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NEW EVERETT POLICE OFFICERS SWORN IN

On Monday, January 23, The Everett City Council swore in Rachael Hall, Dominic Monziona, Dustin Scheibling and Ricardo Balduino to the Everett Police Department.

The new officers will begin their field training program for a couple months before getting their permanent assignments.

"I wish all of you the best and hope you have a long, prosperous and safe career serving the great City of Everett," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria.



Everett Police Chief Steve Mazzie alongside Dominic Monziona, Rachael Hall, Dustin Scheibling and Ricardo Balduino.



The Everett City Council alongside the newly sworn in police officers.

A HEALTHY CONVERSATION FORMER NHL STANDOUT VISITS THE WEBSTER SCHOOL

Members of the Boston Bruins Youth Hockey Department visited the Webster School, where they talked about the tools students need to live a happy, healthy lifestyle.

The organization was represented by Andrew Raycroft, a former Bruins goaltender for the Boston Bruins and winner of the Calder Memorial Trophy as Rookie of the Year.

Raycroft talked about nutrition, perseverance, and physical activity as part of an interactive 40-minute program.

The team mascot, Blades the Bruin, and representatives of the Everett Fire Department and the Army National Guard also participated in the fun and informative program.

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Shown (from left) Patricia Robasson David, Carla Medairos, Superintendent Priya Tahiliani, Webster School Principal Chris Barrett, School Committee member and Webster grandparent Millie Cardello, and Gilda Richman. Ms. Richman is the grandmother of Webster Guidance Counselor Samantha Grant and the wife of longtime legendary EPS employee Bob Richman.

Council observes moment of silence for former Sen. Pres. Tom Birmingham

By Cary Shuman

Monday night the Everett City Council observed a moment of silence for former Senate President Tom Birmingham, who died Jan. 20, 2023, at the age of 73.

Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith requested the memorial tribute to Mr. Birmingham, who served as Everett's state senator after first being elected to the seat in 1990. Mr. Birmingham became president of the Senate in 1996 and served in that esteemed position of leadership until 2003.

"When I was a child growing up in Everett, Senator Birmingham was

a fixture at all events," recalled Councilor Smith. "Everett was lucky to have one of the top leaders in the Senate as our senator, and the work that he did on education reform was instrumental to our education system in Massachusetts today."

Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Joseph McGonagle also praised the former Senate leader for his outstanding record of public service.

"Serving as a member of the Everett City Council, I know how instrumental Sen. Birmingham was in the construction of the new high school in

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THE RIGHT STUFF

Maryann Cocca-Leffler, award-winning author of children's books, supports equity and inclusion

By Cary Shuman

Maryann Cocca-Leffler has reached the top of her dual professions. She is an award-winning author and illustrator of 70 children's books.

Now the Everett native's distinguished career has taken "a little turn" as she has redirected her focus on her disability rights advocacy with the publishing of two nonfiction picture books on the topic: "We Want to Go to School! The Fight for Disability Rights" (2021), co-authored by her daughter, Janine Leffler and illustrated by Maryann, is the true story about the people behind the 1972 landmark case which ensured a public-school education for all.

"Fighting For Yes! The Story of Disability Rights Activist Judith Heumann" (2022), is a biography of one of America's greatest living activists who was instrumental in leading the famous 1977 504 Sit-in which paved the way for



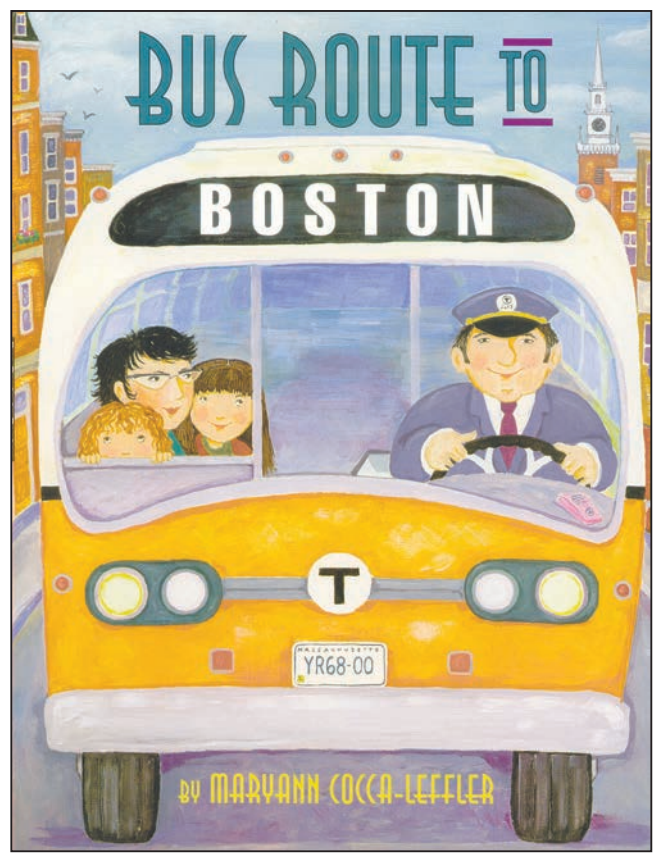
Maryann Cocca-Leffler

the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This book, illustrated by Vivien Mildenberger, just received the 2023 Orbis Pictus Award Honor by the NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English).

Cocca-Leffler brings a distinctly personal touch to her fervent advocacy for disability rights. Her daughter, Janine Leffler, a graduate of New England College, now in her 30s, was born with cerebral palsy.

"I've been her advocate

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"Bus Route to Boston" Astra Publishing NYC, 2020)

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THE ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA AND NORTH SHORE CELEBRATE ZONTA'S ANNUAL AMELIA EARHART EVENT AT ANTHONY'S OF MALDEN

Courtesy photo

The members of the Zonta Club of Malden and the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore plan this local event each year to memorialize Amelia Earhart, a former Zontian, and to celebrate

recipients of Zonta Fellowship Awards in the fields of aerospace-related sciences and engineering. This year Zonta Fellows Adriana Mitchell and Maya Nasr spoke about their Ph.D. work at MIT and received certi-

icates and wing pins presented by Donna Sroka, Zonta District I Governor. A third recipient, Madeleine Schroeder, who could not be present, sent a video presentation of her amazing work at MIT.



Shown left to right, Front row: Donna Sroka, Zonta District I Governor; Christine DePrizio; Elizabeth Fama, and Janice Sikorski. Top row: Barbara Lawlor; Adriana Mitchell, Zonta Fellow at MIT; Lee Farrington; Maya Nasr, Zonta Fellow at MIT; Georgia Green, and Mary Jane O'Neill.

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City Council votes down proposal to add a Cemetery Commission

By Cary Shuman

The City Council voted by an 8-0 margin against the establishing of a paid, five-member Cemetery Commission that would have the care and management over the Glenwood Cemetery in Everett.

In a Dec. 21 letter to the Council, Mayor Carlo DeMaria had requested that the Administrative Code be amended to "include the organization of a cemetery commission." The mayor also requested a revision in the city ordinances that the responsibilities of caring for the cemetery be transferred from the Everett Department of Public Works to the Cemetery Commission.

Erin Deveney, chief of staff in the Office of Mayor DeMaria, who appeared with City Solicitor Colleen Mejia at the public hearing, was most impressive in patiently providing answers to questions from the Council about the proposed Cemetery Commission. Deveney noted in her opening remarks that there are Cemetery Commissions in several cities and towns throughout Massachusetts.

