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EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA



Kids collected eggs at Everett Memorial Stadium during the Everett Crimson Tide hosted an Easter Egg Extravaganza at Everett Memorial Stadium, hosted by the Everett Crimson Tide. See Page 6 for more photos.



Karizma Hoskyns high-fived the Easter Bunny.



Irya Shrestha and Saina Musyajy posed with the Easter Bunny.

Tahiliani speaks at council, seeking new school support

By Stephen Quigley

"We are in dire need of space."

That was the message that Superintendent of Everett Public Schools Priya Tahiliani delivered to City Councilors at Monday's night meeting when she asked them to vote in favor of sending a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the

construction of a new Everett High School.

The message did not fall on deaf ears.

Councilor Stephanie Smith spoke for her colleagues when she said, "I am in full support of this."

Councilor Michael Marchese asked about using the old Pope John School on Broadway for extra classroom space.

Tahiliani said, "We are looking at Pope John in

the short term."

Councilors were told that this is a long process that could take a minimum of five to seven years, if not longer, before Everett students step foot in a new high school.

Also on hand at Monday's meeting was Assistant Superintendent Charles Obremski, who told the councilors about the overcrowding of hundreds of students at local

schools such as the Keve-

rian and the high school. When the old Everett High School was mentioned by some councilors as a potential temporary site for classrooms, Obremski pointed out the extensive work that would have to be done on the second and third floors, such as air conditioning and handicap accessibility.

In the last 11 years, Ev-

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Council takes no action on longevity pay

By Stephen Quigley

The brouhaha over the issue of the longevity pay for the office of mayor that has been creating turmoil in the city for the past six months seemed to have reached a conclusion not with a bang, but with a whimper, in less than 10 minutes.

At Monday's City Council meeting, which overall lasted for more than four hours, Councilor Michael Marchese put forth a resolution requesting that Mayor Carlo DeMaria, City Solicitor Colleen M. Mejia, and City Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas appear personally to explain the methodology behind determining the payment figure.

DeMaria, in prepared comments, explained how in 2016, the then-Council approved an ordinance that paid to the office of mayor a \$10,000 longevity stipend for every completed term.

DeMaria mentioned that he has completed his fifth term as Mayor. "No one anticipated a mayor serving for so long," he told the Councilors, adding, "There has been nothing concealed or hidden (about the longevity amount) by me or my administration."

DeMaria maintained that the payment amount has always been listed clearly in the budget, saying, "No councilor since 2016 has ever questioned

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Ferry St. improvement project gets underway

By Stephen Quigley

City Councilors heard about the three-year project for the reconstruction of Ferry Street from Rich Street on the Malden line to the Revere Beach Parkway, stretching more than 2.5 miles, and Elm Street from Ferry Street to Woodlawn Cemetery.

The \$33 million project will include:

Full reconstruction of all pavements, sidewalks, driveway aprons, curbs, and handicap ramps; an all-new drainage system that will reduce the likelihood of flooding during major storm events; new decorative street lighting; new traffic and pedestrian signals; replacement of the Chelsea/Ferry Street traffic signal with a small roundabout that will re-

duce traffic congestion at this intersection; reconstruction of Glendale Square, adding additional sidewalk space, outdoor dining space, bike lanes, and trees/landscaping; all-new water main infrastructure; and all-new gas main infrastructure (this work was already completed in 2020).

Erik Swanson, Director of Engineering, laid out the timetable to the councilors at Monday night's meeting.

The project officially started on April 4 and will entail temporary water lines for the homes along the route. Smaller lines of six inches will replace the 10" water lines that exist presently and will be

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EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ECTPE reaches WGI percussion world championships

Special to the Independent

The Everett High School Crimson Tide Percussion Ensemble (ECTPE) will try to be world beaters next week in Dayton, where the musicians will put their talents on display at the 2022 WGI Percussion World Championships.

"On behalf of the Everett Public Schools (EPS), I extend our most enthusiastic congratulations to the ECTPE for advancing to this prestigious competition," said Superintendent

of Schools Priya Tahiliani. "Their achievements would be impressive under any circumstances; they are all the more remarkable given the COVID-related challenges they have navigated throughout the year."

The ECTPE will be the first school to compete in the WGI preliminaries.

It is slated to take to the floor at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 21 at the Nutter Center on the campus of Wright State University. Ensembles that score high enough will advance to the semifinals. The best of the best will perform in the championship round, with a chance to bring home a

world title. Everett High qualified for the 2022 WGI World Championships by virtue of its stellar performances in local, state, and regional competitions.

The ECTPE is directed by Mark Sachetta, Jar-

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The Everett High School Crimson Tide Percussion Ensemble practicing for the upcoming WGI Percussion World Championships.

NEW OFFICERS



Everett Police Department's newest officers who were sworn in at last night's council meeting. Pictured (left to right) are Officer Christopher Davidson, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Officer Matthew Cafarella, Officer Robert Shields, Chief Steven Mazzie. Mayor Carlo DeMaria commented, "I want to congratulate the Everett Police Department's newest Officers Matthew Cafarella, Christopher Davidson, and Robert Shields! I wish them the best of luck as they begin their new careers as one of Everett's Finest! Thank you for choosing to protect and serve our great community!"

TRASH DELAY

Due to the Monday, April 18th, Patriot's Day Holiday, Trash will be delayed by one day.

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Sheriff Koutoujian attends White House announcement on efforts to combat gun crime

Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian was at the White House this week as President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco announced new steps the Administration is taking to combat gun crime in the United States.

The announcement focused primarily on a new rule issued by the Department of Justice addressing “ghost guns”, which are privately-made firearms that lack the serial numbers contained on other firearms. The lack of serial numbers makes the firearms nearly impossible to trace when recovered at crime scenes.

“Today’s announcement of a common-sense approach to crack down on the proliferation of ghost guns will further enhance public safety,” said Sheriff Koutoujian. “We must ensure that we prevent individuals who are not legally permitted to own firearms from acquiring kits and components to build these weapons. At the same time, it’s crucial that law

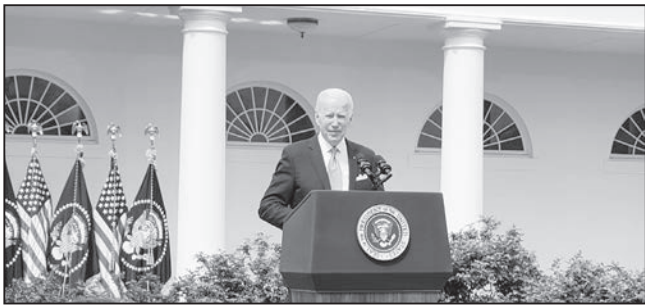


PHOTO BY MIDDLESEX SHERIFF PETER J. KOUTOUJIAN
President Joe Biden announced new efforts to combat gun crime during an event at the White House on Monday, April 11 attended by Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian.

enforcement has the ability to quickly and effectively trace these weapons when they are used to perpetrate acts of violence in our cities and towns.”

According to the White House, in 2021 there were “approximately 20,000 suspected ghost guns reported to ATF [the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives] as having been recovered by law enforcement in criminal investigations – a ten-fold increase from 2016.”

In addition to the announcing new rules on ghost guns, the President stressed the importance of funding for a range of initiatives including community policing and re-entry

programs. He also formally nominated former U.S. Attorney Steve Dettelbach to lead the ATF.

“I want to thank President Biden for his continued commitment to ensuring law enforcement has the resources and tools necessary to serve those who live and work in our communities,” said Sheriff Koutoujian. “At the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office, we know first-hand the difference re-entry programs and services can make for those leaving our custody and their families. Treatment, education and housing are crucial to breaking the cycle of arrest and incarceration in counties large and small.”

