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On the front lines: Panarese starting to see good results

By Seth Daniel

As the patient was wheeled into the ICU Department at CHA Everett last week, she was clinging to health and positive for COVID-19 – struggling to breathe.

She needed to get on a ventilator quickly, and the medical team rushed into place with one of the machines as the woman’s breathing got more and more labored.

Ready to intubate her, Everett’s Allen Panarese paused as the woman looked up to him with worried eyes – clearly very sick and also very afraid she might never speak again.

She was afraid she would die, and Panarese – who is also a long-time School Committeeman in Everett – was her lone source of comfort at the moment as he also worked to save her life.

“One of my patients, before she was put on the machine, she looked at me and said, ‘Am I going to die?’” he told the Independent. “I looked at her and said, ‘Not today you’re not.’ She ended up actually being the first patient at the hospital to successfully come off the

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Ward 1 School Committeeman Allen Panarese has been known by many as a member of the Everett School Committee for several years. However, he has also been a respiratory therapist for 41 years, most of the time at CHA Everett. He has been on the front lines for the last eight weeks, and said he definitely is seeing a light at the end of the tunnel.



Workers at the Everett Shops have been busy supplying the entire MBTA workforce and system with hand sanitizer over the last month. When the MBTA had trouble getting sanitizer for its workers last month, they bought in bulk and employees at the Everett Shops have been re-using and re-filling small bottles in the effort. They have re-filled nearly 12,000 now.



Everett shops keeps MBTA system stocked with sanitizer

By Seth Daniel

When the MBTA faced the COVID-19 crisis, the first thing that had to be done was to provide employees with ways to protect themselves, including hand sanitizer.

However, in March, that was nearly impossible as there was a run on hand sanitizer and little to none could be found through the

traditional supply channels.

On Monday, MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak told the Fiscal Management Control Board (FMCB) they decided to bring the operation in-house at the Everett Shops on Lower Broadway. Not being able to get normal quantities, the MBTA ordered in bulk and took delivery of 12, 55-gallon drums of hand sanitizer one month ago.

Now, MBTA employees have formed their own distribution network.

“We have bulk sanitizer which we are refilling into bottles at our Everett Shops and distributing to our employees and at all the stations,” said Poftak. “We collect all the empty sanitizer bottles and bring them in and deliver them to

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Baker extends stay at home advisory, closure of non-essential businesses until May 18

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker on Tuesday afternoon extended the stay at home advisory and closure of non-essential businesses until May 18. The original order was set to expire on May 4.

Additionally, Baker extended the ban on gatherings of 10 or more people until May 18.

“I know pushing these dates back a couple of weeks is probably not what

many people want to hear,” Baker said at Tuesday’s press conference, but he said that there are “risks associated with going back too soon.”

He said that the measures the state has taken so far with the stay at home advisory and increased testing, among other things, have helped to flatten the curve in the Commonwealth. He added that while hospitalization rates have begun to plateau, they have not yet started to fall with the in-

tensity that would suggest a serious decrease in cases.

“We’re moving in the right direction with respect to the virus, but we are not where we need to be,” Baker said. “These mechanisms all need to remain in place.”

He thanked the people of Massachusetts for “playing their part” in limiting the spread of the virus. He said he recognizes how difficult the state’s decisions have been on people and fami-

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A little help

Everett Community Care Fund to distribute first checks Thursday

By Seth Daniel

The Everett Community Care Fund will hold its first distribution of funds to 100 families on Thursday – cutting checks to utility companies and phone companies for \$200 each to help those most affected by the pandemic.

The Fund launched late last week and is run in conjunction with the United Way, five community partners and the City of Everett.

On Thursday, Latinos United in Massachusetts (LUMA) will be giving out the checks to approved families – all of whom have to be Everett residents and

have been vetted by a committee.

“When we talked to people in the community, rent and bills are the big areas they need help now,” said Lucy Pineda, director of LUMA. “With food, there is a shortage now, but there are a lot of services already happening with different organizations in the city.”

With an application pool of 300, and \$20,000 to help 100 families, Pineda said they had to make careful decisions. All applicants had to fill out a form with basic information and also whether they are working

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College Bound?

Class of 2020 look past graduation, hopeful to be on campus in September

By Seth Daniel

Ahmed Alananzeh’s family had been waiting for graduation since coming to America – watching three previous children go through Everett High and all just missing the top spot.

This year, Alananzeh and his family were set to enjoy hearing him give the valedictorian speech at Everett Memorial Stadium – videotaping the speech and sending it viral to so many family and friends online. It was the moment they had all been waiting for, he said.

Now, it likely isn’t going to happen at all, and even more so, Alananzeh is more worried about being able to start college at Yale University on campus this fall – as he heard last week that the fall semester could be online.

“I think my family is more hurt than I am now,” said Alananzeh on Monday in a Zoom call with two other seniors. “I’m the fourth and youngest in the family and all of us graduated from Everett High. I was the first one to be valedictorian and now they don’t get to hear that valedictorian speech. That was going to be recorded and would have gone all over social media. This is why we came to the U.S. – so one of us could excel. They really wanted to have that moment, to see me give the speech and have my name called. I think it’s something they had hoped for over many years.”

Now that opportunity appears more and more like it won’t happen, and seniors

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On Monday, the Abbondanza family graciously donated prepared meals to each public safety building in the city, showing gratitude to those still working around the clock to keep us safe. Councilor Anthony DiPierro teamed up with Katrina Abbondanza to help deliver the meals to the Police, Fire and 911 Buildings. Abbondanza Ristorante is located on Main Street and is still serving up their classic Italian dishes through takeout and delivery service. Visit www.abbondanzaristorante.com to view their extensive menu of fine Italian dishes. Pictured here are Katrina Abbondanza, Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Adam Ragucci and Steve Schembri of the Fire Department.

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He said that the Pan-

Community non-profits could play a role in mental health restoration for Latino communities

By Seth Daniel

As the pandemic continues to rage within the communities of Everett, Chelsea and Revere, every day it becomes more apparent how much more the virus impacts communities of color than other racial groups.

This is particularly being shown to be true in the Latino community – whether it is documented or undocumented immigrants, and even those that are citizens.

One Mass General researcher told a teleconference sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation last week that now is the time for communities and medical providers to prepare for the psychological impacts on Latino families that will begin to show up in the coming months.

“We should be ready for the post-mental health challenges that will come after the virus, particularly in Latino families,” said Dr. Margarita Alegria, one of the country’s preeminent experts on racial and ethnic disparities and chief of the Disparities Research Unit at MGH. “There is

such psychological stress from foreclosure, job loss, sickness, and it brings on depression, anxiety and substance abuse. This psychological stress is higher on low-income people and intensifies their risk. We need to be prepared for all this, especially in vulnerable populations where they may have job loss and were already challenged economically...It would be tragedy to have another wave of death due to these disparities and we are not ready.

“There is a real opportunity to be ready and to serve Latino and minority families,” she continued.

While other communities of color, such as Black/African American populations have also suffered from COVID-19 disproportionately, Alegria said it was particularly the Latino community that is most at risk due to the fear and anxiety over losing housing, over immigration status and over the new public charge rules. The public charge rules are a branch of immigration law that began to be enforced again this year, and it prohibits legal immigrants from accessing

government benefits for a period of time – with grave consequences for their citizen sponsors if they do.

“What we have seen on the ground for undocumented families is that it’s even harder for them because they aren’t being recognized for receiving benefits from the government,” she said. “Families are very, very afraid to go forward, whether it is for reporting domestic violence or even going to medical facilities for testing because they feel information will be used against them for public charge or to deport them. People don’t want to talk about information or about being sick or giving information.”

She said there are also reports of landlords throwing undocumented families out if they think one or more of them has gotten sick with COVID-19, despite the many protections put in place by the courts and lawmakers.

All of that has primed the Latino community for severe mental health and anxiety challenges in the coming months – challenges that could exacerbate the current situation in large

immigrant communities like Everett, Chelsea and Revere.

Alegria said now is the time that the state and federal government should focus on non-profits in the communities – ones that those on the fringes or in Latino communities trust. It is there, in association with local health centers, that Alegria believes early and frequent mental health check-ups can ease the problem.

“Making money from federal stimulus packages to these community-based organizations is important and I would advocate doing that,” she said. “I would advocate training workers at these community-based organizations to offer mental health counseling under the supervision of clinicians and primary care providers. That could be the way to go. We have done this before when we used community-based organizations

in other situations. These are the places people trust and will turn to when they won’t go to a medical facility.”

She said the key would be accessing federal monies for such a program and making sure the proper training is put in place.

“These workers and staff members would be supervised and trained by clinicians,” she said. “It’s doable, but we need to make sure resources are going to these community-based organizations and make sure they are received for these services.”

These organizations in local communities could perform in-person visits – perhaps in association with a Food Pantry – or they could be trained to do tele-health appointments and check-ins. Many of these organizations, she said, have already been on the front lines of Latino communities and have

been helping residents with food, diapers and living expenses. They have built up tremendous trust, Alegria said, in a way that a health center or hospital has not. To tap into that trust to treat mental health in the coming months could be a tremendous help for adults and children in those communities who are going to suffer from the trauma of the last eight weeks.

If situations and symptoms are too difficult for simple counseling, the association with clinicians at a local health center could be used for support – as a referral where a trusted person relays the patient to a more qualified physician.

“We know we need to get them mental health supports early on,” said Alegria. “In past epidemics and recessions the people who do well have emergency mental health supports and ongoing maintenance afterward.”

DiDomenico and McGonagle announce virtual notarization

Senator Sal DiDomenico and Representative Joseph McGonagle recently announced that the Massachusetts Legislature passed legislation to authorize notary publics to perform notary actions using video conferencing during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

“My office heard from many constituents on this issue of remote notarization, and I am pleased that my colleagues in the Legislature and I were able to enact this change,” said Senator DiDomenico. “Industries across our Commonwealth are having to quickly adapt to these unprecedented times, and the Legislature is doing everything we can to identify these needs and make the necessary changes. Public health and safety must remain top priority, and this will help minimize risk for many people in need of this critical service and ease the burden on a crucial part of our economy.”

