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KAYLIN DESCHENES TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AS NEW EVERETT POLICE OFFICER

Officer Kaylin Deschenes who was sworn in tonight in front of family and friends, brings 5 years of experience from the Lynn Police Department. Above, Officer Kaylin Deschenes alongside Chief Paul Strong and family. Right, Officer Kaylin Deschenes (left) and Chief Paul Strong.



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City Council discusses efforts to hire nurses

By Cary Shuman

Acting director of human services John Russolillo met with the City Council Monday night to provide an update on the hiring of school nurses as funded in the 2024 budget.

Council President Stephanie Martins, Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith, and Ward 5 Robert Van Campen called for the meeting to discuss the fact that 22 full-time positions were funded in the budget, yet the actual number working in the schools was far short of that staffing level.

Calling the staffing of nurses “a critical issue,” Russolillo,

lo, who has been serving on an interim basis for six weeks, said that since the beginning of January the City “has hired four new nurses, two of which started today, one of which has a start date of March 10, and another that has a start date of April,” making it a contingent of 14 nurses working in the school district.

Russolillo said he has stepped up recruitment efforts, building upon the City’s relationship with Salem State University (five of the current nurses are SSU graduates), and

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DiDomenico files over 80 bills to begin new legislative session

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico filed over 80 bills this January marking the beginning of the 2025-2026 Legislative Session. Senator DiDomenico is focused on passing legislation and securing funding on a wide range of issues from supporting working families in need, to providing the best education for our youngest generation, to making our government work better for people regardless of their background or spoken language.

“I am excited about the bills I have filed and the coalitions we are working with this legislative session that will improve the well-being of children and people in need across the Com-



Senator Sal DiDomenico.

monwealth,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “I look forward to building on the momentum and success of the last session to advance priorities import-

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Everett High football will scrimmage Catholic Memorial

By Cary Shuman

Newly appointed Everett High School football coach Rob DiLoreto couldn’t have picked a tougher opponent to scrimmage as he launches his return to the Crimson Tide sidelines.

DiLoreto’s 2025 contingent will travel to West Roxbury Saturday, Aug. 23 for a pre-season test against Catholic Memorial High School, the reigning Di-

vision 2 state champion and the likely No. 1 ranked team heading into the 2025 season.

Of course, CM is coached by the legendary John DiBiaso, who led Everett High to 12 Super Bowl titles.

“The scrimmage with Catholic Memorial will consist of a joint practice with offensive and defensive formations, 7-on-7 passing – and then we’ll run about 20-25 plays against each other,” said DiLoreto.

You can anticipate that the score of the Everett-CM scrimmage will be known widely, even though the scoreboard will likely not be in operation. Sometimes scrimmages do matter. For example, there is a fascinating, must-see HBO documentary, “We Beat The Dream Team,” that debuted Feb. 17. The story is about a team of elite college basket-

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DeMaria announces March Council on Aging events

Special to the Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett’s Council on Aging (COA) has planned events, along with new and recurring programming, that are intended for adults aged 60

and above. The following is a list of upcoming programming that will be taking place at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea Street), unless otherwise noted:

- Forensic Science Roadshow: On Wednesday, March 5, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., venture into the world of Crime

Scene Investigation (CSI) with this interactive program that introduces participants to the fascinating subject of forensic science. Learn about the functions of a forensic scientist and how clues like blood, DNA, fingerprints, gunshot residue, foot-

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Independent Forum

OUR OPINION

STATE, MUNICIPALITIES MUST ADJUST ASAP TO THE NEW REALITY

For those of us who have been around for a while, the warning signs are flashing red for the prospects of a budget crisis for our state and our cities and towns thanks to the promised changes in policies by the new administration in Washington.

It is (in the immortal words of Yogi Berra) *deja vu* all over again

We are not making a political judgment or statement of any kind. We simply are explaining what we see as the new reality for which our elected officials must be prepared.

We were around for the fiscal crises of the late 1970s under Gov. Michael Dukakis; the late 80s/early 1990s under Dukakis and Gov. William Weld; the early 2000s under Gov. Mitt Romney, and the period of the Great Recession under Gov. Deval Patrick in 2010.

Two of those governors were Republicans and two were Democrats, but they all shared one thing in common: Our state's finances were at the mercy of national politics and the national economy, both of which were beyond their control.

The consequences of those fiscal crises were profound and long-lasting. Cities and towns laid off scores of local employees, including teachers, police, and firefighters. Fire stations were closed and athletics and extracurricular activities were cut from school budgets.

At the state level, there were hiring freezes and layoffs. Many state employees, including those in the judiciary, agreed to pay cuts in the 1990s and again in the early 2000s amounting to two-weeks of their salary so that the jobs of their co-workers could be preserved. We would note that such drastic action had not been seen since the Great Depression among the state and local government workforce.

Part of the problem in the 1980s was that cities and towns had become dependent on the revenue-sharing program by the federal government (which was the

pet project of Wilbur Mills, the powerful U.S. House Ways and Means Chairman) in the 1970s. Every city and town in the country received a nice check directly from the feds with no strings attached. However, under President Ronald Reagan, revenue-sharing eventually disappeared (to pay for Reagan's tax cuts and defense spending) and cities and towns were left with gaping holes in their budgets that led to the layoffs of the 1980s. A similar scenario is playing out today with promised reductions in funds to the states from the federal government.

In addition, cities and towns in the early 1980s were greatly affected by the passage of Prop. 2 and 1/2, which reduced their revenue-raising capacity.

All of those fiscal crises also shared something else in common: Our officials did not realize until it was way too late that revenue was declining, month-by-month. The longer they waited to do the obvious, the more pain it caused.