Councilor Al Lattanzi felt the Cemetery Commission should consist of volunteers who do not receive stipends.

"The last 30 years, I've been on six different boards and commissions,

and not one of them has ever been paid," said Lattanzi. "I volunteered because I wanted to give back to the city."

Councilor Stephanie Smith asked if there is currently a superintendent of cemeteries position and whether the superintendent would report to the Commission or the DPW.

"We do have management staff and employees within city services (DPW) who are assigned there, and the reporting structure would remain the same," responded Deveney.

Smith also suggested that the terms of each commissioner should be staggered, so that "every three years, we're not having a completely new board."

Councilor-at-Large John Hanlon made it clear that he was against establishing a Cemetery Commission.

"I'm opposed to the whole thing," declared Hanlon.

Hanlon noted that several years ago the cemetery was under the supervision of one person, "and she did a terrific job."

"That's all we needed down there," continued Hanlon. "And even now, if you have a five-member commission, who's going to dig the graves? The Board of Public Works. Who's going to dig the graves? The Board of Pub-

lic Works. Who's going to lower the casket? The Board of Public Works. The Commission is really not going to do anything. So, it's just a waste of time. We've gone through this before. We know it can work with one person who is an employee of the Public Works. We really don't need five commissioners to do nothing."

Following the Council's vote, Deveney told the Everett Independent, "The Mayor's proposal was for a Cemetery Commission which is a similar board that is in use in other communities to advise communities on how they can ensure appropriately maintained public cemeteries, and the Mayor thought it was a smart time to introduce the concept in the city, given the recent, significant capital improvements that were made to the cemetery." "The Mayor's goal was to make sure that we are taking every step that we should be taking to make sure the cemetery is a quiet and respectful place for Everett families to honor the memory of their loved ones."

Deveney added that Mayor DeMaria has not made any decision whether he will be submitting an amended proposal for a Cemetery Commission for the Council's consideration.

Birmingham /

Everett and how responsive he was to the needs of our community," said DiDomenico, who currently serves in the seat held by Birmingham. "When he ran for governor in 2002, I supported his candidacy."

Interestingly, DiDomenico's mother, Marie (Apruzzese) DiDomenico, and Tom Birmingham were one year apart at the Shurtleff School in Chelsea. "Our families crossed paths many times growing up in Chelsea," said DiDomenico.

DiDomenico noted Mr. Birmingham's sterling academic credentials. Mr. Birmingham graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School and was a Rhodes Scholar.

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"He was a brilliant senator and someone I looked up to a well," said DiDomenico. When I first ran for senator in 2010, I spoke with him during that time. After I won, he came to some of my events and was a supporter of mine, and someone I relied on. He always said, 'Be yourself and people will respond to that.' It was an honor for me to follow in his footsteps and to serve in that seat. There were high standards and big shoes to fill."

McGonagle said Mr. Birmingham was a friend that he admired and respected.

"Tom was a friend, and when I was an alderman and city councilor, I got to

know his mother, Agnes, who would always show up at social events at the Everett Senior Center," said McGonagle. "Tom was just a good, good guy. I had a great admiration for him."

McGonagle supported Mr. Birmingham in his run for the Democratic nomination for governor. "We were at the State Democratic Convention and Mike Marchese and I had left. We were on the highway going home, and we got a call that the vote was tied. We turned around and came back to the convention for Tommy. He would have been a great governor," said McGonagle.

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since day 1,” said Cocca-Leffler, “Though I am not a person with disabilities nor have I suffered discrimination myself, I have seen the injustices and exclusion up-close as I helped navigate life for my daughter. Because of her, we were able to spread the word about the history of disability rights through these books.”

Janine was also the inspiration for the picture book, “Janine”, about a differently abled character who loves who she is and inspires others. It was based on a bullying experience Janine had as a child.

Cocca-Leffler lectures widely, in-person or virtually, at schools, educators’ professional development programs and community events. Janine joins her at school visits when she can. Maryann was recently called upon to do several corporate diversity training programs for international companies.

“Through my books, I teach about the history of disability rights and the struggles that people with disabilities have encountered to be included in society. I truly believe that we need to learn about the past in order to build a better future, a future which embraces inclusion in all walks of life, including schools and the workplace. Many people with disabilities are unemployed or under-employed, despite the fact that they are willing and able to work. There is a lot of work to be done.”

Remembering her roots in Everett

Maryann Cocca-Leffler grew up in an Italian family in the Woodlawn section of Everett, attended Saint Anthony’s Elementary School, and graduated from Everett High School in 1976.

“In fourth grade, one particular teacher, a nun at Saint Anthony’s, happened to instill this idea that I could actually make a career in art,” recalled Cocca-Leffler. “She saw that I had some talent and gave me my first little art kit. I remember asking her, ‘Do you mean people will pay you to make art?’ And she said, ‘Yes!’”

Her Everett High School art teacher was also supportive of her career dreams.

“Ms. Elaine Sapochetti was a new art teacher and had a lot of vibrancy,” recalled Cocca-Leffler. “She inspired me to go on to art school.”

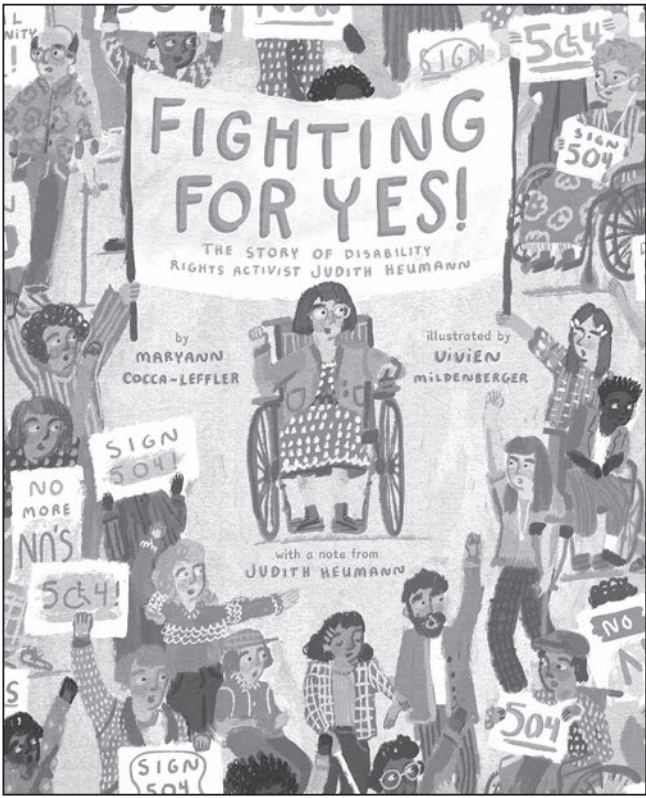
Studying at the Mass. College of Art

Determined to focus on a career in art, Cocca-Leffler enrolled in the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, majoring in illustration.

“When you begin art school, you don’t really know what area to focus on, so I took every single art course possible, including; pottery, architecture, graphic design, drawing and painting, before I landed on illustration,” said Cocca-Leffler. “It seemed like a natural choice, since I loved children’s book art and already had acquired quite a collection of children’s books.”

