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#### A LOOK AT EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS









Everett High School students exhibited their art inside the Massachusetts State House.

## EHS Artists Showcase Work at the State House

'Envision' Exhibit Launches on Monday, April 8

Special to the Independent

A group of talented Everett High School (EHS) artists were featured at a special exhibition inside the Massachusetts State House. Called "Envision," the exhibition showcased a wide range of mediums and artistic visions.

Participating artists in-

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cluded:

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Sal DiDomenico for exour students, and to

art teachers Briana Pierce and Josephine Dougan for coordinating the effort at EHS.

The works on display ranged from ethereal spirit animal paintings to observational still-life paintings, landscapes, crochet tapestry, imaginative paintings, three-dimensional sculptures, and

"Envision" launched tending the invitation to with an Opening Reception on Monday, April 8, giving students the chance to talk about their work with Senator DiDomenico, School Committee member Marcony Almeida-Barros, State House officials, and guests. They discussed their inspiration, creative process, and the importance of art in their lives.

The exhibit concluded on Tuesday, April 16.

# other options after Council's 'no' vote on repairs at old EHS By Cary Shuman

**DeMaria looks for** 

Mayor Carlo DeMaria patiently answered every question from city councillors about the roof repairs that he felt were desperately needed for the old Everett High School during Monday's Council meeting.

DeMaria brought in Planning and Development Director Matt Lattanzi who masterfully provided charts and spoke comprehensively to the Council while comparing the current uses, school space, and repair costs of the old Everett High School building (\$11.4 million) versus the Pope John High School building (\$31.3 million).

But after a lengthy debate, the City Council voted by a 6-5 margin (the measure needed a super-majority of eight votes for passage) to deny Mayor DeMaria's request for an \$11.4 million appropriation for the roof repairs.

Councillors Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Michael Marchese, Peter Pietrantonio, Katy Rogers, Stephanie Smith, and Robert Van Campen voted against the request for repairs to the old EHS building. Councillors Anthony DiPierro, Holly Garcia, John Hanlon, Stephanie Martins, and Wayne Matewsky voted for the request for repairs.

DeMaria said Tuesday that he would continue to work toward a plan to keep the building up and running for the programs that currently use the building: Webster School

Extension (for 3-and-4year old pre-K students), Eliot Family Services, the health and wellness center (approximately 7,000 members), and the Broadway Boxing Club that Dennis Willcox has turned into a regional model for youth boxing gyms.

"I am going to continue to advocate for a path forward to continue to provide for the hundreds of students and the thousands of families that rely upon the former Everett high school building each year for educational, health and wellness, and critical human and social services," said Mayor DeMaria. "I am confident that I will be able to work with President Van Campen to find a proposal suitable to the members of the City Council to preserve the current significant public uses of this asset while also exploring partnerships with entities that will use private funds for a more extensive redevelopment of the site that will preserve community

Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers set the tone for the debate and the eventual vote when she said early on that she could not support the request for the \$11.4 appropriation without "a concrete plan" also being presented about repairs to other portions of the building, including a potential \$2.5 million request for renovations to the second floor (26 classrooms) to alleviate some of the overcrowding in the

access."

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# Uche hopes Patriots will draft former Michigan teammate Sainristil

By Cary Shuman

Josh Uche played college football at the University of Michigan with Everett's Mikey Sainristil. Uche, a linebacker for

the New England Patriots, is hoping that the two former Wolverines standouts will be reunited as teammates in the National Football League.

to see the Patriots select Sainristil, an All-American cornerback, in the NFL Draft that begins Thursday night.

After being named the Uche said he would like Massachusetts Gatorade

Player of the Year at Everett High School, Sainristil began his career at Michigan as a wide receiver and later moved to defensive back, helping to lead the Wolverines to the national championship this season.

Sainristil's ability to make such an amazing transition to the defensive side of the football impressed Uche, who was selected by the Patriots in the 2020 NFL Draft.

"Mikey is not only a phenomenal football player but a phenomenal person," Uche told the Everett Independent during an appearance at the Team IMPACT Game Day Gala Saturday at Encore Boston Harbor. "To be able to go from wide receiver to defensive back is not an easy job, and I think it takes a full understanding of football on both sides of the ball from different perspectives. There's no one better in college football that's been able to make that transition than Mikey Sainristil, and I was able to see it up close and personal when Mikey came into our program as a young guy. To see where he's at

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now going into the draft,

it's just unbelievable.

# Little League, Girls Softball League opening day Saturday

Staff Report

Councillor-at-Large Stephanie Smith nounced at the City Council meeting the times for the Opening Day ceremonies for Everett Little League and the Everett Girls Softball League scheduled for this Saturday, April 27.

Little League will begin its parade at the old Ever-

ett High School at 10 a.m., followed by the Opening Day ceremonies at Sacramone Park.

The Girls Softball League will hold its Opening Day ceremonies at 2 p.m. at Glendale Park.

A former scholar-athlete at Everett High School, Smith is a board member and coach in the Everett Little League.

#### CONGRATULATIONS, CARMINE



Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro congratulates his cousin, Carmine DeMaria Jr. after he took his oath as a new firefighter in the Everett Fire Department April 8, in the Council Chambers.

#### TREES PLANTED AT GATEWAY PARK IN CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY



Gateway Park for the City of Everett's annual Earth Day celebration. Shown above is Mayor Carlo DeMaria alongside volunteers at the City of Everett's annual Earth Day celebration. See Pages 5 and 6 for more photos.

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

# MBTA works with Autism Transit Project with public announcements

Special to the Independent

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) is pleased to announce its first-ever involvement in the Autism Transit Project, an initiative that empowers children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) to create public service announcements for transit systems across the country. In recognition of Autism Acceptance Month during April, running through mid-May, the MBTA will play public announcements created by local children with ASD in stations across the system. The MBTA joins other transit agencies in this meaningful project organized by the Autism Transit Project, a 501c3 non-profit organi-

"Our transportation system should be accessible to all of our residents and visitors. The Autism Transit

zation.

Project is an extension of that commitment and supports one of the MBTA's key goals, which is to make sure every single traveler can navigate the system successfully," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "This is a great way to spread the word about Autism Awareness Month and to help educate other people in their same situation."

"We are honored to participate in the Autism Transit Project and celebrate Autism Acceptance Month with our community," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "This initiative not only raises awareness about autism, but also provides a unique platform for children with ASD to showcase their talents and make a positive impact on our public transportation system and help us lift up our values and our commitment of fostering a public transit system where everyone feels welcome, respected, and safe. Thank you to the children and families for being part of the T family with their participation today and recording these great public service announcements."

"Children with autism sometimes fixate on feats of everyday mechanical engineering," said Jonathan Trichter, founder of The Autism Transit Project. "This is especially true of trains and transit systems-something frontline MBTA workers see every day. In addition, children with autism may not come to language naturally. Instead, they grab onto phrases they hear in places they love and use them to communicate with the world around them. As a result, it is not unusual for the first full sentence a child with autism utters to be a transit service announcement.



COMPLIMENTARY PHOTO BY THE MBTA CUSTOMER AND EMPLOYEE EXPERIENCE DEPARTMENT

MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng welcomed Autism Transit Project Founder Jonathan Trichter, local children with autism spectrum disorder, and their families before an exclusive tour of the MBTA's Operations Control Center.

This is why this project is so special. And today, the MBTA is creating a space for these kids to participate in civic life and be heard."

"From simply watching trains, to walking up and touching a train, to getting on and taking a ride on a train, to riding every line in the entire MBTA system, this program, while physically measurable in some ways, has an immeasurable impact on my son, Christopher. Thank you!" said Robin Long-Tarjan, whose son, Christopher (age 14), participated in the project

this year. The Autism Transit Project and the MBTA collaborated with families from greater Boston within the MBTA service area on announcement scripts and produced the recordings. Announcements by the children included tips on how to safely board and disembark trains, offering seats to others, and remembering to be kind while riding the T.

To further support the program and express gratitude to the participating children, the MBTA welcomed them for an exclusive tour of its Operations Control Center where they gained a behind-thescenes look at the system and met bus and subway dispatchers. Additionally, the MBTA will feature the Autism Transit Project on its in-station digital screens and social media channels.

The MBTA's participation in the Autism Transit Project follows another recent initiative supporting young transit enthusiasts with disabilities. On March 21, the MBTA hosted a field trip from Boston Public Schools's Horace Mann School for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing at its Emergency Training Center in South Boston. Staff from various departments led students through a hands-on experience with public transit in a controlled environment.

The Autism Transit Project is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission it is to spread acceptance and awareness that people with autism are wor-

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thy and valuable parts of their societies—different perhaps, but no less. The project relies on its ability to channel the connection many with autism spectrum disorder ("ASD") have to mass transit systems in a positive way. It started with an idea when its founder, Jonathan Trichter, launched a widely praised initiative that allows autistic children who love trains to record subway service announcements that are then broadcast publicly throughout their local transit systems in conjunction with Autism Acceptance Months. Last year, in 2023, over 100 children and five major transit agencies across the country participated. This year, seven transit agencies participated with even more kiddos!

