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KATY ROGERS PHOTOS

The sound of snowblowers and plows were heard throughout Everett on last Sunday and Monday during the recent snowstorm.

Right, Fire Chief Joseph Hickey and Mayor Robert Van Campen in front of Night Shift Brewing.



## Mayor Van Campen lauds DPW, public safety for efforts during snowstorm

By Cary Shuman

Mayor Robert Van Campen gave the Department of Works high marks for its efforts during the major storm which dumped 20 inches of snow on the city Sunday and Monday.

Van Campen said a snow emergency was declared for

Sunday at 8 a.m. and remained in effect until Tuesday at 6 a.m. to allow DPW crews to clear the streets of snow.

As the snow began falling, Van Campen was in contact with Supt. of Schools William Hart, who made the decision to close Everett public schools Monday and Tuesday.

“We wanted to clear the sidewalks, so children don’t have to walk in the streets,” said Van Campen. “Also, we wanted to have more time to clear out the parking lots around the school buildings.”

Due to the closure of City

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## U.S. Reps. Ayanna Pressley and Jim McGovern visit La Sultana Market on End Hunger Now Tour

Special to the Independent

On Friday, January 16, Congressman Rules James P. McGovern (D-MA) continued his statewide End Hunger Now Tour with a visit to El Valle De La Sultana Market alongside Congresswoman Ayanna Press-

ley, who represents Everett in the Seventh Congressional District.

The visit began with a tour of the market led by store leadership, highlighting the store’s role as a SNAP retailer in im-

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CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (center) greets Eliot Family Resource Center Program Manager Eleanor Gayhart (left) and Eliot Family Resource Center Director Liliana Patino during her visit to La Sultana Market.

## Mohegan Sun Wine and Food Festival was a spectacular event

By Victoria Fabbo

The Mohegan Sun Wine and Food Festival 2026 was truly a festival to remember. The event brought together an impressive lineup of Food Network stars and James Beard Award recipients, each showcasing their incredible culinary talent.

One of my personal highlights was watching Maneet

Chauhan prepare her fish wrapped in fragrant curry leaves, paired with a vibrant green sauce—absolutely unforgettable. A true crowd-crusher was Robert Irvine, who wowed the audience with a beautifully cooked rack of lamb served with potato gnocchi, all while keeping the energy high by in-

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# Independent Forum

## THE PITT DEMONSTRATES A HEALTHCARE SYSTEM ON LIFE SUPPORT

The Pitt, the critically-acclaimed hit series on HBO about an emergency room in a big-city hospital in Pittsburgh that has just begun its second season, is far more than just good entertainment.

The critically-acclaimed show also accurately portrays the critical condition of our healthcare system, which is spiraling ever-downward with no bottom in sight.

This by no means is the fault of the incredibly dedicated and competent doctors, nurses, and staff who serve all of us in our healthcare system.

This is a systemic problem in the United States that has been building for decades, fueled by: short-sighted reductions in hospital capacity; underinvestment in education, research, and supply-chains; the lack of focus on urging Americans to adopt a healthy lifestyle; the charlatans and corporate interests who have spread misinformation about vaccines and healthcare information; and the tidal wave of demographic shifts thanks to the aging of the Baby Boomer generation.

In addition, there is the most-recent strain on the system resulting from the political failure to reform our immigration laws that could provide for the hundreds of thousands of needed healthcare workers -- the doctors, nurses, nursing home and hospital employees, and home healthcare aides who form the backbone of our nation's healthcare system -- to be able to come to this country in order to fill the huge gaps created by employee shortages in all aspects of our healthcare system.

The Pitt highlights all of these issues. The show makes it abundantly clear that our healthcare system, and those who work in it, are being completely overwhelmed by the demands being placed upon them day-in and day-out.

The show also makes it clear to viewers that the last place you want to end up these days is an emergency room. We ourselves have had the misfortune to be there on several occasions over the past few years -- for ourselves, our families, and our friends -- and it is no exaggeration to say that a visit to the ER anywhere, anytime is to be dreaded, truly almost a fate worse than death.

The sad -- and tragic reality -- is that the essential services that Americans took for granted 20 years ago are in short supply today.

Given the inaction of our politicians, it is obvious that there is no ready solution to the healthcare crisis in the United States. The cavalry is not coming anytime soon.

On the other hand, as we have written many times previously, this is a man-made problem for which the only realistic solution on the horizon rests with the robots (i.e., artificial intelligence), who hopefully will come sooner rather than later to save us all.

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

With 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 (marked by a craving for carbs that leads to weight gain), social withdrawal, and negative thoughts in general.

There are some treatments for SAD that may work for some people (such as light therapy, antidepressants, and vitamin D) in consultation with a doctor.

But there also are the simple solutions of spending more time outside during daylight hours and exercising regularly.

In our personal experience, we've found that the latter prescription -- exercising and going outside, even on the coldest of days -- has 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, 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 embraced nature's harshest elements with barely even a thought about it.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### Parlin Adult and Teens

Gaming Club Parlin YA Room. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3pm. Join us for board games and video games at the library! Bring your own or play what we have here. For ages 12 and up.

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, February 3rd 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!

### Parlin Childrens

What do you love most about the library? Stop by the Children's Room at Parlin and Shute Libraries to leave a love letter for the library. We'll share the love on our social media accounts all month long!

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, February 2nd 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. Wednesdays 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. Wednesdays 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.

Storytime Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe, Parlin Children's Room, Thursdays and Fridays at 11:00 Join Children's Librarian 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.

