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EHS COMPETES IN GREATER BOSTON LEAGUE TRACK

The Crimson Tide came away with win and a loss to Medford in Greater Boston League track action Monday at Malden High School, as the boys pulled away to a 51-35 victory but the girls were tipped 46-40.

Everett's Shinay Aristhene demonstrates good form that earned him 2nd place in the 50-yard hurdles.



Nicole Brandao (109) clears the last hurdle on her way to a first place finish in the 50-yard hurdles.

BRIAN GIANNELLI HONORED AT CITY HALL



Parking Enforcement Officer Brian Giannelli (second from left) was presented with an appreciation citation by the City Council for his heroic efforts on the early morning of Dec. 22, 2022, alerting residents to a two-alarm fire in Vine Street. Shown at the ceremony are (left to right) Brian Giannelli Jr. (son), Brian Giannelli, Keith Giannelli (brother), Carlo Giannelli (son), Kenny Giannelli (uncle), Mary (mother-in-law) and Councilor Wayne Matewsky.

DiDomenico launches campaign to lift kids out of deep poverty

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico with his colleague Representative Marjorie Decker and the Lift Our

Kids Coalition have accelerated the timetable for lifting kids out of Deep Poverty by filing Senate and House bills (SD 501, HD 507) at the start of the



Rep. Marjorie Decker and Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

2023-2024 legislative session. A campaign launch event was held last week to build support for this legislation and introduce it to members of the Legislature. The Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty, which Senator DiDomenico has led on for years, would raise the maximum cash assistance grant by 25% a year until it reaches half of the federal poverty level. Families living below half the poverty level are considered to be in poverty level goes up.

Deep Poverty. Under the bill, grants would increase each year and would keep pace with inflation as the

After decades of frozen cash assistance levels,

Senator DiDomenico and Representative Decker led the charge in the Legislature to raise grants three times for a total increase of 32% beginning in January 2021. This was a huge step forward for families in our communities and they are looking to continue building on this momentum.

"It is simply unacceptable that we have nearly 70,000 children in the Commonwealth living so far below the federal poverty level," said Senator DiDomenico, the lead sponsor of the Senate bill and Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "While the

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Wynner's Circle

Sports betting begins at Encore

Encore Boston Harbor President Jenny Holaday said it all about the opening of the WynnBET Sportsbook Tuesday at the five-star resort/casino in Everett.

"It's sports betting in the nation's best sports town," remarked Holaday. "Everyone is thrilled and excited it's here."

Holaday was joined by Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Speaker of the House Ron Mariano, State Reps. Joseph McGonagle and Dan Ryan and an array of professional athletes at the grand opening of the new sportsbook which is another step in Encore bringing a spectacular Las Vegas-style experience to Everett.

"This has been long overdue," said DeMaria, who led the way for the Encore resort/casino to be built in the city. "People have been able to go to other states to wager on sports. We made the same argument when we were bringing the casino to Everett – why not keep the money here in the community? This sportsbook is a very nice facility."

DeMaria said he had the opportunity to chat



Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Rep. Joe McGonagle are pictured at the WynnBET Sportsbook at Encore Boston Harbor on the historic first day of legalized sports betting in Massachusetts.

with Johnny Damon, one of the sports celebrities in attendance at Tuesday's event. "I thanked him for breaking the Curse of the Bambino," remarked De-

An historic day for Massachusetts

Boston sports fans, who have enjoyed several championships by the New England Patriots, Boston Red Sox, Boston Celtics, and Boston Bruins in this century, can now legally wager on professional and college sports at Encore – and they're excited about

the opportunity. Mike Capone of Malden was one of the first patrons to wager after

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Local fire service leaders complete program

Special to the Independent

More than three dozen fire service leaders from Massachusetts across including Everett Deputy Chief Sabato LoRusso graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Chief Fire Officer Management

Training Program. The four-month program for new chief officers and chief officer candidates is delivered jointly by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and the University of Massachusetts Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management. Through classroom instruction and out-of-class assignments, the course delivers intensive training in the nonfire suppression aspects of managing a municipal fire department.

"The Chief Fire Officer program is a tremendous opportunity for new chiefs and rising officers," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, who graduated from the program in 2002. "The rigorous instruction in such a wide variety of topics will help these graduates provide the leadership that their departments and communities deserve. Completing the program is a major accomplishment and I want to congratulate them on their initiative and dedication to professional development."

The Chief Fire Officer Training Management Program covers a spectrum of topics considered essential for effective public sector management. It includes human

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State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey (right). With Everett Deputy Chief Sabato LoRusso.

For the latest news in Everett that you need to know, check everettindependent.com

News in Brief

Public health warning issued related to recent sewage discharge

The following is a public health warning related to a recent sewage discharge, also known as a combined sewer overflow (CSO). State regulations require local public health departments to provide notice to the public when these discharges may create a risk to public health, including when a discharge lasts for more than two hours.

The following outflow locations experienced discharge events:

• Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Outflow MWR203, located in the Upper Inner Harbor, upstream of North Washington St. Bridge, experienced a treated discharge or overflow starting on January 26 at 3:05am, creating a potential public health risk. This overflow ended at 6:29am. This data is preliminary and may be revised. Check the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority website here for current updates about this discharge. This event may potentially affect waters in Boston Inner Harbor.

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The curriculum helps fire

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 Boston Water and Sewer Commission Outfall 070, located on the Fort Point Channel at Albany Street, experienced a discharge or overflow on January 26 starting at 4:05am and lasting until 6:25am, creating a potential public health risk. This data is preliminary and may be revised. Check the

Boston Water and Sewer Commission website here for current updates about this discharge. This event may potentially affect waters in Fort Point Channel and Boston Inner Harbor. Boston Water and

Sewer Commission Outfall 013, located at the confluence of the Mystic River and Chelsea Creek at the Condor Street Bridge in East Boston, experienced a discharge or overflow on January 26 starting at 2:40am and lasting until 6:50am, creating a potential public health risk. This data is preliminary and may be revised. Check the Boston Water and Sewer Commission website here for current updates about this

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Fire Services, offers this

The 2022-2023 gradu-

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Everett, Fitchburg, Fram-

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discharge. This event may potentially affect waters in Boston Inner Harbor and the Chelsea Creek/Mystic River confluence.

This advisory expired 48 hours after the overflow has ended at each location.

The public is advised to avoid contact with affected water bodies for at least 48 hours after a sewage discharge or overflow, during rainstorms, and for 48 hours after rainstorms end, due to increased health risks from bacteria or other pollutants associated with urban stormwater runoff and discharges of untreated or partially treated wastewater.

A combined sewer overflow occurs when a large storm overwhelms the combined sewerage system causing rainwater to mix with wastewater and discharge to a nearby water body. This prevents sewage backups into homes and businesses.

More information about CSOs and public health is available at www.boston. gov/cso.

