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City officials say they have no knowledge of reported settlement claims

By Seth Daniel

City officials said this week that reports of negotiations for \$300,000 for harassment complainants at the Wellness Center are something they know nothing about.

A local newsletter has reported that a claim was made by a person who worked at the Wellness Center that they had been harassed and/or retaliated against within the workplace. Recently, the newsletter reported that Mayor Carlo DeMaria had offered \$300,000 to settle the claim.

For City attorneys Colleen Mejia and Keith Slattery, the reporting has left them scratching their heads.

"There has been no charge filed that we are aware of to match any of the reporting in the (newsletter)," read a statement from the City. "The settlement discussions that are being reported are not known to us, and we have no knowledge of (them). Any and all claims reported to the City are immediately investigated and assessed, including disciplinary actions when warranted."

The matter has been bantered around for some time in the newsletter, but sources outside City Hall said it was a personnel issue that had been resolved some time ago.

This week, several City Councilors have apparently contemplated putting the matter on the agenda for discussion.

However, Slattery and Mejia said they would not be able to discuss personnel with the Council either in executive session or regular session as it is a violation. They said if the

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A HELPING HAND



PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

Volunteer Cheryl Pittman of Encore Boston Harbor provided guests refreshments as they waited to enter Grace Food Pantry on Sunday, Dec. 16. Encore Boston Harbor brought several volunteers to help out at the pantry, along with elected officials and regular volunteers. See Page 5 for more photos.

TRASH NOTICE

Due to the Christmas Day Holiday on Tues. Dec. 25, 2018, trash will be delayed by one day. Mon. Dec. 24th pickups are on schedule. Capitol Waste Services, Inc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supt. Fred Foresteire is contemplative at the School Committee meeting Monday night prior to being put on administrative leave following a 90-minute private executive session meeting. After the meeting, the Committee voted to put in Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier. Here, she takes Foresteire's former seat as Chair Bernie D'Onofrio seats her and Assistant Supt. Charlie Obremsky looks on.



School Committee places Foresteire on leave, will convene an independent investigation

By Seth Daniel

The Everett School Committee voted at its Monday meeting to put long-time School Supt. Fred Foresteire on paid administrative leave after troubling allegations of sexual harassment against him surfaced over the past two weeks.

The decision came after nearly 90 minutes of the Committee meeting behind closed doors in executive session with Foresteire and other representatives. After re-emerging, Temporary Secretary Da-

vid Ela announced the results to an audience of more than 200 that were on the edges of their seats.

"We will now announce the results of our meeting and our course of action," said Ela. "The School Committee will appropriate \$50,000 for an independent investigation into the allegations against Superintendent of Schools Fred Foresteire and the Everett Public Schools, and we will contact the Mass Association of School Committees for support and guidance in this case. The second (mat-

ter) is that Superintendent of Schools Frederick Foresteire will be put on administrative leave. The third (matter) is that we will appoint an interim superintendent of schools and the Everett School Committee would like to appoint Janice Gauthier as our interim superintendent of schools. Those are the results we have."

Allegations of sexual harassment broke last week when many across the city became aware of a complaint put into the Massachusetts Com-

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Gauthier chosen as interim superintendent

By Seth Daniel

Curriculum Director Janice Gauthier was unanimously chosen Monday night to be the interim superintendent of schools in the wake of allegations of sexual harassment against former Supt. Fred Foresteire, who was put on administrative leave.

The School Committee voted 9-0 on Monday night to put Gauthier in place.

Gauthier said it was an honor, and praised the work that Foresteire had done during his tenure.

"I want to thank you for putting your confidence in me and it's a tall order," she said. "There are big boots to fill. If I only fill the big toe of that boot that Mr. Foresteire set up, then we're doing something right. I want to thank the teachers for their confidence in me as well."

School Committeeman

Frank Parker said he thought Gauthier was a great choice to lead the schools through a transition.

"I think Mrs. Gauthier is a great choice to guide us through this time," he said. "She's been with us for 48 years. She's certified, confident, intelligent and full of grace. A number of years ago we had a situation where we needed someone to be a principal at the old high school. Mrs. Gauthier stepped up to the plate. She was the acting

principal and still retained her director's role. She took us through that time and that transition. I'm very, very proud to see her get the nomination. I support her wholeheartedly."

Lost in the shuffle was the fact that Assistant Superintendents Charlie Obremsky and Kevin Shaw were not chosen, with both being the most likely candidates and the most

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'They met our demands'

Community says they were heard on Foresteire matter

By Seth Daniel

While acknowledging there is still a long way to go in the matter of sexual harassment claims against former Supt. Fred Foresteire, on Monday night several of the hundreds assembled at the School Committee meeting said they felt like their voices were heard.

Some 200 people packed into the room on Monday, most of them demanding that Foresteire be put on leave, and by the end of the night, they said they felt like the Committee listened to them.

"They met our demands," said Iliana Panameno of La Comunidad and the Everett Educational Coalition (EEC). "We're going to just keep moving forward. It's important there is a focus on the young people and keeping them safe."

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he believes it was the right decision.

"I believe the School Committee took the appropriate action tonight by voting to place the superintendent on administrative leave pending

a thorough investigation of these allegations," he said in a prepared statement.

The Everett Teacher's Association put out a statement last Friday, Dec. 14, calling for Foresteire to be put on leave so that he could defend himself against the allegations.

Gerly Adrien, who has been organizing residents as part of the EEC, said it shows when the community comes together, authorities will listen.

"I'm glad they put him on leave and listened to the community," she said. "I'm also glad they are doing an investigation and are putting money towards it. I don't know if that has ever been done in Everett, but it did show that when the community comes together, they do listen to us."

City taking action against Veterans Agent for comments at School Committee

City officials confirmed that they will be taking action against Veteran Affairs Director Jeanne Cristiano for

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Spaulding sled hockey team calls Everett home

By Seth Daniel

Rebecca Mann knew very little about hockey before she had to have her foot amputated a year ago, but now she can't get enough of it.

