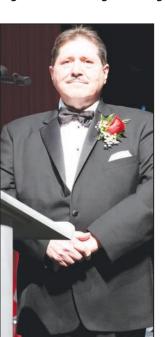
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Mayor Carlo DeMaria takes the oath of office from Assistant City Clerk Peter Napolitano as his wife, Stacy, looks on holding the Bible during the inaugural ceremonies on Monday night, at the Performing Art Center at Everett High School.



Peter Napolitano conducted the Inaugural Ceremony on Monday evening.



Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Stephanie Smith, Councilor Irene Cardillo, and Councilor Vivian Nguyen made history with most women serving on the council at any time to date.



Outgoing President Wayne Matewsky joined Carlo DeMaria, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and Stacy DeMaria at the inaugural ceremonies. See Page 4 for more photos.



attended the Inauguration.

Taking the oath

City officials sworn into office

By Stephen Quigley

Despite the COVID-19 Omicron surge, Everett's elected officials were able to take the oath of office in a live venue during the City's Inauguration Ceremonies that were held on Monday night at the Performing Arts Center at Everett High School.

Assistant City Clerk Peter Napolitano administered the oath of office to Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the members of the City Council and School Committee.

The elected officials were preceded on the stage by the Firefighters and Police Honor Guard, while the Everett High School Band played the anthems of the United States Military Services before a much-smaller than usual audience.

Caroline DeMaria, daughter of Mayor De-Maria, led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Father Joseph Chacha Marwa of the Immaculate Conception Parish delivered the invocation.

With the oaths administered to the elected officials, Napolitano announced that because of the COVID surge, De-Maria will deliver his inaugural address at a later date. The speech will be able to be viewed on social media, ECTV, and the City of Everett's website. (The full text of the speech appears on page 5 of this week's Independent.)

Bishop Robert Brown of Zion Church Ministries delivered the closing Benediction.

The reception that usually follows this event also was canceled in compliance with COVID proto-

However, despite the shortened ceremonies, the program adhered to one of the official duties of the mayor to dismiss both the School Committee and the City Council to organize and elect the President of the Council and the Chairman of the School Committee for the coming



City Councilor at Large John Hanlon was elected



Newly-elected Ward 3 School Committee member Jeanne Cristiano was elected Chairperson.

HANLON ELECTED PRESIDENT

City Councilor at Large John Hanlon was elected president by his colleagues to lead the new council in 2022. Hanlon is viewed by his colleagues and residents as one of the most-experienced members of elected government, having served for more than four decades in various capacities, including 22 years as a member of the old Board of Aldermen and present City Council, 18 years as the City Clerk, and two years as mayor. Hanlon also served on the Charter

Commission. CRISTIANO LEADS **SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE Newly-elected Ward 3 School Committee member Jeanne Cristiano was voted by her colleagues as chairperson of the Everett School Committee. Cristiano is no stranger to Ev-

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Everett's Ismael Zamor named to All-State Football Team

By Cary Shuman

Everett High School's Ismael Zamor has been selected to the Massachusetts State Coaches Association (MSCA) Super 26 All-State Team. Zamor, a 6-foot-1-inch,

185-pound senior, was

named an All-State defensive back. Zamor, who has committed to Boston College, also played wide receiver for the Crimson

Zamor and the other All-State players will be honored at the MSCA awards banquet in the

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"We're very honored that the Committee chose Ish for this major award," said Everett head coach Rob DiLoreto. "He did a tremendous job as our free safety this season. He was basically the quarterback of our defense and made

many of our coverage calls and front adjustments on each play." Zamor has also been

selected to the Boston Herald All-Scholastic and Greater Boston League All-Star teams. An excellent student with a 3.89 grade point average, Zamor has been nominated by Coach DiLoreto for the MSCA Scholar-Athlete Award.

Everett drops St. John's as holiday opponent

Coach DiLoreto said that Everett has ended its one-year Thanksgiving

game contract with Saint John's High School of Shrewsbury. DiLoreto said he is

seeking a school located

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closer to Everett High for

Kevin Sheehan named new Library Director

Special to the Independent Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to welcome the City of Everett's new Library Director, Kevin Sheehan. Kevin is a graduate of Assumption College and Southern Connecticut University where he received his Masters of Library and Information Science degree. Throughout his 20 years of experience, Kevin worked at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the lead the Revere Public Library. Kevin resides in Burlington, Massachusetts where he serves as a trustee of

the Burlington Public Li-

brary. He enjoys spending

time with his wife Cheryl



and their 9-year-old son,

Tommy. Among other things, Kevin looks forward to improving the online resources, increasing library hours, and creating additional programming at the Everett Public Librar-

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IF COVID-19 HAS A BRAIN, IT'S MUCH SMARTER THAN US

We don't pretend to be experts in biology -- and maybe we've been watching too many science fiction movies these days -- but the ability of the COVID-19 virus to mutate (or shape-shift, in the lingo of sci-fi fans) in order to make itself both more transmissible and more evasive of vaccines makes us wonder: Does COVID-19 possess intelligence?

If COVID-19 has a brain, it clearly has a much-higher IQ -- and more common-sense -- than the large number of human beings who refuse to get vaccinated and who do not take precautions to avoid the disease.

New statistics reveal that the death rate has risen

particularly sharply for middle-aged white people. COVID-19 now accounts for a much larger share of all deaths for that group than it did before vaccines were widely available. To paraphrase the motto on New Hampshire license plates, some people choose to live free -- AND die,

There always will be a certain number of humans who do stupid things every day that result in their own deaths -- and those who are unvaccinated by choice fall into that category.

But in most places, the unvaccinated thankfully represent a small minority of people.

