

EVERETT KICKS OFF BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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Attendees gathered in the Parlin Library to kick off the exhibit, which will be available to all who visit the Parlin Library during regular hours until March 3.



Attendees viewing one of the displays.



One of the many displays showing Everett's Black history.

Councilor Costa seeks renegotiation of Host Agreement with Encore Boston Harbor

By Cary Shuman

The City Council unanimously approved a motion by Ward 3 Councilor Darren Costa that would require Mayor Carlo De-

Maria's Office to form a Community Action Board and to develop a Community Benefits Agreement as part of a revised or new Host Agreement with Encore Boston Harbor and

any other large-scale development in Everett's new zoning districts.

With Encore Boston Harbor seeking to build an entertainment venue across the street from the five-star resort/casino, coupled with the highly successful launch of the WynnBET Sportsbook (which drew large crowds to Encore on Super Bowl Sunday), Costa wants to talk with Encore officials about the Host Agreement. Costa is also requesting the presence of Mayor DeMaria at an upcoming Council meeting to discuss the impacts of

new development near the resort.

"My hope is that Encore officials open up the original Host Agreement in good faith and negotiate in totality," said Costa.

According to Costa, the City receives approximately \$25 million annually from Encore, with an automatic 2.5 percent increase in the payment to the city each year.

Costa noted some of the benefits of having Encore in the city, including Encore being a huge employer of Everett residents at

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Council congratulates Borgonzi on Chiefs' Super Bowl victory

Special to the Independent

At the start of its meeting Monday night, the Everett City Council congratulated Kansas City Chiefs Assistant General Manager Mike Borgonzi on the team's victory in Super Bowl LVII Sunday in Glendale, Arizona.

Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith led the way in extending the Council's official congratulations to Borgonzi, an Everett High graduate and former standout for the Crimson Tide football team under head coach John DiBiaso.

Borgonzi, who was a three-time All-Ivy League player at Brown, is in his 14th season in the Chiefs' organization. His brother, Dave Borgonzi, is the



PHOTO COURTESY OF KANSAS CITY CHIEFS  
Mike Borgonzi.

linebackers coach for the Chicago Bears.

Led by quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes, the Chiefs defeated the Philadelphia Eagles, 38-35, to claim the organization's second title in the past four seasons. The Chiefs lost to Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 31-9, in Super Bowl LV in Tampa.

Foresteire found guilty, to serve 90 days in jail; second trial starts today

Staff Report

Former Everett Superintendent of Schools Frederick F. Foresteire was convicted by a Malden District Court jury last Thursday after a three-day trial on two counts of a felony charge of indecent assault and battery on a person over the age of 14 for touching a 41-year-old female School Department employee on the buttocks in 2017 and 2018.

The victim worked in the Everett Public Schools Administration Building. The allegations included that the defendant touched her buttocks on various dates in the School Administration Building where they worked.

Foresteire, who took the stand in his own defense and vigorously denied the charges, was sentenced by Judge Emily A. Karstetter to 18 months in the House of Correction on one count, with 90 days to be served and the balance suspended for two years, during which time he will be placed on probation. He was ordered to stay away from the victims and witnesses in the case and also to stay away from the Everett public schools and all school events.

On the second count Foresteire was sentenced to two years of probation concurrent with the first count.

Foresteire, who served as Everett's superintendent for almost 30 years from 1989 to when he stepped down in late



Former Everett Superintendent of Schools Frederick F. Foresteire.

2018, also will be required under state law to register as a sex offender.

Foresteire's attorney, Gerard Malone, noting that this was a split-verdict in which the jury acquitted Foresteire of three similar counts, asked Karstetter for a sentence of probation only, citing Foresteire's age, but the judge instead sided with Middlesex Assistant District Attorney Carrie Spiros, who argued that Foresteire should serve some jail time for his actions.

Commenting on the

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TRASH DELAY

Due to the President's Day Holiday on Feb. 20, 2023, Trash will be delayed by one day

Capitol Waste Services, Inc.

The Independent Newspaper Group Office will be Closed on Monday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> in observation of President's Day. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:30 am. Deadlines are Friday, Feb. 17 at 12 p.m.



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



# National Grid offers savings initiative

National Grid is proud to serve a diverse community of Massachusetts residents and provide bill help solutions during challenging economic times. Through the company’s Winter Customer Savings Initiative, nearly 60,000 customers have enrolled in the company’s discount program, which provides eligible customers with 25-32 percent savings on their utility bills. An additional 12,000 customers have signed up for bill management programs since the program was launched in September 2022.

Spanish and Chinese speaking customers can now find the resources they need in their favored language through the Winter Customer Saving Initiative web page at [ngrid.com/heretohelp](#).

National Grid remains

committed to providing customers a variety of energy-saving tips and billing options to help offset the increases in this winter’s energy prices. Customers in need of billing assistance or additional support can visit [ngrid.com/heretohelp](#) to learn more.

National Grid se enorgullece de prestar servicio a una comunidad diversa de residentes de Massachusetts y brindar soluciones de ayuda con las facturas durante tiempos difíciles a nivel económico. A través de la iniciativa de ahorro para clientes durante el invierno de la empresa, casi 60 000 clientes se han inscrito en el programa de descuento de la empresa, que ofrece a los clientes elegibles un ahorro del 25 al 32 % en sus facturas de servicios públicos. Otros 12 000

clientes se han inscrito en programas de gestión de facturas desde que el programa se puso en marcha en septiembre de 2022.

Los clientes que hablan español y chino ahora pueden encontrar los recursos que necesitan en su idioma favorito a través de la página web de la iniciativa de ahorro para clientes durante el invierno en [ngrid.com/heretohelp](#).

National Grid mantiene su compromiso de proporcionar a los clientes una variedad de consejos para ahorrar energía y opciones de facturación para ayudar a compensar los aumentos en los precios de la energía de este invierno. Los clientes que necesitan asistencia con la facturación o ayuda adicional pueden visitar [ngrid.com/heretohelp](#) para obtener más información.

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verdict, Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan said, “The defendant in this case used his position of power to victimize one of his employees, assaulting her and repeatedly making her feel unsafe, uncomfortable, and powerless at her place of employment. Today’s verdict reflects our commitment to protecting this victim and to holding the defendant accountable for his actions.”

Everett Police Chief Steven Mazzie added, “I commend the work by our investigative team and want to remind all those in our community that we stand ready to assist those that are victimized.”

The Everett School Committee issued the following statement following the verdict:

“On behalf of the Everett School Committee, the school administration, its teachers and all of the staff, I wish to thank the victim of this tragic case for having the courage to

report this matter to the Committee, the witnesses and to law enforcement in Everett. We hope that the Committee’s own efforts to investigate the allegations by appointing outside counsel, our diligent response to the allegations from the outset of this matter in 2018, and our own prompt resolution of these matters with the victim showed that Everett and its School Department took these matters extremely seriously and has no tolerance for any form of assault, sexual harassment, or any form of bullying or discrimination at the hands of anyone no matter who you are and what title you hold.

“The Committee, the school administration and its staff proudly protecting the victim’s rights and the rights of witnesses who cooperated with us and we are committed to continuing to do so. The Everett Schools are a very different place today than they were in 2018 and the

Committee believes our new and diverse school environment is a place that reflects the values of this community and that the residents, students, parents, and community can and should feel safe, supported and be proud of regardless of who you are or where you came from. I wish to express our thanks to the prosecutors, witnesses, the court and most importantly the jury for finally resolving this matter once and for all for all of us in Everett.

“Michael Mangan, Chair, Everett School Committee, February 9, 2023.”

Last week’s trial was the first of three facing Foresteire, with the other two also involving charges of indecent assault and battery that have been alleged by two other former female employees. The second of the three cases has been set for today (Wednesday).

## DEMARIA ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce upcoming events to celebrate Black History Month.

The month of February is recognized as Black History Month across the United States. It calls on all of us to celebrate the significance of Black American’s roles in shaping our country’s history. The City will be joining with the rest of the country in reflecting on the struggle for progress throughout history, while also celebrating the cultural achievements and contributions of Black Americans.

All Everett residents are invited to celebrate with us at the following events:

- Movie: “Bessie” starring Queen Latifah as American Blues Singer Bessie Smith – Thursday, February 23 at 1:00 pm. Connolly Center – 90 Chelsea Street Everett, MA 02149.
- Let the Circle Be Unbroken: Black History Month Cultural Celebration - Thursday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. Connolly Center – 90 Chelsea Street Everett, MA 02149.
- History in the Making: Celebrating Everett Youth and Young Adults – Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center – 47 Elm Street Everett, MA 02149.
- Joy Down in My Soul: A Gospel Tribute for Black History Month - Sunday, February 26 at 2:00 pm. Zion Church Ministries – 757 Broadway Everett, MA 02149.

For more information, please visit [cityofeverett.com/calendar/month](#).

