

EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES EVENTS

Week of February 17
February Vacation Week
LEGO Club
Parlin Memorial Library
Tuesday, February 18th
until Saturday, February 22.
Visit the Parlin Library
Children’s Room from Feb-
ruary 18, through February
22, to participate in the li-
brary’s Community LEGO
Club. Earn two LEGO
bricks every time you check
out books and/or read in the
library and add them to our
community LEGO tower.
Move and Groove with
Anna Adler
Parlin Memorial Library
Wednesday, February 19
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11 a.m. Clap your hands,
stomp your feet, feel the
rhythm of the storytelling
beat! Join us for an inter-
active storytelling session
filled with rhythmic stories
and songs! For ages 0-5.
This program is sponsored
in part by a grant from the
Everett Cultural Council,
a local agency, which is
supported by the Massa-
chusetts Cultural Council, a
state agency.
Board Games and But-
tons
Parlin Memorial Library
Thursday, February 20
Warm up in the Parlin
Library Children’s Room
with an afternoon of board
games and the button ma-
chine. Ages 5+, 1 -4 p.m.
All About Hibernation.
Parlin Memorial Library
Saturday, February 22

How do your favorite
animals spend the winter?
Come find out, as we learn
about how animals look for
shelter during the coldest
months of the year. Bring a
stuffed animal and create a
cozy little hibernation den
to take home! Ages 4+, 11
a.m. This program is spon-
sored in part by a grant from
the Everett Cultural Coun-
cil, a local agency, which
is supported by the Massa-
chusetts Cultural Council, a
state agency.
Code for Kids.
Parlin Memorial Library
Saturday, February 22
Brush up on your coding
skills in the Parlin Library
children’s room! For ages
7-12, 1 p.m.
The Four Billion Year
Story: A Library Program
About the Ground Beneath
Us.
Parlin Memorial Library
Saturday, February 22 at
2 p.m.
Press Due: Monday Feb-
ruary 3
Did you ever wonder
about the ground you walk
on, what tales it tells and
what history it holds? Ea-
mon McCarthy Earls, ge-
ologist and author of more
than a dozen books, will let
us know. This program is
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the Everett Cultural Coun-
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Cultural Council, a state
agency.

“E” Club scholarship deadline Feb. 14

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of the E Club. Our Schol-
arships range in values be-
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ply is our Scholarship Ap-
plication filled out, a mem-
bership form and a \$10.00
fee to join the club. Each
student will have until Feb-
ruary 14, to return the appli-
cation and membership. We
look forward to your partic-
ipation and good luck.
Ms. Tammy Turner, Ev-
erett High School Athletic

Director is the “E” Club
Scholarship Chairperson,
and Mr. Stanley Chamblain
from your Guidance De-
partment and a member of
the Scholarship Committee
will have the membership
applications and the schol-
arship applications to be
picked up. Please return
completed forms to them
so that the Scholarship
Committee may select this
year’s winners.
If you have any ques-
tions or concerns, please
contact Ms. Tammy Turner
or Stanley Chamblain at the
high school. We hope to see
you as an applicant!

Shearer // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

years at Madison, Va.
Meanwhile, Henrietta was
teaching at the Lovington
School in Amherst County.
By 1893, Charles and
Henrietta had secured prop-
erty and real estate valued
at \$2,000, which is approx-
imately \$56,000 in today’s
currency. As the turn of the
century drew near, their net
worth grew, but their op-
portunities in Virginia stag-
nated.
By 1900, they had moved
to Massachusetts and were
able to buy a home on
Sunnyside Avenue in Ev-
erett. The couple and their
three children settled in and
Charles found employment
in Boston as a waiter first
at Young’s Hotel on Court
Street, and then at the Park-
er House. While the transi-
tion from teacher to waiter
may seem like a step down
in profession, being a wait-
er at a prestigious hotel was
more financially lucrative
than being a teacher and
easier to secure for a man
of color at that time.
The Shearers were mem-
bers of the Tremont Temple
Baptist Church in Boston,
the first integrated church
in America. In the sum-
mertime, they would often
visit Oak Bluffs on Mar-
tha’s Vineyard to attend
religious revivals held in
Baptist Temple Park. The
Shearer’s fell in love with
the Vineyard and eventual-
ly purchased property there
and in 1903, purchased the
home in a quiet, woody
area in the Highlands of
East Chop overlooking
the Baptist Temple Park,
where Shearer Cottage now
stands.
Every June, Charles and
Henrietta would close their
winter home on Sunnyside
Avenue in Everett and, un-
til the middle of September,
move their family to the
cottage on Martha’s Vine-

yard. While they enjoyed
the Vineyard, staying there
for the summer required
additional income to fi-
nance the extended stay in
their paradise. That is when
Henrietta’s entrepreneurial
spirit took over.
Realizing that vaca-
tioners don’t take kindly to
doing laundry when they
are supposed to be relaxing,
Henrietta had a one-sto-
ry, open structure known
as the “Long House” built
beside their home and start-
ed a laundry business. She
hired several local women
to assist with the laund-
ing, and in order to com-
pete with more established
enterprises, she offered the
rare benefit of a pick-up
and delivery service for the
laundry with her horse and
wagon.
Henrietta’s laundry ser-
vice was a success and en-
abled them to expand their
business in 1912 when they
added a 12-room home on
their property that they
opened as a summer inn.
Called Shearer Cottage,
the inn catered to African
Americans who, at that
time, were not welcome as
guests at other establish-
ments. Henrietta continued
to operate the laundry but
now the horse and wagon
were also used to transport
guests. The laundry contin-
ued to operate until 1917
when Henrietta died.
Charles sold the house on
Sunnyside Avenue in Ev-
erett to his daughter, Sadie,
and her first husband, Wil-
liam Dugger, and moved in
with his daughter Lillie and
her husband Lincoln Pope
on Baker Road in Everett.
The laundry was convert-
ed into additional rooms for
the inn.
With the help of his
daughters, Charles kept the
inn going and with such
success that black home-



James Shearer, center, was born into slavery in Virginia, but in his lifetime settled in Everett with his family, and also established a world-renowned inn on Martha’s Vineyard that the family still operates today.

owners in the area were
often called upon to board
his overflow. The business
was a true family affair
with Sadie and her second
husband, Benny Ashburn
(whose son would go on
to manage Lionel Richie
and the Commodores),
cooking outstanding meals
and Henrietta’s brother
Robby pitching in wherev-
er he was needed. Shearer
Cottage became THE place
for African-American vaca-
tioners and its guest book
was signed by legends in-
cluding Ethel Waters and
Paul Robeson.
When Charles died in
1934, the family stepped
up even more and commit-
ted themselves to ensur-
ing that the legacy created
by Charles and Henrietta
would continue.
After World War II, the
Shearer Summer Theatre

was founded and provided
live performances of one
and two act plays. Many
of the actors and actresses
and set and costume design-
ers were Shearer relatives
some of whom also were
making beds, waiting ta-
bles and greeting guests at
the Cottage. Other aspiring
performers also took part in
the production including a
young Yaphet Kotto.
The Shearer family
has kept the inn operating
throughout the decades and
it has maintained its charm
and proudly boasts of its
historical significance. In
1997, Shearer Cottage was
dedicated as the first land-
mark on the African Amer-
ican Heritage Trail of Mar-
tha’s Vineyard. A plaque
embedded in a rock near the
cottage’s front walk marks
this honor.

School // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

for some time. Many of
the deputy superintendents
have continued on after the
departure of former Supt.
Fred Foresteire. With a new
superintendent in place,
many wondered what
would happen to those that
remained.
With a new #2, many
wondered if that meant that
Asst. Supt. Charlie Obremski
would be replaced, as he
was widely believed under
the old administration to be
second in command.
Committeeman Marcony
Almeida Barros said that is
not the dynamic, but that
positions would be better
defined and tasks would be
spread out.
“We have a bigger dis-
trict and we have two as-
sistant superintendents,”
he said. “Mr. Obremski
handles the budget and
hires and maintenance. I
think it’s a lot for one su-
perintendent to handle and
it makes sense for any new
superintendent to bring in
someone he or she knows
professionally to come in
and help...We just hired a
new superintendent and she
is only bringing in one per-
son. Other superintendents
in other districts have want-
ed to bring in two, three or
four new people. I think it’s
right to spread the duties

around.”
Vice Chair Frank Parker
said he agreed with the new
position as well, noting that
there are 7,444 students
now in the district.
“We are spending \$50
million more per year, have
100 more teachers and
2,000 more students since
2008,” he said. “The needs
and demographics of those
2,000 new students is a lot
higher than it was in 2008.
What we’re trying to do in
bringing in a new deputy
superintendent is we have
another person to handle
the workload and han-
dle compliance issues. So
many times is see assistant
superintendents and even
Mr. Naumann at the high
school expend all day on
other issues and the things
they want to do they don’t
have time for.”
Abruzzese said Tahiliani
has created the job descrip-
tion for the new position,
and they would likely be
negotiating a contract with
that person soon. He said
the current assistant super-
intendents make around
\$150,000 per year, and he
expected the new person
would be somewhere above
that figure. The new deputy
superintendent would start
on March 1 as well.
Abruzzese said this is