For more information, visit mbta.com or connect with the T on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA and @MBTA CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or Tik-Tok @thembta.

Celebrate Asian Pacific

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"If he were able to become a Patriot, I'm sure we'd pick up right where we left off, so it would be

Uche said he watched with much emotion as Michigan defeated Washington in the national championship game. "I think I shed some tears about it. Being in Jim Harbaugh's first recruiting class, he came in and the foundation had to be laid. Being a defensive player, I know it was tough sometimes. The scores didn't show how much work we put in, but to be able to see them overcome that adversity and being able to finally get it done - it means everything to be a

Wolverine and see those guys accomplish those things." Sainristil's stock has

risen in the weeks leading up to the draft. The Pittsburgh Steelers, who need a cornerback to bolster their passing defense, might be the landing spot for Sain-

### Council // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Everett schools.

"I do support the programs," said Rogers. 'However, the proposal before us tonight is for \$11.4 million exclusively for the roof. We're talking about \$2.5 in a hypothetical context for preserving the second floor, and for me to instill the confidence in my vote, I really need a concrete plan. I would be more confident taking out \$15 million with the insurance that I know we're getting more classroom sizes for public use. I also think that the \$2.5 million is less than what I anticipate it would cost to restore [the second floor].'

Council President Robert Van Campen,) said he was in the "Katy Rogers Camp" on the issue, articulating that "there's too much uncertainty for us to be able to say convincingly tonight, 'let's just go forward and put a roof on the building.'

"I think we needed to have much more detail about [the plan for the building]," said Van Campen. "If we're going to reprogram the second floor, [I want to see] more detail.'

Stating he was "not in favor of the city selling the building," Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Matewsky reasoned that the repair of the second and third floors of the building could solve the overcrowding issue in the school district.

"This solves the problem, doesn't it, if we do the second and third floors – it sounds like a great deal for me," said Matewsky.

DeMaria agreed that renovations to the second and third floors and the addition of classroom space "would definitely solve some problems, but I think it's going to more than \$2.5 million if we bring in more grades that require cafeteria services and gymnasiums. It's going to be more complex."

Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith agreed with Rogers' summation that a concrete plan was needed to fully address the issue. "But to me, it's an even broader conversation than what Councilor Rogers said. It's not just a master plan of Everett High School. It's a master plan for all the city buildings. In the two-and-a-half years that I've been here, we've asked for \$7.5 million for the Armory, \$8 million for the roof and boiler in Everett High in 2023, \$10 million for the police station, \$1.5 million in 2022 for the roof at the old Everett High, \$1.5 million at the Parlin for the ADA, \$10 million for Everett Stadium. We need a full master plan for all of these buildings before I can vote because I can't vote for \$11 million today, to vote for \$10 million tomorrow, to vote for \$7 million the next year," said Smith. "We need a

full plan. I cannot vote for this today because I don't know what's next."

Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins tried to get the vote on the roof repairs postponed so more information and a more comprehensive plan could be presented to the Council, but the Council voted by an 8-3 margin not to postpone the vote to the next meeting.

A roll call vote was taken and Mayor DeMaria's request for \$11.4 million for repairs was declined, leaving the fate of the old EHS building in jeopardy of closing in January due to the lack of an insurance policy. DeMaria has stated that no insurance group would issue a new policy if the roof on the building did not undergo major re-

One matter that still needs clarification about the schools' overcrowding issue is whether Supt. of Schools William Hart wants to use the second floor of the old Everett High School building for additional classrooms. DeMaria also said during the debate that Supt. Hart would like to use the old Pope John High School for an academy for all eighth-grade students in the city.

Van Campen during the meeting that he didn't feel the mayor and the superintendent of schools were "aligned on the issue."

#### **EVERETT HIGH** SCHOOL TO **HOST FINANCIAL** LITERACY FAIR IN PARTNERSHIP

WITH STICKBALL

Everett High School is proud to announce its collaboration with Stickball (stickball.biz), a leading education technology platform dedicated to fostering financial literacy and workforce readiness. The event, scheduled for April 24, at 9:30 a.m., at the Everett High School Auditorium, 100 Elm Street, marks a significant milestone in the school's commitment to empowering students and the community with essential financial skills.

Stickball offers interactive lessons and personalized guidance, tailored to the needs of students and professionals alike, to facilitate informed decision-making in financial matters. With a mission to promote financial literacy across all stages of life, Stickball has emerged as an industry leader in providing accessible and engaging educational resources.

As part of the Financial Literacy Fair, Devin Mc-Courty, esteemed Advisor on Stickball's Board, will address students on the pivotal role of early financial education in shaping empowered citizens. Mc-Courty's insights will underscore the importance of laying a strong foundation of financial literacy skills to navigate the complexities of the modern financial landscape successful-

The event will also be graced by the presence of distinguished guests, including Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico, Massachusetts

Joseph

Representative

McGonagle Jr., Everett Schools Superintendent William Hart, and EHS Principal Dennis Lynch, alongside other town and government officials. Their participation reflects the broader community's commitment to promoting financial literacy and ensuring equitable access to

essential resources. Through this collaborative effort, Everett High School and Stickball aspire to equip students and the community with the knowledge and tools necessary to make informed financial decisions, thereby fostering greater economic empowerment and resilience.

#### COUNCIL ON AGING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR MAY

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's Council on Aging (COA) will host the following events and programs at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea Street) throughout the month of May:

 Friday, May 3: "Make Your Own Taco Day" at 11 a.m. in celebration of Cinco De Mayo. The COA will offer a taco bar featuring many food items that can be used to build your own taco.

• Friday, May 10: The May Senior Social at 11:45 a.m. A catered meal with tortellini soup, garden salad, roasted stuffed pork loin, coffee and dessert will be served. Dance to Mr. Palace himself, DJ Chris Fiore.

• Thursday, May 16: "Dance Party Thursday" at 12:45 p.m. with Everett's own DJ Tommy Sheehan who will spin all your favorite dance tunes

• Thursday, May 23:

to enjoy.

#### to be connected to the Connolly Center. **COUNCIL ON** AGING ANNOUNCES TRIP TO SARATOGA

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's Council on Aging (COA) has planned a trip to Saratoga Springs, New York that will take place from Wednesday, July through Friday, July 26.

SPRINGS, NY

This trip includes transportation, lodging for two nights, two breakfast meals, one luncheon cruise, reserved seating at Saratoga Race Course (horse racing). Additionally, the trip will include a tour of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, a local guided tour of Saratoga, and time at the casino and Lake

The trip is limited to the first 40 people who register. For more details, please call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center or call Cathi directly at 617-394-2323.

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#### EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY DEDICATES KATHLEEN "KAY" DONNELLY READING ROOM

The Everett Public Libraries Board of Trustees hosted a dedication and ribbon cutting memorial ceremony to commemorate the establishment of the Kathleen "Kay" Donnelly Reading Room on Saturday, April 13, at the Parlin Memorial Library. ry, and the arts.

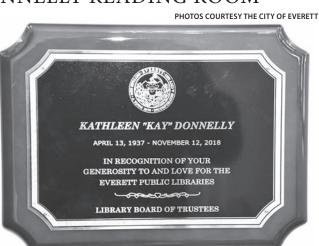
The dedication of the Kathleen "Kay" Donnelly Reading Room is in honor of a former Everett resident who generously bequeathed a significant financial gift to the Everett Public Libraries at her passing. She had a lifelong commitment and passion to great literature, philosophy, religion, poet-

During the ceremony, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Library Director Kevin

Sheehan, and Donnelly's sister, Claire Anderson, delivered remarks and spoke about the importance of this significant donation.

"I listened in awe to her sister, Claire, speak of Kathleen's astonishing accomplishments and her love for life and the library, and I couldn't be happier knowing that this room will forever bear her name," said Mayor De-Maria. "Her support will greatly help the Everett Public Libraries in their mission to inform, inspire and expand access to services for our residents, as I'm sure was her intention."

Following the ceremony, attendees were invited to partake in refreshments and then tour the Parlin Memorial Library.



The memorial plaque on the wall of the Reading Room at



The Kathleen "Kay" Donnelly Reading Room at the Parlin Library.



A photo of Kathleen Donnelly that is hanging on the wall of the Reading Room at the Parlin Library.



City officials, family members and residents gathered at the Parlin Library for a ceremony to dedicate the Kathleen "Kay" Donnelly Reading Room at the Parlin Library.