By the time Cocca-Leffler was a senior at Mass Art, she began to show her portfolio to Boston-based publishers such as Houghton Mifflin, Little Brown, and Addison Wesley.

“So, before I graduated,



“Fighting For Yes! The Story of Disability Rights Activist Judith Heumann” (Abrams Books, NYC, 2022),

ed, I was hired to do the illustrations for my very first book, “Thanksgiving at the Tappletons,” which was written by Eileen Spinelli and published by Addison Wesley in 1982,” said Cocca-Leffler.

Interestingly, the book just celebrated its 40th anniversary in print. Cocca-Leffler had re-illustrated the book in 1992.

Making her transition from illustrator to writer

Cocca-Leffler began traveling to New York City publishers to showcase her portfolio to art directors and editors. Up to that point, Cocca-Leffler had been illustrating other people’s stories, but had not yet written her own. That soon changed. She explains, “As I began meeting editors and art directors, they were very encouraging just like the teachers way back in Everett. During one visit with an editor, she pointed to a cat in my portfolio, and said, ‘Write a story about this cat.’ I did. That became, “Wednesday is Spaghetti Day,” which was the first book I wrote and illustrated, publishing in 1990.”

An amazing career was born. Maryann Cocca-Leffler has written and illustrated about 45 books and illustrated another 25 books. “My career has come full circle,” said Cocca-Leffler. “I began my career illustrating other people’s work, but now I’m open to collaborating with illustrators on some books.”

Having illustrated her first book in 1982, Cocca-Leffler she just celebrated her 40th anniversary in the business. She has no plans to stop, and is currently illustrating her next book, “Don’t Ask Cat!” (2024).

Her Everett roots live on. Her favorite book is “Bus Route to Boston” (2020) which is about

her family growing up on Woodlawn Avenue, taking Bus 111 into Boston, and going into the North End to buy vegetables and cannoli, and then shopping in Filene’s Basement.

“I still get letters from people who take that same bus into Boston with their children,” related Cocca-Leffler.

Continuing her advocacy

Maryann Cocca-Leffler is setting the standard in the authoring of books about people with disabilities. Her message of inclusion is striking a positive chord with publishers.

“With calls for equity and inclusion there has been a shift in the industry and publishers have finally begun publishing diverse books of under-represented groups, including disabilities,” noted Cocca-Leffler.

Cocca-Leffler said she loves the new direction of her book-writing career. She is inspiring people in the field of disability rights.

“My goal is for the history of disability rights to be taught in the classroom, right along with civil rights. That’s what I would love to see, and I’m getting a really good response from teachers,” said Cocca-Leffler.

Maryann Cocca-Leffler and her husband, Eric Leffler, also a 1976 Everett High graduate, now live in Maine. In addition to their daughter, Janine, they have a daughter, Kristin, a middle grade social studies teacher and writer.

To find out more about Maryann’s books and visits, check out: www.maryanncoccaleffler.com

To buy autographed books and support her local independent bookstore, ‘Print’ in Portland, ME, visit:

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DEMARIA ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAM FOR EVERETT BUSINESSES

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce, in partnership with the Everett Chamber of Commerce, a new program to help staff local businesses and provide Everett’s youth opportunities to work in various career fields.

As part of Mayor DeMaria’s “Everett for Everyone” initiative, the City would like to give young adults in Everett an opportunity to gain work experience while also helping local businesses during a time when rising costs are adding to the financial hardship of running a company. The Everett Chamber of Commerce will be assisting the City in connecting to local businesses to offer youth workers ages 17-25 a chance to receive extra help at no cost to the company.

This new program is an extension of the City’s Summer Youth Program, which has been operating for over 25 years, providing summer job opportunities to Everett’s youth. Through this program, Everett’s youth gain work experience, networking skills and develop new skill sets. The expansion of the program is possible due to funding from the Metro North Workforce Board.

“I’ve wanted to expand our Summer Youth Program to run throughout the year,” said Mayor DeMaria. “By giving our City’s youth the opportunity to work for local businesses, we’re able to help them network and receive valuable work experience while also assisting our businesses here in Everett.”

Everett businesses are encouraged to email Roberto.Valasquez@ci.everett.ma.us or Briana.Hypolite@ci.everett.ma.us to express your interest and learn more information.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Adults and Teens Meditation Parlin Tower Room. Tuesday, January 31st, at 12:15 pm and Thursday, February 2nd at 12:15 pm. Take a quick lunch break. Reduce your stress, with Nurse Joanne. Please call 617-394-2300 if you have any questions. No registration required.

Parlin Book Group, Monday, January 30th at 6:00 pm, Parlin Meeting Room and via Zoom! We will read and discuss Barbara Kingsolver’s Unsheltered, a timely meditation on the cost, and benefits, of change. 18+. Call Kathleen at (617) 394 2300, or send an email, slipp@noblenet.org, for the Zoom link, or join us in person!

Bingo! Parlin Meeting Room. Wednesday, February 1st at 1:00 pm. Can’t get enough Bingo? Join us for our Bingo afternoon! Prizes awarded. We have space for 12 people. Please join us. If you have any questions, call (617) 394 2300.

Chess Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Wednesday, February 1st from 3- 5 pm. Play, learn, and practice chess at our club meetings every other Wednesday. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Call 617-394-2300 with any questions. No registration required.

Thursday Night Movies! Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, February 2nd at 6:30 pm. Popcorn and hot chocolate provided by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. As if! Join us for a showing of the classic teen rom-com, Clueless (PG-13).

Parlin Childrens Storytime with Vera. Tuesday, January 31st at 12 pm. In English or Portuguese by request. Visit the Parlin Library Children’s Room to attend! Suggested ages 2-6. Can’t make it on Tuesday? Catch Vera

again on Thursday, February 2 at 12 pm in the Shute Children’s Room.

Storytime and Sing-along, Parlin Toddler Play Area. Wednesday, February 1st at 11 am. Come to the Parlin Library and listen to picture books, sing songs, dance around and more. Suggested ages 2-6.

Friday Family Movie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. February 3rd from 3-5 pm. e will be watching Shrek 2. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch movies with your friends and family.

DIDOMENICO VISITS SOLDIERS’ HOME IN CHELSEA AMID INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

In light of the Inspector General’s January report citing many areas that have to be addressed and improved at the Soldiers’ Home in Chelsea, Senator Sal DiDomenico visited the Veteran facility last week alongside State House colleagues, Senator John Velis, and Representative Judith Garcia. The elected officials spoke with Veterans at the Home and toured the facility with staff and the new leadership. The Inspector General’s report highlighted the need for better communication from the leadership team to the staff, as well as several issues regarding the care of Veterans.

“Our Veterans and the staff that cares for them deserve better,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “We visited the Soldiers Home to see and listen for ourselves about what is happening at the ground level. We are taking this very seriously, and I look forward to partnering with the new leadership at the Soldiers’ Home and the Healey Administration to make sure conditions improve and every Veteran is treated with dignity and respect.”

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THE MAURA HEALEY ERA HAS BEGUN!

Governor Maura Healey wasted little time since her inauguration a few weeks ago in setting the pace for what we’re sure will be an active -- and activist -- administration with her announcement last week that she will be filing her first two pieces of legislation, one of which is a \$987 million “immediate needs” bond bill targeting housing and economic development and another for an additional \$400 million for MassWorks that will make grants available to cities and towns for infrastructure projects.

