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Rep. Santiago named as First Cabinet-Level Veterans’ Secretary

Governor Maura T. Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kimberley Driscoll announced that they are appointing State Representative Jon Santiago to serve as Massachusetts’ first ever Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services. Representative Santiago is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve, an emergency medicine physician at Boston Medical Center, a former volunteer in the Peace Corps, and has served as State Representative for the 9th Suffolk district since 2019.

In 2022, the Massachusetts Legislature passed An Act relative to the governance, structure and care of veterans at the Commonwealth’s veterans’ homes in response to the devastating tragedy at the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home in 2020. The legislation made a number of key reforms, including creating the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services to be led by the Secretary of Veterans’ Services. Among the Secretary’s responsibilities include serving as the ultimate appointing authority of the superintendents of the state’s two veterans’ homes. The secretariat will be established on March 1, 2023, which is when Rep. Santiago will be sworn in as Veterans’ Services Secretary.

“Representative Santiago has dedicated his life to serving his country – whether that’s volunteering for the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic, working in the emergency room throughout COVID, being deployed overseas with the U.S. Army Reserve, or advocating for increased access to housing, public transportation and substance use disorder treatment in the State House,” said Governor Healey. “His public health expertise and military service make him uniquely qualified to serve as Massachusetts’ first ever Secretary of Veterans’ Services. I’m confident that he will be the leader our veterans need and deserve and will always stand up for their health, safety and wellbeing.”

“As the daughter of a Navy veteran, I’m so proud that Massachusetts is taking this critical step to ensure that our veterans are well cared for and prioritized by creating the



Jon Santiago appointed the Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services.

Executive Office of Veterans’ Services,” said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. “I’m grateful to the veterans, legislators and advocates who worked so hard to see this through – and I’m grateful to Representative Santiago for stepping up to take on this enormous responsibility. I know our veterans will be in good hands under his leadership.”

“I’m honored that Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll have placed their trust in me to assume this historic position,” said Representative Santiago. “Our veterans deserve the absolute highest quality of care, but they are far too often underserved. The Healey-Driscoll Administration is committed to meeting the complex needs of those who have bravely served our country, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue my own service as Secretary of Veterans’ Services.”

Jon Santiago was born in Puerto Rico and received his undergraduate degrees in biology and religious studies from the University of Texas at Austin. After college, he volunteered for the Peace Corps where he organized sugarcane workers and communities in the Dominican Republic, and later was a Fulbright Scholar in Paris. He completed a Master of Public Health from the University of Washington at Seattle after returning from abroad. A graduate of Yale School of Medicine, he now works as an emergency medicine physician at Boston Medical Center, the city’s safety net hospital. He also serves as a major in the U.S. Army Reserve and has been deployed overseas twice.

In 2018, he was elected State Representative for

the 9th Suffolk District located in Boston. During his time in the Legislature, he advocated to increase funding and services to address the substance use epidemic, affordable housing, and tackle health disparities. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Representative Santiago doubled his hours in the emergency room and served as a member of the House of Representatives COVID-19 Working Group and Vice-Chair of the COVID-19 and Emergency Preparedness & Management to advise policymaking and ensure state government accountability.

He lives in the South End with his wife Alexandra and son Rafael.

The Veterans’ Services Secretary will work closely with the newly constituted Veterans’ Homes Council, which was also established by legislation. The Council’s responsibilities include recommending improvements and policies for veterans’ homes to the Secretary of Veterans’ Services, submitting recommendations for appointments and removal of Veterans’ Homes Superintendents, and developing an annual report reviewing the Veterans’ Homes’ demographics, finances, staffing levels, efficacy, equity, and resident well-being. Governor Healey and Acting Health and Human Services Secretary Mary Beckman announced their appointments to this council last week.

Statements of Support: “Representative Santiago’s service to his country, as a healthcare professional, and in the House of Representative makes him uniquely qualified to serve in this new position. I want to thank Representative Santiago for his hard work during his time in the House, and I wish him all the best going forward.” -House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy)

“The Healey-Driscoll administration should be commended for moving quickly to elevate Veterans’ Services as a stand alone agency with direct report to the Governor. We congratulate them for selecting Jon Santiago as its new leader. Rep. Santiago is an Army veteran, dedicated legislator and an accomplished medical

physician. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to our Country and Commonwealth and his leadership and compassion for helping those in need is unquestioned. The Disabled American Veterans look forward to working with him to serve and support our veterans and their families. DAV also wishes to thank current Secretary Cheryl Poppe for her many years of service and dedication during very challenging times and we know our veterans will continue to be well served by Secretary Santiago.” -Coleman Nee, former Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans’ Services (2011-2015) and National Line Officer for Disabled American Veterans.