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# National Grid offers safety reminders for clearing snow at your home or business

Special to the Times-Free Press

National Grid reminds its customers to exercise caution near the energy equipment outside of their homes as they clear snow left behind from Winter Storm Fern. Over a foot of snow has fallen across our Massachusetts service area with additional snow forecast throughout the afternoon. National Grid's top priority is safety, including the safety and well-being of our crews and customers, and we offer the following reminders to assist with removing snow from your property.

## Keep Your Meters Clear of Snow and Ice

Many National Grid customers have electric and/or natural gas meters on the exterior of their homes and businesses. When clearing snow, customers and snow removal contractors should be aware of the location of this equipment to avoid coming into contact with

meters or outside gas risers. Additionally:

- Gently remove icicles from the meter with a gloved hand, if necessary. Never kick your meter or use a snow shovel to knock away ice.
- If energy equipment is located near your driveway or parking lot, and you have a vehicle-mounted snowplow or use a snow removal service, ensure that the equipment is well-marked so the vehicle operator knows to keep a safe distance. Striking a natural gas riser or electric wire with a plow could cause injury.
- The buildup of ice and snow around or over natural gas meters, regulators and pipes can pose a serious safety risk. Ice and snow falling from a roof can damage gas meters or service connections to customers' homes or businesses, resulting in potential gas leaks. Customers should take immediate action if a natural gas leak is suspected:
- Get out – All occupants

should leave the house immediately. Do not use the telephone, light switches or automatic garage door openers for any reason.

- Call us – After leaving the house and reaching a safe environment, call National Grid's 24-hour gas emergency number: 1-800-233-5325.
- Stay out – Don't return to your home until National Grid tells you it is safe to do so.
- If energy equipment is located near your driveway or parking lot, and you have a vehicle-mounted snowplow or use a snow removal service, ensure that the equipment is well-marked so the vehicle operator knows to keep a safe distance. Striking a natural gas riser or electric wire with a plow could cause injury.

## Keep Your Vents Clear

The excessive amount of snowfall from this storm may have increased the snow depth in your yard and near your home or business. When clear-

ing snow from your driveways and walkways, never pile it near vents on the side of the building. A blocked vent – whether it's a furnace, hot water heater, dryer or sewer – can lead to the buildup of deadly carbon monoxide. Keep the vents clear and free of snow and ice, treating them as carefully as you would an energy meter.

The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to those of the flu, and can include headaches, weakness, confusion, chest tightness, skin redness, dizziness, nausea, sleepiness, heart fluttering or loss of muscle control. If you suspect carbon monoxide is present in your home, immediately go outside and breathe deeply. Then call 911.

## Trees, Snow and Your Electric Service

Snowfall places excessive weight on tree limbs and branches, creating potential hazards for energy infrastructure. Downed trees near power

lines should be reported to National Grid at 800-465-1212. Visit our website for more information about your electric service and trees. Customers are also reminded to exercise extreme caution near downed power lines:

- Always use extreme caution near downed power lines and wires, and always assume that they are carrying live electricity.
  - Never touch a person or an object that is in contact with a downed line, as electricity can pass through to you.
  - Take caution when approaching fallen trees, which could have power lines caught in them.
  - Remember that water can conduct electricity. If you see a line down in a puddle or flooded area, avoid contact with the water to prevent risk of shock.
  - Learn more about staying safe near downed power lines.
- To learn more about electric and natural gas safety, visit our website – [nationalgridus.com](http://nationalgridus.com).

# Residents now able to apply for home heating and energy assistance

Special to the Independent

The Massachusetts' home energy assistance program (HEAP) is a free resource to help eligible households pay a portion of winter heating bills. Homeowners and renters, including households whose cost of heat is included in the rent,

can apply in person at the agency in their area or through the online application. Eligibility is based on household size and the gross annual income of every household member, 18 years of age or older. Household income cannot exceed 60% of estimated State

Median Income. This program provides assistance through a fixed benefit amount for the cost of the primary source of heat with includes, but is not limited to: Oil, Electricity, Natural gas, Propane, Kerosene, Wood, and Coal. If eligible, discounts are au-

tomatically given on:

- electric bills for investor-owned electric utilities
- gas bills for investor-owned gas utilities
- telephone bills

Payments for actual usage or fuel delivery are made directly to the heating vendor for primary energy needs from No-

vember 1st to April 30th.

### Eligibility/Selection Criteria

- There are a variety of factors that impact the eligibility of a household.
- Eligibility is based on household size and the gross annual income of every household member, 18 years of age or older.
- Household income cannot exceed 60% of estimated State Median Income
- Please contact the local fuel assistance agency for detailed information on criteria used for eligibility.
- Housing subsidies will also determine the specific benefit level.

## Fees

The program is 100% free for those who qualify. Beware of scams by people charging an "application fee" to help submit an application.

## How to apply

The online application opens on October 1 for the upcoming heating season (November 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025). You can apply online, in person at the LIHEAP agency in your

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viting members of the crowd to join in on the fun. It was also a treat to witness Michael Symon's effortless skill as he prepared a perfectly executed pork cutlet with fennel salad—simple, bold, and delicious. Seeing Scott Conant—renowned restaurateur, chef, and Chopped judge—was another standout moment that made the day feel extra special. Local chefs such as Todd English, Jason Santos, and Adam Young were also brilliant in their presentations. The best part of the festival was the opportunity to meet and greet so many Food Network chefs, along with dis-

covering several other talented chefs making their debut. Of course, no wine and food festival would be complete without plenty of indulgence. Guests received a signature Mohegan Sun wine glass and were able to stroll around tasting a wide variety of wines and spirits throughout the event. And just when we thought the experience couldn't get any sweeter, the evening ended with a Sift dessert bag, perfectly stationed outside the Mohegan Sun Earth Ballroom. My, my—what an incredible event to be part of. *Victoria Fabbo is a culinary dietitian and TV personality.*



Victoria Fabbo (left) is pictured with celebrity chef Michael Symon at the Mohegan Sun Food and Wine Festival Saturday in Connecticut.