Simple arithmetic informs us that those four financial crises from the late 1970s through 2010 occurred basically in 10-year cycles. We have been fortunate that we have avoided a similar fiscal calamity for almost 15 years. But it would appear that "the times they are a' changin'" and we soon will be in for a rocky road ahead.

Finally, we would note that the breadth of state government has grown hugely in the past few years. Former Gov. Charlie Baker's proposed budget for FY 2022 was about \$45 billion (the legislature eventually passed a budget of about \$48 billion), but this year's proposed budget by Gov. Maura Healey is about \$62 billion, which is more than 25% greater than the final budget of four years ago (and almost 40% more than what Baker initially had proposed).

While it is true that the state has about \$8 billion in its Stabilization Fund (a/k/a the Rainy Day Fund), state coffers have been reduced by more than \$1 billion in the past year and are facing further depletion because of the immigration crisis.

As we write about the goings-on in the local communities we cover, we are amazed at the growth of the bureaucracies at the state and local levels. There are new departments and new jobs that could not have been imagined back when we started our career in

journalism 50 years ago. But we think the time is now for our elected officials to face reality and make the difficult decisions to ensure that government's core functions, public safety and public education, are maintained, and eliminate things that are non-essential.

Maintenance for the MBTA is essential. Constructing new, seldomly-used bicycle lanes is not. (We ourselves are dedicated cyclists who train for triathlons, but as much as we'd like to see bike lanes everywhere, we have to concede that they rate at the bottom of the list of government priorities.)

In short, if our elected officials do not take steps now to pare back public spending, then, as history has shown time and time again, when the opportunity for making responsible choices has passed, the eventual day of reckoning will be far worse than we could have imagined.

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE CAPTAIN MIKE ERUZIONE AT THE BIG GAME

We just wanted to mention that it was great to see Winthrop's own Mike Eruzione serving as the honorary captain of Team USA for the big game with Canada (whose honorary captain was Wayne Gretzky) at the TD Garden last week for one of the biggest international hockey games in several years.

It was 45 years ago this past week (on Feb. 22, 1980) that Mike scored his epic, game-winning goal vs. the Russians at the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid and two days later led the U.S. to the gold medal victory vs. Finland -- the Miracle on Ice that Sports Illustrated labeled as THE #1 sports event of the 20th century.

Capt. Mike's presence on occasions such as these not only brings back those stirring memories ("Do you believe in miracles!!!" in the immortal words of Al Michaels), but also reminds us of a time when sports uniquely had the ability to bring us together and to transcend whatever forces might divide us as a nation.

LETTER to the Editor

ON TRAFFIC CAMERAS

Dear Editor,

I am sorry I missed last week's edition where I understand you expressed the view that speed-detecting cameras are ill advised. If we want to address the traffic problem I can't imagine why we would turn our back on this tool. Let me relate a recent experience.

I had the pleasure of driving around New Zealand and Australia for a month last year. When you pick up your rental car you are clearly warned that cameras are in wide use and you will be ticketed; everywhere! City and country.

As I left Melbourne heading west (think leaving Boston on the Mass Pike) I was struck by a

strange observation. Everyone was going the speed limit. No one was passing on the wrong side, no tailgating or excessive lane changing. There was an unfamiliar civility about the entire driving experience.

Compare that to home where for 25 years I have been walking my dogs on Commonwealth Ave. It has become a drag

strip. High speeds, constantly seeing red lights ignored. And don't get me started on the new scourge: that of the wrong way, unlit, sidewalk driving food delivery motorbikes.

By the way, I've never seen a traffic stop of a passenger vehicle on Comm Ave by the BPD.

So to those charged with making our world safer, let's

use cameras to address the speeding and red light infractions. Let's use traffic calming devices seen elsewhere such as city street style speed bumps.

Oh and by the way, Australia, with a road system profile similar to ours, has 40% of the per capita driving deaths we have.

Michael Gallup

NEWS IN BRIEF

CITY OF EVERETT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO HOST LUNCHEON FOR VETERANS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett's Department of Veterans' Affairs is hosting a luncheon for veterans on Thursday, March 13 at 12 p.m. at the Everett High School Crimson Café (100 Elm Street).

The City's Department of Veterans' Affairs invites military veterans to join together at this event that will be an opportunity to learn about services and programs that are available while enjoying a lunch prepared by Everett High School Culinary students. Additionally, attendees will have the chance to connect with the Department of Veterans' Affairs staff.

Those who would like to attend are required to reserve a spot in advance. To make a reservation, please email Director of Veterans' Affairs Antoine Coleman at Antoine.Coleman@ci.everett.ma.us or Veterans Agent Gerri Miranda at Gerri.Miranda@ci.everett.ma.us. Alternatively, those who

would like to attend can reserve a spot by calling the City of Everett Department of Veterans' Affairs by dialing 617-394-2321 or 617-394-2320.

CITY OF EVERETT HOSTING ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR FOR OLDER ADULTS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett's Council on Aging (COA) is inviting all of Everett's older adults to the annual Health Fair on Tuesday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea Street).

The City of Everett will once again be hosting this annual event that gives older adults the opportunity to get free health screenings and information from participating agencies. Attendees will have the chance to receive hearing tests, as well as cholesterol, blood pressure, and diabetes checks and also receive information about women's health, behavioral health, and weight loss. Attendees are also invited to learn about the various programs and services that are offered by the COA.

Those who would like to attend and need transportation to the event can dial 617-625-1191 and press 2 for reservations between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. This free service is provided by Door-2Door by SCM and residents are encouraged to call for a reservation as soon as possible because space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Admission is free for this event. For more information, please dial 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center.

FOURTH ANNUAL TEEN PERSPECTIVES CONTEST

The annual Teen Perspectives Contest from The Immigrant Learning Center (The ILC) is seeking entries from teens at Everett, Malden and Medford public high schools. Students are invited to submit art, essays and videos on the topic "The Cultural Impact of Immigrants on American Society" now through Tuesday, March 4, 2025. Cash prizes will be awarded in every cate-

gory.

