



Adventure Club Hosts Dodgeball



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The Dodgefathers discussing their game plan before the final game. DANIEL O'TOOLE

After shutting down most activities for the Adventure Club at Malden High, the club has bounced

back and is ready to remind everyone what they can do.

Before the start of the pandemic and last school year, Malden High

had its very own Adventure Club which was run by Ms. Craven, but she has since dropped the advisor role and has since been picked up by Ms. Jones and Ms. Campbell. As their first event of the school year, the club decided to host a dodgeball tournament which was open to all students and staff members.

Victoria Loreus, a senior in the Adventure Club, was interested in joining the club since she likes "traveling and I like learning more about the world and the fact that the school offers an opportunity to do that to Puerto Rico. I took the chance, you know, and now I get to share an experience with my other classmates and get close and know more people in the school that I may have not had otherwise." The Ad-

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Exclusive Interview with Superintendent Ligia Noriega-Murphy

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This is the first half of the interview. The second half will be published in the next edition

Aiden Luciano sat down with Superintendent Ligia Noriega Murphy for an exclusive interview. The interview has been edited for clarity and length. They discussed decisions the superintendent makes, how she is leading Malden, and the recent teacher strike.

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Girls Volleyball Makes States

Malden High Girls Volleyball Team Battles Lexington in State Tournament

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After an excellent year, the Malden Girls Volleyball team traveled to Lexington to take on the Minutemen in the preliminary round of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Division One State Tournament. After a 15-5 regular season, which included a 9-5 record in the Greater Boston League (GBL), the Golden Tornadoes earned the 34th and final spot which gave them a matchup against 31st-seeded Lexington.

The Minutemen had a solid season, going 9-11. They qualified for the tournament via power rankings as they did not reach the required ten victories. The game would be played under the dome at the Lexington High School Field House, which amazed many of the Malden players and spectators.

After warmups and introductions, the first set got underway. Immediately, it was apparent that the Golden Tornadoes were not on

their A game. Five consecutive Malden mistakes ended in Coach Daniel Jurkowski calling a timeout. The two teams exchanged blows for a few points, but the Minutemen would jump to a 10-3 lead.

The next few points were a mixture of Malden misplays and strong Lexington kills, giving them a 17-5 advantage. After that, both teams began to make a lot of mistakes. Unfortunately for the Golden Tornadoes, a few great plays by seniors Rachel Lin and Anna Yak wouldn't make up for the 12-point deficit, and the Minutemen held on 25-8 in the opening set to take a 1-0 lead.

The Golden Tornadoes knew that they could play far better than that. Still, the second set began with Lexington jumping out to a 4-1 start. Senior Victoria Loreus came up with a kill that ignited an incredibly unexpected run for the Golden Tornadoes with seniors Vivienne Crawford blocking a Lexington hit and Anna Yak delivering a beautiful serve that tied the score at 4-4. The Malden spectators, who made up a large chunk of the crowd, were cheering wildly.

The noise had an obvious effect on the Minutemen's focus, as they



Senior captain Kelly Le joyfully addresses the team on the sidelines. NATHAN DEAN

misplayed two hits and the Golden Tornadoes would take their first lead of the night at 6-4. However, after both teams swapped points once more, Malden's momentum stalled out. A few solid plays gave Lexington the lead again and they would not look back. Mistake after mistake, the Golden Tornadoes collapsed.

While a few nice blocks and hits would come throughout the rest of the set, most of the plays were lackluster and did not affect Lexington as they would take the set to 25-10 after collecting 20 of the final 23 points and gaining a 2-0 lead.

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Senior Choices for Class of 2023

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For the class of 2023, the past 3 years of high school have been rigorous in bringing its many challenges ranging from COVID, quarantine, and coming back to school. Nevertheless, students have made a tremendous effort to jump through those challenging hurdles and are almost at the finish line of their final year.

Some might say that as they get closer to the ending of their senior year is when the pressure rises and becomes almost too difficult to handle. Students are now brought up with the difficulty of juggling between schoolwork, college essays, recommendation letters, and the biggest question above all else. What do I want to do with my life?

"What's next?" That's the question most seniors are currently asking themselves. As most seniors are thinking of what their next step is, some are looking into going into the military, entering the work field, or going to college, while others are taking a gap year. Some are ready for the next chapter of their lives and others are just ready to take a break.

Leilah St Fort, a senior in the CO'23 plans on going to college immediately after high school which comes with its own set of challenges. As a high schooler looking forward to diving into a new environment can be stressful due to the preparation process. There are multiple components that can tend to engulf your senior year if you are not careful.

Fort is currently working on filling out her FAFSA applications, working on her college essay, and figuring out which college she will hopefully attend. "This year has been by far the most stressful year that I've experienced in a while" St Fort states. Much like other high schoolers, St Fort is no different. Everyone is trying to climb their way to their version of success which will require a great deal of intense work, and discipline.

The college process cannot simply be dealt with with a simple wave of a hand, but instead needs time and effort to be able to see progress from the work put in. Though it is time-consuming, students of Malden High School left and right are

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constantly reminded that they are not alone in tackling this challenge.

Administrators, teachers, and faculty members of the high school know it can be too daunting of a task when handled alone which is why there are many resources laid out for seniors to assist them. "I have my College advisor helping me with my financial aid process. I have Ms. Quin. who is keeping me calm and collected whenever I need therapy, and I also have teachers and counselors that are also helping me with my essays," stated St Fort.

Krishany Marius is an eager senior that is "ready to go." With all her responsibilities as captain of the Malden High School Step Team, her short-term goal is to pass all her classes and do what she needs to do to be done. Marius is also transitioning to the next set of captains for the Step Team. Marius wants to leave on a "good note" for all her extracurriculars. As for her long-term goals, she just wants "to be happy and manage everything" that she has going on in her life peacefully.

In order for Marius to achieve her goals, she's going after school to get the help that she needs "even though it's a little risky and chal-

lenging." She also said that she's trying to "see what she has to do and get it done."

Her most difficult part of school compared to other years is filling out college applications. Which is exhausting since you're "bouncing off of everything all at once while still having to do schoolwork."

When asked about having resources to help with the college applications, Marius said that she knows about the resources but

"doesn't use them enough." Marius says that the feeling of senior year is "exhausting because everything is going by so fast, like a big rocket."

Needless to say, whatever career - whether it's the workforce, military, or higher education - to any senior, the feeling of overwhelm is in the air. Yes there will be road bumps along the way, but all of that will not matter by graduation day when they are all going to end up where they are supposed to be.



Exclusive Interview with Superintendent Ligia Noriega-Murphy

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So what are some of the day-to-day decisions a superintendent makes?

The day-to-day decisions are challenging because it focuses on macro issues. Many of my decisions involve budget. The Principals play a big role in decision making in collaboration with the financial director with all final decisions made by me; including decisions about partnerships.

What kind of partnerships?

For example, we are looking at partnerships that offer multi-tiered support systems. At the moment, we don't have a district wide system for how we approach challenges in schools. Everyone has their own system but we need to make decisions in a cohesive way. The way I make decisions about partnerships and the services they provide is by getting feedback from principals, assistant superintendents as well as anyone else who will be overseeing the project. This process involves a lot of conversations between these groups. The decision to create a partnership will also take into account how much it will cost the district.

Is there anything in your education that you have studied that you're applying to the public schools?

Everything! I have a Master's in Education and a Master's in Management. I apply a lot of what I learned in my job. I also researched Psychometrics of Intelligence. This helps me question many things that are done in schools. I ask a lot of whys instead of making assumptions. I ask questions like, "Why are you doing this?" or "What is the data?"

I don't know if you have heard that I present a lot of data. This is because before any decisions are made, or before we identify issues, we should know what the indicators are telling us about what is happening.

Student enrollment is an example. The question we ask is, "How do we enroll students in different schools according to the program?" So the data might tell us that in one school, we might have too many students enrolled in a specific program. This would mean that the school

might need more staffing, and also the potential that it will create some disruption in the school climate because of increased instances of certain behaviors. So the decision that I would make with the principal, and also the special education staff, is to see if we can separate the middle school students in the program in one school, and have the elementary school with the same program in another school. We would try to restructure programs instead of allowing one school to have a high percentage of behaviors that can disrupt the school climate.

My background in international studies allowed me to train people overseas. This training included the general curriculum which integrated the arts. I opened Boston Arts Academy, the first performing and visual arts school in Boston. I want to see how teachers can modify the curriculum beyond reading and writing to include project-based [learning] pathways. Before we make decisions about the curriculum, I seek information from directors and coaches who are the experts in specific subjects.

My initial findings about courses offered in schools through the equity lens led me to discover, for example, that Spanish is being taught 5 days a week in one school and 3 days a week in another. Therefore, last year, we started a course offering audits by compiling information from each school to see what was offered to students in each grade level. This led to the creation of our PreK-12 Program of Studies which is posted on our website. We are using the PreK-12 Program of Studies this year as a baseline to inform our practice on what we need in order to create equitable course offerings in our K-8 schools for SY 2023-2024.

Leaders as yourself have to make a lot of decisions. And they don't always go as planned. Is there anything that you would do differently at the beginning of the school year or just in general?

One of the things that I would do differently, is to encourage more student voice and parent input. Last year, I hosted a lot of community forums. The work that was planned got disrupted due to pressing matters that required immediate attention such as deciding on the mask-or-no-mask requirement for

students. We started this academic year offering professional development that is coherent and aligned to the Arc of Learning and to the district wide goals and targets. Just like last year, we are continuing to prioritize the offering of safety training for staff and parents. This year, the safety training will be extended to students as well.

A new K-8 literacy curriculum is being implemented this school year to ensure that everyone is following the same units, giving students the same access to high quality materials and instruction.

I am very proud of the teachers who attended professional development this summer in order to be ready to use the new ELA and Math curriculum. We also had 54 teachers who worked on integrating K-8 culturally responsive literature in the curriculum.

Now you brought up if we had more funding. So do you plan on doing something to get the funding? Or is there already something in the works?

We get our funding from the City. We have to make sure that we staff all the schools with educators first, support systems second, and then other support staff. I am working with a group of parents and principals to refine the process on how we look at our budget.

So some teachers have expressed frustration and feeling overwhelmed with not feeling supported. They just went on strike and same as the students with the walkout last year, what are you doing to help build relationships with teachers or build community?

One of the things I have done is to visit schools and host meetings with educators including one-on-one meetings with teachers to hear their voices. During the strike, I got beautiful text messages from teachers saying, "I'm sorry, I have to do this." I understand as I used to be a union member too.

There are some decisions which are made collaboratively and some decisions that are not within the purview of the Superintendent. There was some degree of misinformation. Improving channels of communication to avoid the spread of misinformation is a priority. When people

only hear one narrative, it does not provide the full picture. Since I am leading the school district, I understand why it might seem that I make every decision unilaterally.

I do not make decisions on how much funding the district is going to receive. Within the confines of the budget, we make collaborative decisions on allocation of funds. I understand that budget decisions appear to be the sole responsibility of the Superintendent; but in fact each funding decision is made through a process.

I am concerned about teachers not feeling supported. Our goal is for every teacher to feel supported and validated. This is an area we need to focus on to ensure we have a pulse on school needs including why teachers feel unsupported.

I met with some teachers who were looking for specific materials. I asked the principals to gather wish lists from teachers. I also meet monthly with the District Parent Teacher Organization to learn about the needs of the schools. I thank the educators and staff that meet with me, call, text and email to share their perspective and needs.

So would you like to make a comment about the teacher strike? Like how you feel about it? Or which way it should have gone? Or do you think they should have done something different? You think you should have done something different?

I always had ongoing conversations with educators, this has been my practice for 27 years working in education. Regarding the strike, I believe people have the right to make their own decision. In response to your question, "Was there a need to strike?" Probably not, because we were talking and engaging in conversations.

We planned with Principals how to support staff coming back from the strike which caused a lot of stress, therefore; our focus was on the social emotional wellbeing of our staff and their ability to welcome our students. To eliminate stress we decided to postpone assessments during the first week and a half, which allowed schools to refocus on teaching and learning.

Fun Holiday Activities for November

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With the season of Thanksgiving approaching, there are many fun things to do with friends and family as it gets colder outside. Here is a list of ideas

and activities you can do to get ready for the holidays: Family Activities:

- Write a list of what you are thankful for
- Have s'mores
- Watch football games
- Bake cookies
- Make hand turkeys
- Friend Activities:

- Throw a Friendsgiving
- Start holiday shopping--it is never too early to start now before the prices go up
- Watch the annual city parades
- Have a flag football game
- Go on hayrides
- Have a potluck
- Have a fall picnic
- Solo Activities:

- November-themed crossword puzzle
- Write thankful cards to staff
- Start your yearly reflection
- Learn how to knit
- Make your own candles
- Visit a fall festival
- Hike

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College or No College?

Caitlin Moran once said “I don’t regret not going to college. Students learn up to the age of 21, then stop. I’ll always be learning—the things that really matter in life. How to sign on, how to get free food, and how to be streetwise.”

We all love free food.

In all seriousness, we have noticed that college expectations are deeply ingrained into the minds of school students, today more than ever. Or is it just me? The amazing thing about kids today is our ability to have fun, while still comprehending the importance of things that affect our society today, from political to social issues. Guess what? College does not necessarily drive passion for those sorts of things, specifically the passion we see in young people today. Sometimes just being a living and breathing person does. Education comes from the world and living, not just school. I am not going to sit here and say that college is dumb. It certainly can be good for so many people, from those who want to be doctors to those who want to be teachers.

College life is a culture, that some embrace and some don’t.