On the other hand, the new Omicron variant is sickening even those who are vaccinated at a rate much greater than at any time since the start of the pandemic. Up until the past few weeks, vaccinated persons were told they could feel fairly confident in the immunity supposedly conferred by the vaccines.

While it may be true that vaccinations still are hugely successful in limiting the number of deaths and serious illnesses requiring hospitalization, Omicron has upended the best-laid plans of even the most-cautious and health-conscious among us as we try to return to normal

The onslaught of the Omicron variant has affected almost every aspect of our daily lives, from travel to

So does COVID-19 have a brain? Who knows? But what we do know is that no matter what we throw at it, COVID-19 always is one step ahead of us.

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE.....

The lengthening of the daylight hours is imperceptible at first.

The least amount of daylight occurred on December 22, clocking in at nine hours, seven minutes. But by the end of this week, January 8, we'll have nine hours and 19 minutes of daylight, an increase of 12 minutes.

That may not seem like much, but it's noticeable when we go outside to take our sunset photos and realize that the sun is setting later each and every day.

The trend toward longer days will begin to accelerate, so that on January 30, we'll have exactly 10 hours of daylight.

Public health experts tell us that the next six weeks or so will be very difficult because of the impending widespread impact of COVID-19 thanks to the Omicron

But as our days get longer and we get to enjoy more daylight, at least we will have something to brighten -literally and figuratively -- the dark days that lie ahead.

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Develop a plan for 2022

Proverbs 29.18 "Where there is no vision the people perish. "Everyone needs a strategy. You may be 25 or 85 years in age. Who cares? Probably the only one who cares about your age is you. Your age either tells you that you are too young or too old. Remember, age is only a number. We have to put numbers aside and go with our hearts. If God is in it

What do you want to do? One of the ways to know the will of God is

then don't worry about the

By Glenn Mollette

to determine what we can assemble what is rebelieve we would enjoy doing. The will of God is what we would determine to do if we just had enough sense. We will never rise above what we do not want to do. If we want to do something our chances of success are greater.

What is stopping you? Consider your life and where you want to be and determine the blockades. Sometimes the greatest blockade is the decision to move forward. Until we make that decision we aren't going anywhere. Once we know then we

quired to reach our destination.

Learn from the past and put it behind you. Past failures often eliminate us from life participation. We remember when we failed. A life that is fearful usually accomplishes far less than the life that has faith and confidence. Fear freezes us in our tracks.

Who are you today? Who you are and the direction you are going is far more important than where you have been. You can't change the past but you can steer your life in a new direction.

Develop a life action plan. Why not plan a strategy for the next six months and even the next year? You and God can determine where you will be. Start today!

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a Thanksgiving opponent.

"It's a convenience issue for our Everett fans," said DiLoreto. "We want to play a team closer to Everett, so our fans can get there and enjoy the game in person."

Everett defeated St. John's, 44-14, on Thanksgiving at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium. Everett is located approximately 60 miles from Shrewsbury.

Break-up awards program set for Friday

The Everett High football team will have an awards program Friday in the school gymnasium.

"Because of COVID, all we're doing is meeting the team in the gym and giving out hooded sweatshirts to the players," said DiLoreto. "We'll also be having a break-up meeting where we'll talk to the kids, wish the seniors



UNSTOPPABLE OFFENSE: Everett's Ismael Zamor (3) fights for yardage after catching a pass during a past EHS game.

well, turn the page on to the 2022 season, and get our off-season preparations going."

The pandemic contin-

ues to disrupt high school events. Everett High's football and cheerleading banquet has traditionally been held at Anthony's,

Malden, and annually draws a large gathering including the families of the football players and cheerleaders.

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erett political office, having served on the Common Council for Ward 2 more than 30 years ago.

Calling her "a true friend," DeMaria credited Cristiano for giving him his start in politics when she stepped down from

her council seat. In accepting the position, Cristiano, the city's Veterans Services Director, thanked "the voters for electing me and my colleagues for the additional honor of being chair." She stressed that transparency and working together will be the hallmarks of her chairmanship.

In her remarks, Cristiano noted five areas in the schools that she believes should be the focus of attention:

- -- Security issues at the local schools
- Academic performance for the students

-- Looking at the growth of administration staff

-- Budgeting to make sure every taxpayer dollar is spent wisely

-- Cleanliness of the schools ("It sends a bad message when the schools are dirty," she said.)

In closing, Cristiano added, "We will keep kids the top priority and failure is not an option.'

Members also chose newly-elected Ward

School Committeeman Michael McLaughlin as vice chairman.

'We need to make Everett children shine," Mc-Laughlin said in accepting the position adding, "We will be working together as one team."

The next meeting of the School Committee is set for January 18.

RMV extending use of state-owned vehicles for road testing into 2022

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing the agency will continue with the use of Commonwealth-owned vehicles for Class D road testing services through April 30, 2022 and has delayed the return to the use of private passenger vehicles for road tests.

Due to the pandemic and health and safety protocols, since June of 2020, the RMV has deployed a fleet of Commonwealth-owned vehicles for road tests which are cleaned and sanitized

on a regular basis. Plans to return to private vehicles have been delayed and existing protocols will remain in place:

• All occupants of a vehicle used in a road test, including the applicant, sponsor and examiner will continue to be required to wear a face covering.

• Windows will be open for ventilation.

• All vehicles will be cleaned prior to each test beginning. Applicants with sched-

uled Class D road tests appointments in the new year will receive an email

from the RMV notifying them of the use of state vehicles. Applicants are given time to become familiar with the state vehicle they will be using in Class D testing. Applicants for a Class M, or Motorcycle license, will continue to supply their own motorcycle for testing. Road test applicants scheduled for testing through a driving school should confirm they have access to their school's vehicle. The RMV reminds all

customers this winter season to visit Mass.Gov/ RMV in inclement weather to ensure locations are open and honoring appointments and walk-ins. Cancellations and closures are posted on Mass.Gov/ RMV.