Said McGonagle, “With

so much technology at our disposal, it only makes sense that we take advantage of it to maintain normal life routines while keeping public health and safety at the forefront of our priorities. As this pandemic is ongoing, we must continue to find ways to modify work practices and push forward. Remote notarization will take the pressure off many who are dealing with major decisions during this time. I think leadership, especially Speaker DeLeo and Chair Michlewitz, have done a great job identifying and addressing the needs of the Commonwealth.”

The legislation applies requirements for authorized notary publics to use electronic video conferencing for documents requiring notarization including those related to a mortgage or other conveyance of title to real estate, will, nomination of guardian or conservator, caregiver authorization affidavit, trust, durable power of attorney, or health care proxy.

The legislation includes the following provisions, which will be in place until three business days after termination of the March 10, 2020 declaration of a State of Emergency:

- Authorizes a notary public appointed under the laws of the Commonwealth to perform an acknowledgement, affirmation or other notarial act using video conferencing in real time;
- Makes valid notarial acts using video conferencing when the notary public and each principal are physically located within the Commonwealth as well as other provisions;
- Requires notaries to record the video conference and retain a copy of the conference; and related documentation for 10 years.

The bill, which is the latest action by the Legislature to address the COVID-19 public health crisis and its effects on Massachusetts, has been sent to the Governor’s desk.

MassDOT schedules tunnel lighting maintenance in Ted Williams Tunnel

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that there will be reduced lighting in the Ted Williams Tunnel (TWT) eastbound and westbound in Boston. This essential work began on Sunday, April 26, at 11 p.m., and will continue through to Saturday, May 2, at 11 p.m. This is critical lighting maintenance in

preparation of an extensive lighting replacement to begin later this month.

Lights in the left lane, eastbound and westbound, will be turned off during this time frame. Lighting in the right lanes will function as usual. Drivers are advised to keep lights on for safety.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details,

and advanced message boards will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

Drivers who are traveling through the area should use caution.

All scheduled work may be impacted due to an emergency or other unplanned situations.

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machine and I’m so happy for that. We found out a few other patients have also been able to stop the machine. There is a light at the end of the tunnel.”

Many in Everett will know Panarese from the Everett School Committee, where he commonly sits around the semi-circle with other members debating school policy and discussing budget expenditures. He has been there for some time, but not nearly as long as he has worked as a respiratory therapist at CHA Everett – formerly the Whidden Hospital. Panarese has worked 41 years as a respiratory therapist, most of them at the CHA Everett hospital. He has been on the front lines at the hospital for weeks now – working days at a time in between short breaks at home.

“It’s just non-stop,” he said. “What the news says how bad it is, it’s that and then some. You get waves of patients with it. Things can be slower and then it just comes in waves. It’s weighing the staff down, but you keep going because you have to. It’s draining and you’re tired, but it’s your job and you do it... This week, we’re starting to see a little slowdown and that’s great. We’re at the peak now and hopefully it will start to go down...It’s a lot of long hours and it’s not just physically exhausting, it’s emotionally exhausting too.”

Panarese got interested in the health industry as a young man, and pursued science out of high school many years ago. While studying at Bunker Hill Community College, he had a friend who was a respiratory therapist and it

fascinated him. Watching him work all over the hospital – whether in the ER, the ICU or on the regular floor – he was convinced that was what he wanted to do as a profession. Soon after, he had finished his studies and got a job at the Whidden Hospital. After a few stints at hospitals in Boston, he returned to CHA Everett 17 years ago – and has spent a majority of his 41-year-career working on hospital hill in Everett.

For COVID-19, it’s something that in all those years he’s never encountered. That goes for pretty much everyone else too, he said.

“This virus is like nothing we’ve ever seen before,” he said. “It’s just terrible. It’s certainly nothing like I’ve ever seen in the past. It’s a hard virus to beat. It’s concerning to see people who don’t take it seriously; they don’t want to get this. It has no discrimination in any way, and age doesn’t matter. We’re seeing kids there in their 20s and 30s and we see 50 year old’s too. You have to be very cautious with this.”

Most of the patients Panarese said he sees have been sick two or three weeks, some of them on a ventilator for that long. The CHA Everett can handle about 10 to 12 patients on ventilators at a time, he said. If things get pushed beyond that, they have been able to transfer patients to hospitals in Boston with more capacity. That has been very helpful, as the Everett hospital is a magnet for communities all over the area – including Everett, Chelsea, Malden and others. It has certainly, he said, been the


busiest hospital on this side of the Mystic/Tobin Bridge.

Right now, Panarese said he has been working 12-hour stints on the overnight shift. Often times, they have been so busy at the shift change that he has opted to stay on for another two hours. It’s a pace that – even though the hospital took the virus very seriously – they could not have predicted.

“I don’t think any of us thought it would be like this,” he said. “We knew it would be very serious, but it’s kind of over the top. All the staff, from doctors to nurses, to the respiratory therapists and the cleaning crews – everyone has stepped up and doing the best they can. For the size we are – a little hospital – we’re doing a great job.”

At the moment, Panarese said there is very little thought in the medical community about “going back” and he said there likely isn’t going to be the kind of normal people once knew only a few months ago. There will be changes, he said, and he said some of them could be for the best.

“People have to understand they have to pay attention to the restrictions and to social distance,” he said. “They can’t go back to what they did in large groups. It’s going to change everything. I think people will appreciate life a little more. People are together more now and doing things together as a family without staring at a phone screen. Hopefully, we’ll see the end of this and people can go back to a semi-normal life, and we’ll will be closer as families and as a community.”



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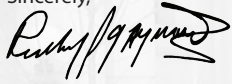
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ALLOWING THE STATES TO GO BANKRUPT IS A REALLY BAD IDEA

One of the most glaring shortcomings thus far of the stimulus and disaster packages that have been passed by Congress in response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been the failure to provide assistance to the states.

Every state in the nation is seeing its revenues plummet to never-before-experienced depths. However, of the trillions of dollars thus far appropriated by Congress, there is barely a penny for state government operations -- and by extension, municipalities -- which are carrying the battle against the pandemic on the front lines.

The states thus are caught in an ever-tightening vise of plunging tax revenues on the one hand and skyrocketing costs on the other.

Despite the obvious squeeze on state budgets, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell last week commented, in response to a question about whether the Congress soon would be aiding the states, that he believed it would be preferable for states and municipalities to declare bankruptcy than for the federal government to provide needed funding to close their budget gaps.

It is hard to fathom why somebody of McConnell's stature would make such a statement, other than to give voice to the general Republican creed that disdains government operations at all levels. In particular, the GOP has immense dislike for what it considers to be overly-generous pension plans for state and municipal union employees.

However, the reason why states are in such desperate fiscal trouble these days has nothing to do with their pension or budget policies, but specifically is linked to the coronavirus, which has had a devastating financial impact on every facet of commerce, including state budgets.

Questions regarding the pension plans of the states as a contributor to their overall fiscal soundness certainly can be debated, but this is not the time to do so amidst this unprecedented crisis.

State and municipal governments across the country provide the first line of response for every American in protecting our health and welfare, so it makes no sense to allow states and municipalities to fail in this mission at this critical juncture amidst a pandemic that threatens to extend for many months.

In addition, without funding from the federal government, state and local governments will be forced to make layoffs of police, firefighters, teachers, and others in order to balance their budgets, a situation that will exacerbate even further the national unemployment rate.

Finally, the effect on the bond market from a plethora of state and municipal bankruptcies could have far-reaching and long-lasting negative effects for the country and the economy.

In short, there is nothing good that can come out of state and municipal bankruptcies at this time; but there is a lot that is bad.

Mitch McConnell's opinions are a grotesque perversion of responsible government. Hopefully, the rest of the Congress will not go along with his extreme and destructive ideas.

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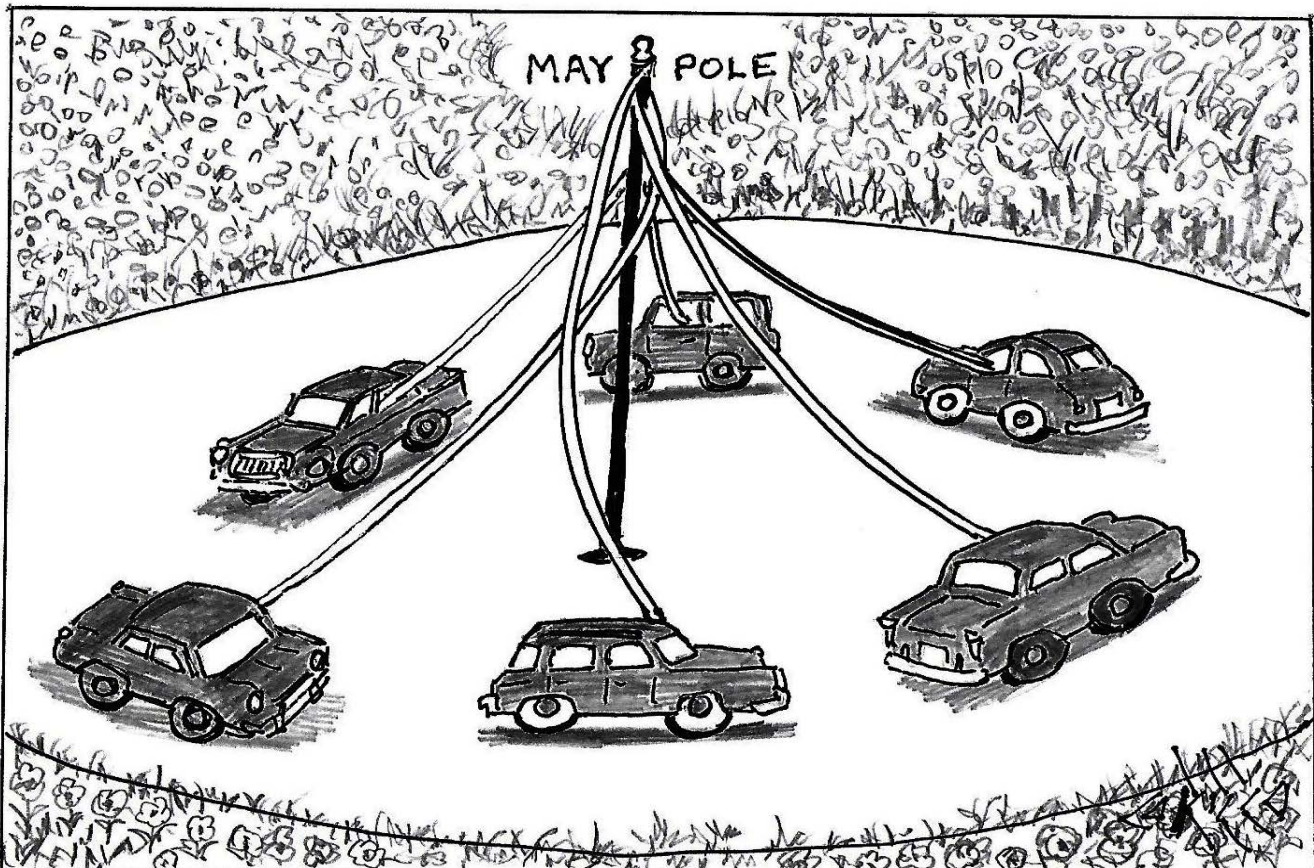
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GUEST OP-ED