not a situation of replac-
ing the “#2” in the district,
and that the current people
in administration would be
working in concert with the
two new administrators.
“Was Charlie the #2 or
was Dr. Stella the #2?”
asked Abruzzese. “I don’t
know if I’ve every known.
Another thing Priya plans
to do when coming in is
to have job descriptions
for everybody working in
Everett Public Schools so
everyone has a clear under-
standing of what their job
is and what’s expected of
them. Quite frankly, I don’t
know right now what the
job descriptions are now
for the two assistant super-
intendents...The fact is for
the last 30 years all we’ve
known was Fred Foresteire
was superintendent. That’s
the one sure thing I knew.
Starting on March 1, you’ll
be able to know what every
administrator’s job title and
responsibilities are.”
He said he hopes that
the combination of the new
deputy working with the
two existing assistant su-
perintendents – all under
Tahiliani – would be a great
combination of talent.
•PARKER CALLS
FOR ASSESSMENT
Member Frank Parker
called for an audit on the

workforce at Monday’s
meeting, and after some
debate, was able to get it
sent to the Committee on
Finance.
On Tuesday, he said
he probably hadn’t used
the right term for what he
wants to do.
“I think audit is not the
right term,” he said. “I
think the right term is an
operational financial as-
sessment. It is about how
we do things, what tools do
we use and how can we be
do things better...We have
multiple people doing tasks
and I think we can be more
efficient.”
•STUDENTS MEET
COMMITTEE
For the first time ever,
the School Committee met
with the Student Advisory
Council.
That had never happened
before in all the years of
meetings, and students ap-
peared Monday night to
voice their concerns over
recycling in the schools.
The bigger story was the
new dialog that has opened
between the students and
the Committee.
“They are great kids and
that was really the best part
of the meeting for me,” said
Abruzzese.

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Lawsuit // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

causing skin inflammation, gastrointestinal issues and breathing difficulties. Long-term exposure can lead to cancer, organ damage and DNA breakdown, among other serious conditions.

In March of 2019, CLF filed a lawsuit against ExxonMobil over its Everett petroleum terminal. U.S. District Court Judge Mark Wolf ruled that the suit should advance in Boston federal court. The oil company is currently being sued on nine counts, including failure to protect the site from flooding that could leach toxic chemicals into nearby waterways.

Councilor Adrien said she would vote to reject the donation from the Texas-based company, worrying that accepting it would be a conflict of interests for the city.

“We need to first understand what is happening with the lawsuit, and how [Exxon] is harming the residents of our city,” she said.

Councilor McLaughlin made a motion to move the matter to committee where it could be discussed in greater detail.

“I was not privy to this and it does raise major concerns,” he said. “We should not be voting for donations

from organizations that are harming our people.”

Councilor Anthony DiPierro disagreed.

“We are not a court. We don’t decide on lawsuits,” he said. “If they want to donate money to our public safety resources, I will not say ‘no.’”

“Why are we bringing up lawsuits?” said Council President Rosa DiFlorio. “Whoever is suing Exxon, it doesn’t matter.”

Councilor Wayne Matewsky said that \$2,500 was a pittance for the \$341 billion company.

“I think Exxon should have to come here and explain this lawsuit,” he said. “Their outreach to the community is not what it should be. They throw donations around like manhole covers.”

Councilor Stephanie Martins said she supported discussing the matter in committee, but that she would vote to accept the donation.

“I will vote to accept anything going to public safety,” she said.

Councilor Fred Capone said he understood his colleague’s concerns, but said that accepting the donation was not the same as condoning the company’s actions.

“I agree that their practices are dangerous and harmful,” he said. “We take the money to offset some of that.”

Councilor Peter Napolitano concurred.

“Money going into the City is still money going into the City,” he said, but he allowed that Council should be aware of any ongoing lawsuits.

The body ultimately voted to accept the donation with the exception of Councilors Adrien and McLaughlin.

After the vote, Councilor Adrien expressed shock that her colleagues had not known of the lawsuit until that meeting and disappointment that they had chosen to accept the donation regardless.

“Not one City Councilor, people who have been on this Council for years, knew about this,” she said in a letter. “With the exception of Councilor McLaughlin, I do not think they understand they are supposed to protect Everett residents instead of putting them in harm’s way.”

To read about the CLF lawsuit in detail, go to [clf.org/exxon-endangering-everett](#).

Rep. Joe McGonagle opens office in City Hall for constituents

By Seth Daniel

In just her first week stationed at City Hall, Diane Lees – an aide to State Rep. Joe McGonagle – has been able to solve housing issues and even insurance quandaries.

Those are likely questions that would have lingered for years or required a visit into Boston to solve before Lees began keeping office hours at City Hall on Jan. 21 – a move championed by Rep. McGonagle through Speaker Bob DeLeo’s agreement to provide him more staff members.

Now, Lees can be permanently stationed in the district, while a new staffer takes over for her at the State House.

“Before this, I was at the Connolly Center on Fridays only, and now I’m here in City Hall four days a week from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,” she said. “I can come in any time with an appointment. I have a phone here, and I’m stationed in the front lobby at the desk.”

McGonagle said he has asked for several years to get additional funding from the Speaker to hire more staff. He said he had always hoped to work with Mayor Carlo DeMaria to get a staff member from the State House in City Hall. That, he said, allows residents to have easier access to state leaders, but also it allows City officials to be able to access that same knowledge base.

“I’m grateful to the Speaker and the mayor for bringing my office here,” he said. “It gets immediate results. People are more comfortable coming to City Hall with their issues. They won’t come into Boston from Everett. It’s extremely important we deal with these issues here. We want to get this down so that if we need to go to someone’s house, then we can do that for them.”

Mayor DeMaria said he was happy to provide the



State Rep. Joe McGonagle and his director of constituent services, Diane Lees, announced a new permanent presence in City Hall. Lees will be available at City Hall from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

space.

“We are happy to provide space for Diane to work on state issues in City Hall,” he said. “This partnership will offer a combination of services to city residents, which then will allow residents to access both state and city services at one location. Convenience is our top priority.”

Lees said during one of her first days, she had a woman in public housing who was told she had to move from veterans’ housing as her husband had passed away. It was causing the woman a lot of stress, and she was able to connect with Lees. Using her years of experience and contacts at the State House, she was able to resolve the issue in a matter of hours and ensure that the woman didn’t have to move.

“This is the type of thing if you’re not in the situation and don’t feel it, you may not know how critical it is to someone,” McGonagle said. “People come into

City Hall with these issues. They are willing to talk about them here. That was huge for that woman not to have to relocate. That’s peace of mind we can offer. It’s big.”

Added Lees, “When people call into these state offices, they get no information. It’s not that I’m doing anything magical, but it makes a difference when we call. Over the last five years, I’ve developed a rapport with many of the state offices and commissioners. Sometimes I can call the right person and it gets done quicker.”

There is also more opportunity for residents to provide feedback on certain bills without having to call the State House or make a trip. They are free to let Lees know what their opinions are, which she will relay to Rep. McGonagle.

Lees will work Mondays to Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Her direct number at City Hall is (617) 944-0237.

Union // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

union as a deputy chief, but the position of chief is specifically exempt from collective bargaining...It is a civil service chief and that’s why we used a Civil Service process, that process being the Assessment Center,” she said.

Assessment Centers are used routinely, and there hasn’t been a Chief’s Exam in a number of years. However, what is at issue is Hardy said the Union and its members didn’t have ample notice of the change. Everett had used a written exam for every chief previously, and Hardy said Carli had an unfair advantage in being the Provisional Chief at the time of that decision.

“We heard talk in May 2018 that they were contemplating an Assessment Center and they asked our opinion,” he said. “We responded back with our preference. We never heard back ever again until Jan. 31, 2019 when they said the Assessment Center is starting in March 2019. Why would they send us a letter telling us they are contemplating this and asking our opinion if we weren’t supposed to have some input and they didn’t have to notify us?”

Mejia said the letter was a courtesy, and Human Resources Director Lara We-

hbe said they should have raised any issues at that point.

“We sent the letter as a courtesy,” she said. “The City’s position is it doesn’t have to be impact bargained at all. That was a courtesy and not an invitation to bargain...Their only response was they were waiting for the Chief’s Exam, which has not yet surfaced.”

Added Wehbe, “If they had concerns, that (letter) was the opportunity to raise them. They could have had meetings or scheduled discussions about it then.”

