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SANTA VISITS THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH'S FOOD PANTRY

Last Saturday morning Santa arrived at the First Baptist Church in Everett, courtesy of EFD Ladder 2. Hundreds of families were already in line for the Saturday pick-up but Santa added to the event and brough the Christmas spirit to all.



anta with Anna Vasquez.



Santa arrived by fire truck and the children gathered for a photo.



anta with Everett Police Officer Lyanna Batista, John Simonelli, Jasmine and Michaela Brown.



with Santa.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center expands access to senior care with the completion of new Everett site

Special to the Independent East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EB-NHC) today announced the expansion of its Neighborhood PACE program with the completion of a new location in Everett, Mass. The health care site, located at the former St. Therese Parish on 801 Broadway in Everett, will provide a growing number of Boston-area adults age 55 years or older with the medical, health and wellness care they need to age safely and independently in their home and community.

"With the growth of PACE and other programs for older adults, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is taking significant

A look inside of one of the equipment rooms.

steps to expand capacity for senior care in Massachusetts," said East Boston Neighborhood Health Center President and CEO Greg Wilmot. "Beginning with our Revere site in 2018 and now our new Everett site, EBNHC is dedicated to providing new possibilities for older adults to live safely at home, throughout care transitions."

"East Boston Neighborhood Health Center believes that adults over 55 should be in charge of their own care for as long as possible – with the full support of a community of care professionals on hand," said Calay IP, Vice President of Neighborhood PACE, East Boston Neighborhood Health Cen-



The new EBNHC site on 801 Broadway in Everett.

ter. "Neighborhood PACE plays a vital role in providing high-quality, comprehensive care to older adults and, as the population ages, the demand for our services continues to grow. Our new Everett site will increase access to coordinated medical care, nutrition, rehabilitative therapy, recreation and transportation services to help a diverse group of adults age in place."

According to the American Community Survey, data shows a 19% increase in the number of Everett residents over the age of 55 in the past 10 years. EB-NHC partnered with The Neighborhood Developers (TND), a community development corporation and

nonprofit organization, to

build the new site which is part of a larger development project including affordable rental homes and townhouses for sale at below-market price. TND also redeveloped a park on the site to enhance its accessibility and functionality for residents.

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Due to the Christmas Day Holiday being observed on Monday 12/26/22, trash will be delayed by one day Capitol Waste Services, Inc.

On the Big Screen

Locals to appear in Whitney Houston movie

By Cary Shuman

Phunk Phenomenon dance choreographer and instructor Devin Woolridge and teenage dancer Maya Sutton will appear in the new Whitney Houston movie, "I Wanna Dance With Somebody," which hits theaters nationwide this Dec. 23.

The Phunk Phenomenon Dance Complex has a studio in Everett and is owned by former New England Patriots cheerleader Reia Briggs-Connor, whose husband Rick Connor, is an Everett Police officer.

At the popular studio this week, the excitement was brewing for the premiere of the movie about Houston, one of the greatest vocalists of all time.

"It's awesome to have two people from our studio in this movie," said Briggs-Connor. "Devin is an amazing choreographer and performer, and Maya is a tremendously talented dancer for L'il Phunk. We are so excited that Devin and Maya have this incredible opportunity to be featured in a major motion picture. I can't wait to see them on screen."

Woolridge, 37, will appear in the movie as a back-up dancer to singer and songwriter Bobby Brown, who is being portrayed by Ashton Sanders. Sutton, a 13-year-old, eighth-grade student, will appear as a back-up dancer to Whitney Houston, who is being portrayed in the movie by Naomi Ackie.

Woolridge is an international award-winning dancer and choreographer who holds a degree in Fashion Design and Merchandising from Fisher College.

previous-Woolridge ly appeared in the movie, "Ghostbusters 2," and per-



Reia Briggs-Connor (center) owner of Phunk Phenomenon Dance Complex in Everett, is pictured with studio choreographer and instructor Devin Woolridge (right) and dance student Maya Sutton, who will be appearing as back-up dancers the Whitney Houston movie, "I Wanna Dance With Somebody," which premieres Friday.

formed with Phunk on the TV reality show, "America's Best Dance Crew." He also performed in Hip Hop International and was featured in a videogame, "Dance Central," for Xbox

Woolridge is especially excited about his role in the Whitney Houston movie because his mother, Robin Woolridge, was a huge fan of the best-selling musical artist.

"My mother was the biggest fan of Whitney Houston," said Woolridge. "She was a singer and used to perform Whitney Houston songs, and I became familiar with her music. It's really heartwarming to see Naomi Ackie act as Whitney and hear her sing these songs that my mother used to play all the

time." Woolridge said his scene in the movie was filmed last year at the

Wang Theatre in Boston. "The set was made to look like the Soul Train Music Awards," related

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MENORAH LIGHTING **CEREMONY**



Katy Rogers, a member of the Everett Cultural Council, is pictured with her parents, Tom Rogers and Patricia Rogers, at the Menorah Lighting Ceremony Monday at Everett City Hall. See page 4 for more photos.

The Independent Newspaper Group office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday...

Deadlines for next week's issue will be Friday, Dec. 23 at noon

For the latest news in Everett that you need to know, check everettindependent.com

CHRISTMAS CHEER AT THE WHITTIER ELDERLY HOUSING CENTER



Residents of the Whittier Elderly Housing Center are blessed and entertained by a group from the Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church 701 Broadway, Everett.



The church group entertained the residents with Christmas songs and Christian hymns and shared the love of Christ with the residents on Saturday December 10.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Residents enjoying the program provided by Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church.

CITY OFFICIALS HOST HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

The City of Everett recently hosted the first annual Holiday Craft Fair at the Everett Recreation Center.

In continuing the City's celebration of the holiday season, attendees were able to browse and shop a selection of homemade jewelry, baked goods, knick-knacks, ornaments, personalized clothes, crafts and more. Those who attended were able to directly support local artists and vendors with the purchase of each item.

The City provided another opportunity to shop

local this holiday season by bringing local artists and vendors together for one event. The Holiday Craft Fair is also in addition to Mayor Carlo De-Maria's announcement earlier this holiday season to suspend parking meter fees for a period from Thursday, Dec. 1 to Tuesday, Jan. 3. This effort is to encourage residents and visitors to consider choosing to shop local businesses during the holiday sea-

"It's important to support local small businesses, especially during

craft fair was a great op-

the holiday season," said portunity for the commu-Mayor DeMaria. "This nity to do so."



Some of the crafts on display.



Attendees were able to shop for all kinds of different holiday crafts like this Santa ornament.



The Rec. Center was turned into a market for attendees to shop for all kinds of holiday goods.



Elected officials, City employees and members of the community gathered inside the Recreation Center for the first Holiday Craft Fair.

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"The goal of our first development in Everett is to implement a vision with the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center that enables Everett adults to age safely in the community they call home," said TND Executive Director Rafael Mares. "The new site will provide easy access to health care services and fill a growing gap in the Everett housing market."