Describing the relevance of the contest, Everett High School English Department Chair, Ryan McGowan, said, "For a city like Everett with so many hard-working immigrants, it was great to see three of our students win first place prizes last year by celebrating their immigration experiences. This contest really shows our students that their stories are important and valued in our community."

Last year's collection, as well as instructions on how to enter this year's contest, can be seen on The ILC's website at <https://www.ilctr.org/for-teachers/teen-perspectives>.

Winners will be announced at a ceremony for the students, their families and teachers on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at Malden High School. Community members are invited

to a Teen Perspectives talent showcase at Arts Collaborative Medford on Thursday, April 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. of Malden, MA, is a not-for-profit organization that gives immigrants a voice in three ways. The English Language Program provides free, year-round ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes to help immigrant and refugee adults in Greater Boston become successful workers, parents and community members. The Public Education Institute informs Americans about immigrants and immigration in the United States., and the Institute for Immigration Research, a joint venture with George Mason University, produces valid, reliable and objective multidisciplinary research on immigrants and immigration to the United States.

The Everett Independent reserves the right to edit letters for space, accuracy and clarity. We regret that we cannot publish unsigned letters. Please include your street and telephone number with your submission.

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EVERETT CRIMSON TIDE POP WARNER AWARDS PROGRAM

The Everett Pop Warner program for 2024 concluded with an awards ceremony at Mix360 in Malden last Sunday afternoon.

The players and their families were treated to a buffet luncheon prior to the team awards presented by the coaching staff.



Brian Diamond President of the Everett Crimson Tide Pop Warner League for the past 34 years, officially announced his retirement, introducing Nick Olson (right) as his successor. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.



Head Coach Jimmy Lopez and his assistant coaches presented the U9 Football Team their awards.

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Head Coach Susan Kikinis and Asst. Coach Ashley Franklin presented F Squad Cheerleaders their awards.



Head Coach Kloe Cardillo and her assistant coaches presented the D Squad Cheerleaders their awards.



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Program starts **March 17, 2025** qualified students can enroll at **NO COST**. An information session is required before applying—secure your seat today!



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Head Coach Kaci Bellante and her assistant coaches presented E Squad Cheerleaders their awards.

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EVERETT CRIMSON TIDE POP WARNER AWARDS PROGRAM



Head Coach Chase McDaniels and his assistant coaches presented U7 Team Football Team their awards.



Head Coach Diane Groux and Asst. Coach Ashley Zizzo presented the G Squad Cheerleaders their awards

EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES
HOSTING FREE ANTIQUE AND
COLLECTIBLE APPRAISING EVENT

Rick Keller, an appraiser with two decades of experience, will be available to look at various treasures from residents.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Everett Public Libraries will be hosting a free appraising event on Saturday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Parlin Memorial Library (410 Broadway). Those who would like to participate must register in advance for a 10-minute time slot by Wednesday, March 19.

Rick Keller, an appraiser with two decades of experi-

ence, will be available to view antiques or collectibles such as Pokémon cards, baseball cards, coins, comics, sterling silver, jewelry, video game consoles, and more. Those who would like to know more about an item are encouraged to sign up.

To register for a 10-minute time slot with Keller, email photos of three items, along with a name and phone number, to Kathleen Slipp at Slipp@noblent.org. Appointments will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and space is limited. For more information, please call Kathleen at 617-394-2300.



Rick Keller has over two decades of experience appraising antiques, heirlooms, and collectibles and will be available to view treasures at the Parlin Memorial Library on Saturday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor

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2025 Calendar of Events

<p>Sunday, February 16 3:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">This Far By Faith : Celebrating Black History through the Sacred Arts</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Zion Church Ministries (757 Broadway)</p>
<p>Saturday, February 22 12:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Being the Movement: A Community Teach-In About Civil Rights Era Organizing Facilitated by Bishop Robert G. Brown</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Zion Church Ministries (757 Broadway)</p>
<p>Thursday, February 27 12:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Breaking Barriers: Black Pioneers in Public Service in Everett Photo Exhibit Unveiling</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Everett City Hall Lobby Area (484 Broadway)</p>

Visit the online City calendar at:
cityofeverett.com/calendar/category/events/list

SCAN ME

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Adult and Teens

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, March 4th 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!

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.

Table Top Gaming Club, Parlin Meeting Room. Wednesdays at 3:00 pm. Play board games and hang out with friends at the library! Every Wednesday, from 3-5pm, enjoy good games and even better company! Recommended for ages 12+.

Silent Reads Society Parlin Meeting Room. Saturday, March 8th, from 12-2pm. Join the Silent Reads Society, a unique book club where we enjoy quiet reading. Settle into a cozy space with a book, or choose one from our selections, and enjoy an hour or two of uninterrupted reading alongside fellow book lovers. No pres-

sure, no discussions - perfect for those seeking a peaceful escape or motivation to turn the next page. Cozy vibes and reads will be provided. All are welcome!

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, send email to parlininfo@noblenet.org, or call 617-394-2300.

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 Microsoft Word, navigate the Internet, set up an email account, and more! By appointment only. To register, send email to parlininfo@noblenet.org, or call 617-394-2300.

Parlin Childrens

Lucky the Leprechaun's Hunt for Gold Parlin Children's Library. March 1st - March 17th Try your luck solving the mystery of the missing gold! Lucky the Leprechaun has hidden his pot of gold in the library and his clues are hidden in our library books. Come to the children's room to find the

clue of the day from March 1st through March 17th. Do you think you have what it takes to solve the mystery? Solve the riddle at the circulation desk to find the clue of the day and it will lead you to Lucky's pot of Gold on St. Patrick's Day!