DCR plans April school vacation programs

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be hosting the following April School Vacation Events at Revere Beach and Belle Isle Marsh Reservations.

DCR plans April school vacation programs All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines: Mass. gov/COVID and dress for the weather including possible mud on the ground. Bring water and use sunscreen. Please phone (781) 656-1485 or email matthew.nash@mass.gov for more information including an automated message of pos-

sible cancellations made up to an hour before the start of the program. Cancelled in the event of High Winds or Rain. Parking is free.

Belle Isle Marsh Reservation, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston, MA.

An Oasis for Birds Saturday, April 16, 7:30-8:30am

We will search on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy terrain for raptors, shorebirds and resident wading marsh birds at this Birding Hotspot & MA State Park. Expect to move to different locations by car or bicycle. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Binoculars recommended. Co-sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club and the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Revere Beach Reservation, Lawn at Eliot Circle Lawn, Revere, MA.

Shorebird and Seabird Discovery Table

Wed, April 20, Thurs, April 21, Fri, April 22 10am-12pm.

Discover the fascinating shorebirds and seabirds that make Revere Beach their home at this learning station in conjunction with the StoryWalk® Drop in any time.

Revere Beach Reservation, Lawn at Eliot Circle, Revere, MA.

StoryWalk® Piping Plover Summer by Janet Riegle.

Wed, April 20, Thurs, April 21, Fri, April 22, 10am-3pm.

Read a story with your child during your approximately 30-minute, self-guided walk along a paved path at Revere beach! Discover the secrets of this protected shorebird which nests on beaches in the State of Massachusetts. Drop in any time.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

If you would like to receive regular emails about our current program schedule, please send an email to Matthew.Nash@mass.gov.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees nearly 500,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Acting DCR Commissioner Stephanie Cooper, the agency’s mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our commonwealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

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the amount.”

After DeMaria finished his remarks, Marchese, who became increasingly flustered, argued with DeMaria during a two-minute encounter, prompting City Councilor John Hanlon to propose a five-minute recess.

At that point, Marchese abruptly said, “I’m fine, no more questions.” There were no additional questions from the other City Councilors.

Marchese then asked that Demas and Mejia, who were never asked a question, be given the customary thanks along with DeMaria.

However, the bitterness did not end as some members of the audience became more vocal, interrupting the continuation of Council affairs, prompting Michael Mangan, who was Acting Clerk, to warn the audience members, “Clear the Chamber or be escorted out of the Chamber.”

Marchese’s resolution was “referred back to sponsor,” a procedural move that usually effectively signals an end to the matter.

The Council has changed the ordinance for longevity pay for the mayor to \$1,700 per year.

The following are DeMaria’s full remarks to the council:

“It is important to make something perfectly clear to the residents.

I have not spoken publicly on the issue regarding longevity payments for the position of Mayor before this to make sure there would be no conflict of interest.

As public officials, we are taught to avoid anything in our official capacity that could be viewed as trying to influence our own financial interests.

Discussions and deliberations went on for months in this Chamber related to longevity payments for the position of Mayor.

Because I hold the po-

sition of Mayor, it would not have been proper for me to speak during those deliberations. I was not going to speak publicly about an issue that would impact my personal financial situation.

There is no active matter before this Council related to compensation for the position for Mayor, which is why I am appearing this evening.

I have not been hiding from this issue. I have been doing everything I can to make sure that this issue was handled ethically.

I also have done nothing wrong with respect to the issue of longevity payments for the position of Mayor.

In 2016, there were conversations about the compensation for the position of Mayor. There were values and benefits that were realized by the community from having a Mayor in office that was able to see ideas became a reality. The long process of bringing a casino to the City-along with the revenue that comes to Everett from that business-is an example of how having a chief executive officer for a long period of time can benefit the community. Having a chief executive officer whose salary competes with that of the highest paid municipal employees did not present a problem.

How the longevity payments were made for the position of Mayor never changed.

The ordinance creating a longevity payment for the Mayor was passed in calendar year 2016 after the start of FY17.

How those payments were calculated never changed and were disclosed to the City Council in prior budget documents.

There was sufficient funding for the Mayor’s office in FY17 so a supplemental appropriation was not needed to cover this payment.

The amount of the lon-

gevity payment was listed under the Mayor’s office in the FY18 budget.

The amount of the payment being made for the Mayor’s longevity payment was included in the notes for the Mayor’s office in the FY19 budget.

For FY19 through 22, the longevity payment has been made from the same account that is used for other large employee payments. The Mayor’s longevity payment is being paid from an account where other similar expenditures are paid.

Most recently, how those payments were calculated was discussed at length during the FY22 budget hearings before the City Council.

Nothing was ever hidden, or concealed or misrepresented by me or by my Administration. Our position on the language that was passed has been consistent right up until this Council voted to make a change to that ordinance in 2022.

With due respect to the new Council members who have not served previously, the members of the City Council who have served since longevity was first established in 2016 will need to let residents know why this issue was not raised previously when you had information available to you.

I also want to be clear to residents on another point. There have been suggestions and accusations made that I did not take a longevity payment in January this year because I thought that I had done something wrong with the prior payments I received.

Let me be clear. The Council did not repeal the longevity payment ordinance last year. Because the Council didn’t repeal it, I could have taken the longevity payment in January of this year, consistent with how the payments were made since 2016, because I was re-elected to serve my fifth term as Mayor.”

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erett public school enrollment has mushroomed from 6,262 students in 2010 to 7,244 students this year -- and there seems no reprieve in the growing numbers of students.

At the high school on Elm Street, there are 2,187 students shoehorned into a school that was built to hold 1,800 students.

At last week’s School Committee meeting, members started the first step to submit a statement of interest form to the MSBA for new school funding.

The second step in the

process was to have the City Council also approve the resolution to apply for a new school.

Before the application can be completed and sent to the MSBA, Mayor Carlo DeMaria also will need to sign off on the statement of interest.

DeMaria has been calling for construction of a new high school. He said that he envisions a vocational school being included in the new high school complex. While the location of the new school has not yet been determined, DeMaria is confident that given the city’s top bond rating, financing will not be an issue, and due to his careful management of city finances, the interest rate will be one of the lowest for municipalities.

There were no plans discussed of how the existing schools would be used if and when a new high school is built.

The council voted unanimously for favorable action on the measure.

The following is the resolution that will now go to DeMaria for his approval:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on April 11, 2022 prior to the SOI submission closing date, the City Council of Everett, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Su-

perintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated April 4, 2022 for Everett High School located at 100 Elm Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future. Everett High School, built to house 1800 students is currently 387 students over capacity.

Enrollment at the lower grades is increasing. The Everett Public Schools is submitting this Statement of Interest based on two priorities: elimination of existing severe overcrowding and prevention of severe overcrowding that is expected to result from increased enrollments, and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Everett School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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in use until the project is completed with a new 10-inch line.

Some councilors were concerned whether these smaller lines will provide sufficient water pressure in fighting a fire.

However, Scott Dalrymple, the Provisional Chief of the Everett Fire Department, assured the councilors that everyone feels confident that with another engine, sufficient water pressure would be available to fight a fire.

“This is a long time to complete,” Councilor Wayne Matewsky told his colleagues, adding, “I have concerns about residents and businesses.”

Councilors were told that this project is timed to have the smallest impact on residents and businesses.

Councilor Richard Dell Isola asked about overnight parking and was told that overnight parking will be allowed, as well as some work done at night in addition to work during

the day. He also urged that city officials meet with residents after about five months to hear their views.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the project will be replacing all the lights at Chelsea St. and Ferry St. with a free flowing roundabout. Some councilors were skeptical about this design.