The RMV has launched a new webpage to help applicants locate all information related to their road test, Mass.Gov/RoadTest. The page includes information on what to expect, videos to help prepare for the road test, links to checklists and applications to increase an applicant's chance of passing their exam.

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EVERETT'S SENIORS CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR AT ANTHONY'S IN MALDEN

Last Friday afternoon Everett seniors gathered at the historical Anthony's in Malden to celebrate the coming of the new year.

All dressed for a big celebration and to enjoy a terrific meal and dancing to all their favorites, putting 2021 behind them and looking forward to a healthy and happy 2022.



From the Council on Aging, Carol Della Russo welcomes everyone and wishes all a Happy New Year.



Richard Cerebone and Janet Marcitillo enjoy ringing in the new year together.



Ned and Janis Piazza enjoying another of many new years together.



Cindy Millman with her friends Dotti and Murray Novak.



No New Year's party is complete without hats, Patty Miller, Carlos Coloni, Becky Swope and Jay Rosenzwaig have the best ones.



DJ Chris Fiore played the all-time favorites but added music videos to his package of entertainment.



Jack and Judi Meaney, Jean Signorino, Ruth Giannasioli, Linda Ciampa, Nancy Vargus and Phyllis Mazza.



Natalie Freeman, Diane Fallie, Carol Garrett, Marie Mordesir, and Geriacia Deraville.



Friends enjoying the celebration at Anthony's, Seated; Ann Young, Brenda Salton, Doreen Cologrove and Deborah Rossiter. Back row: Rose laverdi, Eunice LaPlante, Cheryl and Marilyn Tobey and Diane Scott.



Enjoying the first course, Cindy Poporasky, Kathryn Johnson, Carolyn Perry and Wendy Pritchard.



Phyllis Morley, Elvie Wright, Connie LaBonte, Barbara Iovine, Rita Azulay and Hazel Fuller enjoying the celebration at Anthony's.



Natalie Canty, Sandy Andon, Lidia Manzi, Rita Way, Mary Di Russo, Wanda Antonucci, Anthony Taiani.



All smiles ringing in 2022, Carol Dello Russo, Patty Connors, Paula Greene, Janet Spindler,

Theresa Angelo and Barbara Thomann.

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CITY OF EVERETT HOLDS INAUGURAL CEREMONY

The City of Everett held their Inauguration ceremony on Monday evening, swearing in new councilors and school committee members. Mayor Carlo DeMaria was sworn in as Mayor. John Hanlon was elected as President of the City Council. Incoming school committee members Jeanne Cristiano and Mike McLaughlin were elected as School Chairman and Vice-Chairman accordingly. As a precaution due to COVID concerns, the event was made private and broadcast to the public.



Bishop Robert G. Brown spoke at the podium.



Father Joseph Chacha Marwa spoke at the event.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria addressed the room.



The 2022 Everett City Council.



School Committee member Marcony Almeida-Barros greeted Councilor Anthony DiPierro.



Superintendent Priya Tahiliani sat with incoming School Committee members.



The Everett City Council took their oath to office collectively.

School Committee Vice-Chair Mike McLaughlin, Chairman

Jeanne Cristiano, and Assistant Superintendent Charlie



Councilor Stephanie Smith was joined by family, Harrison, Mike, and Harlowe.



Officials and the 2022 Everett School Committee.



School Committee member Millie Cardello, Councilor Stephanie Smith, School Committee Chairman Jeanne Cristiano, and School Committee member Cynthia Sarnie.



The Everett City Council elected John Hanlon as Council President for 2022.

MAYOR DEMARIA INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Happy new year to all my fellow Everett residents.

It's hard to believe that it's almost 2 year later and we continue to have to change our celebrations due to COVID. I'm sorry that we didn't have a chance to celebrate this occasion together as a community, but I hope that we will have that chance in the near future.

I would like to thank State Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Representative Joe McGonagle for joining our inaugural celebration.

Thank you to our clergy who asked that those of us who being sworn-in have the grace and the guidance to lead our community with strength, wisdom and compassion.

Thank you to my fellow elected officials for your willingness to embark upon this next chapter of service to our City and for your commitment to doing what is in the best interest of all our residents.

And most importantly, thank you to all of our residents for the faith and support you have shown all of us who you have chosen to represent you. The confidence and trust you have placed in us is truly humbling.

I don't know if there is anyone who is more humbled by the honor to serve than I am. It is not lost on me how significant and historic it is that I am embarking on an unprecedented 6th term as Mayor of the great City of Everett. I think it is important for you to know that I have been reflecting on what it means to have this incredible opportunity.

When I think of how fortunate I have been to serve as an elected official in my hometown for over 30 years, and when I think back to how I got here- my thoughts always start with my family.

The most important lessons I have learned in my life started with the values and principles instilled in me by my parents. I would like to thank my father and mother for continuing to inspire me every day and for being living examples of what it means to work hard, to build a strong family and to care about others in your community by thinking about your neighbors as you would members of your own family. Thank you for your love and support.

I have tried to follow the wonderful example set by my parents as I have raised my own children-Carlo, Caroline and Alexandra. Being your father is the most important job that I will ever have. You have spent most of your lives-and in the case of my youngest daughter, Alex, your whole life-as members of a very public family.

Growing up in these

times is hard enough for young people, let alone when you do it with the added complication of having a father who is in a high-profile position. I am inspired by the maturity and poise each of you continue to show at such young ages. I am grateful for the understanding that you have shown by allowing me to continue to be in public service and for the sacrifices that you have made along the way. I am so proud of the individuals you have become and I will always show you the same unwavering support you have given me that has allowed me to serve.

