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The most recent numbers are as follows:

On Monday, Jan. 4, Everett moved its testing full-time indoors at the Samuel Gentile Recreation Center on Elm Street. Testing is done Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and then 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Friday and Saturdays, testing is done noon to 6 p.m. It

Additionally, there is also a testing resource for Everett residents only via the Mass General COVID-19 testing van. The van is located every Thursday at the Norwood Street Parking Lot in Everett Square. The hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and proof of Everett residency is required. Updates on the van are posted on the Kraft Community Health website.

School Committee Chair Frank Parker, who was named in the suit.

"The acts and practices engaged in by the City of Everett were confirmation of Age Discrimination and Reverse Discrimination, in that, by virtue of the fact that the Plaintiff is a Caucasian, she was not amongst those considered in the final process of evaluation and selection for the position of Superintendent of Schools, and as a result of the unpredictable and reversal of behavior of the conduct engaged in by the City of Everett and the City of Everett's School Committee in its utter failure to consider her favorably for the position of Superintendent, following her having successfully discharged her duties in that position for a period of in excess of 15 months, prior to consideration and while eliminating her job by reposting

The suit indicated that since the time of not being considered for the superintendent job, Gauthier “has been humiliated and has suffered great pain, and has endured great mental suffering, and has been otherwise Damaged.”

The Counts in the suit include (Count 1) Breach of Contract; (Count 2) Malicious Interference with Contractual Relations; (Count 3) Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing; and (Count 4) Violations of Plaintiff's Constitutional Rights Under the Massachusetts Bill of Rights and Under the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution and Violations Against U.S. Codes.

Mary Gerace – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
March 17, 2021
March 24, 2021

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Grace Food Pantry in July. We're delivering here today to the area where I grew up. Being able to bring this food to my community and my neighborhood and people I've known all my life. It's a good feeling. We couldn't do it without Irene and the whole team at Everett Grace Food Pantry."

The new route – which Vassallo used to drive regularly before getting a promotion recently – was added in July through a grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). It works with vendors in the area and then re-distributes rescued food to organizations like Grace in Everett, Chelsea, Lynn, Revere and East Boston. Altogether, the organization has eight trucks running similar food rescue routes, and the organization has been doing that work since 2010 – which is why they celebrated their 20 millionth pound of rescued food delivered since that beginning.

Cardillo said they have to do their own food runs most every day at Grace, but the weekly deliveries on Thursday by Lovin' Spoonfuls gives them a day to relax just a bit.

"I can't say enough about Lovin' Spoonfuls," she said. "Every week they bring it to us and even sometimes when they have extra they'll give us a call. They always think about us. It's a real partnership. We have to pick up seven days a week for the Pantry, but this is one day we can relax a bit more and they bring it to us. I'm grateful for everything they do."

Palumbo said they've been around for some time, and it was fitting to make their milestone delivery to Everett – where they have expanded and partnered so successfully with Grace Food Pantry. "We are so excited to be delivering this 20 millionth pound milestone," she said. "We've been around 11 years, but we've grown quickly in the last couple of years... We never could have said we were prepared for a pandemic a year and a half ago, but we had prepared for other catastrophes. Our staff stepped up and responded. The food was still available, we just had to figure out how to get it to the people in need."

The distribution of the 20 millionth pound happen on the new permanent Greater Boston route, which was launched in July 2020 to serve partners in Chelsea, Revere, Everett, East Boston and Lynn that have been greatly impacted by the COVID pandemic.

Last year, Spoonfuls recovered and redistributed over 4 million pounds of food - enough for 3.3 million meals - for people across Massachusetts. It was the most in the organization's 11-year history.

"Hunger isn't a problem of supply. Hunger is a problem of distribution and access," said Ashley Stanley, founder and Executive Director of Lovin'

Spoonfuls. "Even at the onset of the pandemic when supply chain issues and panic-buying cleared grocery store shelves, we were still rescuing perishable food and doing as we've always done: getting good food from where it is to those who need it most."

Established in 2010 by Stanley, Lovin' Spoonfuls is a nonprofit food rescue organization based in Boston dedicated to facilitating the rescue and distribution of healthy, fresh food that would otherwise be discarded.

Each week day, Spoonfuls' 13 Food Rescue Coordinators work with over 200 vendor partners across eight truck routes to pick up wholesome, perishable food from grocery stores, produce wholesalers, farms and farmers markets, and distribute it to more than 160 community nonprofits that address food insecurity in Greater Boston, MetroWest and Western Massachusetts. Communities served include: Boston, Cambridge, Brighton, Somerville, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Melrose, Watertown, Woburn, Wakefield, Burlington, Newton, Quincy, Needham, Natick, Framingham, Ashland, Bellingham, Milford, Waltham, Sudbury, Southborough and Hampden County (Springfield, Chicopee and Holyoke). Each week, Lovin' Spoonfuls rescues between 75,000-80,000 pounds of food to serve about 32,000 people within these communities.



Grace Food Pantry Director Irene Cardillo spots Everett native Vinny Vassallo making the historic delivery.



Lovin' Spoonfuls COO Lauren Palumbo (center) poses with the volunteers at Grace Food Pantry.



Volunteers Abdelkader Dani, Pastor Jethro Caldeira, Ahmed Halili and Wanderson Ferreira.



The Lovin' Spoonfuls van pulls in to Grace Food Pantry on Friday.



Pantry Director Irene Cardillo helps coordinate the delivery.



Pastor Jethro Caldeira hands some food to Paul Guarino.



Paul Guarino loads up some delivered meat to be taken to the cold storage in the church.



The 20th millionth pound of rescued food is delivered to Grace Food Pantry.

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Martinez, Rosa K	Singh, Charan	30 Ferry St	\$710,000
Adhikari, Anju	Oleary FT 2019	138 Fremont Ave	\$715,000
Ramos, Jose S	Servidio, Elizabeth A	93 Lynn St	\$660,000
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Ngo, Hung C	Fernandes, Nayara M	20 Reed Ave	\$545,000
Hu, Cuilian	Simonelli, Peter V	42 Winslow St	\$675,000
Magar, Biddya R	Nadaf, Naeem M	10 Woodville St	\$520,000
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VIOLENCE AGAINST THE AAPI COMMUNITY MUST END

Prejudice, discrimination, and violence against members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community has existed ever since immigrants from China began to arrive in America in the 1850s.

The first anti-immigration law in our nation’s history, the Chinese Exclusion Act, specifically targeted Chinese immigrants in 1882 and was still the law of the land until 1943.

The wrongful detention of Japanese-Americans in camps during WWII has become well-known to every high school student of American history.

Locally, our newspapers through the years have reported on numerous incidents of hate in the Boston area, ranging from the graffiti and vandalism that plagued a popular Japanese restaurant in Winthrop Centre in the 1980s to the arson fires in Revere in the 1980s that culminated with the blaze in December, 1990, that drove more than 150 persons, mostly from the Revere Cambodian community, from their homes.

The tragic shooting late last week in Atlanta by 21 year-old Robert Aaron Long that targeted Asian-American employees in massage parlors is just the latest example of the growing trend of violence against Asian-Americans that was encouraged by the rhetoric of certain public figures who fed the flames of racial animosity with terms such as the “China virus” and “the kung-flu” to describe the COVID-19 pandemic.

The targeting of members of the AAPI community must stop. Hopefully, with a new administration that has rejected the divisive rhetoric of the past and a renewed determination by law enforcement to prosecute every incident of racially-motivated violence, our society can put an end to this virus of hate.

THE ATLANTA SHOOTINGS: A CONFLUENCE FOR A PERFECT STORM

In addition to the obvious targeting of Asian-Americans in the tragic shootings in Atlanta, there were two other factors that created a perfect storm for this sort of tragedy to take place.