Study Buddies, Parlin Children's Room. Monday through Friday from 3-5pm. Need homework help? Come to the Parlin Library and study with the Study Buddies, our free after-school program offering tutoring and academic support for students in grades K-8. Friendly tutors are here to guide you through tricky assignments, help you prepare for tests, and build confidence in every subject.

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, February 3rd 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, March 5th 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, Wednesday March 5th 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 March 6th and Friday March 7th 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

Drop-In Tech Help Shute Circulation Desk. Tuesdays

from 5-6pm. 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@noblenet.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 adventure with technology today! By appointment only. Please email shuteinfo@noblenet.org or call 617-394-2308.

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ball players defeating the 1992 Dream Team (Larry Bird, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Patrick Ewing, etc.) in a scrimmage played at the University of California San Diego. The Dream Team went on to win the gold medal in convincing fashion in the Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

Everett will also play a scrimmage against St. John's Prep (Danvers) Aug. 29.

Regular season schedule is set

Everett will open its eight-game regular season against

Medford Friday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. at Everett Memorial Stadium. Everett will be playing a Division 1 independent schedule this fall.

The Tide will play three other schools from the Greater Boston League: Lynn Classical (Sept. 12, home), Lynn English (Saturday, Oct. 25 on Everett Homecoming Day), and Revere (Oct. 31, away).

The non-GBL opponents are Xaverian (Sept. 19, away), BC High (Sept. 26, home), Taunton (Oct. 3, away), and Haverhill (Oct. 17, away). Everett is not

currently scheduled to play on Thanksgiving.

Assistant coaches to be hired

DiLoreto said he is in the process of meeting with candidates for assistant coaching positions and he will announce the selections in a few weeks.

DiLoreto congratulated retiring Crimson Tide Pop Warner president Brian Dimond on his many years of outstanding leadership of the youth football and cheering organization.



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ant to my constituents such as preserving affordable housing, increasing cash assistance to families in deep poverty, ensuring everyone has access to nutritious food, protecting our environment, spurring our economy forward, and standing up for workers' rights."

Below is just a handful of priority bills that Senator DiDomenico will be spearheading this session:

- **Lifting kids out of deep poverty:** This legislation would increase cash assistance to families below 50% of the poverty line.

- **Preventing wage theft:** This legislation would ensure there is strong accountability for contractors and subcontractors who steal wages from hard-working employees, and it would expand the Attorney General's enforcement powers to include bringing a lawsuit against those employers.

- **Expanding tax credits for families:** This legislation would expand earned income tax credit eligibility, increase the children and family tax credit per qualifying dependent, and allow for periodic payments of the tax credits.

- **Addressing PTSD:** This legislation will make it easier for police, firefighters, and other public safety personnel to get the healthcare they need and deserve when suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

- **Healthy Youth Act:** This legislation would require that when sex and relationship education is taught in school, it must be medically accurate, cover healthy consenting relationships, and be inclusive of all identities.

- **The SUPER Act:** This legislation would remove barriers to the social work field, incentivize social workers to remain in the field and bolster our workforce.

- **Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative:** This legislation would expand access to preschool, beginning with high-needs communities, to guarantee high quality education to all our children, regardless of their zip code.

- **Providing identification for individuals reentering society:** This legislation would ensure that individuals reentering society from prison or jail receive

a state identification card upon release.

- **Promote high-quality comprehensive literacy instruction:** This legislation would ensure that Massachusetts schools teach high-quality comprehensive literacy instruction to our students to improve reading and writing outcomes for our children.

- **Establish a Massachusetts children's cabinet:** This legislation would create a Children's Cabinet under the Governor's office that would ensure services for children and youth are planned, managed, and delivered in a coordinated and integrated way.

- **Eliminate education inflation cap:** This legislation removes the annual inflation cap on education funding so that schools can get the resources they need to account for rising costs each year.

- **Language access and inclusion:** This legislation would ensure that public-facing state agencies and departments provide equal access to services, programs and activities serving limited English proficient and deaf or hard of hearing residents.

- **Expand access to pediatric palliative care:** This legislation would increase the age of eligibility for pediatric palliative care services to 22 years of age so more young people most in need of care will be able to access life-changing services.

- **Reduce waste and recycling costs:** This legislation would require that manufacturers of packaging materials create systems for recycling those materials after being used which will reduce fossil fuel emissions and waste.

- **Encourage retirement planning:** This legislation would create a statewide retirement planning program to ensure that workers all over the state can access a retirement savings account even if their employer

doesn't offer one.

- **Compensation for work-related scarring:** This legislation would eliminate the restrictive requirement that compensation can only be given to employees who endure work-related scarring that is exclusively on their face, hands, or neck, and allow those employees to access more comprehensive compensation as a result.

- **Access to Counsel:** This legislation would ensure that tenants and homeowner occupied landlords have full legal counsel in eviction proceedings.

- **ENOUGH Act:** This legislation will create an innovative strategy to fight poverty by investing resources in high need neighborhoods and collaborating with community residents to help drive decisions that will ensure investments increase economic mobility.

Poverty Commission

- **As Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Poverty Commission,** Senator DiDomenico has hosted community hearings across the state to gather insight from people living in and working to address poverty. The goal of the commission is to study the ways our state can best address inequality, reduce poverty, and promote opportunity in the Commonwealth over the next 10 years.

- **Now the hearings have been completed,** and the commission of over 30 elected officials, policy experts, and advocates have gathered recommendations. Senator DiDomenico will use these recommendations to file an anti-poverty omnibus bill. This legislation will address the root causes of poverty, increase pathways to economic opportunity for everyone, and ensure residents have equal and easy access to all of the essential services that our state provides to people in need.

OBITUARIES

Fred Campagnoni

Dedicated Medford High School Teacher

Fred Campagnoni of Danvers, formerly of Everett, passed away suddenly and peacefully on February 17, 2025. He was a beloved brother, husband, father, grandfather, brother and wonderful friend.