Councilor Michael Marchese noted that there is “a lot of underground utility work that will be going on.”

However, Matewsky seemed to speak for his colleagues when he said, “This is a much-needed project,” noting that it has been more than 40 years since Ferry Street has been extensively renovated. The federal government will provide \$25M in funding and the City of Everett will pick up the remaining \$8M.

On the city’s web page, Mayor Carlo DeMaria informed Everett citizens that, “Like all construction



An aerial view of the roundabout on Ferry and Chelsea Streets.

projects, this project will, at times, require some lane and road closures as well as other inconveniences to those who live and travel along Ferry and Elm Streets. The City and MassDOT will communicate with affected residents in advance

of work being done near their property and provide means for any feedback or complaints during the construction process.

“The estimated time frame to complete this work is approximately three years, with work beginning this upcoming

April through November of 2024. While this is a long period of time, it is expected that construction will occur in segments, meaning that individual portions of the roadways will be mostly affected for only one year of the project. We will communicate

to you a more detailed schedule as it becomes available from MassDOT and the selected contractor.”

Residents are encouraged to go to the website, ferryelm@ci.everett.ma.us, for questions and concerns.

Spring concert marks North Shore Philharmonic season finale

Violist Kimberly Lehmann will take center stage as the featured soloist in the William Walton Viola Concerto when her spouse, Music Director Robert Lehmann conducts the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in the Orchestra’s 2021-2022 season finale Sunday, April 24, at Swampscott High School. Concert time is 3 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance at nspo.org. The concert program also includes Ralph Vaughan-Williams “Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis” and Edvard Grieg’s popular Peer Gynt Suites No. 1 and 2.

Kimberly Lehmann grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and earned her BS in Music from the University of Minnesota. She also holds a Master of Music in Violin Performance from the Eastman School of Music. She performs with the Portland Symphony Orchestra and frequently appears with the NSPO. In 2013 she and Robert were the featured soloists with the NSPO performing Mozart’s Sinfonia Concertante.

The Walton viola con-



Violist Kimberly Lehmann (right) will play the Walton Viola concerto when her husband Robert (left) conducts the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra’s Spring concert Sunday, April 24 at Swampscott High School. Shown in the photo, the husband-wife team when they appeared as soloists with the NSPO in 2013.

certo is regarded as one of the composer’s most important works and has been recorded by the world’s leading violists as far back as 1937.

Edvard Grieg composed the Peer Gynt music upon the invitation of his friend and fellow-Scandinavian artist Henrik Ibsen, who wrote the stage play of the same name. The music of Peer Gynt has grown to be Grieg’s most famous composition and is excerpts of it are frequently heard in popular culture such as movies, games, and commercials.

Out of concern for the health and safety of all musicians and audience members, the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra requires all patrons attending the concert present proof of a Covid-19 vaccination, or proof of a negative Covid-19 PCR test no more than 72 hours prior to the concert or a home test within 24 hours of the concert. Patrons will be required to wear masks and socially distance in the auditorium.

For more information about the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra, visit nspo.org.

EBNHC appoints Andreina Sanabria as Assistant VP of Neighborhood PACE

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) announced that Andreina Sanabria has been appointed to the role of Assistant Vice President of Neighborhood PACE, a home care solution for seniors and part of the national Program of All-Inclusive Care for adults 55 and older. As Assistant Vice President, Sanabria will oversee strategy and operations for Neighborhood PACE including management of clinical operations, quality, health plan and enrollment. She will help further EBNHC’s vision of providing high quality, comprehensive care to all and especially vulnerable populations such as seniors.

“The addition of Andreina comes at an important time as the communities we serve continue to grow,” said Calay Ip,

vice president of Neighborhood PACE at EBNHC. “She will play a key role in improving organizational efficiency of the Neighborhood PACE program. Her background and passion for healthcare equity make her a great fit in helping to serve our diverse patients as they age with dignity.”

Sanabria has deep expertise in healthcare and a passion for ensuring equitable care for all. She brings more than 20 years in the healthcare field to her new role. Prior to joining EBNHC, Sanabria founded Conmédica, the first medical call center in Venezuela. She also worked for Fundación Proyecto Maniapure in Caracas, a not-for-profit organization that delivers primary care to underserved communities in Venezuela, where she

helped develop a successful telemedicine model. Sanabria also served as a volunteer and board member of America Developing Smiles, a non-profit organization based in Miami that delivers healthcare to underserved communities in Latin America.

“As a Latino woman and immigrant, I know firsthand the challenges the U.S. healthcare delivery system faces in health equity, and I’ve made it my personal mission to help underserved populations and most vulnerable communities,” said Sanabria. “I am proud to join an organization that takes great pride in providing high-quality, affordable care to all without regard to age, race and ethnicity, insurance status or ability to pay. I

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NEWS IN BRIEF

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS INVITED TO CULTURAL COUNCIL MEET & GREET

The Everett Cultural Council will be hosting a meet & greet event on Saturday, May 14, at Swan St Park from 11:30 - 3pm. Join members of the Everett Cultural Council and other city cultural organizations at their First Spring Pop-Up Picnic. Bring a blanket and a lunch and spend some time meeting your neighbors, making friends or making art. There will be activities and entertainment for all ages and information tables by groups based around Everett.

ECC is looking for participants in the event as well, please visit our facebook page for more information. [Facebook.com/everettculturalcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/everettculturalcouncil) or email ecc.02149@gmail.com.

SENIOR SOCIAL SET FOR APRIL

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging have planned the Senior Social, Spring Fling party Wednesday April 20 beginning at 11:45am at Anthony’s restaurant, 105 Canal Street in Malden. The Council on Aging has chosen a delicious luncheon; Minestrone Soup, Garden Salad, a Split menu of Baked Fish and Roast Beef, Roasted potatoes, vegetables, coffee and Dessert. You will enjoy dancing to the smooth sound of Ray Cavicchio and his band. Ticket sales

are on going at The Connolly Center in the COA office. For additional information, please call 617.394.2323

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR EARTH DAY CLEANUP

An Earth Day cleanup of the Northern Strand Community Trail is being held on Saturday, April 23 in Lynn.

Anyone interested in helping out should bring work gloves and meet along the trail at Spencer Street in Lynn, across from Market Basket. The cleanup is being held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at this section of the trail, which is also known as the Community Path of Lynn.

For more information contact Hildy Curran at hcurran@comcast.net.

Bike to the Sea connects communities by building and improving shared-use paths, and promoting safe and happy trail use for all ages and abilities.

MYSTIC VALLEY ELDER SERVICES’ BELLYFUL OF LAUGHS RAISES MORE THAN \$42K

Nearly 400 people came together on April 8 at Anthony’s of Malden to laugh for the good cause of helping older adults and people with disabilities live safely and independently at home at Mystic Valley Elder Services’ (MVES) 13th

rendition of its comedy show Bellyful of Laughs. This year’s sold out event helped MVES raise more than \$42,000.

Comedians Steve Sweeney, Will Noonan and Jim Ruberti made people laugh and attendees enjoyed games, laughter, prizes, good food, old friends and new friends. Malden Mayor Gary Christenson warmed up the crowd by welcoming them as he does every year.

Chief Executive Officer of MVES Lisa Gurgone thanked everyone for coming out and making it a great night. “It is wonderful to see our community come together to support the important resources Mystic Valley provides throughout our communities. Our dedicated staff, volunteers, and partners provided essential care and support to our consumers and their families throughout the COVID pandemic. Mystic Valley is lucky to have fantastic, supportive friends who participated in this great event in order to expand our reach and impact as an organization.”