The biggest debt of gratitude that I owe is to my wonderful wife, Stacy. I know that on the night we met, you probably didn't imagine every step that we have taken on our journey together.

There are aspects of

the job that elected officials have come to expect. We know that we will be questioned and we will face public scrutiny-that comes with the territory. What many people don't understand is the job that our spouses and our families assume when you are a public official. No matter what we have had to face-you have been by my side as my wife, my partner and my best friend. I am proud and grateful for the strength that you have shown and my love for you has grown with each passing year. Thank you for your love, your support and everything that you have done for me, our children and to help improve the lives of families

throughout Everett.

And- I would like to thank the rest of my family for all they have done. Your support means so much to me.

As I join you today, there are certain things that remain unchanged from my first inauguration as Mayor 14 years ago.

I am a life-long resi-

dent of Everett who leads with both my head and my heart, which has a deep love for our City. I continue to have great hope for our future. I know that many of you share my passion for making our

city stronger and an even

better place to live and call home. And what was true then, what has been true every day since and what will remain true for these next 4 years is that I will fulfill my public duty as Mayor by being thoughtful, deliberate and by making sound, strategic decisions on how we can best move our City forward in ways that will benefit everyone in Everett.

You have placed in me

your faith and trust to serve as the Chief Executive for our community. I will continue to execute plans to make our vision for the future of Everett a reality. We will continue to improve our City infrastructure by investing in road repairs and sidewalks, water and sewer main replacements, renovating our parks, building a new police station and renovating the Connolly Center. We will continue to pursue a new high school to reduce crowding across our school system. These investments are part of the reason why families have chosen to make Everett their life-long home and are reasons why new people are choosing to make our City their home. Everett is our home because of our infrastructure, parks, schools and our low crime rate which help create a positive community environment.

We'll also keep working to improve our public transportation options. We were the first to introduce bus rapid transit lanes, but now we must continue our push to have the best BRT option in the Commonwealth. Our residents deserve a one seat trip to Boston. Our residents that can't rely on public transportation also deserve for us to find more ways to reduce traffic congestion.

We also must continue to work with our federal delegation to take advantage of the infrastructure dollars that will be made available to states to support transportation that also will increase economic development. The future development of the Exxon parcel has the ability to bring thousands of jobs into our City. Expanding our rail options, including the electrification of the commuter rail, has incredible potential to magnify the benefits that will come to our City and to our residents when we replace dirty, outdated industrial properties with clean industries that rely upon 21st century technology. Investing in our infra-

structure will bring better



Mayor Carlo DeMaria was joined by his family, Carlo, Alexandra, Stacy, Parents Rosa and Carlo and Caroline.

jobs to our residents and increase commercial tax revenues that will support the services that our residents deserve.

While it is important for me as Mayor to have longer term strategic plans for capital investments, for transportation planning and for economic development, what we must always remember is the fundamental principal of public service and that is that government is meant to serve the people.

The best part of being a public servant is the ability to make a difference in the life of someone else. We are so fortunate to have the chance to help others. When our residents talk about the importance of City Hall being accessible, I think what they mean is that they want to know that we will be there for them when they need help.

I am reminded of a speech that President Obama gave in which he described the character of America as "our ability to stand in other people's shoes; a recognition that we are all in this together, and when fortune turns against one of us, others are there to lend a helping hand." I believe that our City government should be the hand that is there for our residents.

We are fortunate for the progress that we have made in Everett, which has laid the foundation for our continued growth. But there are still serious challenges that our families face every day and more work to be done.

- We will keep increasing the availability of affordable housing units so residents will be able to afford to continue to call Everett their home.
- We will coordinate with all our public and private social and human service partners to make

sure that residents have access to the medical, mental health, housing and workforce development opportunities they need to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

- We need to continue to find ways to help our residents to overcome the stressors that the pandemic has brought into our lives, including those who are struggling from the loss of loved ones, those who are dealing with depression and anxiety, and especially our young people who have had parts of their childhood and adolescence stolen from them by COVID.
- We need to continue to find additional supports for those among us who suffer from drug addiction. For as many lives as COVID has taken from us, drug addiction continues to be one of the most serious threats to the well-being of our residents. My greatest wish is to never have to console another parent, spouse, sister, brother or child of a resident who is struggling with substance abuse. And for those of you among us who know what that struggle is like, I want you to know that you are not alone.
- And, while I am grateful that I am able to call Everett my home, I know that there are there are those in our community who don't have a place to call home. Some of them struggle with mental illness; some of them struggle with drug addiction; some of them struggle with both. Some of them have just experienced really difficult circumstances and have fallen on hard times. Whatever the reason, I want us to be there to give them a helping hand if they are willing to work with us to make a better life for themselves.

The desire to build a better life for ourselves and

our families is what unites us. We are so fortunate to live in a community that reflects so much diversity. People from all over the world have chosen to make Everett their home and to bring with them their culture, their heritage, and their faith. And it is that desire to create a community and to have a place to call home that unites all of us. So, we will continue to find ways to recognize and embrace the diversity within our community and to celebrate the differences that make us amazingly

unique. As we celebrate our diversity, I ask that you also remember the strength of our shared commitment to our community. If you believe in Everett, if you believe in the progress that you have seen, if you believe in our future-then I ask that you spend the next four years working with me so that Everett will always be the place we know and love to call our home.

And it is with my love for Everett, with my love for the City I am so proud to call my home, with my love for my family and all families that choose to call Everett their home as well, that I will faithfully fulfill my duties as your mayor. I will be here to overcome the challenges that try to keep us from realizing all the potential that our future holds. I will be here to help you celebrate your successes and make sure that City government is there for you if you fall down. I will be here, beside all of you, as we continue on this wonderful journey that is the future of Everett for everyone.