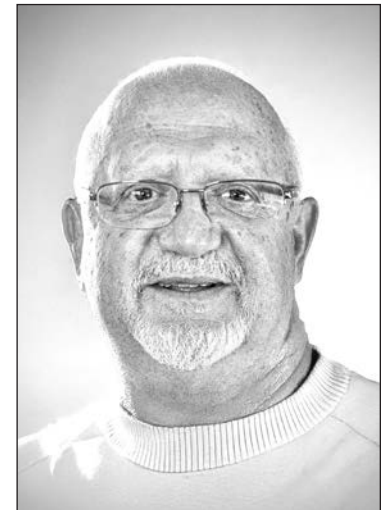
Fred was born in Everett on April 23, 1946, the fifth child of Rose and Albert Campagnoni. After graduating from Everett High School, he served in the U.S. Army. Fred went on to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master of Education from Suffolk University.

Fred was a hard worker with an upbeat personality. The neighbors on the street referred to him as 'Fast Freddy', holding two jobs for 40 years to support his family. Fred was a dedicated teacher at Medford High School and worked part-time in the evenings at UPS in Watertown.

Fred enjoyed summers down the Cape with his close high school friends. He fell in love with his wife, Tish and they were fortunate to share 51 years together. Building a family with Tish, filled with love, laughter and support, has always been Fred's biggest accomplishment. He loved his three girls and often shared stories with his friends. Additionally, being a Papa was a role that Fred cherished, and he loved spending time with his grandchildren. Surrounded by many lifelong friends throughout the years, Fred and Tish filled their lives with travel, dancing and laughter while creating a lifetime of memories to hold on to. Finding new and cherished friendships later in life was truly a blessing to Fred. Family and friends were so important to him.

Fred was charismatic and loved dancing. He enjoyed spending summers down the Cape and a cigar in the backyard. He was a morning person and could talk for hours. Fred loved Sunday sauce with the family.

Fred is survived by his wife



of 51 years, Patricia 'Tish', and his three children: Nicole Tibbetts and her husband, David, of Danvers; Lisa Campagnoni and her husband, Paul Estes of Brookline and Jill Campagnoni of Salem; and his six grandchildren: Tyler, Nathan, Eli, Emily, Milo, and Max. Fred was predeceased by his parents and siblings Albert, Richard, Lorraine, and Janet Campagnoni.

Relatives and friends attended Fred's visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Monday, February 24 and a Mass of Christian Burial followed the visitation at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 670 Washington Ave., Revere. Services concluded with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

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EVERETT CRIMSON TIDE POP WARNER AWARDS LUNCHEON AT MIX 360 IN MALDEN

Last Sunday afternoon the Everett Crimson Tide Pop Warner Program concluded with an awards luncheon for players, cheerleaders and their families.

A buffet luncheon was served to all prior to the awards being presents. Before the team

awards, President Brian Diamond announced his retirement and presented EHS Crimson Tide Football Head Coach Rob DiLoreto a check from the Pop Warner program of \$1000 dollars.



Head Coach Christina Sullivan and Asst. Coach Deanna Massa with the C Squad Cheerleaders.



State Champions the U11 Gold Football Team with Head Coach Mel Fiore and his coaching staff.



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Head Coach Jason Papa and his staff with the U11 Red Football Team



Head Coach Peter Foret and his assistant coaches with the U13 Football Team



Head Coach of the EHS Crimson Tide Football Team Rob DiLoreto accepts a donation from President Brian Diamond.



Head Coach of U13 Football Team with graduating player Jerol Zamor.



Brian Diamond, President of the Everett Crimson Tide Pop Warner Program announced his retirement.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Is an egg the right choice?

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

With the current shortage of eggs and their high prices, we're saving ours for dishes that star eggs. For years, plentiful, low-cost eggs have served as binding agents, thickeners, glue for frying batter, and other supporting roles.

Newsweek recently reported three reasons for the current egg shortage. First, "A highly pathogenic strain of avian influenza (H5N1) is at the root of the supply crisis. The virus led to the culling of 13.2 million commercial egg-laying hens in December alone, with total bird losses nearing 145 million since the outbreak began in 2022." Second is a lingering shortage of refrigerated trucks and drivers. Finally, they pointed out that multiple states passed legislation "... that requires minimum space for egg-laying hens, reducing overall production capacity."

Egg Substitutes

Let's take one use of eggs that's driving up prices in restaurants that serve batter-fried food. The traditional batter station consists of flour, eggs, and crumbs. Sometimes, that extra-thick, crunchy crust is created by dipping the item in flour, eggs, and crumbs,

then again in eggs and crumbs. Here, the egg is the glue used to make the batter stick.

A slurry of chickpea flour mixed with water can be used as a substitute for each egg needed. Try this at home the next time you pan-fry, air-fry, or deep-fry. For each required egg, mix three tablespoons of chickpea flour with three tablespoons of water, then adjust with more of either to get the thickness you like.

Sometimes, an egg substitute, like the one above, can add extra flavor and nutrition to the end product. Most legumes, beans, seeds, nuts, and fruit used as egg substitutes in vegan recipes are good for us.

Shopping List Additions

Thanks to the growing community of vegan and flexitarian eaters, finding and using great substitutes for eggs for many supporting functions is much easier.

You'll find recipes that use bananas, avocado, and applesauce to add flavor and moisture to baked goods—a check of the Boston Public Library for vegan cookbooks generated pages of selections. Moreover, you can follow hundreds of vegan cooking articles, websites, blogs, and vlogs online.



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You may already have some popular egg substitutes on hand. If not, here are a few to consider adding to your pantry. You can also buy a premade egg replacer. The one we have on hand is from Bob's Red Mill, and it consists of potato starch, tapioca flour, baking soda, and psyllium husk fiber.