#### Upcoming Events at Everett Public Libraries

**Parlin Adult and Teens** Parlin Book Group, Parlin Meeting Room, and Zoom. Monday, April 29th at 6:00 pm. In Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray's The Personal Librarian, an extraordinary woman must go to great lengths to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in a racist world. For ages 18+. Call Kathleen at (617) 394 2300, or send an email to slipp@noblenet.org, for the Zoom link, or join us in person! Yarn Club Parlin Fire-

place Room. Tuesday, April 30th at 7pm. Come chit chat and stitch! Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community. Recommended for ages 14-109!

gie Growers: Companion Planting & Design, Parlin Meeting Room. Saturday May 4th at 11:00 am. Some plants just naturally grow better next to others and some just don't. Learn

what keeps the peace in

Blackstone Valley Veg-

your garden. No registration required.

#### **Parlin Childrens**

Lego Club. Children's Room. Monday, April 29th from 3-5pm. Come to the Children's Room after school on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Storytime and Singalong Karen, with Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, May 1st at 11am. Join us for a funfilled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Drama Class Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, May 1, at 3 p.m. Do you have a drama queen or king at home? Drama Class in the Parlin Children's Department is the perfect opportunity for

your child to put those acting skills to use with our drama coach! Suggested ages 6-14.

Story Time Adven-

tures with Mrs. McAuliffe

Parlin Children's Room.

Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd at 11am. Join us for our enchanting Story Time! You will be Parlin whisked away on magical adventures through the pages of your favorite books. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends.

> Crafternoon Parlin children's arts and crafts area. Join us on Thursday, May 2nd at 3pm for a fun craft project and story time, and let your imagination run free! Suggested ages 5 and Fluency Fun Fridays!

> Parlin Children's Room. Friday, May 3rd at 3pm. Level up your fluency game! Join Mrs. McAuliffe for an afternoon of fun board games like Scrabble and Bananagrams, word searches and crossword puzzles. Suggested ages

> 5-12. **Shute Adult and Teens** Teen Book Group, Shute Meeting Room. Tuesday, April 30th at 3

PM. Join our Teen Book

Group! This month, we

will be reading An Ember

in the Ashes by Sabba Ta-

hir. Light snacks and beverages will be generously provided by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. For ages 14-18. Copies are limited, pick up your copy at the Shute Library soon!

Resume Assistance, Shute Adult Department. Book a one-on-one resume assistance appointment at the Shute Library and let a librarian help you craft a resume tailored to your strengths and aspirations. Sign up for a thirty minute session at both the Shute Library. Fridays by appointment only.

Computer Basics 101, Shute Adult Department. Tech Newbie? No Problem! Learn to power up, click around, type like a pro, explore the digital world, and even send your first email. Book your Friday adventure with technology today! By appointment only on Fri-

days. Please call the Shute

Library to register for an

appointment.

# **Everett Arts & Culture Events**

Call to ALL artists!

# Spring Fever!

at Everett City Hall in May & June Open to all ages & skill levels! Use QR code or email everettartentry@gmail.com



for more information. Deadline May 1 New exhibition in Everett,

work by Komal, a collection of Dutch pour paintings now on view at The Well Coffee House 983 Broadway - Everett

# JOIN the EVERETT CULTURAL COUNCIL!

The Everett Cultural Council is a volunteer group that works to foster creativity, diversity and an arts & culture renaissance in Everett. For more info, email: ECC Chairperson

Martha Chason-Sokol martha@mchason-sokol.com.

# Everett Independent

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### EARTH DAY SINCE 1970: WINNING SOME BATTLES, **BUT LOSING THE WAR**

For those of us who were around for the first Earth Day in 1970, the steady but sure demise of our environment over the past 54 years has been nothing less than depressing.

When the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22,

1970, Americans on all sides of the political spectrum were united in the effort to clean up the environment in the wake of the disastrous oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara, California, in January of 1969 and the spectacle of the chemical-laden Cuyahoga River in Cleveland catching fire a few months later. Congress passed a bill, signed by Richard Nixon, cre-

ating the Environmental Protection Agency in December, 1970, and soon thereafter enacted the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act, all of which have accomplished a great deal to make our environment a healthier place both for us and the plants and animals with whom we share this planet.

However, with 50 years of hindsight, it is apparent that we fell victim to the well-worn axiom that we didn't see the forest for the trees. All of the good that was accomplished by improving our air and water quality and saving some species from extinction has been far outweighed by the insidious onslaught of climate change that threatens to make the planet uninhabitable for almost every living thing, other than perhaps for cockroaches (which have been around for more than 300 million years).

Global warming, both of the air and the oceans, poses an existential threat to life as we know it, and is accelerating faster than even the worst-case scenarios that some climate scientists had predicted. Climate change epitomizes what scientists refer to as a positive feedback loop: The hotter we are today, the hotter we will be tomorrow.

Ocean temperatures have set heat records every day for the past year, and still are climbing. As a result, more than 50% of the world's coral reefs presently are "bleached" and dying.

But with the world's energy needs growing exponentially thanks to the industrialization of underdeveloped nations and the need in developed nations for ever-increasing sources of energy to run our AI computers, the chances of reducing our reliance on fossil fuels is all but zero for the foreseeable future.

Even more insidiously, we literally are drowning in a sea of plastic waste. For those of us who grew up in the '60s, it is sadly ironic that the catch-word for the future in the movie, The Graduate, was, "Plastics!" -- and now, 60 years later, we have learned that microplastics are accumulating in our tissues and in every organ in our bodies because they are in the food we eat and the water

Perhaps the coup de grace for the planet's demise is that environmental groups are now their own worst enemies. The push to build wind and solar farms has been met by pushback from groups who insist on mandatory environmental reviews -- established by those laws in the 1970s -- that can hold up the installation of transmission lines for these clean energy projects for more than a decade.

In short, we have won many battles in the effort to clean up our environment and to save endangered plants and animals since the first Earth Day. We can swim and fish in Boston Harbor and even in the Charles River (the subject of the 1960s rock anthem, Dirty Water). The seal (and great white shark) population, which was non-existent in this area in 1970, has returned to Cape Cod in the tens of thousands each summer.

Although our air and water are free of many of the substances, such as leaded gasoline, emissions from coal-fired power plants, and DDT, that were poisoning the earth in 1970, their removal was just low-hanging fruit, amounting to nothing more than Pyrrhic victories.

The inconvenient truth is that climate change, an unheard-of concept in 1970, has left all living beings (except for the cockroaches) in a far more precarious place than we were 54 years ago.

# Your opinions, please

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Letters may also be e-mailed to editor@everettindependent.com.

Letters must be signed. We reserve the right to edit for length and content.

# Independent Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

# Happy Earth Day

By Senator Ed Markey

There are a lot of reasons why I'm honored to serve the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and its natural beauty holds a special place in my heart. From the world-famous beaches of Cape Cod to the breathtaking Berkshires, Mother Nature is here in all her glory in our communities. When I'm working on Capitol Hill alongside the members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation fighting for the people of the state, I always keep in mind the importance of protecting our natural environment and ensuring a livable future.

President Joe

Biden, we've taken historic strides to protect our air and our drinking water, to promote environmental justice, and to reduce the harmful pollution fueling the climate crisis. The Inflation Reduction Act is the largest climate and clean energy bill ever to pass in American history, and it is already helping to deploy the solar, wind, energy efficiency, offshore wind, battery, and other clean energy technologies that will help bring an end to fossil fuels. But we know there is much more work to do. Friend, as you know,

there is no Planet B. We can't afford to kick the issue of climate change down the road. We need an

intersectional, intergenerational movement mobilizing and organizing to address this global challenge. That's why, five years ago, I partnered with Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to introduce the Green New Deal, a resolution that is transforming our national climate agenda by creating new union jobs, delivering long-overdue justice, and reducing emissions. It's a winning strategy: 89% of Americans support at least one of the policies put forward in the Green New Deal. We're already seeing these popular policies take effect in Massachusetts: in Boston, a Green New Deal was put into place for all public schools, and every

new or renovated municipal building must operate without fossil fuels.

Friend, this Earth Day, I'm proud of the work we've done, and I'm energized for the work that lies ahead. In every race, up and down every ballot, it is critical that we vote for candidates who recognize that it is our responsibility to combat the climate crisis and enact solutions in all of our 351 cities and towns. In 2024, let's resolve to protect and defend every inch of our state's natural beauty for generations to come.

Senator Ed Markey is a U.S. Senator representing Massachusetts.

## GUEST OP-ED

# Retail theft impacts consumer and employee safety, residential quality of life

By DA Kevin Hayden:

Two women are facing shoplifting charges after police recovered approximately 200 stolen clothing items in the vehicle they used to flee after shoplifting on Newbury Street Monday, and an Everett man was charged Tuesday for stealing over \$5,000 worth of designer sunglasses from Faneuil Hall Marketplace, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

The shoplifting arraignments come amid an effort by Hayden's office to work with retailers, police and the business community to increase consumer and employee safety and to help address closures of Boston stores. Four Walgreens pharmacies have closed in the city over the last two years.