## Snowstorm // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Hall on Monday, the city council meeting was canceled and will be rescheduled, according to Council President Stephanie Smith.

During the height of the storm, Van Campen accompanied some of the DPW crews on their routes. “Under the circumstances, our Department of Public Works, our public safety (police and fire) departments – I think everyone did an incredible job,” said Van Campen.

The mayor said “the big issue” was vehicle owners not moving their cars from banned-parking areas during the snow emergency.

“We’ve had to tow almost 275 vehicles since Sunday morning,” reported Van Campen. “Those vehicles have been a big challenge for our DPW crews as they attempt to clear roads and allow roads to remain accessible. Towing cars is something we don’t want to do, but unfortunately in order for us to keep the city open, we have to. I want the city open for business fully (Tuesday), and

the only way to do it is to push the snow off the roads.”

The snowstorm, which was well-predicted days in advance by local TV meteorologists, was the first totaling in excess of six inches in Greater Boston since Jan. 29, 2022. For Van Campen, it was an early test for his administration.

“Three weeks in and the mayoral gods sent me 20 inches of snow in the City of Everett,” jested Van Campen. “I’m just a player in this whole thing. The folks that get all the credit – public works, public safety, our city employees, 3-1-1, parking enforcement – they’re the folks that keep this thing running, and they did a great job.”

Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro praised the leadership of Mayor Van Campen and the efforts of city employees while noting the mayor’s middle-of-the-snowstorm visit to the ward amidst severe, wintry conditions.

“We have not seen a storm of this like in quite some time and our crews did the best they

could to keep up with the rapid accumulation,” said DiPierro. “We are a small, dense city and it gets to a point where there is just nowhere to put it. I’m thankful to the administration, public works and facility employees, and emergency personnel for keeping our res-

idents safe during the storm. I even received a surprise visit from Mayor Van Campen while he was checking on the neighborhood.”

### Bob Knox is new Everett DPW chief

In related news, Van Campen announced that Bob Knox will

begin in his position as Everett director of public works on Monday, Feb. 2. Knox is a 32-year DPW professional, having served as director of the Malden DPW for 13 years and prior to that, five years as assistant director.



A look at the snow covering Everett.

KATY ROGERS PHOTOS



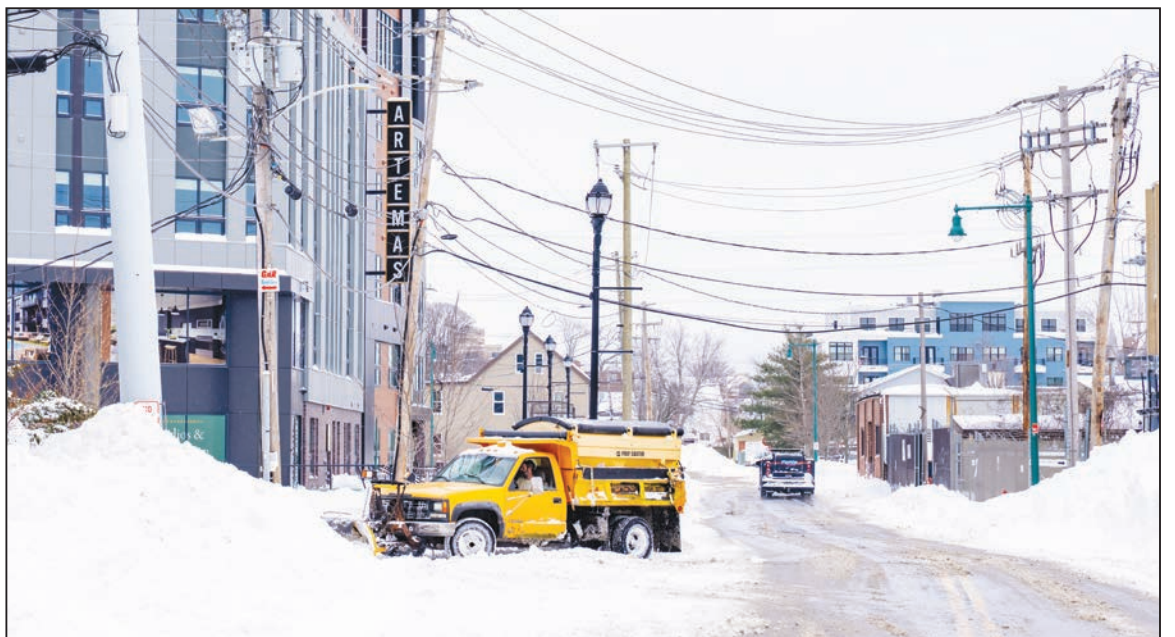
Carlo Gianelli shovels his grandmother’s sidewalk on Englewood Ave.



Clearing the snow off Englewood Avenue.



Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Mayor Robert Van Campen, and Bob Knox who will become Everett’s DPW Director on February 2.



The plows were out all day clearing the roads.





Lawrence Cardinale, Tom Pietrantonio, Andy Philbin, Bob Knox, and Mayor Robert Van Campen.