Mann and several other Greater Boston players – part of the Spaulding Shamrocks adaptive sled hockey team – play all of their home games

on the ice at Everett's Allied Veterans Rink, and it's become a liberating obsession, Mann said.

"After my amputation, I wanted to get back into competitive sports," Mann said. "Sled hockey has given that edge back to me. On the ice, nothing can hold you back. After my amputation, I can

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PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS

Rebecca Mann (right) of the Spaulding Shamrocks controls the puck on the ice at Everett's Allied Veterans Rink last Saturday evening in a game against the Northeast Passage Wildcats.

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DiDomenico, Senate pass bill to support first responders

Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate passed legislation to ensure confidentiality for first responders when participating in peer support services following critical incidents. The bill, which had already passed the Senate unanimously earlier this year, returned to the Chamber after an amendment was offered by the House of Representatives. “The confidentiality provisions in this bill will ensure that our first responders have the privacy protections they need and deserve when it comes seeking mental health care,” said Sen. DiDomenico. “Our firefighters, law enforcement officials, and paramedics constantly put themselves into the most stressful and dangerous of situations to protect our public safety, and it is critical that they have access to the services needed to deal with this stress without fear of stigmatization.” “First responders—the men and women who keep us safe in the most trying of circumstances—work under high levels of stress, and often are left to fend for themselves when it comes to personal mental health care,” said Senate Pres-

ident Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “This bill grants those first responders the access they deserve to confidential support, and allows them to seek help without fear of retribution or stigma.” “In times of crisis our police, firefighters, and first responders put themselves in dangerous and stressful situations to keep us safe,” said Senate Minority Leader Bruce E. Tarr (R-Gloucester). “They need and deserve the ability to effectively deal with that stress, and this legislation will make that possible. I am grateful to be able to work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance it.” Responding to a critical incident can have a significant effect on the mental health of the Commonwealth’s firefighters, paramedics, and law enforcement officers. In order to ensure prompt access to the necessary services, many departments rely on trained peer support counselors. These counselors can direct the affected first responders to the necessary mental health support services, or offer their own support as needed. However, the lack of confidentiality afforded these peer

support counselors has complicated their roles, and dissuaded some first responders from using this service. The sensitive nature of mental health issues is further compounded by concerns that first responders will experience professional adversity due to their decision to seek mental help. Basic confidentiality protections will encourage greater participation, expanding access to services and improving the mental health and performance of first responders. The legislation passed by the Senate provides that a critical incident stress management team member shall not be required to testify or divulge any information obtained during the receipt of critical incident stress or crisis intervention services. The language also provides for limited exemptions, including when a person is in danger of serious bodily harm or death, or if the information indicates the existence of a crime. The Senate has now approved a version of the bill which will return to the House for reconsideration.

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do a lot of things I couldn’t do before. I’m doing things I used to do. I can be the person I was before – competitive and no-holds-barred. I feel whole again on the ice.” That’s the same story from almost all of the players on the Shamrocks, who had a major New England tournament at the Everett rink last month. While the Shamrocks aren’t the best team in the league, they have a lot of new players like Mann who are regaining their desire for competition through Spaulding’s hockey program. At the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Charlestown, the hospital has sponsored several adaptive sports leagues, but the sled hockey league has a special significance. Keja MacEwan, of Partners Health Care and the manager of the Shamrocks, said the team started four years ago when Spaulding Dr. Bernard Sears and his wife, Edna, decided they wanted to give enough money to fund the team for five years. “They were big hockey fans and were associated with Spaulding and in his and her name, she made that gift to cover up to five years of starting up sled hockey in the area,” she said. “I don’t think anyone knew how much it would take off. It’s grown each year.” Sled Hockey, also known as sledge, has all the same rules as stand-up hockey. One difference is sled hockey play-

ers can’t go backwards, and they also have rules regarding checking so that player safety is emphasized. “Our team is a unique set of abilities and disabilities,” she said. “Our team has players that have spinal cord injuries, military injuries and acquired injuries.” One of the players is Christopher Young, who has some ties to Everett, he said. Young was a top-rated Alpine Skier for the U.S. Paralympic team for 30 years, but retired a few years ago from that sport. Having served in the Coast Guard before being injured in an airplane crash in 1982, he craved the excitement of a mission and the thrill of competition. “When I was a kid, my father taught me to ride a bicycle and that if I got momentum I could achieve balance,” he said. “Sled hockey does that for me, propelling me to go forward and feel my body and feel nature and feel some sort of power over my situation...It has given me the ability to forget that I’m disabled. I grew up running and running fast...Here I was a physical specimen and all of that was cut down by a plane crash that left me half a man in 1982... The only thing that changes that is my family and sport, which gives me back me.” Mann, 34, was a military veteran who served 11 years and took two tours in Afghanistan. However, a non-combat injury left her foot hopelessly injured. After four failed foot

reconstructions, she was left with the decision to amputate her foot. She had never seen a pro hockey game before, or a hockey game of any kind. However, after the amputation, she had a friend who urged her to get involved in the Spaulding program. After one practice, she said she was hooked and basically lives from Sunday to Sunday in anticipation of their games. Having served in the military, she said having a team sport helps to fulfill the desire to be part of a mission. “For those of us who are from the military, it’s the feeling that we are involved in a team effort,” she said. “We didn’t choose to leave the military and it’s really great to be able to have that again. You get that same camaraderie when you’re on a sports team.” For the Shamrocks, they are working towards getting better, and while they didn’t win on Saturday (they lost 6-1), they did score their first goal – an achievement for the team. “We got waxed, but we were all upbeat and chipper and happy because of that goal,” said Young. “It wasn’t like a team that just got hammered as we did. For us to let out what we’ve learned, what we’ve been taught and what Spaulding was able to provide for us – was amazing. In that space, with that goal, we were able to create momentum.”