Of course, there are great things about college. The experience can turn us from shy to confident, and from emotional to wise. We stop thinking about ideas in black and white form. Ideas become more than what they seem. You end up in a room, and you find out that you can talk for hours about something that you didn’t even realize was so involved. Sometimes you even find a passion worth engaging in. In a way, it even helps one understand that they can do more, beyond what they thought capable. It can turn a

closed mind into an open one. College is most certainly not a waste of time, but it is also not the only way to spend your time after high school graduation. If it doesn’t fulfill or satisfy you, then you really shouldn’t take part in it. A miserable person will not be successful in anything.

Many of us will be heading to college in the next year, an experience that teaches critical thinking. This is important for making crucial decisions in almost all situations. But how necessary is a college education? Is college the only option? What else can I do if I do not want to go to college? There are many other paths in life that can set a person up for success, such as vocational schools, beginning a job right after high school, taking an internship, or even starting a business.

As someone who does plan to go to college, I can tell you that it is not the only option. While it is something I deeply feel is necessary for me and what I want to do with my life, it is not for everyone. But younger people are expected to graduate high school, attend college, pay for it, and somehow manage to explore and manage other sources of happiness and satisfaction, many of which still cost money. Nothing is free. The thing is, independence and non-traditional ways of doing things are not society’s expertise. We feel that we have to do what others do.

This college process was especially hard for my mom and myself (Juliana) even though my mom went through this process with my sister in 2020. The forms needed to be filled out, however, they were not as complicated as my sister’s. The college financial steps change a

lot and don’t make it any easier for college to be affordable or to not end up with as many student loans.

Our questions about college do not always have answers. They may have a long intricate answer that we are not sure how to break down. Many want to get a college degree because they think it proves something, and I guess it does. It proves that you were able to put yourself through more school and succeed, and that is not easy.

But if one does not go to college, is that a failure? Are they totally incapable of being an important member of society that can make decisions? No. While college drives a certain way of thinking, you do not need it to be made aware of the society and environment around us. Many of today’s problems are obvious, and sometimes even the way to approach them, the most basic type of thinker would unfold. It does not take a college student to know that climate change and global warming are killing our earth. That, my friend, is basic knowledge.

Either way, it is okay to be on the fence about college. You can love it, hate it, or not feel any way about it. We are excited but nervous, not sure where we will end up. But we are young, and have time to figure out that path, and no one can tell you the best decision that aligns with you. Having the choice is why most of us decide to go to college. If you were forced into attending college, you probably would not want to go anymore. The power of choice is a real thing.

If you think it is important to focus on other things besides college, then do that. While education is important, it is good for our

mental health to focus on things that don’t exert a huge amount of stress, and may even help us relax. As school students, we are so worried about what to do next and what to do about our future, that we completely miss out on the moments that believe it or not, will matter the most in 20 years. Spend time with friends. Take part in something you never thought you would be interested in. You may even discover a passion for something you never thought you would consider.

Some think that not attending college is wrong, and feel they have to attend, strictly to try to find a place where they belong, a purpose rather. But everyone has a different purpose, and we can all agree that we all have an obligation to help people and care for people around us. Can just helping people in your community be enough purpose? Maybe not. I get it, we always want more out of something and well, maybe you even deserve more. Just do not let it consume you. Know that purpose lies in everything we do, and everything we say. Find that passion and I promise it will lead you right into that purpose you crave to find. Answer these questions before you answer whether or not college is what you really want. In the end, make sure you are making a decision that truly aligns with what your heart and mind desires. Doing anything, without a good reason, will only drain you. None of us want that.

Hopefully, I figure all this out in college. Maybe if I am lucky, before that.

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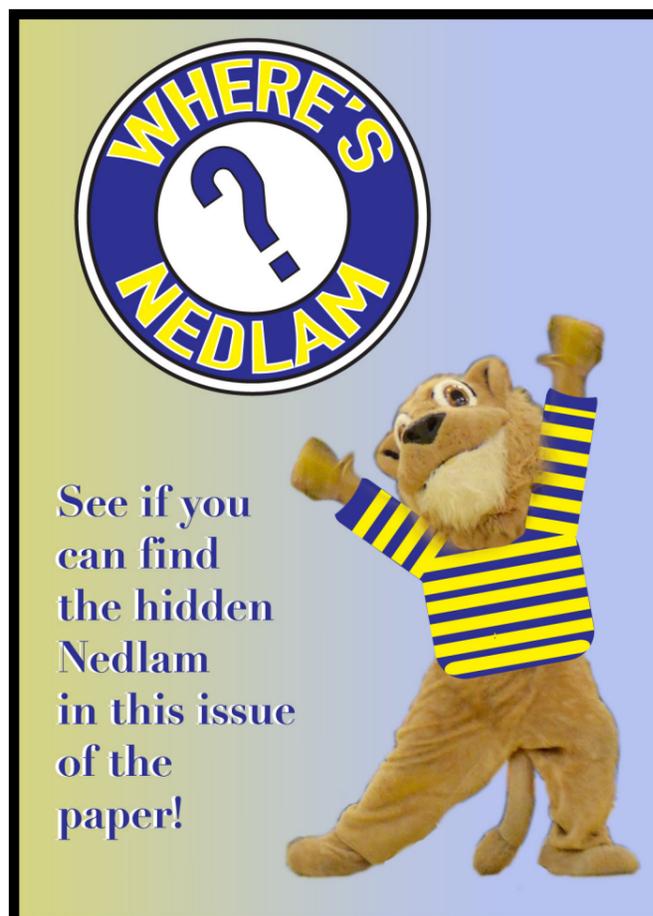
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CANDYGRAMS MAKE A SWEET RETURN

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Coming back to haunt Malden High school, candygrams made yet another celebrated reappearance as the Class of 2023 takes on the role of selling the grams again this year. For two dollars, any student could send any school-appropriate message to a friend or even themselves.

After an excellent reception last year, James Valente mentioned, "we were able to bring them in 2021 because of Mr. Lightbody's help, so we kind of came up with the idea of bringing the old back and making it new again." Since the school board was already on board with the idea of candy grams, there were fewer hoops to jump through this year, but Valente continued by saying, "We had to go through and make sure that everything that was on the candy grams wasn't anything that was going to be a problem. We don't want people being made fun of or bullied by hurtful messages. So we made sure that everyone was doing something that was nice and made a friendly message and that's the only thing the principal asked us to do so we made sure of that."

Saura Rathore, a senior and Class President of the class of 2023, remarked, "Everyone had the same role. Basically, during lunch, we would go around to every single table and ask them to buy candies, and then have them write notes."

"We really broke it down by lunches and since mine were third and first lunch I would usually do third," Andrew Louis mentioned.

Rathore explained how the candy grams were delivered saying "we delivered them to English classes because everyone has to take an English class for four years. So we basically went on Aspen and then we saw the person's name and what English class they had, so we wrote the period and the room number, and then we found a way for us to give it to them in that period, and in that room."

Mr. Valente wanted to encourage other classes to take part in candy grams next year since candy grams "is a good venture and the other classes should pick it up and take it on as something that they can make money with. I think it's really fun to have it back and I think it's something kids enjoy."

Rathore wanted to acknowledge how hard her class worked. "I was very thankful for the job that they did and the help that they gave us because it was kind of stressful at some points. Because, you know, we need to find people to sell it and then convince people to actually buy the candies. So we had to do that quickly before Halloween."

SNHS HOSTS BIKE PATH CLEAN UP

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The Science National Honors Society (SNHS) is off to a big bang. The first big event of this year was a clean-up and scavenger hunt along the Northern Strand Community Trail bike path.

Following a tough application process, the club has welcomed several new members and leadership positions. The list includes President Saura Rathore, Vice President Rachel Lin, Historian Edmond Chen, Treasurer Ngan Nguyen, Secretary Chaimaa Assli, and Advisor Kate Haskell.

This event was run by Chen. He has been the voice behind multiple SNHS clean-ups in the past, including a Pine Banks Park clean-up for Earth Day 2021. For this year, Chen explained, "We wanted to clean up the summit trail at Pine Banks at

first... but we were never able to secure a reservation from the park, so we compromised with having our clean-up on the bike path." The path itself was "moderately dirty," and the society was able to host a "successful clean-up," despite the change of plans.

As a motivator, the clean-up double as a scavenger hunt. "Our objective was simply to clean up our environment and have fun doing it, so the location change didn't affect our overall goal in the end," Chen enunciated.

Chen, akin to the rest of the society, "Joined SNHS because of my passion for science." He expounded, "The scientific field isn't just a class you're required to take in high school, but there's many different subjects that tend to attract your at-

tention."

"Our officers and members all express this interest, and that's why SNHS is a safe place for people to practice their passion for science and meet other people who share a common appreciation for science," Chen pushed.

In his position as Historian, Chen finds himself as a mentor for his group, which focuses on "environmental preservation via cleanups and Earth day events." He is also the body behind the Instagram page, @maldenhigh_snhs.

Upcoming events include fundraising, teacher-appreciation cards, a toy drive organized by Editor-in-Chief and Secretary Assli, trivia night, an escape room, middle school career day, and more clean-ups.



Left to right, top to bottom: SNHS members picking trash from a bush; Treasurer Ngan Nguyen picking up trash with fellow society members; SNHS members collecting trash into trash bags along the bike path; SNHS members posing for a group photo along the path; members of the SNHS displaying their full trash bags for a group photo. Photos submitted by Edmond Chen.

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Midterm Elections 2022

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As the leaves turn, and the temperature drops, Malden is gripped in autumn. The month of November bore down upon the city, along with everything it brings, such as football, Thanksgiving, and early Christmas advertising. However, there is one thing that can't be removed from the month of November, and something that has gone relatively under the radar, despite how important it is to how Malden functions.

Massachusetts hosted general elections in 2022, contesting many offices due to the midterm elections.

This year's elections come off the tail of the recent strike by the staff of the Malden Public Schools, which was a pointed issue in the election. Local politicians will have to find a way to echo the worries of the teachers and parents of the city.

The largest and most important thing that has been decided by this election is the new Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the state. Currently, that position is filled by Charlie Baker and Karyn Polito. Their declining to run in the 2022 gubernatorial election represents a large shift in the state's politics, as Baker and Polito are the only Republicans in the state government that are elected statewide.

Before the election, the leading governor's candidate for the Democratic Party, and leading candidate overall, is Attorney General Maura Healey. She ran alongside the mayor of Salem, Kim Driscoll, who ran for the position of Lieutenant Governor.

Healey's competition was in the form of the former member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives for Plymouth, Geoff Diehl. His Lieutenant Governor candidate, another former member of the House for Essex County, Leah Cole Allen.

Before the election, most polls projected that the Healy-Driscoll ticket will win handily in the elections.

In terms of other statewide candidates, Andrea Joy Campbell and James R. McMahon ran for attorney general. Campbell was a candidate in last year's election for the mayor of Boston, and before that was president of Boston's city council from 2018 to 2020. McMahon is the current attorney of the city of Bourne, in Barnstable County, on Cape Cod.

In the Secretary of State elections, long-serving incumbent Secretary William Francis Galvin defended his position against Republican candidate Rayla Campbell and Green-Rainbow candidate Juan Sanchez.

For the treasurer elections, the incumbent treasurer, Deborah Goldberg, defended her position against Cristina Crawford, the libertarian candidate.

With the end of the elections, the Malden Public Schools come back from their much-appreciated day off. While they were gone, the residents of Malden lined up at their voting sites in order to cast votes in the midterm elections. Of the 29,482 registered voters in Malden, 14,772 showed up, making a turnout of almost exactly 50%. The votes were tallied up overnight, and the results were made public on Wednesday. Here are the results:



From left to right: Massachusetts Democratic Nominee for Governor, Maura Healey and Republican candidate for governor Geoff Diehl and his running mate Leah Allen address the media. (MassLive)



From left to right: Democratic Nominee for Secretary of State, William Francis Galvin; Republican Nominee for Secretary of State, Rayla Campbell. Photo from Raylas Campbells Website



From left to right: Democratic Nominee for District five Representative, Katherine Clark; Republican Nominee Caroline Colarusso. Photo from Caroline Colarusso's Website

The auditor elections sport an especially diverse roster of parties, with candidates from 5 parties listed to replace incumbent auditor Suzanne Bump. The Democrats listed Diana DiZoglio, state senator, for the position, while the Republicans listed security professional Anthony Amore. The Libertarians listed Daniel Riek, the Green-Rainbow party

is listing Gloria A. Caballero-Roca, and a relatively unknown party, the Workers Party of Massachusetts, listed Dominic Giannone III.

Also up on the ballot this November were the representatives of Massachusetts to the House of Representatives. Massachusetts is divided into 9 districts, each of which sends 1 representative to the House

With 10,752 votes as compared to 3,600, Maura Healey and Kimberly Driscoll won Malden's governor race. They also won the governor race statewide, and will replace Charlie Baker. In the attorney general race, Andrea Campbell defeated James McMahon, with 10,604 votes to 3,775 votes. Campbell also won the statewide elections for AG, and will assume office upon the inauguration of Healey, the former AG.

In the secretary of state race, William F. Galvin defended his office, earning 10,894 votes, outclassing both of the other primary competitors, Rayla Campbell and Juan Sanchez, by over 3 to 1. Galvin has been serving as secretary of state since 1995.

Deborah B. Goldberg won the treasurer's race in Malden, with a straight 11,111 votes to her name, beating out her opponent Cristina Crawford, with 2,257 votes. Goldberg was also elected statewide.

In the auditor race, with the largest field statewide, Diana DiZoglio was elected by Malden to be the auditor, with a total of 9,015 votes. DiZoglio was also confirmed as auditor by the elections statewide, capturing 55% of the vote.