"Store-based theft, especially targeted theft by repeat offenders, is a factor we must address in our effort to provide our residents convenient access to pharmacies and other retail stores. It's an issue that affects quality of life for everyone and it's an issue we're taking seriously, both by addressing the crimes themselves and the underlying circumstances," Hayden said.

MONET WILLIAMS, 28, of Lowell was charged with shoplifting by asportation and common and notorious thief. KAYLA HARRIS, 29, of Mattapan, was charged with shoplifting by asportation. Judge James Coffey ordered both Williams and Harris to stay away from the Zara on Newbury Street. Both are due back in Central BMC on May 29.

At about 12:25 p.m. on April 8, Boston police responded to Zara at 212 Newbury Street for a larceny in progress. Officers were informed by a store employee that the suspects took six items worth \$163.40 and then got into a navy Jeep driven by a third person and fled toward Massachusetts Avenue.

Officers conducted a traffic stop and observed the driver, later identified as Harris, the front seat passenger, later identified as Williams, and a male passenger seated in the rear driver side seat and multiple trash bags filled

with clothing items. Harris told officers

they were in Zara but did not take anything and her jacket had set the alarm off. Williams told officers none of the items in the car were from Zara and she was planning to bring the clothes to a baby shower later in the day.

Officers recovered all of the stolen items described except for a white T-shirt. Officers also recovered approximately 200 additional items from the vehicle from brands such as Nike, Target, and Old Navy with price tags still attached without any receipts. These items were mostly contained in white trash bags or loosely strewn about the vehicle. A pair of wire cutters were recovered from Williams' jacket pocket.

Williams has open cases in West Roxbury BMC and Lowell District Court, including larceny and assault and battery.

RICHARD PAYNE, 48, of Everett was charged with larceny over \$1200 by single scheme and common and notorious thief as a result of an ongoing investigation into multiple larcenies from Sunglass Hut between December and April, in which 16 pairs of Versace sunglasses were stolen with a total estimated retail value of \$5530.

Judge James Coffey ordered Payne held on \$2,500 bail and to stay away from Sunglass Hut. Payne is due back in Central BMC on May 7.

At about 1:20 p.m. on April 8, Boston police observed Payne enter Sunglass Hut in Faneuil Hall Marketplace. As the detective walked into the store, he announced "Boston police" which caused Payne to remove the sunglasses from his pants and place them back on the display case. Payne was wearing the same distinctive pompom knit hat, black framed glasses, black ski-mask, and black shoes from the previous incidents.

On December 16, 2023, Payne took two pairs of Versace sunglasses and returned on December 18, 2023, and took two more pairs, with a retail value of \$1,444. Payne was seen

ski-mask on both days.

On January 14, Payne

was seen walking into the

store with a multi-colored

knit hat, a black ski-mask,

wearing the same shoes, backpack, glasses, and

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of stores serving minority communities in Boston.

"We want shoppers to feel safe going into stores and we want retailers and their employees to feel safe in their work environments. Many consumers still enjoy an in-store shopping experience and we want to help retailers continue to provide it to them," Hayden said.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedi-

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16, and took four more pairs, totaling \$2,482 worth of stolen merchandise. On March 30, Payne was seen wearing a multi-colored knit hat with a pom-pom on top, and a black ski-mask, black

glasses, worth \$975. Police recovered two pairs of sunglasses, worth over \$600 from the April 8

glasses and clothing and

took three pairs of sun-

black shoes and black

glasses holding a note-

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es and returned on January

Police also recovered a multi-colored knit cap with a pom-pom, a black ski-mask, a dark colored backpack, a notebook, a gray and black jacket, and black glasses from Payne, all items he was seen wearing during the previous reported incidents.

Payne has a 29-page board of probation record dating back to 1992 with numerous larceny and shoplifting convictions.

Hayden's office is working with regional retailer groups and small business owners to discuss safety concerns and to help store managers strategize responses to shoplifting and retail larcenies. The meetings have come amid increasing national and local frustrations around retail crime, along with concerns over the closure

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#### RESIDENTS PLANT TREES AT GATEWAY PARK IN CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY

On Sunday, April 21, volunteers joined together to celebrate Earth Day by planting trees at Gateway Park for the City of Everett's annual Earth Day celebration.

In celebration of Earth Day, which is recognized every year on April 22 to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement, the City joined with community members and local organizations to plant thousands of trees. Volunteers mulched and planted trees that will help improve the environment and the public park's green space for many more years to come.

Following the planting efforts, the City hosted a free barbecue to thank all of the volunteers who participated. Thanks to the efforts of all of the volunteers, this event was a success.

"Our Earth Day event is always a special one

because it brings so many of us together to achieve something that will have a positive impact for all of us," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "Thank you to everyone who took time to come today and show your commitment to our City. It's spectacular to see every year."

All of the upcoming City of Everett events can be found by visiting the events calendar on the City website at cityofeverett.com/calendar/ category/events/list. You can also follow the official social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and X (the platform formerly known as Twitter) to stay updated. Facebook: /cityofeverettma and /mayorcarlodemaria. Instagram: @cityofeverettma and @ mayorcarlodemaria. X: @ EverettGov\_MA and @ Mayor\_DeMaria. All are welcome to attend the upcoming events.



This field at Gateway Park will be filled with thousands of trees over the next few years thanks to the efforts of all who participated.



Volunteers received free shirts and refreshments at Mayor Carlo DeMaria's table.



Volunteers planting seeds.







The City of Everett's Facilities and DPW teams ensured all of the tools were available and kept the event running smoothly.

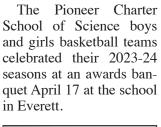


Everett High School athletes volunteered to help plant trees at Gateway Park.

#### PIONEER CHARTER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE HOLDS BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL AWARDS BANQUET



The Pioneer Charter School of Science varsity boys basketball team enjoyed a successful season under first-year head coach Mike D'Itria. Front row, from left, are Diego Rodriguez, Avi Lanzo, Marvin Jones, Marcus Tayag, Senay Tesfamicael, and Nathaniel Tesfamicael. Back row, from left, are head coach Mike D'Itria, assistant coach Marcus Brunson-Perez, Nizar Kaddoum, Ben Estelien, Christian Mwaisaka, Adam Lkorch, Daniel Taye, and assistant coach Calvin Boudreau.





Varsity head basketball coach Mike D'Itria presents the team's Unsung Hero Award to senior Nizar Kiddoum

Boys basketball head coach Mike D'Itria and girls basketball head coach Eric Ferguson presented individual awards to the student-athletes on their respective teams.

Prior to the awards presentations, the guests enjoyed a delicious buffet catered by Fuentes Kitchen of Everett.



Pioneer head coach Eric Ferguson presents special awards to Cynthia Vejar (Defensive Player of the Year), Sara Yamani (Offensive Player of the Year), and Naomi Taye (Panther Award).



Varsity head coach Mike D'Itria presents awards to graduating seniors Nathaniel Tesfamicael, Nizar Kaddoum, Adam Lkorch, Diego Rodriguez, and Isaiah Lafortune at the Pioneer Charter School of Science awards hanguet



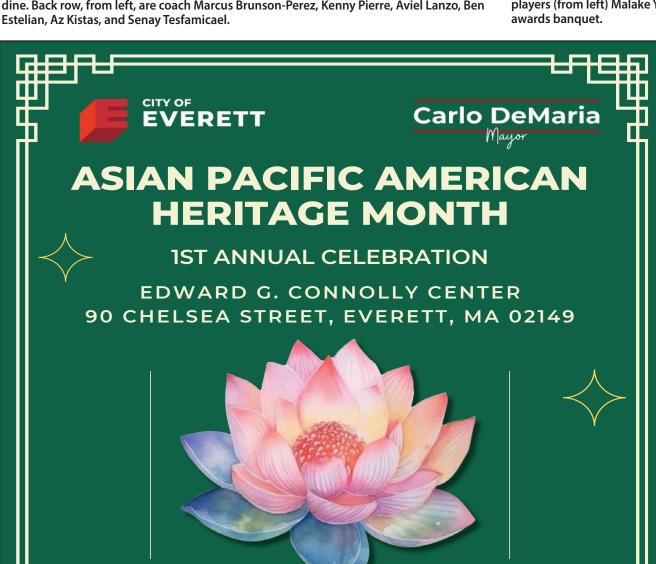
Pioneer girls junior varsity coach Karenah Harewood (right) is pictured with basketball players (from left) Malake Yamani, Stacy Abraham, Remas Ali, and Bella Souza at the



The Pioneer Charter School of Science girls varsity basketball team qualified for the MIAA State Tournament and the Charter School State Playoffs during a successful season for the program. From left, are head coach Eric Ferguson and players Liana Bennett, Sara Yamani, Cynthia Vejar, Zahra Yeznasni, Marwa Yeznasni, Doha Marbouh, Naomi Taye, Alicia Elyse, and Alina Lanzo.