Mayor Robert Van Campen thanking the DPW for a great job.



Bob Knox helping with the clean-up.



Behind the scenes at DPW as plow drivers have some pizza before heading out.



Mayor Robert Van Campen visiting the DPW.



A DPW employee clears the snow from the DPW Yard.



A snowplow operator clears snow on Englewood Avenue.

KATY ROGERS PHOTOS



MAYOR VAN CAMPEN, COUNCIL ON AGING HOST JANUARY SENIOR SOCIAL

Mayor Robert Van Campen and the Council on Aging hosted the January Social at the Edward G. Connolly Senior Center.

On behalf of Mayor Van Campen, Council on Aging Director Dale Palma welcomed seniors to the first monthly social of 2026.

The guests enjoyed a catered roast pork dinner and dessert, dancing, and musical entertainment by the Ray Cavicchio Band.

The next monthly social is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 11.



Enjoying a dance are Dee Wright and Walter Osgood.



Pictured at the Senior Social are (from left) John Sumares, Nancy Sumares, Jeanette DeRosa, Ralph DeRosa, Janet Marchillo, Richie Carbone, Sal Giliberto, Rosita Giliberto, and Council on Aging Director Dale Palma.



Council on Aging Director Dale Palma (right) welcomes the catering contingent from Anthony's, Mary Rose Spadafora, Stefanie Spadafora, Jen Spadafora, and Al Spadafora.



Seated are Dotty Novak, Murray Novak, Shirley Pagliuca, and Ninetta Caggiano. Standing are Arthur Venditti, Mary Venditti, and Angelo Pagliuca.



The Council on Aging Table, seated are Pat Albano, Charles DiPerri, and Chickie Navarro. Standing are Matt Napolitano, Joanne Alba-LaMonica, and Noreen Feeney.



This group of guests had a great time at the Senior Social held at the Connolly Center.



MAYOR VAN CAMPEN, COUNCIL ON AGING HOST JANUARY SENIOR SOCIAL

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



The Ray Cavicchio Band, consisting of Therese DiMuzio, Ray Cavicchio, and Larry Willis, did a great job providing the musical entertainment at the Senior Social.



Seated are Sandra Schiappa and Janice Reynolds. Standing are Cindy Leahy, Audrey Berardino, Marlene Westerman and David James.



Enjoying the January Senior Social Jan. 14 at the Connolly Center are Maria Lomba, Dalva Dos Santo, Marly Sudre, and Maria De Fatima.

In all things we go strictly by The Book.

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**Shute Adult and Teens**  
Golden Minds: Play, Create, Connect, Shute Meeting Room, Monday, February 2nd at 10am. Join us for our monthly senior social! Enjoy books, puzzles, crafts, and games with friends in a fun and welcoming environment. Stay engaged and connect with your peers! This event is open to ages 55-109! Games are generously supplied by the Council of the Aged.

Ready Player One Games, Shute Meeting Room, February 4th at 2:30 PM. Level up your Wednesdays with our ultimate gaming hangout! Grab your friends and dive into fun Nintendo Switch and PlayStation games whether you’re racing, battling, or teaming up for co-op fun, there’s something for everyone. Recommended for ages 11 and up.

Artisan’s Circle, Shute Meeting Room. Thursday, February 5th at 5:30 PM. Bring your own craft and supplies (BYOC) and enjoy creating alongside a community of makers. Open to ages 18 and up, no registration required.

**Shute Children’s**  
Storytime at the Shute Shute Children’s Room. Mondays at 10 AM and Tuesdays at 12 PM. What’s better than a good story? Sharing it with friends! Join Miss Val at the Shute Library for Fairytale Fun!

Master Builders: Lego Free-

play: Shute Children’s Room. Thursdays from 3-5PM. Free-play session with Legos and other building blocks. Bring a buddy, or make a new one, as you explore your imagination brick by brick! We provide the space and the materials to let your vision take shape. What will you create?

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EVERETT BOYS BASKETBALL IN ACTION AGAINST CHELSEA

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

Everett could not hold off Chelsea's rapid-fire offensive onslaught and the Crimson Tide fell, 69-45 to the Red Devils Thursday at Everett High. The Crimson Tide held a narrow 9-7 lead after a low-scoring first period but trailed at halftime 26-18 and could not find an offensive rhythm throughout the

second half. Cristian Vazquez led Everett with 15 points. The Crimson Tide, 7-6 overall and winners of six straight coming into the game, remain in the thick of the race for the Greater Boston League title with Lynn Classical, Somerville, and Chelsea.



Benji Joseph (right) reaches in to slow a drive by Chelsea's Hus Mo-hamed.



Samir King-DaCosta (2) leans into a drive guarded by Chelsea's Geo Brito.



Jayden Alsaindor looks for an open teammate as he keeps the ball from Chelsea's Roify Del Rosario (3).



Adam Aitmessaoud (4) makes his way past Chelsea's Hus Mohamed.



EVERETT BOYS BASKETBALL IN ACTION AGAINST CHELSEA

BOB MARRA PHOTOS



Adam Aitmessaoud leads an Everett offensive rush.



Christian Vazquez is focused on the basket as he launches a shot for a pair of his team-high 15 points.



Cristian Vazquez (1) pulls down a rebound.



Nathaniel Nelson reaches for a loose ball in front of Chelsea's JJ Williams.



Samir King-DaCosta (2) battles Chelsea's Brouk Ephram (24) for a rebound.