He said the Union has e-mail evidence that Carli was talking with the former Human Resources director on how to set up the Assessment Center many months before the Center was announced to the general membership. That, Hardy said, gave him a leg up. Hardy also said they have e-mails showing Carli advocated for using criteria that would only benefit his bid to be chief – such as giving preference to those in a chief’s position. At the time, he was the Provisional Chief.

“That’s why I say the fix was in from the get,” Hardy said. “We also have a video from awhile back when the mayor said he didn’t care what happened, that Tony

Carli was his guy and he planned to pick him.”

That is a major point of contention for the City, and representatives said any e-mails were procedural and weren’t any tip-off to Carli.

“The Civil Service Commission had all of those e-mails and decided everything was done correctly and there wasn’t even any need for an investigation,” said Mejia.

Added Wehbe, “We had no idea about the panel, the questions, the scheduling – zero. The City put out a scope of services, had responses, and picked the third party vendor...Other than that, the City had no idea about the process. Our involvement was organizational in terms of scheduling rooms or providing computers.”

For Hardy, he said it’s a matter of fairness and making sure every member who wanted to try for chief had a fair chance – and that includes Carli.

In the coming weeks, Hardy said to look for the Union to be more visible at City Hall and in Council meetings – as he has formed a Legislative Committee from the members to interact with City government more closely.

Foresteire’s court date moved to March 30

Staff Report

The first pre-trial conference for the case against former Supt. Fred Foresteire was supposed to take place on Jan. 30 in Malden District Court (which is not housed on the Parkway in

Medford District Court), but was postponed without explanation until March 30.

District Attorney Marian Ryan’s office announced that the conference would be delayed last week prior to the hearing.

Most of the appearanc-

es, status conferences, and now the pre-trial hearing have been delayed over the past six months. The Pre-Trial hearing is one of the first major events in such a case, where timelines for any trial would be determined.

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HAVE WE TURNED A CORNER?

For the first time since 2014, life expectancy in the United States has risen after four years of decline, according to a report released this past Thursday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Overall life expectancy rose to 78.7 years in 2018, a slight increase from 2017, when life expectancy stood at 78.6 years.

Despite the increase, life expectancy in the U.S. only stands at where it did in 2010. In other words, we’ve had a decade of stagnation in our country’s life expectancy, the only Western nation to have no gain in this ultimate measure of national health.

Worse than that however, is this statistic: Life expectancy in the U.S. has fallen behind even poor nations, such as Portugal, Costa Rica, Cuba, and Slovenia, all of whom trailed far behind us in the 1990s.

Many factors have contributed to the recent national decline in life expectancy, most notably the opioid crisis, suicides, and alcohol abuse. These are what experts refer to as “deaths of despair,” a statistic that has risen dramatically among the American white male population of all ages.

So here’s one question: If it is true that we are still amidst the longest economic recovery of all time, why have America’s “deaths of despair” reached an all-time high?

In our view, one obvious answer is this: The economic gains of the past decade have accrued only to the very wealthy, which in turn has resulted in many Americans falling out of the middle class and others not being able to get there.

Consider that the national minimum wage in the U.S. presently is a paltry \$7.25. And just how paltry is it? If the increase in the minimum wage had kept pace with the increase in the cost of living for the past 50 years (the minimum wage in 1968 was \$1.60), the minimum wage today would be about \$22.00. If you do the math, the lowest-paid workers in the U.S. should be making at least \$800 per week; instead, they are making only about \$300 per week.

However, the working poor are not the only ones who have been left out of our nation’s supposed economic growth. The median household income in the U.S. in 1968 was \$7,700. If that figure had kept pace with the cost of living, the median income today would be more than \$90,000. However, median household income in the U.S. in 2019 was just \$63,000, far below where it should be.

So now ponder this thought: If things have remained bleak for many of our fellow Americans even during the longest economic expansion on record, what will happen when the next recession hits?

The bottom line in America in 2020 simply is this: The very wealthy are getting much wealthier, while everybody else is getting poorer, with the costs of housing, health care, nursing home care for seniors, and a college education increasingly eluding the grasp of the rapidly-sinking American middle-class.

The end result of this economic dislocation can be seen in our national health statistics that show an increase in “deaths of despair” and an overall decline in our national life expectancy.

The stark reality of America in 2020 comes down to this: Americans today are living shorter -- and unhappier -- lives.

LETTERS to the Editor

THANK YOU TO SUCH A GREAT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dear Editor:

Our finest were at it again, when they were called on to assist my son who is wheelchair bound. He was stuck on his lift which was about two feet from the ground, on one of the coldest days we have had in awhile.

Thanks to Captain Wil-

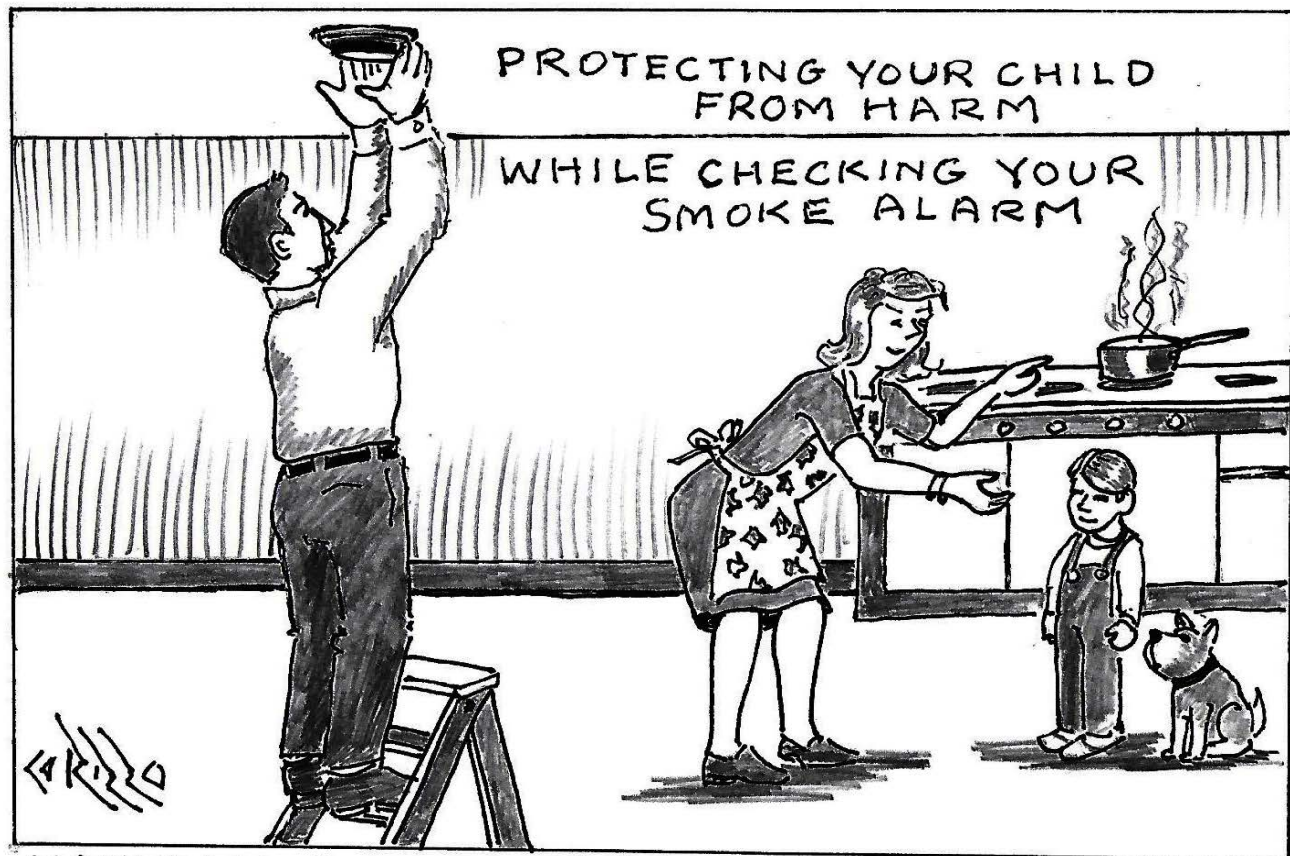
liams and his group of men they were able to free him after two hours of work along with the lift technician and others. I cannot say how grateful I am to have such a great fire department who go over and above their duties to protect the citizens of Everett.

My son and I will be forever grateful to these brave men. May God continue to bless and keep them.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Martin-Long
and Walter H. Long, Jr.

Independent Forum



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GUEST OP-ED

Oh, the woe of losing things

about adults? This winter I purchased new gloves and vowed to pay attention and not lose one. Within two weeks, I had an orphan glove. Did the mate jump out of my pocket and join the hand circus? I threw a party for a lost glove reunion, but no luck.

Memory Loss Related to Emotional Problems

“Emotional problems, such as stress, anxiety, or depression, can make a person more forgetful and can be mistaken for dementia. For instance, someone who has recently retired or who is coping with the death of a spouse, relative, or friend may feel sad, lonely, worried, or bored. Trying to deal with these life changes leaves some people feeling confused or forgetful,” according to article by the National Institute on Aging.