Governor Healey, who highlighted economic development as a top priority during her campaign, said she filed the “immediate needs” bill “to ensure critical housing and economic development programs across the state can continue to serve people in Massachusetts without interruption.”

The \$400 million for infrastructure will continue the funding stream for MassWorks, which was established in 2010, that will ensure that this key program will create essential infrastructure improvements in communities across our state,

In our view, Governor Healey’s announcement represents a burst of energy that portends a refreshing change in the atmosphere on Beacon Hill.

To be sure, her predecessor, Charlie Baker, was the most popular governor in the country during his eight-year tenure. But it was clear that after two exhausting terms in office, Baker’s enthusiasm for the job had waned -- which, by the way, is to be expected, especially after three years of battling a pandemic.

But beyond that, Healey represents a true changing of the guard in politics on Beacon Hill. For all of his progressive views, Charlie Baker was a straight, male Baby Boomer who, like all of us, was a product of his age and his times. There were some things he just could not accept, such as marijuana legalization and providing driver’s licenses for non-citizens, that showed that he was out-of-step with the times.

By contrast, Maura Healey is a gay, female Gen Xer -- and accordingly will bring a perspective to the job of governor that will be based on her personal experience.

(We also would note that both Baker and Healey are Harvard graduates where they both played basketball, but Healey was the captain and a star player, whereas Baker was...not so much.)

Yes, the times they are a changin’ -- and we’re looking forward to the Maura Healey era in Massachusetts.

JACINDA ARDERN: A TOTAL CLASS ACT

We wish to make note of the incredibly classy announcement last week by New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who told her country that she will be stepping down from the post after almost six years in office.

Ms. Ardern took over the job at the age of 37, making her at the time the youngest head of state in the world.

She admitted very forthrightly that she had “nothing left in the tank,” and that she was shifting her focus in life to her family (she has a four year-old daughter.)

Jacinda Ardern epitomized the term “political courage.” Her tenure will be remembered for her compassionate response to a massacre in a mosque in the nation’s capital, Christchurch, and for her subsequent spearheading of a ban on assault weapons in that country. She also guided New Zealand through the worst of the COVID crisis with courage, determination, and competency that saw New Zealand ultimately have one of the lowest COVID mortality rates in the world.

Ms. Ardern will be missed on the world stage. We can only hope that political leaders in our country might learn from her example.

EXTEND YOUR DRY JANUARY INTO FEBRUARY

Over the past few years, Dry January has become more and more popular. It is estimated that 15% of regular drinkers choose not to drink during the month as a means of detoxing their minds and bodies from the pernicious effects of alcohol.

Those who are nearing completion of their Dry January may want to consider a recent report from the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction which stated: “Research shows that no amount or kind of alcohol is good for your health. It doesn’t matter what kind of alcohol it is — wine, beer, cider or spirits. Drinking alcohol, even a small amount, is damaging to everyone, regardless of age, sex, gender, ethnicity, tolerance for alcohol or lifestyle.”

The Canadian report confirms what scientific studies have been reporting for the past few years. The World Health Organization has labeled a Class 1 carcinogen, with even small amounts of alcohol linked to many cancers, particularly breast cancer in women.

Alcohol presently outranks drug abuse as a leading cause of death in our country, behind only heart disease and cancer. In addition, the direct cost to our health care system and the hidden toll on families and individuals from alcohol abuse far outweighs the damage to society caused by legal and illegal drugs.

If you’ve been able to complete a Dry January, then try to extend it for another month into a Dry February. Your mind and body will appreciate it.

Independent Forum



GUEST OP-ED

Monterey Park, Evansville shootings, Hero Brandon Tsay, We need the news, good and bad

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

We like good news but typically the news is not good. Too often no news is good news. In reality, no news is bad news for us all.

There is lots of recent bad news. A crazed gunman entered a dance hall in Monterey Park, California killing 10 people and wounding many innocent people. A former employee walked into an Evansville, Indiana Walmart and shot an employee in the face in the store breakroom. The shooter was killed by local police. A planned protest in downtown Atlanta turned violent when protestors damaged stores and burned a police car over the weekend.

We did hear astonishing good news from Monterey Park. Brandon Tsay confronted the gunman at a second location where he was about to enter and kill more people. He heroically wrestled the gun away from the killer and pointed it at him causing the gunman to leave the scene. Only God knows how many lives Tsay saved. He is a true hero.

News is always happening nationally, locally and individually to us all. We need the information whether it’s good or bad. We need the national and regional news but the local news is up front and close to us.

For example, all around us we are targets of scams, thieves and prowling bad people. Americans were scammed to the tune 5.8 billion dollars in 2021. (Digital Guardian). We are never beyond being duped. Today, daily text messages, emails, phone calls and

mail come to Americans phishing for a sucker who will buy the false story they are telling. They are good at what they do.

My son was away in a foreign country when I was duped out of \$350 years ago. The caller was very professional sounding and convincing. I believed that if I did not pay the money owed by my son it would negatively impact his career. This was at the beginning of the telephone scam industry and I paid him the money. Later I realized that I had been scammed.

Years ago, a dear friend received a telephone call from someone posing as an IRS agent. The scammer told the senior adult man that he owed \$45,000 in back taxes for various reasons. The friend was about 90 years old and living on a meager retirement income. He didn’t realize he was being scammed, was overwhelmed with anxiety and killed himself.

“At every level of life there is a new devil,” an old friend once said. At every stage of life there are new twists, turns and curves. We are never beyond being informed, learning and developing. Young people make mistakes but so do old people. We often think we’ve lived long enough and know most everything, but we don’t. Most of us have become more aware of this problem but crooks work at catching people off guard and are constantly developing new schemes.

Today, we have search engines and are inundated with news and information. However, we don’t hear all the news nor do we know everything we need to know

when we need to know. Often, we learn the hard way. This is why education is expensive. Life experience education is often the most expensive and difficult of all learning processes. Even in life education we learn but we don’t always utilize the life experience very much. Too often we repeat the same mistakes hoping for a different outcome.

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happening in your local town and county. Support this news source with your subscription and advertising needs. County newspapers that have been around for years continue to close. Every week I receive notification of a newspaper printing its final edition and that’s not good news.

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Sports

EHS Roundup

BOYS TRACK COASTS PAST LYNN ENGLISH, 77-8

The Everett High boys indoor track and field team improved to 4-1 on the season with a runaway 77-8 victory over Greater Boston League rival Lynn English last Wednesday.

The Crimson Tide took first place in all nine of the individual events and also won the 4 x 400 relay.

Everett swept four events: the hurdles behind the trio of senior captain Shinay Aristhene (8.0), junior Donald Michel (8.2), and junior Dawens Germain (8.4); the 50 dash with junior Jayden Prohete (5.7), junior Jalen Jones (5.8) and senior Carlos Perez (6.2); the 300 dash thanks to senior captain Omar Marshall (40.6), freshman Kayshaun Eveillard (40.6), and senior Reklöv Lageroy (in a personal record time of 41.8); and the 600 dash led by senior captain Angel Torres (1:43.8), senior Aadit Manandhar (1:48), and freshman Kervens Joseph (1:48.6).

Everett went 1-2 in three events: the 1000 (senior Math Telson in 3:13.2 and junior Nischal Tamang in 3:18.8); the two-mile (senior captain Samuel Desir-Mafouana in 12:31 and sophomore David Huezo-Erazo in 13:31); and the high jump (junior Jalen Jones with a leap of 5'-6" and junior Donald Michel with a jump of 5'-6").