As for the representative race, Katherine Clark defended her seat, racking up 10,656 votes for her campaign, with Caroline Colarusso, her opponent, only getting 3,528 votes. Across the 5th District, Clark gained over 70% of the vote.

In terms of the four ballot measures, Massachusetts mostly approved. The millionaire's tax passed both in Malden and statewide, with 9,029 votes in favor and 4,749 against. Question 2, regulating dental insurance, also passed in both Malden and the state, with 10,820 votes in favor and 3,011 votes against. Question 3, concerning expanded licensing for alcohol, failed in both Malden and the state, with 6,742 votes in favor and 7,231 against. Question 4, concerning driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants, was successful all-around, with 8,965 votes in favor and 5,046 against.

in Washington. Currently, Malden is in the 5th district, and its incumbent representative is Katherine Clark. Her seat was being challenged by Caroline Colarusso, a member of the Board of Selectmen in Stoneham, Massachusetts.

During the election, there were

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Science National Honors Society Hosts After-School Bake Sale

Lily Nguyen
Lead Reporter

Malden High's clubs and societies have found bake sales to be a successful means of fundraising and efficient at organizing and promoting. With this in mind, members of the Science National Honors Society (SNHS) collaborated to host one after school.

Held on November 14th outside the main office, SNHS members baked and sold various treats--cake pops, cupcakes, Among-Us themed cookies, brownies, tres leches cups, and more--for students and staff to enjoy. Prices ranged from one dollar each to four dollars for five treats, which was well received by the many people who flocked to the bake sale table.

SNHS president Saura Rathore and historian Edmond Chen emphasized how the proceeds of the bake sale will go to funding the society. It will "go towards future events that the officers have planned for the society and our members' supplies"--cords, stoles, and certificates--"for the induction and graduation ceremonies by the end of the year,"



Senior and SNHS historian Edmond Chen giving a student their purchased treat at the bake sale.

Chen said. He emphasized how the society "needs to raise a lot of money this school year because we have a lot planned for our members and community that requires initial funding."

As the president with responsibilities that include organizing

events and hosting fundraisers, Rathore considered that with the events planned, "our \$20 dues collected from each of the members at the beginning of the year was not enough to cover all of these expenses, which is why we decided that we will need to organize fundraisers throughout

the year to not experience issues in budgeting when handling them."

But with this in mind, Chen also felt that the bake sale would be successful both in raising money for the society and providing members with a bonding experience. With it being early in the year, "our new officers and members are contributing to this event, and baking was a way for us to bond and become closer. SNHS may be focused on service, integrity, and academics, but we also like seeing our members have fun."

Among the large crowd gathered around the bake sale table, an anonymous student expressed, "I'm someone who likes sweet things, so I always get something at the bake sales...I got a cake pop, and it was so good and worth the money."

The bake sale concluded successfully as many treats sold out within minutes into tens of students' hands as they flooded out of the school upon dismissal. The SNHS hopes this will foreshadow more successful outcomes with their upcoming events, which include a toy drive and miracle berry experiment.



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also four special questions that were voted on statewide.

The first question asks to approve the Fair Share Amendment, where a 4% income tax would be placed on all individuals earning

more than 1 million dollars a year.

The second proposal asks to approve the expansion of regulatory powers of the state in regards to dental insurance.

The third of which asks to approve the expansion of license avail-

ability for the sale of alcohol in the state.

The fourth asks to approve the issuing of driver's licenses to individuals who cannot present proof of lawful presence in the United States.

Even though this election might

seem fairly minor as a midterm race, the impacts of proposed legislation could be much more profound, stretching out years or maybe even decades. The new candidates have yet to prove if they can deliver on what they've promised.

Malden's Fourth Annual Public Safety Day

This event had many sponsors, from the Malden Housing Authority to the Junior Aid Association of Malden and Girl Scouts of Malden

Zhi Zhu
Reporter

Many families participated in Malden's Fourth Public Safety Day as part of Fire Prevention Week, enjoying music, free food, and activities held at the Linden School on October 9th. The event, co-sponsored by Malden's Fire Department and Police Department, included fire engines, police cars, an ambulance, SWAT, DPW trucks, and even a helicopter landing!

What is Malden's Public Safety Day? The day coincides with the first day of National Fire Prevention Week every October. Pamphlets of the event were posted on the City of Malden's website and on social media. It focuses the "nation's attention on the importance of practicing fire safety in and around the home."

The event is also meant to help raise awareness of the importance of having properly placed and maintained smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in one's home. Further, it "stresses the importance of having, and practicing, a home fire escape plan," mentioned Bill Sullivan, Chief of the Malden Fire Department. The day is to raise awareness of fire and personal safety in your home with your family and "helps us, here in Malden, 'kick off' fire prevention week."

The theme of this year's event was "Fire won't wait, Plan your escape!" which "stresses the importance of designing and practicing a fire escape plan for your home, [which is] similar to the concept of school fire drills," Sullivan explained.

He mentioned how homes today burn hotter and faster than in the past from using plastics and synthetic materials in furniture, "so time is vital." Sullivan emphasized that "when the smoke detector or carbon monoxide detectors sound, all occupants should leave the home immediately and call 911 from outside the home...[and] call 911 at the earliest possible moment in an emergency situation."

The event, being fun and educational, helped the community, especially with kids, meet with and ask questions for Malden firefighters, police officers, and other first responders of the community. "People attending are informed of the fire prevention messages and other safety messages from the police."

It helped build relationships between first responders and members of the community, as well as letting "other city and state departments, organizations and agencies that play important roles in our community...introduce themselves to those interested and explain their roles in the community," Sullivan mentioned.



Group photo of volunteers from Malden High School with tactical gear in front of a utility van. ZHI ZHU

So what was this year's Public Safety Day? It was mostly a continuation of previous years' events besides "bolstering and working to improve upon what the event already consists of." However, this year the event was believed to have "experienced the largest crowd of attendees in the four years" since it

has been held", explained Sullivan.

The presence of Malden Fire, Police, and Cataldo Ambulance vehicles and equipment demonstrations, and the Massachusetts State Police Arson Investigation K-9 dog attracted many, but most notably was a visit by the Massachusetts State Police helicopter that gained

much of the event attendees' attention!

Most important was the presence of the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services "SAFE Trailer" — a camper-style trailer, equipped with special educational features, a non-hazardous "smoke" generator, like a simulator — that teaches young people how to escape an area accumulating with smoke.

Sullivan explained that they are taught to crawl under the "smoke" which the air can be cleaner as they make their way to a door or window. He also added that "these are just a few of the features of this year's event. So many other extremely important community organizations and businesses were also present and instrumental in making this year's event an enormous success."

First responders were not just there though, Malden High School's Key Club was also there to help volunteer at the event. Malden High senior and Key Club President Allison Yu explained that Key Club members "had a lot of fun visiting each table to learn about public safety..." and felt "rewarding to expose Key Club members to events that they can learn from while also learning about it myself." This was the first time that Key Club has volunteered at Public Safety Day, she noted.

"One of the highlights of visiting each table was meeting a former [Malden] Teen Center member who is now a firefighter. It was cool to see someone who was once one of us in an occupation relating to public safety." Allison said.

An issue that Yu pointed out was that there "weren't many bilingual [translations] or informational demonstrations from what I saw, which meant that a lot of Malden's demographic, being very diverse, wasn't reached with Public Safety Day." Despite this, the event "attracted a lot of people and families [from] the upbeat music and interesting booths." At times, the concession "tables were a bit hectic, I saw that members felt good having that sense of cooperation and executing their roles," Yu mentioned. "Overall, it was a great experience to be a part of [Public Safety Day]."

Sullivan finally noted that "this event was initiated, four years ago, by now retired Malden Fire Chief Kevin P. Finn (MHS – Class of '83). It is an honor for me, also an MHS – Class of '83 classmate of Chief Finn's, to continue this event." Malden's 4th Public Safety Day was an overall hit, and the community cannot wait to see what they have in store for next year!



Retro firetruck converted into a pizza oven at the back, used to make pizzas during the event. ZHI ZHU



The crowd waiting for the State Police helicopter flying above to land. ZHI ZHU

Malinda Lo visits Malden High School

Emanuelle Oliveira
Reporter

Lily Nguyen
Lead Reporter

Malden High School was an award recipient from the Boston Book Festival's Shelf Help Program and welcomed The New York Times bestselling author Malinda Lo to the school library to deliver a presentation on her book *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* for students and staff.

The presentation was held on October 28 during FLEX block. Against a festive backdrop, Lo described to her audience the inspirations, setting, and characters that materialized the words on every page of *Last Night at the Telegraph Club*, which won the book numerous awards and honors including a National Book Award, Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature, and Stonewall Book Award for Young Adult Literature.

The book is only one of seven written by Lo that is "all about queer girls coming to understand who they are." The rhythm behind her books is "taking stories that have traditionally-excluded lesbians and bisexual women and change them into narratives where being queer is normal," Lo said.

Particularly, readers of the

award-winning *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* enter the world of 1950s San Francisco Chinatown in the corners of Montgomery Street and Broadway where Chinese-American protagonist Lily Hu and her Caucasian-American soulmate, Kathleen Miller, tackle the obstacles of tradition, balancing heritage and the American identity, and—most importantly—the stigma of same-gender and interracial relationships to let their love see the light of day.

Lo chose this setting for the '50s-era lesbian clubs once abundant along these streets—with one of them being the fictional Telegraph Club in which Lily and Kath fully discover and embrace their lesbian identity.

However, she also addressed difficulties in gathering history to craft the book's most fitting adaptation of 1950s San Francisco. This question had further entangled the writing process: "What was life for a queer Chinese American in San Francisco in the '50s?" In her extensive research, she found there to be "such little record about queer Chinese Americans that whenever I came across any little tidbit about a queer Chinese American, it was mentioned in passing or in the footnotes. It was almost like they were nonexistent."

Due to the shifting cultural

landscape of San Francisco in the later 1900s, the soft liveliness and vibrations felt from underground lesbian clubs on the streets of Montgomery and Broadway had gradually faded since. She ultimately felt that "our experiences have been erased, or we have literally been shunted into the footnotes."

But with immense readership and praise for "*Last Night at the Telegraph Club*," Lily and Kath's story is shedding light on the queer Asian American experience that seemed to have vanished from the textbooks.

Lo described in her presentation that making such an impact from - not only this particular book, but all seven - had been her goal as an author ever since she discovered a passion for writing flowing through her veins. As the daughter of two struggling Chinese immigrants, she changed and informed the world through her works and became an eminent name in the genre of LGBTQIA+ romance fiction. "And what was interesting is that when I went to college, I studied economics," Lo shared, "so this is a dream come true. Being an author was really my destiny."

The author finished her presentation with a Q&A session, inviting all questions from those about the grueling general writing process

and her life as an author to new publications, which includes the book *A Scatter of Light*—one also set in the San Francisco Bay Area and offering a glimpse into Lily and Kath's future after *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* takes place.

Once questions settled down, Lo sat down to do a book signing and kindly chat with attendees. Among them was English teacher Jennifer Clapp, who enjoyed seeing "how in-depth [Lo] went into her historical research to be able to create a world of her book" and found that the pictures and articles included in the presentation showcased this. Clapp added that she "loved the questions that students asked and thought [Lo] gave terrific answers."

Additionally, sophomore Ivana Marinkovic attended the author visit and felt like she was "given an opportunity to learn of the vast ways I can improve on my own writing. She also "loved how much attention the author gave to researching about her book's general topic and how "great a way it was to advocate for LGBTQ rights, as the plot revolves around a girl who is seeking her identity... when you wouldn't necessarily find too many queer girls in the 1950s."

Eventually, all would leave the library fulfilled and with signed copies of "*Last Night at the Telegraph Club*" in their hands.



Author Malinda Lo poses for a photo. EMANUELLE OLIVEIRA.



Top to bottom: Author Malinda Lo signing book copies of "*Last Night at the Telegraph Club*"; Author Malinda Lo reads an excerpt from her book "*Last Night at the Telegraph Club*." EMANUELLE OLIVEIRA.



Author Malinda Lo and students smile for a photo. EMANUELLE OLIVEIRA.

MALDEN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE HOSTS ANNUAL TRICK-OR-TREATING EVENT

Gabriela Parini Cordova
Reporter

Jenayah Moreno
Reporter



Left to right: Mayor Gary Christenson, Malden firefighter mascot, and Cataldo Ambulance EMTs. GABRIELA PARINI CORDOVA

On Monday October 31st, Malden Chambers of Commerce hosted their 15th annual Halloween Trick-or-treat event from three to five P.M. This event consisted of many stores from City Hall to the Black Label Barbershop handing out candy to local trick-or-treaters.

Many stations were set up at City Hall plaza with companies promoting themselves and giving out candy. Parents and kids twelve and under used a map to guide them to every candy station on the block with 28 stops in total. The kids were excited receiving their treats and seeing all the amazing costumes.

The day consisted of kids in their best costumes all down Malden Center's streets. The event was huge with many participants and supporters. Many businesses came down to advertise to the parents of the trick-or-treaters.

Some of those businesses consisted of Saint Paul's church, the Malden Public Library, Urban Media Center, Premiere Dance center, and many more. Some stations engaged with the kids and took pictures, such as the ambulance station where kids could take a picture with a dalmatian dog.

Malden center was filled with joy and excitement as there had been many candy stops as well as a popcorn machine and books which were handed out in the City Hall plaza. Additionally the kids did not only get candy but got to enjoy halloween also it was an interactive event while getting educational items such as books, and were able to interact with the people dressed in fun costumes. This was a convenient way for kids and parents to enjoy their day while still staying safe knowing that the candy they were being handed was safe for their children to eat.