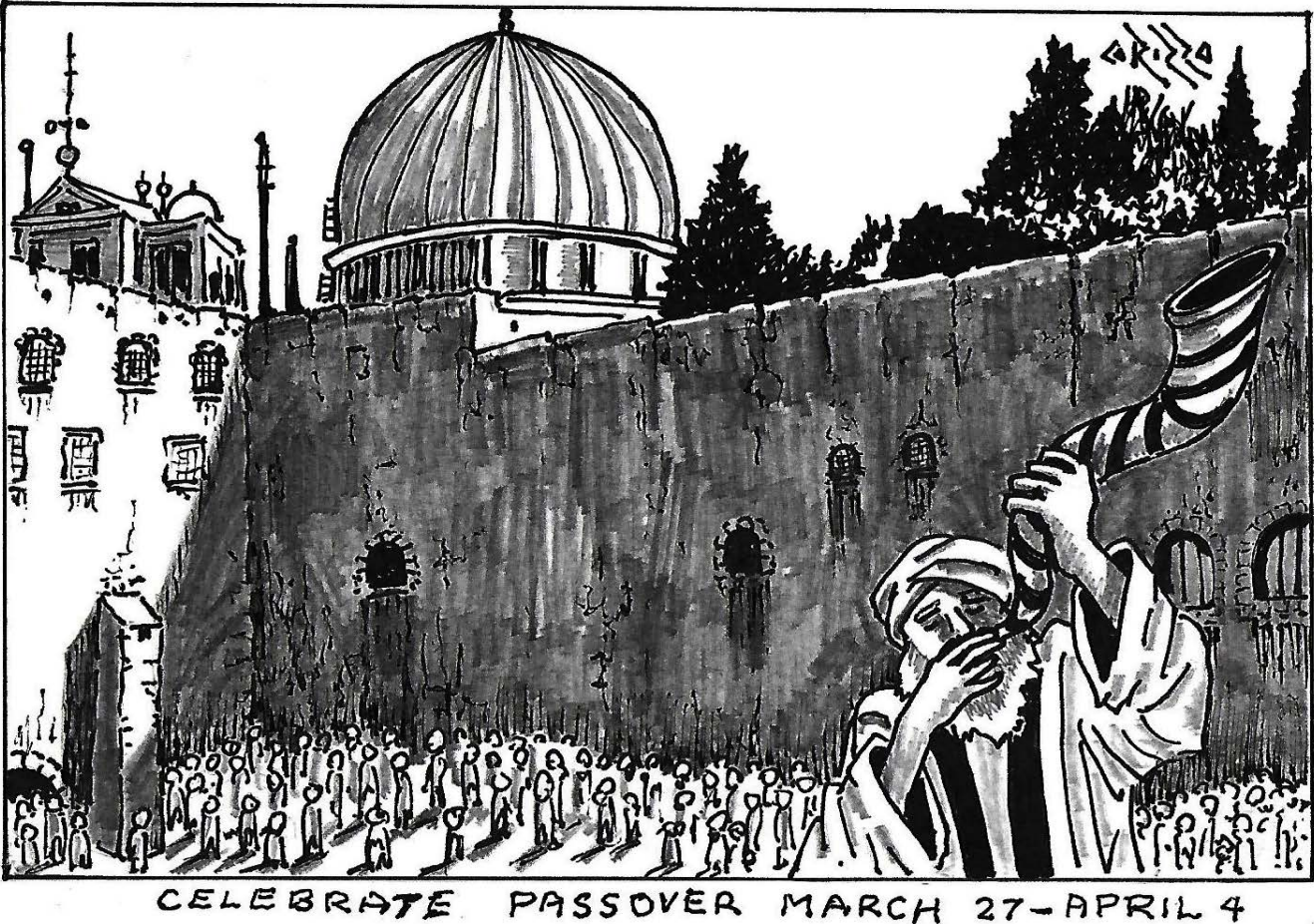
The first was the easy and immediate access for the purchase of a high-capacity weapon by the 21 year-old perpetrator of the shootings, who was able to buy the gun on Tuesday morning and kill six people that afternoon.

The idea of a waiting period -- also known as a cooling-off period -- between the purchase of a gun and the delivery into the hands of the buyer has been shown to be an effective measure in saving lives. According to a recent study, states with mandatory waiting periods — regardless of their length — had an average of 17 percent fewer murders and 10 percent fewer suicides by guns.

The second factor was the influence of the young man’s church upon his mind from an early age. This is by no means an excuse for his murderous spree, but it is to say that he clearly had been brainwashed by the extreme and confusing messages from his evangelical church about sex that led him to believe that he had an unnatural sex addiction that he could quell only by taking extreme measures.

When there are tragedies such as the shootings in Atlanta, we all want easy answers. But in reality, the truth of what drives persons to commit such heinous acts are not always easily understood, even by the perpetrators themselves.

Independent Forum



GUEST OP-ED

Do your children make you curse?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Kirk Dewayne Franklin is an American choir director, gospel musician, singer, songwriter, and author. He is best known for leading urban contemporary gospel choirs such as The Family, God’s Property, and One Nation Crew. He is a beloved and influential figure in the gospel music world.

Instagram exploded recently with an audio of the famed gospel singer Franklin berating his 32-year-old son. The son posted the audio of the verbal exchange between he and his father. The audio was a profanity laced call that included his father the elder Franklin threatening to break his son’s neck.

According to the elder Franklin there has been a 14-year rift between he and his son. Many counseling sessions and the family’s attempts at trying to resolve the conflict

have apparently remained unsuccessful. For many years according to reports his son has avoided family dinners, holidays and other gatherings. National television and various media outlets reported Franklin saying, “Recently, my son and I had an argument that he chose to record. I felt extremely disrespected in that conversation, and I lost my temper. And I said words that are not appropriate. And I’m sincerely sorry to all of you. I sincerely apologize,” Franklin said.

Good Morning America, The Washington Post and various other national media sources have reported this story which is a sad personal family drama. For many years this tension has been a difficult rift for this very famous family. It’s unfortunate that the adult son chose to play it out on social media which has now become national news.

Many families have struggles and no one is perfect, including Kirk Franklin. He proves once again that most people have a breaking point and it’s never pretty when it happens. Most of the time it’s the people who we love the most and do the most for who have a way of flipping our switch. We often can take a lot from strangers and casual acquaintances because we really don’t care that much what they think or even what they say. However, when it’s a child who you have invested your entire life into stomps on your heart then emotion and passion have a way of taking over. As Franklin proves, words may be said that are later regretted.

It’s unfortunate that even the best of people have feelings and words that can come out so ugly. Where do they come from? Ugly words often come from unresolved

hurt and pain that have become toxic. Poison is deadly. We allow poison to be bottled up deep in our hearts. In verbal altercations like the Franklin’s the bucket falls deep into the well of the heart and sadly what comes up is the pain and poison of past hurts that have been unresolved. We all have to guard our hearts and what we allow to take root. None of us need anything that might spring up to hurt us and others.

Let’s pray for the Franklins. Most families have had moments not scripted for the national spotlight.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

Investigation into missing Council video remains unsolved

By Seth Daniel

Whoever hacked into the ECTV server to delete a controversial Council meeting last October covered their tracks successfully.

Det. Leahy from the Everett Police Department appeared before the City Council on Monday night with ECTV Director Deanna Devaney to discuss in detail the results of the investigation.

“My best analysis is that whoever did this either had dumb luck or knew Comcast’s system well enough they could hide what they were doing,” he said.

The meeting on Oct. 26 was fraught with technical difficulties and hard disagreements between councilors.

After the meeting, around 9:30 p.m., ECTV

personnel were unloading the meeting onto the server. Shortly after doing that, someone used an employee credential from outside the building to hack into the server. They deleted the only copy available of the meeting, leaving no visual record of what happened that night.

ECTV Director Devaney immediately reported it to Everett Police.

The detective told the Council when he was put on the case the day after the incident. He initially retrieved the IP addresses that were used to access the server, and reached out the FBI Cyber Crimes Unit in Chelsea for help. After an analysis, the IP addresses couldn’t be matched to any other illicit activity and the crime didn’t rise to the level for the FBI to

get fully involved.

Working with the Middlesex County DA’s Office, they were able to find out that the IP address was a residential address, but it was within a range of addresses that are used to remotely access an account.

“At any one time there will be hundreds of people on that same IP address,” he said.

Meanwhile, Devaney said they have contracted the AV firm Valley Communications which is installing equipment that will upgrade the connections, which is mobile and which will come with instruction for members.

“We are working with them to replace all necessary equipment that could cause issues,” she said. “It’s no longer process of elimina-

tion. We’re replacing all equipment and I’m confident what issues we have will be over.”

Devaney said they now store the recordings of each meeting in three different places so that there will never be an incidence of losing a meeting due to no backups.

She said there are also electrical repairs that will be made also. There is also a major upgrade of the Chambers in the works, but Devaney said that will likely be contained in an massive City Hall Renovation project the mayor is set to propose to the Council in the coming months.

The funding for the new equipment will not be funded by taxpayers, but rather from an enterprise fund whose source is payments from Comcast, RCN and Verizon.

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EVERETT CELEBRATES ST. PATRICK’S DAY WITH AN IRISH FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

Mayor Carlo DeMaria proudly hosted an Irish flag raising ceremony on the morning of Wednesday, March 17 to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. The ceremony occurred outside of City Hall on the corner of Broadway and Church Street.

“It was a privilege to host today’s Irish flag raising ceremony to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Although today’s celebration was non-traditional, I am grateful that

we were able to come together to raise the Irish flag. The Everett community symbolizes a melting

pot and we will continue to embrace those of all backgrounds.”

Along with Mayor

DeMaria, State Rep. Joe McGonagle and Gene O’Brien spoke at the ceremony and reflected

on the day. Members of the City Council and the Administration were also present for the flag rais-

ing. The ceremony was streamed on Facebook Live and will be available to watch on ECTV.



Singing Trooper Dan Clark celebrated Irish music.



Council Clerk Mike Mangan, Councilor Mike McLaughlin, Councilor John Hanlon, Everett Resident Ray Hickey, Everett Resident Noel Hickey, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, EHS Director of Music Gene O’Brien.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria.



Gene O’Brien was a keynote speaker.

Councillor Garcia joins The Neighborhood Developers

Staff Report

Chelsea’s Judith Garcia is officially joining The Neighborhood Developers (TND) as Communications Manager in an effort to help amplify the organization’s mission of creating strong neighborhoods enabling community members to secure a stable home, achieve economic mobility, and determine their own future.