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CHRONICLE'S TED REINSTEIN **COMES TO THE**

PARLIN LIBRARY

In honor of Black History Month, on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm, the Parlin Library will host Mr. Ted Reinstein, of WCVB's Chronicle, for a discussion of his book, Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball's Color Barrier.

Mr. Reinstein will discuss the unknown heroes who fought segregation in baseball, communist newspaper reporters, Pullman car porters and the black newspapers who reached the homes of people of color throughout the United States to support the integration of baseball. He reminds us that the first black player in professional baseball was not Jackie Robinson but Moses Fleetwood Walker in 1884, and that there was a time when integrated teams were not unusual. But segregation in the United States deepened and the exclusion of people of color in baseball became the norm.

Ted Reinstein has been a reporter for "Chronicle," WCVB-TV/Boston's award-winning — and America's longest-running, locally-produced—



Ted Reinstein.

nightly news magazine since 1997. He has been a contributor for the station's political roundtable show and sits on WCVB's editorial board. He is also the author of New

Join us for a celebration of Black History, American History and the Boys of Summer.

England Notebook and

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CITY CENSUS WILL **BE ARRIVING AT HOMES IN THE COMING WEEKS**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Election Commission Office would like to remind residents that the City of Everett annual census will arrive at homes in the coming weeks. Once you receive your census form, please review your household's census, make any necessary changes and return the form either in-person or by mail in the provided return envelope to the Election Commission Office in City Hall at 484 Broadway, Room 10.

If you are a new occupant of a residence, use the form addressed to your address and update it with your information, as you are the current resident. Please be aware that this office protects your rights by never giving out any telephone numbers, so please include your phone number on the form in case there are any questions about your house-

You are required to respond if you are a resident of Everett, whether you are a voter or not. Every person in your household should be listed, including all children and non-U.S. citizens. This is an essential function of the City regarding state funding as listed as active on the voting lists.

This year, in your census envelope, you will also find the following:

• 2023 Vote by Mail Applications

Each sheet will have four applications to accommodate up to four voters per household.

• Dog License Applica-

If you have not received a census form by February 1, please contact the Election Commission at either 617-394-2296 or 617-394-2297 to have one mailed to you.

TAX PREPARATION AT THE CONNOLLY

CENTER Mayor Carlo DeMaria, the Office of Human Services and Council on Aging are pleased to announce their partnership with ABCD for free tax preparation for those that are income eligible. Tax preparation takes place every Thursday at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea St.) from 9am until 4pm. You must make an appointment with ABCD by calling 781-321-2501. If you earned less than \$60,000 in 2022 and meet the requirements, you are eligible for this program. You must bring with you a valid ID, Social Security cards, all 1099 forms or unemployment forms, all your W2 forms, proof of health insurance, any child care expenses (if it applies to you), any student loans, bank-issued printed account and routing numbers for direct deposit and any mail from the Department of Revenue or the IRS (if applicable). For additional information, please call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the

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About Holy Cross

MORELLI NAMED TO THE UNIVERSITY **OF SCRANTON DEAN'S LIST**

Luca F. Morelli of Everett was among more than 1,600 students named to The University of Scranton's Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester. The Dean's List recognizes students for academic excellence. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester to make the Dean's List. The list includes students from the Jesuit university's College of Arts and Sciences, Kania School of Management and Panuska College of Professional Studies. Morelli is a freshman

political science major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences. University The

Scranton is a Jesuit university located in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

HOLY CROSS ANNOUNCES FALL 2022 DEAN'S LIST

College of the Holy Cross congratulates the following students who were named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List for

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service.

At BC High, NHS members are committed to service in the school and in the broader community. All students applying for membership must be current with the completion of required community services hours for their grade level at BC High. After induction into NHS, all members are expected to offer significant service to the school community as tutors in the Academic Resource Center, as ambassadors at Open House and Admissions events, and in other capacities.

grade point average of 3.5 is required of all applicants. Beyond the grade point average, applicants must be a positive presence in their academic classes. They must show initiative and dependability, work well with other students, exhibit a strong work ethic, and demonstrate openness to growth. About Boston College

A minimum cumulative

High School: Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men in grades 7 to 12. Founded in 1863, the school enrolls more than 1,400 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts. For more information, please visit behigh.

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INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR **SOCIETY AT** of **BC HIGH** The following Everett

student has been inducted into the Robert J. Fulton, SJ Chapter of the National Honor Society at Boston College High School: • Cristian Salvador

(Class of 2024) The National Honor

Society (NHS) was created by the National Association of Secondary School Principals to recognize high school students who have distinguished themselves in their school and

Each year eligible juniors and seniors are invited to apply for membership in NHS. Applications

DiDomenico, Project Bread, launch campaign to pass universal school meals

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico teamed up with Project Bread, a nationally recognized anti-hunger organization, to launch a statewide campaign to pass his Universal School Meals bill, An Act relative to universal school meals. This legislation, sponsored by Di-Domenico, would provide free breakfast and lunch to every child in a Massachusetts school. Senator DiDomenico was also joined by Representative Andy Vargas, who sponsors the bill in the House, dozens of elected officials, anti-hunger advocates, educators, and a video message from Congressman Jim McGovern.

Thankfully, schools across the state have been providing Universal School Meals throughout the pandemic because costs and paperwork for this program were temporarily footed by the federal government. In 2022, federal support for the program was cut off,



Project Bread Event.

but Senator DiDomenico secured enough funding in last year's state budget to continue funding free school meals throughout the Commonwealth for the current school year. The Senate and House must pass the Universal School Meal bills (SD1013 and HD766) in order to continue providing free breakfast and lunch at our schools indefinitely.

"We have heard time and again from educators,



At the table, Michael Baldassarre, the superintendent of schools in Uxbridge and a former educator and administrator in Everett and Woburn, Sarah Coughlin, legislative chair of the School Nutrition Association and the nutrition director at Braintree Public Schools, Dr. Awab Ali Ibrahim (sepeaking), a pediatrician at Mass General Brigham, Erin McAleer, executive director of Project Bread, Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Andy Vargas.

advocates, and parents, that kids cannot learn when they are hungry," said Senator DiDomenico, the lead sponsor of the Senate bill and Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "Providing free breakfast and lunch in schools will

empower all our students to study, focus, and live up to their full potential. It is past time, in the year 2023, that we finally pass my commonsense bill into law and ensure no child will ever go hungry in a Massachusetts school again."

This program has been a massive success in Massachusetts over the past two school years. Over 50,000 more students were eating lunch daily when costs were lifted, which allowed them to focus on class and relieved a financial burden from their parents. This is a crucial program especially as costs for housing. transportation, healthcare, and more have been rising. Passing this legislation into law is critical for the wellbeing of our children and working families throughout the Commonwealth.

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Holaday personally led the countdown to the 10 a.m. launch of the betting kiosks inside the casino.

"I bet a couple of Super Bowl props and parlays tonight for hockey, college basketball," said Capone. "It's fantastic to be a part of history. Encore did a great job with this. It's really a good time."