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Looking for ways to celebrate and learn about Black history in the Mystic? Check out these opportunities and community events happening around the watershed:

- Explore the works of Medford Poet Laureate Terry E. Carter. We were

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excited to see Terry E. Carter, GreenRoots and environmental justice featured in the newest installation at the Mystic Mural Project (pictured above) — a 22-year-long mural project near Blessing of the Bay in Somerville sponsored by the Somerville Arts Council and led by artist David Fichter.

- Learn more about the Royall House & Slave Quarters in Medford, MA: “As one of the only remaining freestanding quarters where enslaved people lived and worked in the North, the museum bears witness to their lives, to the intertwined stories of wealth and bondage in pre-Revolutionary Massachusetts, and to the resistance and political and legal activism of enslaved and free Black people in the eighteenth century.”
- Visit the Museum of Science’s Black History Month celebration, spotlighting influential Black scientists and engineers — including local figures like Lewis Howard Latimer (1848 –1928), the inventor, electrical engineer, and patent draftsman born in Chelsea, MA.
- Follow the West Medford Community Center as they share Medford’s Black history and uplift Black entrepreneurs, creators, and artists.
- Check out the Chelsea Black Community’s great series of events and community activities throughout Black History Month!

Recommended for ages 14-109!

Bingo! Parlin Meeting Room. Wednesday, February 22nd at 12:00 pm. Can’t get enough Bingo? Join us for our Bingo afternoon! Prizes awarded. We have space for 12 people. Please join us. If you have any questions, call (617) 394 2300.

Parlin Children Crafts for Kids. Parlin Children’s Room. Tuesday, February 21st at 2pm We will be making a Penguin shaped door hanger for hats! All kids ages 3 and up are welcome; please come and join the fun! Registration is required. Sign up online or at the Parlin Children’s desk.

Crafts Free For All! Parlin Children’s Room. Wednesday through Friday, February 22nd-24th at 2pm. We will be making a variety of crafts for kids on a break from school! All kids ages 3 and up are welcome; please come and join the fun! Registration is required. Sign up online or at the Parlin Children’s desk.

Friday Family Movie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, February 24th at 3 pm we will be watching. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch The Land Before Time: The Great Valley Adventure with your friends and family.

Shute Adults and Teens Resume Writing. Shute Adult Department. Do you need help sprucing up an old resume or creating a new one? Sign up for a thirty minute session at both the Parlin and Shute Libraries. By appointment only. Please call 617-394-2302 for the Parlin Library and 617-394-2308 for the Shute Library to register for an appointment.

Computer Basics 101, Shute Adult Department. Not familiar with the computer? Learn the basics: how to start up and shut down a computer, perform mouse and keyboard functions, use applications, learn Microsoft Word, navigate the Internet, set up an email account, and more! By appointment only. Please call 617-394-2302 for the Parlin Library and 617-394-2308 for the Shute Library to register.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

2/20/23 - 2/25/23

Parlin Adults and Teens Meditation Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday and Thursday, February 21st and 23rd at 12:15 pm. Take a quick lunch break with Nurse Joanne. Please call 617-394-2300 if you have any questions. No registration required.

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, February 21st at 3pm. Come chit chat and stitch! Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community.



**- LEGAL NOTICE -**

**CITY OF EVERETT**

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**484 BROADWAY**

**EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS 02149**

**PHONE 617-394-2498 FAX 617-394-2433**

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday February 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:

**Property Address:**  
**46 Liberty Street**  
**Map/Lot: C0-03-000152**  
**Person Requesting:**  
**Mr. Cesar Lopez Berrio**  
**20 Chatham Road.**  
**Everett, MA 02149**

**Proposal:**  
To alter the exiting Two (2) family dwelling by adding Four (4) units for total of Six (6) units to the existing non-conforming structure

**Reason for Denial:**  
The proposed use is not permitted in the Dwelling District and the building does not meet the current zoning requirements for setbacks. Permit was denied in accordance with the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

**Violations:**

- A Six (6) unit residential use is not permitted in this zoning district.
- It appears from the supplied plot plan that several vehicles will be backing into the street.
- Parking shown on the lot but there are several spaces located in the front yard setback.
- The applicant must file with

the Planning Board for the TDM program

**Zoning:**  
1)Section 4 Dwelling Districts  
(a) Uses quoted below  
(a) Uses. Within any dwelling district as indicated on the zoning map, no building, structure or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used in whole or in part for any industry, trade, manufacturing, or commercial purposes, of for other than the following specified purposes:  
(1) A single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of, the Zoning Ordinance may be converted to provide not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units provided that the following standards are met: Any addition shall comply with the front, side and rear yard requirements and height limitations of the Zoning Ordinance. Where the existing building is already non-conforming, any alteration shall not increase the existing non-conformity. Parking in accordance with this Zoning Ordinance shall be provided for any additional dwelling units. (Ord. of 4-29-91)  
(2) Section 3 General requirements paragraph 3 which states the following: Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only

upon the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and a finding by the board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use or structure. (Ord. of 4-29-91)  
(3) Section 17 Off-street Parking paragraph O line 4 which states the following: Except for one-and two-family dwellings, parking shall be designed so that it is not necessary to drive over sidewalks or curbs or to back into the street or driveway.  
(4) Section 17 Off-street parking line K which states the following:  
(K) Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located. [in this case the front yard setback is a minimum of 10 feet per Section 4 Dwelling Districts  
b) Dimensional requirements]  
(5) Section 33 Transportation Demand Management: the requirement for this Zoning District but the applicant must file with the TDM because of the number of required spaces.)

**MARY GERACE – Chairman**  
**Board of Appeals**  
**Roberta Suppa - Clerk**  
**February 8, 2023**  
**February 15, 2023**





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**Property Address: 87-89 Malden Street.**  
**Map/Lot: L0-05-000095**  
**Person Requesting: Jean Thermitus**  
**33 Jackson Ave. Everett, MA 02149**

**PROPOSAL:**  
Interior renovations to convert a pre-existing nonconforming Three (3) unit residential structure and use to a Six (6) unit residential use.

**Reason for Denial:**  
The existing structure, parking count and use are non-conforming. A special permit is required to extend or alter the pre-existing nonconforming use and to change the use of the nonconforming structure.

**Violations:**  
The existing use of the property as a three (3) family residence is nonconforming. Section 4.B.2(b) of the Zoning Ordinance requires seven thousand (7,000) s.f. of lot area for a two (2) family dwelling. The subject property has only 4,035 ± s.f. of area and is

used as a three (3) family dwelling. Converting the property to a six (6) unit residential use would constitute an extension or alteration of the pre-existing nonconforming use, requiring a special permit under Section 3.C of the Zoning Ordinance.

- In addition, use of the property as a three (3) family residence is nonconforming as to parking requirements. Pursuant to Section 17.A. I of the Zoning Ordinance, a three-unit residential use would require six (6) parking spaces, but the lot contains only five (5) parking spaces. Altering the use to six (6) residential units will render the use more nonconforming as to parking, requiring either a special permit pursuant to Section 3.C of the Zoning Ordinance or voluntary participation in the Transportation Demand Management program under Section 35 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- The right side of the existing structure is less than the required Four (4) foot minimum. A special permit to change the use of a pre-existing nonconforming structure is required under Section 3.F of the Zoning Ordinance.

**MARY GERACE – Chairman**  
**Board of Appeals**  
**Roberta Suppa - Clerk**  
**February 8, 2023**  
**February 15, 2023**



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## National Grid offers series of winter customer savings events

As the new year kicks off, National Grid is continuing to host in-person Winter Customer Savings events across Massachusetts where customers can meet directly with National Grid and other community representatives to find to manage increasing energy costs this winter heating season.

To date, National Grid has held six in-person Winter Customer Savings events, reaching nearly 700 customers, and providing them with program and payment options to meet their unique circumstance and need.

National Grid will restart these in-person events on January 10th in Lynn and will be joined by other partners to provide customers with the ability to:

- Sign up for bill payment programs
- Hear about options for direct energy assistance
- Schedule energy audits
- Speak to customer service representatives
- Meet with regional assistance program leaders

“National Grid understands the increased financial burden rising energy costs have on our customers and communities and, with these events, we want to continue showing up for customers and let them know we are here to help,” said Helen Burt, Chief Customer Officer, National Grid. “We recognize this winter is challenging for a lot of people throughout Massachusetts,

and National Grid is committed to helping customers get the assistance they need to manage their energy costs during this difficult time.”

Since launching our broader Winter Customer Savings Initiative in September, some 60,000 customers have enrolled in the company’s discount program, which provides eligible customers with 25-32 percent savings on their utility bills. An additional 12,000 customers have signed up for bill management programs.

Customers who attend in-person events will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from National Grid, who will be on-site to assist with billing issues and provide the following help for customers:

- Enrolling in the Energy Discount Rate (for qualifying customers)
- Enrolling in payment assistance programs
- Enrolling in Budget Billing
- Enrolling in the Forgiveness Program (for qualifying customers)
- Educating on available energy efficiency and savings opportunities for their homes and businesses

National Grid Kicks Off 2023 with New Series of Winter Customer Savings Events

Meetings planned for Lynn, Marlborough, Everett, Quincy, Lawrence.