Have you heard of the magic of aquafaba? The word translates to "water" and "beans." Aquafaba is the liquid you get when you cook chickpeas and other beans. It is also available

in canned versions. Drain the chickpeas for another use and whip the liquid into a meringue or whipped cream substitute. Or, use it in place of eggs in baked goods. America's Test Kitchen has a comprehensive article on how to use it on its website.

Popular seeds, nuts, beans, and fruit used as substitutes are chia seeds, flax seeds, tofu, bananas, applesauce, avocado, gelatin, xanthan gum, and white beans.

As always, with dietary

changes, this is not an all-or-nothing situation unless you've decided to adopt a vegan lifestyle. We love frittatas, poached eggs, egg curries, and egg salads. We will, however, determine if an egg is essential for other uses and save the eggs we buy for the dishes where they shine.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Events // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

wear impressions, and more are gathered with tools such as a metal detector and crime light to solve a crime. To add mystery to the program, there is audience participation in order to

identify a "suspect." Due to the nature of the subject matter, the program is recommended for people of high school age and older.

• Meet the Chief: On Tues-

day, March 11 at 11 a.m., join Chief of Police Paul Strong for a round-table discussion. The Chief and his team will introduce themselves and be available to answer any questions or concerns attendees may have. Refreshments will be served.

• March Senior Social: On Wednesday, March 12 beginning at 11:45 a.m., join Mayor DeMaria and the Council on Aging for the monthly Senior Social. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the COA has chosen a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the fixings, including Irish soda bread and dessert. DJ Tommy Sheehan will have the all the tunes ready to keep the party going throughout the event. Ticket sales begin Friday, March 7 at

the Connolly Center.

• Fraud Prevention Information Session: On Thursday, March 20 at 12:30 p.m., join Community Outreach police officer Nicole O'Donnell to cover important topics to help attendees recognize scams and how to prevent fraud. Officer O'Donnell will be available to answer any questions.

• Lunch and a Movie: On Wednesday, March 26 at 1 p.m., the COA has planned a movie luncheon. Staff will prepare a delicious homemade beef stew, along with garden salad, biscuits, and cheesecake for dessert. Following lunch, the COA has chosen the film "The Wind That Shakes the Barley Tree." Based on a true story and set in Ireland, ordinary people strug-

gle and fight for Ireland's independence. Those who would like to attend are required to sign up with Cathi at the Connolly Center.

• Garden Club at the Connolly Center: In partnership with the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), Mayor DeMaria and the Council on Aging will once again be hosting the Garden Club at the Connolly Center for the tenth year. Those who enjoy gardening or are interested in gardening should join the Garden Club for the first meeting on Friday, March 28 at 10 a.m. at the Connolly Center.

For more information about any of the events, please call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center.

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Council // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

relationship with Salem State University (five of the current nurses are SSU graduates), and launching a connection to Mass Hire Metro North, an organization that Russolillo has worked with in his previous role at the summer and year-round jobs training program. He is also continuing his close collaboration with the Everett Health Department on the issue of hiring new nurses.

“These are crucial positions, obviously we know that, and we want to make sure that we’re funding all the positions that are necessary,” said Russolillo.

Smith confirmed with Russolillo that there were 14 nurses working in the district.

“And we’re funded for 22?” questioned Smith, with Russolillo answering in the affirmative.

Smith raised what emerged as a key point in the discussion: school field trips “having to be canceled” due to the shortage of available nurses to accompany the groups on the trips.

“I’m glad that we are continuing to hire. I want to keep hiring [nurses], especially in the elementary schools,” said Smith. “We have low-income vulnerable youth. Nurses are like a second home to them. So, I just want to make sure that we’re keeping up, that there is that presence for them, that comforting person.”

Van Campen asked whether an analysis has been done whether Everett is competitive in the market of recruiting nurses to work in the school district.

Russolillo said an analysis has been done, “and the average school nurse salary for Massachusetts is right around where we start our Step 2 [nurses].”

Russolillo further explained that there are six different steps in the hiring and salary process, “based on your experience and qualifications” and in Steps 3-6, Everett’s salary is above the average salary for registered nurses in Massachusetts.

Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers said she was “alarmed to learn about the lack of field trips and how this [nurse staffing levels] has halted those.”

“I think field trips are a really important way to learn, and my fear here is that this is a process, and it seems like there’s been a lot of progress in hiring new nurses. What happens

in the interim? Do we have to wait a year before kids start going on field trips?” asked Rogers in seeking to expedite the hiring process.

Russolillo replied that the school district “might be at that threshold come March 10, when we have three new nurses,” also revealing that “there are seven per diem nurses that we utilize.”

“I know that you do not need have all 22 positions filled in order to go on some school field trips,” added Russolillo.

Rogers inquired why the funding for school nurses comes from the City Council versus the School Department.

“My understanding of that is that we have two registered nurses in management positions in the Health Department and that was a decision that was made since the [school nurses] would be reporting to the two registered nurses that are in management positions,” responded Russolillo.

Rogers reasoned that the issue of hiring nurses “could possibly get more attention” from our members of the School Committee versus the City Council “even though we certainly want to support it.”

Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio questioned why the staffing issue wasn’t addressed at the beginning of the current school year.

“We’ve known we would be short nurses since Day 1,” said Pietrantonio. “My point is, why do we always come to a crisis? When are we going to give attention to the kids?”

In response to Pietrantonio’s ensuing question about staffing levels, Russolillo said that “by April 7, we will have eight open positions.”

Pietrantonio concluded his remarks by stating “the issue doesn’t seem like a priority that we’re sitting here now in February still looking for nurses.”

Councilor Alcy Jabouin requests pay rates

Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin sagaciously brought forth a key question that hadn’t been addressed far into the discussion.