Junior Jason Stark captured first-place in the shot-put with a personal record throw of 37'-1 and senior Anthony Cooper won the mile with a clocking of 5:35.4.

Senior Shishir Pokhrel added a point with a third place finish in the mile with a clocking of 6:44.4, as did junior Adoni Santos in the shot-put with a throw of 35'-6".

The 4 x 400 relay quartet of Eveillard, Jones, Fluidly Moise, and Marshall capped the Everett victory with a time of 4:00.7 for the final five points of the day.

Coach Jehu Cimea and his crew will take on first-place Somerville today (Wednesday) and Medford this Monday. The Greater Boston League Championship Meet is scheduled for next Friday, February 3, at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center.

GIRLS TRACK LEASHES THE BULLDOGS, 59-25; DESRAMEAUX SETS RECORD

The Everett High girls indoor track and field team improved its record to 4-1 with a 59-25 triumph over the Lynn English Lady Bulldogs last Wednesday.

The highlight of the meet for coach Jehu Cimea's squad was the performance of junior Darrynn Desrameaux, who took first place and set a new Everett High record in the shot-put with a throw of 31'-8.25".

Darrynn's performance was one of the seven first-place finishes for the Lady Crimson Tide: junior captain Nicole Brandao won the hurdles in a time of 8.8; senior captain Luca Jean Noel captured the mile with a clocking of 7:02; sophomore Yelsa Garcia sped to victory in the 300 dash with a personal record (PR) time of 49.2; sophomore Milena Antoine won the 600 dash in 2:14.4; junior captain Suzanne Maharjan won the two-mile in 16:33; and senior captain Nyla Crowder took the high jump with her leap of 4'-4".

The Lady Crimson Tide also won the 4 x 400 relay. The quartet of junior Alisha LaFontant, sophomore Zylene Cannon, senior Selma Moutaouakkil, and Garcia won their race in a time of 5:21.8, which was seven seconds faster than their Lady Bulldog counterparts.

Adding three points to the EHS score sheet with second-place performances were: senior captain Ida Bittaye in the hurdles (9.1); senior captain Nyla Crowder in the 50 dash (6.7); freshman Akanksha Neupane in the 600 dash (2:20.6); junior Tiffany Escobar in the 1000 (4:21.9); and Brandao in the high jump (4'-4").

Four Everett girls contributed single points with third-place efforts: Cannon in the dash (7.0); junior Victoria Macao in the 300 (51.4); senior Samantha Exil in the 1000 (4:42.8); and junior Layla Betancur-Cardona in the shot (30'-3.25").

Coach Jehu Cimea and his crew take on Somerville today (Wednesday) and will face Medford on Monday. The GBL cham-

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EVERETT GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM TRIUMPHS OVER REVERE HIGH SCHOOL

Photos by Bob Marra

In a classic battle between fierce rivals, Everett saw a 10-point halftime lead (29-19) shrink to one point (35-34) after three periods, then survived a wild final quarter when the lead went back-and-forth until the final seconds before the Crimson Tide escaped with a 49-47 win over Revere in Greater Boston League girls basketball action at Revere's Roland Merullo Fieldhouse on January 17.



FINDING A WAY: Everett's Malica Guillaume (22) tries to make her way past Revere's Leah Doucette.



OUCH!: Everett's Japhnie Pierre (3) gets a face-full of ball as she joins a scramble for a rebound.



GO AND STOP: Revere's Bella Stamatopoulos (12) tries to advance on offense but Everett's Japhnie Pierre has different plans on defense.



BASELINE BURST: Kayley Rossi makes a move past Revere's Marwa Riad.



PASS OFF: Everett's Malaica Guillaume (12) gets a pass away amid a trio of Revere defenders.



SINGLE FOCUS: Revere's Lorena Martinez (13) and Everett's Nehemie Lucien (14) have one thing on their mind: a rebound.



STEP ASIDE: Emilia-Maria Babcock fends off the defensive effort of Revere's Bella Stamatopoulos.

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Catholic Schools offer students more than just an education

Staff report

For parents seeking a well-rounded education that emphasizes good citizenship and a devotion to God, in addition to a regular academic curriculum, there are a number of Catholic School options for students in the Greater Boston area.

Good Shepherd School is an independent, non-profit Catholic preschool for children ages 2 to 5 years old located at 20 Winthrop St. in Charlestown. The school, which was formed through the leadership of Father James Ronan Ph.D., Pastor of St. Mary-St Catherine of Siena parish in Charlestown and a board of parents, citizens, and friends, opened in October of 2009.

“Good Shepherd School prepares its students for a life of joy by growing in the love of Jesus,” according to the school’s

mission statement on its website. “We seek to integrate this belief into all aspects of our educational programs.”

Good Shephard School has a range of half day, “lunch brunch,” full day, and extended day options for Toddlers, Young Preschool, and Preschool. Financial aid is available via the FACTS system.

Visit gscharlestown.org or call 617-242-8800 for more information.

Immaculate Conception Parish School, located at 127 Winthrop St. in Revere, is a co-ed Catholic elementary school for pre-school through eighth grade, which has been extolling the virtues of “tradition pride, and excellence” to its students since opening in 1913. The school currently serves more than 300 students in Grades 3-8 from Revere and surrounding communities.

“The mission of Im-



Students are all smiles during an outing at St. John's School in the North End.

maculate Conception Parish School is to prepare a culturally diverse student community to become responsible, well-rounded, faith-filled citizens by focusing on Catholic values and high academic standards,” according to the school’s website. “Our school celebrates its faith by practicing the ideals of peace, justice, and service to others, thereby witness-

ing to Christ's teachings.”

Total tuition and fees for Preschool (3-year-olds) and Pre-K (4-year-olds) is \$7,315; total tuition and fees for Kindergarten is \$6,315; and total tuition and fees for Grades 1-8 are \$6,015 for one child, \$11,330 for two children, and \$16,645 for three children. Families who can provide the necessary factual documentation are eligible for financial aid.

An Open House takes place on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the school.

For more information on Immaculate Conception Parish School, call (617) 933-9230, email dtracy@icreve.org, or visit ICRevere.org.

St Pius V School is a coed Catholic elementary school for pre-K through Grade 8 located at 28 Bowler St. in Lynn. The Sisters of Saint Joseph founded St. Pius V School in cooperation with the Parish of St. Pius V I in 1945. The school was initially based at a former public school building on Maple Street and served only two grades before relocating to its current Bowker Street home in 1959 and expanded to serve pre-K to Grade 8.

“Education at St. Pius V School is a ‘Lived Experience’ and focuses on developing the whole child according to the gospel of Jesus Christ,” according to the school’s mission statement on its website. “The school provides a unique, comprehensive, quality education with particular emphasis on Catholic val-

ues, fundamental skills, critical thinking, technology, and the fine arts.”

St Pius V School has financial aid available via the FACTS system, but there is a \$25 non-refundable processing fee for each application.

An Open House will take place on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the school.

For more information, visit stpiusv.school.org, email info@stpiusv-school.org, or call 781-593-8292.

East Boston Central Catholic School is a faith-based school serving Pre-K through Grade 8 located at 69 London St. in East Boston. The school was established in September of 1974 as a multi-parish, collaborative elementary school serving Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Most Holy Redeemer and Sacred Heart Parishes.