Memory problems can occur from trying to juggle too many balls in the air; not enough sleep from burning the candle at both

end; and runaway stress. Some drugs list memory loss as a side effect.

Age-Related Changes in Memory

“Forgetfulness can be a normal part of aging. As people get older, changes occur in all parts of the body, including the brain. As a result, some people may notice that it takes longer to learn new things, they don’t remember information as well as they did, or they lose things like their glasses. These usually are signs of mild forgetfulness, not serious memory problems, like Alzheimer’s disease.” www.nia.nih.gov

What’s Normal

Absentmindedness occurs when you aren’t paying close attention to the activity at hand. Occasionally forgetting where you placed things. Forgetting facts over time. Like computers, our brains need to purge old data to make room for new. A “tip of the tongue” memory slip that you remember later. Utiliz-

ing reminders to help you remember. Despite memory lapses, if your personality and mood remain the same, it’s a good indicator that it’s probably not something more serious. That’s according to Helena Chang Chui, MD, a neurologist at Keck Medicine of USC.

I lose my car in parking lots, often. Is misplacing your cell phone, purse, or keys part of your daily routine? Do you put special things in special places to not forget, and then forget? The land of the lost has recently claimed a pair of my favorite glasses.

My solutions: Wear mismatched socks on my hands and outsmart the Sock Fairy and the Glove Grinch. Handcuff car keys to my wrist. And buy an old lady eyeglass chain or strap.

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Fenelon // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

watched it. Soon enough, she was hooked.

“It clicked,” she said. “There was something inside of me and I fell in love with sports. I knew then I wanted to be involved in sports media.”

Fenelon was born in Haiti, but came to the United States with her parents, Marcelle and Marcel Fenelon, as a baby. She grew up in Everett and attended the Keverian School and Everett High – graduating in 2010. While at Everett High, she worked on the Crimson Times newspaper, but while she showed promise as a writer, she always knew she wanted to be on television.

As a college student at UMass-Boston, where she was recruited to play basketball, Fenelon said she willed her way into working at the Boston Globe where she was on the girls basketball beat, and the high school lacrosse/soccer beat. Even when her mom wanted her to take a retail job, she refused and told her that she knew she would work for the Globe.

“I did finally get that call,” she said. “I didn’t know much about lacrosse or soccer, but I bought a book that helped me understand the basics...For me, storytelling translates into any sport. I love storytelling.”

After college, Fenelon proceeded to the prestigious Syracuse University Graduate School of Journalism. There, she said she was fully engrossed in one of the most challenging journalism schools in the country.

“It was the real deal,” she said. “It felt like I was working at a real station. My professor was a reporter and treated us like reporters. I think I cried every Wednesday. I once paid more than \$100 for a taxi to get a story done by deadline.”

Oddly enough, Fenelon was able to land her dream job not long after graduate school in 2017 when she landed a job at ESPN in Bristol, CT. It was the goal of her life, something she had even written in her Everett High yearbook.

While she loved the work, it was very hard, and it wasn’t exactly what she thought it might be.

“Being able to watch sports and make highlights was great, but it was hard,” she said. “A shift for me was 6 a.m. to midnight, but I was never able to leave until 3 a.m. because there was just so much to do. If you cut a highlight, you’re cutting that highlight not only for the shows that night like SportsCenter, but also for the shows the next day – and everyone wants a

different version of it.”

In March 2018, she made one of the most difficult decisions of her young career, and that was to leave ESPN and pursue her dream through a different path. It was a decision that she made with the help of her family and her former basketball coach, Tammy Turner – who she remains very close to even now.

“Everyone was shocked, wondering how I could leave ESPN when I had worked so hard to get there,” she said. “I realize when you have a dream, no one understands the steps you take because it’s not their dream.”

Coming back to Everett, Fenelon was drawn to gain the on camera experience she needed at Everett Community TV (ECTV). After having a meeting with Mayor Carlo DeMaria, she said he believed in her and was willing to give her a shot.

“He was open to it and I couldn’t have had this opportunity if it wasn’t for him,” she said. “I’m thankful to the mayor for believing in my dream.”

In April 2018, she began doing a lot of on-camera spots for ECTV, and started her own sports show, Talk of the Town Sports Edition.

Now, she has gone full time with the Communications Department for the

Mayor’s Office, and also does freelance sports work in her free time.

She covers Boston high school sports for Boston Neighborhood Network (BNN) and covers Northeastern University Men’s Basketball for NESN.

She credited Tom Philbin with teaching her how to approach the communications skills – writing press releases and getting the right information out to the public. All of those pursuits have her very busy, but there’s one more thing close to her heart that she also spends a lot of time doing.

That is coaching 8th grade girls’ basketball – something she fits in between her job and her broadcasting career. She said it has become something she has treasured as she builds relationships with the girls just like Coach Turner did with her so many years ago.

“For me, coaching is great – teaching the game,” she said. “However, I like to try to teach the girls through sports and basketball....I have told my story to the girls I coach right now. I always tell them if you want something, you have to create an opportunity, and maybe that means knocking on the right doors.”

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EVERETT CITY COUNCIL PROMOTES SERVICEMEN

By Laura Plummer

At its meeting on Monday, Jan. 27, the City Council promoted a handful of servicemen in the Everett Fire and Police Departments. City Council chambers were packed to capacity with friends, family and fellow servicemen to witness the event.

Acting Fire Chief Anthony Carli was promoted to the position of Fire Chief. Also in the Fire Department, Lt. Scott Dalrymple was promoted to the position of deputy chief, Lt. William Hurley was promoted to the position of captain, and Privates Michael Baldwin and Eric Keller were promoted to the position of lieutenant.

In the Police Department, Council appointed Officers Kenneth Kelley, Nicholas Cristiano and Paul Dusablon to the position of sergeant.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio swore in the gentlemen individually, who all pledged to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution and to serve the people of Everett. The Council then recessed briefly to allow the men to pose for photos.



City Clerk Sergio Cornelio (left) swears in Police Sergeants Kenneth Kelley and Sergeant Paul Dusablon.



City Clerk Sergio Cornelio (left) swears in Fire Lt. Michael Baldwin.



City Clerk Sergio Cornelio (left) swears in Deputy Fire Chief Scott Dalrymple.



City Clerk Sergio Cornelio (left) swears in Fire Captain Will Hurley.



Sergeant Dusablon poses for a picture with Chief Mazzie, Mayor DeMaria and his family.



Lt. Keller poses for a picture with Mayor DeMaria, Chief Carli and his family.



Lt. Baldwin poses with a picture with Chief Carli, Mayor DeMaria and his family.



Captain Hurley poses for a picture with Mayor DeMaria, Chief Carli and his family.



Sergeant Kelley poses for a picture with his family, Mayor DeMaria and Chief Mazzie.



Deputy Chief Scott Dalrymple and his family pose for a picture with Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Chief Tony Carli.

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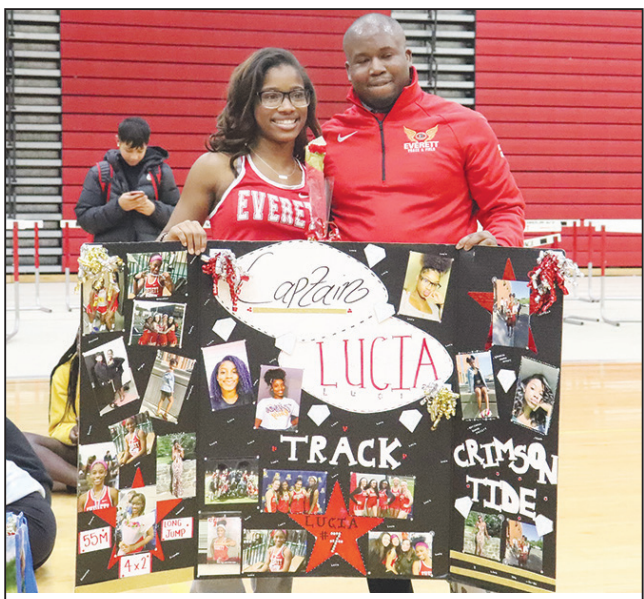
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EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL TRACK SENIOR NIGHT

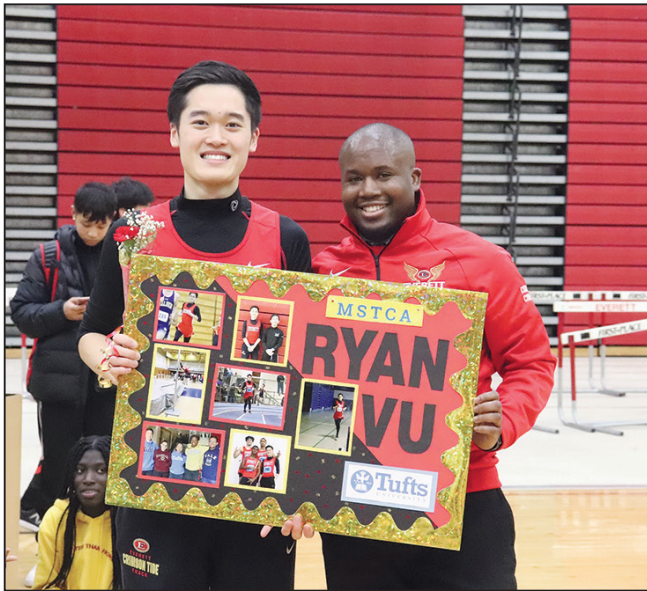
The Everett High School Track team held its annual senior night. Family and friends turned out to celebrate the a successful season by the seniors.