Artie Ells, a Chelsea resident, wanted to be a part of an historic day for Massachusetts.

"This is just another great day for the area," said Ells. "This resort is a beautiful place. It still amazes me that it's here. Everything here is firstclass."

Sports broadcaster Sean McDonough served as the master of ceremonies for the event. "It's great to see so many people here as we commemorate the first sports bets in Massachusetts," said McDonough.

Holaday told the large gathering, "I want to thank you, ladies and gentlemen, fans, for coming out to celebrate this historic moment with us. This has been a wonderful team effort, and we're really excited to bring legal sports betting to the Common-

wealth." Wynn Vice President of Trading Alan Berg expects the WynnBET Sportsbook to be a very successful operation. There are Wynn-



President Jenny Holaday is pictured adjacent to the WynnBET Sportsbook area inside Encore Boston Harbor, commemorating the first day of legalized sports betting in Massachusetts.

BET Sportsbooks in ten states.

"I think it's going to be phenomenal," predicted Berg. "Boston is one of the biggest sports cities in the world as far as I'm concerned. So, the pent-up demand – I think we've been hearing about for so long – and the excitement have reached a big pitch at this point. We're trying to give Boston the best product possible, and I think we're ready to do that."

State, local officials excited about launch of sports betting

Rep. Joe McGonagle of Everett attended the grand opening ceremonies for the WynnBET Sports-



Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Speaker of the House Ron Mariano, and Rep. Jerald Parisella are pictured at the grand opening of the WynnBET Sportsbook at Encore Boston Harbor.

"I'm excited to see the launch of legalized sports betting betting in Massachusetts," said McGonagle, who supported the legislation. "Sports betting in Massachusetts will be creating more jobs, and we're hoping they will be jobs for Everett residents."

Rep. Dan Ryan of Charlestown supported the effort to bring legalized sports betting to Mas-

sachusetts.

"Sports betting is here. The Legislature, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, and the state's constitutional officers have weighed this possibility with great diligence to ensure that the jobs, revenue, and entertainment created by this venture will have a positive

impact on our local cities and towns," said Ryan.

State Rep. Jessica Giannino of Revere was also a supporter of the legislation to allow legalized sports betting in Massa-

"Massachusetts residents are passionate about their sports. This legislation will allow fans to bet on their favorite teams but do so in a regulated manner that promotes responsible gaming, while bringing in millions of dollars of revenue that has previously been going to our neighboring states or to illegal operations," said Rep. Giannino. "I was proud to serve on the Economic Development Committee under the leadership of Chairman



Pictured at the grand opening of the WynnBet Sportsbook at Encore Boston Harbor Jan. 31 are, from left, Encore Vice President of Food and Beverage Michael LaPorte, Rep. Dan Ryan, Everett resident Carol Scalesse, and Rep. Joe McGo-

Jerry Parisella and work on this important legislation. I am thankful for the work of Speaker Mariano and his tireless effort in getting this bill across the finish line."

Rep. Jeff Turco of Winthrop voted in favor of the legalized sports betting bill in Massachusetts. "To be blunt, I'm sort of gaming skeptic, but the simple reality of gaming in Massachusetts is it's here. We have the most successful lottery in the country. Our gaming industry is doing very well. It's simply doesn't make any sense to have all the gaming we do and exclude one of the more profitable elements, not just for the casinos, but also for the Commonwealth. The decision on gaming was made decades ago, and this is just a natural expansion of it, and I supported it, and proudly so.

Rep. Adrian Madaro of East Boston said he voted in favor of the legalized sports betting bill.

"Legalized sports betting means fans can enjoy games in a whole new way," wagering responsibly while creating jobs and raising revenue for important state services,' said Madaro. "I was please to vote in favor of this bill. I look forward to seeing the economic growth that comes from this new industry in Massachusetts."

Lynn City Councilor Brian LaPierre said, "This is awesome. Today is an historic day for Massachusetts. Sports wagering has been a long time coming for our state. It's going to bring in millions of dollars in new state revenues that can go to our schools, our roads, and housing concerns throughout the Commonwealth. This is a great, one-stop shopping experience for anyone who likes to dabble a little bit on sports betting You can bet all the games and come and have a great time at the beautiful Encore resort.'

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recent increases in cash assistance were an important step towards helping our families, I am committed to continuing our work and pushing for further bold action to ensure that no child lives in Deep Poverty, suffering with-

Garcia and Sen. Robyn Kenneddy.

out nutritious food, winter clothing or basic needs such as diapers. We live in one of the wealthiest states in the nation and there is no excuse for children living in poverty. Now more than ever, we must make

priorities for the legislative session.'

The Lift Our Kids Co-(liftourkidsma. alition org), comprised of 155 organizations, formed in late 2016 to advocate for repeal of the welfare family cap, the law that barred

benefits for children conceived while the family received assistance. DiDomenico and Decker led the repeal of the family cap in 2019, and the Legislature overrode the Governor's veto of repeal by an almost unanimous vote.



Among the attendees are (front row left to right) Rep. Shirley Arriaga, Rep. Rita Mendes, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Rep. Judith

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GET READY FOR THE COLD!

We may have just finished what reportedly ranks as the fifth-warmest January on record, but by the end of this week, we'll be experiencing our coldest weather in seven years when an Arctic blast dips into the United States and delivers temperatures that will start to plummet during the day on Friday and extend through Sunday morning.

The weatherman is telling us that the temp will be at six below zero in the Boston area when we wake up Saturday morning and will reach no higher than 15 throughout the entire day.

In addition, the Arctic blast will be riding a northwest wind of 20-30 miles per hour, bringing the dreaded wind chill factor into the range of -20 or lower.

For those of us who live along the coastline, we will

be treated to the eerie spectre of "sea smoke," the water vapor that forms when really cold air moves over the relatively warmer water (which presently is at a temperature of about 40 degrees in Boston Harbor).

Fortunately, this cold snap will be gone in a snap -less than 48 hours -- with the temperatures getting back to more-seasonable levels by Sunday when the wind direction shifts from the northwest to the southwest.

Needless to say, outdoor activity of just about any kind will be impossible during the day on Saturday. While that may be a minor inconvenience for most of us, for those who are homeless, the extreme cold will be deadly, particularly for the recently-homeless who have not experienced weather this cold.

We trust that local officials and charitable organizations will do their best to get the homeless off the streets and into warming shelters during this life-threatening

As for the rest of us (who can turn our TV onto some golf tournament in California or Hawaii for a vicarious experience), we should make sure that all windows and storm windows are shut tight throughout our homes to ensure that cold air does not infiltrate, with the potential to cause freezing pipes. It also is smart to make sure that our thermostats are kept high enough to ensure that outside walls that have water or heating lines (and that may not be fully-insulated) are kept warm enough to prevent freeze-ups. We realize that this will increase our heating bills -- but that will be far cheaper than repairing the damage from a frozen pipe that bursts.