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The Spaulding Shamrocks gather before the game to hear the game plan from the Coach Nick McCummings.



The Spaulding Shamrocks goalie makes a key stop on the puck.



Christopher Young (center) fights for the puck.



Following the game, Rebecca Mann replaced her prosthetic leg alongside the skating rink.



Kevin Dubois (right) gets ready for a face off.



Kevin Dubois was congratulated by his son Elijah on a game well played.

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Settlement //

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matter does end up on the calendar, they would not be able to present.

Both said any settlement is taken seriously.

"Any settlement negotiations in any form are generally prompted by a claimant," the statement said. "The City recognizes that anyone with a claim can file that charge at any time, and if settlements are reached in any instance, it is by full agreement by all parties."

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mission Against Discrimination (MCAD) by former payroll clerk Andrea Garay.

This week, Boston Attorney Tera Swartz confirmed to television reporter Cristina Rex that she is also handling a second sexual harassment claim against Foresteire.

There is also much talk that more complaints are coming, or have been reported. However, none of those complaints could be confirmed by attorneys looking into the cases right now.

Prior to Monday's executive session, with a crowd of nearly 200 people packed into the Everett High School Library and most of them demanding that Foresteire be put on leave, the School Committee convened its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. with Supt. Foresteire at his usual seat in the middle of the assembly.

Foresteire did not speak, but rather Chair Bernie D'Onofrio led the initial part of the meeting, which seemingly put on display a visible amount of tension between members of the Committee. After some bantering back and forth, the Committee appointed Member David Ela as the tempo-

rary secretary to direct the meeting, and then they voted to go into a private executive session to discuss their course of action.

The vote on both matters was 8-1, with Member Lester MacLaughlin voting against both.

"Do the right thing!" yelled many in the crowd, among other things, as the Committee and Foresteire were escorted out of the room by Everett Police officers.

Joining the Committee on Monday was Mayor Carlo DeMaria, who is an ex-officio member. City Clerk Sergio Cornelio said under the charter the mayor can sit in on meetings, give his opinion on matters, but cannot vote.

For nearly 90 minutes, the Committee met with Foresteire, Assistant Supt. Charlie Obrensky, Asst. Supt. Kevin Shaw, Attorney James Tobin and representatives from the law firms LeclairRyan and Spruce Law LLC.

In the interim, a large presence of news media interviewed residents and concerned staff members about the situation.

Also, community advo-



Temporary Secretary David Ela (second from right) reads the Committee's plan to put Foresteire on leave Monday night. Flanking him are Members Joe LaMonica, Millie Cardello, Marcony Almeida-Barros, and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

cates Gerly Adrien and Jennifer Harelson read a statement from the Everett Education Coalition – a new group of residents that formed earlier in the fall during the dispute over education funding. Both denounced what they said was the inaction of local leaders regarding the allegations.

"We denounce Supt. Foresteire's actions and we are deeply disappointed in the

silence of the Everett School Committee, the Everett City Council, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, State Rep. Joe McGonagle and the Mayor's Office on these allegations," they read. "It is incumbent on our public servants and elected officials to pursue accountability and offer timely, transparent action in the face of such serious charges. As we move ahead it is critical to rally together and take meaningful action to create a safe place in Everett Public Schools. We will no longer be silent in the face of oppression, retaliation and fear fostered by so much of the leadership in our city."

Added Harelson, "Now is the time to break the culture of silence and acceptance of sexual harassment and violence in our city and our schools. Be brave, be better because guess what? The kids are watching." Several in the crowd said they were concerned as well, and had come out because they wanted to make sure the School Committee knew this was important to the community.

"I heard the allegations at some point two weeks ago," said Mary-Liz Murray, who said she was a lifelong Everett resident and graduate of Everett Public Schools. "I'm very concerned that they didn't put

him on administrative leave immediately like they would have done with any other employee. It's untenable Mr. Foresteire is able to conduct school business on school property. It doesn't give me confidence in our School Committee that they aren't willing to discuss their plan in public."

Parent Sarah Hilinski said that Foresteire would have been put on leave immediately in any other organization.

"It just makes sense if our largest priority is putting the children and the school environment first," she said. "It makes sense to put the superintendent on leave until we can get to the truth. I work in higher education and when there is an allegation against someone, they are immediately put on leave. The same should happen here."

The Coalition said it stood with Garay, and called her ac-

tions – which seemed to spark the entire matter – very courageous.

"Today the Everett Education Coalition is standing up in support of Andrea Garay and all those who have experienced incidents of sexual harassment, assault and discrimination in the Everett Public Schools," they read. "We stand with Mrs. Garay and commend her for showing courage and resilience in the face of power and fear."

All of the allegations against Foresteire are just that – only allegations. However, an investigation at MCAD is underway and the School Committee will begin its own independent investigation soon. Other investigations could also be forthcoming in the near future. In all cases, it will likely be a good deal of time until there is a resolution in either direction.



Everett resident Mary-Liz Murray, who is a life-long Everett resident and graduate of the public schools, said she wanted to make sure people were held accountable.



A large contingent of residents with signs calling for Foresteire to be put on administrative leave packed the Everett High library, and they joined many members of the media on hand for the intense meeting.

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verbally accosting advocate Gerly Adrien after the School Committee meeting Monday night.

After the vote had taken place and during a recess in the meeting, Adrien was gathering her things to leave when Cristiano approached her. Soon, the two began arguing loudly in front of several reporters and television cameras.

"I care about the children of Everett, that's why I'm doing

this," Adrien said resolutely.

"You are evil," Cristiano said several times, among other things.

"How dare you come up to me and say that," replied Adrien. "That's so disrespectful. I care about this city."

Several City officials witnessed the exchange and it was widely reported on television as well. The City is still considering what actions it will take, said City officials.

