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EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL TIDE VARSITY HOCKEY TEAM



The EHS Crimson Tide Varsity Hockey Team, consisting of Everett High, Revere High, Malden High, and Mystic Valley Charter School of Malden. See Pages 8 and 9 for story.

Former Everett football star Mike Borgonzi named GM of the NFL's Tennessee Titans

By Cary Shuman

Mike Borgonzi, a senior captain and All-Scholastic on Everett High School's first Super Bowl championship team in 1997, has been selected as the new general manager of the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

After playing football as a youth in the Everett Eagles Pop Warner organization, Borgonzi became a four-year varsity player for head coach John DiBiasco's Crimson Tide, excelling on offense and defense.

"I congratulate Mike on his



COURTESY PHOTO

Mike Borgonzi

new position with the Titans," said DiBiasco. "He has done a

tremendous job in the Kansas Chiefs organization (most recently as assistant GM from 2021-24) and I'm so happy to see Mike recognized for his excellence with this exciting opportunity in his profession. I know all of Everett is proud of him."

As an Everett High football player, Borgonzi was the first of a few DiBiasco-coached stars to go on and play at Brown University, one of the nation's most prestigious academic institutions. Borgonzi became an All-Ivy League running back

at Brown. Frank Nuzzo III, his brother, Matt Nuzzo, and their Tide teammate George Paone also continued their athletic

careers at Brown. Quarterback Jake Willcox just completed his career as one of Brown's

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Hurley is elected School Comm. chair; Cristiano is vice-chair

Special to the Independent

Samantha Hurley was unanimously elected chairperson of the Everett School Committee at the board's organizational

meeting that was held earlier this month.

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OUR REMARKABLY UNREMARKABLE WEATHER

When the National Weather Service made its long-range forecast for the winter last fall, it was a good news/bad news scenario. They were predicting warmer-than-normal temperatures for our region, which was the good news (after all, who likes cold weather), but the bad news meant that this was further evidence of climate change and global warming. The past two winters in Eastern Mass. had been the warmest on record and that trend seemed poised to continue.

However, Ol' Man Winter has had other ideas. Instead of spinning his polar vortex in a nice tight loop around the North Pole (which keeps the cold air tightly-wound around the pole), he's been doing a sort of yo-yo effect with the vortex, allowing it to dip south and bring that frigid air to us.

The chronic instability of the polar vortex has been a relatively recent phenomenon. Climatologists tell us that the colder air that we experience when the vortex dips south ironically is a sign of overall global warming. The Arctic region has been among the fastest-warming places on the planet (four times faster than the rest of the world, which is why the polar bears don't have enough sea ice for hunting seals in the summer months) -- and that warming trend is upsetting the delicate balance of the vortex. According to some scientists, the warming Arctic is causing a weakening of the jet stream and ultimately sending cold air further south than usual.

So for us, what this has meant is that instead of having a warmer winter, we've had an unrelenting pattern of cold, dry, and windy days. This weekend's light snowfall notwithstanding, almost every day from the end of December through January has been pretty much the same -- temperatures in the 20s, brisk winds, and no precipitation.

It's as if we're living a real-life version of the movie Groundhog Day. The only saving grace is that we've had lots of sunshine.

For those of us who have oil heat, prices thankfully are the lowest they've been in a few years, although natural gas prices are higher than in the recent past.

So yes, it would be nice if this winter were warmer -- but let's face it, as cold as the weather has been, it could be a lot worse (and yes, we're thinking of the Snowmageddon we experienced 10 years ago!).

THIS IS THE SAD-DEST TIME OF THE YEAR – SO GET OUTSIDE

With the holiday season long in the rear-view mirror and the oppressiveness of a New England winter fully upon us, for many this can be the saddest time of the year -- quite literally.

The medical community has long-recognized that the shortened days of winter affect all of us to a certain extent and have given it a name -- Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

Scientists do not understand exactly how the lack of daylight works on our brains, but demonstrable symptoms of the syndrome include heightened anxiety, a decrease in energy, oversleeping, an increase in appetite, social withdrawal, and negative thoughts in general.

Treatments for SAD include light therapy (phototherapy), antidepressants, and vitamin D supplements, spending more time outside during daylight hours, and exercising regularly.

In our personal experience, we've found the latter prescriptions -- exercising and going outside, even on the coldest days -- have proven the best antidote to winter's doldrums.

All of us can recall the exhilaration we felt as children when we went sledding, skating on a pond, and shoveling snow. Although we're a bit too old these days to do most of those things (plus, there's no snow anymore), we've found that taking on the wintry blasts that we've endured these past few weeks by jogging and walking (even when the wind chills are in the single digits) each and every day never fails to bring us that renewed sense of vitality that we experienced in our youth when we bravely embraced nature's harshest elements without a care.

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Animal testing in Everett: A costly experiment

By Katy Rogers

Amending the animal testing ban may appear to be a minor adjustment, but even small changes carry significant consequences. Allowing animal testing in Everett would not only introduce logistical and financial burdens but also risk ignoring ethical concerns and shifting focus away from more pressing community priorities.

A comparison with neighboring communities where animal testing is permitted highlights Everett's lack of readiness for such a move. Cities like Cambridge, which allow animal testing, have extensive infrastructure to support and regulate it. For example, Cambridge employs a full-time Commissioner of Laboratory Animals—a licensed veterinarian funded by the city—re-

sponsible for oversight and enforcement. The city also maintains a Biosafety and Animal Committee with dedicated administrative appointments and specialized resources. Firefighters must undergo biohazard training, and public health and inspection departments enforce rigorous standards for laboratories. These are essential regulatory measures funded by taxpayers, and they are not optional.

Everett does not have comparable resources or infrastructure to manage these responsibilities. Introducing animal testing here would demand significant investments of time, money, and expertise. The city would need to allocate funding to oversight bodies, enforce public safety measures, and

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DiDomenico celebrates new law boosting oversight of pharmaceutical industry

Special to the Independent

Last month, Senator DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Legislature passed comprehensive reforms that will lower the cost of prescription drugs at the pharmacy counter and improve oversight of the state's pharmaceutical industry. This month, Governor Healey signed S.3012, An Act relative to pharmaceutical access, costs, and transparency, into law which requires health insurers to cover life-saving medications for diabetes, asthma, and certain heart conditions with no or limited out-of-pocket costs for patients. The measure is particularly critical for residents of color, who disproportionately face chronic illnesses.

The bill takes bold action to lower out-of-pocket costs and ensure access to life saving medications by offering immediate price relief for prescrip-

tion drugs used to treat diabetes, asthma, and certain heart conditions. For each condition, the bill requires insurers to eliminate cost-sharing requirements for one generic drug and to cap co-payments on one brand-name drug at \$25 per 30-day supply.

It further brings down consumer costs by ensuring that consumers are not charged a cost-sharing amount, such as a co-pay, if it would be cheaper for them to purchase the drug without using their insurance.

"People throughout my district and our state rely on prescription medication to live, which is why I am thrilled to have helped pass this law which will bring down costs and ensure individuals don't have to decide between paying for food and rent and accessing lifesaving drugs," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "I have long been a supporter of bringing down the costs of prescription drugs and

I know this new law will save lives across our state. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Senator Friedman, and all of the advocates who worked diligently to get this important piece of legislation passed before the previous legislative session came to an end."