Thank you. God bless each and every one of you and God bless the City of Everett.



Newly appointed Council Presdient John Hanlon was joined by Asima Memic and Fran



Peter Napolitano spoke to incoming elected officials behind the scenes.

Baker-Polito administration announces release of the 2021 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the release of the final Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan. Authorized by the Oceans Act of 2008, the ocean plan protects critical marine habitat and important water-dependent uses, and sets standards for oceanbased development. Under the Oceans Act, the ocean plan is required to be reviewed at least every five years, and the 2021 ocean plan now supersedes all previous plans.

"The newly released Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan provides important updates to the Commonwealth's framework for balancing ocean uses and resource protection," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This update and amend-

ment effort ensures the ocean plan continues to incorporate the best science and evolving policy perspectives for sound ocean resource manage-

"Ocean resources are of critical importance to our economy and way of life in Massachusetts," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "The 2021 ocean plan showcases our Administration's commitment to proactively and constructively manage evolving ocean uses to meet the needs of our citizens and communities."

The original Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan, released in 2009 in response to the Oceans Act of 2008, established protections for critical marine habitat and important water-dependent uses in

the Massachusetts Ocean Management Planning Area and set siting and performance standards for specific ocean-based development. The Oceans Act requires the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental (EEA) to review the ocean plan at least once every five years — a process led by the Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) and supported by input from the Ocean Advisory Commission, Ocean Science Advisory Council, technical work groups and a significant public engagement process. The final 2021 ocean plan contains revised maps of special, sensitive, or unique resources and water-dependent uses, a current assessment of the status and trends in ocean conditions and a Science Framework to ensure progress on key ocean management priorities over the next five

"Through the release of the 2021 ocean plan, the Baker-Polito Administration affirms its dedication to the responsible stewardship of ocean resources, which are critical to the state's prosperity and to the protection of state ocean waters," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "The 2021 ocean plan would not have been possible without the dedication of many individuals and organizations, and I would like to personally thank all of these contributors for their commitment to ensuring the ocean plan meets the needs of the Commonwealth's zens, today and into the future."

"The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management is committed to balancing the impacts of human activity with the protection of coastal and resources,"said marine CZM Director Lisa Berry Engler. "We at CZM are proud to play a leading role in ensuring the ocean plan remains an evolving document, revised periodically to adapt as better information and science is developed, policy goals evolve and experience in applying the management and administrative frame-

The review and update for the ocean plan was initiated in 2019. The process was led by CZM on behalf of EEA and supported by

the Ocean Advisory Commission, Ocean Science Advisory Council, technical work groups, stakeholder groups and public participation. In December 2020, the Review of the 2015 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan was completed and published, launching the development of the 2021 ocean plan through continued expert and public input. Then on September 22, 2021, CZM issued the Draft 2021 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan for public review, including four hearings and a 60-day public comment period, leading to today's release of the final 2021 ocean plan. To download Volumes 1 and 2, see the2021 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan web page.

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The AG's Office has made available its wage and hour poster that employers are required to display in both English and any other language that is spoken by five percent or more of the employer's workforce and for which a translated notice in that language is available from the AG's Office. The poster is available in seven languages and in formats that employers, workers, members of the public, and organizations can easily access, free of charge.

"Our Fair Labor Division remains committed to protecting the rights of

ic," said AG Healey. "We are issuing this notice and providing multilingual resources so that employees and employers are aware of the upcoming minimum wage increase in Massachusetts and worker rights under our wage and hour laws."

In June 2018, Massachusetts enacted a law that set the minimum wage to increase each year until it reaches \$15.00 in 2023. Tipped employees will also get a raise on Jan.1, 2022, and must be paid a minimum of \$6.15 per hour provided that their tips bring them up to at least \$14.25 per hour. If the total hourly rate for the employee including tips does not equal \$14.25 at the end of the shift, the employer must make up the difference.

AG's Fair Labor Division website to download and print. To request a paper copy, please visit www. mass.gov/ago/fldposter or call (617) 727-3465.

The Attorney General's Fair Labor Division enforces laws that protect workers, including minimum wage, timely payment of wages, overtime, earned sick time, child labor, Sunday and holiday premium pay, and the public construction bid and prevailing wage laws. During the Fiscal Year 2021, the Division assessed more than \$8.1 million in restitution and penalties against employers on behalf of working people in Massachusetts.

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EHS Roundup

GBL HALTS ALL SPORTS FOR A WEEK

The Greater Boston League has ceased all interscholastic sports activities, including practices, for this week (January 3-7) because of the high prevalence of the COVID-19 virus in the GBL schools and communities.

The full announcement from the league that was issued on Monday (January 3) is as follows: "Due to the current

spike in Covid cases, and with the safety of our student-athletes in mind, the Greater Boston League unanimously has agreed to put a temporary halt on all athletic events.

"Effective immediately, there will be no athletic competitions or practices for the remainder of the week. Practices can resume on Saturday, January 8, with competitions resuming on Tuesday, January 11.

"It is the hope of league officials that this stoppage will allow our member schools to focus on policies and procedures for all student-athletes and coaches, to ensure that we can continue to provide the safest possible environment for competitions.

"Each district will create their own policy specific to spectators at competitions. The visiting team will adhere to the host team's spectator policy."

EHS SPORTS **SCHEDULE** FOR NEXT WEEK

If the Greater Boston League resumes its 2022 winter season next week, here's the schedule for the Crimson Tide teams:

Boys basketball: Coach Stanley Chamblain and his squad stand at 3-0 in the Greater Boston League and at 4-2 overall after splitting its contests last week against non-league rivals Belmont (a 54-50 victory) and Brookline (69-62 loss) in the annual BBAC/Slades Bar and Grill Holiday Classic tournament last

The Crimson Tide are

set to resume play next Tuesday when they host GBL foe Lynn English at the EHS gym at 7:00.