She is the latest hire by the local community development organization as it works to support Chelsea and Revere, and



Chelsea City Councillor Judith Garcia is joining TND as the Communications Manager covering Chelsea, Everett and Revere.

is now also active in Everett.

“We’re thrilled to have Judith’s communications experience to serve TND as we continue to support residents in their efforts to build healthier, affordable, and more equitable communities.” said Rafael Mares, who leads the community development corporation.

“Judith’s background in urban studies coupled with her deeply rooted passion for empowering residents towards economic mobility and the keys to an affordable home makes her a great addition to our team,” said Mares.

Said Garcia, “There is

no question that housing stability is and will continue to be a challenge we need to work on deliberately and with a new vision. I am excited to join an organization that has redefined those paradigms and has demonstrated what it means to build dignified affordable homes for our families and our seniors.”

Garcia, had previously served as a Latinx Communications advisor for Former Congressman Joe Kennedy III and is currently the Vice President of the Chelsea City Council.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Councilor John Hanlon.

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Richard Rocco, owner of Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home (left), and Fran O'Hara, owner of Murphy O'Hara Funeral Services, recently announced their decision to merge the two businesses.

Long-time Everett funeral homes announce merger

Staff Report

The Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home is pleased to announce the joining of the Murphy O'Hara Funeral Home with them.

The Rocco Family and the O'Hara Family have had a long friendship and mutual respect. It is with this friendship and

respect that Fran O'Hara has decided to semi-retire, but he will still to continue to work with Salvatore Rocco Funeral Home to service families. Together, they bring more than 150 years of dedicated professional funeral service to families and to the community.

Pioneer Charter School of Science wins 'Battle of the Atoms' Cup

By Cary Shuman

The Pioneer Charter School of Science (PCSS1) of Everett girls basketball team completed a successful season by winning the "Battle Of The Atoms" series over the Pioneer Charter School of Science (PCCS2) team of Saugus.

Coach Eric Ferguson's Panthers bested the Saugus school, 41-22, to win its first Battle Of The Atoms' Ion Trophy since 2017.

Romayssae Jellouli, a junior captain from Revere, led the Panthers with 21 points. Sophia Cavalcante, a senior captain from Everett, scored 14 points.

Amanda Coelho, Cynthia Vejar-Galvez, and Dorinda Vilson, an eighth grader from Everett, were the other key members of the PCSS starting five. Other contributors to the team were eighth grader Sara Yamani of Everett, and seventh graders Stacy Abraham of Everett, Inez Hamdi of Everett, Isabella Bennett, and Alina Lanzo.

The Panthers finished their abbreviated 2021 season with a 5-4 record competing against other charter school teams including Pioneer 2 of Saugus, Prospect Hill Academy, and Salem Academy. Pioneer fell to Salem Academy in the Charter School league championship game. Pioneer is in its second year as a member of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic



Head Coach Eric Ferguson with the 2021 Pioneer Charter School of Science Panthers. Front row: Amanda Coelho, Ines Hamdi, Isabella Bennett and Sara Yamani. Back row: Capt. Romayssae Jellouli, Dorinda Vilson, Capt. Sophia Cavalcante, Alina Lanzo and Stacy Abraham. (not pictured-Cynthia Vejar)



Head Coach of the Pioneer Panthers of Everett, Eric Ferguson with Panther Captains #21 Sophia Cavalcante and #23 Romayssae Jellouli.

Association (MIAA).

The players thanked head coach Eric Ferguson and assistant coach Cheryl Crawford for their exceptional leadership in a challenging season during the COVID-19 pandemic. The team ex-

ercised safety precautions during practices and games and will carry forth the fond memories of their winning campaign into the Panthers' 2021-22 season that will begin in December.



Senior Captain, Sophia Cavalcante warms up before the game.



2021 STREET SWEEPING SEASON: APRIL 1ST THROUGH NOVEMBER 30TH

Please be reminded that the 2021 Street Sweeping Season begins on April 1st. Please be sure to check the signs on your street for parking restrictions in your neighborhood. Street sweeping is essential to eliminate issues and costs related to trash and debris getting into the underground sewage system.

Please be aware that vehicles that do not comply with this ordinance may be subject to ticketing and towing. Please call 311 with any questions. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

TEMPORADA DE BARRIDO DE CALLE 2021: 1 DE ABRIL AL 30 DE NOVIEMBRE

Recuerde que la temporada de barrido de calles de 2021 comienza el 1 de abril. Asegúrese de revisar las señales en su calle para ver si hay restricciones de estacionamiento en su vecindario. El barrido de calles es esencial para eliminar problemas y costos relacionados con la entrada de basura y escombros al sistema de alcantarillado subterráneo.

Tenga en cuenta que los vehículos que no cumplan con esta ordenanza pueden estar sujetos a multas y remolque. Llame al 311 si tiene alguna pregunta. Su cooperación es muy apreciada.

2021 STREET SWEEPING SEASON: 1st APRIL TO 30 NOVEMBER

Tanpri sonje ke 2021 Street Sweeping Season kòmanse 1ye avril. Tanpri asire w ke ou tcheke siy ki nan lari a pou restriksyon pakin nan katye ou. bale lari a esansyèl pou elimine pwoblèm ak depans ki gen rapò ak fatra ak debri k ap antre nan sistèm dlo egou anba tè a.

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2021 TEMPORADA DE VARREDURA DE RUA: 1 DE ABRIL A 30 DE NOVEMBRO

Lembre-se de que a Temporada de Varredura de Rua de 2021 começa no dia 1º de abril. Verifique as placas na sua rua para ver se há restrições de estacionamento na sua vizinhança. A varredura de ruas é essencial para eliminar problemas e custos relacionados à entrada de lixo e entulho no sistema de esgoto subterrâneo.

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Sports

EHS boys rally for exciting win over Lynn Classical

The Everett High boys basketball team joined in the fun of March Madness with an exciting, come-from-behind victory over Lynn Classical last Friday evening.

The Crimson Tide trailed the Rams by as many as 16 points throughout the game, but refused to throw in the towel and battled back, eventually drawing within two points, 51-49, with just over a minute to go.

That's when Crimson Tide star John Monexant, who poured in a game-high 22 points,

donned Superman's cape and drained a clutch three-pointer with 0:52 to

See SPORTS Page 9



Head Coach Stanley Chamblain with his Captain, John Monexant.



Juvens Louis for Three.



Edwin Francois was tripled teamed and still manages to make a play for the Crimson Tide.



Steven Cordero plays a tight defense for the Tide.



Ralph Enayo goes in for two points.



Captain John Monexant draws tight coverage while looking to set a play for the Tide.



Head Coach Stanley Chamblain sets the winning strategy in the final minutes of play.

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HISTORIC FEMALES

Dr. Belle Dora Curtis: Distinguished physician, dedicated public servant

By Michael Matarazzo

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following is the first in a month-long series about noteworthy women in Everett, taken from vignettes written by former City Clerk Michael Matarazzo in his book 'They Came from Everett.' The histories of many female residents of Everett might surprise readers, as many of their stories have never been fully told. Matarazzo's book is available at bookblues.com.*

Belle Dora Curtis was born in 1857 in Bingham, Maine a town of about 800 people, even today. The town sits on U. S. Route 201 or the Old Canada Road, which from 1820 until 1860 served as the primary link between the old Province of Lower Canada that covered the southern portion of the current-day Province of Quebec, Canada, and the Labrador region of the modern-day Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and Maine.

Belle was the oldest of four girls born to Lafayette and Lucy (Raymond) Curtis. Lafayette was originally a farmhand who work on the Smith farm in Bingham before being able to buy his own small farm. Belle's mother died in 1870 at just 37 years old. With four daughters to raise and a farm to run, Lafayette married again rather quickly. His new wife, Lizzie, was 15 years his junior and only 14 years

older than Belle.

People in Bingham were primarily farmers, though some worked in logging or in the saw-mills. Though she loved Maine, Belle knew that there was only one way to have a better life and to see the world beyond Somerset County and that was through education.

After finishing her secondary education, Belle attended Western Maine State Normal School; one of two schools established in Maine at the time to train teachers to provide a quality education to children in Maine schools. It was commonly called the Farmington State Normal School.

Belle graduated in 1882 and took her first teaching position right down the road from Bingham in Solon. After Solon, she would leave Bingham and head south to Massachusetts accepting a new position teaching at the Greenwood School in Hyde Park, Massachusetts. She would teach in Hyde Park until 1891.

Belle was very frugal and saved much of her teaching salary so that she could enroll at the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, a for-profit school that was founded in 1882 by Baltimore women with the assistance of a few male doctors. On May 1, 1895, Belle was one of four women to graduate from the college. Dr. Curtis began her medical career in Lowell in a building



Dr. Belle Dora Curtis was a trailblazing woman in Everett at the turn of the 20th Century. Establishing a medical practice in the city – one of the first such practices owned by a woman – she also ran and won a seat on the School Committee.

on Central Street that now houses radio station WCAP.