Captain Victoria Chaparro and her brother, fellow Captain Eduardo Chaparro, with coach Jehu Cimea.



Captain Lucia Seide with Coach Jehu Cimea.



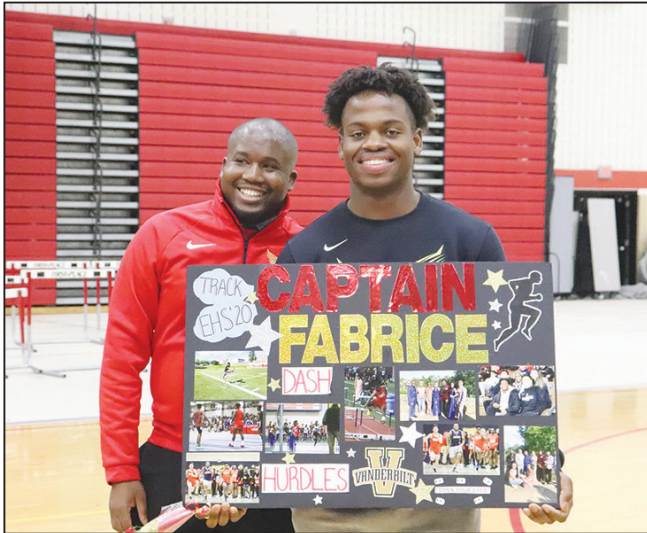
Captain Ryan Vu with Coach Jehu Cimea.



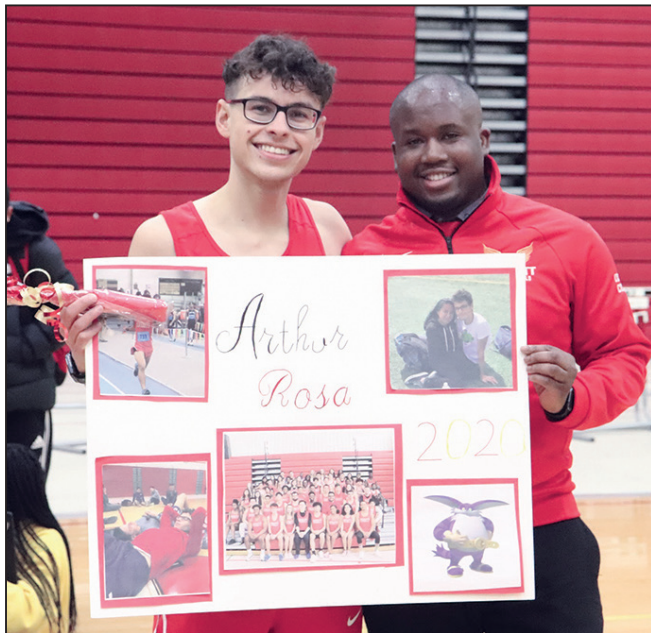
Captain Mac Shillingford with Coach Jehu Cimea.



Captain Eduardo Chaparro with his sister, fellow captain Victoria Chaparro, with Coach Jehu Cimea.



Captain Fabrice Jacques with Coach Jehu Cimea.



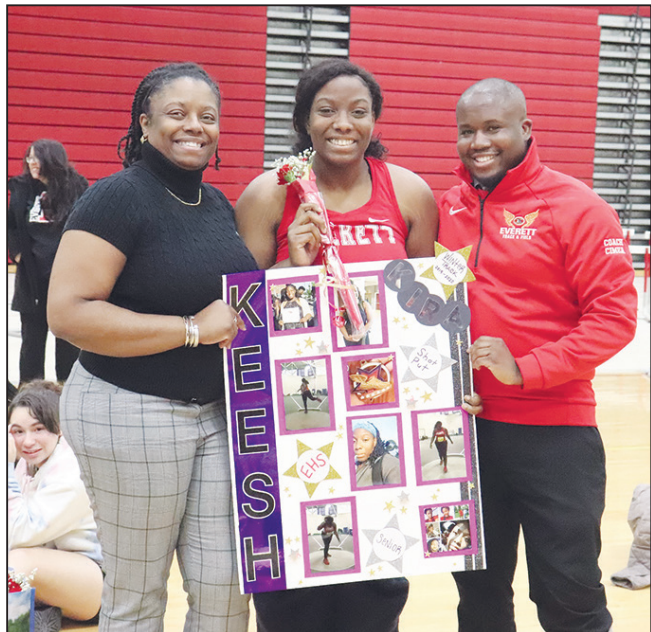
Captain Arthur Rosa with Coach Jehu Cimea.



Captain Lyanne Murphy and her parents with Coach Jehu Cimea.



Justin King and his brother Michel King with Coach Jehu Cimea.



Kira Gray and her mother with Coach Jehu Cimea.

GIRLS BASKETBALL QUALIFIES FOR TOURNEY

The Everett High girls basketball team punched their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney with a pair of victories this past week over Greater Boston League rivals Revere and Medford.

The triumphs improved the Lady Crimson Tide's record to 11-2 and assured them of a .500 record that is the minimum needed to qualify for the MIAA state basketball tournament.

In the 76-55 win over Revere, Everett led at all the junctures -- 16-12, 31-23, and 53-41 -- before blowing the game wide open in the final period.

EHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

“Our defensive intensity in the second half with our 1-3-1 zone is what boosted us into a big lead,” said EHS head coach Tammy Turner.

All of the members of the team broke into the scoring column, led by center Carolanne Cardinale with 15 points. Carolanne also pulled down 14 rebounds to record a nifty double-double for the evening.

Andrea Manley hit for 11 points and Sara Thompson reached double figures with 10. Stephanie Survita made a strong contribution with nine points, as did Maya Kirnon with eight points.

The quartet of Ariel Charles, Gianna Martin, Ashley Fitzgerald, and Kaylee Rossi all scored

four points.

“Kaylee is only a freshman, but she had a real break-out game for us,” noted Turner. “She really was a force in the second half, often driving to the basket and dishing off to open teammates.”

Rossi -- one of the smallest players on the floor -- snared 10 rebounds and dished out six assists in a fine all-around effort.

Veronica Bento chipped in with three points, Maddie Duraes scored two, and Jane Odiari sank a free throw to complete the EHS scoring chart.

The contest with Medford was a runaway from the outset. Everett held leads of 24-10 after one period and 40-16 at the half en

route to a 66-32 victory.

Kirnon hit for 12 points and Charles struck for 11 to lead the Lady Crimson Tide in the scoring department. Cardinale was all over the floor, scoring eight points, grabbing nine rebounds, and making six steals.

Turner and her crew, who now are 6-0 in the GBL and 11-2 overall, have a busy next 10 days. This week they were scheduled to face GBL foe Malden last night (Tuesday); to entertain Salem this evening (Wednesday) at 7:00; and to host Charlestown on Friday evening at 5:00.

Next week, the Lady Crimson Tide will meet Somerville on Tuesday in

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Sports

Seide, Jules sprint to GBL championships

Lucia Seide and Clarence Jules brought home Greater Boston League titles in the 55 meter dash at Sunday's GBL Championship Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

Seide out-sprinted the girls' competition in the final, as she has all season, in a clocking of 7.55 seconds. Lucia also topped the field in the preliminary round with a time of 7.52.

On the boys' side, Jules came in second in the prelims to a Somerville runner with a time of 6.74, but Clarence then showed championship form in the final with a clocking of 6.70 to claim the GBL crown, with the Somerville boy taking second.

Seide won her second first-place medal of the day as a member of the victorious 4 x 200 relay quartet that consisted of Seide, Victoria Chaparro, Dajana Tadic, and Rejeana Guillaume. Lucia then took a second-place in the long jump with a leap of 15'-5.75". Altogether, Seide was one of the top scorers among the entire competition, earning 20.5 points.

Kira Gray also earned a second-place medal for coach Jehu Cimea's squad with her shot-put throw of 28'-11".