Ol' Man Winter has been kind to us up to now -- but this weekend he'll be letting us know that we should not take him for granted.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL IS A PUBLIC GOOD

We were pleased to see that Chelsea's newly-elected State Representative, Judith Garcia, announced last week that she has co-sponsored An Act to Advance Health Equity, a bill that aims to close the gap in healthcare by prioritizing equity in state government, regulating data reporting on health equity, and improving access to and the quality of healthcare for historically-disadvantaged communities.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought into stark contrast the disparity in outcomes between those in our society who have good health care options vs. those who do not. The COVID-19 death rates in poorer communities far exceeded those in wealthier communities (which is typical for just about every disease and illness known to man).

Based on a data analysis of more than 3,000 counties across the US, Americans in poorer counties died at almost twice the rate of those in wealthier counties at the start of the pandemic. That dichotomy became even more pronounced in the later waves of the pandemic, when death rates in economically-disadvantaged counties were three and four times the rates of more-affluent counties.

But those of us who are fortunate enough to have access to healthcare should not be deluded into thinking that this is "someone else's" problem. The COVID-19 pandemic proved conclusively that what happens anywhere can have serious implications everywhere.

Communicable diseases are "communicable" because they spread and, as we learned from COVID-19, viruses do not discriminate between rich and poor. Persons in wealthier communities overall may have had better outcomes because of better access to healthcare, but when viruses spread rapidly through communities without good healthcare options, it is inevitable that all of us are affected (and infected).

The simple point we're trying to make is that in our interconnected world in which we rely on each other for everything, it is to the advantage of everyone to make sure that every member of our society has access to

quality healthcare. This is both a moral imperative and a common-sense

goal that benefits every member of society. We applaud Rep. Garcia for sponsoring this bill and we urge the legislature to pass it forthwith.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Classified document stink piles

An Old Testament story records an overwhelming infestation of frogs throughout Egypt. There was no place in Egypt where frogs were not present in large numbers. The plague was sent in response to Pharoah's attitude toward the Israelite people who lived in slavery under his rule. When God ended the plague there were piles of dead frogs all over Egypt. In the streets, bedrooms, bathrooms, closets, storage facilities, and places we can only imagine. It became a very stinky situation as they raked up the

Dr. Glenn Mollette

The Classified Document saga seems to be growing in similar fashion to the dead frogs of Egypt. They appear to be everywhere and they stink. The odor has to be particularly bad for Presidents Donald Trump and Joe Biden as well as Vice President Mike Pence.

dead frogs and piled them

up all over Egypt.

First came the big raid of Trump's home in Flor-

ida. Late at night, FBI agents went through his home and personal items and carried out boxes of documents. Next, we hear that Biden has had classified documents in his home for years. They seem to be scattered everywhere throughout his house. Then, Mike Pence in Indiana has more classified documents. What are these men doing with these documents? They are scattered out like the dead frogs of Egypt.

Again, what are these individuals doing with classified documents? I used to keep a big box of comic books when I was a kid. I would read a comic and then put it in the box. Sometimes I would read them again. I definitely knew that I had them. Why would past administrations hold on to classified documents? How did they get to the locations where they were

The National Archives has asked all the former Presidents to check for classified documents. Jimmy Carter? Where would he have them? In his family Bible? Mixed in with old Sunday school lessons that he has taught at the local Baptist Church? I don't think so but you never know who might have picked them up, packed them in a box, and placed them on a shelf in his garage. What about George W. Bush? Could documents be under the seat of his old truck? Bill Clinton has emphatically stated he does not have any classified documents but he has made emphatic statements before. These former Presidents have said they do not have such documents.

Did Trump carry these documents out of the White House when he and his family climbed aboard the Presidential helicopter? I've never seen Trump or Biden carry anything. Which aid picked up some boxes and tossed them into the moving van? Where is White House security when it comes to classified documents?

Only time will tell and we may never know for sure about the plethora of classified documents. We hope they aren't reading some of them in China or Russia. Who can say for sure where they are not being read? We do not know for sure whether or not someone else has them. Could another family member have a box or two somewhere? How much money would China, Russia or others pay for classified documents?

Democrats and Republicans will point fingers and scream about all this in the next election. Both sides will try to make the other side look worse but it appears there is plenty of stink everywhere.

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DeMaria announces agreement to introduce a basic life support ambulance emergency vehicle into the EFD fleet

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce, alongside Everett Fire Department (EFD) Acting Chief Scott Dalrymple and President of Everett Firefighters Union Local 143 Lieutenant Craig Hardy, the signing of an agreement to introduce a Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance Emergency Service Vehicle into the EFD fleet.

The majority of calls that the EFD responds to each year are for medical responses. Everett Fire Department's first-ever ambulance will allow for quicker response times to residents' medical emergencies and allow for possibly life-saving care to be administered with new equipment and increased professional training as

"It's always been my goal to make sure that the members of the Everett Fire Department have the training and equipment they need to serve our residents," said Mayor De-Maria. "Residents should be reassured that if you need medical assistance, our EFD members will be



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there in minutes."

Currently, the ambulance industry is dealing with staffing shortages, which has resulted in the possibility of longer wait times for emergency medical care. Equipping Everett Firefighters with an ambulance and EMT training will help combat this statewide issue for the residents of Everett.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "I want to thank Local 143 and the members of the EFD for sharing my commitment to offering our residents this important and potentially life-saving

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Sports

EHS Roundup

EHS GIRLS WIN PAIR, NOW 7-6

The Everett High girls basketball team moved above the .500 mark with a pair of victories this past week over Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Malden and Chelsea.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Crimson Tide topped Malden, 46-39. Japhnie Pierre led Everett with a double-double of 16 points and 11 rebounds

Malaica Guillaume fell just shy of a double-double, hitting for nine points and pulling down 13 boards.

"The team shot big time free throws down the stretch and finished the game shooting 72% from the line," said EHS head coach Riley Dunn.of her team's 13-for-18 performance from the charity stripe.

"This was a battle from start to finish," Dunn added. "It was a total team win -- and our bench was full of energy from start to finish."

Last Thursday the Lady Crimson Tide entertained Chelsea and earned a 58-32 victory.

Kaesta Sandy topped the scoring column with 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Nehemie Joseph was all over the boards, snaring eight big caroms. Freshman Casey

Martinez started her first varsity game and dropped in six points for the Tide.

Dunn and her crew have a big week ahead as they start the final one-third of their 2023 campaign and seek to finish with a .500 (or better) record that will earn them a spot in the post-season state tourney.

They were scheduled to host non-league opponent Lowell this past Monday and to journey to Lynn Classical yesterday (Tuesday). They will return home to entertain Lynn English tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:00 and Somerville next Tuesday at 7:00.

EHS BOYS TRACK BATTLES SOMERVILLE

The Everett High boys indoor track and field team put up a strong effort against first-place Somerville last Friday, but came up short by a score of 48-33 to the Highlanders.