Special thanks to ABC Home Healthcare Professionals for their lead sponsorship of this event, as well as our supporting sponsors Brookline Bank, Melrose Cooperative Bank Charitable Foundation and Natale Company & SafetyCare. Thanks also to the ongoing partnership and support of the members of the Zonta Club of Malden in making this event a success every year.

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BAA IS RIGHT TO BAN RUSSIAN RUNNERS

We applaud the decision of the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) to ban runners from Russia and Belarus from competing in this year’s Boston Marathon.

We recognize that the move casts a wide net and may serve to punish ordinary Russian citizens who have had nothing to do with Vladimir Putin’s barbaric invasion of Ukraine.

However, we wish to make two points:

First, athletic and other organizations all over the world have banned Russian nationals from participating in their events. If the BAA uniquely were to do nothing, it would send the signal that the BAA tacitly was indifferent to the barbarous Russian invasion. Obviously, that is a message that no organization should be sending.

Second, to those who suggest that sports transcends political differences and ideologies, we say this: Get your heads out of the clouds.

There may have been a time when “sport” could turn a blind eye to what was happening in the world. But the reality is that athletics long have been used as political vehicles, starting with Hitler in the 1936 Olympics, the Soviet-bloc during the Cold War, and the Russian government itself when it hosted the 2014 Winter Olympics and devised an elaborate scheme to conceal the doping of its athletes.

Most recently, Russia has detained U.S. basketball star Brittany Griner in a Russian jail just as she was trying to leave the country, a move that can only be described as politically-motivated by the Putin regime.

In our view, every single person and entity in the civilized world -- especially the sports world -- should take the opportunity to make clear our united opposition to the barbarism of the invasion in Ukraine.

Imposing sanctions on Russian athletes is just an extension of the sanctions that have been imposed on Russia itself that likewise are impacting ordinary Russian citizens.

Yes, it may be true that individual Russians are collateral damage, so to speak, of our broad-ranging sanctions policies. But the effect upon them, which hopefully will trickle up to the Russian government, pales in comparison to the suffering of the millions of innocent Ukrainian citizens who are the victims of the genocidal war being waged by the Russian government.

SENATE SHOULD PASS DRIVER’S LICENSE BILL

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a bill two months ago that would allow roughly 160,000 immigrants of driving age in our state to apply for a driver’s license if they can prove their identity with documents such as a birth certificate or a passport.

In our view, providing individuals who live, work, drive, and pay taxes in Massachusetts with the opportunity to obtain a license is simply common sense, which is why 16 other states have enacted similar legislation.

The Mass. Chiefs of Police Assoc. and the Mass. District Attorneys Assoc. are among the groups who have endorsed the measure because they recognize that the present law, which only imposes fines upon unlicensed operators, accomplishes nothing, but takes up valuable court time and resources from our police and criminal justice system.

Moreover, by allowing these individuals to obtain a license, it brings them out of the shadows, which also has the additional benefit of enhancing public safety and law enforcement for more serious matters.

We urge our state senators to do what they can to bring pressure upon the Senate leadership to move this bill forward ASAP.

AMERICA IS STILL THE LAND OF THE FREE

One of the things that we take for granted as Americans is our freedom to worship -- or not to worship -- as we see fit.

What brings this thought to mind is the plethora of religious-oriented observances that are occurring this month: the Muslim holy month of Ramadan has been ongoing since April 2; the week-long Jewish celebration of Passover begins this Friday; Easter Sunday, preceded by Good Friday, for Catholics and Protestant denominations is this Sunday; and the Orthodox Christian observance of Easter is set for next Sunday.

In addition, the Cambodian community will be celebrating the Cambodian New Year for three days this week from April 14-16.

This confluence of religious holidays serves as a reminder to all of us that the concept of freedom of religion began -- and still exists -- in America.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our readers of all religious preferences a happy and healthy holiday season.

Independent Forum



GUEST OP-ED

Moderation, balance and rigid flexibility

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Most doctors will encourage their patients to not overdrink alcohol. Too much might cause you to fall and impairs an individual’s ability to make good decisions or drive an automobile.

Going on a binge of anything may not be a positive decision. Giving up food for a day will make you sluggish and probably irritable. Eating a buffet usually brings regret. Going to the gym to work out for three hours will just zap you for the rest of the day. Working 29 days out of the month will make you more money but when will you be able to enjoy what you’ve earned? We need fruit and vegetables every day but you can overdo fiber. How much time do you have to keep so many relationships going? The Bible says a man of too many friends will

soon come to ruin.

There are lots of scenarios of too much. You can play too much, work too much, party too much, spend too much and even save too much. You can spend your life searching for love and being in and out of love. In the end, you are exhausted and drained. You can spend too much time in church and doing religious kinds of things. What good are you to the world and others if all you ever do is sit in church? Faith must be fleshed out and put into practice. The basketball team wants to do more than just practice seven days a week. The exhilaration comes in playing the game.

You don’t want to spend your life reading about the ocean. You want to go and see and swim in the ocean. You don’t want to spend your life cooking in the

kitchen. You would like to sit and savor some of the delicious food from the kitchen.

Life is about participating as much as you can, when you can, and as you are able. We all have limitations but we hope and dream. The hopes and dreams keep us going and trying. When we lose these it’s easy to give up. The cancer patient hopes for a cure and hangs on.

Moderation is the key to most of life. Work some, play some, love some, help others some, cultivate your faith, friends, family and diversify your diet. Yes, include fruit and vegetables and some exercise. Watch some television and news but don’t live in front of the television. Most of the news is bad. The cable news channels and evening news are filled with the bad things of the day. Obviously bad

news is what makes money.

If you work 50 hours a week, then take stock of your blessing to have a job. Consider how you might do your work better and more effectively to help your employer and fulfill yourself.

Give some thought to aiming for balance in your life. A balanced tire always rides better. When possible, practice moderation in all things and try to utilize rigid flexibility. An inflexible life will eventually break.

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LETTER to the Editor

THIS ATROCITY MUST STOP!

To the Editor,

We are outraged with emotion at what is happening in Ukraine. Women and children who simply are trying to escape danger are killed mercilessly in this war. This is horribly wrong.

However, in the USA, worst atrocities continue upon the innocent: harvesting babies born alive, literally ripping these innocent babies apart, for their organs and tissues for research, making vaccines, and for “humanizing” mice, to name a few. The NIH has a contract with clinics to procure these baby parts for this kind of research! We continue to murder our unborn babies under the guise of “women’s Health” and “choice” supported by the Biden Administration and many career politicians! And

regarding racism, Planned Parenthood kills more black babies than any other race combined, locating their clinics in these black neighborhoods to take full advantage. Where’s Black Lives Matter on this? Most of all, we offend God by shedding innocent blood for profit!

Many in America will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the next few weeks. But what kind of worship can we offer God while closing our eyes to this horror that continues in our abortion clinics? It impacts the very core of our soul and it contradicts who we are as Americans who often stand in defense of the weak and helpless.

Let’s abolish abortion because it is wrong to take innocent life no matter the circumstances. Adoption is a God honoring option. Don’t you agree?

Lucia Hunter

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EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA AT EVERETT MEMORIAL STADIUM

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

Everett Crimson Tide hosted an Easter Egg Extravaganza at Everett Memorial Stadium on Sunday afternoon. Kids enjoyed hunting for eggs and greeting the Easter Bunny.



Emi Gjergo and the Easter Bunny.



The Easter bunny welcomed kids to the egg hunt



Kiara Cordoza and Livia Pazini were excited for the egg hunt



Lana Dannenberg painted a dinosaur on Aiden Alla's cheek



Giovanni Zampitella, Cinthia Hernandez, Rosemarie Hebert



Kids scrambled to collect eggs along the hill at Everett Memorial Stadium.