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Sen. Sal DiDomenico recently presented Teddie Peanut Butter President Mark Hintlian with a Senate citation congratulating Teddie Peanut Butter being named a 2018 Manufacturer of the Year. Sen. DiDomenico nominated Teddie Peanut Butter for this award from Massachusetts Manufacturing Caucus, and Teddie Peanut Butter representatives recently accepted this award at a ceremony at the State House. "Congratulations to Teddie Peanut Butter on receiving this Manufacturer of the Year Award," said Sen. DiDomenico. "I was happy to nominate them for this award and present them with a Senate citation during a recent visit to their Everett facility. They have been a fantastic Massachusetts company for 93 years and I'm proud to have them in my district!"

CITY OF EVERETT WILL HOLD CHRISTMAS TREE BONFIRE ON JAN. 12

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett will host the Second Annual Christmas Tree Bonfire on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 4 p.m. at Seven Acre Park. Attendees will enjoy entertaining fire jugglers, a train ride around the boundary of the fire, entertainment from a DJ, and complimentary hot chocolate and s'mores from the Mayor and City Council.

The Department of Public Works will work tirelessly and diligently leading up to the event to collect trees throughout the city to build the fire. The event will begin with a count down as firefighters engulf the gasoline-cov-

ered trees with flames.

The Mayor welcomed hundreds of residents and community members to Seven Acre Park for the inaugural bonfire.

For more details on this event, please contact the Mayor's office at 617-394-2270.

EVENTS AT THE EVERETT LIBRARIES!

Screening of Incredibles 2 Parlin Memorial Library Wednesday, Dec. 26

The Parlin Memorial Library will be doing a screening of the 2018 blockbuster Incredibles 2. Come by at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26, for some popcorn and post holiday relaxation. This event is free and open to the public. Intended for families and children of all ages. Popcorn will be provided by the Friends of

the Everett Public Libraries. There is no registration required; please call 617-394-2306 for more information.

Frozen Winter Workshop Parlin Memorial Library Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28

Get ready for a winter Frozen event at the Parlin Memorial Library! On Thursday, Dec. 27, at 3 p.m., we will prepare for our solos with a Frozen themed craft. Come make and decorate the microphone you will use at our Sing Along. All materials will be provided by the library; this event is intended for children in Grades 1-6. Then, on Friday, Dec. 28, at 3 p.m., put those microphones to good use at a Frozen Sing Along. Follow along with the words, and sing your heart out. Popcorn will be provided by the

generosity of the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. This event is free, open to the public, and intended for families and children of all ages. There is no registration required. Please call the Parlin Children's Desk at 617-394-2306 for more information.

Small Foot Vacation Screening Shute Memorial Library Friday, Dec. 28

Come by the Shute Memorial Library at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 28, for a showing of the new movie Small Foot. This is a family movie event, and intended for all ages. There is no registration required, and all library programs are free and open to the public. Please call the Children's Desk at 617-394-5008 for more information.

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closely associated with the leadership of the School Department.

No mention was given to why they were not chosen, nor did either of them speak on the issue.

Gauthier said she would do her best to move the schools forward.

"It certainly is an honor for me to act as interim superintendent," she said. "The plan moving forward is to do business as usual. Tomorrow, we'll be right back to work and hit it hard and move our kids along. That's why we're

here; we're here for the kids and we're going to do our best. Anyone who knows me also knows that my door is always open. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me..."

Gauthier said her top priority would be to move forward with the reorganization of the high school into separate academies, something that is "dear to her heart."

Her appointment was effective immediately.

Gauthier was born in Everett down the Line on Lower Broadway, but her family

moved to Mt. Washington Street when she was four. She attended Our Lady of Grace Elementary School, and then Immaculate Conception High School in Revere. She went to college at Boston State and Cambridge College and has her CAGS certification in administration.

Gauthier came to the Everett Public Schools in 1971 and was a middle school English teacher there for 18 years. After that, she transitioned to the old Everett High School and taught for 10 years there, establishing a theatre collab-

oration with the Huntington Theatre Company. They also did an oral history project for Everett senior citizens.

In 1988, she became head of the English Department, and was there for six years before she became director of curriculum. At one point, she was the director of curriculum and also the interim principal at Everett High.

Now, she is in the same situation as director of curriculum and interim superintendent.

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We choose just the right tree, decorate it carefully with our family-heirloom ornaments, and when we first turn on the lights, it brings a smile even to the oldest among us.

Despite the hectic rushing to and fro, everybody it seems, is in a good mood. We endure the traffic, the long lines in stores, and more, because we know that what we are doing will bring joy and happiness to others.

For those of us with young children, we get to see Christmas through their eyes, giving us a second-chance to experience the wonder and joy that we felt when we were their age.

Although all of us celebrate Christmas in our own way, the common thread is one of peace, joy, and happiness, regardless of religious or secular beliefs. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a Seinfeldian Festivus, the spirit of the season imbues us with a sense of togetherness that (unfortunately) only comes once a year.

We wish all of our readers a happy holiday season.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS -- SAFELY

Christmas this year is part of what for many people will be a four-day weekend, which means that for many of us, we will be indulging in the "Christmas spirit" early and often.

By no means do we wish to cast negative thoughts, but we would be remiss if we did not remind all of our readers to enjoy the holiday weekend safely. This especially means that we should be careful not to drink and drive, not only as to ourselves, but also as to those whom we know and love.

If someone appears to be under the influence, it is incumbent upon all of us not to let that person get behind the wheel of a car. Call an Uber if you have to -- if it is within our ability to prevent a tragedy, we must be sure to do so.