The duo of juniors Jayden Prohete and Jalen Jones went 1-2 in the 50-yard dash, with both clocking a time of 6.0.

Jayden also captured the high jump with a personal record (PR) leap of 5'-10" to account for 10 points for the Crimson Tide.

The Tide also went 1-2 in the 300 dash behind senior captain Omar Marshall (38.9) and freshman Kayshaun Eveillard, who recorded a PR of 39.9. Everett captured the 4 x

400 relay behind the quartet of Eveillard, Jones, senior Fludjy Moise, and Marshall.

Senior captain Angel Torres took second place in the 600 dash with a PR clocking of 1:39.3. Senior Matth Telson grabbed second spot in the 1000 with a time of 3:16.

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Luca Jean Noel stays on the elbow of Malden's Addison

McWayne in the girls 1-mile run. They finished 2-3 in the

race but Noel's 6:53.8 was good for second place in Ever-

ett's competition with Medford.

Darynn Desrameauz lines up a shot put throw on her way to a first place finish in the event.



Everett's Carlos Yan Perez has a step on the field on his way to a first place finish in the boys 50-yard dash ahead of teammate Khang Nguyen (left, 468) and Medford's Magerson Bazile (549) and Prince Exavier (563).



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EVERETT COMPETES IN GREATER BOSTON LEAGUE TRACK MEET

Crimson The Tide came away with win and a loss to Medford in Greater Boston League track action Monday at Malden High School, as the boys pulled away to a 51-35 victory but the girls were tipped 46-40.



Everett's Donald Michel (465) is in a tight race with Medford's Cooper Su as they clear a hurdle, but Michel pulled away and took first place in the 50-yard hurdles and Su finished 3rd.



Everett's Samuel Desir Mafouana (452) breaks with the pack at the start of the boys 1 mile



Nyla Crowder (111) cruises toward the finish line for a first place finish in the 50-yard dash ahead of Zyelle Cannon (110), Gabriella Komonoy (217) and Reinna Pierrabia (227).



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'The Comedy of Errors' to be staged by Theatre Company of Saugus

The Theatre Company of Saugus presents The Comedy of Errors, one of William Shakespeare's most popular plays. Performances are the first two weekends of March 2023.

The Comedy of Errors is a farce about two sets of identical twins who were separated in a shipwreck shortly after birth. Now adults, Antipholus of Syracuse and his servant, Dromio of Syracuse, arrive in the town of Ephesus, which happens to be where their longlost twins, Antipholus of Ephesus and Dromio of Ephesus, live. When the Syracusan twins encounter the friends and families of their siblings, a series of mishaps based on mistaken identity result in wrongful beatings, a near-seduction, the arrest of the Ephesian twins, and false accusations of infidelity, theft, madness,



Bryan Deroo as Antipholus of Syracuse and Olga Karasik-Updike as the Foreign Merchant practice their sword fighting, in rehearsal for William Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors. Presented by the Theatre Company of Saugus, March 3-4-5 & 10-11-12, 2023, at the American Legion in Saugus, Massachusetts. See: TCSaugus.org.

and demonic possession. Eventually it all gets sorted out!

The Theatre Company of Saugus (TCS) is pleased to have Waltham resident Francine Davis as the director of the show. and a troupe of talented actors from all over the

North Shore of Massachusetts.

TCS welcomes some performers new to the group: Reading resi-

dent Bryan Deroo as Antipholus of Syracuse, Ryan Marchant from Arlington as Antipholus of Ephesus, Amanda Flicop of Malden as Adriana, David Lee Vincent of Newburyport as the Duke, Roland "Boot" Boutwell of Winchester as Egeon, Shelove Duperior of Malden as the Courtesan, and Olga Karasik-Updike of Newbury as the Foreign Merchant.

TCS welcomes some returning veterans of its stage to the show: Billy Jenkins of Stoneham as Dromio of Ephesus, Vi Patch of Wakefield as Dromio of Syracuse, John Leonard of Andover as the Map Seller, Kaycee Renee Wilson of Brighton as Luciana, Kathy Rapino of Saugus as the Abbess, Larry Segel of Winthrop as Angelo, and Sherri Wilcauskas of Middleton as Nell. Lauren Lyon of

Natick is the stage manager.

Performances of The Comedy of Errors are on March 3-4-5 and 10-11-12, 2023, on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM, and at Sunday matinees at

2:00 PM. Tickets purchased at the door are \$22-\$24. Tickets purchased in advance are \$19-\$21, online at TCSau-

gus.org/tickets. The venue is the American Legion Post 210 / 44 Taylor Street / Saugus. Massachusetts The performance space is not wheelchair accessible. but it does feature a bar serving alcoholic and soft drinks. Snacks and raffle tickets are available for purchase before the show

For more information, see the Theatre Company of Saugus website at TC-Saugus.org.

and during intermission.

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Adding single points to the Everett side of the scoresheet with third -place finishes were: senior captain Shinay Aristhene in the hurdles in 8.7; senior captain Samuel Desir Mafouana in the mile with a PR of 5:19.8; junior Nischal Tamang in the 1000 in 3:21; senior Antony Cooper in the two-mile in 12:11; junior Donald Michel with a high-jump of 5'-8"; and junior Jason Stark in the shot-put with a throw of

33'-4". Coach Jehu Cimea and his crew were scheduled to close out their dual-meet season on Monday vs. Medford and then will trek to the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston this Friday for the Greater Boston League champion-

TIDE TRACKSTERS SHINE AT MSTCA **MEET**

ship meet.

Jehu Cimea brought a number of his crew to Sunday's Mass.

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State Track Coaches Association Invitational Meet at which the Crimson Tide turned in some sterling performances.

Senior captain Omar Marshall sped to a new personal record (PR) in the 300 meter dash with a time of 37.91.

Junior Jalen Jones turned in PR in the 55M Dash with a clocking of 6.90 and fellow junior

Jayden Prophete likewise sprinted to a PR in a time of 6.94.

The Tide's 4 x 200 meter quartet of Kayshaun Eveillard, Jalen, Jayden, and Omar sped to a PR with a time of 1:34.51, which was good for 10th place at the meet and qualified them for the upcoming Division 1 State Meet.

EHS GIRLS FALL SHORT TO HIGHLANDERS

Although the Everett High girls indoor track and field team came up short in their meet last week against Greater Boston



Jason Stark watches the flight of his shotput heave of 37 feet, ten inches, good for second place in the event.



League rival Somerville, a number of the Lady Crimson Tide turned in strong performances.

The trio of junior captain Nicole Brandao (9.4), senior captain Ida Bittaye (9.5), and senior Sophia Sousa (10.7) swept the

55-meter hurdles event. The Lady Crimson Tide also swept the shot-put, led by junior Darrynn Desrameaux with a toss of 29'-4". Junior captain Layla Betancur-Cardona was second with a throw of 28'-2.5" and senior Julianna Edwards was third

with a distance of 27'-2". The duo of senior cap-

went 2-3 in the 50 dash. combo of junior Victoria Macao (a personal record of of 48.6) and sophomore Yelsa Garcia (a personal record of 48.9) also went

Somerville girl.