It was widely known at the time the opportunities for female physicians were far greater in the city than in more suburban or rural areas. While Lowell had a population over 100,000, its medical community was pretty well established. This sent Dr. Curtis looking for a community where her practice could grow as the city grew and from 1880 to 1900, no city was growing faster than Everett. Dr. Curtis came to Everett.

In 1899, Dr. Curtis, most likely in need of funds to expand her practice was working around the clock. She rented 64 Norwood Street and opened a hotel with her youngest sister Lizzie and her husband. That same year, she was employed by City of Everett to examine female students with reference to vaccinations as part of the city's school enrollment policy and for ensuring sanitary conditions in the schools. She also held office hours at the hotel from 9:00AM – 10:00AM, 1:00PM to 4:00PM, and 7:00 – 8:00PM.

By 1901, she was out of the hotel business and opened her practice in her

new house at 609 Broadway. Dr. Curtis, who had been on the move since she left Bingham, was now calling Everett her home. Everett embraced Dr. Curtis and she became an active member of the Everett community. She served for years as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Everett Medical Society and served on the Parlin Library Board of Trustees with some of Everett's founding fathers such Dudley Bailey and George E. Smith. Dr. Curtis' intelligence and desire to make a difference in the young city won the respect and admiration of the entire community.

In 1879, the Massachusetts Legislature voted to allow women to vote for School Committee members. Everett had just become a town and elected two women to the School Committee in its first two years – Sarah J. Clough and Mary O. Bulfinch.

Despite being a member of the community for only two years, local Republicans nominated Dr. Curtis for a seat on the School Committee in 1901. Dr. Curtis won the seat. She held the seat until 1907 when she lost a close race but ran again in 1908 and no one was willing to challenge the popular doctor.

As a school board member, Dr. Curtis' focus was on the health of Everett's students, the quality of the teachers being hired and the need for more educational facilities. Everett was growing so fast that in addition to the 17 school buildings, some of which were too small and others outdated, the department was renting three storefronts as classrooms and holding some part-time classes.

Meanwhile by 1911, her practice was growing but she was getting tired. Dr. Curtis had served her patients and the people of Everett non-stop since her arrival in Everett over a decade ago. She had was so busy helping others and her community that it left very little time for a personal life.

Now, 53 years old, Dr. Curtis announced that she would not seek reelection to the School Committee. On December 15, 1911 at her last meeting, the School Committee thanked her for her valuable long-term of service to the Everett schools.

Dr. Curtis had met a physician from her home state of Maine named Joseph W. Perkins. Dr. Perkins was divorced and owned a farm in Wilton, Maine where he lived with his widowed sister, Josephine Fogg. Dr. Curtis and Dr. Perkins were married on September 3, 1912 in his hometown and semi-retired to the farm. Dr. Curtis died in 1935 and Dr. Perkins in 1937.

Dr. Belle Dora Curtis, in just over a decade, was a woman who made a lasting impression on the City of Everett as a trailblazing and distinguished physician and a dedicated public servant.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

MAYOR DEMARIA’S EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce that Everett’s EGG-STRAVAGANZA Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3 at Glendale Park from 9:30AM – 1PM. The event will occur rain or shine! In order to comply with State COVID-19 guidelines, the event is limited to 300 guests, including parents and chaperones.

“I am excited to host Everett’s EGG-STRAVAGANZA Egg Hunt,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Although we are unable to host our annual Spring Fling due to the pandemic, we are able to adapt to provide some normalcy to our children while adhering to COVID-19 guidelines.”

Guests will be split into two groups with the first 150 people assigned to Group 1 from 9:30AM – 11:00AM and the latter 150 people assigned to Group 2 from 11:30AM – 1PM. Glendale Park will be cleared after the first group and additional eggs will be hidden for the second group. Both groups will have the same experience with a special appearance made by the Easter Bunny to help out with the egg hunt. It is important to remember that each group will need to leave the park at the end of their assigned time.

Registration is required. To sign up, please email bunny@ci.everett.ma.us with your name and number of attendees in your party. Upon receipt, you will be emailed a confirmation email with a bunny image that will include your name, number of guests and group assignment. Please present this confirmation at the entrance at Elm Street, Coburn Terrace, or the High School Parking Lot of Glendale Park as proof of registration. A printed copy or an electronic copy on your smartphone will be accepted.

All attendees are required to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and practice social distancing during the event. Although the City of Everett is excited to host the event, we need to take all precautions to remain healthy and safe.

BHCC LANGUAGE INSTITUTE AWARDED FIVE-YEAR ACCREDITATION

Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) Language Institute and its Intensive English Program have been awarded by the Commission on English Language Accreditation (CEA) an initial five-year accreditation that extends through December 2025. The full-time Intensive English Program is designed to provide a pathway for international students to acquire a higher level of English proficiency needed to enroll in a BHCC certificate or degree program.

“Normally, the Commission grants a one-year provisional accreditation, so we are very excited and grateful that we have been granted the five years,” said Kristen McKenna, Dean of Workforce Development. “This achievement was a collabora-

orative effort across many departments at BHCC and an important announcement for the recruitment of international students.”

Students in the Intensive English Program study in blocks of 7-week sessions and engage in this preparation right before enrolling into either academic ELL or a degree or certificate program. The Intensive English Program’s mission is to support English Language Learners in their educational, professional, and personal goals by providing rigorous multi-level English Language instruction and accommodating the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students through affordable access to language instruction.

SKY EVERETT COMMUNITY MEETING

The developers from Sky Everett – proposed for Second Street in the Commercial Triangle – will have an online meeting to introduce their mixed-use residential high-rise next week.

The online meeting will be on March 30 at 7 p.m. online. To get the link, go to the project website at www.TheSkyEverett.com.

COUNCIL ON AGING/CONNOLLY CENTER

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging, together, have been working diligently to be able to offer programing to our senior residents to slowly open up The Connolly Center while maintaining current safety practices and protocol. We are happy to announce our “Coffee Clutch” program.

The Connolly Center will be open Mondays and Fridays only, beginning Monday April 12. There will be two sessions offered to Everett Seniors, and one session offered on Friday. Each session will allow a maximum of 24 seniors. There will be 6 tables of 4 people each for a 90 minute session. Seniors will have the opportunity to see old friends, enjoy a snack and coffee and scheduled entertainment. Safety protocols, such as mask wearing, temperature checks and social distancing are mandatory. Our staff is required to sanitize before and after each session.

The “Coffee Clutch” Schedule is as follows:

Monday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Monday from 10:45 a.m. to noon

Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Reservations are a must. To make a reservation please call Margaret @ (617) 394-2323.

EVERETT CITIZENS FOUNDATION GRAND FUNDING APPLICATION

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Everett Citizens Foundation Granting Funding application for Round 2 in FY21 is now available. The request limit for this round of funding is set at \$10,000. All applications are due Monday, April 5.

“This is a great opportunity for organizations

to receive additional funding,” said Mayor DeMaria. “The Everett Citizens Foundation seeks to assist organizations that have a positive impact on the residents of Everett. I encourage all organizations in the community to apply.”

Any nonprofit organization can apply, however organizations who received funding during Round 1 are ineligible to receive any funds during Round 2. Applications can be found online at <http://cityofeverett.com/719/The-Everett-Citizens-Foundation>.

For questions or concerns regarding the application or eligibility, please email ECFoundation@ci.everett.ma.us.

EVERETT POLICE OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SESSION

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Everett Police Department is looking to recruit a diverse applicant pool of potential candidates interested in a career in law enforcement.

There are many career opportunities within law enforcement such as school resource/field training/patrol/traffic/canine officers, marine/bicycle units, SWAT/CISM teams, crisis negotiation, DEA task forces, arson investigators and much more.

The Everett Police Department will be hosting an open house, along with an information session for those who would like to learn more about the career opportunities that lie within law enforcement. The open house/information session will be held at the Everett High School Auditorium (100 Elm St.) on Wednesday, March 31 from 6-8 p.m.

CITY OF EVERETT CELEBRATES THE MONTH OF THE FRANCOPHONIE

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett in collaboration with the French Consulate of Boston, the Haitian Consulate of Boston, the Everett Haitian Community Center, and other Francophonie constituents of the City of Everett will be raising the French flag to celebrate the Month of the Francophonie. The ceremony will occur on Wednesday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m. outside of City Hall on Broadway.

The Month of the Francophonie is a celebration of the French language and culture among communities throughout the world. Although French is not an official language in the United States, members of the Everett community have elements of French heritage in their culture and the City of Everett would like to acknowledge the month with a flag raising ceremony.

In accordance to social distancing guidelines, the ceremony will be closed to the public and will be made available to watch on Facebook Live. Residents are welcomed to participate in the ceremony through Mayor DeMaria’s Facebook page, @mayordemaria.

DiDomenico, Senate pass comprehensive COVID-19 emergency paid sick leave

Staff Report

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined with his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate in passing a comprehensive bill that would guarantee five paid days off for every employee in the Commonwealth. The bill also seeks to stabilize the state’s Unemployment Insurance (UI) trust fund, provide substantial tax relief to businesses and workers, and delay the state tax filing deadline.