In locations where National Grid provides only electric or gas service

while another utility provides the other, representatives from both utilities will be available.

Along with the advocates, partner agencies will be on hand to meet with customers, including:

- Local Community Assistance Program agencies for the federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and other fuel assistance services
- Local Community Assistance Program agencies to assist with low-income energy efficiency services
- Representatives for Mass Save

In addition, agencies such as rental assistance organizations, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, and other agencies that assist low- and moderate-income families and individuals will be available in some locations.

Dates and locations for energy fairs are:

- Tuesday, January 10 – Demakes YMCA, 40 Neptune Blvd., Lynn
- Tuesday, January 24 – Senior Center, 40 New St., Marlborough
- Tuesday, Feb. 21 -- Senior Center, 90 Chelsea St., Everett
- Thursday, Feb. 23 -- Senior Center, 440 East Squantum St., Quincy
- Tuesday, Feb. 28 -- Senior Center, 155 Haverhill St., Lawrence

In addition, an event will be scheduled for Lowell, after a previously planned meeting was postponed.

All events will take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Events are continuously being added, and updated information can be found at [ngrid.com/heretohelp](http://ngrid.com/heretohelp).

In addition, National Grid customer advocates are available to meet one-on-one with customers on the first Tuesday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Worcester Sustainability Hub to discuss options to manage energy bills and help customers find assistance. The Sustainability Hub is located at 912 Main Street in Worcester.

National Grid remains committed to providing customers a variety of energy-saving tips and billing options to help offset the increases in this winter’s energy prices. Customers in need of billing assistance or additional support can visit [ngrid.com/heretohelp](http://ngrid.com/heretohelp) to learn more.

National Grid (NYSE: NGG) is an electricity, natural gas, and clean energy delivery company serving more than 20 million people through our networks in New York and Massachusetts. National Grid is focused on building a path to a more affordable, reliable clean energy future through our fossil-free vision. National Grid is transforming our electricity and natural gas networks with smarter, cleaner, and more resilient energy solutions to meet the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

## LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

### MALDEN CATHOLIC ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL – SECOND QUARTER

Malden Catholic Everett students have completed the coursework required for the second quarter of the 2022-2023 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: President’s List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes.)

Malden Catholic Honors – QUARTER TWO 2022

President’s List

Tiffany Braga  
Paula Castillo  
Tyson Chhun  
Aidan Clarke  
Gaetano Foster  
Jianyi Guo  
Kristen Marchant  
Lily Van Campen

First Honors

Angelina Ang  
Kendall Belloise  
Giavana Bono  
Lexy Dormevil Florez  
Kaylee Fiore  
Sophia Ingrando  
Lisbeth Monteagudo

Second Honors

Abigael Awlachew  
Maya Fu  
Jacob Gisetto  
Ava Green  
Sarah Job  
John Moraes  
Yeidalise Perez  
Katelande Valcin

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation’s most renowned universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Northeastern, Boston University and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic’s codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

## Get updated COVID-19 booster or vaccination and \$75 gift card – during school vacation week

New COVID-19 vaccination clinics offering a \$75 gift card incentive have been scheduled in communities across the state during school

vacation week, providing a free, convenient and accessible way for adults and children stay up to date on COVID vaccinations.

As part of a special pro-

motion, all Massachusetts residents ages 6 months and older who get vaccinated (first dose, second dose, or booster) at participating Get Boosted

clinics will receive a \$75 gift card, while supplies last.

In Everett, vaccination clinics will be held at:

Eliot Family Resource Center, 548 Broadway	Saturday, Feb. 18* Tuesday, Feb. 21	9 a.m. to noon 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pope John High School 888 Broadway (Rear Entrance)	Saturday, Feb. 18 Saturday, Feb. 25	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Everett Haitian Community Center 427A Broadway	Saturday, Feb. 25	7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

*\*age 5 years and older*

Staying up to date on vaccines, including boosters, is the most effective way to prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. While vaccine protection goes down over time,

boosters keep you protected. Boosters also help keep you safe from serious COVID-19 even if you’ve already had it.

No ID or health insurance is required. To find additional clinics that are

offering the \$75 gift cards, go to [mass.gov/GetBoosted](http://mass.gov/GetBoosted). The gift card offer is only available at clinics on the Get Boosted webpage, while supplies last. If you have questions or need help finding a clinic,

you can call 211 (or 877-211-6277) and press 1.

Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccination clinics offering incentives, and find a clinic near you at [Mass.gov/GetBoosted](http://Mass.gov/GetBoosted).

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the casino.

“But are we covered in terms of affordable housing for people to stay in Everett?” questioned Costa. “So, I feel, with the resort’s proposed expansion, the Host Agreement should be more robust and there should be a community benefit aspect to it. I’m for the expansion, and I think it’s important, but I think it’s also important that we are entrusted with getting everything that Everett deserves. An economic benefit to our residents is important.”

Costa said he would like to see a public park built on the land near the proposed entertainment venue.

“I’d like to see art space or theater space - public outdoor space that doesn’t cost me anything to oc-

cupy,” said Costa. “The waterfront behind Encore is nice, but it’s not easily accessible. But as we open up the other side of Broadway, it’s a better opportunity to create something that’s a more open to people – an area where you can walk or bicycle from

different neighborhoods.”

Costa said he is “basically asking Encore to renegotiate the original Host Agreement in good faith to better align with the larger-scale operation of the resort.”

“I believe that the [WynnBET] Sportsbook

impacts the community in a different way than gaming tables and slot machines do,” said Costa. “I want to make sure we put our community first in terms of how the resort’s expansion and the new Sportsbook impact the people of Everett.”

## Real Estate Transfers



BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
41-47 Union Street LLC	Pendola Ruth E Est	41-47 Union St	\$1,600,000
Hernandez, Mario U	Romano, Ana G	77 Clark St	\$720,000

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Pat Roberto,  
REALTOR Broker/President

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**Map/Lot: L0-01-000009**  
**Person Requesting: Cenvia Real Estate LLC**  
**22 Chelsea Street**  
**Everett, MA 02149**  
The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on February 27, 2023, on an appeal filed on behalf of Cenvia Real Estate LLC, from a January 26, 2023, denial of a building permit to construct a five-story mixed use building on property located at 20-22 Chelsea Street, Everett, MA. The building permit was denied based upon the Planning Board’s January 3, 2023 vote to deny site plan approval.

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**February 8, 2023**  
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# Everett

## Independent

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### THE SKY IS FALLING?

With U.S. jets shooting down numerous unidentified flying objects seemingly every day over North American air space in the past week, we’re all wondering, “What the heck is going on?”

As this is being written, the only thing we know for sure is that the first object that was shot down off the coast of South Carolina was a Chinese spy balloon.

Our military reportedly has adjusted its radar to try to spot more incursions -- which explains why the last three objects were picked up, whereas previously they may have gone unnoticed -- but one thing that these incidents have taught us is that our radar detection apparatus needs a serious upgrade.

It’s tempting to joke about it -- Saturday Night Live did a funny skit about the Chinese spy balloon. And for our part, as we were watching the home videos and comments made by civilians, it made us think of the episode from the old TV show “F Troop” from the 1960s (yes, we are that old) when a balloon was shot down with bows and arrows, whereas this balloon was shot down by an F-22 Raptor fighter jet.

But there are so many unanswered questions and so many theories. Were the three other objects that were shot down also spy aircraft from another country? And if so, from where? Or were they owned by a private entity that also might be doing some sort of covert surveillance? How about aliens from outer space?

We’ll only know the full story when all of those aircraft are recovered and analyzed. And it wouldn’t be surprising if a few more objects are shot down in the coming days.

But in the meantime, let’s hope we don’t become a nation of Chicken Littles.

### THE VICTIMS IN TURKEY AND SYRIA NEED OUR HELP

The ongoing tragedy because of the devastating earthquake that struck the nations of Turkey and Syria is the worst humanitarian disaster the world has seen in many years.

More than 35,000 people have died and that number is sure to rise even further in the coming days.

Natural and other disasters in our part of the world have been barely a blip compared to what the people of Turkey and Syria are dealing with. To put the earthquake in perspective, the combined death toll from the Surfside condo collapse in 2021 and Hurricane Ian in 2022 was 250. Both were terrible tragedies, but that number is less than one percent of the earthquake’s death toll.

In addition, tens of thousands have been injured and millions more have been left homeless -- all told, this is a disaster of unimaginable proportions.

There are many international organizations from which to choose to assist with disaster relief efforts and we urge all of our readers who have the ability to do so to make a donation.

For Pats fans, the Super Bowl just isn’t the same

This past Sunday’s Super Bowl game between the Eagles and the Chiefs certainly lived up to its hype.