Neighbor-EBNHC's hood PACE serves approximately 800 seniors 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 maintain independence and thrive in the community, ultimately giving patients and caregivers peace of mind and community connection. Neighborhood PACE is supported through the Program of All-Inclusive Care (PACE) agreement with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Mass-Health, and the East Boston Neighborhood Health

Center. For more information on EBNHC's Neighborhood PACE program, visit this

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBN-HC) is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community health center in Massachusetts, serving over 100,000 patients and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a Health Center Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBN-HC has offered access to comprehensive care for the underserved populations of Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Boston's South End. EBNHC is dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services to all who live and work in our service area. For more information, please visit www.ebnhc.org.

MEDUGNO RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP FROM LAW OFFICE OF CAPONE & CAPON



Everett resident, Nicholas Medugno, a 2022 graduate of the Pioneer Charter School of Science, was the recipient of the annual scholarship presented by Attorneys Fred and Michele Capone. Nicholas is currently a freshman at Suffolk University. He is studying Business Finance with a minor concentration in Political Science. Fred and Michele have been awarding annual scholarships to graduating Everett seniors for over two decades. "We are very proud of this year's recipient. Nicholas embodies academic hard work and commitment to community, "said Fred and Michele, "We wish him continued success."



The All of Us Research

Program has a simple mission: to help advance research so we can learn more about what makes us sick and what keeps us healthy. Participants are from different races and ethnicities, age groups, and regions of the country. They are also diverse in gender identity, sexual orientation and health status.



This holiday season, give the gift of research by joining the All of Us Research Program and help make the world a healthier place to live.

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News in Brief

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES KWANZAA **CELEBRATION**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett will be hosting the first annual Kwanzaa Celebration on Thursday, Dec. 29 from 5pm to 8pm at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea St.).

As part of Mayor De-Maria's "Everett For Everyone" initiative, join us in celebrating Kwanzaa with music, poetry, culture, food and live performances from Uprising dance Theater, Big Redd's House, Janey David and

Don't know much about Kwanzaa or never celebrated it before? That's ok, because attendees will be introduced to the holiday, the meaning of it and the seven principles by African Drum and Dance group Uprising Dance Theater. Following this, attendees will be treated to a jazz performance by Big Redd's House and serenaded by vocalist Janey David with her magnificent voice.

All residents are welcome to attend this celebration of food, culture and community at our annual Kwanzaa Celebra-

RGB WORLDWIDE **ENTERPRISES** HOLDS EVENT TO BENEFIT PORTAL TO HOPE

On Saturday, December 10, RGB World Enterprises sponsored their first annual holiday fundraiser for Portal to Hope, a local organization that works to support survivors of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault. Nearly 100 community members came together for an evening of fun, food, and music.

We'd like to thank everyone who came out as well as those who contributed to the raffles, including our sponsors Oliveira's Bar & Grill and Brother's Kafe Kreyol. Thanks also go out to Tony Portillo, President of Stars Branding, who provided the printing for commemorative t-shirts.

Finally, thank you to our friend John Lopes and the staff at Village Bar & Grill for providing the venue and the lively atmosphere!

We hope to host more of these types of events in 2023, so stay tuned!

CALENDAR OF **EVENTS AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Parlin Adults and Teens Thursday Night Movies, Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, December 29th at 6:30 pm in the Parlin Meeting Room. Ring in the New Year with Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant in Holiday. Parlin Children

Storytime and Singa-

long, Parlin Toddler Play Area. Wednesday, December 28th at 11am. Come to the Parlin Library and listen to picture books, sing songs, dance around and more. Suggested ages 2-6.

Drama Class, Parlin Children's Craft Room. December Wednesday, 28th at 3pm. Do you have

a drama queen or king at

home? Drama Class in the Parlin Children's Department is the perfect opportunity for your child to put those acting skills to use with our drama coach! Suggested ages 6-14.

Friday Family Movie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. December 30th from 3-5 we will be watching Home Alone. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch movies with your friends and

EVERETT RESIDENTIAL PARKING STICKER **PROGRAM**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the official start date for the 2023 Residential Parking Sticker Program. Starting Tuesday, January 3rd, vehicle owners must submit an online application in order to obtain their parking sticker for 2023.

After a resident has successfully submitted an online application, they will receive a confirmation email. Once the resident's information is verified, they will receive an additional email to confirm that the order has been successfully processed. The parking sticker will then be mailed to the resident. Residents may apply for up to 4 stickers per online application. Information required to complete the application includes:

- Full Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address • License Plate Number
- Name that Appears on the Registration

Resident stickers for 2023 must be obtained and displayed on the vehicle prior to March 1st. As a courtesy, from January 3rd to February 28th, stickers may be obtained for FREE. The \$10 fee per sticker will be reinstated

on March 1st.

Please be advised that in order for a resident sticker to be approved, the vehicle must be registered to the City of Everett and be in good standing. If the vehicle has overdue parking tickets or unpaid excise tax, a sticker will not be issued.

For residents applying for a first-time sticker, those with new plates or vehicles, please visit City Hall, Room 13 to apply. Please bring your vehicle's registration and proof of address, such as a driver's license or current utility bill, to obtain a parking sticker.

Please note that beginning on January 3rd, residents of the Lower Broadway area must visit City Hall, Room 13 in order to renew your Lower Broadway sticker and visitor placard. Please bring your registration, proof of Lower Broadway area address, such as a driver's license or current utility bill, and last year's visitor placard to renew.

The online application for the Residential Parking Sticker Program can be found at https://epay. cityhallsystems.com. For questions regarding the program or the online application, please contact 311 at 617-394-2270 or

Banks Team with MVES to support financial stability

The Money Management Program at Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) assists older adults and people with disabilities with budgeting, bill paying and keeping track of financial matters. MVES recently accepted generous donations and sponsorships from the following: Brookline Bank

- Eagle Bank
- East Cambridge Savings Bank
- Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation
- EverettBank
- Metro Credit Union
- M&T Bank Foundation/People's United Community Foundation of Eastern MA
- Northern Bank & Trust Company
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ready contributed a com-



Alex Ragusa, Program Associate, assist older adults and people with disabilities throughout the MVES service area. With support from local banks, said Poirier, MVES volunteers "make an immediate and meaningful impact in the community."

bined total of \$55,000 this year to support the Money Management Program.

'Without the support of these banks, the Money Management Program could not accomplish its goal of helping people stay in the community and stay independent," said Lisa Gurgone, MVES Chief Executive Officer. "We are truly grateful for our partners in the business community."

Financial challenges are a growing problem for older adults. The average debt of households aged 65 and up nearly tripled from 1989 to 2016, according to a 2021 report by the Congressional Research Service. The percentage of households aged 65 and up that held any debt increased from 37.8% to 61.1% in that time. In addition, the report found that in 2019, 4.9 million people aged 65 and older lived in poverty. Since 1990, the Money

Management Program has assisted older adults and people with disabilities throughout the MVES service area. The program's trained and insured volunteers help prevent evictions and loss of utilities and safeguard residents from financial exploitation and abuse.

"We are grateful that providing financial education opportunities is a core value for these banks," said Larry Poirier, longtime Money Management Program Manager for MVES. "With their generosity, our volunteers make an immediate and meaningful impact in the community."

Please call 781-324-7705 or email info@mves. org if you are interested in sponsoring the Money Management Program, becoming a volunteer, or know someone who could benefit from the program.

Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers. Based in Malden, Mass., MVES serves Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call 781-324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

Phunk / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Garden. Her brother, Isa-

Woolridge. "It took two days of rehearsals for the choreography, which consisted of old-school dance moves."

Woolridge was humbled by being selected for a role in the movie. Hundreds of dancers auditioned for the role.

"I was glad I was picked for the movie because there are so many talented dancers in Boston,"said Woolridge, who will be heading to theater Friday to view the movie.

Maya Sutton, daughter of Gregory Sutton and Cathy Sutton, has been a hip-hop dancer at Phunk Phenomenon for four years. She has performed for Lil Phunk at Boston Celtics home games in front of 19,000 fans at TD

A SHORT STORY ABOUT

GROWING UP WITH AN

As one of the last American children to

contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a

world of iron lungs and body casts, alone

with his imagination. His story would be

dramatic enough if it was just about his

battle with this dreaded disease. But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive

polio. He went on to a list of achievements

in medical research—including being the

principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus

that made him so passionate in his research.

His story leaves us with two of the most

contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If

Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more

person to make a difference, then its telling

here has been well worth while.

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POLIO.

In the movie, Maya is one of three dancers backing up Naomi Ackie to the song, "I'm Every Woman." The concert scene

was filmed in November

iah, 15, is a current dancer

at Phunk. An older sister,

Jada, is a former dancer at

(2021) at the House of Blues in Boston. "It's really exciting to be in the movie," said Maya. "The whole process was a great experience. Every-

one was so nice when we

were filming our scene."

Maya said she is thankful to Briggs-Connor and her staff for developing her dancing skills and being an inspiration in her "I just want people to

know what a great person Reia is, and she really loves what she does," said Sutton. "She is such a great influence to all of her students."

Cathy Sutton also expressed her gratitude to Phunk for setting the foundation to her daughter being selected among hundreds of dancers for a role in the movie.

"It's very, very exciting," said Cathy. "We didn't expect it. It was an amazing opportunity and we're so proud of her. We're so thankful to Phunk for giving her this opportunity. The actress. Naomi Ackie, who plays Whitney, was super nice. It was just a really cool experience for Maya and the other girls to go through hair and makeup, then actually be filmed for the movie, and see how the whole movie scene takes

place."

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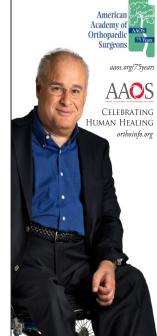


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MERRY CHRISTMAS

This is the most wonderful time of the year, to paraphrase the popular song, with holiday music playing in the malls and on our car radios, resurrecting our earliest childhood memories of Christmases-past.

We choose just the right tree, decorate it carefully with our family-heirloom ornaments, and when we first turn on the lights, it brings a smile to the faces of even the oldest among us.

Despite the hectic rushing to and fro', everybody, it seems, is in a good mood. We endure the traffic and the long lines in stores because we know that what we are doing will bring joy and happiness to others.

For those of us with young children, we get to see Christmas through their eyes, giving us a second-chance to experience the wonder and joy that we felt when we

Although all of us celebrate the holiday season in our own way, the common thread is one of peace, joy, and happiness, regardless of religious or secular beliefs. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a Seinfeldian Festivus, the spirit of the season imbues us with a sense of togetherness that transcends whatever negativity may exist both in our own lives and in the world around us.

We wish all of our readers a happy holiday season.

A GREAT WORLD CUP

We don't pretend to be big soccer fans, but even we were caught up in the excitement and the drama of the World Cup, which reached its climax this past Sunday with the exciting and exhilarating victory by Argentina in a shoot-out over defending champion France.

As long-time Boston sports rooters, we know of the passion that we and our fellow local fans have for our local teams. But our enthusiasm does not even come close to that of World Cup fans for their heroes.

The raw emotion among the fans in the stands, their raucous celebrations in the streets back home, and the individual stories of fans who traveled thousands of miles (and who spent their life savings) just to be on hand were epic.

Moreover, it was a World Cup for everyone, including the U.S., which qualified for the cup for the first time in 12 years and made it through the knockout round, but especially for the fans of underdog Morocco, which became the first team from Africa and the Arab world to reach the semifinals.

At a time when there is so much misery and conflict in our world, the World Cup brought nations together as no other event can do.

Your opinions, please

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GUEST OP-ED

Light and strength for Christmas

Dr. Glenn Mollette

When I was a child at Tomahawk Elementary School in Martin County, Kentucky there were many kids who got little to nothing for Christmas. I had classmates who I would never ask if they got anything for Christmas because I already knew the answer. Some of these kids were just glad to be in school. At school they could receive a free lunch and have access to a bathroom which they didn't have at home. This also meant they could wash their faces and their hands which was difficult at home especially in the winter months. While most of us didn't have much, what we did have seemed like a lot to those who had nothing.

This is where y to stop and think. You stress about all you may not have but what do you have in comparison to those who have noth-

ing? Do you have a place noticeable. Their reality is to sleep? Do you have a comfortable bed? Is your house or apartment warm and comfortable? Do you know you will have food to eat on Christmas day? Do you have a television to watch? Do you have a telephone? Do you have a few dollars in your pock-

I'm very aware there are millions of Americans who are below the financial income poverty level. They have it tough. Our cities are filled with growing numbers of homeless populations. People are sleeping under bridges, overpasses and on riverbanks. Too many of these have met with unfortunate circumstances in life due to bad choices, addictions, unemployment, mental illness, and family issues. The list is never-ending. This doesn't make their lives any easier. Just because there is a reason for the problems doesn't make their burdens lighter or unstill harsh and painful.

Millions more migrants are coming to America. Where will they sleep? Where will they work? Many of them will work for \$8 an hour and work hard but many of them will be homeless or stranded in homeless shelters on government dependence for a long time. Would any of us want to trade places with them? I don't think so.

Whatever darkness you are facing this Christmas is your reality. Seeing the hurts of others doesn't make your troubles go away. However, if you can be thankful for the life you have, then maybe Christmas will take on a whole new light.

Look to the most special gift of all this Christmas – the baby in the manger. Shepherds raced to see the baby just as the angels said they would. Wise men came from the east and worshipped him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Mary and Joseph did the best they could as peasant parents of a new baby boy.

Keep the scripture of Isaiah 9:6 handy this Christmas. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Price of Peace.

May His peace comfort your heart and be your light and strength through this seasonand every day to come.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

EVERETT LIGHTS MENORAH IN CELEBRATION OF HANUKKAH

On the second night of Hanukkah, community members and elected officials gathered alongside Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Rabbi Sruli Baron to light the Everett menorah in front of City Hall.

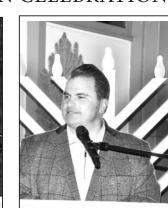
Hanukkah, which is the Jewish eight-day "festival of lights" is celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting and special prayers. The menorah holds nine candles where one stands higher than the rest and is used to light the others.