EHS Roundup

TIDE BOYS HOOP ROLLS PAST MALDEN, 56-30

The Everett High boys basketball team rolled to its sixth straight victory with a 56-30 triumph over Greater Boston League rival Malden last Tuesday, but saw their winning streak snapped with a 69-44 loss to Chelsea last Thursday.

“We went into Malden’s house and secured another important Greater Boston League win,” said EHS head coach Gerard Boyce. “We knew they’d come out fighting, but we stayed disciplined and executed our game plan, resulting in a solid victory.

“We’ve been working hard on our defensive rotations and communication in practice, and it is starting to pay off,” Boyce said. “On the offensive end, we started very slow then we started sharing the ball. It wasn’t about one individual; it was a total team effort, which is exactly what we wanted to see. Everyone who stepped on the floor contributed to this win.”

The Crimson Tide were led in the scoring column by senior captain Cristian Vazquez, who struck for 15 points. Emmanuel Nelson came off the bench and hit for 12 points and Adam

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Aitmessaoud made a solid contribution with eight points and eight assists.

The Malden victory lifted the Tide's record to 7-5 after a 1-5 start to their season.

"This is great momentum, but we can't get complacent," Boyce noted afterwards. "We still have areas to improve and tough games ahead. We need to keep focusing on the fundamentals, maintain that defensive intensity, and correct our execution as we prepare for our next challenge."

However, two nights later the Crimson Tide fell short to a Chelsea team that had started its season fast with an 8-1 record, but which had dropped two straight coming into the encounter with the Tide.

Everett started the contest well, thanks to the hot shooting of Vazquez (seven points in the period, including three-pointers) and a hoop at the end of the period by Jayden Alsaindor that gave the Tide a 9-7 advantage at the first buzzer.

In addition, the Tide played staunch defense, creating a number of Chelsea turnovers and in the paint, Samir King-DaCosta was a bulwark, rejecting Red Devils inside.

However, a three-pointer to start the second period by Chelsea's Geo Brito gave the Red Devils a 10-9 lead that they never relinquished. Although the Tide maintained their intensity on defense, they were unable to keep up on offense, as the proverbial "lid on the bucket" saw many makeable Everett shots either go in-and-count or circle around-the-rim-and-out.

Another trey by Brito before the end of the half boosted Chelsea into a 26-18 advantage at the intermission.

The Tide came out with intensity to start the second half. Two free throws and a hoop by Alsaindor brought Everett within five, 27-22, in the opening minutes of the third period, but the Tide were unable to sustain their momentum. Chelsea

went on a 10-point run that enlarged the Red Devil margin to 15, 37-22, midway through the period.

The third buzzer saw Chelsea holding a 47-31 lead entering the final eight minutes, a deficit that the Tide were unable to overcome.

Everett now stands at 7-6 overall and 6-3 in the GBL. The Tide are tied for third place in the GBL with Somerville, one game behind second-place Chelsea and two games behind first-place Lynn Classical.

Boyce and his crew were scheduled to play at Classical last night (Tuesday) and will host Lynn English tomorrow evening (Thursday) for a 7:00 tip-off. They will entertain non-league opponent Durfee Saturday at 5:30 before hitting the road to Somerville next Tuesday.

### EHS GIRLS WIN TWO STRAIGHT OVER GBL FOES

The Everett High girls basketball team earned a pair of victories over Greater Boston League rivals Malden (50-28) and Chelsea (58-51) this past week.

The double-victories ended a four-game skid for coach Riley Dunn's Lady Crimson Tide.

"We had a huge team win against Malden," said Dunn. "I was so proud of the team's relentless effort and execution of the game plan. It is extremely tough to lose four games in a row and to mentally stay in it and really just trust each other and get a great team win."

"They executed the game plan beautifully and played together. We had 10 assists as a team and I think that has been a focus area for us -- to really share the ball and set up our teammates for success."

Sophomore Julianna Rivera hit for a game-high 18 points, shooting a perfect 4-for-4 from the three-point line.

Senior captain Casey Mar-

tinez reached double figures with 11 points, pulled down rebounds, and dished six assists in a superb all-around performance. Fellow senior captain Kat Landaverde Vasquez came close to achieving a double-double with nine points, nine boards, and three assists.

Junior Kylee Nord and senior captain Nicole Damaceno controlled the boards with eight and 10 rebounds respectively.

"Every player made an impact in this game," said Dunn. "It was a true team win and a great show of resilience. We set the tone from the beginning and maintained the intensity for four quarters -- another goal we have been focusing on. We're looking to get better one day at a time."

Two nights later the Lady Crimson Tide defeated a tough Chelsea team, 58-51, in a contest that came down to the final minute.

Rivera once again topped the Everett scoring column with 20 points, knocking down five three-pointers and snaring five rebounds.

Landaverde Vasquez and Damaceno both turned in double-doubles, with Katerina scoring 18 points and pulling down 14 boards and Nicole hitting for 14 points and grabbing 13 rebounds.

"This was the first time in my six years that two players have had double-doubles in the same game," noted Dunn.

"We were excited to go 2-0 this week and grind out a win against a tough Chelsea team," said Dunn. "Major credit to the Chelsea coach and his girls, who are relentless and work so hard. They are building a competitive program over there and the future is bright for them which is great to see as we continue to build girls basketball around our GBL cities."

Dunn and her crew are scheduled to travel to Lynn English tomorrow (Thursday) evening and will host Somerville next Tuesday.