“I am proud of the action taken by the Senate to pass this comprehensive bill that will help both businesses and workers, all while working towards an equitable recovery here in Massachusetts,” said Senator DiDomenico. “Although things are beginning to improve as more people are able to access the COVID-19 vaccine, it is not lost on us that our small business community and working families are still very much hurting from the fallout of this pandemic. I am confident this bill will bring much needed relief to our businesses, support to our front-line workers, and tax relief to low-income families. I know the House is also committed to taking swift action on this legislation and am grateful for their partnership on this matter. I sincerely look forward to seeing this comprehensive bill be signed into law.”

To help protect employees on the front lines, and prevent the further spread of COVID-19, this bill ensures that all workers in Massachusetts have access to paid leave if they are unable to work as a result of a COVID-19 infection or a quarantine order. Significantly, given the state’s push to increase vaccination rates, employees will be able to use this paid leave time to take time off to receive the vaccine. In addition, the legislation provides for

leave if the worker needs time to care for a family member unable to work because of COVID.

Under this legislation, employees are eligible for up to five days of paid leave, at their regular rate of pay, capped at \$850 per week—which is the same maximum weekly benefit provided for in the Massachusetts Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) law. Employers covered by federal legislation providing for paid leave will have the cost of providing such leave paid for through the federal tax credit. For all other employers, the bill creates a \$75 million COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave Fund to reimburse eligible employers for providing their employees with emergency paid sick leave. The state requirement for paid leave would extend until September 30, 2021 or until the fund is exhausted.

The COVID-19 public health crisis has created a surge of pandemic-related unemployment claims, which has depleted the Commonwealth’s unemployment trust fund, necessitating borrowing from the federal government to pay out those benefits. The bill therefore authorizes up to \$7 billion worth of borrowing to replenish the UI trust fund and to repay all federal UI loans, funded by an employer charge, and creates a separate time-limited employer assessment to repay interest on federal UI loans by their due dates to ensure the solvency of the UI trust fund.

The bill also provides much-needed UI-related relief to businesses and employees. For businesses, the bill prevents increases in the UI rate schedule for 2021 and 2022, providing employers with needed stability and relief as the Commonwealth continues to recover. For unemployed workers, some navigating the UI system for the

first time, the bill waives tax penalties on UI benefits in 2020 and 2021. It also mirrors federal tax provisions included in the recent American Rescue Plan and excludes \$10,200 of unemployment compensation received by an individual with a household income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level from gross income for tax purposes, putting up to \$500 into the hands of lower income unemployed individuals. This would apply to individuals making \$25,760 or under, or a total income of \$53,000 for a family of four.

Further relief for businesses comes in the form of a change in state tax policy regarding PPP loans. In Massachusetts, corporate excise, but not personal income tax, is tied to the current federal Internal Revenue Code. As a result, Massachusetts’ tax law treats forgiven Paycheck Protection Program loans differently depending on whether the recipient small businesses is organized as a pass-through entity or a c-corp. This bill conforms to federal law and ensures that all forgiven PPP loans, advance Economic Injury Disaster Loans and payments made under the federal Small Business Debt Relief are excluded from gross income, regardless of how the business is organized.

Finally, to align state tax deadlines with federal tax deadlines, the bill extends the Commonwealth’s tax filing deadline from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. This tax flexibility, similar to a delay authorized last year by the Legislature, will provide stability and ensure residents have time to prepare and file taxes as the state continues to weather the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill now goes to the House for further action.

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play to boost Everett into a 52-51 lead that proved to be the margin of victory.

The Crimson Tide defense, which enabled Everett to storm back by limiting Classical to just one field goal in the fourth quarter, continued to hold firm, with Ralph Enayo, Mervens Amazan, and Steve Cordero playing key roles in the defensive stops down the stretch that preserved the victory.

In addition to Mnexant’s heroics, Juvens Louis reached double figures with 16 points and Cordero added six crucial points, including a pair of clutch free throws that tied the game at one point in the fourth quarter.

Coach Stanley Chamblain and his crew, who now stand at 4-0 for the season, were scheduled to host Lynn English this evening (Wednesday) at 4:00 in a contest that will be highlighted by Senior Night festivities.

The Crimson Tide’s encounter with Somerville that had been scheduled for Friday has been canceled because of a COVID-19 issue with the Somerville team.

After tonight’s game,

Chamblain and his squad will await word of the schedule for the Greater Boston League championship playoff.

EHS girls zoom to perfect 4-0

The Everett High girls basketball team improved

to 4-0 on the season with a 56-42 triumph over Lynn Classical this past Friday evening.

Coach Riley Dunn and her crew were set to host Lynn English this evening (Wednesday) in a contest that will be highlighted by Senior Night festivities.

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Everett councilors say federal delegation wasn’t paying attention in American Rescue Plan

By Seth Daniel

Several City Councilors on Monday night lambasted the federal delegation for being “asleep at the wheel” and not fully advocating for full funding for Everett and Chelsea in the American Rescue Plan – with millions more in aid going to affluent communities like Newton while Everett and Chelsea got far less.

The “slight” for Everett and Chelsea was first made public last week when numbers from the federal Rescue Plan became available and it became apparent that Everett and Chelsea – though far more impacted by COVID-19 – had gotten far less funding in the Plan than more affluent communities that were far less impacted. State Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Everett CFO Eric Demas explained that it was due to a flawed funding formula used for the Community Development Block Grant, but on Monday night Councilors Anthony DiPierro and Michael McLaughlin were none too happy that Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, U.S. Senator Liz Warren and U.S. Senator Ed Markey had not stepped in to fight for the two communities.

“It seems our federal delegation was asleep at the wheel on this one,” said Councilor DiPierro.

“I hope my colleagues are as outraged as I am...I want to let everyone know we are upset with our federal delegation...Instead of fixing a bad formula, it appears our federal delegation just passed a passed one bad formula on top of another.”

McLaughlin said the federal delegation is more interested in the limelight that the good fight.

“Quite honestly because of inexperience and disinterest by our federal representatives, we’re in the position we’re in now,” he said. “It is the fault of our federal delegation because they’re more concerned about making headlines and not fighting for communities like Everett. I’m going to continue to speak up and out for Everett and Chelsea for this grievous misallocation... What happened here is communities like Everett and Chelsea were grievously misrepresented by our federal delegation.

“We didn’t have to fight this fight,” he continued. “We’re the sixth hardest hit in the state and Chelsea was #1. We shouldn’t have to fight to get the funding we deserve from the state... They were asleep at the wheel. Imagine voting on something and you don’t know what you’re voting on? That’s what

happened here with our federal representatives.”

DiDomenico and Demas were both called before the Council as well on Monday.

Sen. DiDomenico said he was alerted to the issue by Demas and Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and immediately tried to find a fix to the problem with the federal delegation – an effort that went on without success for about two weeks.

The glaring differences in funding included an allocation in the Plan of \$4.58 million for Everett, and \$3.91 million for Chelsea. Meanwhile, communities like Newton got \$48.14 million and Brookline \$34.21 million.

“This is outrageous,” said Sen. DiDomenico. “The fact that Everett and Chelsea were two of the hardest hit communities in the Commonwealth and weren’t funded by this Rescue Plan is outrageous. The formula they used had nothing to do with COVID-19. If they had taken COVID-19 into account, there should have been escalators in there. The pain, sacrifice and sadness we had to go through was horrible. I share Councilor DiPierro’s frustration to put it mildly.”

Demas and DiDomenico said they have been working with many officials from the state to

try to right the ship. Gov. Charlie Baker was allocated \$4.5 billion from the Rescue Plan to give out as he sees fit. Everett and Chelsea officials are hoping – to help them weather the pandemic – the governor will make them whole and restore the funding.

However, DiDomenico said it’s going to be a long fight, and they are having to create a brand new funding formula from scratch with the State Administration and Finance team that would favor communities hard hit, but left out of the Rescue Plan.

“The governor has told me and the mayor he is willing to look at this,” said DiDomenico.

Meanwhile, the federal delegation this week has pivoted to say the plan was always to rely on Gov. Baker to allocate the \$4.5 billion equitably in order to make up for the funding formula’s flaws.

A spokesperson for Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley said the Congresswoman and her federal colleagues proactively fought to make sure Everett and Chelsea were taken care of by Gov. Baker’s allotment.

“In addition to direct aid to individuals and families, and an initial round of funding through the Community Development Block Grant for-

mula, Congresswoman Pressley and her federal colleagues proactively fought to secure an additional \$4.5 billion federal dollars for Massachusetts in the American Rescue Plan,” read a statement sent to the paper on Tuesday. “That funding will be distributed by Governor Baker and his Administration - similar to previous relief packages. Since the legislation’s passage, Congresswoman Pressley and her colleagues have been in constant communication with the Governor’s office and local officials, and are pressing Governor Baker to allocate the additional \$4.5 billion in line with Congressional leaders’ intent when they passed the bill - these funds should be distributed quickly, in a manner that reflects the disparate impact of the pandemic on communities like Chelsea and Everett, and ensures those communities receive resources that meaningfully address their needs.”