“If I may, what’s the pay rate that we’re starting the nurses with?” asked Alcy Jabouin.

Responded Russolillo about the six-step pay rate and the hourly rate, “[Step 1] starts at

\$38.85 per hour and goes to \$45.04, based on Steps 1-6.”

Alcy Jabouin asked directly whether the starting salaries were “not so good, [and that’s why] people are not applying for these jobs.”

Russolillo said based on his experience as acting director, “No, because not one of the people have been hired have balked at that [starting pay rate], and we have hired successfully in the last month of a half.”

Russolillo said he would consider elevating the pay rate “if we realize that this is not enough to continue this rate of hiring.”

“I think we need to have that conversation,” said Alcy Jabouin, adding that the salaries likely have to be adjusted to attract more candidates.

Councilor Garcia suggests job fairs

Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia said she would like to see the city’s connection to Sa-

lem State and other colleges be expanded.

“I suggest you consider reaching out to the schools and see if they hold job fairs,” said Garcia. “Maybe we get a table at the job fairs [at Salem State] or even just holding a job fair here [in Everett].”

City Solicitor Mejia speaks at meeting

Alertly noting that City Solicitor Colleen Mejia was sitting in the audience and had motioned to make comments about the issue, Smith called upon the city’s esteemed attorney to appear before the Council.

“I just wanted to let you know that the City also has a contract with Cataldo [Ambulance], and so we use Cataldo and they have registered nurses and we use them to help supplement. So, the schools are filled and everybody’s staffed, with the help of Cataldo.”

Mejia also noted that there is “a completely different struc-

ture for qualifications when you have nurses hired to the School Department.”

“They have to have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree, and it’s just like being a teacher – they have to get their master’s degree, they have to pass the MTEL licensure exam in order to even be a school nurse under the School Department. The structure in the Health Department is completely different.”

Mejia then responded to Pietrantonio’s question about the cancelation of school field trips.

“My understanding is that most of them were filled, and the nurses were able to go on the field trips because of Cataldo,” said Mejia.

Smith offered a different perspective, holding to her previous statement that there has only been one field trip this year, adding that she had heard from parents “who were upset” that two schools had their field trips canceled.

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The players, coaches, and supporters of the Everett High basketball team celebrate their victory last weekend in the Dudley Davenport Tournament that was held at Sharon High School. The Crimson Tide's two victories in the tournament raised their final season record to 10-10, earning them a spot in the post-season MIAA Division 1 State Basketball Tournament. Coach Gerry Boyce and his crew were scheduled to meet B.C. High in an opening-round game this past Monday.

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EHS Roundup

BOYS WIN DAVENPORT TOURNEY TO EARN A SPOT IN STATE TOURNAMENT

The Everett High boys basketball team, which began the weekend with an 8-10 record and needed to win both its season-ending games in order to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney, responded to the backs-against-the-wall challenge with a pair of clutch victories in the Dudley Davenport tournament at Sharon High School to win that tourney and qualify for the Division 1 State Tournament.

In the tourney-opening game on Monday, the Tide topped Walpole, 63-52. Jevaun Berberena led all scorers with 15 points. Geordiell Luna also reached double figures with 11 points, while Cristian Vasquez contributed eight points, showcasing a balanced Everett offensive effort.

That win advanced the Tide to the championship game against the host Sharon squad, with Everett prevailing in a hard-fought battle, 64-58. Luna turned in a superb offensive effort, hitting for a team-high 22 points, and just missed a double-double with nine rebounds. Two other Crimson Tide, Henrique Pinto (14 points) and

Cristian Vasquez (11 points and five steals), also made big-time contributions.

Berberena was impactful in this win as well, hitting for seven points and dishing out 10 assists.

"I also want to give a special shout-out to Jayden Alsaindor, who played 30 out of 32 minutes with relentless defensive pressure and contributed eight points," said EHS head coach Gerry Boyce. "His effort was crucial for our success, and we need that kind of defensive intensity as we look towards the post-season."

"The championship game against a well-coached Sharon team was a true test," noted Boyce. "It had its ups and downs, but we emerged victorious. It was a fantastic tournament and a great opportunity for our team. We look forward to playing hard in the post-season state tournament."

As of the Independent's deadline, Boyce and his crew, who are seeded 38th in Division 1, were taking on 27th seed B.C. High (8-12) in the opening round of the tourney this past Monday night.

"I played against B.C. High coach Bill Loughnane when I was a player at East Boston High from 1986-90 and he was coaching at South

Boston High," said Boyce of Loughnane, who has more than 500 career victories. "Now to be coaching vs. a legend is epic and I'm honored. He's an awesome coach and my high school coach, Mike Rubin, said coach Loughnane was an outstanding player as well as a coach. There's plenty of work ahead for us in a short window, with just one day to prepare. But we will give a valiant effort."

If the Crimson Tide defeat the Eaglets, they will advance to take on #6 Andover in the Round of 32.

EHS GIRLS CLOSE OUT 2025 SEASON WITH WIN AT MARBLEHEAD

The Everett High girls basketball team put it all together in their final game of the season to earn a 59-51 victory at Marblehead this past Thursday evening.

"We ended with an incredible team win," said EHS head coach Riley Dunn. "The girls left everything on the floor and played some beautiful basketball. I'm extremely proud of their resilience after a tough game on Tuesday -- they bounced back and played

From Slices to survival

Justin Pioppi's incredible adventure

Story by Marianne Salza

From preparing pizza at his family-owned and operated Italian restaurant in Beachmont, to being stranded on an island in the South Pacific Ocean, Justin Pioppi demonstrates the strength that is cultivated from being raised in a close-knit neighborhood where family is paramount, and generations of loyal friends offer perspective.