Approximately nine per cent of Massachusetts residents have diagnosed diabetes and 6.2 per cent of adults over 35 live with heart disease. In 2015, more than 10 per cent of residents lived with asthma. Black residents face each at a higher rate—over 12 per cent live with diabetes and nearly 14 per cent of Black adults live with asthma.

The bill drastically increases state oversight of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), which currently negotiate prescription drug prices with little oversight, making it unclear if they consistently act in the best interest of consumers. To do so,

the legislation authorizes the Division of Insurance (DOI) to license and regulate PBMs. PBMs are also prohibited from making payments to pharmacy benefit consultants or brokers who work on behalf of health plan sponsors during a contracting or bidding process.

To create a more complete data-driven picture of drug costs in Massachusetts, the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) will collect a range of drug cost information from pharmaceutical manufacturers and PBMs. With the data, CHIA can offer a more complete examination of the drivers of health care costs in its annual health care cost report, allowing policymakers and consumers to better understand the role of pharmaceutical manufacturers and PBMs in the health care system.

In addition to CHIA's cost analysis, pharmaceutical manufacturers and PBMs will be

included in the Health Policy Commission (HPC)'s Annual Health Care Cost Trends Hearing for the first time. Participation in the hearings will require manufacturers and PBMs to provide public testimony on the factors that influence drug costs, allowing those factors to be taken into account as the commission identifies how to improve care and reduce costs for residents.

Further, the legislation establishes the Office for Pharmaceutical Policy and Analysis within HPC, which will be tasked with analyzing trends related to pharmaceutical access, affordability, and spending in Massachusetts. The office will publish an annual report with recommendations for strategies to mitigate pharmaceutical spending growth, promote affordability and enhance pharmaceutical access.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Announcing the 25 in '25 Reading Challenge! We were so pleased with the turnout for our 24 in '24 Challenge that we decided to up the ante. The Everett Public Libraries now challenge you to read 25 books in 2025! Crack open an old favorite, try a new genre, or listen to an audio book - if you're reading, it counts! Prizes provided by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries will be awarded to those who complete the challenge. Visit everett.beanstack.com to get started.

Parlin Adult and Teens

Parlin Book Group, Parlin Meeting Room, and Zoom. Monday, January 27th at 6pm. 18+. In Ann Napolitano's Hello Beautiful, William grew up in a house silenced by tragedy. When he meets Julia Padavano and her sisters it's as if the world has lit up around him. But William's past surfaces, resulting in a rift that changes their lives for generations. Call Kathleen at (617) 394 2300, or send an email to slipp@noblennet.org, for the Zoom link, or join us in person!

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, January 28th at 7pm. 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. Recommended for ages 14-109!

Puzzle Club Parlin Trustees Table. Wednesday, January 29th from 3-5pm. Piece together fun and friendship at the Parlin table! We'll have puzzles of all shapes and sizes to work on together. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Drop-In Tech Help Parlin Information Desk. Wednesdays and Fridays from 4-5pm. Do you have questions about how to use your personal laptop, tablet, or phone? Bring it to the library and stop by our Drop-In Tech Help to meet with a volunteer for assistance.

Resume Writing, Parlin Information Desk. Do you need help sprucing up an old resume or creating a new one? Sign up for a thirty minute session at the Parlin. By appointment only. To register, please call or send email to Kathleen, 617-394-2300 or slipp@noblennet.org

Computer Basics 101, Parlin Information Desk. 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 Micro-

soft Word, navigate the Internet, set up an email account, and more! By appointment only. To register, please call or send email to Kathleen, 617-394-2300 or slipp@noblennet.org.

Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, January 27th from 3-5pm. Come to the Children's Room after school on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Storytime and Singalong with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, January 29th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Drama Class. Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, January 29th 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.

Story Time Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe Parlin Craft Room. Thursday, January 30th at 11am. Join Mrs. McAuliffe

for our enchanting Story Time! You will be whisked away on magical adventures through the pages of your favorite books. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends

Table Top Gaming Club Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, January 30th at 3pm. Enjoy good games and even better company at the Parlin Table Top Gaming Club! Recommended for ages 12+.

Story Time Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe Parlin Craft Room. Friday, January 31st at 11am. Join Mrs. McAuliffe for our enchanting Story Time! You will be whisked away on magical adventures through the pages of your favorite books. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends

Shute Adult and Teens

Romance Book Club, Shute Meeting Room. Tuesday, January 28th at 6 PM. Calling all romance lovers! Join our Romance Book Club at the Shute Library! We'll meet every third Tuesday of the month (unless otherwise noted on our calendar). No registration needed—just bring your love for all things romance! For ages 18 and up. The book of the month is The Seven Year Slip by Ashley Poston. We'll have light re-

freshments and snacks thanks to the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. Limited copies will be available to borrow at our circulation desk.

Drop-In Tech Help Shute Circulation Desk. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5pm. Do you have questions about how to use your personal laptop, tablet, or phone? Bring it to the library and stop by our Drop-In Tech Help to meet with a volunteer for assistance.

Resume Writing, Shute Adult Department. Book a one-on-one resume assistance appointment at the Shute Library and let a librarian help you craft a resume tailored to your strengths and aspirations. Sign up for a thirty minute session at both the Shute Library. By appointment only. Please email shuteinfo@noblennet.org or call 617-394-2308.

Computer Basics 101, Shute Adult Department. Tech Newbie? No Problem! Learn to power up, click around, type like a pro, explore the digital world, and even send your first email. Book your Friday appointment with technology today! By appointment only. Please email shuteinfo@noblennet.org or call 617-394-2308.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2025

January 26 - February 1

#CSW25

The Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2023 – 2026 theme is “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.” Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church’s evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community. While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Holding this tenet, Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community. Together teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living.

EBCCS celebrates Catholic Schools Week

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Catholic schools throughout the country will be observing Catholic Schools Week January 26-February 1 in celebration of Catholic education in the United States. East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) will be among the intuitions participating with special events and activities that will bring together students and their families with the national theme: “United in Faith and Community.”

“Each day of Catholic Schools Week has its own, individual theme. On Sunday, it’s ‘parish;’ on Monday, it’s ‘community and students,’” said Principal Robert Casaletto. “Throughout the week, every

teacher invites families into the classroom to see an academic, but fun lesson, so parents can enjoy themselves.”

Families will be welcome to join kindergarteners for an art project, a Lunar New Year activity with second grade, and a seventh and eighth grade science fair in the auditorium. There will also be pizza party and ice-skating field trips, as well as a bullying prevention seminar presented by the District Attorney’s Office.

Parents of incoming students will also be invited to tour the building throughout the week, as well.

“It’s a great opportunity for people to see our families, talk to other parents, and talk to



First grade students, Maria A., Sebastian F., Vivian B., Violet T., Natalia S. and Ronald B. gathering in the reading area.

me,” said Principal Casaletto. “They get to see our academic work and our community.”

East Boston Central Catholic School will begin Catholic Schools Week with a 10 AM family mass on Sunday, January 26, featuring the school choir. Traditionally affiliated with Sacred Heart and Most Holy Redeemer Parishes, EBCCS will be celebrating mass at Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, in Winthrop, to raise awareness about the school.

Principal Casaletto feels that the two-day-long Young

Author’s Presentation in the auditorium will be particularly impactful because parents will be able to pick up finished, hard copies of books written by their children.