Mia Geddis played collected giant eggs on the field

COVID-19 Vaccine for Kids: What You Need to Know

The COVID-19 vaccine is an important tool to keep kids safe from COVID-19.

- Vaccines are available for free for everyone 5 and older.
- Some kids may still get COVID after getting the vaccine, but being vaccinated reduces their risk of severe illness.
- Kids may have side effects like a sore arm, achy muscles, and tiredness that can last a day or two.
- Children who get the COVID vaccine are extremely unlikely to experience any serious problems.



Talk with your child's doctor and learn more at mass.gov/CovidVaccineKids

Sports

Peter G returns to court, stars in Agganis Tourney

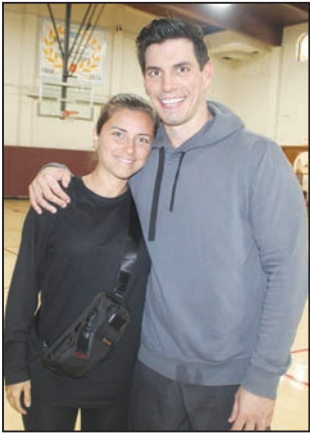
By Cary Shuman

There is no debate that Peter Giannikopoulos stands as one of the true all-time sports legends at Pope John XXIII High School in Everett, which closed its doors in 2019 after a 52-year history.

Peter scored 1,283 points in his sensational basketball career for the Tigers and was also a three-year starter and All-Star in football before graduating in 2006. He chose to continue in football at Saint Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Peter’s collegiate football exploits attracted the attention of pro scouts, notably the Canadian Football League. But the talented wide receiver decided to hang up his cleats and begin a career in business.

“It was a thought to play in the CFL, but with injuries and other factors,



Former Pope John XXIII High School basketball star Peter Giannikopoulos and his fiancé, Tala Estephan.

I decided to come back home,” said Peter.

Currently a real estate agent at Caldwell Banker in Boston, Peter returned to the basketball court and competed for the Saint George Greek Orthodox team in the Harry Agganis Tournament this past weekend in Lynn.

A 6-foot-2-inch guard, Peter showed that he still



Peter Giannikopoulos, with assistant coach Steve Mallios of Winthrop following the championship game.

has game while matching up against several former college players. He defended well in the low post, deflected passes in transition, and he pulled up and drained three-pointers. By all accounts, Peter submitted an All-Tournament-caliber performance. His St. George team of players nearly took home the Ag-



The St. George Greek Orthodox Church basketball team, from left, Nick Silva, Strati Saranteas, Alex Jacovider, tournament director and coach John Meklis, James Meklis, the Rev. George Tsoukalas, church pastor, Peter Kopoulos, Peter Giannikopoulos, Dimitri Floras, and assistant coach Steve Mallios.

ganis title, falling to the Queens (N.Y.) contingent, 65-51, in the finals.

“I used to play in the high school division of the Harry Agganis Tournament,” recalled Giannikopoulos. “I have a couple of friends on the St. George team, and they reached out to me to play. I hadn’t played competitive bas-

ketball in many years.”

Evaluating his overall performance and one of his many steals that he

finished with a breakaway layup, Peter offered, “I

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EHS Roundup

EHS BOYS VOLLEYBALL 3-2 OVER CHELSEA

The Everett High boys volleyball team won its second match of the season with an exciting 3-2 victory at Chelsea last week.

Head coach Mike Fineran’s squad took the first two sets, lost the next two, but left with a win after a 15-9 fifth set victory.

Everett’s outside hitters, senior Brandon Ho and freshman Enrique Franca,

combined for five kills in the deciding set, and senior Derrick Sands served the final three points of the match.

“Our stars stepped up when they had to,” said Fineran, who also credited his team’s depth. “We had 11 players play in that set alone, which meant that people were playing out of their normal positions, but they made adjustments and did whatever was asked of them.”

The match did not seem to be headed for a fifth-set

tiebreaker after Everett took the first two sets.

In the opening set, senior middle Marcilio Melo had two aces, a kill, and a block, and junior opposite hitter Dimitar Dimitrov served five in a row as Everett built an early lead.

Franca had two aces and co-captain Ho had three kills and five service points as the Tide cruised to a 25-18 victory.

In the second set, Everett got four straight aces from senior co-captain Caio Santos and four ser-

vice points from Sands. Santos set up key kills from junior Jason Martinez, Tejada, Ho, and Franca, but six missed serves kept the game close, though Everett eked out a 25-23 win.

Chelsea used the momentum and confidence they gained in that set to propel them to an 11-0 lead in set three, but six service points (two aces) from sophomore Kalleb Miranda helped pull Ev-

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The Everett Independent's 2022 Easter Hunnie's



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Happy Easter from Eli,
Aria, Vera & Avi Karshis



Happy Easter from Johanna & Meredith



Happy Easter from
Lily & Isla Sasso

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

FREE CASH EYED FOR PROJECTS

CHELSEA - With the development of the former Forbes Lithograph campus in limbo, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino is requesting the City Council approve using almost \$300,000 in free cash for safety measures on the parcel.

Last week, the council’s finance subcommittee heard the case for using the funds as part of Ambrosino’s requests for the use of about \$2 million of the nearly \$15 million in free cash recently certified by the state.

In 2019, the Zoning Board approved a 590 residential unit project for the Forbes site, a significantly scaled back version of a plan first introduced by developers in 2015. However, in March of 2021, Ambrosino informed the council that the project was not moving forward and the developers, YIHE Forbes of China, was not moving forward with the project and was marketing the property.

In reaction to that news, the council last spring approved a \$200,000 engineering analysis of all structures on the site.

“According to our engineers, a full demolition and abatement of the most dangerous building on the site will be extraordinarily expensive, estimated in excess of \$2.6 million,” stated Ambrosino.

While not recommending the full abatement and demolition, Ambrosino

said he was recommending using \$293,000 in free cash for some limited safety measures to protect any members of the public who might access the site.

“We are planning on boarding up the windows on the first floor of all three buildings, as well as some areas on the second floors next to features that can be climbed easily,” said Alex Train, the city’s director of housing and community development.

There will also be some abatement of lead and asbestos on the site to meet OSHA standards, Train said, as well as the removal of vegetation to make sure there is a clean line of site for surveillance cameras near the property. In addition, repairs to holes in the fencing and the construction of some new fencing around the perimeter is planned.

District 3 Councilor Norielix DeJesus asked if there were city surveillance cameras on the property.

Train said the city does not have cameras on the site, and that the nearest city camera was on Crescent Avenue.

“The site does have surveillance cameras that are overseen by a private security contractor and they have been intermittently deployed by the developer,” said Train. “But when we were last there, it was not clear if the security personnel were monitoring the site.”

District 4 Councilor Enio Lopez asked if the city would recoup the \$293,000 from the developer.

Ambrosino said steps have been taken that will eventually allow the city to recoup the cost. If the developer does not pay, he said the city can go to land court in order to have the costs added to a future tax bill for the property.

While the city could conceivably take the developer to court and foreclose on the property if the developer doesn’t pay the tax bill, Ambrosino said the odds of that happening are highly unlikely.

“At some point, the developer will just pay us back, because the land is worth \$40 million and they are not going to lose it over \$290,000,” Ambrosino said.

ADDING TREES TO EASTIE’S STREETS

EAST BOSTON - For a couple of years now Tree Eastie has been trying to rekindle the neighborhood’s grassroots effort to get more trees planted in East Boston.