But for those of us who were New England Patriots’ fans for the two decades from 2001-19, the Super Bowl season just isn’t the same.

Yes, on Sunday we marveled at Mahomes the Magician and rooted for Jalen Hurts, whose story has been so inspiring since his days at Alabama.

But the days when Foxboro was the center of the football universe -- the Pats were in nine Super Bowls in 18 years -- seem like only a distant memory, the likes of which never will be equaled again.

It was a good run, way better than anyone could have imagined when Adam Vinatieri kicked his game-winning field goal as time expired to win the 2002 Super Bowl.

Watching this past Sunday’s Super Bowl served as a bittersweet reminder of our home team’s former glory and the joy it brought to our region when our children wore their favorite Patriot player’s jersey to school and everyone, it seemed, was glued to their TV sets.

But as we all know, all good things must come to an end.

And, not to be cynical, but with young quarterbacks like Mahomes, Josh Allen, and Joe Burrow in the AFC, it will be a long, long time before New England gets back to the big game.

### Your opinions, please

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Letters must be signed. We reserve the right to edit for length and content.

# Independent Forum

### GUEST OP-ED

## Start solving the vocational admissions problem: Improve access, create more seats

By Steven C. Sharek

It’s no longer a secret that Massachusetts vocational-technical and agricultural high schools are a great option for students of all backgrounds who want to learn a trade and pursue a career. Unfortunately, there simply isn’t enough space in these schools to accommodate the huge demand.

Right now, there are roughly 55,000 students in Chapter 74 state-approved vocational-technical and agricultural programs, with another 6,000 students on wait lists. At the same time, business and industry are crying out for skilled workers.

We can be proud of these schools. They excel in academic performance, graduation rates, and expanded programming that includes fields like environmental science; information technology; and medical, health, and dental assisting. Students excel because they enjoy the engaging, hands-on learning.

We are at a tipping point. With this lack of available seats and strong demand for vocational education, advocates, elected officials, and editorial writers are understandably concerned about whether students are being admitted equitably into our schools. Vocational school leaders are, too.

The current debate is centered on admissions policies and whether the

adoption of a lottery system is the silver bullet for fixing any inequities, real or perceived. The reality is that a lottery does nothing to address the lack of capacity and it does not guarantee desired enrollment outcomes.

As educators, we’d like to offer enrollment to everyone. We simply can’t. We don’t have the space. No lottery will ever change that. A lottery will just rearrange who sits in the seats, with 6,000 kids still on the outside looking in. With that in mind, we are working hard to conduct our admissions processes as fairly and equitably as possible:

-Since admissions regulations were revised by the state in 2021, 97% of vocational-technical and agricultural high schools have made changes in their admissions policies, personnel, or training. Clearly, our schools are serious about this effort.

-Grades are now less of a factor. Many schools now give equal consideration for grades of C or above, unlike before when student grades were more heavily emphasized.

-Disciplinary issues are now less of a factor. Minor disciplinary issues are no longer factored into the admissions process.

-Most schools require a recommendation, typically from a guidance counselor, and a brief interview

to gauge a student’s interest in vocational education. We are training interviewers on eliminating bias and are providing supports and accommodations for those applying, including easier access to interviews and translation services.

-The admissions changes only took effect recently so we have limited data to gauge whether the changes we’ve made are making a real difference. One year of data doesn’t make a trend. Moreover, our schools have no access to demographic information about the students who do not enroll. We need help from the state on this so we can make best-informed decisions.

-Finally, there’s no guarantee that a lottery would actually help the protected groups of students that all of us want to help. In fact, simulations run by some of our schools have demonstrated that a lottery would yield exactly the opposite result. That is, a lottery would result in lower numbers of enrolled students in some protected groups (just as one school experimenting with a lottery recently discovered).

Vocational-technical schools are continuously striving to serve under-represented populations. Consider special education. Five of the 10 school districts in Massachusetts with the largest percentages of students

with disabilities are vocational-technical and agricultural high schools.

While there is strong sentiment on the both sides of the lottery debate, what all advocates of high quality vocational-technical education can agree on is this: The state can do more to help vocational schools and our potential students:

First, the state needs to make a massive capital investment in vocational school construction to create more seats. Second, our schools need unfettered access to our middle schools so we can inform students, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, about the value of vocational education. Put another way, we need better access to reach the very students our detractors say are being excluded.

As demand for limited seats continues, we must work together to create opportunity and bright futures for all our high school students. Vocational-technical and agricultural high schools in Massachusetts will continue to do their part.

*Steven C. Sharek is Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, a professional association of educational leaders who administer and advocate for high-quality vocational-technical and agricultural education.*

## Drought conditions return to normal across Commonwealth

Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Tepper declared the end of the drought in the Commonwealth, following five months of normal to above-normal precipitation and record-breaking warmth in January. All seven regions are at Level 0-Normal Conditions, including the Islands Region, which was previously declared at a Level 2- Significant Drought, and the Northeast and Cape Cod Regions, which were at a Level-1 Mild Drought last month. The declarations are the result of a recommendation issued from a recent meeting of the Drought Management Task Force, comprised of state and federal officials and other entities.

“After nine months of Massachusetts regions experiencing drought conditions, I am pleased to declare that every region has returned to normal,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “We thank those who implemented conservation practices at such a critical time and urge residents to remain conscientious of their water use as we continue to experience more extreme and frequent weather events due to the climate crisis.”

The month of January brought above-normal

rainfall across all regions of the Commonwealth, helping with the recovery of groundwater, streamflow, lakes, and impoundments. Normal Conditions, as outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, recommends that overall water efficiency practices and emergency planning efforts continue at the local level and that state and local agencies work to review, assess, and improve responses and actions implemented during the drought. With the declaration of Normal Conditions, the Drought Management Task Force will not meet again until a region in the state is experiencing drought conditions. However, state agencies will continue to closely monitor and assess conditions across the Commonwealth.

To help protect Massachusetts’ water resources, larger buildings and businesses are asked to conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation, and residents are asked to reduce indoor water use and address leaks as soon as possible. These steps will significantly help reduce water use to ensure the Commonwealth has healthy streams and rivers and there is enough water to sustain our water

supplies.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to municipalities in managing systems, including on the use of emergency connections and water supplies.

“We appreciate the efforts of both the consumers of water who reduced their demands and our public water systems that are on the frontlines of delivering clean water in suf-

ficient quantities to meet our needs,” said MassDEP Acting Commissioner Gary Moran. “We urge consumers to continue their efforts to reduce water demand and help protect our environment whether there is a declared drought or not.”

For further information on water conservation and what residents and communities can do, please visit EEA’s Drought page and water conservation page.

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# Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts celebrate youth mentoring

On Feb. 4, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts (BBBSEM) celebrated youth mentoring at the agency’s 24th annual Big Night at the House of Blues in Boston. Guests danced the night away to music by Michael Franti, supergroup Ezra Ray Hart, and Boston’s own French Lick. Held in-person for the first time in two years, the nonprofit’s largest fundraiser also featured Daphne Lopes, proud guardian of Little Aren and community activist as she was honored with the James J. Pallotta Award. The event raised more than \$1.5 million to support the organization’s year-round community, site-based and campus-based programs.

Mark O’Donnell, President and CEO of Big Brother Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts, emceed the event and spoke about the importance of mentoring, now more than ever, as the need from youth and families has never been higher. “Children are still feeling the effects from COVID,” says O’Donnell,



Shown (left to right) are BBBSEM Board Chair Rosemary Sheehan, Big Brother Ryan Hathaway, Guardian and James J. Pallotta Award recipient Daphne Lopes, BBBSEM President and CEO Mark O'Donnell, and auctioneer John Terrio.

a former two-time Big Brother. “Post-pandemic children benefit from a caring adult mentor who can help build social skills and self-confidence. We need more male identifying volunteers, as well as volunteers that speak different languages, to help create positive relationships between matches.” Lopes, a Big Brother

ers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts Constituent Advisory Board member, proud guardian of Little Brother Aren, and community activist, shared her passion and gratitude for BBBSEM programming as she accepted the James J. Pallotta Award. In addition to thanking the village around her, including other guardians in

the program, she shared a self-written poem. Big Night is the nonprofit’s largest annual fundraiser. Since its inception in 1998, Big Night has raised more than \$42 million, supporting one-to-one friendships between young people and adult mentors. “I’ve seen firsthand the impact that mentoring

makes in a child’s life,” says O’Donnell. “We rely heavily on the revenue that comes from special events like Big Night to continue running our programs. We need the public’s support and partnership as we continue serving as many youth and families as possible.” Now more than ever, youth need additional academic, social and emotional support. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts partners with families to provide children with one-to-one relationships with caring adult mentors who help them reach their fullest potential. In its 74th year, BBBSEM aims to serve nearly 4,000 youth. The nonprofit is already looking forward to next year’s 25th anniversary Big Night to be held at the MGM Music Hall on Feb. 23, 2024. For more information, to become a volunteer or to register your children, visit: [www.emassbig.org](http://www.emassbig.org). Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts is an innovative, energetic organization that

is making a real difference in the lives of nearly 4,000 youth annually by providing them with an invested, caring adult mentor in long-term, professionally supported relationships. With research and proven outcomes at its core, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts is working to defend the potential of children facing adversity and ensure every child has the support from caring adults that they need for healthy development and success in life. The organization’s vision is to inspire, engage and transform communities in Eastern Massachusetts by helping youth achieve their full potential, contributing to healthier families, better schools, more confident futures and stronger communities. Throughout its 74 years, the largest Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliate in New England has created and served more than 20,000 matches. For more information about the agency and its mission, visit [www.emassbig.org](http://www.emassbig.org).