The Pioneer Charter School of Science junior varsity boys basketball team, under the leadership of coach Marcus Brunson-Perez, is pictured at the awards banquet. Front row, from left, are Nael Bojela, Devins Elysse, Aarsh Saggar, Marvin Jones, and Ayman Sahbeddine. Back row, from left, are coach Marcus Brunson-Perez, Kenny Pierre, Aviel Lanzo, Ben



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Twins Aviel Lanzo and Alina Lanzo are pictured with their parents, Beatriz Lanzo and Wilfredo Lanzo, at the Pioneer Charter School of Science awards banquet at the school.



Pioneer head basketball coach Eric Ferguson presents awards to graduating seniors Lianna Bennett and Cynthia

# Sports

#### EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL CRIMSON TIDE OUTDOOR BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK TEAMS



The Everett High School boys and girls track teams are enjoying strong seasons in the Greater Boston League heading toward the All-League Meet, where several athletes will contend for individual GBL titles, and the divisional and all-state individual meets.



Head Coach Jehu Cinea with the Crimson Tide Girs Outdoor Track Captains, Suzanne mahatijan, Malaica Guillaume, Layla Cardona, Nicole Brandao, Darrynn Desrameaux, and Yelsa Garcia



Head Coach Jehu Cinea with the Varsity Captains of the EHS Outdoor Track Team, Jalen Jones, Dawens Germain, Shane MacKenzie, Donald Michel.



The senior boys and girls of the Varsity EHS Outdoor Track Team.

# EHS Roundup

#### **DESRAMEAUX SETS** TWO NEW SCHOOL

RECORDS Senior captain Darrynn Desrameaux, who established an EHS school indoor record in the shot-put this past winter, continued her assault on the Crimson Tide track and field record books, setting two outdoor marks in the shot and discus this past week in a meet with Malden.

Darrynn's toss of 32'-11" in the shot easily outdistanced the field by almost three feet, while her discus throw of 98'-4" was more than 40 feet further than her closest rival.

A number of Darrynn's Lady Crimson Tide teammates also turned in outstanding performances in the meet with the Lady Golden Tornadoes:

-- Senior Kaesta Sandy won the javelin with a personal record (PR) throw of 93'-10" that led an Everett sweep of that event along with her teammates, senior Victoria Macao and junior Angelina Papa. Kaesta also took second place in the 100 meter dash with a

time of 13.8; -- Sophomore Isabella Pimenta sped to victory in

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#### TEAM IMPACT HOLDS 12TH ANNUAL GAME DAY GALA AT ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR

Team IMPACT held its 12th Annual Game Day Gala Saturday, April 20 at Encore Boston Harbor.

Team IMPACT matches children facing serious illness and disability with college teams, creating a long-term, life-changing experience for everyone involved.

Dan Kraft, Team IM-PACT co-founder and board member, delivered the opening remarks to the assemblage of more than 1,000 attendees.

"It's incredible for us as we look across the room to see so many faces that have been here since the beginning, since year one, and your loyalty and generosity is just so appreciated," said Kraft. "None of the success of the organization happens without all of you, so thank you very much. I'm truly proud of everything we've accomplished together. We've truly become a nationwide movement. We're an integral part now of both the pediatric medical communities and the collegiate athletic communities. But most importantly, we've helped change the lives of over 4,000 kids battling some pretty horrific situations, and we've done that by partnering with over 100,000 student-athletes across over 750 college and universities in all 50 states."

Team IMPSCT honored outgoing CEO Seth Rosenzweig for his years of eight outstanding leadership and introduced its new CEO, Joe Daniels, during the speaking program.

NCAA President Charlie Baker, Team IMPACT mom Katy Morgan, University of Kansas Director of Basketball Operations Fred Quartlebaum, and former University of Maryland football player Anthony Pecorella were among the guest speakers.



Former Team IMPACT CEO Seth Rosenzweig with Team **IMPACT Founder Dan Kraft.** 



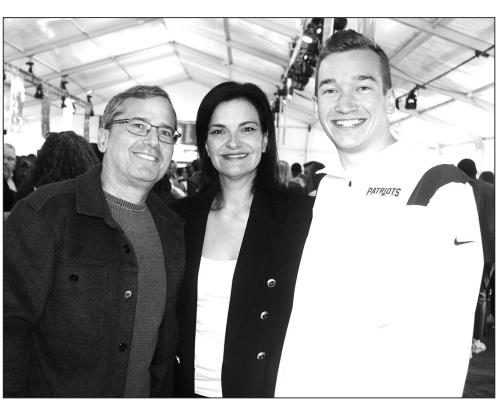
Tyler Murphy and Tori Murphy.



Former NFL quarterback Matt Hasselbeck and Brown University head football coach James Perry.



Team IMPACT Co-Founder Jay Calnan and his daughter, Daintry Calnan.



New England Patriots Foundation President Josh Kraft, Michelle Perez, and Patriots Foundation Community Relations Coordinator Hunter Bruckner.



New England Patriots captain and center David Andrews, Team IMPACT co-founder Dan Kraft, Madeline Kelly of Honeygrow, New England Patriots linebacker Josh Uche, and Vanessa McInerney.



Hagai Benshabat, Josh Kraft, Michelle Perez, Robin Cohen, and Ross Weinreb.



Pictured at the Team IMPACT Game Day Gala are Vince Skelton, Luke Somers, William Skelton, Emily Skelton, and Janice Clements-Skelton.



Shannon Taylor and her son, Callaghan Taylor, who through Team IMPACT was matched with the University of Maryland football program.



NCAA President Charlie Baker and his wife, Lauren Baker, greet Team IMPACT Fellows and college athletes, from left, Kevin Lyskawa (Trinity College), Cara Elmendorf (UConn), Lindsey Brick, Bridget Davis (UConn), Ayva Cebollero (UConn), and Noah Glantz (Trinity College) at the 12th annual Team IMPACT Game Day Gala.

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the 200 meter dash with a sprint of 28.5, which was 1.5 seconds faster than her closest Malden opponent;

- -- Senior captain Suzanne Maharjan topped the field in the two-mile run with a time of 16:00;
- -- Senior captain Malaica Guillaume scored five points in three events with a second in the triple jump and thirds in the 400 hurdles and the long jump.

Adding three points to the Everett side of the scoresheet with second-place finishes were: sophomore Casey Martinez in the mile; junior Devonnie Gomez-Walrond in the 110 hurdles; senior Victoria Macao in the 400 dash; and junior Fahema Coudo in the dis-

Junior Milena Antonio contributed a point with a third-place finish in the 800 meter run and captain Nicole Brandao added a point with a third in the shot-put.

The final tally showed Malden with 76 points and Everett with 56.

#### EHS BOYS TRACK EDGES MALDEN, 69-66

The Everett High boys outdoor track and field team posted a 69-66 victory over Greater Boston League rival Malden last week.

Coach Jehu Cimea's

squad captured nine of the 14 individual events, led by sophomore Kayshaun Eveillard, who won two events, the 400 dash in a time of 52.7 and the 100 dash with a sprint of 11.3, and senior captain Donald Michel, who also captured two events, the 110 hurdles in a clocking of 17.1 and the high jump with a leap of 5'-4". Other top performers

for the Tide were: -- Junior Luvens Hec-

- tor, who won the 400 hurdles in a clocking of 68.0 and took second in the 200 dash; -- Sophomore Jeremy
- Whitlow, who took first in the mile in 5:40.3; -- Senior Khang Nguy-
- en, who won the long jump with a flight of 20'-0" and grabbed third in the triple jump; -- Senior captain Jalen Jones, who took first in
- the triple jump with a final landing of 37'-1" and second in the long jump; Senior captain Dawens Germain, who
- took second place in three events, the triple jump, the high jump, and the 400 hurdles; -- Senior captain Shane Mackenzie, who won
- the javelin with a throw of 131'-11" and finished third in the discus; and -- Junior David Roseme,
- whose second-place toss in the javelin of 108'-10" edged the third-place Malden boy by just 10 inches, which provided the narrow margin of victory for his team. (If David had finished third, Malden would have won the meet, 68-67.)

#### GIRLS LACROSSE EARNS FIRST WIN

The Everett High girls

lacrosse team recorded the first win in the young program's history with a 12-2 triumph over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Revere recently. Coach Chelsea McNiff and her

squad are scheduled to host Revere in a rematch tomorrow (Thursday).

"We're excited to play

Revere again, at home," said McNiff.

Although the Tide came up short in three subsequent matches to nonleague opponent Lowell, 9-0, GBL foe Somerville, 13-4, and GBL rival Malden, 10-0, on Saturday, McNiff saw some positives in those contests.

"In our game with Malden, nine of their 10 goals were in the first half, and our defense really turned it on in the second half, holding them to only a single goal," said the coach. After tomorrow's en-

counter with Revere, McNiff and her crew will travel to non-league opponent Methuen on Tuesday.