“Every student in our school -- from our three-year-olds through our eighth grade -- writes their own book,” described Principal Casaletto. “They’ve been working on

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Lucas D. and Joseph B. pointing out the duck in Molly Coxé’s “Cat Traps.”

Saint John School in the North End will celebrate 130th anniversary at May 9 gala

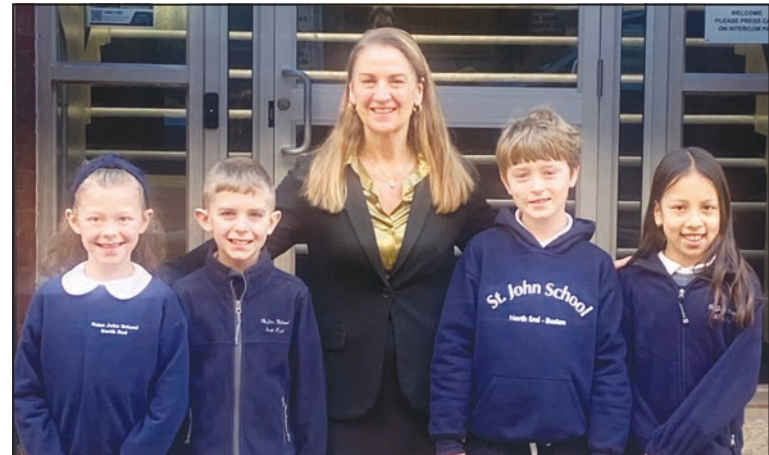
By Cary Shuman

Saint John School is in the heart of the historic North End, but it's been making its own glorious history in Catholic education for the past 130 years.

In fact, Saint John will recognize its decades of excellence at a "Back To Our Roots" spring gala May 9 at the Battery Wharf

Hotel.

The school will turn back the clock and celebrate the neighborhood's Italian immigrants and Catholic families at the gala. The event is generating a strong response from alumni, parents, and local businesses, with a huge crowd expected to attend the festivities.



St. John School Head of School Annmarie Quezada with students.

New Head of School
For the first time in its history, Saint John has a Head of School. Annmarie Quezada became the Head of School at Saint John in April, 2024, having previously served in that position at Mother Caroline in Dorchester.

A highly respected administrator with 35 years of experience in education, Quezada is enjoying her first year at the helm of the school that has an enrollment of 176 students from Boston and the suburbs. Saint John holds a unique stature in

the City of Boston.

"We're the only Catholic school remaining in the Greater Boston area for pre-kindergarten-through-eighth grade," said Quezada proudly. "A lot of schools have closed but we've

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Rooted in Faith, Growing in Community

Malden Catholic proudly joins schools nationwide in celebrating Catholic Schools Week, a special time to reflect on the vital role Catholic education plays in shaping students academically, spiritually, and socially. This week is dedicated to honoring our shared faith, commitment to service, and the strong sense of community that defines our school.

Let us embrace this week with gratitude and joy, united in faith and community.



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Local tech educator brings AI learning into the Catholic classroom

Special to the Times

Technology and theology go hand in hand at this Catholic school. Students are both engaged and informed as they participate in MIT's Day of AI Curriculum at St. John School.

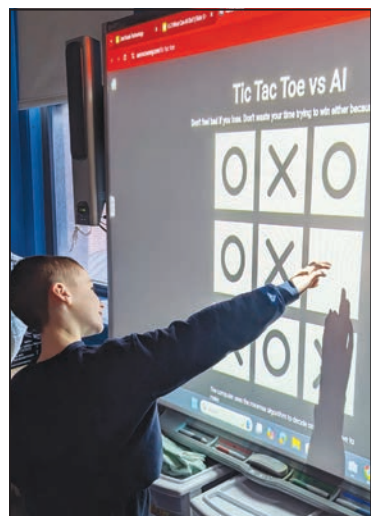
Ms. Barbara Mikolajczak, Director of Technology and Innovation at St. John School in the historic North End, strives daily to combine her Catholic faith with her love of technology in the classroom. After attending the Day of AI Conference at the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology (MIT), Mikolajczak was inspired to share this unique learning opportunity with her students.

The school's kindergarten through eighth grade students are now being introduced to the functions and follies of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the modern age, allowing students to learn how to think critically about the never ending stream of information they have access to online. As AI becomes more apparent, especially for young people, the students at St. John School will gain the skills to detect, analyze, and discuss this emerging technology with their peers.

When asked about this new curriculum, Ms. Barbara – as she is known to her students – explained, "This program aligns with our existing technology program, which has its base in logical thinking and critical reasoning. Our students are learning what


Artificial Intelligence is, how it works, its benefits, and limitations, along with how it affects them in today's society."



A student competes against AI in a match of tic tac toe.


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The Day of AI Curriculum focuses on raising students' awareness of AI programs and empowering them to use these tools properly and effectively. As this field continues to grow, there are clear social and ethical implications for students and adults alike. This curriculum learning allows for young learners to grow alongside the world of AI, gaining literacy on the subject in real time.

Grade-relevant lessons include hands-on activities that deeply engage students in their progress.

Some students who have now experienced the program shared with us what they've learned. One fifth-grader said, "AI wouldn't exist without us. It uses OUR ideas!"

And a third-grader shared her opinion as well, "I thought AI knew everything in the

world, but you have to teach it - and it can be wrong!"

Ms. Barbara Mikolajczak seeks out innovative partnerships for St. John School, always looking for programs that enrich and engage the students in new ways. As young people continue to rely on technology as a learning tool, St. John School in the North End of Boston strives to keep their students ahead of the curve.

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them since the beginning of the school year. For those who have been here for years, hopefully they will get to see the progression. The seventh and eighth grade have well-written novels with beautiful artwork. It's a ton of fun."

Like every Monday, middle school students will continue to volunteer at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen in

Maverick Square, where they will be preparing bags of food for those struggling with homelessness and substance use.

"It's a way to build community within the school, which is really nice," explained Principal Casaletto. "We're excited about that."

At the end of the week, there will be a casual dress day for students, and an appreciation

luncheon for teachers, staff, and volunteers provided by the Parent Involvement Committee.

"It's a cool week," beamed Principal Casaletto, whose office is decorated with LEGO models. "It gives us the opportunity to celebrate the unique qualities of Catholic schools. Everybody walks in and feels like family here."



First graders, Bodhi L., Valentina T., Maya O., David A., Victoria B., and Miya N, reading stories from Scott Foresman's "Reading Favorite Things Old and New."

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stayed open in the North End. So, we're like an icon in the North End. It's a community over here. Everyone knows everyone, and the family business owners know the school. They went to Saint John. Their grandparents were once students there. It's a unique throwback as to how school communities used to be."

The momentum is not slowing down, and the immediate future looks exceedingly bright. Saint John has received 45 applications for seats in the 2025-26 academic year.

"I think people want this now," said Quezada. "It's an alternative to a public school. You get pride in Catholic education, high standards with academics, and we send our students to all the great high schools: BC High, Fontbonne, Saint John's Prep (Danvers). And our students are well-prepared."

Student-to-teacher ratio of 7:1

One factor that elevates the Saint John educational experience is its phenomenal student-to-teacher ratio of 7:1.

"It's amazing," said Quezada.

The school has non-clergy teachers, but it is associated with Saint Leonard's Parish in the North End. The church's pastor, the Rev. Michael Della Penna, is a member of the Saint John

board of directors. Each student in the school takes a Catholic education class.