## FRESH AND LOCAL

### Steam it!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

If all you’re steaming is vegetables, you are missing out on a world of easy cooking. Just think of all those Dim Sum carts filled with bamboo steamer baskets of dumplings, fish balls, buns, and cakes. New England cooking includes many steamed favorites. We love clam shack “steamers,” the local name for soft-shelled clams steamed in salt water, wine, or beer. Steaming is our preferred way to cook lobsters or crabs. Traditional Boston brown bread is steamed in a coffee can. This makes sense when you realize that many colonial homes did not have an oven.

Steaming is a great way to cook fish at home. Classic Asian recipes for scallion ginger fish and French fine dining Pâquette de Sole are both steamed. Delicate fish can be steamed off the burner in just the residual steam in the pan. This helps prevent overcooking.

#### Double Duty

Melissa Clark recently published her recipe for One Pot Salmon and Rice in the New York Times. She started by steaming a pot of coconut rice with a bit of green curry paste added for zest. When the rice was about half cooked, she added the fish. She wrote, “...since salmon’s so easygoing, draping the filets right on top of the rice to steam

struck me as the simplest way to go, with the fewest dishes to wash afterward.”

Clark is right about clean-up. Not only will you use fewer pots and pans when you steam things but this wet cooking method also makes those things you use easier to clean. Another trick used by those who do a lot of steaming is to protect the steamer with parchment paper with holes to let steam move about. You can make your own or buy these premade to fit popular steamer sizes.

#### Equipment

You can spend money and take up space with specialized steaming appliances. However, there’s a good chance that your kitchen will have something that can be used to steam food. A soup pot with a folding steamer basket will work fine for many items. Other food can be steamed on a heat-resistant dinner plate.

Most companies that sell pans offer a multi-pot with a couple of baskets that let you steam more than one item at a time. These come in various materials and price points from aluminum to stainless steel. Some cooks use their rice cookers as steamers. Instant Pots have steamer settings.

Simple multi-level bamboo steamers let you cook different food on each level, and you can remove each item from the

stack when it is cooked to your desired doneness.

If you have a wok, you could use it for steaming. Although wok guru, Grace Young warns that this might ruin the seasoning patina. She suggests a second wok just for steaming and boiling.

#### Steaming Tips

Never underestimate the danger of burns with steam. Use protection for your hands when you touch the pan or steamer. Always lift covers away from your face, so the cover protects you from the steam.

Make certain any plate or bowl you use in a steamer is heat resistant. To encourage good steam circulation, put an upside-down saucer under



Steamed dumplings are always a treat! (photo by Rasmus Gundorff Sæderup)

der your food dish to lift it from the bottom of the cooking pot.

Make sure the water does not boil away. You can open the steaming

vessel to check the water level. While this is most important when steaming a whole chicken or large pudding, it can also happen with shorter cooking

times. *Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.*

### CITY OF EVERETT MASSACHUSETTS COMPLETE STREETS PRIORITIZATION PLAN UPDATE VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

**Thursday, February 16, 2023, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Link: <https://virtualmeeting.link/EverettCSPPMeeting>  
Meeting ID: 863 2224 8454 Passcode: 650397  
Call in: +1 (305)224-1968**

Join us for a public meeting to discuss the City of Everett’s work on updating the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan.

The MassDOT Complete Streets Program is an initiative to help municipalities make infrastructure improvements to provide safe and accessible options for all travel modes for people of all ages and abilities.

Your input is a vital part of identifying key projects, so come learn about the program from our consultant team, Howard Stein Hudson, and give us your ideas and visions for walking, biking, and safety!

Can’t make the meeting? Submit ideas and comments online:  
<https://wikimapping.com/Everett-CSPP-Update.html>



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## ART LAB EVERETT CALL TO ARTISTS!

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# Make a splash at the 2023 JetBlue Shamrock Splash

Get Cold for a Cause on Sunday March 12 with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay at the 12th annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash! Join 250 splashers to raise money for free, fun summer events in YOUR community by plunging into the cold, clean waters of Boston Harbor at Constitution Beach in East Boston.

After a plunge in the cold harbor, participants will warm up with plenty of hot clam chowder and Harpoon beverages. Splashers are encouraged to wear a zany outfit or kooky costume of their choosing. The top six

fundraisers and participants with the best costumes will win free round trip JetBlue tickets to anywhere JetBlue flies.

Money raised at the Shamrock Splash will support Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches Program in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Better Beaches grant allows local organizations to host fun beach events free to the public in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull.

Last year, money raised at the splashed sponsored

events in Winthrop including movie nights, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, and more.

This year, with your help, Save the Harbor will be able to award \$300,000 in Better Beaches grants to local organizations.

Make a team, raise money, and brave the cold harbor! To register for the 2023 JetBlue Shamrock Splash, visit [www.shamrocksplash.com](http://www.shamrocksplash.com)

Got a great idea for a free beach event or program? Let us know and apply for a Better Beaches grant at <https://www.savetheharbor.org/better-beaches!> You can also

vote for your favorite event idea at <https://www.savetheharbor.org/participatory>.

Save the Harbor's success would not be possible without our program partners and event sponsors, including Arctic Chill, FMC Ice Sports, Bay State Cruise Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA, The Blue Sky Collaborative, Boston & Maine Webcams, The Boston Foundation, [BostonHarbor.com](http://BostonHarbor.com), Boston Properties, Coast Cannabis, The Coca-Cola Foundation, Comcast, Cronin Group, Constellation Generation, Comcast Foundation,

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In addition, Save the Harbor recognizes the Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn, and Representa-

tive Adrian Madaro of East Boston and the legislative and community members of the Commission as well as Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano for their support for our beaches and our communities. We also thank the Baker-Polito Administration, the Massachusetts Legislature, Save the Harbor's partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Boston Centers for Youth & Families the YMCA of Greater Boston, and the hundreds of people who take part in the Shamrock Splash for their support.



Participants of the 2022 Shamrock Splash run into the cold water of East Boston's Constitution Beach.



Splashers dress up in all kinds of costumes for the event, and the best costume wins roundtrip JetBlue tickets.

## ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA & NORTH SHORE



Bonnie Fishman is celebrated by the Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore. A brunch in Bonnie's honor was held at The Marina at the Wharf in Revere on January 22nd. Bonnie has been a long-time member of the Zonta Club. She and her husband, Ron are relocating to San Diego. We all wish them the best on their move! Pictured (seated left to right) are Janice Sikorski, Bonnie Fishman, and Mary Jane O'Neill. Standing (left to right) are Pam Miller, Georgia Green, Liz Fama, Christine DePrizio, Janice Tatarka, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, and Barbara Lawlor.

## DIDOMENICO HOSTS EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AND DISPLAYS HIS ARTWORK



Senator Sal DiDomenico (left) hosted Everett High School student Sushant Shrestha (second from right), Sushant's father (right), and his art teacher, Cari DiCicco (second from left), in his State House office. DiDomenico recently purchased Sushant's artwork at a silent auction held at the high school and told him that they would hang it in his office. The group had a great time touring the Senate Chamber and the State House. Now, everyone who visits Senator DiDomenico's office will be able to see Sushant's amazing, pigmented charcoal drawing.

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# Sports

## EHS Roundup

### EHS GIRLS BASKETBALL KNOCKS OFF LYNN ENGLISH TO KEEP TOURNEY HOPES ALIVE

The Everett High girls basketball team kept alive its hopes for qualifying for a berth in the post-season state tourney with a 63-59 victory over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn English.

The Lady Crimson Tide had fallen to the Lady Bulldogs in their first meeting, 47-30, but turned the tables in the rematch.

Senior captain Kayley Rossi turned in a monster game, scoring 27 points and pulling down seven rebounds. In addition, Kaylee was clutch down the stretch, sinking some key free throws (she was 7-of-8 from the line on the night) and hitting the game-winning shot.

Emilia Maria-Babcock and Malaica Guillaume also reached double figures, chipping in 14 and 12 points respectively.

“I was very proud of our composure and resilience under pressure,” said EHS head coach Riley Dunn.