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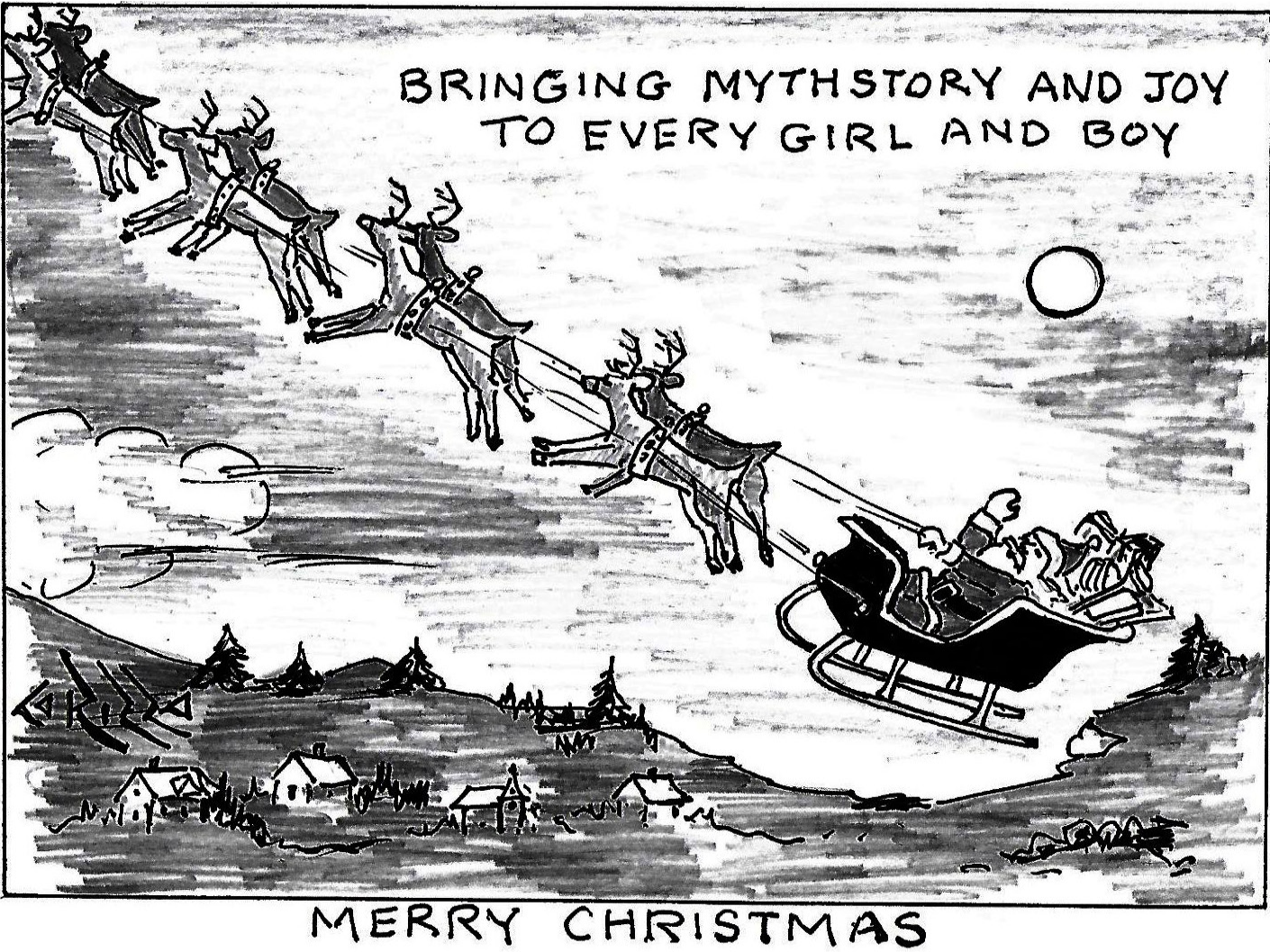
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Independent Forum



Everett's Problemattik to host hip-hop fundraising show Dec. 21

By Seth Daniel

As the specter of Matt 'Problemattik' Kisthart has risen, he and his crew known as Fresh Baked Music haven't forgot about their hometown of Everett.

In fact, both he and Fresh Baked Co-Owned Mike Invo said their biggest goal is to give back, which they try to do on all occasions. This Friday, Dec. 21, they are going to be doing just that with a huge fundraising show at Revere Beach's Sammy's Patio to benefit Children's Hospital and Project Soup in Somerville.

"I think it's going to be a real good time," said Problemattik during an interview at Common Ground on the Parkway. "I believe it's going to be a sold-out show, especially with the cause behind it. There are still a lot of good people with a lot of good hearts out there."

The show will feature Problemattik, Invo, Cheese, Gerard Project, Block Mc-



Matt 'Problemattik' Kisthart has found a following with his rap music, and this Friday, Dec. 21, he and several other Everett hip hop artists will host a fundraising show at Sammy's Patio in Revere for Children's Hospital and the Soup Project in Somerville.

Cloud, Arichusettes, Stryfe and Wolffy -- along with DJ Trampo Sullivan behind them. Problemattik has taken his first freestyle rap sessions in Glendale Park to a level that has him performing all over the East Coast and frequently in Greater Boston.

"I was a Glendale Park kid," he said. "I probably had my first rap song when I was

12. My friends and I would get together and it was very, very basic compared to what we do now. It was my thing and my friends made fun of me for it. However, my friend's dad told me I should really pursue it. That's what got my attention."

He had his first show in 2009 at the Ale House in Malden, and had about eight people come. However, not to be deterred, he booked a second show -- and after word got out that he was seriously rapping -- there were about 150 people that packed the place.

"Curiosity was the beginning of it all," he said. "People would hear I'm doing a rap show and people would say, 'Matt Kisthart is doing a rap show?' I was the outcast in school, so it was a surprise."

It's a surprise no longer as he has gained quite a following and put out several releases of his music. He has appeared at Village Fest twice now and just got back from a show in Atlanta.