Italian language, science programs

Two other programs also separate Saint John from other schools, according to Quezada.

"We have an immersion Italian program," she noted. "The kids learn Italian all the way from pre-K up to eighth grade," said Quezada. "We also have a hydroponic indoor garden, and all the students take classes in there as well."

The garden produces herbs and plants that in a display of community service and philanthropy are ultimately delivered to Saint Anthony Shrine and homeless shelters.

A taste of North End history

Saint John faculty regularly schedules field trips to such nearby North End landmarks as the Paul Revere House and the Old North Church and walks along the famous Freedom Trail.

"We partner with the Italian societies that host the festivals during the summer, so our students are very immersed in the North End," said Quezada.

Reflecting on her first year as Head of School, Quezada concluded, "I'm so honored to be a part of this wonderful school community."

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establish new administrative roles—all while addressing the ethical dilemmas inherent in animal testing.

Meanwhile, at the federal level, there is a growing shift away from animal testing in favor of innovative alternatives. Cambridge is at the forefront of this transition, reducing its reliance on animal testing and investing in more humane and forward-thinking research methods. Allowing animal testing in Everett not only ignores these trends but risks creating new problems that divert resources from the issues residents care about most.

Recent developments in Somerville further underscore the risks Everett could face. Somerville, despite its stronger geographic and economic position, has seen its life sciences development projects suffer due to insufficient demand and unmet infrastructure needs. If Somerville, with its proximity to Boston and robust public transit access, is struggling, Everett—with fewer resources and no direct transit to biotech hubs—would face even steeper challenges.

Everett's limited space and resources compound the problem. Unlike larger cities like Cambridge, Everett lacks the capacity to support animal testing facilities on a comparable scale. Additionally, the region is already oversaturated with lab space, leaving many facilities vacant and underutilized. Loosening Everett's restrictions risks contributing to this oversupply, creating burdens for taxpayers instead of benefits for the community.

It is crucial to consider the long-term financial, logistical, and ethical consequences of amending animal testing in Everett. These are not temporary challenges; they require sustained investments that could profoundly impact the city's future. If the City Council chooses to permit animal testing, it must be prepared to meet the rigorous regulatory and financial demands this decision entails. Anything less would leave Everett vulnerable to the same stalled development and unmet potential in Somerville.

Katy Rogers is Everett City Councilor At Large

OBITUARIES

Jennifer A. Dow

Sept. 11, 1974 — Jan. 18, 2025

Jennifer A. Dow passed into eternal peace on January 18, 2025 at Massachusetts General Hospital surrounded by her family, where she slipped the surly bonds of earth and touched the face of God.

Jennifer was born on September 11, 1974 and was a graduate of Winthrop High School. She went on to become a caseworker for intellectually and developmentally challenged adults. Jenn provided them with the same great love and care that she did with everyone whose life she touched.

She had an intellect that compared to none, an incredibly quick wit, a sense of humor that could make anyone laugh and an uncanny ability for learning world languages, destinations, and cultures.

Jenn was predeceased by her mother, Regina (Keck) of Everett. She leaves behind her father, Joseph Dow of Winthrop, her older brother, Joseph of Everett, her sisters, Kristine, Robin and her husband, Mark



Rotondo and Jacqueline and her stepmother, Margaret, all of Winthrop. Jennifer was also the very proud aunt of Joseph M. Dow of Colorado and Victoria and Emma Rotondo of Winthrop. They were without question her greatest pride and joy in life.

Services for Jennifer will be private and will take place at Caggiano Funeral Home in Winthrop on January 23, 2025. Following the services, Jennifer will be laid to final rest at Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Joseph LoRusso

The world could almost be called his home

Joseph A. LoRusso was born on April 29, 1946 in Boston to John and Mary LoRusso of Everett. He passed away peacefully on January 15, 2025 at the age of 78.

He lived most of his life in Everett before he got the itch to extensively travel, locally and internationally. The world could almost be called Joe's home. Travelling the world gave him great pleasure. He traveled continuously throughout Europe, Middle East, Israel, Russia, China, Australia, New Zealand and all of South America. He often returned with stories of living among the locals while experiencing their customs and traditions, some of which were a little hair-raising.

Joe's other interests were sports of all kinds. He wasn't an athlete, but he tried many of them, including skeet shooting, deep sea fishing, golf and bowling to name a few. Not sure there wasn't a sport that he didn't know the statistics of his favorite team. Additionally, he loved history—with an emphasis on religious history. His memory of past civilizations would astound you with the details of what he recalled from both the written word as well as his visits to far off countries.

He was a devout Roman Catholic and an active Bible scholar. Joe was passionate about his faith and the message of Salvation. He lived his life according to Roman Catholic principles. He demonstrated this daily as he fought Parkinson's Disease with peace and dignity.

Joe started his college education at Merrimack College and later enrolled in Charter Oak College receiving a B.S. degree in accounting. He applied his accounting degree and statistical acumen as a Tax Auditor for both the IRS and later MA. Dept. of Revenue.

Joe also found the time to own properties in the local Boston area. At one time he possessed 14 Units which kept him busy long into retirement. His work ethic, kindness and compassion endeared him to his lifelong friends. Joe is survived by his brothers, Richard and John LoRusso, his sister-in-law, JoAnn DiLoreto LoRusso, nieces, Dina Overland and Kathryn Edwards and their



children, q Cyrus Overland, and Evalina and Sayla Edwards. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary and his sister-in-law, Camille LoRusso.

Joe's legacy of valuing family, caring for his elderly parents, promoting Catholic missions and charities, education, will live long in the memories of his family. In Joe's honor, the family welcomes flowers or a donation to a charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank the staff at Greystone Farm, Salem, NH for their considerate, attentive, and kind care.

Family and friends are cordially invited to a visitation and reception with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, January 22 at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere. Funeral on Thursday at the Funeral Home at 9am followed by a Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere at 10 a.m. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

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Sports

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL COMBINED TIDE HOCKEY TEAM FALL TO SOMERVILLE AT HOME

The Combined Everett Varsity Hockey team made up from Revere High, Malden High and Mystic Valley Char-

ter School fell to the Highlanders of Somerville High 5-0 at home in Veteran's Memorial Rink last Wednesday evening.

This loss put the tide at 1-10 for the season, and 0-3 in the league.



Junior Captain Frankie Annunziata clears the puck from the crease.



Senior Captain Ben Saia rushes into the Highlander end for a scoring opportunity.