Fighting for the frontline

By Maura Healey

More than 300,000 health care workers and first responders in Massachusetts have stepped up to the frontlines in the battle against COVID-19. They suit up in scrubs or uniforms, leave the comfort of their homes, and put their lives at risk to keep us, our families, friends, and neighbors safe. We have an obligation to do everything we can to make sure they have access to the support they need during a time when they are sacrificing so much. That's why my office has launched FrontlineMA.org—a one-stop shop for frontline workers to get the information on resources they need during this crisis.

From Pittsfield to Provincetown, and from Newburyport to New Bedford, our frontline workers are putting in countless hours to combat this pandemic. Thankfully, many businesses, state agencies, and individuals have stepped up to

help provide housing, personal protective equipment (PPE), and meals to make lives easier for them. This website provides a centralized place to get information on those resources.

For health care workers who may be exposed and can't be with their families, we've compiled resources for alternative housing so they can have a place to stay and minimize the risks for their families in case they become infected.

For parents who are working essential jobs and are struggling to find a safe place for their kids, we've put everything in one place to ensure they can continue to access childcare.

And to protect our heroes and honor people like Officer Jose Fontanez, who lost his life to COVID-19 while keeping our communities safe, we're working with stakeholders to secure PPE. I encourage health care facilities and providers, police and fire departments, and state and county agencies to consult the resources

we've put together to get first responders and frontline workers the protective gear and information they need.

We've also compiled details on priority testing sites, tips for self-care, guidance on self-isolation and quarantine, and a list of free and discounted meals so that our health care workers, first responders, and their families can stay informed, safe, and healthy.

In addition to providing frontline workers with essential information, we want to make sure they know how much our communities appreciate and support them. That's why we created a Hero Wall where people can post pictures and send messages to thank our heroes and our frontline workers can share their own messages. I encourage everyone to post pictures of their sidewalk chalk or window art, or just a kind note, to say thank you to our nurses, doctors, healthcare workers and first responders. Throughout the

site, you'll see opportunities to chip in, by providing a meal or two, providing a safe place for workers to stay in between shifts, volunteering, or donating PPE.

Just like all of us, I'm thankful for our frontline workers who bravely show up and risk their lives every day to combat this pandemic and keep us safe.

We're grateful for our partners at HubSpot and IDEO who helped make this website possible, and for the invaluable input from healthcare providers and police and fire associations in making sure this website is the most effective for our frontline. We'll continue to update it as new information becomes available.

To our frontline workers, please use FrontlineMA.org as a resource during this battle. And to everyone else, stay home, stay safe, and thank a hero.

Maura Healey is the Attorney General of Massachusetts.

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Science Matters

By Jack Clarke

Either science matters or it doesn't. Policy makers can't have it both ways and selectively apply it only when it advances a political agenda.

Science should inform and drive public policy not the other way around - this is especially true when it comes to the health of the American people.

In the case of the coronavirus pandemic and the climate change crisis, nowhere is the advancement of science more important. Lives depend on its accuracy, use and availability.

According to NASA scientists, 97 percent or more of published climate scientists agree that climate-warming trends over the past century are "likely due to human activities." Yet the President calls it a hoax and, along with many in Congress, refuses to believe the science. On the national level, denying what science teaches us about the short and long-term consequences of climate change will have dire consequences for this and future generations.

Scientists from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) tell

us that failure to take the climate emergency seriously now will result in lives lost as sea level rise accelerates, storms get stronger, droughts and fires increase, and the days get hotter. This fact is also acknowledged by scientists in many other federal agencies, including the Defense Department.

While America and the world grapples with the coronavirus, climate scientists and health experts forecast threats from additional infectious diseases spurred on by rising temperatures.

Mosquito-driven illnesses like dengue fever, West Nile, and Zika will become more common this century, they warn us, as the insects that transmit them expand their habitat range.

The World Health Organization (WHO) predicts that between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause approximately a-quarter-million additional deaths per year world-wide from malnutrition, malaria, diarrhea and heat stress. And, as we are seeing from the coronavirus, no one is immune from illnesses once thought of as exotic.

With the prospect of

those diseases appearing in the US, we need to start addressing the public health emergency of climate change and limit the spread of these afflictions - and we're not.

Dr. Kristie Ebi, a climate and public health scientist at the University of Washington and an IPCC contributor says she's "worried we're not prepared" - She's not the only one.

"The Lancet," a journal that "make(s) science widely available so that medicine can serve, and transform society," recently launched its "Countdown" project to provide an independent, global scientific monitoring system tracking the health dimensions of climate change. It views climate change as this century's "biggest public health threat."

As with the coronavirus, we are all vulnerable to the public health impacts of climate change. Some, however, are more vulnerable than others and minority communities, pregnant women, children and the elderly will suffer disproportionately.

Unfortunately, as with climate change, the White House disregarded the science of medical experts

from at home and around the world who predicted the current pandemic and it wasted January and February playing down the threat from the new virus.

Like the science of climate change, the President called the pandemic a political hoax, even though medical science informed the WHO's decision to declare the outbreak a global public health emergency at the end of January. The White House was informed of its potential consequences on January 5th.

Now, America's confirmed cases of Covid-19 are unnecessarily the highest in the world with nearly 800,000 infected and 42,500 dead - thousands of which could likely have been prevented if the science was taken seriously.

The World Economic Forum recently recognized the relationship between the climate change crisis and coronavirus and reported that a "global-to-local response and long-term thinking" is needed with responses guided by science and "the political will to make fundamental changes when faced with (these) risks."

Initial online ZBA meeting features lots of participation, first official vote

By Seth Daniel

It didn't come without some hiccups, but the first Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting was deemed a success last Tuesday night, April 21, with the City's first official online approval of a project taking place.

The ZBA had a full quorum of members in a City-organized Zoom meeting that was accessible on several formats and by phone.

The meeting began rather smoothly, with new Chair Mary Gerace taking charge of the meeting with several members online and ready to participate.

The first matter on the docket was the request from Luis Flores to locate an auto repair shop at 357 Third St., which is a scrap yard now and is in the newly-zoned Commercial Triangle District.

Flores explained he had an existing five-year lease with the owner to operate the new repair and auto body shop, a lease that began before COVID-19 and has languished as the City and other bodies have tried to get up and running with meetings. He explained that he used to have a shop in Medford, and it had a great clientele. Then, he moved some time ago to Plaistow, NH, but his clients didn't follow – hurting the business. Coming back to the area in Everett will jumpstart the business, he said.

Most of the members saw no problem with it, and neither did any City officials who were involved in the online meeting.

It was approved by a vote of 5-0 – the City's first online approval of the COVID-19 era.

However, there was an immediate problem as Councilor Michael McLaughlin had wanted to read a statement from about

ters against the plan, and he had his own concerns. McLaughlin was not able to get online to the meeting in time to register those concerns prior to the vote. Apparently, there had been two access links and phone numbers given out – with several elected officials getting the wrong number.

Later, McLaughlin said he had concerns with the placement of an auto shop in the new Commercial Triangle zoning district. That district was meant to showcase new residential, office and research development and to discourage auto repair and scrap yards, McLaughlin said.

His objection and the incorrect log-in information led to a great deal of legal difficulties, with Attorney Robin Stein of KP Law advising the members of the implications of voting a matter if everyone wasn't able to access the public meeting.

A recess in the meeting then proceeded for more than 10 minutes as they discussed the "new" problem. It was decided in the end that the issue was not enough to rescind the vote and call off the meeting – which was a possibility that was discussed during the recess.

The next matter for the board's attention was Oliveira's Restaurant owner Wilson Rangel, of Saugus, who was petitioning to make a 3-family into a 4-family at 810 Broadway. Currently, an insurance office has occupied a first-floor space, and Rangel hoped to convert it into a fourth living unit.

He said he plans to have his employees from the restaurant live there after doing some construction on the property – which has only one existing lease.

Members requested that he restrict residential parking permits on the property,

which he agreed to do.

It was approved 5-0.