The Lady Crimson Tide then made it two wins in a row with a 52-28 triumph over GBL foe Somerville last Tuesday to make for a happy Senior Night celebration.

Rossi and Maria-Babcock shared scoring honors with 10 points apiece. Senior Nehemie Lucien made a major contribution to the victory with 10 rebounds and eight points.

“It was a beautiful way to honor and celebrate our seniors and their commitment and dedication to this program,” said Dunn. “I want to give a major shout-out to our seniors, Kayley, Japhnie, Nehemie, Jojo, Lamiah, Brooke, Tanaeja, Tatiana, and our amazing manager, Leandra.”

With the two GBL victories, Everett finished in a tie for third place with Malden, behind undefeated league champ

Lynn Classical and second-place Lynn English.

After coming up short last Friday in a contest with non-league opponent Malden Catholic, Dunn and her crew stand at 9-9 on the season and need another win in their remaining two games in order to achieve the .500 record necessary to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney.

Everett is scheduled to entertain non-league opponent Lawrence High this Monday afternoon, February 20, at 2:30, and will close out their season next Wednesday (February 22) at Lowell in another non-league encounter.

### EHS BOYS BASKETBALL HOSTS REVERE TONIGHT

The Everett High boys basketball team will entertain Greater Boston League rival Revere this evening (Wednesday) in their final home game of the season.

Coach Stanley Chamblain and his crew clinched second place in the Greater Boston League with a 57-39 victory over Somerville last Tuesday. The Tide sport a 10-3 mark in the GBL, behind only undefeated Lynn English, which is ranked among the top three teams in the state.

Everett, which presently stands at 10-7 overall on the season, already has punched its ticket for a Journey to the Tourney. Although the Tide are ranked 48th in the MIAA’s Division 1 power ratings (the top 32 teams automatically qualify), they are assured of the .500 record that also earns a berth in the post-season state tourney with three games left to play.

After tonight’s contest, Everett will compete in a holiday tournament this coming weekend at Woburn, taking on Central Catholic on Sunday and then playing again on Monday in either the consolation or championship game.

## EVERETT WRESTLING SENIOR NIGHT

Last week the combined varsity wrestling team of Everett, Revere, Chelsea with Malden High School held their only home match of the season and was also senior night.

The seniors from the respective schools were recognized for their teamwork and dedication to the sport.



Coach Nick Erban with the Everett High Wrestlers, Kevon Argueta, Maria Mederios, Alex Oscar, Ghordany Ramos and Pedro Terra.



Head Coach Nick Erban with EHS Sr, Alex Oscar.



EHS Jr. Ghordany Ramos was on the mat for the first event.



Head Coaches Rin Van and Nick Erban with Asst. Coach Omar Khatimi and the MHS combined varsity wrestling team of Everett, Revere, Chelsea, and Malden High Schools.



Wrestling at 170, EHS Senior Alex Oscar takes the win for the team.

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EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL CRIMSON TIDE INDOOR TRACK TEAM AND SENIOR NIGHT

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The Crimson Tide Indoor Track Team Captains and Coaches: Front row: Asst. Coach Brenden Hahesy, Angel Torres, Omar Marshall, Alexander Velasco, Ida Bittaye, Nyla Crowder, and Head Coach Jehu Cimea. Back row: Nicole Brandao, Suzanne Maharian, Luca Jean Noel, Shinay Aristhene, Samuel Desir-Mafouana, and Layla Betancur-Cardona.



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CHURCH News

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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OBITUARIES

Rose Belmonte

Beloved wife and mother

Rose M. (Palmitesta) Belmonte passed away peacefully at Massachusetts General Hospital on February 10.

The beloved wife of Joseph J. Belmonte Sr., she was the loving mother of Joseph J. and his wife, Penny Belmonte and Michael A. and his wife, Mary Belmonte; sister of Ellen Venditto, Margaret DeSisto and Robert Palmitesta and the late John, Peter and Vincent Palmitesta; cherished daughter of the late Maria (DeSaro) and Felice Palmitesta. Rose is also survived by many nieces, nephews and good friends.

Her Funeral will be held from the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main Street,



Everett today, Wednesday, February 15 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony's Church in Everett at 10 a.m. am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVES MAKING BROADWAY BUS LANE PERMANENT

CHELSEA - The city’s Traffic and Parking Commission approved making the bus and bike lane on Broadway permanent.

The request was initially made by former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino in a letter dated Sept. 28, 2022.

“The goal is to make permanent the bus and bike lane that operates downtown currently between Fay Square and Third Street/Everett Avenue,” said Alex Train, the city’s Housing and Community Development Director. “Currently, the bus lane operates to serve the Route 111, Route 112, and other local bus routes. A study that the city commissioned did demonstrate that it had no adverse impact on traffic and it did improve safety in the downtown.”

As a result of that study, Train said the city administration recommended that the bus and bike lane be made permanent, as well as be integrated into the redesign of the infrastructure downtown.

The City Council typically has the final sign off on recommendations approved by the Traffic and Parking Commission.

In other business, the commission approved a plan to add a second vehicular peak a.m. lane on Everett Avenue southbound.

“Due to rush hour traffic, at times it is difficult for drivers to access the Rte. 1 onramp going into town,” said Train. “We would propose adding a restricted lane that would only operate between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.”

After 10 a.m., drivers would be able to use the metered parking spaces along the southbound side of Everett Avenue.

“We did have our transportation consultant examine this just to determine whether there would be any adverse impacts, and they concluded that there wouldn’t be any negative impacts if it was done,” said Train.

The commission also agreed to have the traffic consultant look into the feasibility of a request made by a resident to make Clark Avenue one way between Stockton Street and Webster Avenue.

“Due to the fact that this involves the direction of the street and traffic circulation, we would want to table this in order to examine the operational and safety impact a change might have,” said Train. “The resident that petitioned the commission

did cite a number of reasons for the request, so we would propose relaying this to our transportation engineer just to look into it to make sure it was viable and wouldn’t have any negative impacts.”

### BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADDS ELECTRIC BUSES TO ITS FLEET

EAST BOSTON-Mayor Michelle Wu celebrated the arrival of the first two electric school buses to the Boston Public Schools (BPS) school bus fleet. An additional 18 buses will arrive in the coming weeks and are expected to be in use following the February school vacation. This is a major milestone in creating a Green New Deal for the City of Boston, leading to immediate health and quality-of-life improvements for Boston students, workers, and residents, while advancing climate action. Mayor Wu joined BPS Superintendent Mary Skipper, Green New Deal Director Oliver Sellers-Garcia, BPS Director of Transportation Dan Rosengard, bus driver trainers, and community members at the Readville bus yard in Hyde Park to see how these electric buses are being integrated into the fleet.

“I’m grateful to the many people who have been instrumental in getting Boston to this point and helping us demonstrate the many overlapping benefits of moving to a green economy and ensuring that our kids and our workforce are at the center of that transition,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Today is one of many steps we are taking to make Boston a Green New Deal city and to move with the urgency that our communities and residents deserve. From cutting down on emissions from every part of our education infrastructure – where our students learn and how they get to class – to preparing our next generation of workers to build and sustain cleaner, greener infrastructure for all of us, we’re so excited about where this will lead Boston.”

“Our children deserve to learn, grow up, and play while enjoying clean air and experiencing a healthy environment free of air pollution,” said Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper. “When these buses hit the road, they will operate with zero emissions and significantly lower noise levels than their diesel-fuel counterparts. So when you see the buses with the green bird with a plug logo on each side, be sure to wave and smile as they and the children inside represent our great city’s future.”

“As a City, we know we must prioritize the development of electric vehicle infrastructure to support the future of green mobility in Boston to advance our Green New Deal for all of our residents,” said Green New Deal Director Oliver Sellers-Garcia. “I’m grateful to Boston Public Schools for their leadership in making critical climate investments while supporting the health of our communities and growing our green workforce trained with these skills.”

The BPS Department of Transportation carefully selected the first routes

– 111 trips, across 42 schools – to run electric school buses based on a variety of factors, including distance from the dispatch yard charging station, total length of route, and the expected traffic patterns along the route, with a preference for stop-and-go traffic rather than highway driving. Additionally, the cold weather deployment was factored into route selection to ensure power supply for battery conditioning and bus heating. Routes travel through nearly all of Boston’s neighborhoods.

BPS is finalizing installation of 20 charging stations at the Readville bus yard, utilizing increased charging capacity that was added with support from Eversource. Each electric bus will have a dedicated charger and be charged every day. The total time to charge each bus is about three to four hours. The learnings from this first phase of electric school bus deployment will support the City in designing and implementing future electric school bus fleet expansion.

Prior to integrating the 20 buses into the fleet, BPS is training driver trainers, drivers, mechanics, operations staff, and emergency responders to ensure familiarity with the bus design and operation. During the upcoming February vacation, drivers will test routes to ensure they are comfortable driving the new buses in advance of students boarding later this month. An estimated 2,561 students across 42 schools will be riding the 20 buses each school day. BPS currently has 620 buses on the road each day.