"Performing is a high and it's great to share my music," he said. "Now we have people

wanting autographs and we get to travel up and down the East Coast. I had never got on a plane until I started doing music and it was to go to LA for a show. All in all, we still love to be in Everett. We're very active in Everett and want to give back to our home any way we can. They have a rap scene here in Everett, but it's hard. Every day we're trying to push more and more of our music out, but people can be hesitant."

Perhaps they won't be hesitant to give back at Friday's fundraiser on the Beach.

"We want to bring it back to those who need it most," he said. "I was the victim of a house fire. I've lived on back porches and park benches. We know what it's like to be poor. We work regular jobs too and we can relate. That's why we want to make sure to remember to give back."

The part goes from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and there is a \$10 cover charge plus one canned good. All of the door money and canned goods will be donated to charity.

DIDOMENICO FOUNDATION PURCHASES OVER \$20,000 IN TOYS

Members of the DiDomenico Foundation recently spread some holiday cheer during the annual shopping spree for their toy drive they hold each year with Mass Badge. The DiDomenico Foundation crossed the \$20,000 mark for toys this year, and it was a fun day for everyone at Target purchasing toys that will go to children in family shelters, domestic violence shelters and to families in need throughout our communities. The DiDomenico Foundation is made up of volunteers who work to support children and families through activities such as their annual scholarships and toy drive.



ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR OFFERS A HELPING HAND AT GRACE FOOD PANTRY

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

Encore Boston Harbor offered a helping hand at the Grace Food Pantry in preparation for Christmas this past Sunday, Dec. 16. Dozens of volunteers transformed the pantry into a festive environment with wreaths, trees, and a visit from Santa Claus and Frosty



Santa Claus stopped in at the Grace Food Pantry on Sunday morning.



The food pantry was busy on Sunday morning with dozens of volunteers and visitors.



Victor Rivera helped out the Grace Food Pantry with the Encore Boston Harbor team.



A tall Christmas tree was installed in the Food Pantry with the help of Encore Boston Harbor.



School Committee member and regular food pantry volunteer, Frank Parker, greeted volunteers at the food pantry.



Councilor at Large Rich Dell Isola was greeted by Frosty outside of the Grace Food Pantry.



Julius Rivera and Maria Maldonado volunteered at the Grace Food Pantry on Sunday morning.



Elected officials, the Encore Boston Harbor team, and the Grace Food Pantry worked together to provide food and goods for local families in time for Christmas.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Mayor Carlo DeMaria joined volunteers at the Grace Food Pantry on Sunday.



Detective Robert Hall offered a helping hand at the Grace Food Pantry on Sunday.



Dozens of volunteers from Encore Boston Harbor offered a helping hand at the Grace Food Pantry on Sunday morning.

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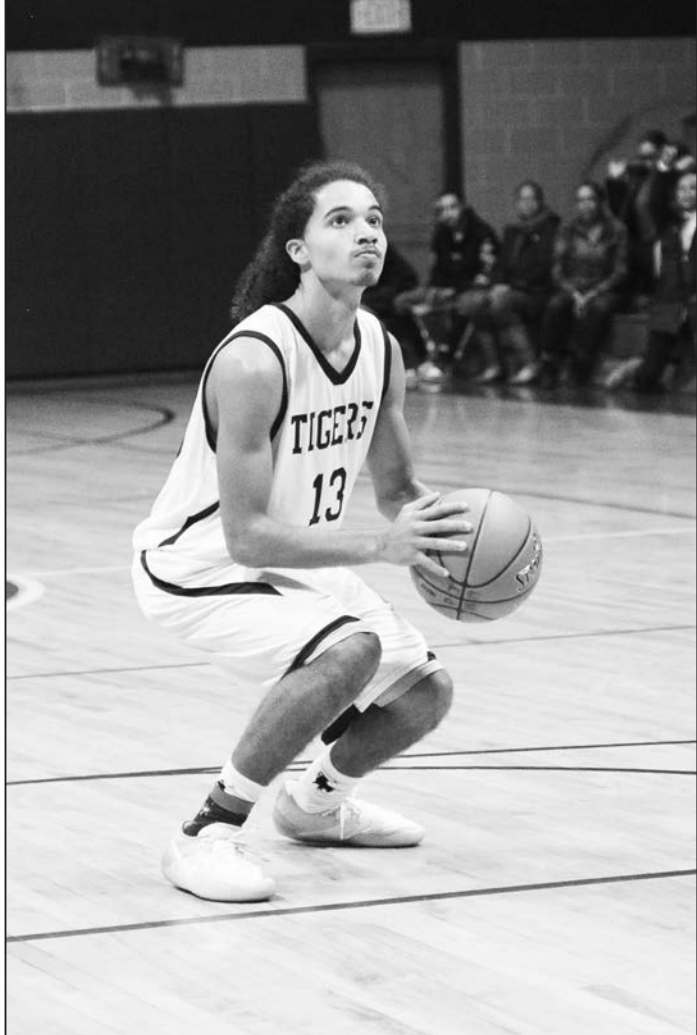
Bruchel Hyppolito looks for a teammate to pass to during Pope John's home opener.



Luis Rivera focuses in on a free throw.



Frankie Imgrugia focuses in on defense.



Mykhailo Collins of the Pope John shoots a free throw.



Cam Erikson works to get around a player from Lowell Catholic.

The defending state champion Pope John High boys’ basketball team kicked off their season at home on Friday night, Dec. 14, against Lowell Catholic and came up short. Pope John has much of its stellar cast back from last year’s championship team, and Head Coach Leo Boucher has been optimistic about their chances. However, on Friday, they came up short 78-68.