Other Lady Crimson Tide who earned medals were Lyanne Murphy with a third-place finish in the hurdles in 10:52; Lakisha Kirnon with a fourth-place finish in the hurdles in 10:85; Lelsye Rojas Rujel with a sixth in the mile

in 7:07.30; Chaparro with a fifth in the 300 dash in 45.51; Ann Laurie Pierre with a fifth in the shot-put with her toss of 23'-4"; and Alyssa Hurley with a sixth-place shot-put throw of 22'-6.5."

For the boys, Brendon Previlon earned a third-place medal with a dash of 38.15 in the 300. Teammate

Mac Shillingford also won a medal in the 300 for his fifth place sprint of 38.41. Ryan Vu took fourth place in the long jump with a leap of 18'-4.5."

Arthur Rosa scored a sixth-place medal in the two-mile run in 12:05, as did Justin King in the 55 meter hurdles in 9.17.



The quartet of freshman Nyla Crowder, sophomore Tanashia Johnson, freshman Jessica DeSouza, and senior captain Lyanne Murphy captured fifth place in the 4 x 400 relay at Sunday's GBL Meet.



Senior captains Lucia Seide and Victoria Chaparro, junior Dajana Tadic, and sophomore Rejeana Guillaume won the 4 x 200 relay at the GBL Indoor Track and Field Championship Meet Sunday at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.



Lakisha Kirnon, the fourth-place finisher in the hurdles, and Lyanne Murphy, the third-place finisher in the hurdles, show their medals at Sunday's GBL championship meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.



Displaying their medals after Sunday's GBL championship meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center were Lakisha Kirnon, the fourth-place finisher in the hurdles; 55 meter girls and boys champions Lucia Seide and Clarence Jules; and Lyanne Murphy, the third-place finisher in the hurdles.



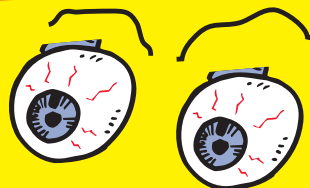
Members of the EHS girls and boys indoor track teams at the Reggie Lewis Center for Sunday's GBL Championship Meet.



Junior David Matthais, sophomore Brandon Ho, senior Justin King, freshman Carlos Perez, and freshman Jose Lemus show their medals after coming in fourth place in the 4 x 800 relay at the GBL Meet on Sunday.

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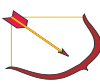
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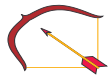
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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES LOCAL DEAN’S LIST STUDENTS

Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2019 Dean’s List students. In order to qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below “C,” have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of

12 credits for the semester. The following students have met these requirements: Omar Elhirach, Business Management, Gouddou Menel Lamadzema, Accounting, Endicott College offers doctorate, master’s, bachelor’s, and associate degree programs at its campus on the scenic coast of Beverly, Mass., with additional sites in Boston, online, and at U.S. and international locations. Endicott remains true to its founding principle of integrating professional

and liberal arts education with internship opportunities across disciplines. For more, visit endicott.edu.

GONZALEZ GARCIA NAMED TO EMERSON COLLEGE DEAN’S LIST FOR FALL 2019 SEMESTER

Victoria Gonzalez Garcia, a native of Everett, MA, has been named to the Emerson College Dean’s List for the Fall 2019 semester. Gonzalez Garcia is majoring in Journalism and is a member of the Class of 2020. The requirement to make Emerson’s Dean’s List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city’s Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-

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MCCARTHY NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST AT MOUNT ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY

Brenden McCarthy of Everett has earned Dean’s List honors for the Fall 2019 semester at Mount St. Mary’s University. Mount St. Mary’s University is a private, liberal arts, Catholic university in the Catocin Mountains near historic Emmitsburg, Maryland, with a satellite campus in Frederick, Maryland’s second largest city. The university offers more

than 70 majors, minors, concentrations and special programs for traditional undergraduate students, and more than 20 adult undergraduate and graduate level programs. The Mount includes Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, the second oldest in the United States, and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, an idyllic shrine for spiritual reflection located on the hill above the university.

BESSLER NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST FOR THE FALL 2019 SEMESTER AT QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

Erin Bessler of Everett was named to the dean’s list for the Fall 2019 semester at Quinnipiac University.

To qualify for the dean’s list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 7,000 full-time undergraduate and 3,000 graduate and part-time students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts and Sciences.

SMALL NAMED TO SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE DEAN’S LIST

Springfield College has named Kaya Small from Everett to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the fall 2019 term. Small is

studying Psychology. Criteria for selection to the dean’s list requires that the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester. Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanities philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

LOCAL STUDENTS ON UNH DEAN’S LIST

The following students have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2019 semester.

Marina Santos of Everett earning High Honors and majoring in Animal Science
Julia Passanisi of Everett earning Highest Honors and majoring in Health Management & Policy

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An application has been presented to the License Commission from **Stewarts Inc., 140 Jefferson Ave, for a Transfer of Stock and a Change of Manager to Anne Stewart.**
All interested parties are invited to attend.

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Annette DeBilio
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An application has been presented to the License Commission for the approval of a New Wine and Malt Beverage Club License for the **Bosna Club LLC, located at 36 Ferry Street, Everett, MA 02149.**
All interested parties are invited to attend.

Phil Antonelli,
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To Whom It May Concern:
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Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
Violations:
The existing building is non-conforming in that the front yard setback is 9.6 feet with the required setback to be 10 feet and the side yard setback of the left side of house is 3.5 feet with the required setback being 4 feet. Total side yard clearance is 15.3 feet with the required total side yard of 16 feet per Section 4 Dwelling Districts.
Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days from the date of this refusal to appeal this decision.
Mary Gerace - Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals

January 29, 2020
February 5, 2020

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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
484 BROADWAY, ROOM 26
EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS 02149
PHONE: 617-944-0211 FAX: 617-394-2433

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at Everett City Hall, 2nd Floor, in room 27. Opinions will be heard regarding the following application:
An application has been presented to the License Commission for the approval of a New Full Alcohol Restaurant License for **Nirani, Inc. D/B/A Zuzu Momo, located at 291 Main Street, Everett, MA 02149.**
All interested parties are invited to attend.

Phil Antonelli,
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Administrative Assistant
February 5, 2020

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BOARD OF APPEALS
484 Broadway
Everett, Massachusetts
02149
(617) 381-7445

To Whom It May Concern:
This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 904 (906) Broadway
Map/Lot: A0-02-000222
Person Requesting: Sculos & Santilli Insurance
906 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149
To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks a permit for the installation of free standing sign in the front yard of the property for the business located in the rear of the property.
Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
Violations:
As this Business/building is located in a Dwelling District these signs are not permitted per section 12A-53 quoted below:
Section 12A-53 Signs in Residential Districts
In any residential district as defined in the Everett Zoning Ordinance, there shall not be any sign except as follows:
(a) One sign, not exceeding two square feet in total area, attached to the building or on a rod or post not more than four feet high and at least three feet in from the street line, and stating only the street number and name of the occupant or occupants of the lot.
(b) One bulletin or announcement board, name-sign or entrance marker for each church or institution not exceeding twenty square feet in area, except that if the street frontage of such church or institution exceeds one hundred feet, one such sign for each hundred feet computed to the nearest hundred but in no event more than three such signs for each church or institution.
(c) One “For Sale” or “For Rent” sign, not exceeding eight square feet in area, advertising the property on which such sign is located.
(d) One building contractor’s or developer’s sign, not exceeding thirty-two square feet in total area, on a lot where a building is actually under construction.
(e) One sign not exceeding twenty square feet per entrance to a tract of land divided into building lots.
(f) One sign, accessory to a non-conforming use, which conforms to 15-53, provided however that the area of said sign does not exceed one-half of the area allowed in non-residential districts under said Section.

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An application has been presented to the License Commission for a Transfer of a Wine & Malt Package Store License from **Latika, LLC, DBA 7-Eleven, 511 Broadway to Leslie K, Inc. DBA 7-Eleven, 511 Broadway.**
All interested parties are invited to attend.

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February 5, 2020

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An application has been presented to the License Commission for the approval of a Transfer of a Full Alcohol License from **Clemente Pinto, D/B/A Braza Grill, 158 School Street to Braza Grill Corporation, 158 School Street, and a Change of Officers.**
All interested parties may attend.

Phil Antonelli
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February 5, 2020

SEN. ED MARKEY VISITS EVERETT’S HAITIAN CHURCH

Councilor at Large Gerly Adrien welcomed Sen. Ed Markey to Everett on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2. Senator Ed Markey spoke to a gathering at a Haitian Church on Revere Beach Parkway, sharing stories about his upbringing and answering questions.



Sen. Ed Markey talked to constituents in Everett.



Sen. Markey spoke to the congregation in Everett on Sunday.



Pastor Guival Mercedat welcomed Sen. Ed Markey to his church on Sunday.



Councilor at Large Gerly Adrien introduced Sen. Ed Markey.



The choir performed at the Sen. Markey speaking engagement.



Shelda Henrisme and Jon Shalens Pierre listened to Sen. Ed Markey speak on Sunday.