“East Boston Central Catholic School is committed to strong basic skills development within a solid Christian Framework,” according to the school’s mission statement. “The curriculum at all times is geared to foster the growth of individual self-worth; to develop a love and commitment to our faith; to encourage knowledge and pride in one's heritage; to develop an appreciation and respect for cultural diversities; and to develop a commitment of service to others.”

Full-rate tuition for 2023-2024 is \$6,200 for one child; \$9,900 for two children (\$2,500 savings); \$11,600 for three

children (\$7,000 savings); and \$12,600 for four children (\$12,200 savings). Discounted tuition rates and financial aid are also available.

Visit ebccs.org, call 617-567-7456, or email dgutierrez@ebccs.org for more information.

St. John's Prep, an inclusive Catholic school for young men in Grades 6 through 12 located at 72 Spring St. in Danvers, was founded by the Xavierian brothers in 1907.

“Our rigorous academic and extensive co-curricular program encourages students to develop their spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, and creative potential, and inspires them to honor the diversity that enriches both our school community and the world beyond St. John's,” according to the school’s website. “We challenge our young men to grow in faith and wisdom, to promote human dignity, to act with compassion and integrity, to pursue justice and peace, and to live lives of service to society.”

The 2022-2023 tuition for Grades 6, 7, and 8 is \$27,885, and the tuition for Grades 9 through 12 is \$29,150. Around 36 percent of students received needs-based tuition assistance, while St. John’s meets 99 percent of families demonstrated need using the services of Blackbaud Financial Aid Management to process and determine need for all tuition assistance applications.

Visit stjohnsprep.org or call 978-774-1050 for more information on St. John’s Prep.

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Some students from the Immaculate Conception Eighth-Grade class, Mrs. Tracy, and parent chaperons joined together with many others from the Archdiocese of Boston, traveling to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C previously. The trip included attending a Christian rock concert called "LifeFest," followed by adoration, Mass, and the March itself. It was a memorable experience for all. Students accompanying the Archdiocese this year will be leaving on Jan. 28 to participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

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Wonderful to be together again at St. John School!

By Rebecca Griffin

Nestled in the heart of Boston’s historic North End, St. John School has educated children since 1895. Welcoming students in PreKindergarten Three through Grade Eight from over thirty five zip codes, we instill Catholic values while focusing on Faith and academic excellence.



Advent Angels from grades Kindergarten and Sixth Grade working together on their Nativity Scene crafts.



Student hard at work at our in house Hydroponic Tower Garden.



First, Seventh and Eighth graders from St. John School at Quincy Market. They are pictured on their walk to St. Anthony’s Franciscan Food Center to deliver fresh produce food donations and Christmas Cards that the students made.

of our entire community. Through diligent planning and execution, we kept our school healthy, safe, and open. To be able to remain open, our ages did not mix, our families did not come into the building, and we did not gather as a community.

This past Christmas Season, it was such a joy to bring everyone back together again as our greater St. John School Community. It was wonderful to celebrate through several school wide events:

Our Advent Angel initiative matched older students with younger students to spend time together, share snack times, and to create a multi-week

nativity craft. Our very own art teacher, the amazing Mr. Barber drew our nativity scene that St. John School students added to each week of Advent. At the conclusion of this initiative, our older Advent Angels accompanied our younger Advent Angels, and sat together at our whole school Christmas Mass at our beautiful Par-

ish Church, St. Leonard’s Church. (St. Leonard’s Church is celebrating 150 years this year, www.saintleonardchurchboston.org/150thcelebration). It was wonderful to see friendships develop and flourish across grade levels through this initiative.

It is wonderful to be together again at St. John School!

Rebecca Griffin is Director of Advancement and Enrollment (bgriffin@sjsne.com or 617-227-3143) at St. John School in Boston, Massachusetts, a PreKindergarten Three through Grade Eight school serving 200 students from over 35 zip codes.

HISTORY OF NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

National Catholic Schools Week is held for seven days, starting from the last Sunday in January. Aside from its promotion of education, it’s also a great opportunity to recognize the value, principles, and contributions that the Catholic schools have relayed to the Church and every citizen for decades. Showcasing what makes Catholic schools the best for every parent, family, and child is the priority for conducting Catholic Schools Week.

What usually happens during National Catholic Schools Week is the observance of catholic masses, assemblies, open houses, seminars, and many other activities for every family, parishioner, and

community member. The quality and distinction of Catholic schools can be seen through these, especially for the young, those who will attend and enter school. The theme and logo for National Catholic Schools Week for the year 2022 is “Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service.”

The first Catholic school that opened in the United State was called St. Mary’s School in Philadelphia, in 1783. After some time, the enthusiasm and curiosity for Catholic education grew and the nation noticed a massive inflow of Catholics from all over the world. By the 1920s, more than 6,000 Catholic elementary schools accepted and enrolled al-

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics

Number of Schools

There are 5,938 Catholic schools in the United States; 4,765 are elementary/middle schools and 1,173 are secondary schools.

Sources: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2021-2022: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

EVERETT/REVERE/MALDEN CO-OP IN HOCKEY ACTION
AGAINST MEDFORD

Photos by Bob Marra

The Everett/Revere/Malden co-op hockey team lost to Medford, 5-2 at Medford's LoConte Rink on Saturday, January 21.

Forward Jake Buckley fires a shot that found its way to the net for Everett's first goal.

Everett forward David Saia takes control and heads up ice.

Goaltender Jacky Summers and a defenseman guard the Everett net.

Everett's Chris Cecca (4) takes a Medford forward to the boards.

Forward David Saia heads up the ice.

Players celebrate a goal that tied the game at 1-1 during the first period.

Everett's David Saia and a Medford player tangle for a loose puck.

Forward David Saia is tripped up as he skates through center ice.

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News and Notes

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Zion Church Ministries via livestream on Facebook and You Tube.

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

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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Bring Your Own Book 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We Can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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OBITUARIES

Teresa Iannaco

Devoted wife and mother devoted to her church and the City of Everett

Teresa “Terry” (Oddi) Iannaco of Everett entered into eternal rest in the Tufts Medical Center after a brief illness on Tuesday, January 17. She was 85 years old.

A devoted wife and mother, Terry spent years as a homemaker, caring for her husband and children. She volunteered and was devoted to her Church, St. Anthony's as a religious educator, Eucharistic Minister, lector, Catholic Women's League and of course, Bingo. Terry was very passionate about the City of Everett and the Everett Council of Aging having been a member of the board and serving as Acting Chairperson. If anyone would inquire to her as to where she was going, her answer would be “I'm going to the Armory.”

For many years she worked at the Everett Cooperative Bank, first as a teller and retiring as a bookkeeper. She was a caring and compassionate person to family, friends and everyone she met. Never wanting to remain idle, Terry loved cooking for her family, selling plants at her yard sales, dancing, costume parties, senior outings and travel with family and friends.

The devoted daughter of the late Francesco and Maria (Presutti) Oddi, she was the beloved wife of the late Angelo for over 59



years prior to his passing; dear and devoted mother of Angelo Iannaco, Jr. and his wife, Adele of Melrose, Steven V. Iannaco and Maryann Iannaco Campana of Everett; sister of Alfredo Franciosa of Florida and the late Michael, Anthony and Daniel Oddi, Ralph Franciosa, Assunta Petrigno, Tina Frangiamone, Margaret D'Archangelo and Rose Sisti; loving “Nana” of Marina DeNicola, Peter and Phillip Iannaco and Anthony Campana and great-grandmother of Nathan DeNicola. Terry is also survived by several nieces, nephews and very, good friends.