Rabbi Baron welcomed attendees and spoke about the meaning of Hanukkah



Rabbi Sruli Baron spoke at the podium.

and how it can bring communities together. Mayor Carlo DeMaria also spoke about the significance of Hanukkah and what the



Mayor Carlo DeMaria spoke at the podium.

menorah can represent to residents in his remarks.

"Let all our residents look to the menorah and its lights and find the

strength and courage to know that no matter what challenges that you face in life, a pure heart and your faith always will guide and comfort you through any difficulty," said Mayor DeMaria. "May you all leave here today and carry with you faith, peace and hope for yourselves, for your families and for our community during this holiday season and throughout the coming new year."

After the menorah was lit, all who attended were invited to enjoy music, latkes, doughnuts, dreidels, chocolate gelt and more.

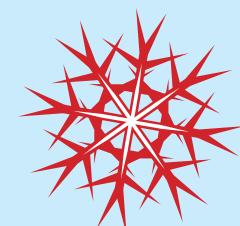


Community members and elected officials alongside Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Rabbi Sruli Baron outside of City Hall after the menorah lighting ceremony.

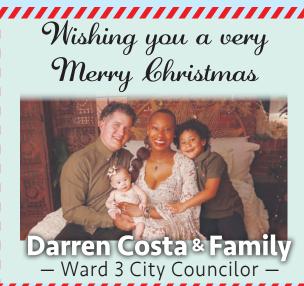


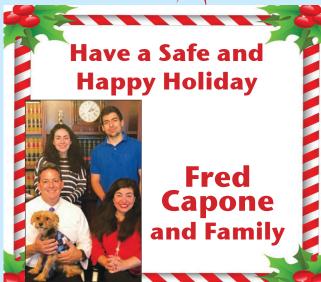










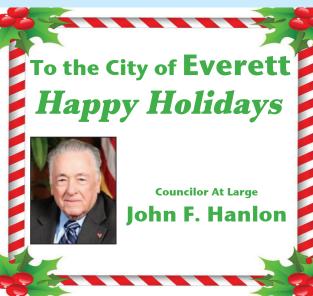


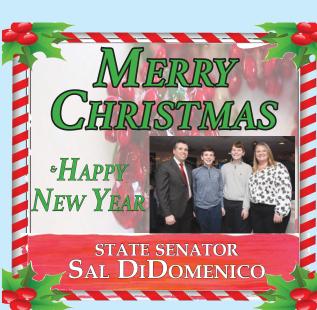


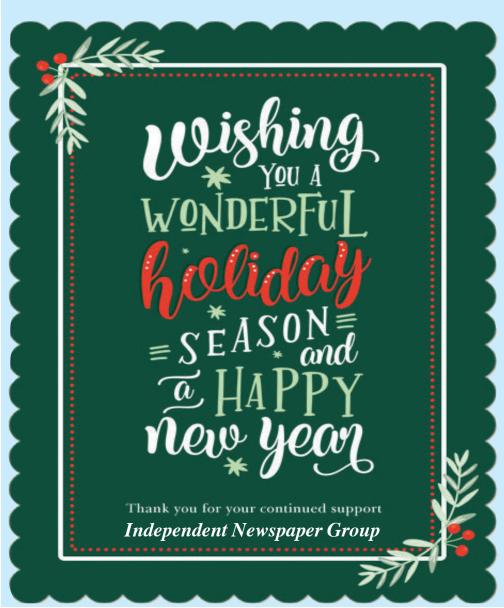


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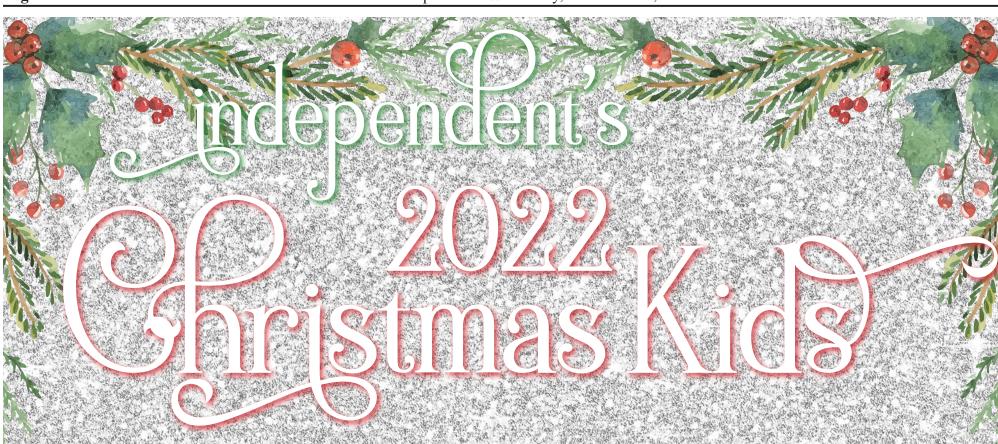
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Sports

EVERETT WINS 45-41 OVER MEDFORD

Everett won their second straight game to start the girls basketball season with a gritty 45-41 win over Medford Thursday, December 15 at Everett High School. Kayley Rossi (13 points) and Nehemie Lucien (12) led the scoring for the Crimson

EHS Roundup

EHS BOYS BASKETBALL WINS OPENING TWO GAMES

The Everett High boys basketball team opened the defense of its Greater Boston League (GBL) title with a pair of victories last week against GBL rivals Revere and Medford.

In the season-opener at Revere last Tuesday, the Crimson Tide pulled out an exciting 63-60 victory in overtime before a large crowd at the Revere Fieldhouse that included a host of Everett fans. The Crimson Tide sank six free throws in the OT session to break the 57-57 deadlock after regulation

to cement the victory.

Coach Stanley Chamblain's crew, who are ranked 13th in the state in the Boston Globe poll, had a bit of an easier time in their next outing two days later at Medford, a 60-45 triumph over the Mus-



Nehemie Lucien (14) reaches for control of a loose ball as Medford's Sophia Purifory loses her footing.

tangs.

Steven Cordero topped the scoring column for the Tide in both contests with 21 (vs. Revere) and 25 (vs. Medford) points. Kevin Ruiz (15 points) and David DeSouza (14 points) also reached double figures in the contest at Revere.

"Although Steven was our high scorer in the second game, it was our defense that guided us to victory over Medford," said Chamblain. "We forced 19 turnovers in that contest and played team-stifling defense to

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Emilia Maria-Babcock (33) drives past Medford defender.



Emilia Maria-Babcock (33) and Japhnie Pierre (3) are all smiles as they head off the court following Everett's hard-fought 45-41 victory over Medford



Kayley Rossi (1) goes up for a pair of her game-high 13 points during Everett's 45-41 win over Medford Thursday at Everett High.



Kayley Rossi (1) finds a path between a pair of Medford defenders.



Malaica Guillaume get a pass off in front of a pair of Medford defenders.