Tree Eastie’s Bill Masterson has been on a crusade to get the neighborhood’s tree canopy closer to the average tree canopy in other Boston neighborhoods and will have a pretty busy spring planting trees thanks to recent grant money.

As Masterson and Tree Eastie gear up to plant 100 street trees this spring the group is looking for volunteers to help with the effort.

“Tree Eastie is planting more street trees this spring,” said Masterson. “Once again we will be fo-

cusing on the highest urban heat island locations. We are looking for volunteers to dig holes and help with tree planting. The commitment is a couple of hours. No experience is necessary and we will provide the training and tools.”

Masterson said Tree Eastie will pair groups of two to dig 3’x3’x3’ holes in existing tree pits. “Previous volunteers know this is a fun, feel good, community building, physical workout,” he said. “We will pick dates in April and May to do the work. It’s a rewarding way to meet your neighbors as well as beautify Eastie while cooling our streets. If you don’t dig holes, we have other less physical activities where we could use your help and you can work at your own pace.”

Those interested in volunteering can email Masterson at treeeastie@gmail.com.

There’s a lot of benefits trees have, unfortunately Eastie suffers from the lowest tree canopy in the city. The neighborhood’s tree canopy is at 7% while the city average is 27%.

Tree Eastie recently forged some alliances and some benefactors who are asking the group to help them site tree plantings.

The first is the Temple Ohabei Shalom Cemetery on Wordsworth Street, which is the oldest Jewish Cemetery in Eastern, Massachusetts. They’re celebrating their 180th anniversary and 180 is a big number in the Jewish community in terms of signifi-

“PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE”



The Chelsea High School Drama Club will be presenting the musical comedy, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, April 7, 8, and 9. Pictured are the cast and crew, Angely Romero, Dejanney Williams, Jamairys Rivera, Jayna Singer, Alanna Taylor, Katherine Ortega, Tatiana Umana, Annelia D. Rivera, Xavier Vargas, Nouriman James, and not pictured, Brandon Quezada, Johnny Star, and Dariana Lopez-Lobo.

cance, so they want to plant 18 trees in the area of the cemetery. There’s already enough trees in the cemetery so Tree Eastie is going to plant trees both at Constitution Beach as well as the Salesian Boys & Girls Club. Tree Eastie focused on Eagle Hill when planting street trees last fall. With Eagle Hill being one of the worst urban heat islands in Eastie, Masterson said Tree Eastie wanted to plant trees where the heat islands are the most severe.

Tree Eastie has identified spots in Orient Heights, as well as Harbor View, that need street trees and the group will be planting 30 new street trees in those two neighborhoods this spring.

Tree Eastie will also focus its efforts on Maverick

and Central Square and then Jeffries Point through a large grant from Delta Airlines. Masterson said that money will be used to plant 40 new street trees across these areas.

Tree Eastie also plans to plant more fruit trees at the Rockies in Jeffries Point across from Piers Park through a new relationship with Eastie Farm. Eastie Farm will be able to take the harvest from those trees, which include apple trees, peach trees, pear trees, cherry trees and mulberry, and put those fruits back into the community. This program will distribute the food to folks that need it as well as putting it into the Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program that Eastie Farm has established.

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erett closer, and two aces and a kill from Ho helped cut Chelsea’s lead to 19-14.

An ace from senior David Gutierrez Ospina brought Everett within striking distance, 23-19, but the Tide fell 25-20.

“We lost a bit of focus and created our own bad luck in the third set,” said Fineran.

But the bad luck continued in the fourth set, as Chelsea’s tough servers built a 14-3 lead and took the set easily, 25-9.

“We only had nine serves in the whole set, and we hit four of them out,” said Fineran.

Hoping to change the momentum, Fineran switched up the starting line up, inserting senior Seth Sylvain into the front row and junior Philip Fonseca into the back, sitting Franca, who struggled in set four.

It worked, as Everett jumped out to a 7-2 lead, and when Franca came back in, he had a big defensive stop to go with two kills.

“We just needed to relax and regroup,” said Fineran. “I didn’t tell them anything between sets except to relax and have fun. When the set started, they started hitting again, they stopped missing serves, and that’s why they won.”

Fineran and his crew are scheduled to host Medford today (Wednesday)

SKANE SPINS NO-HITTER FOR EHS SOFTBALL TEAM

Kristi Skane spun no-hit softball for five innings to lead the Everett High softball team to a runaway victory at Chelsea that was called after five innings because of the mercy rule.

Kristi fanned 12 Red Devil opponents, while walking three and hitting

three batters.

After a scoreless first inning, Skane provided herself with all the run support she would need when she tripled and scored on a fielder’s choice in the top of the second.

The Lady Crimson Tide’s bats came alive in the third frame, scoring five runs to move out to a 6-0 advantage.

After Julia Curran reached first on a dropped third strike and stole second, Jayla Davila singled, moving Curran to third. Bryanna Mason singled (Bryanna’s second hit of the game), knocking in Curran and then moved to second on an error on which Davila scored.

Emilia Maria-Babcock doubled to deliver Mason and Skane singled, moving Babcock to third.

Successive base hits by Alexa Uga, scoring Babcock, and Ashley Seward, bringing in Skane, completed the rally.

The Everett defense finally got to make a play in the bottom of the third when shortstop Emma Longmore nabbed a grounder and threw to Mason at first for the out, but Skane then fanned the next two hitters to end the inning.

The Lady Crimson Tide then put the game away with 11 runs in the fourth.

Davila doubled to lead off the inning, followed by a single into the outfield by Longmore on which Davila scored. Mason drew a walk and both runners advanced on a passed ball. Kayley Rossi then doubled, knocking in both Longmore and Mason.

Skane’s base hit into the outfield scored Rossi. After Uga drew a walk, Ashley Seward singled, delivering Skane. Curran drew a walk and Davila reached first on a fielder’s choice attempt on which Uga scored.

Longmore singled into the outfield, bringing in Ashley Seward, and Davila scored on an error. After Kaylin Seward reached first on a dropped third strike, Rossi doubled, knocking in Longmore.

Emilia Maria-Babcock then singled, delivering Ashley Seward across the plate for the final run of the inning.

Everett’s bats continued to sizzle in the fifth inning. Celeste Fuccillo singled, Davila walked, and Longmore doubled, knocking in Fuccillo.

Kaylin Seward was out at first on a grounder, but Davila scored on the play. After Rossi reached first, Babcock doubled, knocking in Longmore and Skane singled, scoring Kaylin Seward.

Arabela Cvitkusic doubled, moving Babcock to third, and Ashley Seward doubled, knocking in both Babcock and Skane to make it 23-0.

Skane then ended the contest with a hitless fifth. Longmore handled a grounder to third with a throw to Kaylin Seward at first for one out and Skane struck out two opponents to end the inning.

“Kristi performed amazingly on the mound today, as well as our defense the few times the ball was put into play,” said EHS head coach Stacy Schiavo. “Offensively, we finally started waiting on the ball and made some hits. In the fourth and fifth innings, I tried to hold back on scoring since we were up so much. The Chelsea pitcher did a good job, but we just ended up hitting. I hope this continues all season.”

However, this past Monday, the Lady Crimson Tide dropped their first contest of the 2022 campaign by a score of 8-1 to Lynn Classical.

Celeste Fuccillo went

the entire seven-inning route and deserved a better fate. Celeste struck out nine Lady Ram opponents, walked only one, and yielded just five hits. However, Everett’s fielding miscues (eight errors in the two innings when Classical scored most of its runs) undermined Fuccillo’s otherwise fine effort.

“We made terrible errors that cost us a lot of runs,” said Schiavo. “From the beginning, we made errors on routine plays that we always practice on. Celeste did great pitching, but we didn’t have the defense I know we are capable of.”