Contributing single points to the EHS side of the scoresheet with thirdplace efforts were sophomore Milena Antoine with a PR clocking of



tain Nyla Crowder and freshman Emelly DeJesus

In the 300 dash, the

The high jump saw a unique three-way tie for second place, with Everett's Crowder and Brandao divvying-up the four points (three for second and one for third) with a



Kayshaun Eveillard (455, right) has a smile of relief as he nips Medford runners JT Masto-

cola (578) and Dimitri Charles (552) at the finish line of the 300-yard run.

2:08.9 and junior captain Suzanne Maharjan in the two-mile run with a time of 16:40.

The quartet of junior Alisha LaFontant, sophomore Zella Cannon, senior Selma Moutaouakkil, and Garcia added five points in the 4 x 400 relay.

Coach Jehu Cimea and his Lady Crimson Tide crew took on Medford this past Monday in their final GBL dual-meet of the season and will compete in the GBL Championship Meet Friday at the Reggie

Lewis Center in Boston.

BOYS BASKETBALL NOW AT 8-2 IN GBL

The Everett High boys basketball team improved to 8-2 in the Greater Boston League with victories over GBL rivals Malden

(63-59) and Chelsea (76-

59) this past week. The Crimson Tide entertained Lynn Classical last night (Tuesday) and then will trek to first-place Lynn English tomorrow (Thursday). They will travel to Somerville next Tuesday.



Nyla Crowder won the girls high jump with a 4'6" jump.

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Beans & greens so many ways

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

For a long time, "beans & greens" was one of our favorite farmers' market suppers. When we spotted excellent fresh greens on a farm stand, we'd grab a bunch, pull a few staples from our pantry, and toss together a hearty, healthy pan full of delicious. Lately, we've been reading about many different approaches with various cooking methods for these ingredients. We suspect that "beans & greens" may be trending in 2023.

Our Old Method

The preparation we've used for years takes a few minutes of tearing and chopping but then cooks up fast. The quantities are not that important, and you can add a flourish of this, and a dabble of that if inspiration hits you. This dish is gorgeous with ruby or tri-color chard, but you can use other greens, with or without the stems, as your taste and market availability suggests.

First, wash the chard and tear or cut the leaves into bite-size pieces. Chop a small onion, slice some garlic and dice the chard stems. Sauté those items in olive oil in a large skillet or a wok over medium-high heat. Drain a can of beans (we like cannellini) and add to the mixture. Finally, add the chard leaves with any water clinging to them. Toss and cook until wilted. If the mixture looks too dry or sticks, add a bit of water or wine. Serve with a squirt of lemon juice and a good grating of Parmesan

Roasted or Braised

Our research into alternate approaches to this meal began with Rachel Roddy's recipe for pumpkin, beans, greens, and cheese in The Guardian. She describes it as, "Like classic cassoulet, the beauty of this dish is the soft, almost fudge-like beans with a slight crust on top."

We love that she added squash's visual appeal, flavor, and nutrition to the

Over at the New York Times, we found Lidey Heuck's recipe for "Braised White Beans and Greens With Parmesan." She calls it "...a satisfying vegetarian main course or a hearty side dish for roast chicken or sausages."

In winter, we love the idea of a dish roasting in the oven, slowly braising on a burner, or simmering in a slow cooker. As the aroma fills our home, we can anticipate a warming meal on the way.

Added In or Served Alongside

Roddy added pumpkin to her version. Heuck suggested that her "beans & greens" could be a side dish. One of the beauties of this concept is that you can pick your cooking method and then add or subtract what you want to make a perfect meal for your favorite omnivore,

vegetarian, or vegan.

The batch Penny made and photographed below was seasoned with a dice of smoky ham she had stowed in our freezer from another meal. You can also decide what balance of ingredients you want for your creation.

This one was lemon-forward. Penny also used the end of a bottle of wine to make it a bit saucier. Sometimes she makes it with lots of garlic. This time the garlic was a background hum, not a shout. If someone extra shows

up for dinner, you can use the "beans & greens" to sauce a pan of pasta. You'll also see it served on thick slices of country bread as a sort of bruschetta. Italian sausage makes a great addition, or you can serve the sausage as a side

option. And by changing the protein, cheese, greens, condiments, and type of beans, you can present your family with a Tex-Mex, Asian, Spanish or Polish version.

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



This batch of "beans & greens" was seasoned with a dice of smoky ham that was stowed in our freezer from another meal.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL LOOKS TO FILL POSITIONS

CHELSEA - The City Council is moving forward with several steps in the process to find a replacement for former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

Last week, the council held a subcommittee meeting to address several of the issues surrounding Ambrosino's departure, as well as for finding a replacement for clerk to the council Paul Casino. Casino officially retired from his position in December, but is working on a parttime/consultant basis to help the council until they find his replacement.

At the subcommittee meeting, the council discussed appointing Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe the acting City Manager.

However, the motion to appoint Keefe the acting City Manager was tabled at Monday night's meeting to the Feb. 6 council meeting because there was still some input the council was looking for from the deputy city manager and the city solicitor.

The council did approve hiring the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management to consult and assist with the City Manager search process.

"Prior to that, we, as a City Council will have a discussion about what we would like to see, what type of City Manager that the city will be looking for," said Precinct 8 Councilor Calvin Brown.

Brown said the search

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process will also incorporate input from the community, and that there will be more information at the next council meeting about a possible screening committee to help with the selection process.

As for the clerk to the council position, the council voted to reissue the job description for the position as a full-time position of up to 35 hours per week with a flexible schedule.

Brown noted that if the council could not find a suitable person to fill the position full time, there could be some flexibility and ability to hire someone at fewer hours. However, Council President Leo Robinson stated that it is being advertised as a full-time position.

Casino announced his planned retirement for the end of 2022 in May of last

At that time, the council established a special search subcommittee for the clerk to the council position. At that time, the clerk was being listed as a 20-hour per week posi-

BENITEZ PROVIDES UPDATES ON MATTRESSES, NEWSLETTERS, AND MORE

During the Gove Street Citizens Association's monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, East Boston's Liaison Nathalia Benitez

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shared some updates residents should be aware of as 2023 rolls on. One of Benitez's most

important updates came as a reminder regarding the City of Boston's newest way to dispose of mat-"Starting in January, the

City of Boston requires an appointment for collection of all mattresses and box springs," said Benitez. The city accepts mem-

ory foam, box springs, innerspring, hybrid, latex, and air beds. However, the city is not accepting futons as part of the new disposal appointments. To set up a mattress

pick-up, residents can call 311. Currently, the 311 app does not have the capability to make these appointments; however, it is something the city is working on.