A petition for 15-17 Argyle St. was continued when members of the ZBA told Attorney Anthony Rossi that they had issues with the parking plans for the conversion of the property from a two-family to a three-family. Constantino Pannullo and family, who live outside of Everett in Revere and Medford, had suggested a parking plan in the back with new spaces added to an existing lot.

Members Michael Dantone and Gerace had issues with the layout.

"I went down there and I can't see how it will work," said Dantone. "It's a mess down there. I see trouble all over this plan. I have great concerns."

Said Gerace, "I'm also very concerned about them getting out. It's very tight and a family neighborhood. I don't see how it will work."

The matter was unanimously tabled until the May 4 meeting, with Attorney Rossi committing to revamp the parking.

A plan put forth by the DiCarlo family for a property they bought at 83-85 Linden St. last year was approved, but only after extensive conversation about not allowing residential parking stickers.

Nadia DiCarlo explained their family has several properties in Everett and are conscientious landlords in the city. They purchased the property almost one year ago only to discover that the eight-unit building was actually a six-unit building on paper. The two units that existed in the basement for 40 years were never legally registered.

"Nothing is changing here," said DiCarlo. "We only want to affirm what we're being taxed as – which is an eight family."

There are eight parking



Wearing masks for safety, the DiCarlo family discussed their proposed conversion of a property on Linden Street with the ZBA. It was approved after discussions about parking permits.

spots for the eight units, and as has become standard, the ZBA asked that as a condition, no more parking sticker permits would be allowed at the building. That was a stumbling block for about 20 minutes for the owners, who hadn't heard of that condition being put on most applications.

In the end, they agreed to it.

The conversion was allowed by a vote of 5-0.

Two items were also tabled at the meeting until a later date:

Rex-E, LLC wishes to convert the former Little Caesar's pizza store on Broadway at the City Line into a nine-unit, three story residential building. The matter is still being discussed at the Planning Board and was tabled at the ZBA.

A move by Eduardo Matosinho to build a second structure on the lot at 28-30 Carlson St. was tabled. Currently, a two-family home exists on the 5,814 sq. ft. lot and he would like to build another residence on the lot as well. It was tabled until the next meeting.



ZBA Chair Mary Gerace convenes the first online ZBA meeting on April 21. After an initial hiccup, the meeting ran smoothly and contained three votes of the Board.



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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

28 EVERETT STUDENTS RECEIVE THIRD-QUARTER HONORS AT MYSTIC VALLEY REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School recently released its third quarter Honor Roll for the 2019-2020 academic year. All in all 334 MVRCS students in grades 7-12 achieved either High Honor Roll or Honor Roll Recognition. 28 young men and women hailing from Everett were part of the list. To be on the Honor Roll a student needs to finish the quarter with no grade lower than a B-, to be on the High Honor Roll a student needs to finish the quarter with no grade lower than an A-.

Since its inception in

1998, Mystic Valley Regional Charter School has educated students from the communities of Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield. The school has nearly 1,600 students in grades K-12 and strives tirelessly to deliver a world-class education characterized by a well-mannered, disciplined and structured academic climate. Located in Malden, MVCRS has an extensive character education program as well for students in all grades, incorporating core values and fundamentals ideals of American Culture embodied in the Declaration of Independence and United States Constitution.

Honor Roll Students From Everett

High Honor Roll

Grade 11: Rachel Silva,

Crystal Truong.

Grade 10: Darnelle Felisier.

Grade 8: Eva Boudreau, Esther Souza, Niamh Stewart, Eva Truong.

Grade 7: Lily Van Campen, Lucas Santos.

Honor Roll

Grade 12: Alexis Martin, David Nguyen.

Grade 11: Frances Chaigne, Bryant Nguyen, Marina Silva.

Grade 10: Amine Jamoug, Brandon Paris, Ayman Ramzy.

Grade 9: Sophia Blandino, Amira Harda.

Grade 7: Kiara Capalino, Victor De Douza, Lucas Freitas, Emerson Lyons, Corey Meady, Keira Michenzie, Vy Nguyen, Sharise Scioletti, Joseph Volpicelli.

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"The Nation" magazine recently referred to the pandemic as a "dress rehearsal" for what we can expect with the impending impacts of climate change.

Climate author David Wallace-Wells calls it a "sobering preview" of what is to come if we continue to

ignore the science of climate change.

Whatever it is, we're not prepared for it.

Believing or not believing the science can be a life or death situation, as we see now. We ignore and downplay its legitimacy and conclusions, at our own and our

children's peril.

When it comes to climate change and the public's health, it's time to act.

Jack Clarke is the director of public policy and government relations at Mass Audubon.

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CHA launches COVID-19 testing for Everett residents at Malden Care Center

Staff Report

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) on Tuesday afternoon announced that, beginning Wednesday, April 29, COVID-19 testing will be available to existing CHA patients and members of the community via a stand-alone testing center at the CHA Malden Care Center (195 Canal Street, Malden).

Everett and Malden residents 8 years of age and older are welcome, regardless of insurance or immigration status. Individuals MUST CALL to set up an appointment using a new hotline number at 617-665-2928.

"Providing a stand-alone testing location in Malden supports multiple public health goals: increased ease of testing, limiting risk of incidental infection and preserving hospital resources for the sickest patients," said Assaad Sayah, MD,

Cambridge Health Alliance CEO. "We appreciate the support of Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Malden Mayor Gary Christenson during this crisis and look forward to working with them to prevent the spread of this virus."

Said Mayor DeMaria, "A testing facility dedicated to Everett residents will allow our community to test more individuals, and, in turn, slow the spread of the virus."

Results will be available in five days after people are tested. Each community's Department of Public Health will contact people with the results.

Everett residents will receive a call from the Everett Health Department with results. Call 617-394-2257 with any questions.

Below is key information about the service:

•Appointments are required. Everett and Malden residents should call 617-665-2928 to get an ap-

pointment. The Call Center is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

•CHA patients with symptoms should call their primary care provider to schedule a test referral.

•Testing is provided Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•Testing is available both as a drive-thru service and for bicyclists and people who arrive on foot.


•Testing will be conducted in a tent located at the CHA Malden Care Center (195 Canal Street).

•There is no charge. People will be asked for insurance information, but it is not required.

•Results will be available within 5 days after people are tested.

CHA is monitoring the situation and will make changes as circumstances evolve. Visit www.challiance.org to learn more and get updated information.


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Online schooling plan being worked out this week; school meal site back in service

By Seth Daniel

The Everett Public Schools (EPS) has been working diligently this week to work towards unveiling a full distance learning plan for the district to finish out the current school term, and said they hope to have that plan available by the end of the week.

Many parents over the April Break last week have been looking for clarity as to how the district would move forward with online schooling since Gov. Charlie Baker’s announcement

last week closing all schools for in-person classes.

Supt. Priya Tahiliani said they had been working on two types of plans, one that would have made allowances for returning to school and another that would have carried on to the end of the school term.

With the governor’s announcement, the latter was fully in play. Last Friday, the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released guidance to all districts in the state about how to construct those learning plans, and this week the EPS has

been fully involved in making those plans.

“We are working diligently to provide the answers and clarity that students and families seek,” said Tahiliani. “In the past few days, DESE put out new recommendations for remote learning models that can best support our students through this extending their recommendations into joint guidance from the Everett Public Schools and the Everett Teachers Association that will be coming out by the end of this week.”

Plans for the new system of education through the end of the year will be available for every grade level, as well as special education and English Learners. Many of the students have already been learning online for more than one month, in what many are referring to as Phase 1 of the move to remote learning and instruction.

•Lunch Distributions On A New Schedule

This week, the food distribution program at Everett High and the Whittier School resumed after a two-week hiatus instituted by

City government. However, now the meals program will take on a new schedule.

Starting on Tuesday, April 28, the Meals-To-Go program began operating from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the two locations. That will continue two days per week from here on out. The days for distribution will now be Tuesdays and Fridays. Students at either location can receive multiple meals for the week, as well as printed learning packets. Th district noted that the printed materials are the same materials that are found on the EPS website, and If possible,

they requested students access these materials online so they can avoid large crowds at the lunch sites.

•Chromebook home deliveries resume

For those who have rescheduled Chromebook deliveries, the district asks that people are home and readily available by phone at the designated time to receive the Chromebook.

If students have not yet scheduled a Chromebook delivery, please check the EPS website regularly as they will be posting additional time slots for delivery requests.

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the Everett Shops – where they are disinfected, refilled and brought back to distributed back to the workforce again.”

The system has been a game-changer and has provided plenty of sanitizer to the drivers and employees on the front lines helping people get back and forth to work during the pandemic – particularly those heading to work in health care jobs.

Officials said employees at the Everett Shops fill bottles ranging from 1 oz. to 4 oz. and to 6 oz. sizes. After disinfecting and refilling, they are labeled and sent back out.

So far, they have circulated 11,800 bottles from the Everett facility.

•RIDERSHIP DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY

Poftak said they are still maintaining a reduced service level on the T, but have seen ridership plummet – and there are budgetary implications to that which will have to be hammered out in working sessions throughout May prior to the submission of the MBTA Budget in late May.

“In general, we’re main-

taining the level of service we’ve provided the last two weeks, which is a modified Saturday schedule,” he said. “We’re seeing 20 percent of our typical ridership on the bus and 8 percent of our typical ridership on the subway. The Blue Line is the one outlier on subway service is at 13 percent of its typical ridership...Many of the individuals still using the services are health care workers and health care professionals so the T is providing a critical service despite the lower numbers.”

At this point, they are providing about 85,000 trips per day on the bus and about 40,000 trips per day on the subway.

The MBTA has received approximately \$827 million through the CARES Act to help them close the gaps in dropped ridership now and into the future. MBTA officials said they would need to use about \$217 million of that right now to close the budget gaps for loss in revenues, but the number continues to grow and they must be prepared to have that funding on hand for the next fiscal year as well

– when ridership could continue to drop off.