That followed a series of letters sent by the federal delegation on Friday, March 18, urging Gov. Baker to direct the \$4.5 billion to hard-hit communities and/or communities of color. The letter indicated his designation of the 20 hardest hit communities would be a blueprint for distributing this aid.

“We will continue to fight on behalf of all our communities in need, and respectfully call on you to do the same,” read the letter.

However, that narrative was decidedly different than what came out from local officials in Chelsea and Everett last week – a narrative where local officials noticed the glaring deficiency and then alerted the federal delegation prior to a final vote on the Rescue Plan. Once realized there was a problem, local officials said the case was taken by the federal delegation all the way to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, but it was too late.

DiDomenico said having to fight for the \$4.5 billion is going to essentially leave Everett and Chelsea short of where they would have been had the funding been equitable in the first place.

“We have met many times on this,” he said. “The sad reality is communities like Everett and Chelsea, if we were funded equitably from the beginning, then the \$4.5 billion figure could have been used to supplement that funding. We could have gotten even more. Now I fear it will just fill the gap and we won’t get any more than that. We’re playing catch-up and it’s not a quick fix or a simple fix.”

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

NINE EVERETT RESIDENTS NAMED TO HONOR ROLL AT BC HIGH

Boston College High School is proud to announce that the following students from Everett have been named to the school’s Second Quarter Honor Roll.

BC High successfully reopened for in-person learning this past September using a hybrid model, with two cohorts of students coming onto campus on alternating weeks. This model provided all BC High students with completely synchronous learning opportunities throughout the fall, regardless of whether the student was at school or at home. The school also implemented extensive safety protocols to help keep students, faculty, staff, and others safe and healthy during the global pandemic, and has continued to offer in-person instruction.

Second Quarter High Honors Recipients

For High Honors a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior must have at least a 3.80 quality point average and all grades “C+” or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 quality point average and all grades “C+” or higher.

- Antoine Fauche (Class of 2021)
- Santiago Vasquez (Class of 2021)
- Christian Topinio (Class of 2023)
- Christopher Affonso (Class of 2024)

Second Quarter Honors Recipients

For Honors a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior must have at least a 3.20

quality point average and all grades “C-” or higher. Freshmen need a 3.165 quality point average and all grades “C-” or higher.

- Colin Mastrocola (Class of 2021)
- Ritchny Blaise (Class of 2024)
- Matthew Escobar Cedeno (Class of 2024)
- Lorenzo Possamai (Class of 2024)

Salvador (Class of 2024)

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men in grades 7 to 12. Founded in 1863, the school enrolls approximately 1,500 students from more than 140 communities in eastern Massachusetts. For more information please visit bchigh.edu.

EVERETT RESIDENT EARNS DEGREE FROM WGU

Kenisha Farris of Everett, has earned a Master of Science, Nursing - Nursing Informatics (BSN to MSN) degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The online, nonprofit university has graduated over 218,000 students from across the country since its inception in 1997.

WGU has recognized 14,146 undergraduate and 15,640 graduate degree recipients, who have completed their degrees since July 2, 2020. Their areas of study include business, K-12 education, information technology, and health professions, including nursing. The average time to graduation for

those earning a bachelor’s degree was 2 years, 3 months, while the average time to degree for graduate programs was 1 year, 4 months. The average age for those who graduated is 37 years old.

WGU pioneered competency-based education, which measures learning rather than time spent in class. Designed to meet the needs of working adults, students study and learn on their own schedules with individualized, one-to-one faculty support. They complete courses as soon as they demonstrate that they have mastered the subject matter; allowing them to move quickly through material they already know so they can allocate time for what they still need to learn. As a result, many WGU students are able to accelerate their studies, saving both time and money.

Established in 1997 by 19 U.S. governors with a mission to expand access to high-quality, affordable higher education, online, nonprofit WGU now serves more than 131,000 students nationwide and has more than 218,000 graduates in all 50 states. Driving innovation as the nation’s leading competency-based university, WGU has been recognized by the White House, state leaders, employers, and students as a model that works in post-secondary education. In just 24 years, the university has become a leading influence in changing the lives of individuals and families, and preparing the workforce needed in

today’s rapidly evolving economy. WGU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, has been named one of Fast Company’s Most Innovative Companies, and was featured on NPR, NBC Nightly News, CNN, and in The New York Times. Learn more at www.wgu.edu.

REGIS STUDENTS MAKE THE DEAN’S LIST

Regis College is pleased to announce that the following residents are among the 540 students that made the Dean’s List for academic achievement for the 2020 fall semester.

- * Diana Concannon, of Everett, class of 2021.
- * Michelle Correale, of Everett, class of 2021.
- * Kathryn Jovel, of Everett, class of 2022.
- * Brianna Paris, of Everett, class of 2023.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List as a senior, junior or sophomore at Regis, a student must have a semester grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50. For first-year students, a semester GPA of at least 3.25 must be attained.

“I am very pleased to see so many of our students excelling across the university,” said Regis College Vice President of Academic Affairs Mary Erina Driscoll. “The Dean’s List and the diversity of academic disciplines speak to a dedicated student body and to a faculty that promotes intellectual curiosity and achievement.”

CONGRATULATIONS, DANIELLE



Janice and Arthur Burge of Everett would like to proudly acknowledge their daughter Danielle on her early graduation from the university of Maine Orono with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Marketing and a Minor in Graphic Design. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement.

Regis College is a coed, Catholic university 12 miles west of Boston in Weston, Mass. With over 3,000 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students enrolled on campus and in fully online graduate programs, Regis provides an academically rigorous education within the schools of nursing, arts and sciences, business and communication, and health sciences. The Young School of Nursing at Regis has consistently been recognized by the National League of Nursing as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education. In line with Regis’ mission of providing innovative, industry-focused

learning opportunities, the university offers academic partnerships with hospitals and local employers, a clinical dental center in Waltham, Mass., and bachelor’s completion and accelerated nursing programs at its campus in Lawrence, Mass. The university’s 20 NCAA Division III athletic teams compete within the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). Inspired by the social justice values of its founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, Regis engages with service initiatives within the local community and around the world. Visit <https://www.regiscollege.edu>.

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SEEKING FULL FUNDING FOR SOA

CHELSEA - With the promised funding from the landmark education bill that was signed into law before the COVID pandemic hit is still up in the air, Chelsea students, parents and school committee members called for the state to fully fund the Student Opportunity Act Funding (SOA).

During a virtual press conference hosted by the Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance on Tuesday students, parents, and school committee members from cities across Massachusetts discussed their school funding needs, their perspectives on in-person school reopening this spring, and their aspirations for education this summer and during the upcoming school year.

Chelsea School Committee member Roberto Jimenez-Rivera testified at the virtual press conference and shared their thoughts.

At the press conference, which will be held over Zoom, Jimenez-Rivera joined students, parents, and school committee members from Boston, Revere, Lawrence, Lowell and Randolph to discuss safety measures, social/emotional and educational supports, and other resources they're looking for from their public schools as well as the need for substantial state funding to support those needs.

"We're here today because our elected officials are once again breaking the promises that they've made to our students," said Jimenez-Rivera. "Our governor in particular is continuing to neglect the kids in our poorest communities like the City of Chelsea. Two years ago everybody celebrated the passage of the Student Opportunity Act but ever since he signed it into law Governor Baker has only undermined its seven year funding plan."

Jimenez-Rivera argued that last year before COVID the Governor decided that the low income portion of the SOA didn't need to be fully funded.

"So even before we lost the rest of the money because of COVID his budget was already inadequate," said Jimenez-Rivera. "And then this year

instead of catching up to "Year Two" of the plan he's only proposing what the state should have given us last year. This isn't right and that's why today we are calling for a budget that gets us back on track. It is year two of the SOA implementation and we need a budget for year two, not for year one."

Jimenez-Rivera said Chelsea has disproportionately suffered from this pandemic in almost every way possible but with the proposed SOA budget children are being told that their education is less important than the interest of rich people.

"Our parents have a right to communicate with their kids, teachers, but right now we don't have enough interpreters," said Jimenez-Rivera. "How can we expect parents to engage when they can't speak the language and we don't have money to pay for interpreters? Our parents deserve language justice. Our students needed more mental health support before COVID And now they need it even more seeing as they have disproportionately lived through the trauma and death that COVID has brought us. Our students also had crowded classrooms in schools before COVID and now we need smaller class sizes, even more because of COVID. How is it that we expect small class sizes in wealthy districts, but we're okay with having 25, 30 or even 34 students in a class in Chelsea. Our kids deserve the same access to small class sizes as kids in Brookline or Wellesley."

Jimenez-Rivera said 94 percent of Chelsea schools are made up of students of color and they deserve access to educators of color.

"Our current funding doesn't allow us to pay educators what they're worth," said Jimenez-Rivera. "So new educators of color and more experienced educators, generally go to districts that have the money to pay them what they're worth. That lack of diversity and lack of stability hurts our students even more."