Sen. Ed Markey was joined by Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers, of the Everett Haitian Community Center.



Sen. Ed Markey received a warm welcome from the congregation on Sunday.

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OBITUARIES

Peter Escott

Retired Somerville teacher
and Civil War enthusiast

 Peter A. Escott of Everett entered into eternal rest on Monday, Feb. 3 in the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital after a very brief illness. He was 72 years old.

Born in Somerville, Peter lived in Everett for all of his married life.



He was a retired 35-year Somerville elementary school teacher. After retirement, Peter volunteered at the Medford Historical Society and also volunteered teaching the Medford school children about the Civil War, a field that Peter could tell you about without blinking an eye. He just enjoyed the Civil War, having read almost every book that was written. He also served in the Army National Guard.

He was a member of the Somerville Teachers' Union and Knights of Columbus.

The son of the late Francis and Henrietta Escott, he was the beloved husband of Janet M. (Cafasso) for over 47 years, dear and devoted father of Michael P. and his fiancé, Susan Clark of Chelsea and Peter F. of Everett; devoted brother of Francis Escott and his wife, Antoinette of Connecticut, Ann Escott of New Hampshire and the late Patricia

Escott; loving Papa of Duke P. Escott and dear brother-in-law of Frederick and Louise Cafasso of Everett. Peter is also survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Peter's visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main Street) Everett, Thursday, Feb. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. His funeral will be held from the funeral home on Friday at 9 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony's Church, 38 Oakes St., Everett, at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Contributions in Peter's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants on duty.

Leona 'Lee' Ferent
Of Everett

Leona B. "Lee" Ferent, 72, of Everett died on Jan. 29.

The beloved daughter of the late Alexander and Wilhelmina (Collins) Ferent, she was the loving sister of Geraldine Kaslauskas and the late Wilhelmina Lilley and Alexander Ferent. She is survived by her best friend and loving caregiver, Carmel Natale and many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Adelaide's Church in Peabody on Monday, Feb. 3. Interment was at Puritan Lawn Cemetery in Peabody. Donations



in Leona's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or All Care Hospice. For more information: 1-877-71-ROCCO or roccofuneralhomes.com.


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Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

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12:15 p.m. Spanish Community
4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Each Thursdays' adoration

will conclude the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend a few moments with Our Blessed Lord

Bring a Book-Buy a Book - We have a new Fundraiser Program in the back of the Church. It's called Bring a Book-Buy a Book. All books are a dollar and any money collected will go towards our Stain

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**Immaculate Conception
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Everett, Mass 02149
Phone 617-389-5660

Grace Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all.

There are 3 services on Sundays: 10am English, 1pm South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3pm Haitian Creole. We have Sunday

school during each service in the Children's Room. Coffee Hour starts after the 10am service in the Parish Hall (entrance on 11 Liberty St.)

Come all and let us walk together in this season of

hope, renewal and new beginnings.

**Grace Anglican
Episcopal Church**
67 Norwood Street,
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News and Notes

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Mystic Side
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Church

News and Notes

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

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BRIEFS

MYSTIC VALLEY ELDER SERVICES ELECTS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD

In late October, the Board of Directors of Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) re-elected three officers and elected one new officer including Dorothy Martin-Long of Everett to lead the company in the coming year. The Board also elected four new board members for FY20. The MVES Board of Directors is composed of 33 members all of whom represent the 11 communities that MVES serves. More than 50 percent of the board is age 60 or over and more than half are appointed by our area municipal Councils on Aging, ensuring that MVES is governed by the people that the agency serves.

“Mystic Valley Elder Services is fortunate to have dedicated community members who are willing and able to serve our agency,” said MVES Chief Executive Officer Daniel J. O’Leary. “The new officers, elected by their peers, will undoubtedly bring wisdom and energy to the agency and its initiatives.”

The following individuals were re-elected/elected officers at the fall Board of Directors meeting:

Kathleen Beaulieu of

Wakefield was re-elected President of the Board. Ms. Beaulieu has served on the Board of Directors at MVES since 2013 and was recently acting Vice President of the Board. She is a member of the Board’s Oversight, Executive, Nominating and Bylaws and Personnel Committees. Ms. Beaulieu retired after 31 years of employment with The Savings Bank of Wakefield where she held the position of Senior Vice President, Retail Lending. She is also affiliated with the Wakefield Senior Housing Corporation.

Attorney Neil Osborne of Medford Attorney Neil Osborne of Medford was re-elected Vice President. Attorney Osborne has served on the Board of Directors at MVES since 2009. He was recently Clerk of the Board and is a member of the Board’s Planning & Advocacy and Personnel Committees. Attorney Osborne, an active community advocate, has served as President of the Mystic Valley Area Branch NAACP, Vice President of West Medford Community Center and currently also serves as Vice President on the board of Medford Health Matters, and co-chair of North Shore Community Health Alliance CHNA -16.

Janice T. Houghton of Stoneham was re-elected

Treasurer. Ms. Houghton has served on the Board of Directors at MVES since 2009 and is a member of the Board’s Planning & Advocacy and Nominating & Bylaws Committees. She is currently Board Chair at StonehamBank. Ms. Houghton also serves as a member of the Winchester Hospital Board and is Chair of the Town of Stoneham Retirement Board.

Dorothy Martin-Long of Everett was elected Clerk. Ms. Long has served on the Board of Directors at Mystic Valley Elder Services since 2014 and has been acting Clerk of the Company as well as a member of the Board’s Personnel and Oversight/Planning Committees. Ms. Long is retired and served for 30 years as the District Manager of H&R Block. She is a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church where she teaches Sunday school and serves there as financial clerk.

The following individuals were elected new members of the board at the fall Board of Directors meeting:

Joseph Caira of Dracut is the Branch Manager at Brookline Bank in Malden. He also volunteers at Mystic Valley in our Money Management Program and a member of the Board’s Development Committee.

Stacey Minchello of South Boston is the Executive Director at the Melrose

Council on Aging. She is a member of the Board’s Finance Committee.

Anthonia Olatubosun of Malden is an Analyst at Santander Bank in Malden. She is a member of the Board’s Finance Committee.

Saritin Rizutto of Wakefield is the Vice President of Emerging Populations and Community Relations at Metro Credit Union in Chelsea. She is a member of the Board’s Finance Committee

MVES RAISES MORE THAN \$44K

More than 400 people came together on January 25 at Anthony’s of Malden to laugh for the good cause of helping older adults and adults living with disabilities live safely and independently at home at Mystic Valley Elder Services’ (MVES) 11th rendition of its comedy show Bellyful of Laughs. This year’s sold out event helped Mystic Valley raise more than \$44,000, making it the most successful Bellyful of Laughs ever!

Comedians Malden native Paul Gilligan, Jim Colliton and Dave Rattigan made people laugh and attendees enjoyed games, laughter, prizes, good food, old friends and new friends. Malden Mayor Gary Christenson warmed up the

crowd by welcoming them as he does every year.

Chief Executive Officer of MVES Daniel O’Leary thanked everyone for coming out and making it a great night. “It is wonderful to see our community come together to support such an important cause. Mystic Valley is lucky to have fantastic, supportive friends.”

Special thanks to ABC Home Healthcare Professionals for their lead sponsorship of this event, as well as our supporting sponsors Brookline Bank, Lindley Food Service, Melrose Bank Foundation and Natale Company & SafetyCare. Thanks also to the ongoing partnership and support of the members of the Zonta Club of Malden in making this event a success every year.

GALLEGO JOINS ED MARKEY CAMPAIGN AS FIELD ORGANIZER

Juan Gallego has joined Sen. Ed Markey’s campaign for re-election to the United States Senate as a Field Organizer. Juan has extensive campaign experience, having previously worked on the Committees to Elect Mayor Kimberley Driscoll, Michael Gatlin and Dama-li Vidot. He also interned at the Office of U.S. Sen. Markey and worked as a

Student Assistant for Distinguished Professor and former Massachusetts governor, Michael S. Dukakis at Northeastern University.

Juan is the Field Organizer for South End, Allston, Brighton, Fenway, Kenmore, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, Government Center, South Boston, Charlestown, East Boston, Chinatown, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop.

“Juan’s experience in government and politics, his drive to propel progressive policies forward, and his prior work for Ed Markey make him an important addition,” said Campaign Manager John Walsh. “His passion for grassroots campaigns is evident in his work and we are excited to have him join Team Markey.”

“I have always admired Senator Markey’s commitment to the fight against climate change. It is the most important issue to my generation and I am glad to be a part of a campaign that understands that now is the time to act,” said Gallego. “I am looking forward to making sure that the voters of Massachusetts organize for this progressive campaign.”

Juan is from Chelsea and has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science with a minor in Urban Studies from Northeastern University.

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a battle for first-place in the GBL. That contest is set for Everett High at 6:30. Everett prevailed in the teams’ first meeting by a slim margin of 43-40 and a victory will give Turner and her crew an undisputed GBL crown.