Halloween can be a fun but a risky holiday due to many parents worrying about what might be



Left to right: The Downtown Paw celebrates Halloween with furry friends. GABRIELA PARINI CORDOVA

inside their kids' candy. This event was a fun way for City Hall and local business to ensure the kids of Malden could enjoy the trick or treating experience in a safe manner.

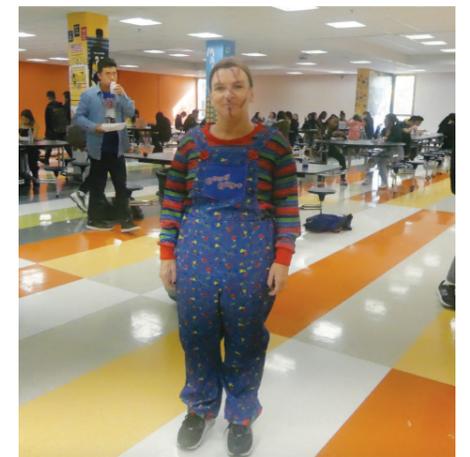
Having an earlier event and trusted adults handing out candy let kids enjoy their experience while still keeping them safe. Halloween can be tricky for parents but having Malden Chambers of Commerce open this event to the city of Malden made it easy for parents and children to enjoy their days. Parents didn't have to stay out late and face the hassle of getting kids in bed yet kids still got their Halloween fun.

Overall the event was well received by the community as it was a safe and productive way for kids to have fun on Halloween. Malden Chambers of Commerce had planned this out for kids to get the experience of Halloween without the dangers and worries a parent may have. The day was well enjoyed by all and kept both parents and kids happy while still having their Halloween spirit.

Halloween at Malden High School

Haset Tesfaw
Reporter

Halloween is a fun and spooky time where kids are able to express themselves in creative ways. This Halloween, the students of Malden High School engaged in activities such as Zombie tag the week before, and the Candy Grams hosted by the Class of '23. Last Monday was full of smiles and laughs at MHS as everyone enjoyed watching the funny costumes that the students wore that day.



Top to bottom: Karma Wu dressed as a magical being; Lunch lady, Lori Walker, dressed as Chucky. HASET TESFAW



Peyton Lightbody, Jianna Downey, Deniss Valeria Toro Beltran, Tracy Ng'Ang'a, Thalia Louigene, and Aiden Tham dressed as James Valente. HASET TESFAW

FINE ARTS CLUB HOSTS ZOMBIE TAG EVENT AT MALDEN HIGH

Edmund Kam
Reporter

Heading into the spooky month of October, the Fine Arts Club decided to host an event right before Halloween.

Three days earlier on October 28th, 2022, students participated in the Zombie Tag Event hosted right after school. The last time the club held these types of events was the Friday before Christmas and Halloween before the pandemic.

Before attending this event, students had the opportunity to purchase tickets on sale for \$5 during all lunches that week. If they did not buy a ticket before the event, they could do so at the time of the event.

Senior Jose Mejia explained that he first heard about the event through social media and posters around the school. He added that it would be “really fun to run around the school without consequences.”

The event was set to begin at 2:45 PM, but those who purchased tickets could show up early. Beginning around 2:30 PM, students started to show up at Cafe B to settle down and await further instructions for the game.

Soon later, the staff for the event, the members of the Fine Arts Club, began checking in the participants with their tickets and provided them bandanas, which serve a purpose for the game.

The bandana would be placed on one of two spots on their bodies, depending on their role. They must have it tied around their left arm if they are survivors. Otherwise, their bandana is worn around their neck if they are a zombie or become one.

Beginning at 2:45 PM, the Advisor of the Fine Arts Club Joseph Luongo started giving instructions to the participants. First and foremost, Luongo explained the rules.

1: No overaggressiveness, pushing, shoving, or running people over.

2: No cheating (being dishonest or utilizing external resources other than the provided materials)

3: Only the second floor is available for the event

4: No hiding in any rooms, including the bathroom and inside lockers

5: If tagged by a zombie, they must remove the bandana from your arm and place it around your neck.

Luongo then explained the objectives of the game afterward. At the beginning of each round, a few



A group of survivors attempting to get the zombie back from them. EDMUND KAM.

players will take on the zombie role. The rest of the participants will be the survivors. The zombies must tag all the survivors before the time for the round ends to win.

The staff passed out socks to the participants which the survivors could use against zombies. If they are in a dire situation and throw their sock at the zombie, hitting them successfully, the zombie must freeze in place for ten seconds, thus allowing the survivor to get away. They can pick up the sock afterward if they want to. However, if the zombie catches the sock, the survivor becomes a zombie.

When it was time, Principal Chris Mastrangelo spoke on the intercom and announced that the zombies had invaded Malden High School, marking the start of the first round. At the beginning of the first round, sophomore Milan Nyguen and senior Jose Mejia volunteered to be the first zombies. The survivors proceeded to the second floor to hide.

Mejia explained he volunteered to “make the first round fun with a good impression for the next ones to come.” He hoped “I could get the adrenaline for others to start pumping” when he chased them down.

Zombies began tagging survivors almost immediately after proceeding up to the second floor. Chaos began to erupt as they started chasing survivors from Boyle into the Holland building. Survivors were frantic as they ran away from those pursuing them. It did not take long before they were cornered and turned into zombies. Within minutes of the round, almost all survivors turned into zombies. A short moment later, the round ended with no survivors.

As a former track athlete, Mejia thought “pacing [himself] and

speed adjustments came in handy” during the game.

Before the start of the second round, Luongo gave all the participants an update on the game. They were now able to use the third floor alongside the second.

Since this was the first round with multiple floors accessible, a lot was going on at once. One survivor decided to give himself up once he was cornered by another zombie, knowing he could not get out of there. Since there had not been any survivors in the first round, it was evident that adding another floor had increased the number of survivors.

A new pair of zombies was selected for the third round. Participants were given around ten minutes to reach their objective, either surviving until the very end or tagging all the survivors. Once the round began, survivors started to spread out onto the third floor to provide themselves with the highest chance of survival. At this point,

survivors were getting into groups as this allowed them to defend themselves better with their socks. Senior Andrew Landaverde, one of the original zombies, surrounded a group of survivors in Holland. However, he was quickly overwhelmed by the group and had yet to tag anyone successfully.

The excitement and energy of the participants remained the same throughout the fourth and fifth rounds. As these were the final rounds of the game, the survivors could be seen having fun with each other.

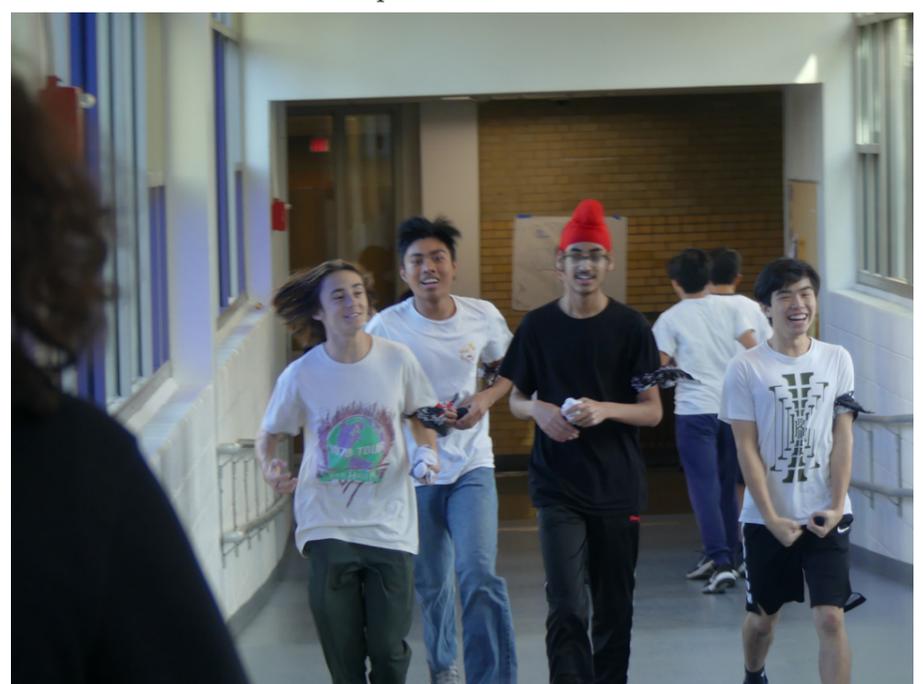
Within seconds before the fourth round ended, a horde of zombies saw two survivors hiding behind trash barrels and caught them just in time. The survivors were, of course, disappointed as they were so close to victory.

As the event narrowed to the end, during the final round, most participants formed groups and decided to control a section of the Holland building. The groups then formed blockades to restrict zombies from entering their area. They were successful until a swarm of zombies came down from the third floor, chasing them away from their region.

At the end of the fifth round, a survivor emerged from the original spot behind the trash barrels, the same spot where the two survivors were caught, smiling.

Mejia expressed he “absolutely loved the game.” He closed off by saying, “It was a great way for me to socialize, and would definitely attend another one. I felt so relieved to be able to put school work aside and just enjoy the moment.”

Landaverde also felt he had a lot of fun. “The experience of being a zombie was fun, but it was a lot of work.” Like Mejia, Landaverde added, “if there were another event like this, I would definitely attend it.”



Four survivors who survived one of the rounds. EDMUND KAM.

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Key Club Alzheimer's Walk

Key Club Alzheimer's Walk was a successful way to show support, raise awareness and raise money for the cause

Hajar Azegza
Reporter

Alzheimer's Awareness Day was September 21st and November is Alzheimer's awareness month, but that did not stop Key Club members and many others from going out and supporting on October 16th. The Walkers Welcome and Route opened at 8:30 am on Sunday morning. After the 10:00 am ceremony that welcomed all those who came to support, the three-mile walk began.

Henry Dzuong, a Malden High School sophomore who attended the Alzheimer's Awareness Day Walk, described it as a "moving event."

"The outcome of people who came was overwhelming, it's crazy to think that these people each have a reason to be here," Dzuong commented. He himself has a close family member who deals with Alzheimers, just like many others who attended the walk and being able to have attended and see so much support meant a lot to him.

While some were there from personal experience or second hand experiences, the majority went to show their support. Kathleen Rogers, a mother who attended the walk with her children, said "I don't personally know anybody with the disease, but I can't imagine what life would be like not being able to remember things, especially my own children. I guess you could say I'm just here to show my support and understanding to those who deal with it or have loved ones who do themselves."

The Alzheimer's walk took



Key Club members gather at the start of the walk. HAJAR AZEGZA

place at the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) North Point Park which is approximately an 8.5 acre park located along the North side of the Charles River in Cambridge. This gave the volunteers a gorgeous view to enjoy while they walk to spread awareness for Alzheimer's disease.

During the event, there were stands volunteers could go up to and sign up with a volunteer form which could also have been filled out

beforehand online and get a t-shirt that read "Walk to end Alzheimer's". The walkers had little purple cow bells along with purple balloon sticks to carry around which were much entertainment for the kids. Rogers joked, "I think my daughter only attended for the bright balloons."

Volunteers and other attendees were able to make a donation towards the "2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Greater Boston". You

are still able to donate to the walks, a team, or even to a walker at act.alz.org. All of the funds raised from the website and at the walks go to further the care, support, and research efforts of the nonprofit organization, Alzheimer's Association. This event not only highlighted the awareness of Alzheimer's Disease, but showed just how much just one person's support can influence many more lives.



Members of Key Club pose for a photo . HAJAR AZEGZA



Key Club volunteers check in for event. HAJAR AZEGZA

Malden High Fall Job Fair

Hadjar Yousfi
Head of Local

Malden High School never seems to run out of fresh ways to encourage and support its students. One of the many ways that they tried to support their students this fall was by hosting their Fall Job Fair at the MHS Gallery on November 3rd

The fair was held from 9:15-10:45 during the Flex period, allowing students to choose what time would work best for them. Upon entering the fair students were told to write down their names, ages, and emails on a sign-in sheet at the front table.

They were free to roam around and talk to different people who came to the school to represent the many different companies.

Among the companies represented at the school job fair was Continental Pools. Represented by William Alsamerai, a lifeguard recruiter for the company. Alsamerai was at the school promoting a summer lifeguard position for teenagers 16 and over. Students must be able to swim and will be offered Lifeguard Certification Courses. With over 151 facilities in Massachusetts, they promote lifeguard openings at different high schools to help staff their pools.

A known organization at the high school, the US Army, was also there. Sergeants Matthew Leno and James Corley are MHS's assigned recruiters. They have been around the high school for a while and are here to provide information and answer questions to students interested in a military experience after high school.

Alicia Lewis, an outreach coordinator from Building Pathways, talked about the experience offered by the workplace. Students in the program head over to Roxbury for 200+ free training hours to teach



Sargents Matthew Leno and James Corley from the US Army. HADJAR YOUSFI

students an overview of everything construction-related and have offered this opportunity to different students at MHS over the years.

Common themes among the many job opportunities were, many of them were some form of paid training. With companies such as More Than Words, which offers paid job training to youth who fit their criteria, these kids work in person to learn different job skills and even have engaging shifts as well. Lydia Csatari, the admissions and community engagement coordinator, represented More Than Words explained that sometimes students could "come in for a shift to work on

your goals." Their goal could range from as simple as reading a book to doing their homework.