MassDOT Secretary Stephanie Pollack said the MBTA budget will need to be something that is more of a moving target than most budgets from past years. With so much up in the air, it will need to be “reassessed and changed over time,” she said.

Chair Joe Aiello said trying to pin down budget numbers now is very difficult given the uncertain times. He said it is important to remain flexible and ready to go if demand jumps. However, he said they need to be prepared if things don’t bounce back to previous ridership levels.

“This is a little like throwing darts after your third beer,” he said.

“In the end, it will be a decision made by others about the economy,” he said. “Things could change on a moment’s notice. There could be something happen on a Thursday or Friday and on Monday there is a huge demand for our services. We need to maintain operational flexibility and quick response flexibility. I’m

less concerned in trying to get the numbers right. You have to think about being flexible to get through what is a very time with the virus and the economy.”

•COVID-19 IN THE WORKFORCE

As far as their own workforce goes, out of about 6,400 employees, there are 83 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Some 31 of those T workers have recovered and are cleared to go back to work. One worker, however, has passed away from the virus.

MBTA management has developed a five-tiered approach to testing among the workforce, with workers having the ability to be tested with other first responders at the state’s facility outside Gillette Stadium in Foxboro.

If a worker has been potentially exposed to a positive case, they are notified and told to watch for symptoms. The same system is also being used for contractors, like the Keolis commuter rail.

•CROWDING ON THE BUS

Despite the lower lev-



Bottles of hand sanitizer are ready to go back to the field.

els of usage on the T, there are still bus routes that are crowded at certain times of day. Those buses are monitored carefully and reinforcements are sent in so that buses don’t get too crowded with people who don’t have room to socially distance.

“We do actively monitor where we have crowding and full buses,” Poftak said. “There is a button operators have to press if their bus is full.”

That data is analyzed three times a day and reports are generated about where crowding occurs. When possible, other bus resources are dispatched to the overcrowded routes.



Using trash cans like this, the MBTA is collecting used bottles to be sent back to the Everett Shops for re-filling.

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2020 Agganis All-Star Games cancelled; scholarships will be awarded

Due to the ongoing global health crisis surrounding the COVID-19 virus, the 2020 Agganis All-Star Games have been canceled.

While the games will not be played this year, the Agganis Foundation will award scholarships as scheduled.

“This is a very difficult announcement to make,” said Paul Halloran, long-time executive director of the Agganis All-Star Games. “Even though it has been somewhat inevitable for the last several weeks, making it official is still extremely disappointing.”

This year’s Agganis All-Star Games were scheduled to be played June 21-25.

“We waited as long as we reasonably could before cancelling,” Halloran said. “The shutdown came just

after we would have been starting the selection process for players. It seems highly unlikely that there will be gatherings of any appreciable number of people two months from now.”

Halloran said the foundation was waiting to see what would happen with spring sports, which were officially canceled last week when Gov. Charlie Baker announced that school buildings would not reopen before the fall.

“For a time, we were holding onto the hope that if there were an abbreviated spring season, maybe our games could in some way fill a gap, at least for the seniors who would have participated,” Halloran said. “Sadly, that will not be the case.”

There have been 58

Agganis All-Star Football Games (1956-58 and 1965-2019; the Polio Bowl, another All-Star football game, was played from 1959-64). A baseball game was added in 1995, followed by boys and girls soccer (1996), softball (1998), boys and girls basketball (2005) and boys and girls lacrosse (2012).

“We have had more than 10,000 student-athletes participate over the last 64 years,” Halloran said. “We are proud of what Agganis Week has become, and we certainly look forward to bringing it back in 2021.”

The primary mission of the Agganis Foundation is to award college scholarships to deserving high school seniors. Since 1958, when the first class of Agganis Scholars were named,

the foundation has awarded \$2,095,000 in scholarships to 984 student-athletes. This year’s class will bring the number of recipients to more than 1,000.

“That is what we are most proud of,” said Agganis Foundation President Andrew Demakes. “The legacy of Harry Agganis lives on in those who have been honored with a scholarship in his name. While we are truly disappointed to have to cancel this year’s All-Star Games, we are pleased that another class of Agganis Scholars will be named.”

The application process for Agganis scholarships has been ongoing since early March and the deadline for students to apply has been extended from April 30 to May 15, according

to Scholarship Committee Chairman Tom Iarrobino.

“We thought with all the uncertainty these kids are going through this semester, we would give some extra time to submit their applications,” Iarrobino said.

For the first time ever, the process for applying for an Agganis Scholarship is completely electronic, with access to the application available at agganisfoundation.com. Converting from a paper process could not have come at a better time.

“It would have been extremely challenging for students to track down paper copies of transcripts and letters of recommendation,” Iarrobino said. “We have been thinking about moving to an electronic application for several years and, fortunately, picked this

year to do it.”

Scholarship winners will be notified by June 15 and will receive a \$1,000 grant all four years they are in college. Demakes said the foundation is able to continue presenting scholarships thanks in part to the generosity of benefactors such as the Yawkey Foundation, which has donated more than \$500,000 over the last 20 years.

“We are most grateful to the Yawkey Foundation and all those businesses and individuals that have supported our foundation over the years,” Demakes said. “Thanks to them, we are able to invest in our future by helping out a group of very deserving students each year.”

Mike Sainristil watched the NFL Draft as 10 Michigan teammates were selected

By Cary Shuman

When Everett football star Mike Sainristil chose Michigan, he knew that he was entering a preeminent college program that annually attracts the best players in the nation to Ann Arbor.

That fact was borne out in this year’s NFL Draft as no less than 10 Michigan players were selected, second only to national champion LSU who had 14 players selected. A few other Michigan players were signed by teams as undrafted free agents.

Two of Sainristil’s teammates, linebacker Josh Uche and offensive lineman, Michael Onwenu, were selected by the New England Patriots. Overall four Michigan offensive linemen were 2020 draft picks, making Wolverines’ line coach Ed Warriner the Mike Milo of college football.

Sainristil, a freshman receiver, talked about his two U-M teammates who will be joining the Patriots. “The Patriots got great, hard-working guys,” said Sainristil. “They’ll give it their all for the team, real selfless guys. They’re great team players and team leaders as well.”

Sainrostil crossed pass

routes with Uche during some Michigan practices. “I went up against Uche a few times, not often because they didn’t have him covering the slot [receiver] too many times in practice.”

Sainristil described the 6-foot-3-inch, 350-pound Onwenu as “a big, strong guy who will lead his running backs through the hole for sure.”

As for the entire offensive line being drafted, Sainristil said it was not a surprise. “Most definitely I expected them to be drafted. Everybody – Cesar [Ruiz], Jon [Runyan], Big Ben [Bredeson], Michael [Onwenu] – was a senior – and they’re experienced guys who know the game of football very well, know their playbook and get their assignments done. We have one starting lineman, Jaylen Mayfield, who’s back for his junior year.”

Sainristil, the Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year in his senior year at Everett, said Michigan has long been known as a consistent producer of NFL draft picks and future stars. One prominent name that immediately comes to mind is former Michigan QB Tom Brady, who was a sixth-round pick in the 2000 NFL Draft and led the

Patriots to six Super Bowl victories.

Interestingly, the quarterback throwing the football to Sainristil this past season, senior Shea Patterson, an All-Big 10 third-team selection, went undrafted. Michigan wide receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones was selected in the sixth round by the Cleveland Browns.

Sainristil completed a successful season at Michigan with an appearance in the Vrbo Citrus Bowl in Orlando. Talk about a display of talent: There were 25 players on the two rosters who were either drafted by the NFL or signed as undrafted free agents.

Sainristil is back home with his parents, Carlot and Raymonde, and his family following the cancellation of classes at Michigan due to the coronavirus.

“There’s no football right now but you just have to cope with it and take it day by day and hope the good news is sooner rather than later,” he said.

Sainristil said candidly that he has thought about the prospect of playing in the NFL following his career at Michigan.

“You have to,” he said. “I can’t wait to see what the future holds.”

MIAA announce spring sports and spring tournaments cancelled for the remainder of 2019-2020 School Year

In accordance with Governor Charles Baker’s announcement that Massachusetts schools will be closed to in person learning for the remainder of the school year, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) regretfully has cancelled all spring sports and spring tournaments.

The decision by the MIAA Board of Directors was difficult, disappointing, and one that was deferred for several weeks as Association staff, Association members from the Tournament Management Committee (TMC) and the Board worked aggressively to construct optional struc-

tures to save the opportunity for our MIAA 80,000 student-athletes to enjoy a spring season.

Despite this disheartening but unavoidable action, it is paramount to applaud our constituents, principals, athletic directors, coaches and student-athletes for their positive power of example and cooperation

during this unprecedented crisis. The “life lessons” inherent in the games we play will be our resiliency to provide mental and physical strength to focus on the discipline and teamwork to make a difference in the challenging chapters in the Game of Life. #OneTeamOneMIAA.



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Charlestown company offers online ordering of produce and specialty foods for next-day pickup

Staff report

Consumers can now order a self-described “chef’s selection” of fresh fruit, vegetables and specialty food online for next-day pickup from a Charlestown-based company.

Located at 18 Bunker Hill Industrial Park, Costa Fruit & Produce is offering its selection of the highest quality produce, artisan cheese, meats and ingredients for online ordering at <https://costafarmersmarket.com/> Monday through Thursday from noon to 4 p.m.

Selections include the 8.5-pound Savor’s Market Meat Box for \$50, with one pound of Savor’s ground sirloin, two Choice 8-ounce New York strip steaks, a 3.5-pound whole Giannone chicken, one pound of bacon, one pound of boneless skinless chicken breast and one pond of boneless skinless chicken thighs; the Fresh Fruit Box for \$25, with one pineapple or melon, six pieces of stone fruit, six apples, six oranges, one container of



Costa Fruit & Produce’s Fresh Nutra-Snack kits, which the Charlestown company distributed to local hospital workers in the Boston area.

berries, two pieces of tropical fruit and one bag of grapes; the Fresh Veggie Box for \$25, with lettuce or greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, broccoli, two onions, one pound of carrots, two avocados, four squash or zucchini, two peppers and five pounds of potatoes; and the Fresh Produce Box for \$40, with one order of lettuce or baby greens, two onions, tomatoes, broccoli, two peppers, two cucumbers, one pineapple or melon, six pieces of stone fruit, six apples, six oranges, one container of berries and one bag of grapes, among other

options.