### EHS BOYS TRACK EDGES CHELSEA, 43-41, DEFEATS CLASSICAL, 56-33

The Everett High boys indoor track and field team defeated a pair of Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals, Chelsea (43-41) and Lynn Classical

(58-33), this past Friday evening in a tri-meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Leading the way for coach Jehu Cimea's boys with first-place finishes vs. both opponents was Kervens Joseph in both the 55 meter dash with a sprint of 6.97 and the 300 dash with a clocking of 38.65.

Lucas Nunez also defeated both opponents in the 1-mile with a time of 5:07.08.

Ian Herrera was a first-place winner vs. Chelsea and Classical in the 55 hurdles with a personal record time of 9.72, which ranked as the third-best of the night among all of the GBL competitors.

Gaetano Foster won the shot-put vs. Chelsea and took second vs. Classical with his throw of 42'-4.50", which rated as the third best in the GBL.

Carlos Pagan Landeo took first place vs. Classical and second vs. Chelsea in the 1000 with a clocking of 3:12.62.

Jeremy Whitlow likewise took first vs. Classical and second vs. Chelsea in the 2-mile with a personal record time of 11:38.74.

The outcome of the meet vs. Chelsea was decided by the 4 x 400 relay, with the Everett quartet of Sandesh Pun, Carlos Pagan Landeo, Lucas Nunez, and Kayshaun Eveillard out-running their Chelsea counterparts, coming across in 3:56.77, which was just about three seconds faster than the Chelsea team, to secure the victory.

Additional point-scorers for Everett were:

-- Sandesh Pun with a third-place vs. both Chelsea and Classical in the 55 dash;

-- Jonathan Hernandez with a third vs. both opponents in the 300 dash;

-- Domenico Delle Rosa took second vs. Classical and third vs. Chelsea in the 1000;

-- Bryan Lewis grabbed third vs. LC in the 1000;

-- Christopher Portillo finished second vs. Classical and third vs. Chelsea in the 1-mile;

-- Pratyush Darai scored a third-place point vs. Classical in the 1-mile; and

-- Antonio Iraolo took second vs. both foes in the 55 hurdles.

"It was a hard-fought meet for the boys' team against Chelsea," said Cimea. "The meet came down to the 4 x 4 and our boys didn't want to lose. Our

senior captains stepped up and won the meet."

The Crimson Tide, who now stand at 4-1 on the season, will meet GBL rivals Revere and Medford this Friday evening at the Reggie to wrap their 2026 dual meet season.

### EHS girls track rolls past LC, 50-21

The Everett High girls indoor track and field team split its tri meet this past Friday evening at the Reggie Lewis Center, defeating Lynn Classical, 50-21, but falling to Chelsea, 53-35.

Graziela Foster was a double-winner in the shot-put, with her toss of 27'-5.75", defeating all of her Chelsea and Classical opponents. Graziela's throw also ranked third-best among all of the GBL competitors at the Reggie, all of whom compete in dual and tri-meets on Friday evenings.

Additional first-place finishers for the Lady Crimson Tide were: Shinead Riley vs. Classical in the 55 dash with a sprint of 8.07, which was good for second-place vs. Chelsea; Nathalia Dos Santos with a first vs. Classical and a second vs. Chelsea in the 1000 in a time of :30.44; Akansha Neupane with a first vs. Classical and a second vs. Chelsea in the 1-mile with a time of 6:3.57; Shashi Pokhrel took first vs. Classical and second vs. Chelsea in the 2-mile with her run of 16:05.58; and Faith Dunbar, who took first vs. Chelsea and second vs. Classical in the long jump with a leap of 13'-0".

Lady Crimson Tide performers who also scored points were:

-- Marissa Cadet in the 55 dash with a second-place vs. Classical and third vs. Chelsea;

-- Zoe Massiah with a third in the 55 dash vs. Classical;

-- Amina Mekic with a second place vs. both opponents in the 300 dash;

-- Deysi Blanco Suchite with third places vs. both foes in the 300; and

-- Brianna Chavarria Rodriguez with a third vs. Chelsea and a second vs. Classical in the 1-mile.

The Crimson Tide girls will meet GBL rivals Revere and Medford this Friday evening at the Reggie to conclude their 2026 dual-meet season.

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Bread Pudding

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We all have our favorite comfort foods. Bread pudding is one of ours. It's also a brilliant way to use up items in your refrigerator, pantry, or breadbox. It's an obvious choice when you have stale bread on hand and don't want to waste it. But we also make it when we have extra eggs or other leftovers.

Since Ed is a bread lover, that's one thing we always have onhand. Those who don't have a ready supply of bread could start a freezer bag of stale bread to make a pudding anytime you'd like. A mixture of breads will only add more flavor to the dish. You can also use fresh bread. Either leave the bread out to dry or pop ripped pieces into a warm oven to toast lightly.

Sweet Options

Most of us think of bread pudding as a dessert or a sweet dish. While you can make it from any leftover bread, we love the batches made from specialty loaves, from cinnamon swirl to more exotic offerings. And, these sweet versions can use up any items that might be softening in your fruit bowl. Apples, pears, or bananas will add sweetness and nutrition to the mix.

We often add dried fruits

like raisins, apricots, or figs to a simple bread pudding. The trick is to layer those in the middle of the pudding, or at least push them down into the mix. When they're on top, dried fruits tend to burn before the custard cooks.

Savory Versions

You can also take this cooking technique to the savory side and make a great breakfast or brunch dish, or a supper that can be waiting in the refrigerator when you get home.