“Representative Santiago’s medical background will be a significant asset to the role of Veterans’ Services Secretary, as he has firsthand knowledge of what it takes to meet veterans’ complex health needs. I’m confident that he will always put the health and wellbeing of our veterans first.” -Dr. Thea James, Vice President of Mission, Associate Chief Medical Officer, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, and Director of the Violence Intervention Advocacy Program at Boston Medical Center

“Representative Santiago has been a strong, effective representative for our South End district, as well as for the Latino community throughout his career, and I’m excited to see him take on this important role in the Healey-Driscoll Administration. He will bring empathy, integrity and expertise to the job, and our veterans and Commonwealth will benefit enormously from his leadership.” - Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, CEO of Inquilinos Boricuas in Acción

“Representative Santiago has been a champion of equity throughout his career, and he will bring compassion and expertise to this new role. We can count on him to make sure veterans are receiving the care they need and deserve, especially veterans of color.” -Tony Molina, President of the Puerto Rican Veterans Association of Massachusetts.

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decision is made by Chief Dalrymple.

The City of Everett purchased the new ambulance at a cost of approximately \$250,000.

O’Brien said that City Councilors Al Lattanzi and Darren Costa took separate tours of the new ambulance which is based at the Hancock Street fire station.

“I was given a tour from stem to stern of the new ambulance, and I was very impressed at what a beautiful vehicle it is. I know it’s going to be a great addition to the City of Everett,” said Lattanzi, adding that he intends to provide an update for residents on the ambulance at the Feb. 27 Council meeting.



Ward 6 City Councilor Al Lattanzi stands adjacently to the new Everett Fire Department ambulance after receiving a tour of the vehicle which is situated at the Hancock Street fire station.

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endary vocal group, will provide the musical entertainment. A well-known comedian will also perform at the event.

“We expect 75 state and local officials to attend,” said DiDomenico. “We’ll be serving a delicious, corned beef and cabbage dinner. This is our ninth

year and it’s always a fun event that attracts a large crowd.”

Dinner tickets, at \$35 per person, or \$300 for a table of ten, can be purchased by calling 617-387-3327, or by emailing the DiDomenico Foundation at ttankevich@hotmail.com.

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JIMMY CARTER: A WONDERFUL, AMAZING MAN

The reports that former President Jimmy Carter has returned home for hospice care came as sad news for all Americans this week.

Ever since the self-described peanut farmer burst onto the national scene shortly after he was elected governor of Georgia, it is not an overstatement to say that Jimmy Carter served as the conscience of America for the past half century.

Jimmy Carter served four years as president from 1977-81. But that term of office was just a small mark left by this wonderful man during his decades of service to our country and the world.

He became the face of Habitat for Humanity, the organization that builds housing for low-income persons. He served as an official who oversaw numerous elections in foreign countries to ensure that they were run honestly and above-board. He also undertook a campaign to eradicate the Guinea worm, a human parasitic infection that plagued 3.5 million people across the globe annually 40 years ago, but thanks to the efforts of the Jimmy Carter Center, there were just 13 reported cases world-wide in 2022.

For his many years of service to the world, Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 “for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development.”

It is fair to say that no former American president had as great an impact on the world after he left office than Jimmy Carter -- it’s not even close.

But the most remarkable aspect of Jimmy Carter’s life has been his incredible humility, which no doubt was informed by his faith as a Christian minister in his small hometown church in Plains, Georgia, where he gave a sermon every Sunday.

It often is a cliché to say that someone will be missed. But in the case of our former President, Jimmy Carter, a man who spoke the truth -- even if America did not want to hear it (such as when he said in 1979 that America must end its dependence on fossil fuels) -- his absence truly will be a great loss for all of us.

OUR SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE MUST NOT WAVER: WE MUST REMAIN THE ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY

This week marks the first anniversary of the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by the government of Russia and its sociopathic leader, Vladimir Putin.

The Ukrainian people have demonstrated to the world that freedom isn’t free. The enormous sacrifices they are making in order to fight off the Russian war machine have served as an inspiration to freedom-loving peoples around the world.

Russian atrocities against Ukrainian civilians -- the rapes, executions, forced deportation of children, and the attacks on civilian infrastructure -- have risen to the level of genocide and crimes against humanity.

Those in our country who question our commitment to help the Ukrainians resist the Russian invaders suffer from a combination of being incredibly naive, selfish, and shortsighted.

The Ukrainians, not Americans or anyone else, are the ones on the front lines. They are making the ultimate sacrifices in defense of both their country and the free world. Our allies in Europe, especially in Poland and the Baltic countries of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania, know all too well that Russia, if left unchecked in Ukraine, will focus on them and that they will be next in line to feel the weight of the Russian oppressors, who will seek to undermine their democratic governments.