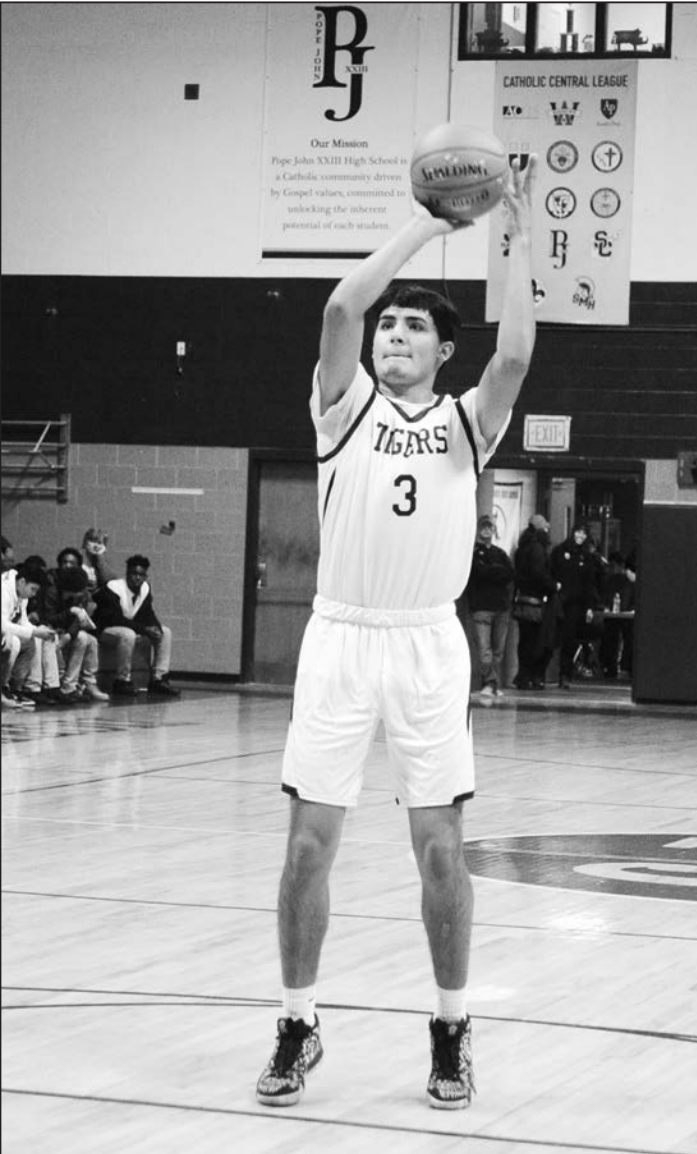
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Head Coach Leo Boucher directs his team from the bench.



Armani Cheek makes his way down the court.



Luis Valezquez hits a free throw during Pope John's home opener.

EHS Roundup

Sheard, Jules, Shillingford win for EHS boys track
The Everett High boys indoor track & field team received superb performances from Mario Sheard, Clarence Jules, and Mac Shillingford in the Crimson Tide’s meet at Revere last week. Sheard handily won the shot put with a toss of 41’-11”; Jules sped to victory in the 50 yard dash in 5.7; and Shillingford sprinted to a win in the 300 in 40.5. Javier Chavez scored three points for the Everett cause with a second-place effort in the shot put with a throw of 37’-5”. Arthur Rose grabbed third place in the mile in 5:39.4 and Tyrese Baptiste took third spot in the 50 dash in 5.9. Shillingford added 1/2 a point with a high jump of 5’-4” that tied for third place.

Seide, Chapparo win for girls track
Lucia Seide and Victoria Chapparo sprinted to first place victories for the Everett High girls indoor track team in last week’s meet at Revere. Lucia outraced the field in the 50 yard dash in a time of 6.6 seconds and Victoria sped to victory in the 300 dash in 47.9. Stefany Luna grabbed a second place finish in the mile with a time of 6:54.4; Rothsaida Sylva took second in the two-mile run with a time of 16:24; Cyara Lambert added three points to the Everett scoresheet with her second-place finish in the 300 in 51.3; and Jessica Santos scored three points with her second place sprint in the 50 dash in 6.7. Adding single points to the Everett total were Olivia Marino in the high jump with a leap of 4’-2”; Lyane Murphy in

the 50 hurdles in 9.6; and Diana Lemus in the 1000 in 4:06.
EHS hockey team wins two contests
The Everett High hockey team got into the win column with a pair of impressive victories this week over East Boston. The Crimson Tide won the first game of the home-and-home series last Wednesday at Allied Veterans Rink, 10-1, and then won the rematch by a nearly-identical score of 10-2 on Saturday at Lieut. Porazzo Memorial Rink in East Boston. Coach Alex Naumann’s squad is set to travel to Somerville this evening (Wednesday) and will host O’Bryant High Saturday afternoon at 1:00 at Allied Veterans.

Mystic Valley Elder Services’ Bellyful of Laughs show Jan. 26

Mystic Valley Elder Services 10th rendition of its comedy show Bellyful of Laughs will be held on Saturday, January 26, at Anthony’s of Malden, located at 105 Canal Street in Malden, and will feature comedian talent of Paul D’Angelo, Carolyn Plummer and Dave Rattigan. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the comedy show starts at 8:00 pm. Tickets are now on sale for \$50 each, which includes the comedy show, a buffet dinner, dessert and chance at a fabulous door prize. Proceeds benefit Mystic Valley Elder Services’ programs that keep elders independent and in their homes. Tickets are selling out quickly so call our Development Office at 781-324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.



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LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Anthony Kelley
Receives Capone Law
Office Scholarship**



Pictured are Attorneys Fred and Michele Capone, with their scholarship recipient, Anthony Kelley.

Anthony Kelley is a 2018 graduate of Everett High School. He graduated in the top 10 percent of his class with a grade point average of 3.97. Anthony was a two-year member of the National Honor Society, was a member of the Culinary Club, the Key Club, the Future Educators Club, and the Builder's Club at the George Keverian School. Anthony volunteered time to the Grace Food Pantry and has been active in the Boy Scouts of America for over 12 years. He had volunteered his time at numerous Cub Scout Day Camps assisting Cub Scouts to earn merit badges and advance their ranks. He also served as Den Leader and Boy Scout Leader for a number of years. In 2018, Anthony earned Eagle Scout Rank. His Eagle Scout Project was the repurposing of a meeting room at a local Church that sponsored his Scout Troop. Anthony attends the University of Southern New Hampshire as a Culinary Arts major. He is studying to become a Culinary Chef. His proud parents, Dan and Anna, serve

in leadership positions in Cub Scouts Pack 11 – Anthony's Troop. Michele and Fred wish Anthony continued success.