#### EHS SOFTBALL TEAM ROLLS PAST THREE FOES

The Everett High softball team continued its impressive early-season performance with a trio of victories last week in which the Lady Crimson Tide scored 44 runs.

In a 16-7 victory last Wednesday over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Revere, Everett turned an early 1-0 deficit into a 13-1 rout with six runs in the second inning and seven more in the third. Key hits in the second included a bases-loaded, two-RBI base hit by Emma Longmore, another two-RBI bse hit by Emilia Maria-Babcock, and RBI doubles by Olivia Dresser and Ashley Seward.

In the third, an inning in which Revere committed a number of errors, a two-RBI two-bagger by Seward was the key hit of the uprising. Meanwhile, EHS start-

ing pitcher Peyton Warren was setting down Revere in order in the second and third, but the Lady Patriots fought back with five runs of their own in the fourth to close the gap to 13-6. Dresser got two of

those back for Everett in the bottom of the frame with a two-run homer, the third of the season for the freshman, to make it 15-6. The teams exchanged runs in the sixth, wirth an RIBbase hit by Jayla Davila scoring Gianna Masucci for Everett to account for the 16-7 finale. Warren earned the vic-

tory, tossing all seven innings and allowing six earned runs on seven hits, while striking out six and walking only two. "It is always a great

game vs. Revere," said EHS head coach Stacy Schiavo. "Both the head coach, Megan O'Donnell, and assistant coach, Hailey Powers, were former players of mine. We know Revere always has a great hitting team and we saw that right from the beginning. "One of our strengths is

defense, so we needed to make those plays to keep runners off the bases," Schiavo continued. "Our bats were strong in the second and third innings and we had to take advantage of scoring because Revere always seems to come back, as they did in the fourth.

"My girls were locked in from the moment they got to the field. They know teams are looking to beat us and we have to always play to our best abilities and not take any team lightly," Schiavo added.

Two days earlier on the holiday, the Lady Crimson Tide easily handled GBL

rival Somerville, 12-1.

Warren was in control all the way in the pitcher's circle, allowing just two hits, fanning five, and walking only two over five innings. The Tide were hold-

ing a slim 2-1 after two frames, but a two-run homer by Masucci in the third lengthened the Everett lead to 4-1. The Tide then put the game away with a six-run outburst in the fourth, the key hits coming from Seward with a two-RBI base hit, an RBI-triple by Maria Babcock, and an RBI-single by Warren. Masucci also contributed an RBI with a sacrifice bunt that brought in Seward from third.

On the Friday before the holiday, Schiavo and her crew trekked into Boston to take on O'Bryant High and came home with a 16-8 triumph.

The Lady Crimson Tide seemed to be in command after scoring 13 runs in the second inning to move out to a 14-1 advantage. A two-RBI double and a two-RBI single by Emma Longmore, an RBI double by Seward, a two-RBI double by Masucci, and a three-run homer by Dresser accounted for most of the damage for the Tide.

However, EHS starter Mia Allen ran into some control problems in the bottom of the frame and Schiavo brought in Warren, who was recovering from a bruise on her arm after being struck by a ball a few days earlier.

With the score standing at 14-8 after two innings, the Tide added solo markers in the third and fourth frames to account for the 16-8 finale. Among the team's lead-

ers in the stats through the first quarter of the season are Warren, who has tossed 23 innings and chalked up five wins whiole allowing iust eight earned runs for a 2.435 ERA with 24 strike-At the plate, the top hit-

ters are through the first four games are: junior Ashley Seward -- .722 BA, 9 singles, 4 doubles, 13 RBI; senior Bryanna Mason -- .667, 7 singles, 4 doubles, 1 triple, 6 RBI; freshman Olivia Dresser --.625, 5 singles, 3 doubles, 2 HR, 5 RBI; senior Emma Longmore -- .571, 5 singles, 2 doubles, 1 triple, 5 RBI; and senior Gianna Masucci -- .474, 3 singles, 3 doubles, 2 triples, 1 HR, and 8 RBI. This past Monday Schi-

avo and her crew took on Medford in a battle for first place in the GBL and came up short by a score of 5-2. The Lady Crimson Tide, who now are 6-1 on the season, entertain Malden today (Wednesday) and will make the short trek to Malden on Friday. They will host Chelsea next Monday and Lynn Classical next Wednesday.

#### EHS BOYS TENNIS DEFEATS **MEDFORD** The Everett High boys

tennis team earned a 4-1 victory over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Medford this past week. Bryant Jimenez and Tam Tran defeated their Mustang counterparts at first

and third singles respectively, and the first doubles tandem of Nilabhro Pal and Erik Vo topped their Medford rivals. The Crimson Tide won the match at second dou-

bles by forfeit to account

for the 4-1 final score.

Coach Greg Bluestein and his crew were scheduled to meet GBL foe Lynn Classical this past Monday and will host GBL rival Lynn English today (Wednesday) the Rossetti Park tennis courts adjacent to 7-Acre Park. They will make the long trek to non-league opponents Lowell next Monday and will entertain GBL rival Revere next Wednesday.

#### **BUSY WEEK FOR** EHS BASEBALL

The Everett High baseball team is in the midst of a busy stretch of contests, with five games in 10 days against Greater Boston League rivals. The Crimson Tide took on Medford this past Monday and are scheduled to travel to Malden today (Wednesday), and then will return home to host Malden on Friday. They will make the short trip across the Parkway to meet Chelsea next Monday and travel to Lynn Classical next Wednesday.

The Crimson Tide will be seeking to get on the winning track after recent losses to GBL foes Somerville and Revere last week.

"We have to execute better defensively when runners are on and we have to have better at-bats," said EHS head coach Malik Love. "We have to continue to keep working and keep getting better."

#### **KEY STRETCH FOR** EHS VOLLEYBALL

The Revere High boys volleyball team dropped a 3-0 decision to Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Revere last Wednesday morning in its only contest during the vacation week.

"This was our only morning game of the season, which is a good thing, because we did not seem like we were awake to start the match," said EHS head coach Mike Fineran. The Patriots fell into

a quick hole In the first set, 9-1, before they came alive. Four service points from junior Jefferson Umana and two kills from opposite hitter Caleb Jackson helped chip away at the lead, and five kills from junior captain Henrique Franca and two kills and four blocks from senior Kalleb Miranda helped tie the game at 20-However, a couple of

tough bounces led to the Tide dropping the opening "I was hopeful going into the second set, be-

cause if you erased the early hole we dug, we were pretty even with them," said Fineran. "However, we started off the second set just as poorly, and we were down 10-2 before we picked it up again." Two kills each from

juniors Bryan Soares and Steve Flores provided some life, and three aces in a string of six serves from sophomore setter Noel Lopez cut the lead to 17-12. Franca had two more kills, and four serves from Christian Ramirez brought Everett to within three, 24-21, but that proved to be as close as the Tide would get. Everett started the third

set in similar fashion to the first two, digging themselves into a 10-0 hole that the Tide could not overcome. Three more kills from Jackson, four serves from Lopez, and three kills from Franca made

the final score a respect-

able 25-15. "We were obviously

the outcome, but with our preparedness," said Fineran. "As the coach, I take responsibility for that. It's my job to get them physically and mentally ready, so I have to figure out what I can do better to help us reach our potential. We have a crucial stretch coming up, with five matches in eight days. If we want to play in the tournament, we need to rise to the occasion. It won't be easy, but it can be done."

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The Tide, who took on GBL foe Medford this past Monday, are scheduled to play at GBL rival Malden today (Wednesday) and will make the long trek to non-league opponent Essex Tech on Friday. They will make the much-shorter journey across the Parkway to GBL foe Chelsea next Monday and will host GBL rival Lynn Classical next Wednesday.

#### EHS GIRLS TENNIS **CONTINUES TO IMPROVE**

The Everett High girls tennis team came up just short in its match last Wednesday with Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Somerville, falling by a score of 3-2 in a contest that was decided by the narrowest of margins with a tiebreaker in the third set of the final match. Yasmine Laabadla,

playing at first singles, dropped her first set, 2-6, but came back to rally and take control of the second set, winning it 6-2 to force a deciding third set. Yasmine then dominated the third set, winning 6-0, to claim the watch. Tracy Pham stepped up

at second singles and put up a tough battle, but the Tide had to forfeit when Tracy was unable to continue in the second set be-

cause of an injury she sustained in the first set.

At third singles, Alanna O'Brien came up a little short to a solid competitor, leaving Everett trailing by

a score of 2-1.