Boston’s Green New Deal works to address climate change with positive co-benefits including creating good jobs, enhancing public health, and transforming structures to promote racial and economic justice. School bus electrification will protect children from diesel particulate matter, eliminate tailpipe emissions, address air quality and noise concerns around school pick-up and drop-off, and offer a healthier work environment for bus drivers and monitors. The City of Boston is fostering the Green New Deal by leveraging funding to invest in solutions that improve the lives of Bostonians and catalyze the transition to a just, green City.

In April 2022, Mayor Wu first announced that up to 20 electric school buses would be deployed during the 2022-23 school year. These electric buses will replace existing diesel buses. These buses were funded through the BPS operating budget and the federal American Rescue Plan Act. Mayor Wu previously shared the goal that BPS will work to replace additional big buses each year, and then move to replacing smaller buses until the entire fleet is electrified by 2030.

Additionally last spring, the Public Works Central Fleet Maintenance Division introduced the first ever train-the-trainer class for fleet mechanics from the Public Works Department (PWD) and BPS on how to safely service and repair electric vehicles at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School. To date, eight mechanics from the PWD and two from BPS have completed the course and continue to

### SENDING OFF SKIN FOR ALL SEASONS



Shown at the Skin for All Seasons farewell party are Grace Copolla, Marc Capizzi, Kathy Dion, Andrea Anderson, Robin Perry, Linda Gallo, Lindsay Cioffi, Christina Coscia Tegan, Kristen Casetta, Theresa Hubbard, Denise Belgiorno, Sue Edwards, Stacy Guarino, Darlene Corbett, Nicola Colella, Michele Bianco, and Bianca Lepore. Missing from picture is Bob Pinkham.

take online classes to keep pace with the ever-changing technology. Beginning in the fall of this year, electric vehicle maintenance will be added as part of the core curriculum for seniors participating in Madison Park’s automotive program.

This celebration will lay the foundation for the future of the Boston Public Schools bus fleet. The City intends to use federal funding from the Environmental Protection Agency and Inflation Reduction Act to further expand the number of electric buses in the fleet and enhance training for staff.

The City has been making progress on its commitment to installing electric vehicle (EV) charging stations throughout Boston’s neighborhoods for both municipal use and residents. The City currently operates 66 LV II EV charging plugs across 14 municipal parking lots. There are plans to add an additional 18 LV II EV charging plugs, and four high-speed LV III DC fast chargers this year. This investment in public charging, along with the City’s EV readiness policy for new development and right-to-charge rules for condominium residents provide a foundation for the rapid, equitable electrification of transportation in Boston. The City also continues to electrify its vehicle fleet, adding charging plugs where City vehicles are garaged, prioritizing EVs in its replacement cycle, and adding its first all-electric street sweeper last year.

### REVERE BEACH PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES DATES AND THEME FOR THE 2023 REVERE BEACH INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL

REVERE-The Revere Beach Partnership, in coordination with its co-sponsors the City of Revere and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, is excited to announce that it will be hosting the 19th Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival from July 28th to 30th, 2023.

“Revere Beach Partnership’s mission is to preserve and enhance America’s first public beach for the enjoyment of all. We are thrilled this world-class festival allows us to showcase the beauty of Revere Beach to people

from all over the world. Visitors will marvel at not only the beautiful works of art in the sand but also the incredible revitalization that continues to transform the area along this historic beach,” said John Hamel, Chairman of the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival Committee.

The theme for this year’s event will be “Celebrating 90 Years of Kong” and will feature a centerpiece sand sculpture highlighting an epic King Kong battle. The event’s signature master sand sculpting competition will feature 15 master sand sculptors, three days of live entertainment, gourmet food trucks, specialty food vendors, exhibitors, amusement rides, as well as some special King Kong-themed surprises that will be announced closer to the event.

“The International Sand Sculpting Festival is one of the best times of the year to come out and enjoy Revere Beach,” said Mayor Brian Arrigo. “I always admire the work of the sculptors who fly in from everywhere around the world to sculpt on our coastline. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to Revere Beach once again to enjoy the countless activities and peruse all the new amenities and businesses our beach has to offer!”

The Revere Beach Partnership is excited to see everyone on the beach once again for this free, family-friendly event that has become a New England tradition. More details and announcements about the event will be made at a later date. For the most up-to-date information about the event, please visit our website [www.rbissf.com](http://www.rbissf.com), or follow us on social media.

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Traffic Commission Reduces Length of Visitor Placards to Eight Days

REVERE-In addition to a lengthy discussion of the traffic study for the Malden St.-Squire Rd. neighborhood, the Traffic Com-

mission took up a number of other items at its meeting two weeks ago.

The agenda included public hearings on proposed amendments to the city’s parking and traffic regulations.

The first was a proposed amendment to Section 10.23.040(G) regarding the duration of visitor parking placards. The present ordinance allows for placards for up to 10 days, but the proposed change would reduce the length of stay to eight days.

Louis Flores of the city’s Parking Dept. spoke in favor of the amendment.

“We’re highly in favor of this,” said Flores. “We’re trying to make parking for residents more of a priority, as opposed to visitors who overstay their welcome. We’re hoping that by reducing the number of days, we can open up spaces for residents.”

There were no opponents to the measure and the commissioners (Chairman Paul Argenzio, David Callahan, Frank Stringi, Nick Rystrom, and Chris Bright) unanimously approved the amendment without further discussion.

The commission next took up a request to amend Schedule VIII of Title 10 (Parking Restrictions Generally) by adding two, 15-minute parking spaces at 75 Shirley Avenue Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Argenzio said that this item had been put forward by Ward 2 City Councillor Ira Novoselkly. However, with Novoselsky not being present to explain the basis for the request, the commission unanimously tabled the matter.

The commission then held a hearing on a measure to amend Schedule XI of Title 10 (Handicapped Person Parking) by adding two locations, 33 Dehon Street and 37 Barrett Street.

However, this matter also lacked a sponsor. Ralph DeCicco, the chair of the city’s Disabilities Commission, usually presents the facts as to whether such requests meet the statutory requirements for handicapped signage. However, DeCicco was not present and the commission tabled the matters.

The commission also voted to move to a public hearing a request to amend Schedule IX of Title 10 (Resident Parking Street, Twenty Four Hour

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Enforcement) by adding Sachem Street.

A public hearing on this matter will be held at the commission’s next meeting in February.

COUNCIL VOTES ON CHARTER CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS

WINTHROP - The Town Council will remain a nine-member body for the foreseeable future.

Last week, the council voted on proposed charter changes recommended by the Ordinance Review Committee (ORC). While a number of proposals will be forwarded to the state for a potential vote by town residents in November, one recommendation which would have cut the number of town councilors from nine to seven and done away with precinct seats failed to pass muster with the council.

In addition to the council’s composition, the council also failed to approve a part of that recommendation that would have cut a councilor’s term from four to two years. A similar measure to increase the Town Council

President’s term from two to four years also failed to move forward.

A charter change recommendation needed a yes vote from six of the nine councilors to potentially be placed in front of voters in the fall.

The remaining recommendations from the ORC did gain the council’s approval, and will appear on the November ballot provided the state deems they can legally move forward.

Some of those proposed charger changes include tougher language in the council’s abandonment language for members who consistently miss meetings, and a recall provision for elected officials.

Council President James Letterie said that the recommendations from the ORC on the council composition and term lengths were part of an effort to increase participation in elections and potentially attract candidates so there are more contested races.

But a number of councilors said those recommendations would either not achieve that goal or would weaken representation for the town’s resi-

dents.

“I think it’s important to remember that representative government isn’t about square mileage, it’s about people and it’s important that the residents have someone to go to,” said Precinct 3 Councilor Hannah Belcher. “There’s a clear division of responsibilities across town. Precinct 3 has some very unique issues and I would hate to see their representation get pushed away.”

Several councilors also noted that shortening the council term to two years from four wouldn’t necessarily be beneficial for the town or councilors.

“The learning curve is big,” said Councilor-at-Large Rob Demarco, he said, adding that if someone wants to represent Winthrop, it wouldn’t matter if the term was two or four years.

However, Demarco said he would rather let the voters decide on the length of term.

Belcher agreed. “Of the three suggestions (for council composition and terms), I think this has the most merit on both sides and I’d like to see what the people want,”

she said.

Letterie said he didn’t see much merit in two-year terms for the entire council, and noted that a three-year term would be a good compromise. However, he said, under state law the municipal elections have to be held on odd-numbered years.

The council did vote to support the recommendation for updated abandonment language in the town charter. Currently, the language states that a councilor can miss up to half the meetings during a year before the abandonment clause kicks in.

Under the revised language, the abandonment clause would go into effect if a councilor misses three consecutive meetings, or half of meetings over a three-month period. There is also language where councilors can overturn the clause if there is a suitable reason why a councilor has missed the meetings.