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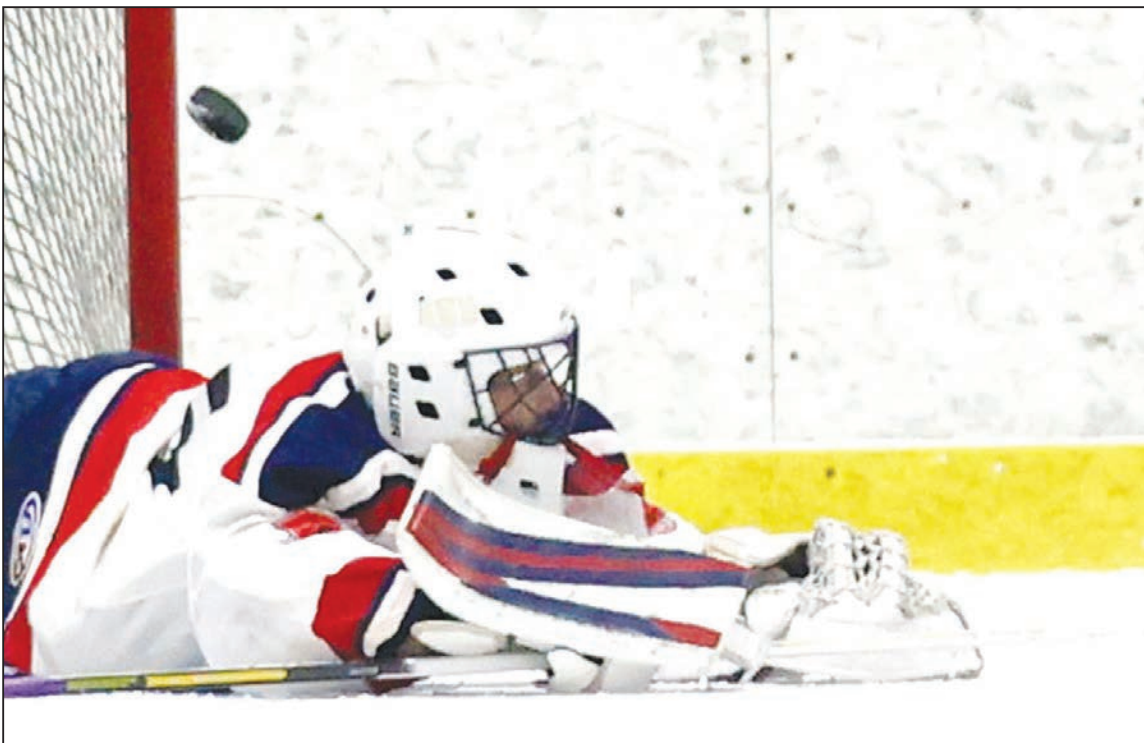
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Ihsan Nigdelioglu puts a big hit on a highlander trying to make a play.



Giving it all, Goalie Ray Blauvelt blocks a shot that deflected off his helmet.



Captain Ben Saia sets for the opening face-off.



Justin Hurley helps by clearing the puck away from his goalie.

EHS Roundup

EHS BOYS HOOP TOPS MEDFORD FOR KEY WIN

The Everett High boys basketball team earned a third straight victory with a 65-59 triumph over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Medford this past Thursday at the EHS gym.

The Crimson Tide were led by senior Geordiell Luna, who

hit for a game-high 21 points. Teammate Henrique Pinto also made a major contribution in the scoring column with 16 points, as did Cristian Vasquez, who also reached double figures with 12 points.

Tyson Chhun provided a spark off the bench with six points and Jayden Alsaindor also chipped in with six points.

“This was a critical home victory and it was great to see

our team on a three-game winning streak,” said EHS head coach Gerry Boyce. “It has been an uphill battle this basketball season so I am proud of the boys’ resilience.

“While we started the game strong, exhibiting excellent teamwork, effective ball-sharing, and a solid defensive

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foundation, we can push our performance further," Boyce continued. "We need more from all the guys, not just those who scored heavily. Each player must contribute in various ways, whether through defense, communication, or hustle to maximize our team's potential.

"Although we showed moments of intensity in the second half, we need to maintain our pressure on the basketball consistently throughout the entire game. The goal is for us to play a full 32 minutes of Everett basketball, showcasing our discipline and energy," Boyce added.

The Crimson Tide, who dropped a 63-54 decision to undefeated non-league opponent St. Mary's of Lynn this past Sunday at Emmanuel College, have a busy and challenging week ahead. The Tide, who are 5-7 on the season, were scheduled to trek to GBL rival Lynn English last night (Tuesday). They will make the short bus ride across the Parkway to GBL foe Chelsea tomorrow (Thursday) before hosting GBL adversary Lynn Classical next Tuesday.

SUPERB NIGHT FOR EVEILLARD FOR EHS BOYS TRACK TEAM

Although the Everett boys and girls indoor track and field teams came up short in their tri-meet with Greater Boston League opponents Malden and

Somerville last Thursday at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Roxbury, a number of Crimson Tide athletes turned in strong performances.

Junior Kayshaun Eveillard led the way for coach Jehu Cimea's boys with outstanding efforts in three events, the 55 meter dash (6.78), the 300m dash (38.30), and the long jump (20'-2.5"). Kayshaun took first-place in all three events vs. Malden and first in the 300 and LJ and second in the 55 vs. Somerville to accumulate a total of 28 points in the tri-meet.

In addition, Eveillard's long jump was the best on the night among all GBL competitors by a wide margin of 10 inches and his times in the 55 and 300 ranked second among the GBL schools, all of whom were competing at the Reggie that evening.

Crimson Tide teammate Tyre Lule also had a nice meet, taking first vs. Malden and second vs. Somerville in the 600 dash with a clocking of 1:43.72.

Lucas Nunez likewise was a first-place finisher vs. Malden and a second-place finisher vs. Somerville in the two-mile run in a time of 11:21.15, a clocking that was the second-fastest in the GBL on the night.

Fabrice Michaud had a strong evening, taking first-place vs. Somerville in the shot-put with a throw of 40'-5.5", a toss that earned him a second-place vs. Malden.

Luvens Hector scored points in multiple events vs. both opponents. Luvens took third-place vs. Malden in the 55 dash, second vs. both Malden and Somerville in the 300, and third vs. Malden and second vs. Somerville in the 55 hurdles.

Additional point-scorers for the Tide in the tri-meet were: Gaetano Foster with a third-place vs. both Somerville and Malden in the shot; David Huezio-Erazo with a third in the two-mile vs. both Somerville and Malden; Dante Gell with a third vs. Malden in the 600; Carlos Pagan-Landeo with a second vs. Malden and a third vs. Somerville in the 1000; and Jeremy Whitlow with a third in the mile vs. Malden.

Cimea and his crew will complete their dual-meet season this Monday evening (January 27) with a tri-meet at the Reggie vs. GBL foes Chelsea and Lynn Classical.



Chris Arguetta trying to stop a Somerville scoring opportunity.

FOSTER HIGHLIGHTS EHS GIRLS TRACK

Although the Everett High girls indoor track and field team came up short in its tri-meet with Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Somerville and Malden last Thursday at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center, there were some superb performances turned in by the Lady Crimson tide.

Graziella Foster scored five points for the Lady Tide vs. Malden with her first-place effort in the shot-put with a toss of 25'-7.5", a throw that also earned Graziella a second place vs. Somerville.

Teammate Milena Antonio took first place vs. Malden in the 600 dash with a clocking of 2:13.32.

Adding three points vs. Malden with second-place finishes were: Devon Gomez-Walrond in both the 55 dash and the 55 hurdles; Karla Tobias Robles in the 1000; and Fahema Coudho in the shot. Scoring a point for her third-place performance vs. Malden was Zuelle Cannon-Mathis in the 300 dash.

In the portion of the meet with Somerville, point-scorers for Everett were: Devon Gomez-Walrond with third-place finishes in both the 55 dash and the 55 hurdles; Karla Tobias Robles with a third in the 1000; Shashi Pokhrel with a third in the mile; and Fahema Coudho

with a third vs. Somerville in the shot.