Cataldo Ambulance Service Inc. also attended the Malden High School job fair. Manager of workplace experience and community outreach Mariah Mulcahy explained that "a lot of people start in this field because they want to go into nursing, physician's assistant, [or want to be a] doctor." At Cataldo, students can build up patient care hours, start EMT school, and be paid to attend, as well as drive ambulances.

Mulcahy expressed that it is so important that students join this program before they go to medical school because the "experience is invaluable," and the opportunities are limitless because the "city of Boston is so saturated."

Putting this job fair together was not an easy feat, but Grace Evans, a youth program specialist from the Metro North Workforce Board, and the job coach at MHS were determined to make it happen. It's something that happens often at MHS: "we've hosted it for the last three years," during the fall, and spring. Taryn Belowsky, Burnelli Guidance Counselor explained.

Evans, with help from people in the guidance department such as Erin Craven, Belowsky, and others, worked hard to arrange this event.

"Before the day of the fair we are working behind the scenes," Evans explained. Evans wanted to work hard to "try to reflect the diversity of Malden businesses.

She also noted that they tried

"to do [their] best to bring the best to our students at Malden." Of course, this included working on making "this program reflect students' interests." She is willing to take suggestions from students as she is excited to hear their ideas and opinions.

The job fair itself was well received by students like Pampam San, a junior. She felt as though the people who came to talk about the jobs "were very descriptive in explaining how the job was, and how it would look like during the school year/summer/weekends." Of course, understanding these details is important when it comes to picking a job.

Senior Basma Braer has been looking for a part-time job for months now and liked the job fair as well. She agreed with San about "how well-spoken the people in charge were and how they were clear about what tasks and responsibilities you would have if you had worked at their respective place."

However, a common disappointment was the lack of variety in the companies that came. Braer explained that she had been "expecting a wider range of options like last year's job fair." San had similar feelings as they felt that "not that many of the options interested me since many of them were quite similar to each other."

But overall the job fair was well-loved and highly recommended. Be sure to head down to the next one this Spring, so that you have a "chance to see what opportunities you can seek out," as San explained.



William Alsamerai a Lifeguard Recruiter from We Rule the Pool. HADJAR YOUSFI

Yearbook Updates

Zhi Zhu
Reporter

Yearbooks for the Senior Class of 2023 are still available for pre-order! Students interested in purchasing one can still preorder through The Maldonian Yearbook '23 Google Classroom with the website link: <https://bit.ly/MHSYearbook2023>, or can see Mr. Valente in room B231, if they would like to pay with check or cash.

How much does it cost?

Although the \$75 yearbook price has increased to \$85, it rarely tends to be discounted unless the staff receives donations or aid, mentioned Mr. Valente. "We need to fundraise for our [yearbook] costs," he adds. You can still purchase the yearbook in a three-payment plan rather than all at once. "Sometimes we look for sponsors to get these books to students at discounts."

Why is it special?

A unique aspect that the Maldonian adds in the yearbook are QR codes. These QR codes show a digital library of images, called "Replay It", that will be brought up when scanned and can last for up to 30 years, Valente claimed. Students can submit photos even after a specific event has passed. In other words, after yearbook orders are placed, you can still submit and view photos from events that concluded after the yearbook has been printed. Thus students can put images "in" the yearbook in the form of QR codes. Valente mentioned that "we're the only school in the state [that] does this," and is currently teaching other schools how.

Should students get a yearbook? "We want everyone who wants a book to get a book. We have a three payment system online, through the MHS home page," Valente emphasizes. "When I look back at yearbooks throughout the years, I see great classes. But [for] your yearbook, [it] will be your favorite, since it is your class!" Another reason to pre-order a yearbook if you've been considering it.

When do yearbook sales end? "It does become a cost thing, [the Maldonian doesn't] make any money," says Valente. Yearbooks are expensive but also lengthy to make. It takes up to four weeks to print, as the company makes yearbooks for 4000 other schools, explained Valente. "We try to wait until the last possible day for the publisher to print," it gives an opportunity for anyone still deciding on whether or not to buy a yearbook, to purchase one.

"We [will] only buy what we order, can't buy extra...I'll order an extra 20, but we will sell out,"

Bo Stead
Reporter

There is a new face in the band department this school year here at Malden High School. Lauren Foley was welcomed this year to become the lead teacher and supervisor for the Malden High School band.

Foley grew up in the small town of Greenfield, New York which is a small town just outside of Saratoga Springs, New York.

Much of Foley's early years involved music in many ways, and Foley thanks this foundation for her being still involved in music even today. Always loving her music classes in elementary school, Foley decided to pursue music in High school.

Her first band experience is what helped propel her to stay with her bright musical passion, Foley explained "My first band teacher who was also a flute player, the same instrument as me, was really good at challenging me in ways that, I didn't feel bored in class and she really kept my interest up." Foley expressed her desire to even teach band one day, when talking about her first band teacher Foley concluded, "I wanted to be like her one day, now I kind of get to do that which is really cool."

Foley also mentioned that the greatest role model she had to look up to in her life was her father. She explained her admiration of her father, "He was in the military and was very passionate about the things that he did, and usually put all of himself into what he did."

When discussing Foley's own high school endeavors, she summed it up as being a pretty typical high school experience, however, she soaked up every bit of opportunity to play music she could, Foley noted "I tried to be in just about every ensemble that I could". Additionally to her high school experience, Foley also thanked her participation in marching band for some great memories, she commented that marching band was "Great because we got to travel all around New York and participate in competitions. It was definitely one of the most rewarding experiences I had."

Foley, recently graduated this year from The University of Mas-

achusetts Amherst, where she majored in music education, and also participated in the marching band. This was an adjustment for Foley, because of the immense size of the band however, she sums it up as being "Family like"

After searching for jobs, Foley stumbled upon Malden High's job offering for a band teacher in her search for a position at a school. "I saw the Malden job open, so I checked out the website and looked them up on YouTube to check it out and the music program seemed to be pretty strong." Foley also noted that "I liked that it was a large school. It feels very familiar coming from such large schools." Foley also remarked "Two days later I had the interview, about a day or two after that, I was offered the position, which was really, really cool. And I was very excited."

So far, Foley has thoroughly enjoyed her experience at Malden High School. Foley claimed "I really enjoy being here. All of the students I've interacted with have been so lovely, they're all super smart, very capable, and I love what I do."

Foley believes what she brings to the table as being "A lot of enthusiasm to my classes, kind of instilled from UMass for sure." Her students would also agree that Ms. Foley has done a great job filling the role for the previous holder of the position Erin O'Brien-Mazza, as sophomore band member Sean Retotal remarked "She has done a great job, she's organizing everything so well"

Valente emphasizes. There needs to be a set number of yearbook orders around April break he says, so order now while you can! Valente says with a yearbook, "you will be able to look at throw back photos, it's always nice to rekindle that flame [of nostalgia]."

New Band Teacher



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and "She has the patience to keep up with us"

Senior Lyra Gold also highlighted "Miss Mazza was a huge cornerstone of the band community and the high school community in general." However, "Miss Foley is doing a great job stepping in, you know, taking over a position where the program she's overseeing isn't typical. It's not easy, but she's doing a great job."

Gold also explained some of the hurdles that Foley has been having to tackle this year "We don't have the manpower that we

did. You know, when I started and it's been difficult to kind of keep up with how music is supposed to sound versus how many people we actually have to play it. But like I said, it's been an adjustment that we make over time and that we make all together so it's working out."

Gold concluded in their remarks that "Miss Foley is only four or five years older than us. I think that's a really fun, dynamic to have. I also really appreciate how flexible she is with understanding us and the fact she is doing a job that she's never done before so well."

Foley admires that Malden High is "One of the most diverse high schools in the state. I love interacting with, students who even if they're still learning English, they really want to learn the music, I love seeing their determination in what we're doing."

In her final remarks, Foley concluded that the goals she has set for herself while working here at Malden High School are "To build the marching band up a little bit more, I'd love to do field shows. Even if they're just halftime performances, not even like competing or anything maybe that will be somewhere down the line. But I definitely want to build the band. Get a couple more people in here."

Foley's positive attitude and the positive feedback and impact she has already made in her short time at Malden High, are just the beginnings of what she hopes to accomplish here.



NEW TEEN HEALTH CLINIC

Ruka Troung
Lead Reporter

After a year of construction, Holland House opened a new clinic for teens behind CVS. The new teen health clinic is funded and supported by the Cambridge Health Alliance. They offer dental services, mental health assistance, LGBTQIA+ health, substance abuse, reproductive health, and much more.

Their opening hours at Malden High are 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Thursdays, they have a dental professional that stays from eight in the morning to four in the afternoon.

The center was originally an idea that had been put off for the past ten years but was recently adopted into the school. Tanisha Lahrenf, the Sexual and Reproductive



Officials celebrate the opening of the CHA Malden Teen Health Center, cutting a red banner. Photo from Cambridge Health Alliance

Health Manager, said she wants, “to become more integrated into the community, to become a space that students and parents can rely on [them]” and to “foster an environment where someone feels empowered to come in and get health care

because they don’t have to worry about too many financial obstacles.”

She explained, “it has already had a huge impact...having a point of care right in your high school is able to help students.” Students do not need an appointment

to get in, some go for snacks, water, menstrual products, oral hygiene products, etcetera She noticed that even the small little visits fill some care gaps.

THE RETURN OF ASIAN CULTURE CLUB

Quiting Fang
Reporter



Poster for event that was held by ACC. Photo from ACC instagram page

Through the difficult wait for Covid-19, Asian Culture Club (ACC) started in a brand new school year. The President of the ACC, Gordon Zeng, expressed that they prepared this past year to reconvene the club as there was one ACC before, but all those members graduated. So he brought the club back to the Malden High School community. Gordon conveys, “We’re having so much Asian population in the school. I kinda just want to bring everyone

together and not just Asians, [to] promote the culture, celebrate and just overall [to have] a social club.”

The Asian Culture Club held a “Fire Noodle Challenge” at the beginning of the school year, although it may have been conducted in the past by other clubs, Gordon thought it was still fun for the club.

At the event, people who took part in the challenge had to pay five dollars, and the winning condition was that they needed to completely eat the spicy noodles on time. For this, some challengers tried all the ideas they had. “One kid, ate all his noodles with his fingers, trying to shove it down his throat, but he almost threw up.” said by Jeslyn San, the advisor of the ACC.

Jeslyn said the significance of the event was that, “For the Asian community, we thought that this fire noodle challenge would bring us all together and just in general. [We] try to get everyone in the club together and socialize with each other.”

Gordon had thought that people would not be interested in the Fire Noodle Challenge as much, until the amount of involvement, which surprised him. Gordon said, “I think overall, everyone seemed to enjoy it, and I think it’s just a [good social gathering].”

The Asian Culture Club planned to have one meeting at the end of each month, to describe

recent & upcoming events, feedback, and the most important part to recap everything that they did in each month. In the meeting, they also go over some cultural holidays, “maybe everyone can learn some new values.” said by Gordon.

Elina Yang, one of the ACC members, expressed, “I liked how everyone in the club was determined to express our cultures, not just specific cultures, like Korean, Chinese [culture]...” Elina thought it made more diversity and inclusive to every Asian identity. And that is the reason why she joined the club.

Elina also learned from the club, “I felt like I was able to express myself more, especially with new volunteering experiences...So it was like something that we could share with everyone that was interested in our culture.”

Elina in the ACC could become more active and more responsible

when it comes to attending meetings.

Jeslyn recommends people, “If you’re interested in learning the Asian culture, [you] should definitely join the club, to just contribute more into [the] modern Asian community.”

Gordon wished the Asian Culture Club to be something that is well known, “to be something people can feel an environment feel, can feel comfortable, not just Asian culture, but it’s in general, like a [society].”

This is the beginning of the year for the Asian Culture Club, members learn and convey their learning. They encourage people to become more diverse, no matter if it’s in the city of Malden, or any environment. The club hopes it could be a good place to socialize, because that is why the ACC exists.

“I feel it’s important for us to know what’s going on in our school, and how we can help to make everyone feel more included, especially here.”

- Elina Yang

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Qatar Hosts Soccer World Cup

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The World Cup is the premier sporting event of the world. Every four years, billions of people tune in to see the nations of the world battle it out in their perfection of the beautiful game, soccer. Outside of the United States, football (or as we call it, soccer) is the largest sport in every single country by virtually every metric you could think of. The United States, following up their poor performance from 2018, has qualified for the World Cup, marking their first appearance in the tournament since 2014, in Brazil.

This year, the World Cup will take place in Qatar. This is the first time that Qatar will participate in the World Cup, and Qatar is the first Middle Eastern country to host the World Cup. However, the Qatari hosting of the World Cup has been marred with accusations of forced labor and worker mistreatment, accusations that have been dogging other oil states in the region for a manifold of reasons. However, the Cup is continuing unfazed.

America initially entered the qualifiers for the World Cup with a

direct bye to the third round, due to their high position in the FIFA World Rankings. Upon reaching the third round, America then placed third in the qualification table, earning a spot in the World Cup. This is the US's 10th World Cup since the formation of its national team. America has been drawn into Group B, where they will be playing against England, Wales, and Iran.

The United States men's national team has historically been considered a lesser-rate team in international soccer. America has historically had a very bad record in international soccer, as there has never been a strong domestic platform for the sport. American players were historically less experienced, American training was of inferior quality, and Americans just didn't care about soccer. With the turn of the 21st century, the situation has been improving, but the US men's national team is still seen as a bit of a joke in the football world, especially after their failure to qualify for the 2018 World Cup and their losses against Costa Rica, Mexico, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Group B, with competition from England, Wales, and Iran, is one



Poster-style advertisement for the FIFA World Cup. (Photo sourced from Inside-Sport)

of the most cutthroat groups drawn at the World Cup, as all of those teams are considered to be capable of besting one another. England, the founder of modern soccer, is likely to win the group, and any American advancement to the group stage is unlikely. However, American fans are still quite optimistic about the Cup, especially with a rapidly improving squad.