"Because we just launched it, we are only doing phone calls for now. The way the mattresses are picked up are by a recycling team, so if you were to just do a trash pick-up ticket on the 311 app, it would take them to public works, and public works will pick it up as trash, and that's not what we want," said Benitez.

"So we are trying to troubleshoot the data to make sure that it's going through the proper channels so it can actually get recycled."

The new disposal system ensures that some of the mattresses and box springs will be donated for reuse or recycled for materials such as insulation,

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carpet padding, and more. For more information

on mattress disposal, residents can visit https:// content.boston.gov/departments/public-works/ mattress-recycling. "We are very excited to

be launching this service starting this year," said Benitez. Along with mattress-

es having a new disposal system, so do clothing and textiles. Accepted clothing and textiles can be left at designated drop-off boxes East Boston's is at 166 London Street - or an appointment can be made for curbside pick-up.

To make an appointment and for more information on this disposal system, residents can visit https://www.boston.

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to the lack of a communi-

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recycle textiles, so they don't end up in landfills,' said Benitez. As for other updates, the East Boston neighbor-

cations person in office. With a new Communication Chief Officer, the newsletter is slated to return this week; Benitez indicated the release would probably happen by Fri-

Not only will the newsletter make a return with both an English and Spanish version, but it will also include a new secwhich, according to Benitez, will probably start in the next two weeks. "It's [Spotlights] going

tion called "Spotlights,"

to be a forum where residents in the community can basically nominate businesses and neighbors for a special spotlight. We want to have people involved in letting us know what they like about the residents and the many. many amazing businesses we have in the area," said Benitez.

To subscribe to the newsletter, visit https:// newsletters.boston.gov/ subscribe.

Finally, as winter continues and with the recent snow. Benitez reminded

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residents to use 311 for non-emergency issues during storms and to report things like fire hydrants or handicap ramps covered in snow.

"The city is also requesting that residents wait for three hours after the snowfall before you call 311. As you can imagine, our lines often get tied up with the increase of calls from residents," said Benitez.

"So if you have any trouble getting in contact with one of our live team members, we encourage you to download the 311 app on your smartphone."

Upon completing her updates, Benitez mentioned ways to get in touch with her in person to speak about issues or concerns, such as her coffee Fridays.

"If you want to meet up in person and have a coffee and talk about issues, I am more than happy to do so," said Benitez.

Benitez can also be reached via email at nathalia.benitezperez@boston.gov.

LICENSING COMMISSION TOLD OF PLANS FOR **QUALITY INN TO** REOPEN

REVERE - The Revere License Commission held its regular meeting last Wednesday, January 18, in the Council Chamber. Chairman Robert Selevitch and member Daniel Occena were on hand for the meeting.

The meeting was routine in nature with the exception of a hearing into the future plans of the Quality Inn at 100 Morris St., which has been closed for almost the past three years since the beginning of the pandemic.

The specific agenda item stated as follows: "Sudguru Hotel, LLC d/b/a Ouality Inn. 100 Morris Street, Beth Scherer, Manager, Renewal Hearing: Hearing into business reopening plans and status of building and safety violations."

Jamin Patel, a principal with Sudguru, and Ms. Scherer appeared before the commission.

"The reason you're here basically is for us to find out what your intent is with this license," said Selevitch, who noted that Mr. Patel had appeared before the commission a year ago and said that he would reopen the hotel.

"We have been trying to reopen," said Patel. However, he said that he has had difficulty finding staff, but now he has found sufficient staff to reopen. He also noted that he has reached out to the various city departments to obtain the necessary permits for reopening.

"We've had two walkthroughs with the Fire Dept., Building Dept., and the Board of Health," said

However, Occena pointed out, "You're a-ways away from getting signed off, there are a host of issues and safety concerns that came out of these inspections, and you've done nothing since the walkthroughs to address them."

"We've addressed a number of them," said Pa-

Scherer stated that "95 percent of the work has been done.

"I know the list is extensive, but everything has been done," Scherer added, noting that burst pipes that had damaged the electrical systems while the hotel was closed during the pandemic had been the source of the problems. "We're ready to open."

In response to a question from Selevitch, the pair pointed out that Sudguru operates a large number of hotels in the area and in Florida.

Selevitch read a letter from Ward 6 City Councillor Richard Serino that Serino had sent to the commission.

"I am concerned with the prospect of renewing Quality Inn's licenses,' said Serino. "For nearly three years it has not been operating as a hotel while other hotels have resumed their operations post-pandemic and has continued to act in a way that would seem to have no regard for the people of No.Revere."

Serino further noted

that there is "trepidation about the Quality Inn's long-term goals." He also noted that during this past summer, an unauthorized Park and Fly business operated on the premises.

"There are rumors swirling about the hotel's management goals and speculation that they have opted to move up their renewal for means other than as a hotel," Serino

Scherer responded that finding staff, particularly a qualified property manager, has been difficult.

She also briefly addressed the issue of the City of Boston's request to use the hotel as housing for that city's homeless back in 2021 by former Boston Mayor Kim Janey. The hotel had been at the center of controversy when Janey had suggested that the hotel be used to provide temporary housing as a solution for the homeless population in the encampment at the so-called Mass. and Cass intersection.

That prospect blew up in the Boston media and drew the ire of Revere officials, including Mayor Brian Arrigo.

'This is the 'elephant in the room', but that is not happening. Our intention is not to do anything behind anyone's back,' Scherer said, thereby essentially putting the issue and the rumors to rest.

Although the commissioners were satisfied with the management's avowed intention to reopen as a hotel, Selevitch said that the commission is unable to grant a license at this time time until all of the permits and department sign-offs are completed. He made a motion to table the application until the next meeting, which is February 15, and Occena voted in favor.

Prior to that hearing, the commission addressed two routine matters, both of which they unanimously approved with little discussion.

The first item was an application by Atlantic Auto Body, Inc. for transfer of ownership of a Class 2 Motor Vehicle Dealer license to Ana and Cleison

Sarnaglia from Jeffrey Castaldo. The number of cars for sale is to remain

This matter had been continued from the commission's December meeting.

Mr. Sarnaglia presented his application to the commission. He said he recently bought both the business operation and the building. He further said the present auto body repair and auto sales shop will remain unchanged.

After Selevitch questioned whether 60 cars can fit on the lot, Sarnaglia pointed out a parking area on the lot. There were no opponents and the commissioners approved the application unanimously. The second item was

an application of Primos Partners, LLC d/b/a Fajita's Sports Bar & Restaurant, 46 Revere St., Nicolas Portillo, manager, for a change of closing hours to 2 a.m. from 12 a.m. Mr. Portillo presented

the application. He noted that other establishments in the area remain open until 2:00 and said that a lot of his customers have requested that he remain open until 2:00. Selevitch noted that a

the commission and stated, "The business has been a very good neighbor." There were no oppo-

neighbor had contacted

nents and the commission-

ers unanimously approved can Grill, 364 Broadway the change in hours.