However, the duo of Rosena Pun and Jessica Du took their second doubles match by storm, dominating their Somerville counterparts with a victory quickly in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2.That set the stage for the

decisive match at first dou-

bles with Everett's dynam-

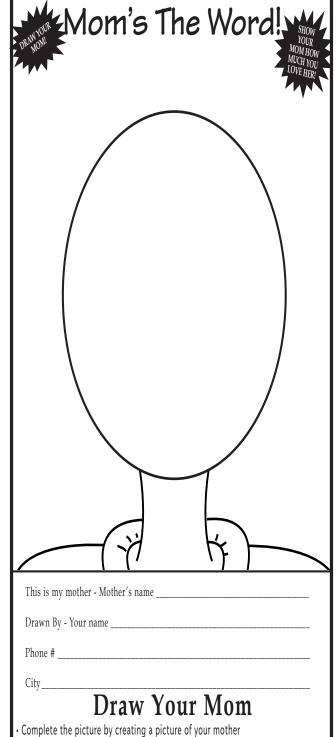
ic duo of Rebecca Hickey

and Nga Ho. Rebecca and Nga took the first set to 6-6, forcing a tie-breaker, and coming through with a victory in the tie-breaker, 8-6. Although they dropped the second set, 1-6, the Everett tandem rebounded and fought fiercely in the third set, battling all the

way to the end, 6-6, and forcing another tie-breaker. However, they came up just short in the tie-breaker, 5-7. "Matching up Nga and Rebecca as doubles partners this season has really

made each other step up their level of competition and it has been really fun to watch them take the court together," said EHS head Courtney Meninger. "I am proud of the team as a whole. They are starting to gain the confidence that we are a good team and we work hard. I feel confident going into this week against Lynn English and feel as if we will come up with some much deserved tallies in the 'W' column in the second round of the schedule."

Meninger and her crew are scheduled to travel to English today (Wednesday). They will host nonleague opponent Lowell on Monday and then make the short trek to Revere next Wednesday.



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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts City of Everett** Office of the Treasurer/Collector **Notice of Tax Taking** 

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on May 9, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. at the Collector's Office, City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53, the following described istry of Deeds: Book istry of Deeds: Book Assessed Owner(s): 73294 Page 494 71625 Page 393 Deborah J. Greenland,

parcels of land will BE TAKEN FOR THE City of Everett for non-payment of taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking unless the same shall have been paid in full before that date. Please note that the below listed amounts represent only unpaid principal tax for the specified fiscal year(s). Assessed Owner(s): Property to be Taken: Philippe Jean-Louis & 21 Gilmore Street Leah Jean-Louis Middlesex County Map/Block/Parcel: E0-SUBSEQUENT: Book Joseph A. Greenland Registry of Deeds: Cert 01-000040 79964 Page 95 Subsequent Owner(s): (Life estate), Phyllis G. RE Investments, LLC 163256 Doc 610495 Fiscal Year Delinquent: Map/Block/Parcel: K0-Greenland (life estate) Property to be Taken: Map/Block/Parcel: B0-01-190-03 Subsequent Owner(s): 2023 481 Ferry Street 04-000042 Tax Amount Owed: Fiscal Year Delinquent: Deborah J. Greenland Middlesex County Reg-Fiscal Year Delinquent: \$1,170.97 2023 & Paul E. Greenland, as istry of Deeds: Book Tax Amount Owed: 2023 Trustees of the D.J. \$2,742.79 70619 Page 393 Tax Amount Owed: Assessed Owner(s): Greenland Trust \$4,296.42 Subsequent: Book Scott F. Bridges, Leo G. Property to be Taken: 80153 Page 522 Assessed Owner(s): Locke 18 Belle View Avenue Map/Block/Parcel: A0-Assessed Owner(s): Subsequent Owner(s): Emmanuel C. Tejo Middlesex County Reg-04-000201 Thomas A. Maloney, 64 Corey Street, LLC Property to be Taken: Fiscal Year Delinquent: Linda A. Maloney Property to be Taken: 30 Chelsea Street 608 Property to be Taken: 64 Corey Street Middlesex County Reg-2023 Tax Amount Owed: 65 Central Avenue Middlesex County Registry of Deeds: Book istry of Deeds: Book 55905 Page 207 \$7,468.38 Middlesex County Registry of Deeds: Book 71282 Page 344 Map/Block/Parcel: L0-01-120608 Subsequent: Book Assessed Owner(s): 71702 Page 151 Fiscal Year Delinquent: Map/Block/Parcel: B0-81176 Page 164 Patricia M. Crispi and Map/Block/Parcel: E0-Robert A. Shaw, as 05-000002 2023 Fiscal Year Delinquent: 02-000087 Tax Amount Owed: Trustees of The Shaw 2023 Fiscal Year Delinquent: \$1,850.14 Family Tax Amount Owed: Trust 2023 \$2,446.15 Tax Amount Owed: Property to be Taken: Assessed Owner(s): \$2,774.55 13 Prescott Road Cynthia Randall Middlesex County Reg-Property to be Taken: Assessed Owner(s): Glendale Street, LLC Assessed Owner(s): istry of Deeds: Book 15 Orange Court 1380 Page 133 Cert. 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Valeri istry of Deeds: Book Middlesex County Reg-53 Harley Avenue Middlesex County Registry of Deeds: Book Middlesex County Reg-Property to be Taken: 79929 Page 412 istry of Deeds: Book 73788 Page 138 istry of Deeds: Book Map/Block/Parcel: L0-69598 Page 245 96 Main Street Map/Block/Parcel: B0-Map/Block/Parcel: N0-74495 Page 409 Middlesex County Reg-07-15-4-1 06-000069 01-000158 Map/Block/Parcel: C0istry of Deeds: Book Fiscal Year Delinquent: Fiscal Year Delinquent: 02-000045 71730 Page 36 2023 Fiscal Year Delinquent: Fiscal Year Delinquent: Map/Block/Parcel: E0-2023 Tax Amount Owed: 2023 Tax Amount Owed: 04-000008 2023 \$2,291.50 Tax Amount Owed: \$5,996.31 Tax Amount Owed: Fiscal Year Delinquent: \$2,100.42 \$4,744.25 Assessed Owner(s): 657 2023 Assessed Owner(s): Al-Tax Amount Owed: **Broadway LLC** Property to be Taken: ison Michell & Atharva Assessed Owner(s): \$1,260.53 657 Broadway Choudhari David Forgione, as Middlesex County Reg-Subsequent Owner(s): Personal Representative Assessed Owner(s): for Estate of Michael Louis A. Monteforte, Jr. istry of Deeds: Book YLZAL Investment, 312 Broadway 79722 Page 248 Forgione Property to be Taken: Map/Block/Parcel: M0-Subsequent Owner(s): 38 Carter Street 105 Property to be Taken: 15 Bennett Street Chau Tran Middlesex County Reg-02-000001 Middlesex County Reg-Property to be Taken: istry of Deeds: Book Fiscal Year Delinquent: 17280 Page 219 istry of Deeds: Book 21 Wall Street 72886 Page 567 2023 78773 Page 304 Middlesex County Reg-Map/Block/Parcel: E0-Tax Amount Owed: 03-000135 Subsequent: Book istry of Deeds: Book 04-520105 \$5,924.35 81290 Page 51 32389 Page 77 Fiscal Year Delinquent: 2023 Map/Block/Parcel: B0-SUBSEQUENT: Book Assessed Owner(s): 2023 01-000190 81258 Page 390 Tax Amount Owed: Valerie Autobee \$7,796.88 Fiscal Year Delinquent: Map/Block/Parcel: C0-\$1,186.40 Property to be Taken: 2023 02-000082 136 Clarence Street Fiscal Year Delinquent: Assessed Owner(s): Middlesex County Reg-Tax Amount Owed: \$1,657.72 2023 Charles and Mary Caristry of Deeds: Book

Tax Amount Owed:

Assessed Owner(s):

Property to be Taken:

16 Cleveland Avenue

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\$1,099.25

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Middlesex County Reg-

Map/Block/Parcel: C0-

Fiscal Year Delinquent:

Tax Amount Owed:

Assessed Owner(s):

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Property to be Taken:

Middlesex County Reg-

233 Main Street

Octavio E. Perez

\$1,958.24

Assessed Owner(s):

Property to be Taken: 6

Middlesex County Reg-

Map/Block/Parcel: B0-

Fiscal Year Delinquent:

Assessed Owner(s): Lil-

Subsequent Owner(s):

Lillian J. Giacobbe;

Josephine Ward (see

Middlesex Probate

MI99P1073EA)

Docket No.