While many may dissect the World Cup in order to gain a complex understanding of interna-

tional soccer, the best way to enjoy it is simply to root for a country (or countries). Football is the stuff from which tears are shed, triumph borne, and legends made. While America might not be as keen on the World Cup as other countries, it still is a worthwhile event to keep up with.

The first match of the World Cup is on Sunday, November 20, 2022, at 11:00 AM Eastern Time. It will be a kickoff for the entire world cup, consisting of a match between Qatar and Ecuador.

Terrifier 2 Movie Review

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Warning: This review does contain some spoilers for the movie Terrifier 2.

If you like gruesome and incredibly gory movies then the movie Terrifier is perfect for you. Terrifier 2 the sequel to Terrifier is so violent that it had people passing out in theaters or leaving halfway through.

After coming back to life, Art the Clown continues to terrorize Miles county and goes on his annual Halloween killing spree. Many believe he is dead despite his body never being found. People all over the country want to dress up as him including the main character Sienna's brother Jonathan. This worries Sienna as she believes this is disrespectful towards the victims' families.

Sienna is having dreams about Art and these dreams seem very realistic. In her dream Art uses a flame gun to light people on fire and she wakes up to a fire in her room. No one knows how the fire started and what's even more suspicious is the link to her dream.

Since so many people are dressing up as him no one would think twice when seeing the real Art the clown since people will just think it's a costume. For some reason Art is targeting Sienna and everyone close to her. He starts off by killing her best friend Ally in the most gruesome and horrible way possible. It seems that the torture will never end

for the poor girl. He even kills Ally's mother. He then makes his way over to Sienna's house while Sienna is at a Halloween party and kills her mother and kidnaps her brother. She goes to look for him while her friends stay in the car because they think it's just a Halloween prank. Art finds her friends and also kills them in a gorey way.

Art finally catches up to Sienna and her brother and Sienna tries to fight back. He ends up killing her but shockingly she comes back to life and her sword has some sort of powers. She finally defeats Art in the end.

This movie is extremely gory but it's not actually scary. There are no jumpscare or anything that a typical horror movie would have. Really the only disturbing parts are the killing scenes because they make your stomach twist and turn.

Some of the killing scenes were unnecessarily gruesome. With Ally especially (Sienna's best friend). He just tortured for endlessly. When he stabs her multiple times and even scalps her and rips her arm off he leaves the room. This gives the audience and sense of relief because you see Ally crawling towards the ringing phone. We all think that she might make it but if you watched the first movie you would know that he never lets anyone survive. He comes back into the room with bleach and salt to continue the torture. This is the state her mother finds her in

who he also kills. To me that was all unnecessary and Ally is just a side character with really no significance besides the fact that she was killed in the worst way imaginable.

This is why I think that this movie had no plot besides just continuous killing. In this movie he just went from person to person killing them. Not only was the plot boring but it also made no sense. Throughout the movie a little girl who was dressed similarly to Art. We don't know who she is and her relation to Art but she is reoccurring.

Another confusing aspect is that this movie isn't supposed to be supernatural and there was nothing supernatural in the first movie. The genre is slasher and horror so the small supernatural scenes like the ending and the fire threw the audience off.

There are a lot of hidden clues in this movie. For example, who is Art the Clown and what is his link to Sienna? I have a theory that Art is her dead father. There are a lot of clues that support this. The art notebook is one of them. Her father loved to sketch characters and when Jonathan was looking through the notebook he sees a drawing of Art the Clown and their father was already dead when Art started his murders.

Another clue is the way their father died. He had a brain tumor that caused him to do horrible things that weren't specified but we



Photo taken from IMDb

do know that he was incredibly abusive towards Sienna. He finally died when he crashed into a tree and burned to death. The fact that his cause of death was the fire makes it related to Sienna's dream with the fire almost as if it was a sign. There's also the fact that the clown's name is Art and her father was an artist.

Overall I would rate this movie 6/10. The only good acting came from Art the Clown and everyone else had terrible acting. There is also no real horror and no plot. It was just kill after kill. However, Art the Clown is a good villain.

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever Movie Review

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Reporter

Black Panther left all in awe and shock after being Marvel's first directed movie by a black man and an almost entirely Black lead cast. Since being such a big hit in 2018 it now has a sequel, Black Panther: Wakanda Forever. And of course with the sad passing of the lead Chadwick Boseman, it is now led by T'Challa's genius younger sister, Shuri.

So for the returning fans it is not all new. In fact, plenty of familiar faces returned, including Angela Bassett playing "Queen Ramonda", Winston Duke playing "M'Baku", and Danai Gurira playing "Okoye". Along with the new ones of course: Tenoch Huerta playing "Namor", Mabel Cadena playing "Namora", and Alex Livinalli playing "Atuma".

This sequel of Black Panther's main focus was women being the lead of a country. After the death of King T'Challa, who was very loved

and admired by his community, the women in the family and around had to step up to be leaders. These women consisted of T'Challa's mother, younger sister, and a tribe of women fighting behind them. Of course, with the death of their king the kingdom of Wakanda nonetheless was seen as vulnerable. And since the countries reserve Vibranium, which is used in suits for extra protection against anything really, you could see why others would want it. But the biggest threat seems to come from under the sea where the nation of Talokan controls the planet's other source of vibranium.

When watching this movie I could definitely say the plot twists throughout it were so well thought out and honestly very unexpected.

Meklit and Orit Abel, who both watched the movie, said that the movie inspired them to be better people because of "all of the struggles Shuri had to go through after losing her brother."

This is just another great example of how diverse this movie is

and it encourages so many young people out there. Orit Abel said, "I feel like it encouraged me to be a strong, black female since Shuri became the new Black Panther."

This just goes to show how important inclusion in the media and especially these limited superheroes we all wanted to be like as kids is.

And of course the five minutes they paid respect and tribute to T'Challa, with him being on the screen, was super emotional and left some watchers in tears. Meklit Abel said, "when they showed T'Challa's face it had me balling."

All in all this movie was real and never left one bored with the continued plot twists, the biggest one being the end credit scene. They introduced T'Challa's son, who N'ia and T'Challa had been hiding for six years. Orit Abel claimed that "it was so surprising and honestly made me emotional to know that there is still something of T'Challa left."

I would have to say Marvel couldn't have honored Chadwick



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Boseman more than making an amazing continuation of the hard work he once dedicated himself to. And after four years returning fans and new ones are still hooked on this movie as well as myself.

Xdinary Heroes Album Review

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Xdinary Heroes an up-and-coming Kpop Band from STUDIO J, under JYP Entertainment, made their long-anticipated comeback on November 11th, 2022. The Band debuted back in December of last year with the single 'Happy Death Day.'

Initially scheduled for November 4th, 2022, the mini album was later postponed to respect the Korean mourning period for the Itaewon Tragedy of October 29th, 2022.

When the mini album was finally released the music video for the title track 'Hair Cut,' was ultimately well received with currently 6.5 million views, and 269 thousand likes.

The music video itself mainly takes place in a carnival at night. But many other settings are also featured adding to the dark theme shown throughout the song and video.

The song itself was quite similar to their track 'Happy Death Day,' and a previous comeback 'Test Me' which both had been quite well received by fans. Junior, Sarah Machado, said that the song "reminds me of 'Happy Death Day' and 'Test Me' so it felt very familiar."

I really like the repetition in the chorus of "Hair Cut" with the scissor sound effects and the really nice guitar in the back," Machado explained. She also felt as though the lyrics behind the song were very deep and meaningful.

When it comes to the similarities between their three previous title tracks, senior Emma Martinez also had similar feelings. "I feel like it's still within their 'realm,'" Marti-

nez explained.

The chorus itself was also well-liked by junior, Saia Hussain, who felt as though the song was quite eerie but very well executed.

The album itself followed more of the same dark vibe but each song had its own unique sound and twist to it. Such as the first song on the album 'Zzz..' Machado described the song as a great blend between a groovy sound and a nice rock sound. However she felt as though the lyrics were quite strange, but they seemed to have an underlying message as it appeared that the song "mimics sleep talking," which is something new that Machado had never seen before.

Following 'Zzz..' and 'Hair Cut' on the tracklist came 'LUNATIC.' The song had a loud energetic chorus with slightly calmer choruses. Machado commented on the song specially pointing out that she liked the guitar that plays in the verses, "it's really calm before falling into the loud chorus, it feels like any other pop-rock song."

Next up in the mini album was 'Crack in the Mirror.' Martinez felt as though this song was awesome,



and that it gave her similar vibes to Exo, and older Kpop Group from the mid-2010s. Machado felt as though the song started off strong with the vocals, drums, and guitar, which really stood out to her.

Nearing the end of the mini album is the song 'Ghost.' This song again had an eerie sound to it, but the little whistling sounds in the chorus did not go unnoticed by Machado, who felt as though "'Ghost' is really great I like how it sounds a little creepy." She felt as though the whistling from the chorus could be compared to the noises ghosts make in cartoons giving an almost nostalgic vibe.

Martinez also liked 'Ghost' though she did feel as though it had a lot of similarities to the trend of Kpop Boy Band songs of this time period. Which was not necessarily a bad thing in this case.

And finally the last song on the mini album was X-MAS. Machado enjoyed the mix of both Halloween and Christamsy vibes conveyed through the "dark lyrics, and the distorted sound in the beginning." She went on to say she felt as if this unique style was really only something the group could do well.

Machado has a vast musical background which helped her to take a special appreciation for the underlying details of the song such as "the bassline [which] is really amazing and addicting."

Hussain on the other hand had not expected the song to sound the way it sounds, as based on the title, she had assumed that the song would have more of a christmas feel to it.

In Kpop, physical albums are something that most fans indulge themselves in. Some may collect all versions of an album for a cer-

tain group. Or some may just buy albums that they enjoy. But when it comes to these Kpop artists, they know how to promote. For this mini album Xdinary Heroes has seven different physical album versions.

At first Martinez thought that seven was a little too much but when thinking more into it, she felt as though "a lot of other groups have albums with so many more versions." Many groups had recently started to produce more album versions.

Machado addressed this by explaining that "in Kpop it's important for a group to show their different sides and charms, some in darker and lighter concepts." That way these idols are always appealing to their fans' variegating tastes!

But there is also times when the story the album is trying to portray works best with multiple versions as Hussain explained. Sometimes "multiple versions are a way to execute the idea."

When it comes to the album as a whole, Machado feels as though the "songs all go very well together," and that she is certain they "will defiantly be on repeat!"

However, though Martinez also liked the album as a whole she expressed that she is not the "biggest fan" of the title track.

Hussain felt as though the album was "definitely not [her] style, but that's what made it stand out to [her]." Overall the entire genre of the album was a switch for Hussain who was into more pop than rock Kpop.

With this being Xdinary Heroes' second comeback its safe to say that they are on the way to making quite a big name for themselves as they continue to shine in the world of Kpop Bands.

Badminton Club Returns to Malden High School

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Having been interrupted by the pandemic in 2019, the badminton club at Malden High would be abandoned for years before its restoration. This school year, it made a celebrated return, led by senior Priscilla Wong as president and her sister, Susila Wong, a sophomore, as vice president.

Priscilla heard of the club's existence in her freshman year, four years earlier. She recalled thinking it was "just a very interesting activity" and "quite a lot of people [were] actually in there."

Collaborating with Susila, as well as Angela Hu and Jingyi Zhou, she decided to bring it back as one of the only sports clubs at Malden High. The group, bonded in their mutual love for the sport, met over the summer to discuss access to the gym and potential meetings at the Malden Teen Enrichment Center (MTEC).

As of now, the club meets in both locations irregularly. Meetings take place in the Finn Gym when unoccupied, and unofficial gatherings are at MTEC, otherwise known as the Teen Center, which hosts events on its own. The next meeting is to be determined, as the club is waiting on availability.

"Since Girls Volleyball ended, that's normally what we would use... Now that basketball season is starting up, I think using the gym will be a little tougher," advisor of the club Joshua Sellers revealed. "So, we're talking about maybe meeting at one of the K-8s and using one of their gyms," but the idea is still in the works.

At gym meetings, officers simply set up nets and club members can play wherever one is available. "If they have any questions they can just ask... If they actually need a person teaching them, we're there for it," Priscilla shared.

Meetings at MTEC, on the other hand, entail tournaments.

Rather than having several nets up simultaneously, there is one central net where 2v2s occur.

"Tournaments aren't official," stated participant Eric Mei, but winners are incentivized by a prize, "which makes it competitive." Mei remarked that everyone is friendly and shows good sportsmanship.

Commenting on the club itself, he said, "Though it's new we have a decent number of members who are all kind and help each other get better."

Susila conveyed that the officers want the club to be a place where students can discover or become fellow badminton lovers and be able to have a friendly or competitive game with their friends.

A member of the club, sophomore Kevin Lin, joined due to his interest in badminton. When he was



Senior Eric Mei serves in a tournament at the Teen Center. Photo submitted by Priscilla Wong.

younger, he played casually with friends, but he wanted to try playing more competitively. After playing in three tournaments and looking forward to the next, Lin concluded, "I really enjoy the club and getting the chance to experience playing badminton competitively."

swing their birdies is a pleasant sight to them all.