The commission approved the following license renewals for 2023:

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The commission received one communication, which was as fol-

Notification from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) of the approval of an application for the transfer of a Malt/ Wine Package Store license to Santa Fe Super Market Corp. from Shayona Management, Inc.

Open house at Art Lab Everett on Feb. 5

Tour the Art Lab and try an activity, meet teachers and others interested in This month's open house on Feb. 5 from 3-5 p.m. will feature the artwork of Everett resident Jay Guanaka.

Guanaka is a Salvadoran-American artist, currently pursuing a design degree at Lesley College of Art and Design. She has been making work since she was able to hold a pencil. Her work is rooted in her love of her community. Jay has painted numerous murals around Everett and in the Greater Boston area. Two of Jay's prominent murals in Everett are located at the Beautification Way on Ferry Street and at 66 Main Street. Stop by Art Lab during the month of February to see her work displayed in the windows, drop in during the Open House to see more of her work.

Art Lab Everett is op-



erated by Arts for Everett, a non-profit organization dedicated to making art accessible to all of Everett.

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News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

Mystic Side Congregational Church 422 Main Street Everett, MA

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Spanish.

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Boots in the Chapel, and at 11:15Am 12:00Pm in

5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel on Thursday from 7:30Am-6:00Pm.

Bring a Book buy a Book a new Fundraiser Program at the back of the Church. All books are a dollar. Any money collected goes to our Stain Glass Fund. You are most invited to make a donation for this course. Most welcome to worship with us on Sunday and weekdays. Thank You.

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

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

Glendale United Methodist Church is open to all and we welcome people of all faiths, race, nationalities and sexual preference. No one is ever turned away. If you are looking for a new home church, we would like you to check us out and let us know what we can do to make church a better fit in your life.

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Methodist Church Pastor David Jackson 392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers) Please enter the church by the driveway on Walnut Street

Glendale United

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more rson to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWS AND NOTES

SWEET, SAVORY, AND SENSATIONAL! TEDDIE PEANUT BUTTER CHALLENGE A HUGE SUCCESS

Everett High School Culinary Arts students showed off the full range of their skills during the 2nd Annual Teddie Peanut Butter Challenge, a fun competition in which students created a sweet or savory dish featuring the beloved product that is made here in Everett.

"I had high hopes as I arrived at EHS to serve as a judge, and I left in awe knowing the students exceeded those expectations," said Superintendent Priya Tahiliani. "This was a genuinely awesome event of which the Culinary Arts students and staff should be immensely proud. I cannot conceive of a better showcase for their talents."

Joining Superintendent Tahiliani at the judge's table were Teddie Peanut Butter representatives Mark Nazarian, Brianna Soule, and Brittany L'Italien. They had the pleasure of tasting a wide range of dishes from Culinary Arts



Superintendent Priya Tahilaini (second from right) is pictured with Brianna Soule, Brittany L'Italien, and Mark Nazarian of Teddie Peanut Butter.

students:

Ashley Arriza Sageth Nashaely Avila Ruiz Zyana Betancur Patrick Bien-Aime Maria Cabral Alessandro Diniz Ricardo Dutra Lopez Mathew Fonseca Thomas Guerrero Phat Nguyen Elder Marin Vanegas Heidi Orellana Ramos Sabrina Santana Hernandez

Dishes included chicken tacos with pickled onions, PB Lasagna, Fried PB chicken with broccoli and rice, pork kabobs with PB sauce, PB chicken curry, PB pork loin, and grilled salmon with PB dressing. Sweet selections included PB cookie cake,

Ohsemenard Vales

"It was, as promised, a

PB cheesecake, tres leche

PB cake, and chocolate

PB cake.



Superintendent Priya Tahiliani, winners Ohsemendard Vales and Sabrina Santana Hernandez, and Teddie Peanut Butter representatives Brianna Soule, Brittany L'Italien, and Mark

Teddie Peanut Butter extravaganza," Superintendent Tahiliani said. "It's amazing how chefs can use one ingredient to express themselves so differently."

After deliberate and close voting, the winners

Savory Ohsemendard Vales and his Peanut Butter Salmon Cake over Peanut Butter Polenta and Soy-Peanut Butter "Caviar"

Sweet - Sabrina Santana Hernandez and her Peanut Butter and Jelly Roll-up Cake

The EPS thanks Teddie Peanut Butter for supporting this event and for being such a valued community partner.

SOLVE FOR TOMORROW ... AND TODAY! COMPUTER CLUB MAKING NOISE IN SAMSUNG COMPETITION

Members of Everett High School's Computer Club have advanced to the state finals of a national competition that promotes STEM and the positive ways it can influence our communities.

The EHS students are participating in "Solve for Tomorrow," which is sponsored by Samsung. Competing teams can win up to \$100,000 in prizes for their school, plus the opportunity to work with Samsung employees to develop their prototypes.

By being named a State Finalist, EHS will receive a \$2,500 prize package featuring Samsung products and classroom resources that will support their plan.

Alex O'Donnell and Neil Plotnick, the EHS Computer Club is developing a project to refurbish and distribute old computers. Instead of disposing of old computers - and straining the environment — the EHS students will return the devices to use by installing them with updated Linux software. The effort is already reaping rewards, as the Club recently donated computers to a women's shelter. Through this work, the students are

Working with teachers

In cases when a computer is unsalvageable, the

learning how to diagnose

systems, run diagnostic

tests, and perform related

tasks to restore machines

to working order.

team has an established relationship with a scrap metal firm in Everett that responsibly recycles the circuit boards and other materials.

"A sensational effort by any definition," said Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani. "The Computer Club deserves a long and loud round of applause for embracing this project and coming up with thoughtful and practical ways to utilize aging technology."

The Computer Club is recognized by the Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA) as a chapter of the Computer Science Honor Society, which emphasizes initiatives with social impact.

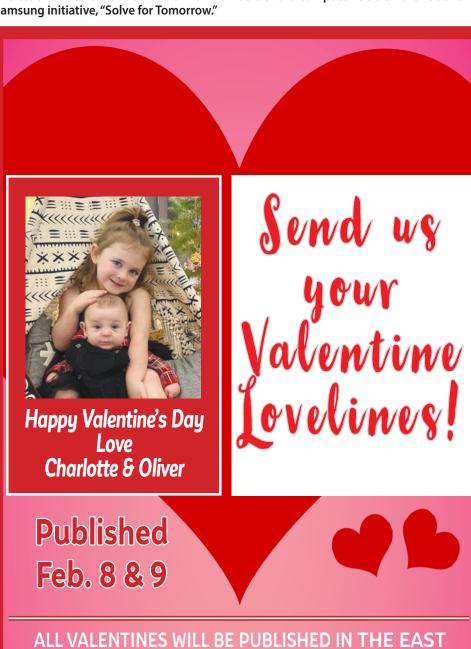


EHS teacher Alex O'Donnell works with members of the Computer Club on the national Samsung initiative, "Solve for Tomorrow."



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