“We hope that by providing an alternative to shopping at a traditional market, we will make it easier for communities to maintain social distancing and still obtain delicious fresh foods,” Manny Costa, the company’s CEO and president said in a press release.

And Costa is also showing its appreciation for the healthcare profession by donating Fresh Nutra-Snack kits to local hospital workers in the Boston area. The kits are produced at Costa’s onsite, SQF certified processing facility and contain fresh fruit, juice and yogurt – all washed, sealed and ready to eat for workers on the go.

“Healthcare workers are putting themselves at risk every day fighting the COVID-19 virus. In appreciation of their heroic selfless effort we are happy to help where we can,” Costa said in a press release.

Costa is also providing their drivers with the snack kits as they service essential workers throughout New England.

News You Can Use: DeMaria updates executive order and curfew

Staff Report

As of Monday, April 20, at 9 p.m. and continuing for the duration of the State of Emergency in the Commonwealth, Mayor Carlo DeMaria in an effort to ensure the health and safety of the residents of Everett set forth the following:

- A curfew for all non-essential employees to stay at home from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. is in effect.
- Non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason (e.g. parties, celebrations or other social events) shall be canceled or postponed at this time;
- Any concentration of individuals outside their home must be limited to workers providing essential services or individuals who are undertaking essential tasks, such as picking up pharmaceutical drugs, gro-

Current case counts as of the morning of Tuesday, April 28:

- Confirmed Cases in Everett: 862
- Cases have increased by 27 on Monday and 25 on Tuesday – a slowdown from last week’s daily case reportings.
- Confirmed Cases in Chelsea: 1,868
- Confirmed Cases in Revere: 1,064
- Deaths from COVID-19 in Everett: 4
- Deaths from COVID-19 in Revere: 35
- Deaths from COVID-19 in Chelsea: 96

the real estate closings that are on the verge of completion.

- Department of Public Works and the City Facilities Department will only perform essential work;
- The Everett Police Department, the Health Department, and Inspectional Services have been ordered to strictly enforce these guidelines and issue warnings and/or violations to those who are not adhering to the Order, and they can be fined up to \$300 per violation.

Community Highlights

- As of April 25, there were 742 positive COVID-19 cases in Everett. Out of those, 153 have recovered. That is more than 20 percent.
- This week Everett’s 311 Center responded to 800-plus issues throughout the City. During this time the Administration has received multiple compli-

ments about employees operating behind the scenes.

- Beginning last week, ECTV in conjunction with the Council on Aging and CHA is currently broadcasting six virtual exercise programs for Senior Citizens and will be adding two more this week, all being shown daily from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Comcast channel 22 and RCN channel 15.
- Beginning this week, Cambridge Health Alliance in partnership with the City will be setting up a testing site for Everett and Malden residents only. This will allow the City to track more cases and in return, stop the spread. Appointments will be required. More information to follow.
- Kim and Tim Ferrante, owners of Carol’s Café formerly of Everett and now located in Wakefield, made multiple donation’s to Everett’s first responders last week. The Everett DPW,

Fire Department, Police Department, and 911 dispatchers all received treats from the Café. Kim is also a member of the Everett Library Board of Trustees. Thank you.

- A local family was displaced due to a fire in their home this week. The family was in desperate need of diapers for their children. Roberto Valezquez, a City employee, went above and beyond to personally bring the family necessities.

City Business

- City Hall is open and working remotely. You may call 311 during our normal business hours or email any Department for a response within 24 hours.
- Street Sweeping will follow its normal schedule. The City will not be ticketing/towing for the months of April and May and will reassess in June.

Weekly initial unemployment claims down for the second week

Special to the Independent

Massachusetts had 80,153 individuals file an initial claim for unemployment insurance from April 12 to April 18. This represented a decrease of 22% over the previous week as most of the workers who have been laid off as a result of work closures related to COVID-19 have already filed claims in the previous weeks.

In the previous work, from April 5 to April 11, Massachusetts had 102,828 individuals file an initial claim for unemployment insurance. This also represented a decrease, at that time 26% over the previous week.

Since March 15, a total of 651,457 initial claims were filed.

As in last week, Retail Trade with 12,669, Food and Accommodation at 9,564, and Health and Social Assistance with 9,249 continued to show the largest number of initial claims filed this week. Since March 15, Food and Accommodation, Retail Trade, and Health and Social Assistance accounted for over 41% of all initial claims

Industry	Week Ending 4/11	Week Ending 4/18	Change	% Change
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	393	281	-112	-28.5%
Mining	25	13	-12	-48.0%
Utilities	85	82	-3	-3.5%
Construction	7,881	4,754	-3,127	-39.7%
Manufacturing	5,896	5,065	-831	-14.1%
Wholesale Trade	4,618	3,709	-909	-19.7%
Retail Trade	15,534	12,669	-2,865	-18.4%
Transportation & Warehouse	3,362	3,292	-70	-2.1%
Information	1,480	1,336	-144	-9.7%
Finance & Insurance	735	536	-199	-27.1%
Real Estate	1,370	1,040	-330	-24.1%
Professional and Technical Services	5,567	4,359	-1,208	-21.7%
Management of Companies	715	486	-229	-32.0%
Administrative & Waste Services	5,863	4,956	-907	-15.5%
Education	2,283	1,653	-630	-27.6%
Health & Social Assistance	12,597	9,249	-3,348	-26.6%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,206	1,777	-429	-19.4%
Food & Accommodation	12,634	9,564	-3,070	-24.3%
Other Services	6,971	5,383	-1,588	-22.8%
Public Administration	1,425	1,244	-181	-12.7%
Information Not Available	11,188	8,705	-2,483	-22.2%

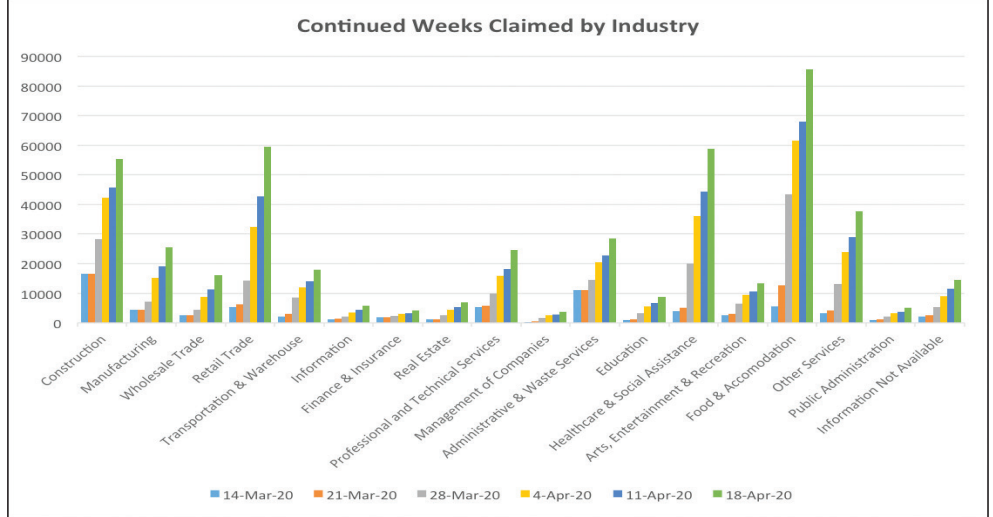
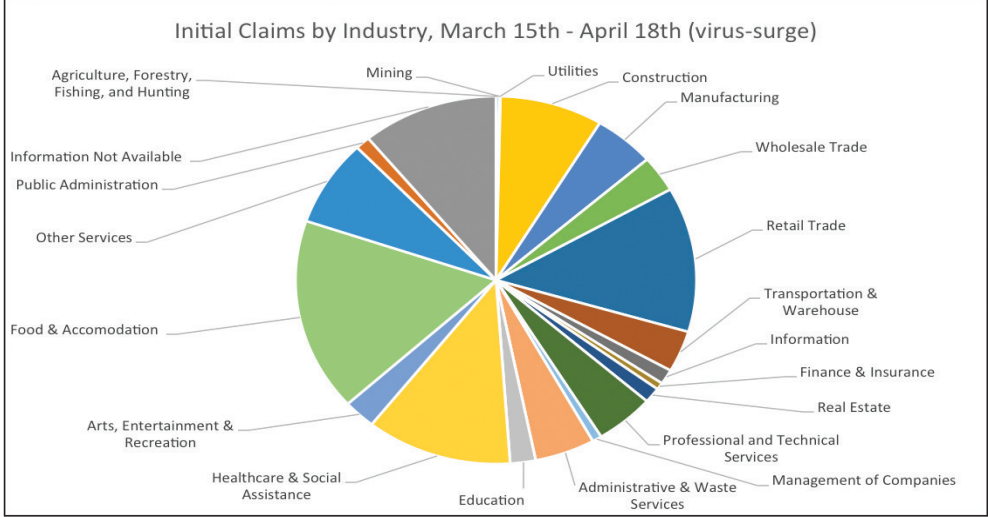
filed at 16.8%, 12.8% and 11.8%, respectively.