Funeral arrangements were by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Contributions in Teresa's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 would be sincerely appreciated.

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Two new museum exhibits celebrate contrasting elements of maritime life

The USS Constitution Museum, in partnership with the USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild and the Seafarer’s Trust, proudly presents the 43rd annual exhibit, Masters of Miniature: Ship Model Show, and the new companion photography show "Life At Sea 2022". The exhibits, opening on Saturday, January 28, showcase the intricate and spectacular handcrafted models from local modelers alongside photography documented by seafarers worldwide, shining a light on the human side of the experiences and challenges this essential workforce faces.

Ship modeling is an art as old as shipbuilding itself and one for which USS Constitution has been a favored subject. Model shipbuilding provides a glimpse into vessels' remarkable history and intentional design. The process reveals much about the original shipbuilder’s design, engineering, form, and functional considerations as they built a ship to accomplish a specific purpose. This year’s Model

Show showcase over 70 exquisite, handcrafted models of all types created by USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild members across New England. From ninth-century ships to pleasure craft of today and everything in between, the show includes vessels of many kinds made by skilled Modelers representing Master Craftsmen and a new generation of modelers. They will be available daily to answer questions and demonstrate the craft of model building. Attendees can vote for their favorite model.

This year, the Museum also features a companion exhibit, ITF Seafarers’ Trust LIFE AT SEA 2022, to convey the human side of maritime life. Featuring submissions to the ITF Seafarers’ Trust photography competition, the images were taken by seafarers at work, communicating their unique perceptions and experiences while forging lives connected to ships and the sea. In contrast to the perfectly and intricately designed ship models, the emotionally charged imagery

conveys the challenges and incredible passion of people who work in various ways connected with the sea. Robert Kiihne, Director of Exhibits at the USS Constitution Museum, explains, “These personal, moving images shine a light on the experiences of people who are often invisible to us; the seafaring men and women from around the world that make trade possible. By presenting their reality alongside the work of highly skilled Model shipwrights, we hope to explore the engineering beauty of ships throughout history and the realities their human crews face daily.”

The Masters of Miniature and LIFE AT SEA 2022 exhibits will run from January 28 through February 25, 2023. Both exhibits are open to all visitors during regular Museum hours, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily. Admission is by suggested donation.

The Boston Marine Society sponsors Masters of Miniature.

The USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild encourages the art of



PHOTO BY ARVY VERDER, ITF SEAFARERS' TRUST LIFE AT SEA PHOTO COMPETITION
: Arvy Verder’s “PATINTERO” is part of the “Life at Sea 2022” photo competition by the ITF Seafarers’ Trust on display at the USS Constitution Museum. The image captures crew on a vessel at anchor in China playing a traditional Filipino children’s game known as “block and catch” or “block the runner.”

constructing model ships and supports research in nautical history through its monthly meetings, workshops, educational activities, and exhibits. Guild members maintain a working model shop at the USS Constitution Museum, with an extensive library of modeling books and plans. For more information about model building: <https://www.usscmsg.org>

The ITF Seafarers Trust is a UK charity established in 1981, which funds programs that advance the well-being of maritime workers, seafarers, and their families. They are funded by the

Trust’s own capital funds, and by the investment income of the Welfare Fund at the International Transport Workers Federation, a global federation of transport workers’ unions representing nearly 20 million members. For more information, visit <https://www.seafarerstrust.org/>.

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum’s mission is to engage visitors in the story of Consti-

tution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. The USS Constitution Museum is a 2022 winner in USA Today’s 10Best Readers' Choice in the “Best History Museum” category and Boston Parents Paper’s Family Favorites in the “Historic Sites & Tours” and “Museums & Attractions” categories. For more information, visit uscm.org.

Boston Festival Orchestra and Boston Athenaeum to offer unique chamber music series

Special to the Journal

Deep in the pandemic, when the concert halls were shuttered, the Boston Festival Orchestra now and then used the Boston Athenæum as a practice space, and their music filled the building. A friendship began, and from that, an artistic collaboration.

Now, in an innovative multidisciplinary artistic collaboration, the Boston Festival Orchestra (BFO) and the Boston Athenaeum have formed a partnership to reflect on special Athenaeum exhibitions through the lens of chamber music.

With three 2023 chamber music concerts in the intimate setting of the Athenaeum’s Henry Long Room, the BFO will perform compelling and relevant repertoire that blends the familiar with the unknown, according to BFO conductor Alyssa Wang. “The concerts will

span many time periods, cultures and mediums, prodding us to ask questions such as: Who is art for? In what ways can we use art to connect with our heritage? In what ways can we use art to reconcile with the past?” she said.

Each chamber music concert will reflect on a specific Athenaeum exhibition:

- February 9 - Materialia Lumina, the BFO pairs new and old works of classical music with stunning selections of artists’ books showcased in the Athenaeum’s current gallery exhibition, Materialia Lumina / Luminous Books.

- April 8 - Performing previously hidden and game-changing voices in classical music, the BFO reflects on the ramifications of an exclusionary past and reconsiders the constructs of race, gender, and class. The music

is inspired by Re-Reading Special Collections, a new Athenaeum initiative to reinterpret and recontextualize works of art from its permanent collection.

- June 22 - A Place I Never Knew explores a series of photographs by local photographer Tira Khan., The BFO will use music to reflect bridges among Khan’s Indian, American, British heritages.

Departing from tradition, the concerts will include opportunities for audience participation. Concert-goers will be able to walk through the featured exhibits and converse with artists during the receptions following the concerts.

“For many audience members, these events may serve as the first introduction to the Boston Athenaeum or the Boston Festival Orchestra,” said Boston Athenaeum direc-

tor Leah Rosovsky. “We hope that by mixing communities we strengthen the entire arts and culture community of Greater Boston.”

Concert Schedule

All three concerts are in the Henry Long Room at the Boston Athenaeum, 10 ½ Beacon St., Boston.

- Thursday February 9 at 6 p.m.
- Saturday April 8 at 3 p.m.
- Thursday June 22 at 6 p.m.

The concerts are free to BFO subscribers, Athenaeum members and the general public, but registration is required at: bostonathenaeum.org/events

The Boston Festival Orchestra, founded in 2019, brings the highest caliber of artistic performance to the Greater Boston community through its Summer Stage, Chamber Series, and partner-

ships with local nonprofits. By employing local professional musicians, presenting creative and relevant programming, and engaging with the community through education and outreach programs, the BFO fosters a welcoming and inclusive environment that enriches the culture of the city. Since its inaugural season in 2021 - when they became Boston's first orchestra to perform live concerts since the start of the pandemic - the BFO has grown to become one of Boston's celebrated music institutions, redefining young leadership in classical music and what it means to make music today.

Founded in 1807, the Boston Athenaeum is a unique combination of library, museum and cultural center. The Athenaeum's present home at 10 ½ Beacon St., designed by Edward Clarke Cabot,

opened in 1849 and was named a National Historic Landmark in 1965. One of the country's oldest and most distinguished independent libraries, the Athenaeum's circulating collection includes over half a million books, from works published in the 1800s to the latest best sellers. Special collections include active research holdings of 100,000 rare books, maps and manuscripts, and 100,000 works of art, from paintings and sculpture to prints and photographs. Members, visitors and the community enjoy a year-round calendar of cultural programs - book talks, exhibitions, concerts, speakers, social gatherings and other opportunities for connection. The Athenaeum is a member-supported not-for-profit institution that everyone is invited to join. Bostonathenaeum.org

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pionship meet is set for next Friday, February 3, at the Reggie Lewis Center.