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FKO and Macys Boston hosts shopping spree and fashion show for Everett children

On December 11, For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO) hosted a shopping spree for 60 Everett children at Macy's Boston. Thanks to a \$10,000 donation from Macy's each child received a gift card to pick out holiday outfits to highlight in front of friends, teachers and family during a special Winter Fashion Show at the FKO Everett program. With the help of Macy's team members, each child felt welcomed and special as they selected new clothing, shoes, and accessories that reflected their very

own style. The children were even more excited as they took to the "runaway" to display special new outfits at FKO's Winter Fashion Show. The young faces lit up the room as they modeled the latest fashions and their own glamourous style for friends, teachers, and family. FKO Everett children and families were joined at the Fashion Show event by Mayor Carlo DeMaria, a representative from Representative Joe McGonagle's office, Macy's Social Impact Manager Windy Pham and Macy's Boston Senior Manager, Customer Experience DT Diego Areiza, and FKO Co-Founder and Executive Director Deborah Kneeland Keegan.

Designed and inspired by kids, the Winter Wonderland Fashion Show complemented the after-

school enrichment curriculum and hands-on learning opportunities at FKO. Each day, FKO's enrichment programs give children structure and guidance from caring adults, homework support, and hands-on projects and enrichment classes that introduce topics such as STEM, the arts, and sports that allow young people to discover new passions, a hobby, or even future ca-

"This was a very special experience for the kids. 'Fashion Club' is one of the most popular enrichments at our program. During fashion club the children draw up sketches of a design and use their creativity and various materials to make their creations come to life. Being able to pick out an outfit and then walk a runway was amazing," says FKO Everett Site Director, Vanessa Arnone.

FKO extends their gratitude to Macy's. With this kind investment, children at FKO were able to plunge into imaginative design and build confidence they need for success in school and life. Macy's is committed to empowering the curiosity and confidence of young people on their journey to become the leaders of tomorrow, which is part of the company's social purpose platform, Mission Every One. If you would

for future endeavors, contact Director of Development, Nicole Preston at npreston@fkoafterschool.

FKO is a nonprofit organization providing out-ofschool time care to communities in and around the Metro Boston area.

Macy's, the largest retail brand of Macy's, Inc. (NYSE: M), serves as the style source for generations of customers. With one of the nation's largest e-commerce platforms powered by macys.com and mobile app, paired with a nationwide network of stores, Macy's delivers the most convenient and seamless shopping experience, offering great values in apparel, home, beauty, accessories and more. Macy's gives customers even more ways to shop and own their style through an off-price assortment at Macy's Backstage and at our highly curated and smaller store format, Market by Macy's. Each year, Macy's provides millions with unforgettable experiences through Macy's 4th of July Fireworks® and Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade® and helps our customers celebrate special moments, big and small. We're guided by our purpose—to create a brighter future with bold representation—that empowers more voice, choice and ownership for our colleagues, customers and communities.













From the Mayor's Office

DEMARIA THANKS SCHIAVO CLUB FOR DONATION TO TOY DRIVE

Mayor Carlo DeMaria would like to thank Carmen A. Schiavo Club for their donation of toys val-

ued at over \$4,000 to Everett's Annual Toy Drive.

"They donate to our Toy Drive every year, but this year they went above and beyond," said Mayor DeMaria. "Everett's children will greatly benefit

because of their generos-

A reminder that if you would like to help support Everett families in need of assistance this holiday season, you can donate any unwrapped toys at Everett City Hall (484 Broadway) on the First Floor.



December 12, 2022 in Lowell, Mass.

CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS events we participate in

Middlesex Sheriff's Office (MSO) staff and volunteers recently gathered in Lowell to wrap gifts for children of individuals incarcerated at the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction.

As in years past, donations for the holiday effort came from members of the faith community across the Merrimack Valley and beyond. "This is one of the most inspirational

each year," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian, who joined volunteers at the MSO's Lowell Community Counseling Center for an evening of wrapping on December 12. "We are humbled by the outpouring of support from the faith community who year-after-year give so generously to help families impacted by incarceration."

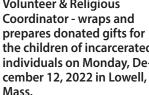
MIDDLESEX SHERIFF'S OFFICE, VOLUNTEERS PREPARE DONATED HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR

> In addition to the volunteers who gathered in Lowell, a group of individuals from the MSO's women's pre-release program joined the effort to spread holiday cheer during a separate wrapping session on December 15.

Gifts from both events will be distributed to children on December 18.



Middlesex Sheriff's Office's **Volunteer & Religious** Coordinator - wraps and prepares donated gifts for Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian (seated) and Pastor the children of incarcerated Pierce VanDunk (standing) - a member of the Middlesex individuals on Monday, De-Sheriff's Office team - wrap and prepare donated gifts cember 12, 2022 in Lowell, for the children of incarcerated individuals on Monday,



Pastor Jesus Sanchez, the



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

Mystic Side Congregational Church 422 Main Street Everett, MA

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Rev. Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator, Rev. Gustavo Buccilli S.M.A Parochial Vicar, Barbara Canon Secretary, Parish Secretary.

Weekly Mass Schedule ate the Immaculate Conception Parish is as follows:

1: Monday-Saturday at 7:00Am in the Chapel.

2: Saturday at 4:00Pm (Sunday Vigil) and at 7:30pm Vietnamese Mass Upper Church.

3: Sunday at 7:00am 10:00am English 12:00Pm Masses. At Spanish Mass and 4:00Pm Haitian Creole Mass.

4: Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:00-3:45 at the Confession you this Sunday.

Boots in the Chapel, and

at 11:15Am 12:00Pm in

Spanish. 5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel on Thursday from 7:30Am-6:00Pm. Bring a Book buy a

Book a new Fundraiser Program at the back of the Church. All books are a dollar. Any money collected goes to our Stain Glass Fund. You are most invited to make a donation for this course. Most welcome to worship with us on Sunday and weekdays. Thank You.

Immaculate Conception Parish

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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Robert G. Bishop Brown and Zion Church Ministries invites you to join us every Sunday at our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service for a time of worship, praise and preaching, at 757 Broadway, Everett, MA. You can also join

Zion Church Ministries via livestream on Facebook and You Tube.

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

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2 p.m. Other times by

from Glendale Towers)

by the driveway on

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the altar.

9:30 p.m.

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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.

Boy Scout Troop 814: Meet in Cooper Hall on Tues. evenings from 6-9 p.m. Cub Pack 11 meets on Saturday mornings.

NA Meetings - Mon.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship service.

Weds. hour of Power, worship, prayer and Bible

Study, via Zoom. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human mas-

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ters," Colossians 3:23

GLENDALE CHRISTIAN LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH 701 BROADWAY EVERETT, **MASSACHUSETTS** 02149 617-387-7458 Rev. Larry Russi, Sr. **Pastor** pastorlarry@ thelighthousechurch701.net

Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at www.foreverett.church

to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network at www.everettcan.com to request any additional help.

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all.

There are 2 services on Sundays: 10am English, 1pm South Sudanese Din-

Come all and let us walk together in this season of hope, renewal and new beginnings.

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church 67 Norwood Street, Everett, MA **Church Phone** 617-387-7526 or 617-389-5765

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2022-2023 Snow Season FAQs

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parking, remain designated side. No parking on either side of main roads.



During snow emergencies, it is very unlikely that trash pickup is delayed. In the rare occasion that it happens, we will contact you through the avenues listed above.



An easy way to tell if there is an impending snow emergency is to check the flashing blue lights on main



Our 311 Constituent Services Department is open during all snow storms. The alternative phone number is 617-394-2270. You can use this number for all snow related issues.