Currently, the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is paying unemployment benefits to nearly 400,000 people. Over the last month, the customer service staff at DUA has grown from

around 50 employees to nearly 1000. The remote customer service operation is now making over 20,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host daily unemployment town halls, held in both English and Spanish, which have been attended by near-

ly 200,000 constituents. This week, Massachusetts launched Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for groups like the self-employed, becoming one of the first states in the country to begin providing financial assistance to those not traditionally eligible for

unemployment compensation. In just the first few days of the program launch, DUA has already received over 200,000 PUA applications (going forward, total PUA related claims data for the previous week will be released on Thursday mornings at mass.gov/



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Doris Marion Carlino

Enjoyed a long career in concert

Doris Marion Carlino, a soprano who enjoyed a long career in concert, radio, and recordings, died peacefully on April 23 at Woodbriar Health Center in Wilmington, Massachusetts. She was 95.

She was born Doris Carpenter in Boston on July 3, 1924, to Orlando Carpenter and Florence (Parsons), both of whom were musical. She grew up in Everett, where she attended the public schools, graduating from Everett High School in 1941. She received her first piano lessons from her mother (age 9) and her first voice lessons from Ruth Streeter. She graduated St. Petersburg Junior College (Florida) in 1943. From there she enrolled as a voice major at the Conservatory of the College of the Pacific (now the University of the Pacific) in Stockton, California, graduating in 1949. Her most important coach and mentor at the Pacific was Felix Underwood, who taught her her first complete operatic roles. From 1951 to 1953, she was on the roster of the San Francisco Opera Company, where she made her solo debut in Puccini's "Suor Angelica" (September 26, 1952). Her most important mentor at SFOC was Kurt Herbert Adler, chorus master and later general manager.

For 25 years (1961-1986), Ms. Marion lived in Europe, where she performed in opera and concert and made numerous recordings for the radio (a selection of which were compiled in 2000 on the AFKA compact disc, "Affections of My Heart"). In Nuremberg, she studied voice with Adolf Richter (former leading tenor at the Prague Opera House) and coached with Constantine Callinicos (Mario Lanza's former accompanist). In 1963, Ms. Marion married Bruno Droste (1918-1969), an important composer and conductor of light music in East Germany (about whose life Ms. Marion produced the 2012 documentary "Bruno Droste: an artist's flight to freedom").



Ms. Marion made recordings for many European radio stations, including Radio Salzburg (Austria), NCRV and AVRO Radio (Holland), Radio Frankfurt and Bavarian Radio (Germany), and BRT and RTB Radio (Belgium). She made three recordings of the "Hermit Songs" by Samuel Barber, who wrote her a letter complimenting her interpretation (1964). In 1964 Ms. Marion moved to Brussels, where she appeared frequently in recital for the French and Flemish radio, and on recordings for radio stations in Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Cologne, Nuremberg, and Berlin, and on television in Luxembourg. She collaborated with many prominent Belgian composers of the day, including Victor Legley and René Bernier (who called her "mon interprète"). Ms. Marion's most important coaches during her 22 years in Belgium were Frédéric Anspach, Madeleine Farrière, and Lira LeNoir. She had a long musical partnership with British-born pianist Pyta Shrager. In 1976 she married Italian tenor Tonino Carlino.

In 1986, Ms. Marion returned to Everett, Massachusetts, where she continued to perform a wide variety of music, as well as teach and mentor a new generation of musicians.

Ms. Marion was the sister of Margery Warford, Muriel Roos, and the late June Semon; the step-mother of Sabrina Carlino; and the loving aunt of Garry, Jack, Kevin, and Shawn Warford; Donna, Diane, and Judy Roos; Marc, Kim, and Kirk Semon; and many grand-nephews and -nieces.

OBITUARIES

John Sateriale

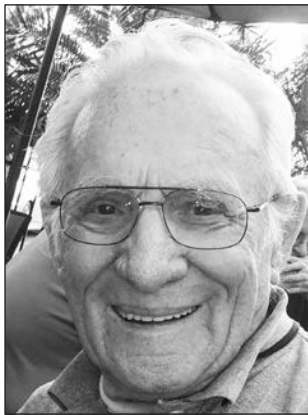
Retired Everett School Custodian



John Sateriale of Revere, formerly of Everett, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, April 18 in the Bear Hill Health Care Center in Wakefield-Stoneham, Massachusetts. He was 96 years old.

Born in East Boston, John lived in Everett for most of his life. He was a US Army veteran of WWII and worked as a custodian for the Everett Public Schools retiring after many years of faithful service to school department.

The beloved husband of the late Doris A. (Ellard) for over 56 years, he was the dear and devoted father of Maureen Sateriale and her husband, Kevin Fulgoni of Revere, Robert Sateriale and his wife, Robyn of Melrose, Thomas Sateriale of Stoneham and the late John T. Sateriale and the brother of George R. Sateriale of Medford and the late Frederick and Lucille Sateriale. John is also survived by five loving grand-



children, 11 loving great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in John's memory to the MSPCA, 350 S. Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02130 would be sincerely appreciated. Due to the current restrictions placed on all of us because of COVID-19, all services will be held privately for the immediate family and a Memorial Mass will be scheduled when it becomes possible. Arrangements by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett 617.387.3120.

Elena Dorothy Lombardi

Devoted wife, mother and grandmother

Elena "Ellie" Dorothy (Penta) Lombardi, wife of 50 years to the late Tullio W. Lombardi, died recently.

She loved her home and spending time with her family. Ellie enjoyed trips to York Beach, Maine and eating at many of her favorite restaurants. She especially enjoyed being a part of her grandchildren and great grandchildren's lives. When she was well, she loved taking walks, cooking, baking, crocheting, embroidery and many other arts and crafts.

In her early years, she was a secretary at John Hancock and in her later years a cashier at MedX and Archer Kent. She was always devoted to taking care of her family. She will be deeply missed by all who love her.

She was the mother of Rocco Lombardi and his wife, Morella and Donna Monteforte and her hus-



band, Paul; grandmother of Melissa Jackson and her husband, Anthony, Amanda Leyden and her husband, Brian, Victoria Lombardi and Vanessa Lombardi; great-grandmother of Jes-sany, Alivia, Kayleigh and Brady and she also leaves her cherished grand-dogs, Lola and Myles.

In light of the recent development with COVID-19, all funeral services will be private. For more information: <http://www.roccofuneralhomes.com>.

Helen DeSimone

Of Tewksbury, formerly of Everett

Helen (Cioffi-Kelly) DeSimone of Tewksbury, formerly of Everett, entered peacefully into eternal rest on Friday, April 24.

She was born in Everett, the beloved daughter of Paulo and Julia Cioffi, beloved sister of the late Alphonzo, Angelo, Guy, Carlo, Albert, Paul, Mary, Jean and Gloria; beloved wife of the late Carmen DeSimone and the late Harold Kelly; devoted mother and grandmother of Joyce (Kelly) Berardino and her husband, Raymond, their children Jeffrey and his wife, Kori, Michael and his wife, Kimberly, David and his wife, Janice, Michael Kelly Sr. and children Michael Jr., Jessica Linskey and her husband, Maxwell and Colleen; Patricia (DeSimone) Green and her husband, Joseph and their children: Joseph and his wife Mary, Kimberly (Green) Quigley and her husband, Jeffrey, James DeSimone and his wife, Joanne and their children: Michael and his wife, Alisa, Jillian (DeSimone) Burns and her husband, Kevin, David and his wife, Nicole; Debra (DeSimone) Brown and her husband, Edward, their children Nicholas and



his wife, Allison, Christopher, Andrea (Brown) Russell and her husband, Walter, Peter DeSimone and his wife, Diane and their children Andrew and Nicole. She was the devoted great-grandmother, (GG), to 18 great-grandchildren. She is survived by her loving sister, Carmella (Cioffi) Capuano and is also survived by her sisters in law, Grace Cioffi and Rosalie Cioffi and many nieces and nephews whom she adored.

Due to restrictions placed on all of us because of COVID 19, private services will be held for the immediate family at the Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Helen's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 would be sincerely appreciated. Arrangements by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett.

Warren Roberts

Of Bradford, formerly of Everett

Warren R. Roberts of Bradford, formerly of Everett, passed away at the age of 80 on April 22.

Warren was a printing tradesman who enjoyed boating and motorcycling with his family.

He was the beloved husband of Marjorie for 58 years and beloved father of Richard Roberts and long term girlfriend, Jacqueline Ruggiero and Kelee Roberts and proud grandfather of Jacquelyn M. Roberts and the son of the late Albert W. Roberts and the late Jeanne E. Emerson.

In accordance with the guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the immediate family privately. If you have any questions or would like to express your condolences please contact



the funeral home during normal business hours 617-569-0990 or leave a message for the family on the tribute wall www.ruggieromh.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Warren's memory to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852. Tel: 1-800-638-8299. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

CHURCH News

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Senior Pastor Bishop Robert G. Brown will be hosting Virtual Masses to bring the people together, spiritually while they can't physically. Their virtual sanctuaries can be accessed

via their facebook page, "Zion Church Ministries."

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

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Cannon

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

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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 Glass Fund. Brink a Book and Buy a Book and make a donation. Our selections are great and varied. Please stop by the table and see what we have. Thank you

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OBITUARIES

Marion Gale

The ultimate Revere Girl

Marion (Gould) Gale of Reading, formerly of Revere, died on April 24 at the age of 84.

Although her last few years were spent in Reading, Marion was the ultimate Revere Girl, born and raised. Known around town as the “Headband and Hat Lady” - she was the fashion-plate of Revere. Marion loved Revere and specifically, Revere Beach. Like an Official Historian, Marion would recount stories of her youth on Revere Beach – “The Nation’s First Public Beach” she would say. She would pine about days and nights spent at the Revere Beach Amusement Park, Dancing at Wonderland Ballroom, and all the hilarious stories of the time spent with her cousins. She loved Kelly’s Roast Beef and fulfilled a dream of living in a condo on Revere Beach.

It was at her condo on Revere Beach that her grandchildren will remember her best. She referred to them as her “Angels,” and when they were babies, they would go to the beach all day and then back to her condo for a “baby powder” bath.