Toss together any ingredients that you might put in a frittata. You could sauté onions, peppers, and sausage or ham, then let that mixture cool. Mix your bread with grated cheddar cheese, toss it with the sautéed mixture, pour the custard mixture over it, and sprinkle the top with more cheese. Bake, and you have a wonderful savory bread pudding.

Specialty breads, from a place like When Pigs Fly Bakery, give you an easy way to go savory. Their Sicilian Green Olive & Hot Cherry Peppers bread just needs a bit of cheese and custard to make a quick meal.

Around the holidays, they make a Savory Cranberry bread that contains cranberries, onions, fresh sage, rosemary, thyme, and oregano. We call



This savory bread pudding was adapted from a traditional sausage stuffing recipe and was baked in a ramekin.

this "stuffing bread." A bread pudding made with that lovely loaf would be welcome on any buffet.

Stuffing recipes are a great inspiration for savory bread puddings. You can make your family's favorite cornbread or sausage stuffing, then add a custard to turn it into a creamy bread pudding. We often bake our savory bread puddings in ramekins for individual servings and to freeze for future meals.

Recipes

We don't follow a recipe as such for bread puddings. Rather, we use a ratio of 16 ounces of milk to 8 ounces of eggs (about 4 large) for the custard mix. You can break eggs into a measuring cup and add twice as much milk.

Season with salt, sugar, vanilla, or spices, depending on the other ingredients in the dish. If the bread is sweet, add less sugar. If the ingredients are salty, for example, cured meat

or fish, don't add much salt.

If you prefer to follow a recipe, there are dozens online. Both Epicurious and All Recipes have reliable versions. And, most general cookbooks, old or new, contain instructions for basic bread pudding.

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migrant and low-income communities, its culturally relevant and locally sourced food offerings, and its experience serving families who rely on federally-funded nutrition assistance programs.

Mayor Robert Van Campen, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Rep. Jo-

seph McGonagle, and Councilors Katy Rogers, Holly Garcia, Stephanie Martins, and Vivian Nguyen convened in a roundtable discussion with families who use SNAP assistance to shop at the market and other local food retailers.



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia welcomes U.S. Reps. Ayanna Pressley and Jim McGovern to Everett.



Pictured at El Valle De La Sultana Market are Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, store owner Victor Gallego, Mayor Robert Van Campen, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Congressman Jim McGovern, and Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia.



La Sultana store owner Victor Gallego, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Congressman Jim McGovern, Mayor Robert Van Campen, Rep. Joseph McGonagle, Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, and Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia.

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# Healey-Driscoll administration honors 63 Schools of Recognition

Special to the Independent

Massachusetts education officials honored 63 Schools of Recognition during a ceremony at the State House.

The schools that were recognized included 55 Schools of Recognition identified through the state accountability system for demonstrating high achievement, significant improvement, and/or high growth; 6 National Blue Ribbon School nominees that DESE nominated for the prestigious national award before the U.S. Education Department discontinued the program in August; and 2 National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Distinguished Schools that DESE nominated through the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators for their positive educational advances and academic achievement.

"It's important to recognize the good work happening in Massachusetts schools," Governor Maura Healey said. "I hope the teachers, staff and



Everett Public Schools Asst. Superintendent Christopher Barrett with the citation as a School of Recognition.



school community for each School of Recognition will take pride in this honor."

"The schools recognized today are fulfilling important roles in their communities," Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll said. "Successful schools build a sense of belonging for students, families and staff and make it possible for students to do their best."

"I'm so proud and grateful

for the hard work, passion, and dedication coming from these schools that are being recognized today," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "They reflect what's possible when our educators, students, families, and communities work together with high expectations and a shared commitment to success."

"It's a pleasure to celebrate these 63 schools and recog-



Commissioner Pedro Martinez, State Representative Joseph McGonagle, Everett Public Schools Asst. Superintendent Christopher Barrett, Everett Public Schools Director of Strategic Initiatives Rosemary Hughes, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Mass Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler.

nize the work of the teachers, students and families within them," said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Pedro Martinez. "These schools are preparing students for lifelong learning."

The Schools of Recognition in Everett are:

National Blue Ribbon School Nominees

- Webster School (Everett)
- Pioneer Charter School of Science I (in Everett)
- Pioneer Charter School of Science II (in Saugus)

## Massport releases Draft 2025 Strategic Plan; public input will help shape the Authority's vision for the next decade

Special to the Independent

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) today announced the release of its draft Strategic Plan and is seeking public comment to help shape Massport's path forward. The Plan builds on Massport's strengths and a decade of progress, assesses current conditions and trends, and identifies future challenges and opportunities. It balances operational excellence with inclusive forward-looking growth, reaffirming the Authority's commitment to safe, efficient, sustainable operations that engage and benefit the communities we serve. The Strategic Plan sets a vision for the next decade and outlines a flexible, action-oriented path to achieve it.

The public comment period opens today and runs through March 6th. The Plan and opportunity to provide feedback can be accessed here: <https://www.massport.com/strategic-plan>.

"Massport has not undertaken a strategic planning effort in

a decade. As a central engine of economic activity, we need to plan for the future and respond to growing demand while setting the highest standards for safety, sustainability and community partnership," said Rich Davey, Massport CEO. "Guided by this vision, we will be transforming aging infrastructure, leveraging emerging technologies and delivering innovative customer-focused experiences and lasting benefits to our communities and the region. We welcome the public's feedback as we work to achieve these goals."

Key elements of the 2025 Plan:

The Strategic Plan presents a vision and a roadmap by key Massport assets and across the organization.