Everett’s lone tally came in the fifth when Kayley Rossi reached first on a base hit, moved to second on a passed ball, and scored on a hit and error at first after a close play at the plate.

Schiavo and her crew are scheduled to play at Lynn English today (Wednesday) at 6:00 at Breed Park.

They will host Rockport on Friday, Somerville on Monday, and Revere on Wednesday during the vacation week. All three of those contests are set to start at 10:00 in the morning at Glendale Park.

GIBBS, GUEVARA TAKE FIRST IN MEET WITH REVERE

First-place performances by Syeed Gibbs and Hector Guevara highlighted the recent meet for the Everett High boys outdoor track and field team in their contest with Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Revere last week.

Syeed captured the 100 meter dash with a sprint of 10.9, handily defeating his closest Patriot rival by 0.4 of a second. Hector took top spot in the shot-

put with a toss of 35’-9.25”, a throw that was six inches further than the second-place Revere foe. Guevara also scored three points with a second-place effort in the discus with a spin of 82’-5”.

Adding three points to the Everett side of the scoresheet with second-place performances were: junior Shinay Aris-thene in both the 400 hurdles in 1:07.9 and in the 110 high hurdles in 19.9; senior Wensley Mom-premier in the two-mile in 12:12; and sophomore Khang Nguyen in the long jump with a leap of 16’-5”.

Contributing a point to the Crimson Tide cause with third-place finishes were: junior Adam Penafior in the 400 hurdles in 1:09; senior Moses Seide in the 100 dash in 12.3; junior Samuel Desir-Mafouana in the mile in 5:50; junior Fludjy Moise in the 400 dash in 60.1; and senior Lilian Pochot in the 200 dash in 25.0.

Coach Jehu Cimea and his crew were scheduled to face GBL foe Medford yesterday (Tuesday) and will travel to Malden next Tuesday.

EHS GIRLS TRACK TAKES ON REVERE

Although the Revere High girls outdoor track and field team came out on the short end of an 86-39 decision to Revere last week, a number of Lady Crimson Tide team members turned in fine performances.

Senior Rejeana Guillaume took first place in the 200 meter dash with a clocking of 28.8 seconds. Rejeana also grabbed second spot in the long jump with a leap of 14’-.5”.

Sophomore Layla Betancur-Cardona also earned a first-place ribbon with a shot-put throw of 25’-5 5”

A number of Lady Crimson Tide added three points to the Everett side of the scoresheet with second-place efforts: sophomore Alyssa Hurley in the javelin with a toss of 59’-7” and the shot-put with a throw of 25’-4.25”; sophomore Darrynn Desrameaux in the discus with a spin of 58’; senior Lakisha Kirnon in the 110 high hurdles in a time of 20.4; senior Gigi Boyce in the 100 meter dash with a sprint of 14.2; and sophomore Malaica Guillaume in the 400 hurdles in 1:29.2 and the triple jump with a final landing of 27’-1.25”.

Scoring third-place points for Everett were: sophomore Suzanne Maharjan in the two-mile in 18:32; senior Nataly Anaya in the 800 in 3:07.5; sophomore Nicole Brando with a high jump of 4’-2”; Kirnon in the long jump with her leap of 13’-8.5”; and sophomore Tiana Allen with a javelin throw of 56’-10”.

Coach Jehu Cimea and his team were scheduled to face GBL foe Medford yesterday (Tuesday) and will travel to Malden next Wednesday.

EHS BOYS TENNIS WORKING HARD

The Everett High boys tennis team has a busy week ahead. The Crimson Tide were scheduled to play at Revere yesterday (Tuesday) and will host Lynn English today (Wednesday). They will entertain Revere next Wednesday.

In their only match of the past week, the boys dropped a decision to Malden.

“Some young players got their first experience and we continue to compete really hard,” said EHS head coach Greg Bluestein.

OBITUARIES

Eleanor Colameta

Lifelong Everett resident

Eleanor A. (Giannantonio) Colameta of Everett entered into eternal rest on Saturday, April 9 surrounded by her loving family. She was 87 years old.

Born in Everett, she remained a lifelong resident.

She was the beloved wife of the late Robert J. for over 69 years, loving and extraordinary mother of Robert J., Jr. and his wife, Patricia of Everett, Michael and his wife, Theresa of Tewksbury, Diane Lynch and her husband, Douglas of Middleton, Stephen and his wife, Kathleen of Ipswich and Susan Murray and her husband, Glenn of N. Reading; dear sister of the late of Victor, Guido, Mary (Deveau) Kittredge, Lucy Romano and Santina Archdeacon; loving Nana of Michael and Tracey Colameta, Andrea and Jim Wright, Kristin and Brian Turcott, Matthew and Kayla Lynch, Brian and Brittany Lynch, Michele Colameta, Lauren and Chris Howe, Robert P. Colameta, Jonathan and Christiana Murray, Sarah Murray, Emily Murray, Joshua Colameta, Justin Colameta and Sandra Colameta and loving great-Nana of Michael, Nich-



olas, Annaliese and the late Charlotte Colameta, James and Connor Wright, Brayden, Kara and Eric Turcott, Ralph, Oscar, Louie and Vera Lynch, and Olivia and Cameron Howe. She is also survived by several loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Eleanor’s visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett, today, Wednesday, April 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. and again on Thursday at 10 a.m. with a funeral home service to follow at 11 a.m. Interment will be at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Eleanor’s memory to the charity of one’s choice would be sincerely appreciated.

Parking with attendants on duty.

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used to be able to dunk, but no more. I’m not the same player I was. I’m 34 now. I don’t know how the older players in the NBA can handle the schedule so well.

Representing his Greek heritage

Peter is the son of Andreas and Efi Giannikopoulos who emigrated from Greece to the United States 37 years ago. The coupled owned and operated Kipo’s Pizza on Norwood Street in Everett.

Peter has a brother, John, 37, and two sisters, Ouraina, 35, and Anastasia, 30.

Fluent in the Greek language, Peter said the Agganis Tournament provided a great opportunity to help promote Greek culture and represent his

heritage.

Peterknew of the incredible athletic accomplishments of Harry Agganis, “The Golden Greek” who starred at Lynn Classsical and Boston University before becoming the starting first baseman for the Red Sox. Mr. Agganis died in 1955 at the age of 26 due to a pulmonary embolism.

“It was great to get back on the court and represent my Greek heritage,” said Peter. “I’ve played in the Agganis Tournament since I was a little kid. Anytime you can compete in a tournament with the name Harry Agganis attached to it, it’s an honor.”

Setting records at Pope John

A four-time Catholic Central League All-Star, Peter is third among the

all-time leading scorers in Pope John history. Former Pope John coach Dave Sacco is first on the list, followed by the sharpshooting Brian Benson, who has coached in the Everett High program.

Peter was a captain in football and basketball. He started playing basketball in fifth grade for the Saint Anthony (Everett) School team.

“We went 13-0 in fifth grade at Saint Anthony,” said Peter. “They put up a championship banner in the gym.”

At Pope John, the Tigers came within two wins of capturing a state championship under head coach Ken Peavey and assistant coach Dave Sacco. “My sophomore year we had a 17-game winning streak,” said Peter. “We made the

MIAA Tournament all three years. We lost in the North finals my senior year to Ipswich at Salem State.”

In football, Peter played in a memorable championship game in 2005 against St. Mary’s High School (Lynn) on Friday afternoon (Veterans Day) at Chelsea Memorial Stadium. The Tigers, coached by Paul Sobolewski and piloted by quarterback Anthony Nalen, had the early lead but the Spartans rallied to win the game and ultimately the Super Bowl.