Her children will tell you they never had alot, but their mother never said “No” to friends coming over, and somehow she always had a “Magic can of Tuna” that could feed two to ten!

Marion was the classic Irish-Catholic lassie and always maintained an incredibly strong faith and relationship with God. We know she is with the Lord and her loving family members in Heaven, and we will miss her until we



are all together again.

Born in Winthrop on October 2, 1935 to the late George and Marion (Callahan) Gould, she was the devoted mother of Dyan Dal Pozzo and her husband, Michael of Reading, Denise Gale of Everett, Debra Gale-Snow and her husband, Jay of Key West FL, David Gale of Revere and Doreen Joly and her husband, Jim of Wakefield; beloved sister of Joanne Biagi of Virginia, Eileen Gavin and her husband, Bill of Winthrop, and the late Grace and Edward Waugh; cherished grandmother of Matt, Melissa, Danielle, Ben, Gabby and Alex. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC’s current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Bear Mountain at Reading, Attention: Employee Fund, 1364 Main St, Reading, MA 01867 or to Winchester Hospital, Attention: Emergency Room Staff or Floor B2 Staff, 41 Highland Ave, Winchester, MA 01890. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Jane Landry

Able to see the good in everything

Jane Landry, 57, of Everett, passed away peacefully while sleeping at home on Sunday March 22.

Jane was born in Everett on May 21, 1962, the youngest daughter of the late Elmer “Al” Landry and the late Nina Moceuk, She was raised in Everett and Saugus and attended Saugus High School.

Jane loved to host and cook for loved ones and loved being nana to granddaughter, Adriana Jane. Animals held a special place in her heart, and if she could, she would rescue them all. Jane was a strong, unique and loving companion, mother, grandmother and most of all, friend with the ability to see the good in everything.

Family members include, her spouse of over 30 years, Kevin Myers; her daughter: Jessica (Hansen) Lantych and her husband, Tommy and granddaughter, Adriana and daughter, Kellie Myers; her sisters and brothers, Carol (Landry-Hogan) Andreucci and her husband, John; the late David Landry; the late Linda (Landry) Santoro and her husband Richard and Gail Landry. Jane is also survived by many sisters and brothers in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and wonderful friends.

Jane was a true loyal friend to so many and is



very much missed. She owned the room with her personality and city charm to make you laugh! Her one liners will always be remembered. In Jane’s words, “When this crazy world returns to frickin normal.”

A celebration of life will be hosted by family and friends with great music, food and beautiful flowers (no carnations please.) Until then, please send your condolences and share memories to the Boston Cremation on-line guest book.

Jane’s family has chosen the MSPCA-Angell Animal Medical Center, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston MA 02130 for donations in her name.

Mary Piorun

A remarkable woman

Mary A. (Grafteo) Piorun of Everett entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, April 22 in the Massachusetts General Hospital at age 99.

Mary was born in Boston and lived in Everett for most of her life. She was a seamstress by profession.

Mary retired from Hood Rubber Company where she made fur lined alligator boots. A remarkable woman, who was declared legally blind, she was capable of knitting hats for the needy making hundreds during each and every year. Mary also enjoyed exercising at Everett’s Connolly Center.

She was the beloved wife of the late Walter J. Piorun, dear and devoted mother of Stanley S. Piorun and his wife, Mary of N. Grosvornordale, CT, Kenneth Piorun and his wife, Ann of Long Island, NY and Gregory Piorun and his wife, Marie of Illinois; devoted sister of Angelina Leavy and her husband, Paul of Melrose and the late Jennie Squatrito and Josephine Corvino; loving grandmother of Gwendolyn Daquiar, Stanley S. Piorun,



Jr., Alix Piorun, Greg Piorun, Jr. and his wife, Heather, and Marissa Piorun; loving great-grandmother of Glenn Moquin, Julia Daquiar, Grace Daquiar and Gregory Piorun, III and his wife, Mikayla and Erika Hartson and her husband, Lee and loving great, great-grandmother of Wyatt Hartson.

Due to the current restrictions placed on all of us because of COVID-19, all services will be held privately for the immediate family. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mary’s memory to Everett Council on Aging, 90 Chelsea St., Everett, MA 02149, would be sincerely appreciated. Arrangements by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett 617.387.3120.

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Everett children thank Cambridge Health Alliance staff

With the help of a dedicated team of the cutest card-makers from the community coordinated by Councilor Stephanie Martins, Chris Moreira, owner of The Square Deli on Broadway, in partnership with Prepped Gainz, and Everett Bread Service, surprised the CHA Everett

staff on Easter Sunday with a donation of some of his delicious meals with messages of thanks and encouragement from the children. “The fact that during such a difficult time for businesses we can still see business owners stepping up and giving back really says something about our

community,” said Martins. “The dedication of the children and the response from the nurses and doctors were truly heartwarming, and it was great that we got to deliver the meals on Easter while the staff was working long shifts away from their families.” The Square Deli has

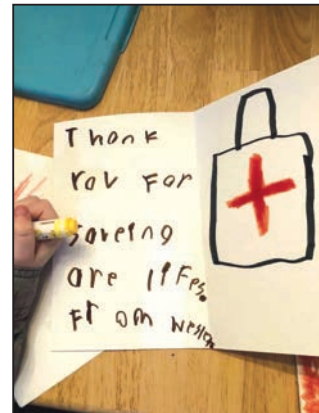
been on a mission to “Help Us Feed Ours” where Chris Moreira has committed to donating 50 meals a week. The meals have already reached senior buildings, first responders, and families in need during the school lunch interruption.



Ryan Lambert wrote inspiring messages of encouragement.



Isabelle and Danielle Oliveira made 40 cards for doctors and nurses.



One of the cards made by the children.



Wesley and Alfie Krugel work on their cards to first responders.



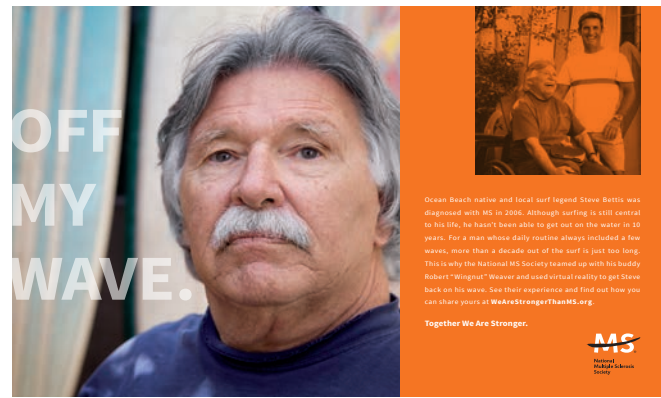
CHA Nurse Ellen Campo Thomas and her team share their meal delivery messages.



The Square Deli Owner, Chris Moreira and Councilor Martins delivered the meals on Easter.



One of the nurses at CHA Everett shows off her Easter card from the Everett children.



Federal Judge postpones Exxon case in Everett, Chelsea

By Seth Daniel

A federal judge in Boston logged a decision on March 23 to postpone the case against ExxonMobil’s Everett terminal until the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) makes a ruling on the facility’s discharge permit. The only problem with that, said Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) President Brad Campbell, is such permits can take decades to be acted upon – thus rendering the case moot and residents potentially put at risk due to flooding and storm surges at the terminal. Judge Mark Wolfe ruled on the matter March 23, which was at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. “The judge ruled for a stay on the matter using a doctrine we think is not applicable to the case,” said Campbell. “Essentially, the judge put a hold on the proceedings until EPA issues a new permit for the facility. That could take years and typically does take years. There are facilities in Massachusetts where permits have been waiting for action for 10 years or more...We respectfully disagree with

the judge on the application of the law and will appeal it.” Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he encouraged ExxonMobil to put a plan together to address the deficiencies at the terminal. “As one of the most densely populated communities in the Commonwealth, we have continued to increase our city investment in enhancing, repairing and maintaining our storm drainage system,” he said. “We have updated our storm water regulations, reduced parking requirements, passed a driveway ordinance and built rain gardens. Private businesses need to recognize the catastrophic consequences of ignoring climate change. They need to work with local municipalities to decrease the risks of damage when storms do occur and to move our economy forward while building climate resiliency.” ExxonMobil did not respond for comment. CLF, along with several groups in Everett and Chelsea, filed the lawsuit on the basis that the Everett Terminal has no plan for coastal resiliency and is subject to flooding from sea level rise

and coastal surge storms. In those events, Campbell said polluted waters are being discharged into the Island End River and the Mystic River and it is putting residents of the area at risk as well. Large coastal surge storms have also become worrisome to activists who believe the facility could be inundated and cause great catastrophe through the release of petroleum from the storage tanks. Specifically, CLF’s lawsuit alleges that ongoing spills and pollution at ExxonMobil’s Everett Terminal and Exxon’s failure to address current and imminent climate risks at the facility – risks its own scientists have warned of for decades – are unlawful under the federal Clean Water Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. “We have known that frontline, low-income, communities of color like Chelsea, Everett and East Boston will be hit first and worst by climate events,” said Roseann Bongiovanni, director of GreenRoots in Chelsea. “However, what we have learned through COVID-19 is that our communities are being hit worse than we once expected. The tsunami of environmental and public health insults have already caused lasting damage to our health and well-being. This court decision is infuriating and shows that environmental justice communities continue to be shouldered with ever-mounting burdens that make us even more vulnerable.” The timing of the decision is rather disappointing to those involved in the case, especially since it has been under review for several years and the decision was rendered during a pandemic state of emergency. That said, CLF welcomes the appeals process. “It’s languished on the docket and that’s clearly disappointing because there are communities at risk, but we’re looking forward to the 1st Circuit Court process and telling the story,” Campbell said. “The wheels of justice unfortunately turn slowly and Judge Wolfe’s order makes it even more important we continue the fight for the residents of Chelsea and Everett.”

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Sincerely, Mayor Carlo DeMaria

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