They then will host Arlington Catholic next Wednesday at 7 p.m. in a contest in which the Lady Crimson Tide will be seeking to avenge one of their two defeats this season.

EHS HOCKEY TEAM ON BRINK OF TOURNEY

The Everett High hockey team moved a point closer to qualifying for the post-season state tourna-

ment with a 0-0 tie with Revere this past Saturday evening at Allied Veterans Rink.

“It was a good game,” said EHS head coach Alex Naumann of the contest with the Patriots, who had defeated Everett by a score of 5-0 earlier in the season. “Our senior captain, D.J. Schovanec, had over 30 saves and faced at least two breakaways and two or three point-blank shots. Junior Aaron Hickey, a defenseman, carried the team with his strong play on the blue line.”

Naumann and his crew now stand at 9-4-1 on the season and need just one point in their final six games in order to punch

their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney.

The Crimson Tide are scheduled to make the long trek to Rockport’s home ice on Saturday. They will host Minuteman Regional next Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK FALLS JUST SHORT TO SOMERVILLE

The Everett high girls indoor track and field team came up just short in their final dual meet of the season, dropping a 43-38 decision to Somerville in a contest that was decided in the final event, the 4 x 400 relay.

Four members of the Lady Crimson Tide squad took first place in their individual events: Lyanne Murphy in the hurdles, Lucia Seide in the 50 dash; Kira Gray in the shot-put; and Victoria Chaparro in the 300 dash.

Earning three points for the Everett side of the scoresheet with second-place performances were: Lakisha Kirnon in the hurdles; Jessica Santos in the 50 dash; Ann Laurie Pierre in the shot-put; Eduarda Bernardo in the high jump; and Leah Quintanilla in the 1,000.

Bernardo also added a point to the Everett cause in the 600 dash with a third-place finish, as did Alyssa

Hurley in the shot-put and Leslye Rojas Rujel in the mile.

With the score deadlocked at 38-38 after all of the individual events, the outcome of the meet came down to the 4 x 400 relay. However, the Somerville team prevailed to take the final five points of the meet.

BOYS TRACK HAS STRONG PERFORMANCES

Although the Everett High boys indoor track & field team came up on the short end of a 55-31 decision to Somerville last week in the final dual meet of the season, a number of Crimson Tide turned in strong performances.

Justin King won the 50 yard hurdles in a time of 7.7 seconds and Brendon Previlon outsprinted the field in the 300 dash in 36.4.

Everett boys who earned three points for the Everett cause with second-place performances were: Elijah Auguste in the 50-yard dash; Jose Lemus in the mile; Arthur Rosa in the two-mile; Mario Portillo in the shot-put; and Mac Shillingford in the high jump.

Third-place finishers were: Samy LaMothe in the 50 yard dash; Zachary Sylvain LaMontagne in the shot-put; Shillingford in the 300 dash; Ryan Vu in the 600 dash and in the high jump; and Gabriel Loureiro in the 1,000.



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The World of Phunk

Briggs-Connor to direct her first hip-hop musical

By Cary Shuman

Everett dance complex Phunk Phenomenon’s Urban Dance Theater group is taking the leap so to speak on Saturday, Feb. 29, when it presents, ‘Phunk World,’ hip-hop musical, that will hit the stage at Boston’s renowned Strand Theatre.

Comprised of spoken word/poetry along with hip-hop dancing, ‘Phunk Word’ was written to creatively showcase – through hip-hop – a positive outlook on today’s world.

Phunk Phenomenon is led by Reia Briggs-Connor, a former New England Patriots cheerleader who has transformed her studio in to the “mecca of hip hop.” Connor described the upcoming performance of Phunk World as “a family-friendly musical.”

“We’ll showcase about 70 dancers, from ages 7 all the way through to adults,” said Briggs-Connor. “We’ll have spoken word, a little bit of rap, live music, live DJ – and it’s a positive outlook on hip-hop.”

Briggs-Connor, whose husband is Everett Police Officer Rick Connor, has built a national powerhouse at her Everett and Peabody dance studios. Her teams have won several national championships and competed for world titles. The L’il Phunk junior dance troupe delighted thousands of Celtics’ fans with its well-choreographed performances during home games at the TD Garden.

While dance has been Briggs-Connor’s forte, she stands ready to add musical director to her lengthy list of artistic endeavors and accomplishments.

“This has been a bucket-list item of mine, a lifelong dream to try to bring hip-hop



Reia Briggs-Connor of Phunk Phenomenon Dance Complex is pictured with her son, Aaron, outside the Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival in the Berkshires. Phunk Phenomenon will be staging a hip-hop musical on Feb. 29 at the Strand Theatre in Boston.

to Broadway, and this is the first step in that direction,” said Briggs-Connor.

The former Miss Chelsea pageant winner has enlisted several choreographers from Phunk Phenomenon to collaborate on her vision for the fast-paced, 90-minute show that has 11 different dance numbers. A question-and-answer session will follow the show.

If anyone can succeed as a creator of a hip-hop musical, it is Briggs-Connor, who has consistently exceeded expectations with her creativity, innovativeness, and work ethic. The Phunk Phenomenon Complex has attracted aspiring hip-hop dancers from throughout Boston and the North Shore who want to perfect their craft under Briggs-Connor’s tutelage and dream big.

The show will be a family affair for Rick and Reia as their multi-talented son, Aaron Connor, will perform as a member of the L’il Phunk

Dance Crew.

Briggs-Connor said she chose the Strand “for its history, as well as I performed there while in high school and had to prove myself. So I consider it the venue that gave me my start and I think it’s important to bring back our show to where Phunk Phenomenon first put its name on the map.”

The former Miss Chelsea pageant winner has been overseeing rehearsals at the Everett studio in anticipation of what should be a major event on the Boston music/dance scene and a likely sold-out show.

“I’m very excited and nervous at the same time,” said Briggs-Connor. “It’s a high-energy show that will inspire youths and adults.”

Tickets are available for ‘Phunk World’ through EventBrite.

(Information from a press release from Phunk Phenomenon was used in the compilation of this story).

RIBBON CUTTING

La Hacienda Restaurant opened for business last week, expanding from its popular location in East Boston to Everett. Owner Jose Callejas was congratulated by Mayor Carlo DeMaria and his administration during a ribbon cutting ceremony.



Mayor DeMaria presented La Hacienda’s owner, Jose Callejas with a citation.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Jose Callejas cut the ribbon at the Grand Opening of Everett’s newest restaurant, La Hacienda, located in Everett Square at the corner of Norwood Street and Broadway.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Lucy Pineda, Stephanie Martins, Chief Steven Mazzie and Kevin O’Donnell all attended the Grand Opening of Everett’s newest restaurant, La Hacienda, with owner Jose Callejas and his wife.

City of Everett celebrates Black History Month



Mayor Carlo DeMaria is proud to announce the City of Everett, the First Zion Church Ministries and the Everett Public Schools are hosting a series of events to celebrate Black History Month and to recognize the central role of Blacks in American History.

To kick off the celebration, Everett City Hall will open an Art Gallery, inspired by Langston Hughes’ The Negro Speaks of Rivers.

Throughout the month of February, the art gallery will showcase local and regional artists to commemorate and celebrate Black History Month.

The gallery will officially open on February 12th at 6:00pm in the City Hall lobby.

“What better way to celebrate black history than through art. The art gallery provides the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements of African-Americans who have led the fight towards equality in our communities,” said Mayor DeMaria. “I hope everyone will take time to visit this new addition to city hall and join all the other events that will be happening around our community.”

As part of the month long celebration, the First Zion Church Ministries is hosting a Black History Month church service and

dinner on January 23rd.




“Black History Month is a time to gather as a community to reflect, recognize, and honor the invaluable contributions of African-Americans. Without their courage and determination in the pursuit of opportunity, we would not have the chance to break bread together at the same table,” Bishop Robert G. Brown said.

Additionally, Mayor DeMaria will join the Empowering Young Black Excellence club from Everett High School to honor prominent Black Americans on February 26th.

EYBE is a newly established club by Everett High School students and Guidance Counselor Ms. Walls that strives to provide academic support, participate in community service projects, facilitate open discussions about ongoing social injustice, develop leadership skills, promote self-esteem, confidence, teamwork and respect especially for young students of color.


“We want to celebrate African-Americans who have shown dedication and success in the Everett Public Schools and are always giving back to the Everett community. Every year we hope to honor a member of the Everett Public Schools during the month of February,” Ms. Walls said.





Mayor Carlo DeMaria, the City of Everett, and Zion Church Ministries invite you to celebrate

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I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to sleep.
I looked upon the Nile and raised the pyramids above it.
I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln went down to New Orleans, and I’ve seen its muddy bosom turn all golden in the sunset.

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My soul has grown deep like the rivers.



- Langston Hughes

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