"I have been amazed at the turnout and how many kids want to come and play badminton after school," Sellers shared. "All the kids there have a great time and just have fun with their friends."

China. I am still not exceptionally great at the sport, but my passion for the sport continues," added Susila.

"My favorite aspect is most likely seeing people have fun and seeing those that are new slowly get better at the sport each meeting," she continued.

"We want students to realize the fun of badminton, not just those that are experienced but also those that have never touched the sport."

Susila Wong

A hit for badminton lovers, the officials of the club and the advisor regard the club so far as a success. Their passion for the activity and the hope to allow more students opportunities to play openly drove them to re-establish its existence as a club again, so seeing students crowd the gym or the Teen Center as they

And, "...badminton isn't a sport in our conference, so the only way that we could play is with a club like this. So, I think it's been going great."

"Badminton was one of the few activities that brought my family together every so often back when I was still in elementary school in

In the coming months, the club looks to hold a bake sale fundraiser and a badminton tournament, likely during the spring when the gym is available. It is also willing to create a tutorial or clinic if requested. For information on club events, visit their Instagram @badminton_club_mhs



Members of the Badminton Club pose for a photo. Photo submitted by Priscilla Wong.

ADVENTURE CLUB RETURNS BY HOSTING DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Daniel O'Toole
Head of Sports

venture Club is working alongside the Travel Club, who have a trip planned this upcoming summer to Puerto Rico to help raise money to lower ticket prices for students who are interested in going.

When asked about more of what the club does, Loreus responded, "most of the meetings we have, we just get to know about each other more because of the upcoming trip to Puerto Rico and the fact we are going to be around each other for a week, so creating bonds with each other to be on a close first name basis is something we all want to have."

The tournament was held after school on November 9th in the gym with contestants either paying \$20 to form their own team or \$5 to join solo and get grouped up to a random team. The tournament consisted of seven teams: the Burgah Boys, the Dodgefathers, MTEC, Computer Club, Bloodline, Frigo's Federation of the Feared, and THEE Team. Each team would get two losses before they would be eliminated from the tournament and after their first loss, they would get sent to the losers' bracket. The team who won that game would be sent back to the original bracket until their second loss which resulted in the team being eliminated. The winners of the tournament would receive the honor of having their team's name placed on the trophy, which was created by Ms. Jones.

At the beginning of the event, Ms. Campbell explained the rules of the game which included two courts with two games going on at the same time, a "no throw zone", no headshots, and going out of bounds in your court would result in the player getting out. Then, the first round of games would commence with the Dodgefathers taking on THEE Team and Bloodline going against Computer Club. The Dodgefathers and Computer Club would both win their respective games with the final game of the round being played between MTEC and Frigo's Federation of the Feared, with Frigo's Federation of the Feared taking the very close game after Mr. Frigo would take out the last player in a one on one situation.

The first game of the loser's bracket would be played between MTEC and THEE Team with Bloodline given a round off to play in the next round of the loser's bracket. THEE Team would hang on for as long as they could, but MTEC was able to knock them off and out of the tournament.

The opening games of the second round was highlighted by the dominance of the Burgah Boys and the Dodgefathers as the two teams faced Computer Club and Frigo's Federation of the Feared respectively. The Burgah Boys ended their



The Dodgefathers lifting senior Tarik Kurtagic after winning the tournament. DANIEL O'TOOLE

game with only two players still out and the Dodgefathers only missing one player from the court. The games of the loser's bracket would feature Frigo's Federation of the Feared battling Bloodline and Computer Club combating MTEC. The winners of these two games would determine the two teams that would fight for the third seed in the finals, so the stakes were starting to get high. The rest Bloodline was given seemed to get them a little rusty as they fell to Frigo's Federation of the Feared and MTEC was able to shake Computer Club off them and advanced for a chance at securing the third seed.

In the third round, the spectators were treated to an amazing game between the two powerhouses of the tournament, the Burgah Boys and the Dodgefathers. Despite some phenomenal play from the Burgah Boys, the Dodgefathers were too much for them to handle and now they had to play MTEC to get their second chance against the Dodgefathers. Without much rest for the Burgah Boys, they fought through exhaustion to punch their ticket into the finals in a rematch against the Dodgefathers.

At long last, the tournament hit the final round and the end of this matchup would allow for a champion to be named. The game was very close, as both teams made it this far through coordination and collaboration, and they were able to execute plans that required everyone to be on the same page. Unfortunately for the Dodgefathers, some mistakes were made and left senior Naveen Nemalapuri to go against juniors Jake Simpson and Ryan Coggsell alongside sophomore Robert Stead. Time would run out in the game

and since the Burgah Boys had more players on the court, they took the game. Since the Dodgefathers had not lost a game at that point, another game would be played to determine the winner.

After both teams got a quick water break and would discuss gameplans, they both came out with one thing on their minds: being able to hoist that trophy. Unlike the game before, both teams kept the game very close, trading blow for blow and it came down to a one on one. Despite a fantastic effort from both teams, senior Tarik Kurtagic got the game sealing hit and won the tournament for the Dodgefathers.

Nemalapuri thought, "winning this event was crazy. We had the expectation to come here and win. We are the 'godfathers' and we came here to win and that is exactly what we did." Nemalapuri's teammate, senior Adam Khalki said how "I am happy to be here. I am here with my team. We have Simon Pham, Tarik Kurtagic, Nimon Jusufi, and Naveen Nemalapuri, with the latter two really putting their heart out on the court. They left everything out there and that is what got us to win."

The group of boys were all encouraged by Mr. Valente after he got them to "represent the Maldonian and the yearbook staff," and made sure to "thank our coaches Peyton Lightbody and Jianna Downey." Nemalapuri added, "The group of guys have great team chemistry and we love to do things outside of our comfort zone, and this was one of them."

In Khalki's opinion, "the tournament was a great success," at driving attention and getting involvement from the school since

"there were a lot of teams here, a lot of spectators you know, it was all fun for everybody watching." Nemalapuri echoed these thoughts, saying "you could just see it in the crowd, the crowd was massive today. We had great people come to watch a lot of great teams, but we were one of the better ones. Even more events like this would be really fun to do to get everyone involved just like how we did today."

"It was the students' idea to host this fundraiser since they thought it would be a great way to attract a lot of people which would in turn help get more funds," said Ms. Campbell, which proved to be true based on the attendance from spectators and players. However, Campbell stated that she believes "not many people knew about it, but the people that did got excited about it which still helped get a good sized crowd as they brought their friends to come watch."

Due to the difficulties of being able to host large and involved events such as tournaments from a safety standpoint, Campbell thinks it is "definitely easier, I think in general to host events than to sell something in terms of a fundraiser because people like to enjoy themselves," since "last year was the first time we were all really back in the building, and I think people are hanging around more and want to do more extra activities."

On the future of the Adventure Club, Campbell noted that "we are going to host the student versus faculty basketball game like we usually do," so be on the lookout for that when details come out later in the year.

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FIELD HOCKEY SENIOR NIGHT

Bo Stead
Reporter

The Co-Ed field hockey senior night against Everett for Malden High School on Friday, October 29th was a highly emotional and heart-warming night for the members of the team, coaches, and parents as many friends and family of the group came to support their graduating seniors for what would be their second to last game in front of their home crowd.

Before the game, seniors were honored by a tunnel of their fellow underclassmen's sticks. Respectively, each senior had their name announced and then received a flower and applause from the crowd offering their support and gratitude for the seniors' dedication to the team.

As the game got moving, it became evident that this game would be a photo finish with both Everett and Malden butting heads quickly in the contest. For the entirety of the first half, the ball did not buzz far past midfield, as there were countless scraps for the ball between Everett and Malden midfielders.

Unfortunately for the Golden Tornados, a timely goal by the Crimson tide would go on to put the Golden Tornados down by one score by the halftime break.

Despite ruthless efforts by Malden's backfield, the Crimson Tide snuck past defenders for yet another goal, making the score 2-1. Malden's efforts did not stop there: as the clock ticked down to the final seconds of the game, Chen broke away and shot a sizzling shot past the legs of Everett's goalie. Unfortunately, that goal would be called back due to the shot launching from outside of the circle. The clock ran out and the game's final was 2-1 Everett.

Even though a loss had to be written into the scorebook, that did not drain any emotion out of the feelings around senior night and what it means to these departing seniors.

Senior Captain Lyra Gold mentioned, "Field hockey has been such a big part of my high school career. It's what I dedicate literally every single hour of every single afternoon to it's just, you know, nice seeing all my hard work pay off." Gold also recognized the team as having a "welcoming environment," as they expressed their feelings towards the team.

This warm and sentimental feeling around the team is evidently mutual among the rest of the seniors. Chen highlighted, "To me, it's like a farewell to these lovely people that I grew up with because my freshman year, these were the first friends I ever had. Now, we're all grown. Even though we lost. We're still family."

Despite the loss, all of the seniors did express positive feelings about their experiences over the



Malden seniors grouped after they received their flowers. BO STEAD



Left to right: Malden players form a tunnel with their sticks; Senior Captain Lyra Gold running across the field. BO STEAD



years of being on the team. Senior captain Henry Zhao summed up his time on the team as "A blast and a roller coaster of emotions."

All of the seniors felt content with the way they have filled their roles of leadership this season. Peyton Lightbody, a senior captain, mentioned what she believes she has brought to the team as being credited to her thinking. "I've always just been like a natural leader." Many of the underclassmen and fellow teammates look up to seniors like Lightbody for guidance and leadership of the team.

Lightbody is not the only senior who is admired for their skills on the team; senior Wilson Jiang applauded Chen's heart and hustle for the sport and described Chen as, "The definition of don't judge a book by its cover." Chen has a huge presence on the field and an even bigger presence in the pride of the team's atmosphere.

When discussing the topic of the team's goals for this season and how has the team done trying to meet those goals, Head Varsity Coach Samantha Souza detailed it as, "Our goals, I think, have been to

win and to score. Just to be a little more cohesive and work together more. We're struggling honestly with communication and our positioning on the field. But that second half was incredible."

This feeling was mutual among the rest of the team, that the team had not necessarily had the season they had planned on having, however, there have been flashes of potential and real hope for the next and coming seasons.

The bittersweetness of Senior Night is that next year this team will have to perform in the absence of these seniors, which means many younger players will have to step up in big roles.

The departing seniors were not worried about how the team will show out next year, as Zhao noted, "I believe that they're all ready for it," showing great trust in his fellow teammates.

Coach Souza expressed slight concern, but believes it is nothing her team can't handle: "It'll be tough. It'll definitely be a rebuilding year, but we always come back. We lost 11 seniors last year."

Gold expressed a desire for

changes being made to the team to not happen, as they remarked "I really hope it stays Co-Ed because that's one of my favorite things about it. I think that it's easier for queer people to join that way." The Co-Ed style of the team helps promote a welcoming environment for anyone who wants to join in.

With some final words of encouragement to next year's team, Lightbody mentioned, "They're planning on splitting up the girl's and boys' teams. So it'll definitely be a huge change. But I think whatever comes our way, we're ready to take it."

With the season coming to a close, it is quite clear that these seniors have impacted the lives of many involved in the field hockey program and have helped improve the sport at the school.



Field Hockey Clinic

Nathan Dean
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To celebrate the formation of a boys field hockey team here at Malden High School, the US Mens National Field Hockey team, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), held a clinic for over 100 players.

The boys field hockey team is set to start in the fall of 2023 along with a separate girls field hockey team. Both teams are set to have a state tournament. As the girl field hockey team reconstructs from the Co-Ed team, there will be a separate boys team that is set to start in the fall of 2023, making it the first boys field hockey team in any high school in the state.

The US Field Hockey's National Development Director Sally Goggin explained that, "We are here celebrating and thanking Malden High School for being pioneers in boys high school field hockey."

Athletic Director Charlie Conefrey first found out about the opportunity to host the clinic through his work as a board member with the MIAA. He said, "[he] jumped at the opportunity... It's not every day that you get the chance to collaborate and learn from the very best in any field," and also added that, "I had a great time and it looked like everyone else did as well." He also hinted at plans for another possible clinic in the spring.

Goggin explained that, "What we are trying to do is to open the door for boys field hockey teams to start so that there can be boys-specific teams, girls-specific teams and Co-Ed." The national team is "hoping that this will take off and soon there will be lots of high schools with Boys Field Hockey teams as well."

Head coach of the men's national team, Harendra "Harry" Singh, echoed, "One of my dreams is to make the boys field hockey sec-



Over-40 national team goalkeeper David Eddie demonstrates a skill to the other keepers. NATHAN DEAN.

tion bigger," and that, "The number of players should be more." He clarified that, "once we improve the quantity, we can improve the quality."

To do this, the national team has been traveling across the country to meet with players and find places to build their new training centers, "we are planning [on building] five or six centers across the US for the boys with the help of the girls teams," mentioned Singh and that, Malden "is one of the places we are thinking about opening one [of the centers]." With these centers, boys can train with the national under 16, under 18, under 21, the development team, and eventually the senior team.

Before the clinic began, a small session was held for coaches and umpires specifically. It is estimated that around 20 coaches and 20 umpires attended. "Coaches and umpires have so much responsibility for not just delivering competitions, but also in promotion and teaching the game, recruiting and mentoring new athletes, coaches and umpires," writes the national team on their official website.

Shortly thereafter, around 80 students from 7th to 12th grade were debriefed by Head Coach Harry Singh and met with the players and coaches leading the clinic: Former Olympic Jill Reeve, National Indoor Team Athlete Christ Potheir, and over 40 national team Goalkeeper David Eddie.

