota, of Lynn, was PCSS II Valedictorian, and will be majoring in finance at Stanford University. Harman Singh, of Everett, was PCSS I Salutatorian, and expects to attend Wentworth Institute of Technology to study computer engineering, and Misato Chinchilla, of Lynn, was PCSS II Salutatorian, and will go on to Cornell University to study atmospheric sciences.

"The Class of 2021 has been tested on so many levels, they are ready for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead," said Barish Icin, PCSS Chief Executive Officer. "We are proud of their resiliency and of all they have accomplished in their time at PCSS. We have high expectations for them as they continue on the road to college and careers."

The ceremonies also highlighted the school's diversity. The graduating class has ties to a dozen countries and 75% are students of color; 64% of them have a second home language.

Dr. Lynette Tannis, an adjunct lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, delivered an inspirational commencement address. She is the author of Educating Incarcerated Youth: Exploring the Impact of Relationships, Expectations, Resources and Accountability and is recognized as a juvenile justice education expert and an expert on school leadership and literacy. Her work as an adjunct lecturer, researcher, and independent education consultant focuses on ensuring all children - free or incarcerated - receive the free high-quality public education they deserve.

The ceremony marked the end of a tumultuous year due to COVID-19, but also provided reasons to celebrate the school's achievements. PCSS I and II were featured by U.S. News and World Report in its annual 'Best High Schools' ranking. PCSS I ranked 17th in Massachusetts among 365 high schools and PCSS II ranked 4th. PCSS II was also recognized as one of the top 200 high schools in the nation.

PCSS II was selected as the winner of the pres-



Everett students from PCSS I and II graduated in a ceremony on Tuesday evening, June 10, at RiverGreen Park in Everett. Pictured are - Daniela Bonilla Lopez, Diana Cartagena Santos, John Cartagena Santos, Gaelle Castor, Sophia Cavalcante, Joanne Charles, Laure-Isabelle Cherilus, Emily Coelho, Amanda De Oliveira Fernandez, Isabella Fernandez Gomez, Nicholas Fonseca, An Huynh, Kareem Kitmitto, Victoria Lacerda, Sarah Lasri, Maelle Laurent, Trinity Montina, Jessica Pham, Ryane Ribeiro, Biance Ribeiro-McCray, Wilande Sanon, Roberto Santiago, Aria Selimovic, Harman Singh, Nathan St. Fort Colin, and Bianca Sylvestre.

tigious Pozen Prize for Innovative Schools by the Boston Foundation. The award recognizes sustained academic excellence and innovation.

PCSS's curriculum focuses on developing strong math and science skills and many of the graduates plan to pursue careers in math and science. The students must pass 5 math and 5 science classes in order to graduate. Students must also complete 40 hours of community service. The school has a 195-day school

calendar, extended days (7:30 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.), tutoring until 4:30, and voluntary Saturday classes for students who need extra help. MCAS scores have consistently shown PCSS students surpassing both state and district averages

in all subjects and grades.

PCSS I, located in Everett, serves students in Grades PreK-12 from several communities North of Boston, including Everett, Chelsea, Lynn, Revere, Malden and Medford.

EHS Roundup

EHS SOFTBALL TEAM BLASTS ENGLISH, 12-2

The Everett High softball team put it all together in a 12-2 win over Lynn English last Thursday.

Celeste Fuccillo pitched all seven innings, allowing just three hits, while fanning 15 enemy hitters and walking only two.

The Lady Crimson Tide took control of the contest in the opening inning, scoring seven runs thanks primarily to a combination of walks and Lynn English errors

Everett added three more tallies in the third.

Emma Longmore drew a walk, followed by a hit from lead-off batter Kayley Rossi (who was 2-for-3 on the day). Haley Oteri, who had three hits, then delivered both teammates across the plate with a base hit.

In the fourth, after Ashley Fitzgerald reached on an error, Fuccillo, who helped her own cause with two base hits, then singled into the outfield. Both moved up on a groundout by Kailyn Seward and scored when Kaleigh Snook singled into the outfield.

English avoided a mercy rule ending when it pushed across two runs in the fifth for the 12-2 finale.