Tax Amount Owed:

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Nilza C. Vercosa

Parker Street 1

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03-570601

\$1,337.30

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istry of Deeds: Book Map/Block/Parcel: H0-18906 Page 284 07-000200 SUBSEQUENT: Book Fiscal Year Delinquent: 81978 Page 60 2023 Map/Block/Parcel: M0-Tax Amount Owed: 07-000188 \$8,034.93 Fiscal Year Delinquent: 2023 Assessed Owner(s): Al-Tax Amount Owed: bert Aversa as Trustee \$4,861.71 fo Ferry Street Realty Trust Assessed Owner(s): Property to be Taken: John T. Harrington and 108 Ferry Street Mary Grilli Smith Middlesex County Reg-Property to be Taken: istry of Deeds: Book 14 Garland Street 51850 Page 305 Middlesex County Reg-Map/Block/Parcel: L0istry of Deeds: Book 03-000243 35563 Page 334 Fiscal Year Delinquent: Map/Block/Parcel: M0-2023 07-000230 Fiscal Year Delinquent: 2023 Tax Amount Owed: \$1,445.54 Assessed Owner(s): Bernabe E. Murcia Lemus and Jose Murcia Property to be Taken:

Phone: 781-485-0588 Fax: 781-485-1403

2023

\$18,754.33

Realty Trust

14 Rover Street

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Tax Amount Owed:

Assessed Owner(s): Mi-

chael Bono, Trustee of

Fourteen Rover Street

Property to be Taken:

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istry of Deeds: Book

Tax Amount Owed: \$2,378.17 Assessed Owner(s): Antonio A. Lago, as Trustee fo the Lago Family Trust Property to be Taken: 250 Vine Street Middlesex County Registry of Deeds: Book 48466 Page 585 Map/Block/Parcel: L0-04-000010 Fiscal Year Delinquent: 2023 Tax Amount Owed: \$483.89 Assessed Owner(s): Street Realty Trust 39 Irving Street 72073 Page 503 07-000100 Tax Amount Owed: \$6767.52 Assessed Owner(s): Bachem F. Wehbe 735 Broadway 19472 Page 335 05-000186 Tax Amount Owed: \$5,022.69

Assessed Owner(s): Joseph Fustolo & Sabatino Plaitano, Trustees of J&T Realty Trust Property to be Taken: Middlesex County Registry of Deeds: Book Map/Block/Parcel: E0-2023 Fiscal Year Delinquent: Tax Amount Owed: Assessed Owner(s): Anthony Dellanno, Trustee of the Dellanno Family Property to be Taken: Middlesex County Registry of Deeds: Book 59038 Page 343 2023 Map/Block/Parcel: G0-Fiscal Year Delinquent: Tax Amount Owed: Assessed Owner(s): 30 Beacham Street, LLC Property to be Taken:

73118 Page 321

03-000027

\$3,713.11

2023

Map/Block/Parcel: M0-

Fiscal Year Delinquent:

Tax Amount Owed:

Assessed Owner(s):

Janice E. Nigro-DiRa-

Property to be Taken:

Middlesex County Reg-

Map/Block/Parcel: M0-

Fiscal Year Delinquent:

Tax Amount Owed:

156 Garland Street

istry of Deeds: Book

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05-000173

2023

\$739.63

Property to be Taken:

istry of Deeds: Book

Middlesex County Reg-

Map/Block/Parcel: G0-

Fiscal Year Delinquent:

Tax Amount Owed:

Assessed Owner(s):

Steven Novak and Duy-

Subsequent Owner(s):

Vidal Iraheta Arevalo

Property to be Taken: 3

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and Maria Solis De

Spring Street 3

24 Alfred Street

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Fiscal Year Delinquent:

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Linda M. DeAmaral, Trustee of the 39 Irving Property to be Taken: Middlesex County Registry of Deeds: Book Map/Block/Parcel: L0-Fiscal Year Delinquent: Property to be Taken: Middlesex County Registry of Deeds: Book Map/Block/Parcel: N0-Fiscal Year Delinquent: Assessed Owner(s): Ronald D. Hughes Property to be Taken: 66 Tileston Street 1 Middlesex County Registry of Deeds: Book 73338 Page 341 Map/Block/Parcel: G0-01-740001

Fiscal Year Delinquent:

Tax Amount Owed:

2023

\$807.85

#### **Mystic Side Congregational Church**

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

#### **Glendale United Methodist Church**

News and Notes

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

Bible Study: Consider joining us for Bible study on Sunday. We meet in the Church Parlor off the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00

Sponsor the bulletin! For a \$5 donation, you can dedicate the Sunday bulletin to recognize family, friends, or special occasions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Pastor's study. Feel free to choose your particular week and leave a copy of your dedication in the mail in that is on the Pastor's door. Please contact the Pastor if you have any questions.

Boy Scout Troop 814: Meet in Cooper Hall on Tues. evenings from 6-9 p.m. Cub Pack 11 meets on Saturday mornings.

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- 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. We are on the Internet

> http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org **Glendale United Methodist Church Pastor David Jackson** 392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers) Please enter the church by the driveway on **Walnut Street** 617-387-2916 PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com **Pastor's Office Hours:** Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

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#### **CHURCH** News

#### **Zion Church - Everett**

News and Notes

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

#### **Immaculate Conception Parish**

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Rev. Joseph Chacha Marwa, Administrator, S.M.A. Rev. Gustavo Buccilli S.M.A Parochial Vicar, Barbara Canon Secretary, Parish Secretary.

Weekly Mass Schedule ate the Immaculate Conception Parish is as follows:

1: Monday-Saturday at 7:00a.m. in the Chapel.

2: Saturday at 4:00p.m. (Sunday Vigil) and at 7:30p.m. Vietnamese Mass Upper Church. 3: Sunday at 7:00a.m.

and 10:00a.m. English Masses. At 12:00p.m. Spanish Mass and 4:00p.m. Haitian Creole Mass. 4: Confessions are on

Saturdays from 3:00-3:45

at the Confession Boots in the Chapel, and at 11:15 a.m. 12:00p.m. in Spanish. 5: Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel on Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. 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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News and Notes

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work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters," Colossians 3:23

"In Pursuit of Spiritual

ness, Faith, Love, Truth Glendale Christian **Lighthouse Church** 701 Broadway, Everett, Massachusetts 02149 617-387-7458

Rev. Larry Russi, Sr. **Pastor** pastorlarry@ thelighthousechurch 701.net

#### Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at www.foreverett.church

letter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network at www.everettcan.com to request any additional help.

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#### **Grace Anglican Episcopal Church**

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all. There are two services

on Sundays: 10 a.m. English, 1 p.m. South Sudanese Dinka Come all and let us

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**Grace Anglican Episcopal Church** 67 Norwood Street, Everett, MA **Church Phone** 617-387-7526 or 617-389-5765

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#### A LOOK AT EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Closer to the Eclipse

EHS Teachers Head to the Sky for Historic Occasion

Everett High School (EHS) teachers Neil Plotnick and Sarah Morrissey experienced the solar eclipse from the skies above New England, thanks to their membership in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) education team.

"It was an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Plotnick, who joined eight educators on the aerial excursion on Monday, April 8, 2024.

The journey began with a flight from Beverly Airport to Bangor International Airport. From there, the teachers boarded four plans in sets of two and flew northeast and then due west along the line of totality. At approximately 8,000 feet, Ms. Morrissey and Mr. Plotnick enjoyed unforgettable views of the total eclipse.

"The entire horizon for 360 degrees looked like dawn with orange skies and darkness all around," Plotnick said. "Jupiter, which would normally be obscured by the sun's brightness, appeared as a very bright star just a bit below the sun from our viewpoint."

The EHS duo was flown by pilot Charles Dale, who skillfully maneuvered a Cessna 182 through a series of 360-degree turns and banks, giving his passengers views of the eclipse from various angles. Dale is an Air Force ROTC graduate currently employed as a systems engineer for the Air Force.

The CAP education program provides professional education for its members. Teachers can join for a modest one-time fee which renews at no charge every year. CAP provides free STEM resources to teachers, including a robotics program currently being utilized by Mr. Plotnick's students.



Saraii Morrissey.



Neil Plotnick.



EHS teachers Sarah Morrissey (front, right) and Neil Plotnick (standing, far right) join their colleagues before boarding a plane to view the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024.

# More from Eclipse Day

From the Whittier School



Pictured above are Whittier School students, who viewed the solar eclipse following dismissal on Monday, April 8, 2024. The students, who used special sunglasses to view the eclipse, made observations and discussed what they witnessed. Thanks to Principal Mike McLucas and Assistant Principal Cari Fidalgo for extending this opportunity to our students.



# Music, On a Grand Scale

String Concerts Set for April 30 and May 2

Everett Public Schools (EPS) music educators and their students are tuning up for the district's annual String Night performances, a two-night extravaganza featuring more than 470 musicians in grades K-12.

This year's show is called "Heroes and Villains: An Adventure Around the Globe." Students in grades K-3 will take the stage on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, while 4-12 graders will perform on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Both shows begin at 6 p.m. in the Everett High School Center for the Performing Arts.

"Our music program is thriving at all levels, and these concerts illustrate that fact in a manner that brings great joy to our students, families, and community," said Superintendent William Hart.

Music teachers Maciej Kaczmarek, Anna Polska, and Kelsey Devlin are directing "Heroes and Villains." The program features pieces from a diverse range of countries and cultures, including "Nepali Folk Song," "Haitian Lullaby," "Kye Kye Kule" from Ghana, "Swallowtail Jig" from Ireland, and "El Torito Pinto" from El Salvador.



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