Girls basketball:

Coach Riley Dunn's squad came close, but fell short in a hard-fought 46-44 loss to former Greater Boston League rival Arlington last week. Kayley Rossi led the Lady Crimson Tide in the scoring column with 21 points. Emilia Babcock reached double figures with 12 points.

The EHS girls are scheduled to travel to Lynn English next Tuesday.

Track:

Coach Jehu Cimea's EHS boys and girls indoor track teams will be looking to get back on track next Wednesday (January 12) in a meet with Lynn Classical.

Hockey:

The co-op team of Everett, Malden, and Revere under the direction of coach Alex Naumann are scheduled to get back on the ice next Wednesday, January 12, at Somerville.

Wellness, not weight loss: Advice for starting the new year off right

For many of us, New Year's resolutions like quitting smoking, getting organized or losing weight are sweeping lifestyle changes, which often fail after a few days or weeks. At the Center for Weight Management and Wellness at Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital, experts in nutrition and wellness coach patients to focus on making changes that can be sustained for improved health in the long-term.

Registered dietitians Jenna Koroly, MS, RD, LDN, and Ema Barbosa Brown, MPH, MPH, RD, LDN, offer this advice: When considering your goals for the new year, start with small changes. "If you are not current-

ly in an exercise routine, setting a goal of working out five times per week for 30 minutes can be intimidating and challenging to maintain," says Koroly. "Instead, start with small bursts of physical activity that you enjoy, such as 10 minutes of walking each day or a 15-minute Zumba video three times per week."

When it comes to nutrition, the advice is the

Increase the amount of vegetables and fruit you eat per day. Vegetables and fruit contain beneficial vitamins, minerals and naturally occurring compounds called phytochemicals that help to reduce chronic disease risk. One serving of vegetables is 1 cup of raw vegetables or ½ cup of cooked vegetables. One serving of fruit is about ½ to 1 cup. See if you can gradually increase to 3 to 5 servings per day of vegetables, and 2 to 3 servings per day of fruit. Try meals such as zucchini noodles with turkey meatballs, a cauliflower rice stir fry or oatmeal with berries to increase you intake of vegetables and fruits.

Try something new. If you don't like vegetables or generally don't add them to your grocery list, try adding one new vegetable to your grocery list each week for four to eight weeks alternating between red/orange, purple and other colors, leafy greens and root vegetables. Vary the ways you prepare your vegetables for interest and palatability. You may choose to eat them raw (green salads, celery/cucumber/carrots with low fat dip), steamed (broccoli and zucchini), stir-fried (yellow bell peppers, sugar snap peas, carrots, mushrooms, baby corn, water chestnuts), roasted (sweet potato, red onions, bell peppers, scarlet turnips, beets, snap peas), baked (acorn squash, sweet potatoes) or added to stews and soups (yuca, collard greens, yellow squash, yautia/malanga, Brussels sprouts).

Vary your micronutrients and fiber. Do the same with fruits regarding color, taste and texture to vary the micronutrients and fiber they provide to enrich your eating pattern. Try a new fruit each week for several weeks until fruit becomes part of your weekly grocery list. Eat fruit as a snack, dessert or as part of a meal such as a fruit/yogurt smoothie for breakfast, cut up fresh fruit or canned fruit added to your salad or mashed bananas in your pancakes.

Make nutritious snack options more accessible. Keep a bowl of fruit on the kitchen counter, pre-portioned packages of nuts towards the front of the cupboard or in a drawer at work and Greek yogurts in the fridge to encourage yourself to reach for the healthy options. Consider a cupboard cleanout so there are nutritious options for everyone in the family. Aim for mini sweet

treats. The first few bites

tend to be the most satisfying as our taste buds fatigue with additional bites. This can help you stay on track with your goals without depriving yourself of your favorite foods.

Koroly and Brown say the small changes approach can also be applied to other areas of your life.

"Stress management is key to a healthy lifestyle," says Brown. "I encourage my patients to aim for 10 to 30 minutes of self-care per day depending on their schedule. Deep breathing, meditation, physical activity, laughing with loved ones and listening to soothing music can all help to manage stress. Self-care may also include taking a nap when needed, going to sleep earlier or taking a warm bath."

It's also important to stay connected with friends and family by eating one daily meal together. If you live alone, try connecting with loved ones at a mutually agreed upon place (restaurant, place of worship, library, mall, park) or via video

With these small changes, you'll be sure to enjoy 2022 from January through December!

Need help getting started? Speak to your primary care provider or call the Center for Weight Management and Wellness at 617-525-3597. About Brigham and

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en's Faulkner Hospital is a 171-bed non-profit, community teaching hospital located in southwest Boston. Founded in 1900, it offers comprehensive medical, surgical and psychiatric care as well as complete emergency, ambulatory and diagnostic services. For more information, visit www.brighamandwomensfaulkner.

From the Mayor's Office Meet the team: Mark Mayo

Mark Mayo is an employee of the Department of Inspectional Services - ISD and has worked for the City of Everett for 18

What do you do in the City? I am a Code Enforce-

ment Officer. My responsibilities include inspecting houses, businesses, and restaurants. What is your favorite

part about working for the City? I am a lifelong resident



of Everett. I take great pride in working to keep the city clean and safe. I enjoy working with residents, home, and business owners. I love educating

our residents.

What is the biggest lesson you've learned from your role?

Big changes don't happen overnight. It starts with communication, respect, and making connections with residents. Following through on your commitments is key.

What do you like to do when you are not work-

I love to travel with my fiance Tiffany. I also enjoy sports and photography.