“I have some great memories of my four years at Pope John,” said Giannikopoulos. “I still keep in touch with my former teammates and classmates.”

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look forward to helping to shape strategic planning efforts for Neighborhood PACE, which serves many members of the Latino community.”

Neighborhood PACE, a program of EBNHC, serves adults over 55 living in East Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere, Everett, Malden, Melrose, Medford, Stoneham, and Boston’s North End. Offering highly personalized, home-based coordinated care, Neighborhood PACE allows seniors to

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Medicaid Services, MassHealth, and the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center.

Sanabria holds a masters degree in Healthcare Administration from Boston College and a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Universidad Metropolitana in Caracas.

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) has been a vital part of its community for the last 50 years, providing easily accessible,

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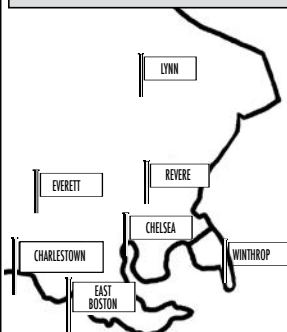


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News and Notes

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 face-

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ed Logan, Brian Spencer, and Kylan Nowell. This year’s program is entitled, “To Be A Drum,” which is based on a children’s book by Evelyn Coleman. In the story, Daddy Wes helps his children hear the rhythm of the earth. The rhythm begins a story of the “drum,” the pulse which has moved through the African people and through time and place.

EHS senior Nevaeh Nelson shines as the dynamic star of the show, narrating the powerful message on behalf of her percussive peers. The music features a dramatic percussive pulse meant to capture the book’s story and message. Everett High’s performance is brought to life through the poignant Ivan Trevino piece, “Make a Joyful Noise;” an ominous overture in the form of Caleb Pickering’s “Dreadnaught;” and the exultant “Vodou Moldau” by Joachim Horschley.

“The members showcase their talents in hopes of sharing that spirit with the audience,” said Mr. Sachetta. “As they share this message of hope, perseverance, and enduring passion, they embody a powerful mantra from the book that reminds one and all, ‘We are alive!’”

After enduring a winter season filled with adversity wrought by the pandemic, the ECTPE installed, rehearsed, performed, and refined a program that is challenging and creative. And the group’s performances in Dayton will be a credit to not only current EHS students but to those who were unable to compete on the WGI circuit from March of 2020 through the entirety of the 2020-2021 school year.

This year’s edition of the ECTPE features a blend of experienced performers and an influx of 11 new members who had no prior musical experience. The musicians quickly gelled and have been able to achieve success in a space that is growing more competitive by the year. “Keeping up with the ever-rising standards being set by the brightest and best of music programs across the United States is like chas-

ing a rocket to the moon,” said Mr. Sachetta. “That we will be in Dayton next week is a poignant, crowning achievement for every member of the program.”

Higher Education EPS Thanks Its College Partners

The Everett Public Schools (EPS) and its college and university partners gathered on Friday, April 8th to celebrate collaboration and the district’s expanding efforts to support current and future educators.

The luncheon, hosted by Everett High School’s Culinary Arts Department inside the Crimson Cafe, was organized by EPS Director of Remote Learning and Instruction Anne Auger. Representatives from several colleges were in attendance, as were members of Central Administration, EHS English Language Arts Department Head Ryan McGowan, and teacher Sarah Simmons.

“It was great to sit together as colleagues and educators and show our thanks to these institutions of higher learning for helping us fulfill our commitment to supporting the career development of EPS staff,” said Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani.

Over the past two years, the district has worked with representatives from several institutions — including Endicott College, Merrimack College, Salem State University, Southern New Hampshire University, Bridgewater State University, Fisher College, and Cambridge College — to help give EPS educators and staff access to the pathways that will expand and enhance their careers. This ranges from tuition discounts and access to on-line programs to licensure and certificate opportunities, to support for teachers who are pursuing principal/leadership credentials.

In addition to recognizing this collaboration on behalf of current EPS educators, the luncheon also highlighted the future of the profession. Kaylin Seward and Jessica Lemus Montiel, two of the 24 seniors selected to serve as EPS education interns



EHS teacher and NCWIT AiC Educator Award winner Neil Plotnick.

this spring, talked about EHS’s Education Pathway and their experience in the classroom.

“Kaylin and Jessica were articulate and in complete command as they presented to our distinguished guests about what being in our Education Pathway entails,” said Superintendent Tahiliani. “They are exactly the kind of students that colleges and universities want on campus, and the type of future educators we need in the teacher pipeline.”

The High School Senior Internship Education Project (HSSIEP) is funded by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. It offers seniors the opportunity to complete a paid work-based learning education experience and is intended to accelerate the growth of the teacher pipeline in Massachusetts. This marks the second consecutive year that the EPS has participated in the HSSIEP.

This year’s EHS interns: Jackelyne Abranches Meliza Buenaventura Hernandez Jonathan Christie Salma Djebari Janelle Eugene Dante Freitas Jocelyne Gutierrez Guzman Emelin Gutierrez Lones David Gutierrez Ospina Emilio Guzman Nyla Hagbourne Johey Jacques Adam Jalle Jessica Lemus Montiel Ralph-Nise Metellus Meddgy Michel Andrew Paiva Cindy Portillo Tejada Brisa Portillo Nicolas Sclafani Kaylin Seward Livia Thomaz Andy Umana-Bonilla Ismael Zamor

Powering Innovation Plotnick Receives National Recognition

Everett High School science and technology teacher Neil Plotnick has received the National NCWIT AiC Educator Award. The award, which is presented by the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT), identifies exemplary formal and infor-

mal educators who play a pivotal role in encouraging 9-12th grade women, genderqueer, or non-binary students to explore their interest in computing and technology. The award recognizes these educators for their efforts to promote gender equity in computing.

Mr. Plotnick is one of four recipients that was selected from 54 eligible applicants from 33 U.S. states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam. He will receive a \$2,500 cash prize, recognition, a trophy, and prizes, including eligibility to apply for professional development funds.

“This prestigious and high-profile honor is completely deserved but not entirely surprising,” said Superintendent Priya Tahiliani. “Mr. Plotnick is the definition of dedication, an educator who never passes on the chance to pursue opportunities and partnerships that benefit our students at EHS.”

Added NCWIT CEO and Co-founder Lucy Sanders: “These educators’ support goes a long way in motivating students to apply their creativity and unique perspectives as they learn computational skills. Students are often more likely to pursue computing education when they are encouraged by their educators and other adult influencers.”

NCWIT is the farthest-reaching network of change leaders focused on advancing innovation by correcting underrepresentation in computing. NCWIT convenes, equips, and unites nearly 1,500 change leader organizations nationwide to increase the influential and meaningful participation of girls and women — at the intersections of race/eth-



Endicott College administrators Julie Calzini (left) and Kristin DiGiovanni (right) join EPS Director of Remote Learning and Instruction Anne Auger during the College Partnership Luncheon held on Friday, April 8th inside the Crimson Cafe.



EHS seniors Jessica Lemus Montiel and Kaylin Seward talk about their experience as members of the Education Pathway and the HSSIEP.



Fisher College representative (and Everett High School graduate) Henry Maldonado and EPS Director of Remote Learning and Instruction Anne Auger.

nicity, class, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability status, and other historically marginalized

identities — in the field of computing, particularly in terms of innovation and development.



From left: EHS teacher Sarah Simmons, senior Kaylin Seward, Christine Montecillo Leider of UMass-Boston, English Department Head Ryan McGowan, Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani, and senior Jessica Lemus Montiel.

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