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East Boston Neighborhood Health hosts listening session on advancing women's health equity

Thursday, December 15, East Boston Neighborhood Health was proud to host a listening session with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Director Melanie Fontes Rainer on President Biden's Executive Order on Securing Access to Reproductive and Other Healthcare Services. The meeting provided an opportunity for federal, state and local public health and community leaders, including Massachusetts State Representative Marjorie C. Decker, to discuss the essential role of federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) in increasing access to reproductive health care, a critical part of advancing women's health equity.

EBNHC is a leading provider of care to women in our community, and this year alone, provided high-quality women's health care to more than 37,000 patients, 74% of whom are Hispanic and 83% of whom are a racial/

ethnic minority. For more information about your Reproductive Health Rights in the U.S., visit here https://reproductiverights.gov. For more information about how the U.S. Department of Justice is working to protect access to reproductive health services under federal law, visit www.justice.gov/reproductive-rights.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community health center in Massachusetts, serving over 100,000 patients and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a Health Center Quality Leader. For more than



Featured from left to right - Everett Handford, HHS Region 1, Regional Director; Susan Rhodes, Regional Manager, Office for Civil Rights (OCR); Assaad Jean Sayah, M.D. Cambridge Health Alliance; Greg Wilmot, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), President & CEO; Melanie Fontes Rainer, OCR Director, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Rep. Marjorie C. Decker, MA. House of Representatives; Dr. Julio Mazul, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, EBNHC; Ernani DeAraujo, Chief Legal Officer, EBNHC; Dr. Jackie Fantes, Chief Medical Officer, EBNHC; Phil Johnston, CEO, Johnston and Associates. Thank you to City Councilor Gigi Coletta who also attended the event and Rep. Adrian Madaro for supporting FQHCs to meet the needs of our community.

50 years, EBNHC has offered access to comprehensive care for the underserved populations of Chelsea, East Boston,

Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Boston's South End. EBNHC is dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities,

families, and individuals by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services to all

who live and work in our service area. For more information, please visit www.ebnhc.org.

Transportation Security Administration is prepared for winter holiday travelers

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) anticipates airport security checkpoints nationwide will be busier this holiday travel season compared to last year.

TSA expects travel volumes to be close to pre-pandemic levels. The busiest days are expected to be Thursday, Dec. 22 and Friday, Dec. 30.

"During the Thanksgiving travel period, we saw the highest throughput volume since 2019, and we expect that trend to continue over the upcoming holiday travel period," said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. "We are prepared for the increased volume and expect to meet our wait time standards of 30 minutes or less in standard lanes and 10 minutes or less in TSA PreCheck® lanes. However, there may be some situations where the capacity of a checkpoint is

Additionally, to provide a higher level of assistance for travelers with questions about airport security screening procedures, airline passengers may now send a text using any mobile device to "AskTSA" (275-872). A virtual assistant is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For more

exceeded."

complicated questions, AskTSA staff are available daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST. Passengers may still reach out to AskTSA (@AskTSA) on Twitter or Facebook Messenger with questions and comments.

TSA also has several videos for parents and families to watch with young children. Our latest edition in the "TSA KIDS" series is for families traveling with gifts. TSA KIDS videos cover various travel tips, including traveling with snacks and traveling with electronics. More information on our TSA KIDS videos may be found on our YouTube page.

Travelers should keep these top 10 tips in mind while traveling:

1 Do not attempt to bring a firearm through a TSA checkpoint; doing so compromises the safety and security of other passengers and our officers in the checkpoint. Passengers who do attempt to bring a firearm through a checkpoint can expect to receive a civil penalty (fines may be as high as \$15,000) and lose eligibility for TSA Pre-Check. Additionally, local law enforcement will be called and because these passengers may present additional risk beyond the firearm, they will receive enhanced screening.

2 Beyond firearms, there are other items that are not permitted in the checkpoint. These include explosives, flammables, knives, razors and replica weapons. To see if an item is prohibited, check the TSA website under "What Can I Bring?" Prepare for security when packing for your trip and be aware of what can go in carry-on or checked bags to ensure there are no prohibited items. If you can spill it, spray it, spread it, pump it or pour it, then it is subject to the 3.4-ounce limitation. As always, passengers may bring solid foods such as cakes and other baked goods through the TSA

checkpoint. Ensure gifts are unwrapped and can be inspected. TSA encourages those traveling with gifts this holiday season to use gift bags that can be easily opened or gift boxes with lids that can be removed, so that contents can be inspected if required. Fully wrapped gifts may need to be opened if deemed necessary by a TSA officer. Instead, consider placing your unwrapped gifts in your checked bag.

4 Bring an acceptable ID. Before heading to the airport, travelers should make sure they have acceptable identification. At many airport checkpoints, the Transportation Security Officer (TSO) may ask you to insert your physical ID into one of our new Credential Authentication Technology units. Residents of Arizona, Colorado and Maryland may even use their Apple mobile device to store their ID in Apple Wallet and use their mobile device in certain TSA PreCheck lanes at

participating airports. 5 Become a Trusted Traveler. The TSA Pre-Check program offers expedited security screening at the airport, connecting low-risk passengers with a more efficient air travel experience. Just in time for the holidays, the enrollment fee dropped from \$85 to \$78 for a five-year membership. Online renewals cost just \$70. TSA PreCheck members keep their shoes, belts and light jackets on and their laptops and liquids in their carry-on bags. Program member benefits include less physical contact, fewer items on the conveyor belt, and faster screening. Many new enrollees receive a known traveler number within three to five days.

6 Request passenger

support. Travelers or families of passengers with disabilities and/or medical conditions may call the TSA Cares helpline toll free at 855-787-2227 at least 72 hours prior to travel with any questions about screening procedures and to find out what to expect at the security checkpoint. TSA Cares also arranges assistance at the checkpoint for travelers with specific

needs. @AskTSA. Travelers can get assistance in real time by submitting their questions and comments to @AskTSA on Twitter, Facebook Messenger and via text message using any mobile device to "AskTSA" (275-872). An automated virtual assistant is available 24/7 while staff is available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST daily, including holidays and weekends. Travelers may also reach the TSA Contact Center at 866-289-9673. Staff is available from 8 a.m. to II p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends/holidays; and an automated service is available 24 hours a day, seven days

a week. 8 If You See Something. Say Something®. Public awareness remains a key element in transportation

security and we all play a role in keeping our communities safe. For additional information, please visit the DHS website.

9 Practice good cybersecurity habits. Effective cybersecurity habits are not limited to the home or office. Those who are traveling – whether domestically or internationally - should continue to practice safe online behaviors. Take proactive steps to secure internet-enabled devices. Practice the concept of stop, think and connect prior to connecting to any public wireless hotspot, such as those at airports, hotels and cafés. For more cybersecurity tips, visit cisa.gov.

10 Show gratitude to frontline workers. Thank a TSO, a flight attendant, a gate agent or someone who serves at the frontlines of transportation. TSOs complete about 200 hours of training to become certified and are committed to transportation security while ensuring all travel ers are treated with respect and courtesy. Pack an extra dose of patience, especially during higher passenger volume travel days, and show gratitude to those who are working diligently to get everyone to their destinations safely.