Everett then competed in the Greater Boston League tournament that was held at St. Mary's field in Revere. After a rainout on Saturday, the Lady Crimson Tide, who were 4-2 during the regular season in the GBL, took on the Lynn Classical Lady Rams on Sunday afternoon.

Classical jumped out to a 7-0 lead after two innings, scoring four runs in the first (on just two hits, but three Everett errors) and three more in the second, with another Everett fielding miscue extending the Classical at-bat.

However, at that point both EHS pitcher Fuccillo and the Everett defense settled down and shut out Classical, the top-seeded team in the GBL, the rest of the way. The Everett offense

came to life in the fifth, scoring four runs. Longmore started the rally with a one-out base hit. After Bryanna Mason sac bunted Emma over to second, Rossi drew a walk and Oteri beat out a grounder to load the bases with two out.

Maddy Smith delivered

a single up the middle, knocking in Longmore, and Macayala Bessler

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brought in Rossi and Oteri with another hit up the middle. Alyssa Bessler made it 7-4 with a base hit to score Smith, but that would prove to be as close as the Lady Crimson Tide would get.

"We fought back in the fifth inning, but just came up short at the end," said EHS head coach Stacy Schiavo. "Take out the first inning and we were right there with them."

Schiavo and her crew were scheduled to host Classical yesterday (Tuesday) for the delayed Senior Day festivities.

ROSE PIERRE IMPROVES TO 4-1 FOR THE SEASON

Rose Pierre, the number one player for the Everett High girls tennis team, improved her personal record to 4-1 with a victory in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1, over her Lynn English counterpart last Thursday.

Although Pierre's was the only winning match on the day for the Lady Crimson Tide, coach Courtney Meninger's squad battled fiercely in the other matches.

Alanna O'Brien and Hanadie Laabadla played some hard-fought sets against their English foes in the other singles matches, but came up short. At first doubles, the duo

of Yasmine Laabadla and Luisa DaSilva also fought hard before succumbing to their English opponents. At second doubles, Kirtsy Hall made her varsity debut alongside Aline Silva. The Greater Boston

The Greater Boston League tournament is set for Wednesday in Somerville in which each school will send its top-singles player and first doubles teams.

EHS BASEBALL TEAM TOPS CLASSICAL, 10-7 The Everett High base-

ball team jumped on Lynn

eventually building a 9-0 lead, and then held on for a 10-7 victory last week.

Brandon Currie, Matthew Turilli, and Brian Gibbs all contributed key hits to the early Everett offensive barrage. Turilli

Classical for six runs in

the first inning, en route to

was able to throw a complete game, slamming the door on a Classical comeback that was aided by some EHS fielding miscues.

In a contest later in the week against Malden, coach Joel Levine's squad mounted a comeback

mounted a comeback against the Golden Tornadoes, overcoming an early 5-1 deficit with a four-run outburst in the seventh inning, but then fell short in extra innings, 6-5.

The Crimson Tide had a

The Crimson Tide had a golden opportunity to pull ahead in the seventh with a runner on third with no outs, but were unable to push across the go-ahead

Malden won the game thanks to a bases-loaded walk with two outs in the bottom of the ninth.

Sophomore Alex Velasco led the Crimson Tide offensively with two hits, while also coming onto the mound in relief in the second inning before having to be taken out due to pitch count in the ninth.

"I was proud of the way our kids fought back," said Levine. "There have been many games this year where we can point to one or two plays defensively, or a situation offensively where we couldn't get a run in, that have swayed the results in the close games we have played. We are a young team and the future is bright for these kids."

Earlier in the week, the

Tide battled well in an 8-3 loss to Lynn English. Everett led most of the way, but the Bulldogs rallied for six runs in the sixth to claim the win.

Freshman Justin Long-

more shut down the English offense for most of the game, but needed to exit the game because of the pitch count. Senior captain Brandon Gibbs led the way for the Tide offensively, scoring all three of the Everett runs.

The Crimson Tide finished up the regular season with a 2-6 record, but will opt into the state tournament to gain experience for the younger players.