Jimenez-Rivera said all these issues are fixable but only with the millions of dollars that the state owes Chelsea through the SOA.

"I want to be clear

here, our students are owed this money, this money isn't charity," said Jimenez-Rivera. "Our children are legally and constitutionally entitled to those millions of dollars. They have been waiting for decades as the state underfunded their futures and they can't wait any longer. We cannot let the burden of COVID-19 continue falling on the most marginalized and so we have to ensure that the legislature fixes Governor Baker's broken budget. The Supreme Court declared in Brown vs. Board of Education that education is the most important function of government. I think it's about time that our legislators remember that. Fund our schools and fund them now."

The SOA overhauled the state's education funding formula to ensure equity for all students, especially those in low-income areas.

Because the state has not updated its education funding formula since 1993 to reflect districts' real health insurance and special education costs, the amount of aid being provided to cover those costs had been too small for decades.

In January 2020 Governor Charlie Baker signed S. 2412, An Act Relative to Educational Opportunity for Students, or the SOA, which would have boosted investment in public schools by \$1.5 billion annually when fully phased in over the next seven years.

However, when COVID hit in March 2019 budget shortfalls pushed SOA spending to the wayside. Chelsea Public Schools were expected to receive millions in SOA funding.

The state legislature's Ways and Means Committee met Tuesday to begin reviewing the Governor's proposed FY22 budget.

At the press conference students and parents plan to keep pushing for a true commitment to fully fund public school and call for putting the state's commitment to public education funding back on track.

One demand by the group Tuesday is that the state delivers at least two of the seven years of promised funding increases under the SOA in the next state budget.

JUAN GALLEGO TRAVELS TO TEXAS TO HELP

CHELSEA - For the residents of Chelsea and his fellow members of the Rotary Club, it will come as no surprise that Juan Gallego traveled to Texas to help South Houston-area residents with an incredible display of voluntary assis-



Chelsea Rotary Club member Juan Gallego (right) traveled to Texas to assist homeowners in the repair of their piping systems that were broken during the severe winter storm.

tance.

Gallego, 58, has been an ambassador of goodwill for Chelsea Rotary and living symbol of the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self." In the past while representing Chelsea Rotary in his native Colombia, Gallego helped develop health care centers in remote areas of the country. He also organized and executed a Rotary project to assist children in need of cleft palate surgery.

Earlier this month Gallego and a team of volunteers headed to Texas to repair homes that had been devastated by a severe winter storm which caused power outages and broken water pipes in homes.

"We fixed up 18 homes that had no water because all the pipes were burst," said Gallego. "We were there working for ten days. We had plumbers and we had helpers. I was a helper. We did a total re-piping of the homes."

All of Gallego's repairs to South Houston-area homes were done free of charge. Interestingly, one of the days that Gallego was in Texas was March 10, which was the Chelsea community leader's 58th birthday.

"It was the best birthday gift I ever had, being down there working and helping people," said Gallego.

Kate Robinson, volunteer coordinator at Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders, expressed her gratitude to Gallego and his team in a heartfelt email.

"We are so grateful to Juan Gallego and his crew of Sam, Manny and John coming to Texas to help so many homeowners affected by the Texas winter storm," wrote Robinson. "They did an awesome job. Now these homeowners have water and do not have to depend on bottled water or water carried into the house from buckets from their neighbors or relatives."

FROM CHELSEA TO HOUSTON

Gallego was proud to represent Chelsea Rotary in his humanitarian endeavor. "Our club has totally supported me," he said.

A few years ago, Gallego was honored as an "Unsung Hero" at a tremendous regional event that drew hundreds of Rotary members. While the pandemic has curtailed those large events for now, there's a very good chance that Juan Gallego will be receiving some much-deserved recognition again in front of his peers.

But that's not why Juan Gallego does what he does for others as the "Unsung" in Unsung Hero aptly suggests.

Gallego came to the United States from Colombia 41 years ago. He has two children, Matthew, who is a student at Suffolk University, and Melissa, who is a high school student.

ZBA APPROVES BREMEN ST. PROJECT

EAST BOSTON - Back in July, the Boston Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) sent the developers of a proposed large-scale mixed-use development project on Bremen Street back to the drawing board.

Citing a lack of green-space coupled with the size and scope of the project, the ZBA unanimously rejected the proposed project at 282-302 Bremen St. that would have brought 145 additional units to Eastie.

While the project received BPDA approval, it lacked support from the community and the Mayor's Office.

However, last week the ZBA approved a scaled-down version of the original proposal.

Ahead of the ZBA hearing the developer reduced the number of units from 145 to 126, or a 13 percent decrease, and increased the percentage of affordable units from 15 to 20 percent.

Overall the approved project includes 13 live/work studios for artists and 5 three-bedroom apartments aimed at families making no more than 60 percent of the Boston area median income. In total, 20 percent of the units will be rented to people making no more than 60 percent of the Boston area median income.

The changes were supported at last week's ZBA

hearing by City Councilor Lydia Edwards.

The project received BPDA approval last February and was under Article 80 Large Project review and still needed zoning variances from the ZBA to move forward.

Bremen Acquisitions filed the project with the BPDA last year that kicked off an Article 80 review by the BPDA and the appointment of an IAG made up of community members for the proposal.

The developer wanted to take a non-conforming and outdated industrial use currently housing Gino's Auto Body on Bremen Street and turn the site into a development that includes a mix of residential housing and ground-floor retail space.

Other highlights of the project include related upgrades in public realm improvements, including pedestrian and vehicular access, landscaping and streetscape design. With a combined land area of approximately 34,160 square feet, the site consists of nine contiguous parcels of land with a series of non-descript automobile repair structures, one small wood-frame residential buildings, surface parking and multiple curb-cuts off Bremen Street.

The 110,000 square foot building included more than 3,000 square feet of retail space, over 2,155 square feet of artist workspace with gallery programming, up to 61 parking spaces and 145 bicycle storage spaces.

According to the BPDA The ground-floor retail space would be designed for an urban grocery store/market operator, daycare operator or local retailer.

Prior to the ZBA vote, Bremen Acquisition inked a community mitigation package with members of the project's IAG.

The package is comparable to other projects of its size with \$200,000 in direct money benefits Eastie. The developer agreed to doing 20 percent affordable onsite housing—seven percent more than what is required under the BPDA inclusionary policy.

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‘Picking up where we left off’: Teachers return to classrooms

By Seth Daniel

On Monday, many teachers in the Everett Public Schools (EPS) returned to the classroom for the first time in more than a year – making it a milestone and historic occasion as the first step in the re-opening plan that brings young students back to class in early April.

While some teachers have taken the opportunity to teach from school buildings, and others have staffed e-Learning Centers, a vast majority of teachers hadn’t been in their classrooms since March 12, 2020 – the day EPS suddenly announced the closure of schools for two weeks and maybe longer.

As it turns out, it was longer – coming out to more than a year of closed schools.

For Everett High School teacher Dana Oppedisano, he had not really been back in his classroom or to the school in an entire year. So, to mark the occasion, he made a video of his first return trip and his first entrance into his classroom. He took off before dark, stopped at Dunkin’ Donuts as he used to do, and pulled up to EHS and walked in. In his classroom, he found air purifiers, sanitizing stations, social distancing queues and a number of new COVID-19 additions.

But he also found things eerily in the same place – like the work from students in 2020 still up on his bulletin board. Those same students are now one grade ahead, and nearly ready to move on to a second grade ahead of where they were when they sat in his class on March 12, 2020.

Below is a Q&A done with Oppedisano about how he felt on his return and how he decided to make his video.

•How long has it been since you were back?
Our last full day in the



Everett High teacher Dana Oppedisano returned to EHS on Monday, March 22, as the first step in the district’s re-opening plan. To memorialize it, he made a video of the return trip and his first entry into his classroom in more than a year. The video was posted to social media and got rave reviews.

building was March 12, 2020, so it’s been a year since I spent an entire workday inside EHS. I have had to travel to the school briefly - to collect materials, check in quickly, grab paperwork - but Monday was definitely the first time it felt like ‘being back.’ Yes, this was the first time I’ve commuted, at that hour, and with the intention of being in Everett for the start of the day, since last March.

•How did it feel to walk into the school and classroom for the first time?

It really did feel like there was some semblance of normal for the first time in a year. There are a lot of things that aren’t quite ‘back to school’ yet, but coming into EHS, seeing my colleagues and finally trying to take our first steps back into the world after COVID, it was exciting. So much time has passed since we’ve all been in the buildings together, and Monday felt like we hadn’t missed a step. Everybody was right back where they wanted to be.

•What did you think as you arrived?

It was nice to walk into a classroom that was, for the most part, exactly as I left it. In a weird way, working until last March, and now returning to finish this year feels a little

like completing an academic year - albeit with a weird one-year break in between. Seeing my students’ work, even though they’ve moved on to the next grade, and my decorations made it feel like coming back home. If it was empty or significantly changed it might have felt like starting over - where this felt more like picking back up where we left off.

•Were you scared at all?