News in Brief

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EVERETT RESIDENTIAL PARKING STICKER **PROGRAM**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the official start date for the 2022 Residential Parking Sticker Program. Effective Monday, January 3rd, vehicle owners must submit an online application in order to obtain their parking sticker for 2022.

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

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

Resident stickers for 2022 must be obtained and displayed on the vehicle prior to March 1st. As a courtesy, from January 3rd to February 28th, stickers may be obtained for FREE. The \$10 fee per sticker will be reinstated on March 1st.

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

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

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

bill, and last year's visitor The online application for the Residential Parking Sticker Program can be found at https://epay. cityhallsystems.com. For

questions regarding the

program or the online ap-

plication, please contact

the Parking Clerk's Office at 617-394-2295 or 617-394-2275. If you have questions regarding your sticker order status please contact City Hall Systems at 508-381-5455.

PRESSLEY TESTS **POSITIVE FOR** COVID-19

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) issued the following statement after receiving a positive COVID-19 test

"After experiencing COVID-like symptoms, this morning I received a positive, breakthrough COVID-19 test result. Thankfully, my symptoms are relatively mild, and I am grateful to be fully vaccinated and boosted. I am currently isolating and following all health protocols in order to mitigate further spread and keep my loved ones and community safe.

"Vaccines save lives. With this unprecedented pandemic continuing to rage, I am deeply grateful for the scientists, researchers, and frontline healthcare workers who have worked tirelessly to develop vaccines that are safe and effective, and ensure that our communities are protected. I encourage everyone to do their part by getting vaccinated, boosted and masking up. I wish everyone a safe and happy new year and look forward to continuing to fight for the robust relief our communities in the Massachusetts 7th need and deserve."

TRIAL COURT ANNOUNCES **CHANGES** TO COURT **OPERATIONS**

In response to the current situation in the Commonwealth with respect to COVID-19, the Trial Court today issued an order that outlines changes to court operations. Massachusetts trial courts will remain physically open to the public to conduct business and will operate in accordance with protocols that enhance the health and safety of court users and personnel. The order and related

operational guidance issued to the Trial Court today include the following:

• Remote court operations shall be used wherever possible. Courts may continue to hold in-person proceedings in matters where a virtual proceeding is not practicable or would be inconsistent with the protection of constitutional rights.

• Trial Court departments shall reduce the number of staff working in person to no more than 50% of the total number of staff at a time and should separate their staff into not less than two teams that will alternate their time working in-person and remotely as deemed necessary by the department head. Security, Facilities and ELMO shall be exempt from the 50% reduction based upon job

function. The Trial Court also issued additional health screening protocols and updated information on masking in courthouses. Beginning on Monday, January 3, 2022, the Trial Court will re-introduce the use of screening questions to determine if anyone entering a courthouse, including court staff and the public, has a temperature, is feeling unwell, or has received a positive COVID-19 test, has been exposed to COVID-19, or

has symptoms. The Trial Court mask requirement will remain in effect. Employees, court users and other individuals who work in or visit a courthouse must wear masks that completely cover the nose and mouth and fit snuggly against the sides of the face with no gaps. The use of gaiters, bandanas, or face shields will not be allowed as a substitution for a mask. Court Officers will enforce the requirement to properly wear a mask for court visitors. The Trial Court will provide a mask to those who do not have an acceptable mask when entering a courthouse once the Trial Court Security Department has a sufficient quantity for distribution.

SJC PAUSING **ALL JURY TRIALS** Supreme Judicial Court

issues new order pausing in response to the current situation in the Commonwealth with respect to COVID-19, the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) issued an order pausing all jury trials in Massachusetts state courthouses until January 31, 2022. All courts otherwise will remain open for in-person business, with a continued emphasis on conducting matters remotely whenever possible.

Today's order partially amends the existing order regarding court operations during the pandemic, which was issued by the SJC on July 1, 2021 and became effective July 12,

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Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund reconciliation report released

Commonwealth of Massachusetts today released a report from KPMG, LLP summarizing the findings of a reconciliation project that examined the finances of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development commissioned KPMG to conduct this independent assessment to determine the impact of federal pandemic relief programs and other effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the financial status of the Commonwealth's unemployment system and the UI Trust Fund balance for the period from the beginning of the pandemic in March,

2020 through November 30, 2021.

The report outlines the steps KPMG took to evaluate the balance of the UI Trust Fund and provides an overview of the current status of the fund, including the effects of several outstanding financial obligations on the Trust Fund. These obligations include the necessary repayment of federal advances that ensured the Fund's solvency in 2020 and currently outstanding employer credits resulting from a mid-2021 downward adjustment in UI rates. The report also identifies the need for a one-time transfer of approximately \$300 million from funds currently held

in the UI system to the federal government to reconcile state and federal accounts now that emergency programs implemented under federal authority in 2020 and 2021 have come to a close.

As of November 30, 2021 the unadjusted UI Trust Fund balance was reported at \$2.94 billion. The KPMG analysis concludes that this reported balance needs to be assessed in light of outstanding federal loan obligations, outstanding employer credits, and a future additional reimbursement due to the federal government. When these adjustments are factored in, the KPMG analysis concludes that UI Trust Fund had a

\$115 million structural deficit at the time of the reporting period. The details of these adjustments are as follows:

• Outstanding Federal Loans: Massachusetts owes \$2.3 billion in outstanding loan obligations, due in November 2022, to the federal government to repay necessary borrowing during the pandemic.

• Outstanding Employer Credits: The reported UI Trust Fund balance includes \$415 million in employer credits that were the result of the mid-year reduction in 2021 employer UI rates. Net 2022 Employer contributions will be reduced by application of these 2021 Employer

• Future Federal Adjustment: The Commonwealth anticipates it will need to make a future one-time transfer of approximately \$300 million to the federal government to reconcile automated bank returns of benefits issued from various state and federally funded UI programs. EO-LWD is currently awaiting guidance from USDOL regarding administrative procedures to process this reconciliation.