Coach Jehu Cimea's Lady Crimson Tide will wrap up their dual-meet season this Monday evening (January 27) with a tri-meet vs. GBL foes Chelsea and Lynn Classical at the Reggie.

EHS GIRLS HOOP TO HOST MEDFORD

The Everett High girls basketball team will entertain Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Medford tomorrow (Thursday) evening at the EHS gym. The opening tip is set for 6:00.

Coach Riley Dunn and her crew have been road warriors over the past week. In a 63-38 loss at GBL rival Lynn English, senior captain Emilia Maria Babcock led the EHS scoring chart with 18 points.

"It was a tough game against a really tenacious Lynn English team," noted Dunn.

Although the Lady Crimson Tide came up short by a score of 52-34 at non-league opponent Lowell, Dunn was pleased with her team's effort.

"The score does not show how hard my girls worked," said Dunn. "They fought until the last second and kept energy high throughout the game. I was very proud of their resilience and support for their teammates in a challenging game."

Maria-Babcock led the way

in the scoring department with 14 points and made three steals. Also making big contributions for the Lady Tide were junior Nicole Damaceno, who fought hard underneath pulling down 10 rebounds, and freshman Julianna Rivera, who went 4-for-4 at the free throw line.

The Everett girls next engaged in a fierce battle with GBL foe Somerville last Tuesday before falling by a score of 53-46.

"This was one heck of a battle," said Dunn. "We battled from being behind the entire game and fought to the last minute. We also battled back through injuries and foul trouble, but unfortunately fell short."

Rivera led all scorers with 19 points and fell just short of a double-double with eight rebounds. Nicole Damaceno had a monster night on the boards, pulling down 18 rebounds. Maria-Babcock hit for 15 points and just missed a double-double with eight rebounds.

This past Thursday, the Lady Crimson Tide completed their four-game road tour with a 44-28 loss at Malden.

Dunn and her crew hosted GBL foe Lynn English last night (Tuesday). After tomorrow evening's match with Medford, the Lady Tide will make the short trek across the Parkway to Chelsea next Tuesday for a 5:30 opening tip.



The Tide's Goalie Ray Blauvelt gave up one goal in the first period, despite a heavy Highlander attack.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHELSEA AWARDED \$280,000 GRANT TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND PROMOTE SAFE ROADS

CHELSEA - The City of Chelsea has been awarded a \$280,000 Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation and is excited to announce a new initiative aimed at improving road safety for all. The grant will support the development of a comprehensive SS4A Action Plan and Vision Zero Plan to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries while promoting safe, equitable, and healthy mobility throughout the city.

To ensure the safety action plans reflect the needs and concerns of the community, the Department of Housing & Community Development (HC+D) is seeking up to three Chelsea residents, including one local youth, to join the SS4A Steering Committee that will oversee the process. The committee will play a vital role in guiding the development, implementation, and monitoring of the Action Plan. Each resident member will receive a \$500 stipend for their participation. The Steering Committee will meet quarterly.

Ideal candidates are committed to improving transportation safety in the city and are willing to collaborate with others

over a two-year period to shape the future of the city's infrastructure. Applicants do not need any technical background in traffic engineering. Members will have the opportunity to work closely with the Chelsea HC+D, Fire Department, Police Department.

To apply, please submit a letter of interest that answers the following questions to HC+D Project Manager Sara Han at shan@chelseama.gov by Monday, February 10:

1 How are you currently involved in the Chelsea community?

2 Why do you want to be on this Steering Committee/what makes you passionate about transportation safety?

3 How do you travel around the City of Chelsea?

The SS4A program is part of a nationwide effort funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation to help cities create comprehensive safety action plans to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries. This initiative aligns with the Vision Zero movement, which seeks to ensure that no one is killed or seriously injured on city roadways.

For more information about the SS4A initiative and how you can contribute to this important effort, please contact HC+D Project Manager Sara Han by email or telephone at shan@chelseama.gov or (617) 466-4183.

MADARO'S BILL IN PREVENTING OVERDOSE DEATHS SIGNED INTO LAW

EAST BOSTON - Rep. Adrian Madaro worked with Governor Maura Healey in creating a law to help prevent overdose deaths. In his statement during the signing of the law, Madaro said, "Overdose remains the leading cause of death for people aged 18 to 45, with rates among Black and Latino men more than doubling in recent years. This stark reality underscores the disproportionate impact public health crises have on communities of color. We continue to lose far too many lives to overdose, which is why action is urgently needed.

That's why I was honored to join Governor Maura Healey for the signing of An Act Relative to Treatments and Coverage for Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Coach Licensure. Thanks to Speaker Ron Mariano's vision and leadership, I had the privilege of assembling this legislation for the House of Representatives in response to the opioid crisis. It reflects the input of many colleagues who drew from their experiences and those of their constituents to craft a bill that better supports individuals seeking treatment or recovery and helps prevent overdose deaths.

Now signed into law, this legislation ensures that we con-

tinue to make substance use disorder treatment and recovery support more affordable and accessible in Massachusetts."

COUNCIL REQUESTS MEETING WITH STATE ON SHELTER INCIDENT

REVERE - The city council took up two motions at its first meeting of the year Monday night in response to the Dec. 27 arrest of a Dominican national residing at the Quality Inn in Revere.

Leonardo Andujar Sanchez, 28, was charged by criminal complaint with one count of possession with intent to distribute more than 400 grams of fentanyl and one count of being an alien in possession of a firearm who has entered the United States unlawfully.

Sanchez was allegedly found with approximately 5 kilograms of suspected fentanyl and an assault rifle at the Quality Inn, which was being used as an emergency assistance shelter by the state.

Ward 3 Councilor Anthony Cogliandro filed a motion requesting that the mayor direct the police chief to work together with hotel management from each hotel within the city to investigate each occupied room for suspicious and/or illegal activity.

Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley introduced a motion asking that the mayor and the state legislative delegation request that representatives from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities appear before a Committee of the Whole of the Revere City Council to discuss the procedures for vetting people who obtain emergency assistance shelter.

"This is 100 percent in response to the weapons and drugs that were found inside of a hotel," said Cogliandro of his motion. "I just want to make it clear about something, I've gotten a ton of calls about this, and nowhere on this motion does it say anything about migrants. This is a public safety issue, the migrant issue is a different issue."

Cogliandro said he has spoken to the mayor and the police, and that the city has received

a letter from hotel management stating that everyone was working together on the issue.

"I have full faith in the Revere Police Department and the administration to handle this properly within our power that we can handle it," he said.

Kelley said she did have some concerns about whether the motion would violate Fourth Amendment rights on illegal search and seizure and if the motion would apply to all hotels in the city or just the Quality Inn which is serving as an emergency shelter.

Cogliandro said it would apply to all hotels and requested the motion be placed on file.

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said she supported the motion.

"Ensuring public safety requires diligence and screening individuals who obtain emergency shelters to prevent similar instances from occurring," she said. "Hotels have the responsibility to take measures into their hands and do background checks when accepting guests under such circumstances. The collaborative effort would enhance public safety, uphold community trust, and ensure that Revere remains a safe environment for all our residents and visitors."

Kelley said her motion also addresses the incident at the emergency assistance shelter at the Quality Inn.

"The public's anger is justified and I stand with them in demanding answers," said Kelley. "It is appalling that a state-run resource funded by taxpayer dollars operating under a unique right-to-shelter law was so fundamentally flawed."