Thirty-year-old Pioppi, of Winthrop, is a contestant on the CBS original series, "Survivor," premiering Wednesday, February 26, at 8pm. The reality show features 18 castaways divided into three tribes of six individuals who are stripped of modern, everyday comforts and forced to adapt on the islands of Fiji.

"I saw this as a turning point in my life because it had always been family-focused. This is a crazy adventure I could do for myself; but also at the same time, care about the people who care about me and made this opportunity possible," said Pioppi. "Family comes first.

My mom had a few battles with cancer, so I've always tried to step in and help. I wanted to try to win this for my mom, so she could finally retire."

Friends and family were happily surprised when Pioppi announced his participation on "Survivor."

"They were excited because this is totally different," exclaimed Pioppi. "The restaurant business is competitive and challenging. There are a lot of things that go into planning for the day and making sure everything runs smoothly, but we still have the luxuries of our clothes and technology."

Pioppi attributes his perseverance to his parents' influence. His childhood was spent at Luigi's Pizzeria, in Revere, watching his father cook at the pizza bench, and his mother work the front counter, where she often sat him as a baby.

"I've always been hard-working and I've never given up in my life. That was something that I learned very young. My parents ingrained that in me, and I've seen them build a business from the ground up,"

shared Pioppi, who manages the restaurant. "It's become a home for so many in the community. My aunts are there. My friends from high school do deliveries. People who have watched me grow up are still working in our kitchen."

Pioppi feels that his friendliness, communication and conflict resolution skills that he has developed at Luigi's has made him an ideal contestant for "Survivor."

"You wear a lot of different hats. It's a fast-paced environment. You have to think on the fly," Pioppi described. "But if you are nice to people and you're personable, you can have a better idea of how to gauge the situation and come to a conclusion together."

Pioppi believes that being a mediator is an advantage that he has over the other castaways as they maneuver through the high-tension environment to compete for a one-million-dollar prize. He encourages everyone to get along and try new approaches.



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Justin Pioppi.

"I always have a positive attitude. That's something I also learned from Luigi's," Pioppi pointed out. "As bad as things can be, it could always be worse. Keep going and try to find a solution."

Pioppi served as an intern at the Massachusetts State House, and later as a legislative aide for Speaker Robert DeLeo. He studied at Suffolk University before transferring to Yale University, where he pursued political science.

"We traveled all over the Commonwealth. We went down to the Cape for tourism

issues, to Fall River for the manufacturing industry, and up to Lowell for the textile mills," remembered Pioppi, about experiences that further shaped his life. "It was amazing to see the things that impact every single person and their way of life. It was eye-opening for me."

Pioppi has enjoyed the excitement of "Survivor" fans who frequent Luigi's. He will be celebrating his greatest adventure with loved ones during a private premiere party at a friend's restaurant.



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Justin Pioppi, of Winthrop, participating in a Survivor challenge.

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our best game of the season -- sending the seniors off with a well-deserved win against a tough, playoff-bound Marblehead team."

Senior captain Emilia Maria Babcock concluded her stellar Lady Crimson Tide career with a superb performance, pouring in a game-high 24 points. "Emilia also played tenacious defense and led numerous fast

breaks," said Dunn.

Katerin Landaverde started the game and provided huge energy for the Tide, reaching double figures with 10 points and making some big defensive stops down the stretch.

JuJu Rivera ran the offense with poise and confidence and also netted 10 points. Juniors Nicole Damaceno and Casey Martinez made nice contribu-

tions with six points apiece,

"Our defense was tenacious and never let up," said Dunn. "We really excelled on our help defense, which we have been working on all year. We controlled the pace and continued to push the ball up the floor quickly to set up our teammates who ran the floor all game long. Great passes, solid decision-making under pressure,

and just some really beautiful, unselfish team basketball was played. I'm so proud of these ladies."

Last Thursday, the Lady Crimson Tide dropped a 60-30 decision to Lowell. Senior captain Emilia María Babcock topped the scoring column with 11 points. Teammates Juju Rivera and Nicole Damceno were perfect from the free throw line,

shooting 4-for-4 and 2-for-2 respectively.

Last Tuesday the Tide trekked to Gloucester and came up on the short end of a 59-28 decision. Babcock once again hit for double-figures with 10 points and Casey Martinez added eight.

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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.

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.

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 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 Booths 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.

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In addition to Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, over 75 federal, state, an elected officials have confirmed they will join State Senator Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) at the head table at the annual political kick-off of the St. Patrick's Day roast including: Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, Massachusetts State Senate President Karen Spilka, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, Cambridge Mayor Denise Simmons, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez, Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden, Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, Middlesex County Clerk of Courts Michael Sullivan, Governor's Councilor Terry Kennedy and more!

In addition to a traditional Irish dinner, the night will include live Irish music, bagpip-

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This year's Golden Shamrock Award recipient is Tom MacDonald, the director of the Harvest on Vine Food Pantry in Charlestown. He will be honored for his steadfast and tireless work to fight food insecurity throughout our neighborhoods. Tom is a kind and caring individual who always gives back to his community and he is someone everyone knows they can count on. Tom never looks for the spotlight and always leads with heart and it is fitting that he will be recognized for his great work to lift everyone up.

This event is one of the most popular St. Patrick's Day traditions in the Greater Boston area and Senator Nick Collins (D-South Boston), the host of the Annual South Boston St. Patrick's Day Breakfast, will also be at the event.

For tickets (\$40.00 per person) and event information, please call (617) 387-3327. Proceeds will go to The DiDomenico Foundation, which funds educational scholarships for graduating high school students, as well as a large toy drive during the holiday season for domestic violence and homeless shelters throughout the Greater Boston.



Shown are scenes from last years event. Above, Sen. Sal DiDomenico laughs as he is being roasted. Below, Gov. Maura Healey talks about the great work the foundations does.



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