EHS GIRLS BASKETBALL EDGES REVERE, 49-47

The Everett High girls basketball team held on to come away with an exciting 49-47 triumph over Greater Boston League rival Revere last Tuesday in a contest that went down to the wire. Senior captain Kaylee Rossi sank the winning bucket with four seconds to play to cap a strong performance in which Kaylee hit some key hoops down the stretch. Rossi finished with 17 points to go with five assists and three steals.

Emilia Maria Babcock also reached double figures with 11 points and pulled down seven rebounds.

Junior Malaica Guillaume played a key all-around role, chipping in nine points, grabbing eight boards, and making three steals.

"This was a tough battle of a game and a great team win under pressure," said EHS head coach Riley Dunn.

The Lady Crimson Tide took the measure of another Greater Boston League rival, Somerville, the previous Thursday, 39-14. Babcock topped the scoring column with 10 points

and was ferocious on defense with eight steals.

A day later on Friday (January 13), the Lady Crimson Tide came up on the short end of a 71-28 decision to non-league foe Malden Catholic. Rossi hit for 14 points for Everett.

Last Thursday, the Tide fell to GBL foe Medford, 50-37. Guillaume played a strong game with 12 points and eight rebounds.

Dunn and her crew, who stand at 5-6 overall on the season, were set to travel to Malden yesterday (Tuesday) and will host Chelsea tomorrow (Thursday).

They will entertain non-league opponent Lowell on Monday and will trek to Lynn Classical next Tuesday.

EHS BOYS HOOP TO HOST CLASSICAL

The Everett High boys basketball team will take on a pair of Greater Boston League rivals in the coming week.

The Crimson Tide, who stand at 6-5 on the season (6-2 in the GBL), are scheduled to make the short trip across the Parkway tomorrow (Thursday) to take on GBL foe Chelsea.

They will host Lynn Classical this coming Tuesday, January 31. The opening tip in the EHS gym is set for 7:00.

MCGONAGLE, COLLEAGUES DELIVER COATS AND WINTER ITEMS TO CHELSEA SOLDIER’S HOME



Last week, Rep. Joe McGonagle along with his House colleagues Rep. Steve Xiarhos (Barnstable) and Judith Garcia (Chelsea), delivered over 200 coats and winter items to the veterans at the Chelsea Soldier’s Home. The donated winter items were part of a drive organized by the Massachusetts Military Foundation and Rep. Xiarhos, a Gold Star Father whose son Nick was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2009. McGonagle had previously delivered dozens of coats and items to various veteran groups in Everett and the surrounding communities. “I have always had the utmost respect for veterans, as my father was a Lt. Colonel in the Army,” said McGonagle. “Getting to know Rep. Xiarhos and joining him in his mission as a Gold Star Father has been an incredible experience and I have immense respect for him and all the work he does. It was great getting to join him and Rep. Garcia, along with Don Cox of the Mass. Military Foundation, Robert Engell (Acting Superintendent of the Chelsea Soldier’s Home) and others to deliver these items. Walking through the newly built facility and getting to meet some of the residents and staff was a great way to spend the day and I’m grateful for the opportunity.”



Kick off the New Year with an updated COVID-19 booster and \$75 gift card

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has extended its \$75 gift card offer through March 31 for Massachusetts residents who get a COVID-19 vaccination or booster at participating “Get Boosted” vaccination clinics in Chelsea, Everett and Revere. The clinics offer first and second doses of the vaccine as well as the updated bivalent COVID-19 booster, which is approved for everyone ages six months and older.

Staying up to date on vaccines, including boosters, is the most effective way to prevent serious illness from COVID-19. Commonwealth residents who get vaccinated or boosted against COVID-19 at any of the designated clinics can receive a \$75 gift card to a local retailer for each dose administered, while supplies last.

DPH is working with local partners to make the COVID shots accessible to as many people as possible.

- In Chelsea, clinics are currently scheduled at the Senior Center, 10 Riley Way, every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Feb. 26;

- In Everett, clinics are currently scheduled on Tuesdays and Saturdays at Eliot Family Resource Center (times vary), and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pope John High School through March;

- In Revere, clinics are currently scheduled at Women Encouraging Empowerment, 50 Walnut Ave., on Tuesdays Jan. 24 and Jan. 31 from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

To find a clinic offering the \$75 gift card near you, go to [Mass.gov/Get-Boosted](https://mass.gov/Get-Boosted). No ID or proof of health insurance is required.

In October 2022, DPH launched the Get Boosted campaign as part of its Vaccine Equity Initiative to increase vaccination rates, with a focus on boosters. Massachusetts is a national leader in COVID-19 vaccination;

according to the CDC, 93% of the state’s population age 6 months and older has received at least one dose, compared with 81% nationally. Some 64% of fully vaccinated individuals in Massachusetts have had a booster.

“We’d like to see as many people vaccinated as possible, so we are offering these community-based COVID vaccination clinics – including a \$75 gift card incentive at select locations – to make it easier for people to protect themselves and those around them,” said Massachusetts Public Health Commissioner Margaret Cooke. “These boosters provide the best protection against the Omicron subvariants, which are currently the most prevalent strains of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. The vaccine and boosters are proven to be safe and effective for adults and children. If you’ve been thinking about getting the vaccine, now is the time.”

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Thanks to the Zion Church Ministries for presenting scholarships to a pair of deserving Everett High School students as part of its annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Monday, January 16th at the Connolly Center. From left: City Council president Michael Marchese, EHS seniors and scholarship recipients Shreeya Musyaju, Superintendent Priya Tahlilani, and scholarship recipient and Bunker Hill Community College student Lloyd Joseph.



The Everett High School Chorus performed during the Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast hosted by the Zion Church Ministries. Members of the EPS and the Everett School Committee were also in attendance for this special event, which was held in-person for the first time since 2020. Standing: EPS Chief Equity Officer Janelle Ridley, School Committee member Millie Cardello and her grandson Sammy, School Committee member Jeanne Cristiano, Superintendent Priya Tahlilani, School Committee Chairman Mike Mangan, and EHS Chorus Director Corey Corfoot. In front are EHS's talented and dedicated choral members.

ADVANCED CYBERSECURITY



Second-year students in Mr. Neil Plotnick's cybersecurity class are using Parallax robots and its cyber literacy curriculum to learn about circuits, sensors, and programming. The robots were purchased through a grant Mr. Plotnick secured from Cyber.org.



SELF-CARE TO SHARE!



Whittier students in Lisa Yendriga-Norberg's class created a Winter Self Care Bulletin Board that hangs in the school lobby and is filled with helpful tips and advice. The project was completed in conjunction with the district's work with Project Wayfinder's Social-Emotional Curriculum. The board has pockets for flyers as well as QR codes to digital resources. Ideas include Be Mindful, Practice Gratitude, Take Time for Yourself, Eat Healthy, Do Something Outside, Organize Something, and Be Artsy! The resource has been a big hit with Whittier School seventh and eighth grade students and teachers.



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