Kelley said the incident showed an overwhelming failure of procedural safeguards by the state.

"But sadly, it doesn't end there," she said. "In December 2024, after months of delays, the Healey administration finally released public records revealing that over a thousand serious incidents were reported at state shelters between January, 2023, and August, 2024. This staggering number should have raised immediate red flags and prompted action long before this most recent incident."

Kelley said criminal and

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ZION CHURCH, CITY HOLD ANNUAL REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

The Zion Ministries Church, led by Bishop Robert G. Brown, joined with the City of Everett in holding the 19th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast Jan. 10 at the Edward G. Connelly Center.

Bishop Brown, Senior Pastor at Zion Ministries Church, was the master of ceremonies for the event that honored the extraordinary life and accomplishments of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the outstanding civil rights leader and orator.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Rep. Judith

Garcia, and City Council President Stephanie Martins offered words of congratulations to Zion Ministries Church for hosting the annual breakfast. The four officials also spoke of Dr. King's vital leadership of the civil rights movement, the impact of which carries on to this day. Martins delivered her first official public address as the new president of the City Council.

Bishop Robert G. Brown presented the MLK Scholarship to Everett High School senior Trevon Carrington and the MLK Service Recognition Award to Everett DEI Director

Cathy Draine.

Deacon Melouse Michel of Zion Church Ministries was selected as the recipient of the MLK Spirit Award but was unable to attend the event.

Dr. Zebulon Miletsky, Associate Professor in the Department of Africana Studies and History at Stony Brook University (New York), was the guest speaker.

The Everett High School Chorale Group performed musical selections during the program.

Talented musician Adam Littlejohn provided music throughout the program.



MLK Scholarship recipient Trevon Carrington, with his mother, Tiana Carrington (left), and his grandmother Shelia Pierce-Carrington (right), at the breakfast.



Police Chief Paul Strong, his wife, Michele Strong, and City Council President Stephanie Martins.



Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPerro, Ward 5 Councilor Robert Van Campen, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, City Council President Stephanie Martins, Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, Councilor-at-Large John Hanlon, and Legislative Aide Michael Mangan.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and city officials congratulate DEI Director Cathy Draine on being the recipient of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Service Recognition Award.

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Bishop Robert G. Brown presents the MLK Service Recognition Award to Everett DEI Director Cathy Draine at the 19th annual breakfast.



The Everett High School Chorale Group performed musical selections at the breakfast.



During his award acceptance speech, Everett High School senior and MLK Scholarship recipient Trevon Carrington (center) thanked his Parlin School seventh-grade teachers Colleen Worthley (left) and Stacy Poste-Schiavo (right), for their inspiration, support and guidance during his years at the school.



DEI Director Cathy Draine, DEI Inclusion Officer Simone Holyfield, Fire Chief Joseph Hickey, former city councilor Al Lattanzi, Whittier School Principal Michael McLucas, Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Interim Devens School Principal Theresa Tringale, Supt. of Schools Bill Hart, and Madeline English School Principal Paolo Lambresa.



Among the dignitaries and head table guests in attendance, Fire Chief Joseph Hickey, DEI Director Cathy Draine, Rep. Judith Garcia, Bishop Regina E. Shearer, guest speaker, Dr. Zebulon Miletsky, Zion Church Ministries Senior Pastor, Bishop Robert G. Brown, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, City Council President Stephanie Martins, Police Chief Paul Strong, and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

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background checks were not done on the people placed in the emergency assistance shelters.

“The safety, wellbeing, and quality of life of our residents must be our top priority in all decision-making processes, and in this instance, the Commonwealth’s decision-making process failed us miserably,” said Kelley.

As the emergency shelters are phased out and residents transitioned to more permanent housing, Kelley said it is

crucial that the city is fully informed about the processes and procedures that will be implemented not only at the Quality Inn, but also for future housing initiatives.

“My motion specifically asks that this council support a request for the mayor and state delegation to formally ask representatives from the Executive Office of Housing and Liveable Communities to appear before the committee of the whole and vote favorably upon it this evening,” said Kelley. “It

is imperative that we have a full and transparent discussion about this recent incident, the failures of the current shelter system, and the procedures that will be implemented going forward to ensure that this never happens again in the Commonwealth and especially in our city.”

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto said the right-to-shelter law was never meant for migrants, it was meant for citizens, but that good intentions went wrong.

Council President Marc Silvestri said it was an emotional topic and that there were protections and guidelines in place that were missed by the state.

“I do want to state, that yes, it is a problem in our community, and yes, it is dangerous the amount of drugs, the weapon, it’s reprehensible,” he said. “But the person staying (there) was a mom, and no one knows her issue or what she was in from, but we do know that she appreciated what she had so much that she called 911 her-

self and she had the man that she had the man who was living in that room arrested. I’m not saying it makes it right ... but I am saying that it’s a situation that (has) a lot of moving pieces.

“The governor has spoken on it, the mayor has confirmed to me that he was in touch with the governor, and I think now is the time not to point fingers and take blame; it’s time to rally together and make sure what happens is legally and lawfully done.”

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Jeanne Cristiano, who nominated Hurley, lauded Hurley's election. "Samantha is just what we need," said Cristiano. "She is a bridge-builder."

Following her election, Hurley thanked her fellow committee members for their vote. Hurley noted four areas that will need attention in the coming year: The superintendent's evaluation process; rules and policies that are overdue for amending; working with the City Council and other branches of municipal government to address the overcrowding problem in the Everett schools; and striving to have English as a Second Language (ESL) parents attend school board meetings because "their voices should be heard."

Cristiano was unanimously

elected the Vice-Chairperson of the committee.

In other matters, the School Committee unanimously voted to accept the following gifts and donations to the Everett schools:

-- A \$10,000 engineering grant for Everett High School from Project Lead the Way;

-- Gift cards totaling \$525 from the Kiwanis Club to the Everett Culinary Arts Department;

-- 1,100 sets of new winter hats and gloves from the Kiwanis Club;

-- A donation of \$3,500 from Dr. Brian Leahy to the Whittier School; and

-- Gift cards and toys totaling \$1,500 from the Teamsters Local 25 for the Keverian School.

CHURCH News

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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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.com

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.

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Bishop Robert G. 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 YouTube.

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

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour

and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

Mystic Side Congregational Church
422 Main Street
Everett, MA

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 a.m.

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. Bring Your Own Book 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.; Thurs.

I Can't But We Can, 8:00 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

AA Meeting - Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

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

We are on the Internet
<http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org>
Glendale United Methodist Church
Pastor
David Jackson
392 Ferry Street
(across from Glendale Towers)

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Pastor David Jackson58@gmail.com
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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 at the Immaculate Conception Parish is as follows:

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

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

3: Sunday at 7:00a.m. and 10:00a.m. English Masses. At 12:00p.m. Spanish Mass and 4:00p.m. Haitian Creole Mass.