### Aviation

Massport's aviation system must adapt to meet increasing demand and emerging technology as Massachusetts and New England are home to several travel-intensive industries and

companies that rely on air travel to support their operations and drive economic impact, as well as a large traveling population that depends on safe, efficient and affordable air service.

### Boston Logan International Airport:

With one of the smallest and oldest airport footprints in the country, Logan must invest strategically to maintain safe, efficient, and reliable operations. Priorities include:

A major renovation or replacement of the Air Traffic Control Tower;

Enhancing Boston Logan's portfolio of high-occupancy vehicle and transit options including implementing innovative ideas like remote terminals;

Modernizing Logan's terminal core to enhance the passenger experience.

### Worcester Regional Airport:

To sustain growth, Worcester will focus on:

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Maintaining and expanding commercial passenger service; Assessing opportunities for potential to grow cargo or logistics operations; Exploring new opportunities and partnerships with support of community stakeholders.

## Hanscom Field

As New England’s premier general aviation airport, Hanscom plays a critical role in supporting business aviation, medical flights, and regional innovation. Priorities include: Powering the future of aviation innovation with research partnerships and support services; Advancing Massport’s sustainability and Net Zero efforts, including development and adoption of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF); Continue to meet metro Boston’s general aviation needs.

## Maritime

For nearly 400 years, the Port of Boston has supported regional economic growth and jobs.

Conley Terminal aims to strengthen its position as a reliable, efficient container port with a goal of reaching 200,000 containers by 2035. Achieving best-in-class operational excellence to maximize competitive advantage will require: Developing a roadmap for crane and wharf upgrades; Further monetizing and increasing stickiness of customer relationships. Flynn Cruiseport Boston will focus on improving the passenger experience and enhancing ground access, targeting 600,000 annual passengers by 2035. Priorities include: Developing core cruise business in collaboration with cruise lines Improving customer experience and service Enhancing ground transport access and curbside flow

## Real Estate

Massport’s real estate portfolio supports economic growth through waterfront development, maritime industrial uses, and commercial activity. By

2035, Massport aims to generate approximately \$100 million in recurring annual revenue. Strategic priorities include: Attracting and enabling Blue Economy companies; Funding sustained place-making activities; Prioritizing land acquisitions and infrastructure investments.

## Organization Wide

Four organization- wide capabilities are essential to delivering on the Plan: Talent, Community, Sustainability & Resilience, and Digital/Data & AI. These are not supporting elements – they are foundational to achieving our mission and advancing Massport’s role as a leader in climate innovation and the region’s sustainability ecosystem. Our Net Zero strategy continues to be a top priority as we move forward. This strategy addresses all emissions from Massport-controlled sources through sustainable infrastructure and operational improvements. Massport also recognizes the importance of reducing

emissions beyond its direct control by extending our influence and building strong partnerships including the adoption of SAF at our airports. Massport is also committed to advancing the East Boston community’s vision for Piers Park 3. We look forward to working with the community on that. **Massport’s 2025 Strategic Plan is Built on a Decade of Progress** Massport’s 2014 Strategic Plan laid the foundation for major accomplishments across aviation, maritime, and real estate. Accomplishment achieved from the 2014 Strategic Plan include: Transformed Conley Container Terminal into a “big-ship-ready” facility capable of handling the largest vessels calling the East Coast; Additional international gates at Boston Logan’s International Terminal E; Installed a CAT III landing system at Worcester Airport; Completed Piers Park II in

East Boston; Delivered a dedicated freight corridor and buffer park in South Boston; Applied the nationally recognized “Massport Model” to the Omni Boston at the Seaport Hotel procurement; Opened a new Framingham parking garage that reached full utilization on day one; Connected Boston Logan’s terminals beyond security to enhance the passenger experience; Expanded Boston Logan’s parking capacity; Maintained Hanscom Field’s role as New England’s premier general aviation airport and a critical reliever for Boston Logan. These achievements demonstrate Massport’s ability to deliver on complex projects, adapt to evolving needs, and advance economic growth while strengthening community engagement.

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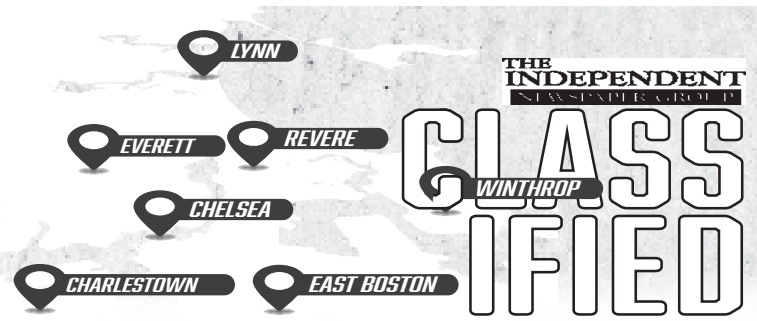
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# DiDomenico applauds affordability focus in Governor's State of the State Address

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined colleagues and leaders from throughout Massachusetts for Governor Healey's State of the Commonwealth Address at the State House last Thursday. DiDomenico welcomed the Governor's emphasis on lowering costs for residents on everything from housing to utilities to even making it easier to cancel subscription services.

"I am proud to work alongside our great Governor and colleagues to serve my constituents and residents across Massachusetts," said Senator DiDomenico. "I look forward to supporting Governor Healey's efforts to bring down costs and protect the rights and freedoms of all our friends and neighbors."



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Senate colleagues in the State House Chamber.



Governor Healey delivering her address in the State House Chamber.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll (second from right) and Senate colleagues in the State House Chamber.

## Assistance //

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