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walk away with the win." The Crimson Tide were set to travel to 1-1 Malden last night (Tuesday) and then will participate in the Boston Amateur Basketball Club (BABC) Classic holiday tourney at Cathedral High in the South

End, taking on B.C. High, the defending Division 1 state champ, on December 27, and the Jeremiah Burke School on December 28. Both of those contests will tip off at noon-



EHS GIRLS **BASKETBALL OPENS WITH** TWO WINS

The Everett High girls basketball team launched its 2023 season in impressive fashion last week with a pair of victories over Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Revere (46-28) and Medford (45-41) at the EHS gym.

Coach Riley Dunn and her squad were scheduled to take on GBL foe Malden yesterday (Tuesday) and will be off until December 29, when they will trek to non-league rival Lawrence.

EHS TRACK TEAMS DO WELL VS. **REVERE**

The Everett High girls and boys indoor track and field teams opened their 2023 season last Wednes-

day with a meet at defending Greater Boston League champion Revere. Although coach Jehu

Cimea's crew came out

on the short end of the final tally, a number of the Crimson Tide turned in fine individual performances.

For the boys, junior Jayden Prohete won the 50-yard dash with a clocking of 6.0 seconds and senior Omar Marshall captured the 300 dash with a time of 40.5, In addition, Marshall

anchored the winning 4 x 400 relay quartet with junior Lalen Jones, senior Shinay Aristhene, and freshman Kayshaun Eveillard with a clocking of 4:07.4.

For the girls, who fell short by a score of 50-35, sophomore Yelsa Garcia sped to victory in the 300 dash with a clocking of 50.1 and junior Layla Betancut Cardona captured the shot-put with a toss of 27'-10", which was a personal record (PR) for Layla, to lead an Everett sweep in that event.

Seven Lady Crimson Tide added three points

to the Everett column on

the scoresheet with sec-

ond-place performances:

senior Ida Bittaye in the hurdles in 9.0; senior Nyla Crowder in the 50-yard dash in 7.0; sophomore Mlena Milena Antoine in the 600 in 2:15.7; junior Tiffany Escobar in the 1000 in 4:40; senior Luca Jean Noel in the mile in 7:10; junior Nicole Brandao in the high jump with a leap of 4'-2"; and senior Julianna Edwards with a shot-put throw of 27'-

Adding single points to the Everett cause with third-place efforts were: senior Selma Moutaouakkil in the 300 in 55.4; sophomore Angelina Papa in the 600 in 2:17.4; junior Suzanna Maharjan in the two-mile in 19:06; and junior Farrynn Desmareux in the shot with a throw of 23'-4.5". "Overall it was a good

meet for us going against the defending GBL champions," said Cimea. "We had good performances from our returning athletes and also our new athletes. "The meet ended on a

positive note for the boys,

winning the 4x4 against

a very talented Revere squad," Cimea added.

Crimson are scheduled to face GBL rivals Medford today (Wednesday) and Malden next Wednesday.

EHS BOYS 4 X 200 TAKES THIRD AT SPEED CLASSIC The Everett High boys

4 x 200 relay team of freshman Kayshaun Eveillard, junior Jalen Jones, junior Jayden Prophete, and senior Omar Marshall brought home a third place medal at the Speed Classic this past Saturday at the Reggie Lewis Center. The Crimson Tide quar-

tet's time of 1:36.79 was third-best among the field of 32 schools who competed in the event. A number of Ever-

ett boys also turned in individual impressive performances. Adail Costa Fernandes took eighth place in the long jump with a leap of 19'-3" among the field of 40 competitors.

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Officials remind residents about the importance of flu and COVID-19 vaccinations

With flu season underway, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) is reminding residents of all ages to get vaccinated. Flu activity across the country is higher than usual so far this year. Residents can get both a flu shot and a COVID-19 booster in the same visit.

"This flu season, residents can protect themselves and their families by getting a flu vaccine even if they haven't gotten a vaccine in years past," said Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. "It's easy to get your flu shot along with your COVID-19 booster if you're eligible for one, and both vaccines are widely available."

The flu can lead to serious illness, hospitalization, or death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that there have already been 13 million cases, 120,000 hospitalizations, and 7,300 deaths due to flu this season. The most common symptoms of flu are fever, cough, and sore throat. Symptoms can also include body aches, headaches, chills, runny nose, and fatigue.

Flu vaccination is especially important for people who are at higher risk of severe disease which could result in hospitalization or death. People at higher risk include those who are over age 65 or under 2 years, and anyone with a chronic respiratory condition, heart disease, a weakened immune system, or who is pregnant. Antiviral medications, such as Tamiflu, are available with a prescription to help reduce disease sever-

"Everyone over the age of 6 months is eligible for both the flu and COVID vaccines and can receive both vaccines at the same time. Spending time around more people increases the chances you will be exposed to one or more viruses," said Dr. Larry Madoff, Medical Director of DPH's Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences. "The current flu vaccine is a good match to the circulating strains and gives you the antibodies you need to help fight off infection."

COVID and flu vaccines are both widely available for everyone 6 months and older. Other actions that people can take to help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses like the flu and COVID-19 include staying home when sick, keeping children home from daycare or school if sick, covering coughs and sneezes, and practicing good handwashing hy-

More information on how to find a flu and/or COVID-19 vaccine site near you can be found here. Information about influenza and COVID-19 is available by visiting mass.gov/influenza mass.gov/covid19, calling your health care provider, local board of health, or DPH at (617) 983-6800.

OBITUARIES

Attorney Jon Kennedy

So glad to have lived

Attorney Jon L. Kennedy of Everett, born on May 6, 1954 to the late State Representative and Mrs. John P. Kennedy departed this life on December 13 at the young age of

His passing has left a huge void in the lives of those who loved him. Jonny enjoyed walking on the beach, bike riding, swimming, reading and socializing with friends. He always filled a room with light and laughter. He had a contagious smile and a personable, goofy sense of humor. Jonny never owned a cell phone and read at least three newspapers a day

The loving grandson of the late Sabina "Nana" Higgins from Galway Bay Ireland, Jonny leaves to mourn his passing, two sons Ryan and Mark and his fiancée, Alexa and their mother, Christine Kennedy and two nieces, Sabrina and Kaitlyn and their mother, Linda Kennedy. He was predeceased by his brothers: Tommy, Bobby, Mark, and Teddy and is also survived by other siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins and



many loyal friends. His passing has left a huge void in the lives of those who loved him.

Relatives and friends gathered to honor, remember and celebrate Jonny's life, during a period of visitation held at JF Ward Funeral Home, 772 Broadway, Everett on Monday, December 19 followed by a Christian Mass of Resurrection at the Immaculate Conception Church, 487 Broadway, Everett at 12 noon before leaving in procession to Woodlawn Cemetery for his graveside service.

It was Jon's request that those attending dress comfortable for the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Massachusetts General Hospital - Cardiac Rehabilitation Program, 25 New Chardon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114.

Michael DiPlatzi, Jr.