No, not at all. The administration and our union came together to make the safest and smartest decision for teachers. Where going back a month, or even a few weeks ago might have meant many teachers returning without being vaccinated, we are finally trending in the right direction and most teachers have received at least the first shot. That, coupled with the emphasis on social distancing, the cleaning and air purifying, and just the overall caution and awareness that I’ve seen everyone exhibit, has made it very comfortable for us. Without students in the building yet, it’s up to teachers to really be aware of the environment and exercise common sense, and everyone has done exactly that.

•What made you decide to make a video about your return to work?

My wife and I talked with our three boys the night before about how daddy had to go back to school on Monday. They were all asleep when I left the house, so I started just sort of taking these short videos to send her showing that I got out of the house okay and that I made it safely. I thought it would be sort of amusing for her to see that I was back to normal - even stopping for coffee on the way. When I got to the building I realized that coming back was actually a pretty significant

moment. If nothing else, I’d have my own memories of returning for the first time to look back on someday. When I looked at them all at the end of the day, I thought it just made sense to cut them together and add some music, and I tweeted it in the hopes that people felt equally excited about taking a step forward. A few people have called it my ‘hype video,’ and yeah, if it made some other teachers as excited as I was to go back into

the building, or made my students look that much more forward to the day they come back, then it was definitely worth the few minutes it took to make it.

•Any last thoughts about the first day back in the school building?

I thought Monday went really well. We’re not close to normal yet, but I think we all know this is going to be a process. In a year where each of us has experi-

enced frustration, anxiety, maybe had COVID personally or cared for someone who has, it was so rewarding to have a good day again. The sun was shining, the building was alive for the first time in a year, and I saw a lot of faces, with masks on, that made me forget for a moment about the past year. Hopefully our students will have that same feeling when they return to the buildings.

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now and at the time of said auction which tenancies and occupation are subject to the Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the Mortgaged Premises, and also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances, if any of the foregoing there be.

Terms of Sale: Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) will be required to be paid by bank or certified check (subject to collection) at the time and place of sale as earnest money The balance is to be paid by bank or certified check (subject to collection) within 30 days thereafter provided such days in which the Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds is open for Business, and if not, then on the next day on which said Registry is open for business. Time is of the essence. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale containing the above terms at Auction Sale.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the Mortgaged Premises according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the Mortgaged Premises by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee’s attorneys, INDEGLIA LUTRARIO the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after its receipt of written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of its delivery of

the required deposit to the Mortgagee’s attorneys. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later time and date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone the sale at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. Purchaser shall be responsible for costs of documentary stamps.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale. Red Balloon Capital, LLC By its attorneys, INDEGLIA LUTRARIO Attorneys at Law The Summit East 300 Centerville Road Warwick, RI 02886 401.886.9240 3/17/21, 3/24/21, 4/1/21

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Rigano’s Towing Service 1081 Fellsway, Malden, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after March 24 beginning at 10:00 am by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being stored at Rigano’s Towing Service.

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Signed Basil Rigano

Owner

3/10, 3/17, 3/24

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Street easier for pedestrians as well as creating a more active Bremen Street in what has been an industrial area.

HILTON AND YMCA PARTNER FOR PANTRY BAG PROGRAM

EAST BOSTON - Executive Director of the East Boston YMCA Joe Gaeta announced that the Y has begun partnering with Hilton Boston Logan Airport to expand the YMCA of Greater Boston’s Pantry Bag Program.

Gaeta said each year for the past 15 years the YMCA of Greater Boston has grown its programming at local sites to fight food insecurity and reach more and more people.

“Since the start of the pandemic, our commitment has grown dramatically, and the impact of our work has grown as well,” said Gaeta. “In 2019 the YMCA of Greater Boston served more than 800,000 meals and snacks, in 2020 we served 3.1 million grab and go and prepared meals and 170,043 bags of pan-

try food delivered across 70 locations. We have developed close working relationships with key players with the Mayor’s Office of Food Access, Boston Public Schools, the Greater Boston Food Bank, the Boston Housing Authority, and dozens of other community-based organizations.”

Earlier this year the East Boston Y hatched a plan with the Hilton Boston Logan Airport to receive, pack and distribute grocery bags to community groups in East Boston.

The Eastie Y now provides on average 4,000 grocery bags weekly of pantry food to residents here and throughout Boston at 33 sites.

“The Hilton in East Boston was an ideal location for a temporary distribution center as prior to the pandemic, East Boston was one of the city’s most food insecure neighborhoods, with over 35 percent of residents living below the poverty line,” said Gaeta. “East Boston has long been a focal point of the Y’s hunger prevention programming.”

Gaeta said 10 of the YMCA of Greater Boston’s 33 pantry food sites are located in Eastie and in the past year the Y in Eastie has served more than 350,000 grab and go Meals to youth 18 and under.

Gaeta said the partner organizations in Eastie that help distribute the food include: the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen; the James Otis Elementary School; Eastie Farm; East Boston Social Centers; Church Biblica Faro de Luz; the Paris Street BCYF Community Center; Maverick Landing; Centro Presente; the Mario Umana Academy; and East Boston High School.

“The Hilton has stepped in so many ways to help East Boston during this pandemic,” added Gaeta. “We are thrilled to have them as a partner in service to ensure that we are filling gaps where we see them. East Boston is much stronger because of the strong partnerships in our community. It is a testament to the resiliency of East Boston.”

OBITUARIES

Elaine DiSerio

Lifelong advocate for children

Elaine V. DiSerio of Revere passed away on March 20.

Elaine had a career in Child Protection with DCF and was a lifelong advocate for children. She was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1970 and Tufts University. She loved spending time with family and friends and in her spare time she enjoyed traveling, dancing and Karaoke.

The devoted mother of Adriana DiSerio of Revere, she was the beloved sister of Joanne McLean and her late husband, John of Revere, Jacqueline “Jackie” Hanson of New Jersey, Catherine “Kiki” Catizone of Lynn, Mary Martin of Chelsea and the late Barbara Weatherly and her husband, Robert of North Carolina; dear lifelong friend of Linda Ciampa of East Boston. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



Visitation from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere will be on Wednesday, March 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, Revere at 12 Noon. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Elaine’s memory to Care Dimensions 75 Sylvan St, unit B-102 Danvers MA, 01923 or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at www.pancan.org For guest, book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

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The idea for a parade originated with Sarai’s friends, seniors Kaleigh Snook and Alexa Stevens, after asking Tammy Turner what they could do to lift Sarai Velez’s spirits during her health battle.

Snook, one of Sarai’s field hockey teammates, said Sarai is a “great person” who is admired and respected by all of her friends and classmates.

“Sarai is very outgoing and real friendly,” said Stevens. “She’s always there for you no matter what. When this happened, we wanted to show her that we’re all here for her. She is not alone and she can still be who she is, even with everything.”

Everett High algebra teacher Bill Bertocchi traveled from Brockton to be a part of the parade. Sarai is one of his students this academic year.

“Sarai is a great kid who tries hard,” said Bertocchi. “Stay strong, kid – that’s what I want you to do. We’re with you.”

Erick Naumann, principal at Everett High School, brought his fam-

ily to the parade.

“It’s wonderful to see the community and the teachers and the students come together to help another student,” said Naumann.

Cory McCarthy, vice principal, said, “This parade is a true representation of Everett Pride – this is exactly what the Everett community is all about.”

Ish Zamor, one of the state’s most outstanding high school football players, expressed his support to Sarai. “This is what Everett’s about, we’re a community – and nobody fights alone, we fight together,” said Zamor. “We come together for each other and ‘Roll Tide’.”

Outside her residence, Sarai Velez smiled as friends, classmates, and teachers greeted her from their vehicles. Others stopped and approached Velez with gifts of support.

“I’d like to thank everyone for supporting me,” said Sarai. “I appreciate everyone and all their kindness through my journey.”



Friends turned out to support EHS student Sarai Velez on Saturday.



Football star Ish Zamor lets Sarai Velez know that all of Everett High School's students are supporting her during her health battle.



Everett High Principal Erick Naumann, with his wife, Erin Naumann, and their children, Brayden Naumann and Avery Naumann.



Everett High Vice Principal Cory McCarthy and EHS football star Ish Zamor, at the launching point of the parade for EHS student Sarai Velez.



Everett High teacher Bill Bertocchi and Bella Bertocchi.



Rebecca Hickey, Ella Hickey, and Kaylin Seward.



Everett High junior Sarai Velez (right) with friends Ella Hickey and Kaleigh Snook.



The Everett Fire and Police Department did an excellent job leading the parade and provide safety on the route. From left, are EPD Patrol Officer Matt Cunningham, EFD Firefighter Adam Ragucci, EFD Lt. Richard Collins, EFD Firefighter Scott Nee, and EPD Patrol Officer James MacGregor.



At the start of the parade at the Madeline English School, coordinators from left, Elena Hickey, Everett Coach Melissa O'Donnell, Kaleigh Snook, Ella Hickey, Alexa Stevens, and Everett Athletic Director Tammy Turner.



Administrators, coaches, and students show their support for Sarai Velez.



Coach Melissa O'Donnell and athletes show their support for their teammate and friend, Sarai Velez, during Saturday's parade.