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To end the event, players

were given free field hockey sticks, t-shirts, and pinnies. Attendees also had the opportunity to receive signatures from any of the coaches, with Singh and Reeve being the clear favorites. A half-field match was held after finishing off the clinic for any members still interested in playing.

After the event, Harry Singh said, "I think that the kind of skills and the kind of players I have seen is amazing. If they get good coaching and the platform, they [will be able to] showcase their skill." He also wanted to thank the parents for coming and expressed his desire for more boys and girls to play field hockey.



Mens National Field Hockey Team Head Coach Harendra "Harry" Singh speaks to the members of the clinic before the first drills. NATHAN DEAN.



Over-40 national team goalkeeper David Eddie coaching the younger goalies. NATHAN DEAN

"Field hockey is a sport for all, a sport for life. There is a misconception that field hockey is just for girls, but nothing could be further from the truth."

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FOOTBALL SENIOR NIGHT

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After a long season, the Malden High School varsity football team took on the Revere Patriots for Senior Night. The Golden Tornado's season was off to a great 3-1 start before a few injuries to some of their key players which caused them to drop the last three games. Nonetheless, there was great excitement heading into this matchup.

Before the game, the seniors on the team were celebrated as they walked out of the locker room and onto the field with their families. Other players and spectators cheered them on and applauded their service to the Malden program.

This year's football seniors were Makhial "Mak" Coulanges-Blaise, Andrew Louis, Zacharia Pan, John Lloyd, Darius Blaise, Samuel Antoine, Kyle Paulding, Clifford Raphael, and Vidal Garner.

Revere kicker Felipe Maia opened the game with a kickoff to Junior Davien McGuffie. McGuffie caught the kick at his own 14 yard line and bolted down the sideline for a 45 yard return into Revere territory.

Lloyd then took two handoffs for a first down at Revere's 30 yard line. But, just as things were looking up, a holding penalty brought Malden back ten yards which resulted in a first and 20. After a two yard rush from Lloyd, a false start penalty created a 2nd and 23 situation. The next snap would sail over sophomore quarterback Aidan Brett and the Patriots would recover at Malden's 43 yard line.

Revere rattled off a series of run plays. Running backs Davi Barretto and Giovanni Woodard each took a few carries for four and five yards respectively. Malden took a big loss on one of those plays when Lloyd went down with a knee injury and did not return.

The Golden Tornado's finally forced fourth down and goal from six yards away after they caught up with Revere's running scheme. However, the Patriots switched up the playbook on that play when quarterback Carlos Rizo delivered a touchdown pass to Sami Elasri. Maia's extra point attempt sailed through the uprights to give Revere a 7-0 lead with three minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Malden would only return the next kickoff to their own 15 yard line. After a rush for no gain, running back Kevin Exilhomme fumbled in the backfield allowing Revere to once again recover inside the ten.



Wide Receiver Davian McGuffie juking around a Revere defender. NATHAN DEAN

The Golden Tornado's came up with a big stop and forced Revere to take a 25 yard field goal which gave the Patriots a 10 point lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Golden Tornado's didn't improve much to start the second quarter. An illegal blocking play on a third and four play pushed Malden to the brink of their own goal line and an incredibly challenging 3rd and 19, in which Brett's pass would fall incomplete. Brett, who also serves as the punter, could only manage to kick it to the 22 yard line and Revere was once again set up with great field position.

Luckily for Malden, the defense stepped up again. A tackle in the backfield on first down and an incomplete pass on second down set up a 3rd and 17 from the 29 yard line. Malden linebacker Matt Brito flew into the backfield to sack Rizo at the 36 which put the Patriots out of field goal range. Maia was forced to punt and Malden would start another drive inside their own 20.

After Brett was shaken up on the previous drive, freshman backup Matthew Stelmach would enter the game to relieve him. He immediately fumbled the first snap but fell on top of it to retain posses-

sion. Coach Witche Exilhomme had seen enough and Brett reentered the game. On third and 14, Brett completed a pass to Exilhomme for 11 yards to set up a 4th and 3.

Malden decided to keep the offense on the field but an incomplete pass fell to the ground and Revere took over at Malden's 23 yard line.

Somehow, Revere fumbled their opportunity away. They lost a ton of yards when the ball slipped away and had a fourth down at the 30 yard line. They decided that it was too far to attempt a field goal and a deep pass to receiver Danny Hou was knocked down by Exil-

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Junior Victoria Gammon cheering among the team. JESSICA LI



The Malden offense huddling up during a timeout. JESSICA LI



Sophomore, Kevin Exilhomme, talks to his teammates. NATHAN DEAN

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homme which allowed Malden to take the ball back.

Things were not going anywhere for the Golden Tornados. On the first play of the drive, Brett rolled out to his right and threw back across his body into the middle of the field, the cardinal sin of quarterback play. The pass was intercepted by Hou at midfield and Revere took the ball back once again.

With just a few minutes remaining in the half, Revere tried to run the ball down the field and get a few points. It all started well, but they stalled out at the Malden 20. A fourth down play with four seconds to go only resulted in a nine yard gain and the game went into half-time with the Patriots holding a 10-0 lead.

Malden decided to keep the ball on the ground for the second half's opening kickoff to prevent a return. Revere would start the drive at their own 40 yard line. A false start penalty on the first play of the drive resulted in a first and 15. Revere would run the ball three times until they punted on fourth and eight. Once again, Malden's defense stopped Revere on a drive started with good field position.

Stelmach would take over as quarterback in the second half with Brett nursing a minor injury on the sidelines. A small rush and incomplete pass on the first two downs led to a 15 yard rush by McGuffie for a first down. Exilhomme took the next two carries for a net total of one yard and Malden faced third down once again. This time, Stelmach passed to Exilhomme but he came up four yards short of the first. On fourth down, Revere got right through the offensive line and Stelmach had no chance but to take the sack and turn the ball over.

Revere couldn't capitalize on the turnover once again and was forced to punt after three run plays. Malden received the ball at their own 20. After a false start and a rush for no gain, Stelmach would fumble once again and the Patriots recovered at the Malden 15.

This time, the Malden defense finally broke. During the last play of the third quarter, Woodard took a 14 yard run into the end zone for a touchdown and Maia's extra point gave the Patriots a 17-0 lead with

just 12 minutes left to play.

Malden's next drive ended quickly after three plays that went backwards. A tipped punt gave Revere possession only 14 yards from another score. Revere rattled off three rushes for solid gains before Woodard took a two yard carry into the endzone for his second rushing touchdown of the game. After four consecutive conversion attempts were played due to penalty, Malden tackled Rizo in the backfield to hold the score at 23-0 with seven minutes left.

Unfortunately for the Golden Tornados, that was how it would stay. Their next two drives ended with a punt and an interception allowing Revere to run the clock out, holding Malden scoreless for the first time this season.

While it was a disappointing game on the field, Malden's season has great reason to be celebrated. Their seniors have brought a lot to this program this year and have improved it drastically from last season. One of them, Coulanges-Blaise, has had huge impacts for this team.

"We've had a solid season. It could be a little bit better, but we're doing alright," said Coulanges-Blaise. He also mentioned that the seniors have "been putting in the work" and "doing their jobs as leaders" this year. "I feel like we have good energy most of the time. But once we lose it, we never really get it back."

Coulanges-Blaise had an incredible start to the season but hasn't played since late September against Somerville due to a season-ending knee injury. The team went 3-1 and scored 156 points in their first four games with Coulanges-Blaise on the field. In the four games since, they have gone winless and only mustered 18 points.

Junior lineman Joey Fils can see the effect injuries have had this season. "We've had a ton of injuries this year. But things happen in life, we just have to move faster." He did say that the losses have hurt the team's energy. "Our spirit hasn't been bad. It's not too good right now, but we have to keep our heads up for next year."

Defensive coordinator Wiston Jeune thinks that these injuries have had a major impact on the team. "Our energy was up, but then we had a couple of injuries. Guys like

Boys Varsity Soccer Season Closes on a Good Note

Joao Ferreira
Reporter

Soccer player, Felipe Dominicano's game tying goal. Video submitted by Felipe Dominicano.

This Malden boy's season did not end how Malden expected to, but they were able to have two good games to end their season with one tie and one win.

The Golden Tornados competed against Lynn Classical at home in their penultimate game of the season, which ended in a 1-1 draw in which both teams scored in the last ten minutes of the game with midfielder Felipe Domiciano scoring to even it up with only a few minutes left.

Malden started the game with high pressure on the other team, dominating the first half. Malden had a few chances to score, but couldn't finish on those opportunities. The Golden Tornados' goalkeeper played well until an unfortunate mistake forced them into a 0-1 deficit with little time remaining. While Malden was on the run, a Lynn Classical defender made a slide tackle, causing a freekick. With a well-placed kick, Dominicano scored, tying up the game at 1-1 with only around three minutes left.

In the team's final game of the season, the Golden Tornados would travel down to Watertown where they would come away with a victory in the closing minutes with senior Bradley Toussaint scoring the game-clinching goal to win the game in a 1-0 Malden victory.

Playing away didn't put any pressure on Malden as they were playing great suffocating defense throughout the game. Watertown was also performing at a high level which made the game so much more intense. Both sides went back-to-back fighting for one goal. Nathan Dean, Malden's goalkeeper, was on the run as he saved so many goal-scoring opportunities from Watertown.

Late in the game with about eight minutes left, Malden got an indirect kick from the rights side of the half. Senior Vinicius De Oliveira whipped it into Watertown's penalty box and Toussaint got to the ball and kicked it over the keeper and scored. With about five minutes left, all Malden had to do was play defense and the Golden Tornados would bring home the victory.

Looking at next year for the boys soccer team, the underclassmen are preparing to fill in the spots that many of the upperclassmen held this year. Malden will be losing seniors Erick Rodrigues, Vinicius De Oliviera, Gabriel Martinez, Kyle Lee, Jose Guerrero, Felipe Neves, Angel Smilyamov, Bradley Toussaint, and Allan Xiao along with senior captain Christan Osorno who has spent all four years on varsity. Malden will have a lot of stepping up to do, but the team does not see a challenge they cannot overcome.

Coulanges-Blaise and McGuffie were out for a little bit and our great blocking tight end Pan has been out for a while now." He still thinks they have been great for the team. "They give us their best game and are good leaders on and off the field."

Coach Jeune hopes to have a great offseason. "The more kids we have, the better we are." The team plans on replicating their workouts from last year which started in late November right after the prior season ended. "The offseason is going to be really big for us. That's why

we win. That's what we are going to focus on."

While the game on Senior Night was not Malden's best, their program has much to be excited about. The team is set up to perform very well in the coming years. But still, their season is not over yet. Their last game will come at the legendary Fenway Park in their yearly Thanksgiving game against the Medford Mustangs. The Golden Tornados are looking to end the season on a high note.

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Girls Volleyball Makes States



Senior Yuki Yang hits the ball. NATHAN DEAN

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Malden now faced elimination from the tournament and the end of their season in the third set. Things started well, however, as junior Alina Dao dropped a perfect hit to the corner for a lead, Lexington immediately retaliated with four consecutive points. Once again, the Golden Tornados would find their stride. Malden rattled off five consecutive points including a great kill by junior Ramneet Chahal to gain a 6-4 advantage. After Dao's serve went out of play, both teams put together some solid rallies and left the set tied at 9-9.

Malden's constant issue arose once again: miscommunication that led to mistakes. The Golden Tornados found themselves down 14-10. They would quickly correct themselves and pick up four consecutive points to tie the set again at 14 apiece with great hits from Dao and the team's only sophomore, Abigail Lee.

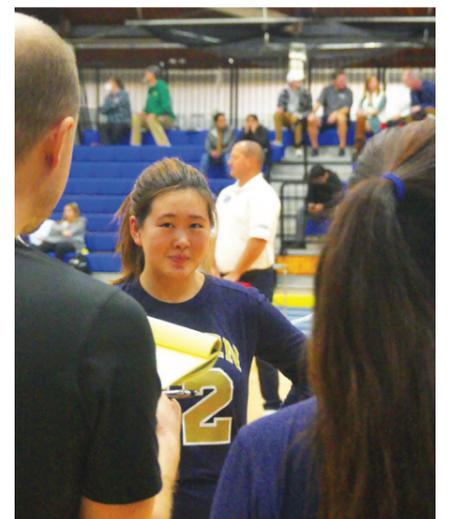
Lexington called a timeout with a 19-17 lead, attempting to reset after the Malden crowd brought the noise levels through the roof. A rough serve by senior Kelly Le that fell way short brought the score to 21-18. Le was able to rebound with an incredible hit into the back corner to score the point back.

The Minutemen would keep up their pace and found themselves one point away from victory in a 24-21 set. Malden's hopes rose when two Lexington mistakes reduced the deficit to just a single point. Unfortunately, a strong Lexington hit deflected off the outstretched arms of junior Kim Nguyen and the girls' season ended in a crushing defeat.

While this might not have been the ending that the team hoped for, the team has been able to participate in the state tournament for back-to-back seasons which certainly leaves much hope and optimism that they'll be able to run it back for next season.



Malden's Girls Volleyball team cheers as Coach Daniel Jurkowski's name is announced. Left to right: Alina Dao, Kim Nguyen, Anna Yak, Vivienne Crawford, Yuki Yang, Rachel Lin, and Captain Kelly Le. NATHAN DEAN.



Left to right: Senior captain Kelly Le jumps to hit a serve to the opposing side; Senior captain Anna Yak serves the ball; Senior captain Rachel Lin listens to Coach Jurkowski on the sidelines. NATHAN DEAN.



Senior captain Anna Yak leaps to tip a ball past two Lexington players blocks as the rest of the Malden team watches on. NATHAN DEAN.