4: Confessions are on Saturdays from

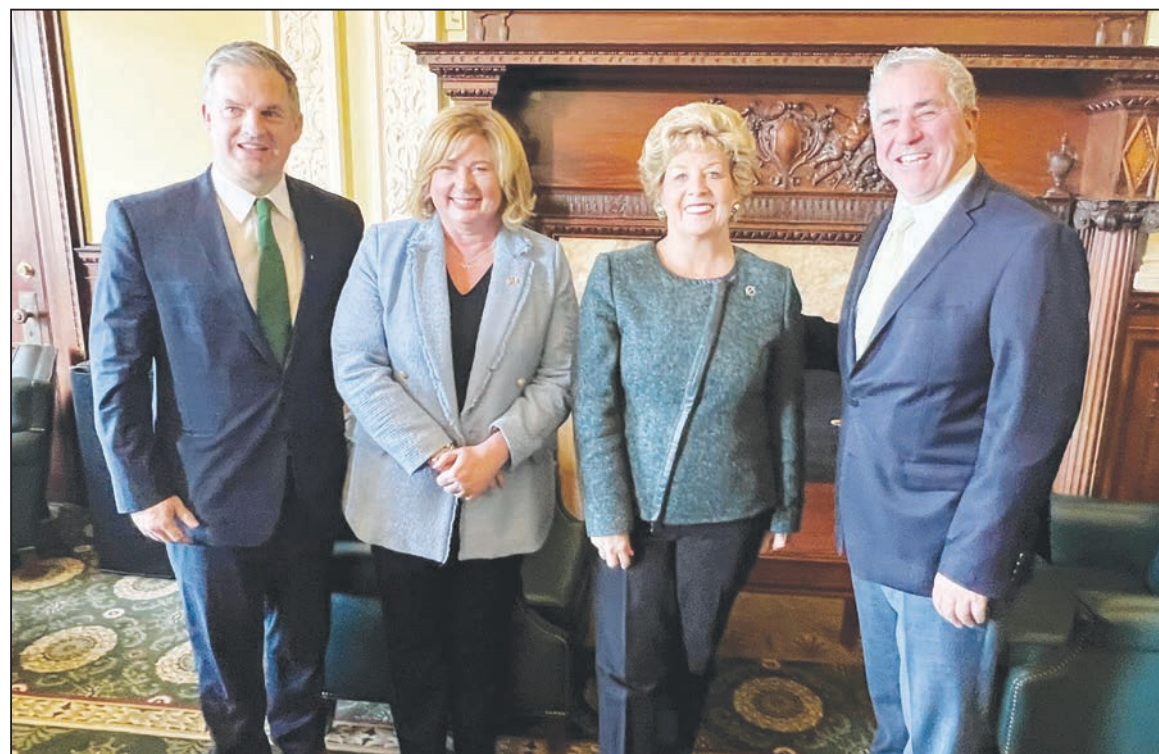
3:00-3:45 at the Confession Boots in the Chapel, and at 11:15 a.m. 12:00p.m. in Spanish.

5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel on Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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.

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MCGONAGLE DISCUSSES IRISH-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP WITH IRISH AMBASSADOR AND CONSUL GENERAL



Rep. Joe McGonagle (right) joined members of the Irish-American Caucus before Thanksgiving to discuss the relationship of the two nations.

Rep. Joe McGonagle, along with his colleagues in the Legislature's Irish-American Caucus met with Irish Ambassador to the United States, Geraldine Byrne Nason and Consul General of Ireland for New England Síghle FitzGerald to discuss the Irish-American partnership. The group discussed the importance of exchanges in employ-

ment, academic and cultural fields. They also discussed the ever-changing political climates and dynamics of the United States and Europe.

"It's always an honor to meet with Ambassador Byrne Nason and Consul General FitzGerald," said McGonagle. "These two highly intelligent individuals bring experience

and dynamic ideas to the table. They are always looking for new ways to connect and maintain the terrific partnership we already have while branching into new corners. I'm grateful for their friendship and look forward to working with them in the new legislative session."

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all-time leading passers with 7,218 yards, and Willcox merits a good look from Borgonzi for the upcoming 2025 NFL Draft.

Borgonzi was a topic of prideful recognition among Everett dignitaries and guests at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast Monday at the Edward G. Conolly Center.

"To see someone from Everett climb the ranks in any profession, in any field, gives us all a sense of joy and pride," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "I know Michael personally. His wife, Jill [Barringer] is a dear friend of mine who was our assistant city solicitor in Everett. I'm so happy for Michael, Jill, and the children. Getting the whole family closer to Boston, I'm sure, is a good thing. Michael deserves it. He is a great thinker, especially when it comes to football. I was hoping that Mr. Kraft would bring him to the Patriots, but maybe someday."

Sen. Sal DiDomenico wished Borgonzi well in his new NFL managerial position.

"It's really awesome to see a homegrown kid from our own high school and community go on to the heights he has achieved in the NFL," said DiDomenico. "We all know his history with the Chiefs and the success he has had there, and now he gets a chance to be the GM with the Titans, so we look

for good things coming out of that franchise – when they're not playing the Patriots, of course."

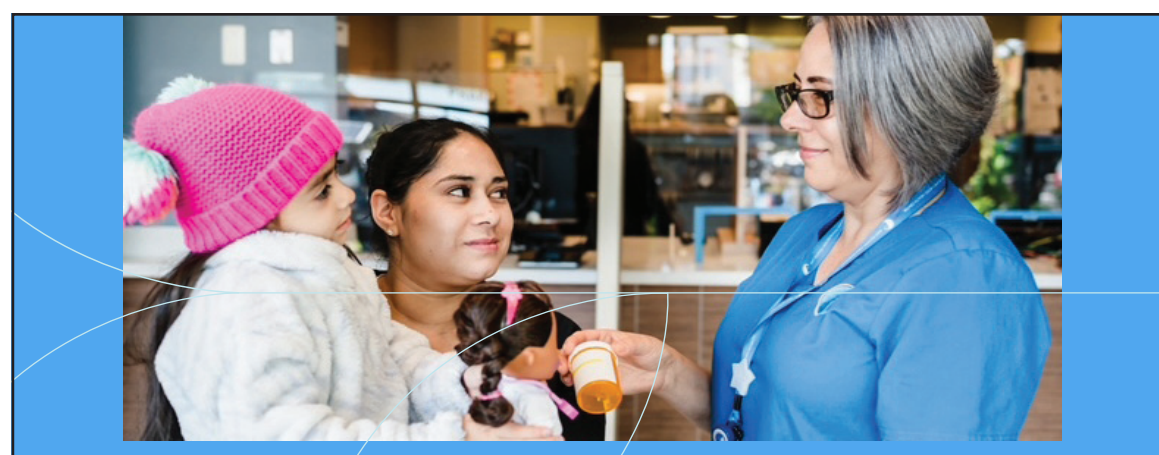
Keverian School Principal Alex Naumann said he knew Mike Borgonzi and his brother, Dave Borgonzi (currently a linebackers coach with the Chicago Bears) through his brother, Danny Naumann.

"My brother, Danny, played on the Everett team with Mike," recalled Alex Naumann. "Mike was a very smart kid. We're all very proud of him. I know he was a hot commodity in the NFL. I'm glad to see an Everett kid who came up through the program succeed at this high level in professional sports."

Supt. of Schools William Hart said, "What a great choice by the Titans, and another success story from Everett. We produce great people here, and he's on to bigger and better things. I know the family and they're good people who have worked hard and shown determination, and I'm happy to see Mike get recognized for it."

Ward 5 Councilor Robert Van Campen expressed his congratulations to Borgonzi.

"Congratulations to Mike on this great accomplishment," said Van Campen. "He's had a great career thus far, and it could not happen to someone who comes from a better Everett family."



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