“I’m in favor of this one, I think it actually solves a problem,” said Precinct 6 Councilor Stephen Ruggiero.

The councilors also voted to support the recall

provision in the charter. There was some initial hesitation about whether the language was strong enough to prevent nuisance recalls, but a closer reading of the recommendation proved that it set a high enough bar for most of the council.

To initiate a recall, a resident would need to file an affidavit with 4 percent of registered voters either town-wide or in a precinct, depending on the position. Once the petition was issued, there would then would be 28 days to gather the signatures of 20 percent of the registered voters to trigger a recall election.

Also, a recall could not be held six months after an official is elected, or six months prior to an election.

According to Letterie, the townwide numbers to trigger a recall would be roughly 500 signatures to pull a petition, and about 2,400 signatures to trigger the actual election.

“I think it is a high standard if you are looking for a recall petition,” said Letterie.

Letterie also noted that the recall provision is a

tool he hopes the town never has to use, but that is there if needed.

The council also approved the recommendation for a charter change requiring multiple member boards to elect their own chairs and vice chairs at the beginning of the year.

A recommendation to change the way the town fills vacancies on town boards did not gather the necessary six votes. Currently, the Town Council and the board with the vacancy meet together to fill a vacancy. There was some concern that this wasn’t fair because the council would have more members than the affected boards. However, there were some questions about the legality of the change and the need to have the highest ranked officials in town involved in the process.

There were also a handful of recommendations that were ordinance changes that do not need the approval of the town’s voters. Letterie said those recommendations will be taken up by the council at a future meeting.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT:

Island End River Flood Resilience Project  
LOCATION: Beacham Street at Market Street, Chelsea and Everett, MA  
PROPOSER: City of Chelsea - Department of Housing & Community Development  
The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form (“ENF”) to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before February 15, 2023  
This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (“MEPA”, M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Katie Moniz, kmoniz@fpa-inc.com, (617) 279-4388  
Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Plan-

ning Board of Chelsea and Everett.  
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MEPA Office, referencing the above project.  
By Alexander Train, City of Chelsea, and Erik Swanson, City of Everett  
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Sa pral kòmanse revizyon pwojè ki anwo a dapre Lwa sou Regleman Anviwònman Massachu-

setts (“MEPA”, M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Ou ka jwenn kopi ENF nan: Katie Moniz, kmoniz@fpa-inc.com, (617) 279-4388  
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LOCAL: Beacham Street at Market Street, Chelsea and Everett, MA  
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O(A) signatário(a) está enviando, pelo presente documento, um For-

mulário de notificação ambiental (“ENF”) a(o) Secretário(a) de Energy & Environmental Affairs (Questões Ambientais e de Energia) no dia February 15, 2023  
Isso iniciará a revisão do projeto mencionado acima de acordo com a Lei de Política Ambiental de Massachusetts (“MEPA”, L.G.M. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Cópias do ENF podem ser obtidas com: Katie Moniz, kmoniz@fpa-inc.com, (617) 279-4388  
Cópias eletrônicas do ENF também estão sendo enviadas à Comissão de Conservação e ao Conselho de Chelsea and Everett.  
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EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWS AND NOTES

EHS STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE TO ICA TEEN GALLERY EXHIBIT

Everett High School artists are featured prominently in an exhibit that explores personal stories about migration, belonging, and overcoming adversity. “The Stories that Make Us“ is part of the ICA’s Teens program and is currently on display at the ICA Seaport Studio in Boston.

The artists worked with professionals from the organization I Learn America (ILA) on an exhibition that embodies how different stories intersect and finds the commonalities we all have with one another. ILA is a youth-led education program with a mission to use the power of storytelling to foster empathy, urgency, and action around issues affecting migrant youth, as they forge their own path in a new land.

More than 20 Everett High students contributed to the effort, several of whom joined their peers,



EHS senior artist Lina Bonilla Alvarez and Everett High ESL teacher Sandy Nilson.

family members, ICA staff, and guests at the exhibit’s opening on Friday, January 27th.

“It was great to see our student artwork displayed in such a top-notch facility and for our district to be affiliated with leading organizations such as the ICA and I Learn America,” said Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani, who attended the grand opening along with School Committee Chairman Michael Mangan and EHS teachers Sandy Nil-



EHS senior artist Lina Bonilla Alvarez is pictured with Superintendent Priya Tahiliani and I Learn America founder Jean Michel Dissard.

son and Patrick Appleby.

In 2021, youth facilitators from ILA worked with artists from the Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to create panels that focused on their own journeys. In the fall of 2022, ILA facilitators worked with student leaders at Ever-

ett High School, Boston International Newcomers Academy, and the Lawrence ENLACE Academy to lead workshops on the panels.

The exhibit centers around panels of graphic silhouette stories created and built by students. The artists used black vinyl



Front row, from left: EHS ESL teacher Sandy Nilson, freshman Taliana Padilla, senior Lina Bonilla Alvarez, Superintendent Priya Tahiliani, and freshman Aryene Yrys Coelho. Back row, from left: School Committee member Michael Mangan, EHS teacher Patrick Appleby, freshman Anthony Alvarado Molina, and I Learn America founder Jean Michel Dissard.

and permanent marker on mirrors and windows to create pieces that reflect their personal experiences and points of connection. The works reflect a wide range of emotions, experiences, and themes, including migration, communication barriers, family, identity, mental health, pandemic, isolation, travel, and hope.

“The Stories that Make Us” will be on view in the Teen Gallery at the ICA’s Seaport Studio through May 30, 2024.

THE HIGHEST COMPLIMENT



Superintendent Priya Tahiliani visited Mrs. Langone’s preschool class at the Webster Extension on Friday, January 27th, and was treated to a lesson on compliments. The students recited “I’m a Little Snowman,” and acted out the words of the popular poem. Naturally, the Superintendent complimented the students for doing such a wonderful job.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AT THE PARLIN



Thanks to fifth-grade teacher Kim Auger, Parlin School students were treated to a performance by the Hung Gar Kung Fu and Lion Dance Academy on Friday, January 27th. The colorful, high-energy routine dazzled students and staff, and was a great addition to Ms. Auger’s unit on the Lunar New Year. Ms. Auger is pictured above with her students and dancers from the Hung Gar Academy.

EVERETT ARTIST ON EXHIBIT AT BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY



IMAGE BY KATY ROGERS ART

Work by Everett Artist Martha Chason-Sokol, Cyclical Adumbrations, will be included in the Associate Artists Exhibition, Stirring + Layering at the Boston Sculptors Gallery in Boston. Pieces from 14 member sculptors will be on display through February 26. Artists’ reception Saturday, February 18 from 3-6p.m. gallery during open hours. The Boston Sculptors Gallery is located at BACON’S BUILDING, 486 Harrison Ave, Boston, hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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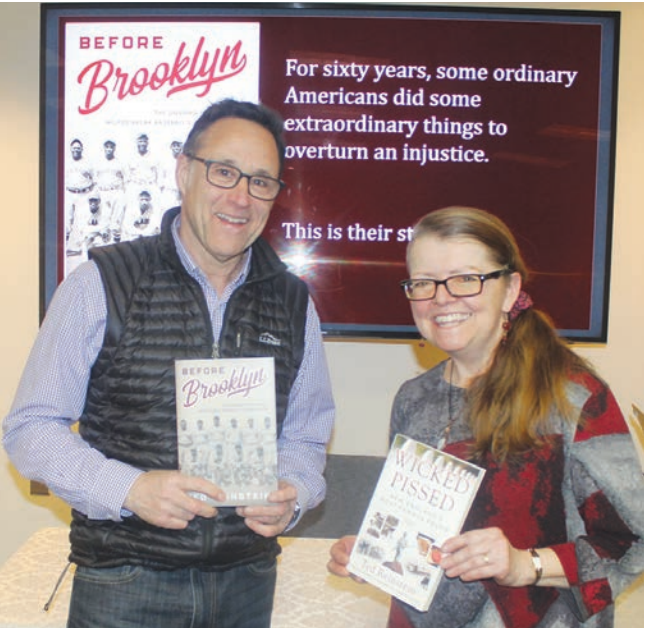
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Chronicle’s Ted Reinstein, author of “Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball Color Barrier,” is pictured with Erica Baldacchino (left) and Stephanie Savini at the book forum held at Parlin Memorial Library.

CHRONICLE’S TED REINSTEIN APPEARS AT BOOK PRESENTATION AT PARLIN LIBRARY

Ted Reinstein, reporter for WCVB-TV Channel 5’s popular “Chronicle” show, spoke about his book, “Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball’s Color Barrier,” at an event held Feb. 9 at the Parlin Memorial Library. Reinstein fascinated the audience with his knowledge of baseball and his stories about the men who laid the foundation for Jackie Robinson’s entrance into Major League Baseball for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.



Ted Reinstein is pictured with Parlin Adult Librarian Kathleen Slipp at the book forum.