**Local resident
Brendan Amorin
embarks on
undergraduate career
at Tufts University**

Brendan Amorin, from Everett, has joined more than 1,500 undergraduate students from around the world as they begin their academic careers at Tufts University, located in Medford/Somerville, Massachusetts.

In all, only 14.6 percent of a record breaking 21,501 applicants were admitted to the university, the second-lowest acceptance rate in university history.

The university's Class of 2022 is the most diverse class ever, the beneficiary of the largest commitment of financial aid in university history, and a trailblazer in gender parity among engineering students - all while maintaining Tufts' status as one of the most selective universities in the country.

Thirty-seven percent of first-year U.S. undergraduates identify as students of color, a Tufts record. The 1,544-member undergraduate class received \$25.8 million in need-based grants, a new mark for financial aid commitment by the university. And the incoming engineering class nearly reached gender parity, with 49 percent of students identifying as women.

"We often talk about creating an intentional community," said Karen Richardson, dean of admissions and en-

rollment management at the Class of 2022's matriculation ceremony. "With the Class of 2022, we have put together a group of learners who will contribute not only academically but also to our community's social fabric."

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.

**Minuteman High
School Honor Roll**

The following local students have been named to the

honor roll for Term 1 at Minuteman High School in Lexington.

High Honors
Tyler Longmore who is studying Electrical Wiring
Mia Pereira who is studying Health Assisting Honors

Justin Ciaramaglia who is studying electrical Wiring
Judeleen Modestin who is studying Health Assisting

**Belmont Hill School
Honor Roll**

Belmont Hill School students from Everett achieved academic honors for the first marking period of the 2018-2019 school year. They are listed below:

Joshua Baldwin -- Grade 10, Honors

Matthew Gonçalves -- Grade 11, Honors

**Lucas Ferreira
inducted into Phi
Alpha Theta**

Curry College is proud to announce that Lucas Ferreira

of Everett has been inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, a national honor society for undergraduates, graduates, and professors of history. Lucas was one of seven charter members inducted into the newly established chapter of the society at Curry College during a ceremony on campus on Friday, December 7.

Phi Alpha Theta was founded in 1921 and has more than 400,000 members in 970 chapters nationwide. The society's mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians.

In order to qualify for Phi Alpha Theta at Curry College, students must be a Politics & History major and complete a minimum of 12 semester hours (four courses) in History, achieve a minimum GPA of 3.1 in History and a GPA of 3.0 or better overall. For more information on the Curry College Politics & History program, visit the department

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CHURCH News

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News and Notes

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Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

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4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

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OBITUARIES

**Mary Troiano
Of Everett**

Mary I. (Costa) Troiano of Everett died on Dec. 15.

She was the beloved wife of the late Anthony P. Sr.; mother of Anthony P. Jr. and his wife, Rosemary of Texas, Maureen Kelly and her husband, Laurence of Burlington and the late Jean Meara and is also survived by six grandchildren: Marissa, Meghan, Jessica, Katherine, Paige and Anthony and two great-grandsons, Jackson and Westyn. Her Funeral will be at the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Fu-

neral Home, 331 Main Street, Everett today, Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Please omit flowers. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to Lahey Palliative Care Service, 41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01805. For more information, please call 1-877-71-ROCCO or www.roccofuneralhomes.com.

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now,
But you'll always be with me,

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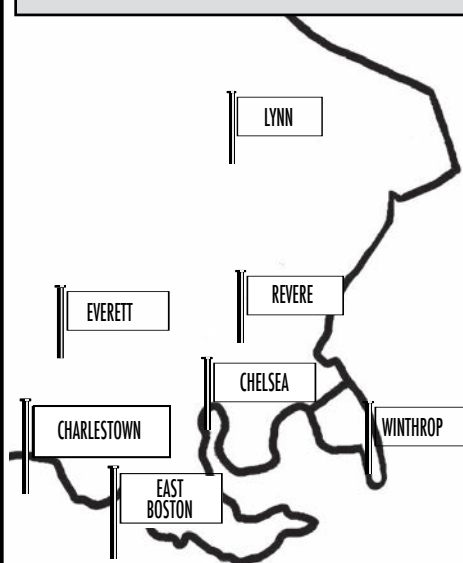
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Tatyana Marie Chery Spivey
To all persons interested in petition described: A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Tatyana Marie Chery Spivey of Everett, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Tatyana Marie Chery Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family

Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/11/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. **WITNESS**, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 13, 2018 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 12/19/18 EV



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URBAN NUTCRACKER

Anthony Williams' fun, holiday two-act, two-hour program for all ages, featuring dancers from the newly-founded City Ballet of Boston, appears Dec.20-30, at Boch Center Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Boston:Dec. 20,21,26-28, at 7 p.m.;Dec. 22,23, 29, at 1 and 5:30 p.m.; and Dec.30 at 1 p.m.Tickets, \$28-\$118. bochcenter.org, 617-532-1116, groups@bochcenter.org.

MADELINE'S CHRISTMAS

Boston Children's Theatre presents this one-hour delightful seasonal musical play, Dec.20-23, based on the book by Ludwig Bemelmans, book, music by Jennifer Kirkeby and Shirley Mier, at Boston Center for the Arts Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston; boxoffice@boston-theatrescene.com, 617-933-

8600. Cape Cod Theatre Company/HarwichJunior Theatre presents the play through Dec. 30. capecodtheatrecompany.org, info@capecodtheatrecompany.org, 508-532-2002.

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