This report does not include the effects of legislation recently signed by Governor Baker that will invest \$500 million to stabilize the UI Trust Fund. The report's assessment of the UI system's current financial position under-

scores the importance of this investment, given the unprecedented impact of the pandemic on the unemployment system and the need to ensure continued solvency to be able to pay claims in the future.

The comprehensive accounting of the UI Trust Fund balance and financial position will also inform the Commonwealth's efforts to issue bonds that will support the repayment of the federal advances that were authorized in 2020 and begin to restore the UI Trust Fund to a more solvent level.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: Property Address: 74 Clinton Street Map/Lot: L0-02-000027

Person Requesting: Jason Olivar

74 Clinton Street Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:

The owner/applicant to alter the existing single-family building built in 1900, with a full shed dormer. The existing building is non-conforming on the right side at the rear of the structure in that the side yard is only 1.4' +/- to the side lot line where a minimum of 4' is required. Reason for Denial:

Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements B (6) Side Yard. Applicant must seek relief in the form of a Special Permit and a finding pursuant to Section 3 General Requirements line (6) as follows: "Pre-existing, non-conforming structures or uses may be extend-

ed, altered or changed in use, providing that such extensions, alterations or changes of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals and after a public hearing, a finding by the Board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use or structure."

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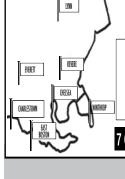
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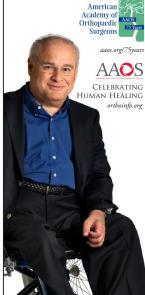
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News and Notes

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the Chapel. Eucharistic Adoration

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News and Notes

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book page, "Zion Church

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News and Notes

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Local charter public school "Levels Up" its academic program

Jorleny, a second year student at the Phoenix Charter Academy Chelsea, approaches the stage for the third time this evening as a crowd of her peers and teachers cheer her on. She's already received two certificates for completing Humanities I and Math I, her last two classes as a Category I student, Phoenix's equivalent of the freshman year of high school. Now, she approaches the stage to receive a "Level Up" Award, officially recognizing and celebrating her advancement to Category II, or what is known as sophomore year in most high schools. She's 25% closer to graduation, and it's only December.

Level Up Ceremonies, a new initiative at Phoenix Chelsea, occur six times a year, roughly every six weeks. During these ceremonies, students receive certificates and recognition for completing courses, Leveling Up (advancing to the next grade level), or even graduating. At the most recent ceremony on December 9th, eleven students were celebrated for perfect attendance, 33

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Three students show off their course completion certificates and attendance awards after the October ceremony. These same students would all level-up in December, and their names, from left to right, are Perla (East Boston), Jemima (Everett), and Marquise (Revere).

course completion certificates were awarded, and ten students leveled up a category. "We're seeing impressive student growth this year," says Stella Dubish, Head of School. "These ceremonies are an important way to validate that growth, and encourage our students to keep pushing."

In 2018, the Phoenix Charter Academy Network implemented Competency Based Learning, a model that uncouples student progress from

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the calendar year. In this model, students don't wait until the end of the year to finish courses or advance grades; they move whenever they demonstrate mastery of the competencies, or skills, that they need. "If a student moves up a Level in December, we can't wait until June to celebrate that," says Ms. Dubish. "We needed something to mark that achievement sooner, to affirm them and keep that progress going."

Like many schools, Phoenix Chelsea struggled to engage students after closing down their physical school during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Many of Phoenix's students, half of whom are over 18, work part-



A'Niarya's daughter shows off her mother's diploma during Phoenix Chelsea's first ever Level Up Ceremony in September of 2021.



Six students show off their "Level Up Certificates" at the December ceremony, along with two school leaders. accompanied by Stella Dubish (far right), Head of School. From left to right: Audrey Jones (Director of School Culture), Danny (Chelsea), Perla (East Boston), Jemima (Everett), Marquise (Revere), Milleny (Everett), Jorleny (Chelsea), and Stella Dubish (Head of School).

time or even full-time jobs. School leaders say that students took on extra hours to support their families and save some extra money, one reason why attendance and progress in online classes was lower than they would have liked. Level Up Ceremonies are one way the school is working to rebuild the culture of engagement and achievement.

"I feel happy, I feel excited for myself, and I feel proud of myself. [Last year was] a hard year for me, but I tried the best I could to do a lot of work," says Jorleny. When asked about the value of the Level Up Ceremonies, Jorleny shares, "We get excited because Phoenix recognizes us for our hard work, and it pushes us to move more and work more."

As the Level Up Ceremony commences, Tanya Silverstein and Vianca Rodriguez, the school's Managers of Scholar Success, emphasize the value of the moment for all

students, not only those being recognized. As they share with the students in attendance, in both English and Spanish, "Look around you - this will be you if you keep working, stay focused, and follow in the footsteps of those students who are being celebrated today."

The Phoenix Charter Academy Network was founded in 2006 and serves over 500 students across Massachusetts, with schools in Chelsea,

Lawrence, and Springfield. A network of alternative schools, its mission reads: "The Phoenix Charter Academy Network operates schools that challenge resilient, disconnected students with rigorous academics and relentless supports, so they take ownership of their futures and succeed in high school, college, and as self-sufficient adults."

A COUNCILOR AND A CONDUCTOR



Ward Three City Councilor Anthony DiPierro was on board as the Webster School hosted its Annual Polar Express Day. Councilor DiPierro has played the role of conductor for a number of years with style and enthusiasm. Pictured are Ward Three Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Cousins Mikayla Fosco and Anthony DiPierro and Santa Claus.

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