Longtime Warehouse Manager

Michael DiPlatzi, Jr., 69, of Winthrop, formerly of Revere, passed away at home on December 19 following a brief illness.

Michael proudly served his country as a Corporal in the US Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He spent many years working as a warehouse manager. The son of the late

Michael and Betty Jane (Confer) DiPlatzi, he was the beloved companion of Cheryl M. Pyne, devoted father of Michael W. DiPlatzi of North Reading, Angela DiPlatzi of Rhode Island and John DiPlatzi of Framingham; adored grandfather of Mikayla, Justin, Jonathan, Giovanni, Gianna, Jessica, Jacqueline, Kyle and Marissa and three great-grandchildren; dear brother of Leonard Glasser of Connecticut, Joseph DiPlatzi of Florida, Nicholas DiPlazi of Salem, Paul DiPlatzi of Peabody and the late John Glasser and Helen Rose DiPlatzi. He is



also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

A visitation will be held in the Paul Buonfigilo & Sons ~ Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere today, Wednesday, December 21 from 3 to 6 p.m. A Prayer Service will follow at 6 p.m. Family and friends are kindly invited. Donations may be made in Michael's memory to the American Cancer Society at www.donate. cancer.org.

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removal of sewer main. sewer structures, drainage structures, possible off-site management of contaminated soil; furnish labor, materials and equipment necessary for all temporary pavement restorations. The general characteristics, locations and details of the work to be performed under this contract are specified in the contract specifications and drawings. Contract Documents may be obtained at https:// www.accentblueprints. com/jobs/public starting: December 15, 2022 at 10am 12/21/22

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12/7, 12/14, 12/21

Paul Belmonte

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Teammate Angel Torres finished 21st with a jump of 17'-7.5".

EHS captain Omar Marshall came across in 10th place in the 300 dash in 38.40 and teammate Patrick Bien-Aime finished 32nd in 40.42 in the field of more than 150 competitors.

In the 55 meter dash, Jayden Prophete finished 13th among the field of 219 runners with a sprint of 6.99 and sprint teammate Jalen Jones was a nose behind in 14th place in the same official time of

EHS HOCKEY TEAM HOSIS LYNN TODAY

The Everett High hockey team will host Lynn this afternoon (Wednesday) at Allied Veterans Rink. The opening face-off for firstyear head coach Craig Richards and his crew is set for 4:00.

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Gold Star tree lighting returns to State House

Last week, Gold Star Families returned to Memorial Hall to host the annual Christmas Tree lighting in its' traditional spot, after last year's ceremony took place outdoors due to COVID-19 precautions. The ceremony included speeches by Governor Charlie Baker, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Attorney General and Governor-Elect Maura Healey as well as several others, along with various singing performances and a reading of T'was the Night Before Christmas, by First Lady Lauren Baker. Rep. Joe McGonagle was among the crowd of elected officials at the

"This is truly one of my favorite events at the State House," said McGonagle. "These families have been through the ringer and this

time of year is a poignant reminder of their loss, so to allow us to be a part of this ceremony with them is incredible. I thought all the speakers were great and really zeroed in on the importance of sacrifice, remembering the fallen and doing what we can as Massachusetts lawmakers to protect our heroes, provide for their loved ones and honor their memories. I'm very proud of us as a Commonwealth as the nation's leader in veteran benefits and support for military families.'

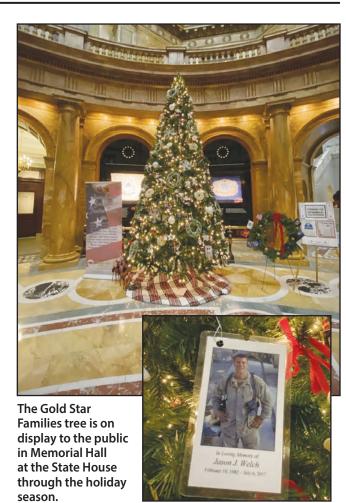
The highlight of the ceremony comes when each family takes to the podium to share the name, rank and hometown of their loved one and places a personalized ornament on the tree in their honor. Remembering service members from World

War II to 2022, dozens of families gathered together to celebrate the lives of the fathers, grandfathers, daughters, uncles and many more. Included in this was Ms. Robin Abbott, who honored her late son Jason Welch, a 2000 Everett High Grad and football player who served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Jason was a member of the 1999 Everett High Super Bowl Championship team and enlisted in the Army in 2004. He is survived by several family members, including his daughter Isabella Welch.

"It's always important for me to attend events with veterans, service members and families but especially today when we have one of Everett's own being honored. Although I did not know

Jason personally, I have heard from several across the City, including his former football coaches, just what an incredible guy he was. Speaking with his mother Robin painted that picture even more clearly so I'm grateful to be able to honor one of Everett's heroes, especially during the holidays. I'm grateful to Ms. Abbott for keeping her son's memory alive and to all those who help put on this ceremony that does the same, including Rep. Paul McMurtry, Senator Walter Timilty, the Military Friends Foundation and many more. I am sending love and gratitude to all these families during this holiday season."

The tree is on display to the public in Memorial Hall at the State House through the holiday season.



Everett's Jason Welch is among those honored and remembers with personalized ornament on the tree.

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Mass. National Guard celebrates 386th birthday at State House

Earlier this week. The Massachusetts National Guard celebrated its' 386th birthday at the State House while also Commissioning of this year's class of Army and Air Officers, awarding the Governor's 20 Military Marksmanship Award, and the presentation of other military awards. The Massachusetts National Guard, the Nation's First, was established by a charter of the Massachusetts Bay Colony legislature on December 13, 1636. Rep. Joe McGonagle joined a number of his colleagues

in honoring this momen-

tous occasion and recognizing some of Massachusetts heroes.

"Today we celebrated another incredible event honoring Massachusetts members of the military who have made incredible and continued sacrifices for all of us in the Commonwealth," said McGonagle. "Major General Gary W. Keefe, The Adjutant General of Massachusetts, always does a great job at these events and it's special to be back in person celebrating right before the holidays and especially with the Governor before he departs his office. I was thrilled to meet so many of my heroes, including 97-year-old World War II veteran Sergeant Robert Deyeso, Master Sergeant Tom Ardita of Everett and Brigadier General John J. Driscoll, Land Component Commander at the Hanscom Air Force Base. I'd like to thank all those who helped make the event a success, especially Senator Walter Timilty and Rep. Paul McMurty of the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs and a special shoutout to my good friend and colleague Rep. Jerry Parisella of Beverly, a Lieutenant Colonel who is an active member of the Mass. National Guard."



Rep. Joe McGonagle with Brigadier General John Driscoll, WWII Vet Robert Deyeso and **Senator Walter Timilty.**

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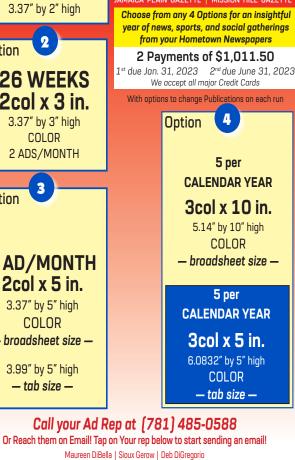
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