Vladimir Putin has gone on record as lamenting the dissolution of the former Soviet Union empire, for which he served as a KGB agent, and his invasion of Ukraine, in his eyes, is the first step in restoring the U.S.S.R. to what he perceives as its former glory.

We would note that the war in Ukraine is fundamentally different from that of every other conflict since WWII. This is the first time that an independent, democratic nation has been invaded by a foreign power since Hitler invaded European countries in the late 1930s starting with Czechoslovakia, then Poland, and then the rest of Europe.

With England remaining as the lone bulwark against the Nazis, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave a fire-side chat in late 1940 in which he spoke to the American people these words.

“The people of Europe who are defending themselves do not ask us to do their fighting. They ask us for the implements of war, the planes, the tanks, the guns, the freighters which will enable them to fight for their liberty and for our security. Emphatically, we must get these weapons to them, get them to them in sufficient volume and quickly enough so that we and our children will be saved the agony and suffering of war which others have had to endure.”

Later in his talk he coined a phrase that has remained true ever since:

“America must be the great arsenal of democracy.”

President Roosevelt’s words are as true today as they were then. We urge all of our elected leaders to ensure that American support for Ukraine continues to be strong and unquestioned.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Police officers and citizens must have mutual respect

Dr. Glenn Mollette

American citizens need police officers. Our state police, county sheriff’s department and city police all deserve our help, respect and decent pay. None of us like being recipients of speeding or other motor vehicle violations. However, often a warning or a ticket may be what it takes to get our attention and might even save our lives.

When someone is threatening us we want the police. We expect them to come and help us. These are the men and women who often risk their lives to protect us. So, praise the good ones because they are deserving of honor.

The defund the police movement has been fueled by horrific incidents such as when Minneapolis police murdered George Floyd on May 25, 2020. This cruel and disturbing murder has been replayed over and over on national television. Most recently the horrific killing of Tyre Nichols in

Memphis, Tennessee has fanned the flames of police hatred. These and other police brutality events continue to severely damage the image of America’s police forces.

The behavior of five Memphis police officers toward Mr. Nichols was beyond criminal. This does not justify defunding the police. Such behavior reinforces the need that all those in law enforcement must have routine mental health tests. Only qualified people who have been thoroughly examined and trained should ever be allowed to wear a badge. Training and mental health evaluations must be ongoing.

The Five former Memphis police officers were charged with murder over the death of Tyre Nichols but pled not guilty in their first court appearance.

The arrest of Mr. Nichols on January 7 has been reported throughout the national media.

They were fired after an internal investigation by the Memphis Police Department.

“Memphis and the whole world need to see that what’s right is done in this case, and it needs to happen sooner rather than later,” lead prosecutor Paul Hagerman told reporters.

The officers were arrested and taken into custody on January 26, after the Memphis police reviewed bodycam footage of the violent arrest.

In the footage, 29-year-old Mr. Nichols can be heard calling for his mother as he is beaten by police after being pulled over for alleged reckless driving. He was pepper-sprayed, kicked and punched by the officers and died in hospital three days later.

Memphis Police Chief Cerelyn Davis said the incident was “not just a professional failing”, but “a failing of basic humanity toward another individual”. (Source BBC news)

I believe that 99 percent of the men and women wearing badges are good people who are looking out for our welfare and safety. The actions of a few should not discredit

all law enforcement. Whether it’s politics, medical doctors, attorneys, business persons and more there are always a few bad apples that make others look bad.

Police officers have the upper hand. They have a badge and a gun. We should give them respect and they should respect all citizens. Having a badge never gives any law enforcement officer the right to pour out their frustrations, racial hatreds or their own personal demons on another citizen. No one is ever in a position to put up a defense as sadly shown by Tyre Nichols, George Floyd and too many others.

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GUEST OP-ED

Start solving the vocational admissions problem:

Improve access, create more seats

that. A lottery will just rearrange who sits in the seats, with 6,000 kids still on the outside looking in. With that in mind, we are working hard to conduct our admissions processes as fairly and equitably as possible:

-Since admissions regulations were revised by the state in 2021, 97% of vocational-technical and agricultural high schools have made changes in their admissions policies, personnel, or training. Clearly, our schools are serious about this effort.

-Grades are now less of a factor. Many schools now give equal consideration for grades of C or above, unlike before when student grades were more heavily emphasized.

-Disciplinary issues are now less of a factor. Minor disciplinary issues are no longer factored into the admissions process.

-Most schools require a recommendation, typically from a guidance counselor, and a brief interview to gauge a student’s interest in vocational education. We are training interviewers on eliminating bias and are providing supports and accommodations for those applying, including easier access to interviews and translation services.

-The admissions changes only took effect recently so we have limited data to gauge whether the changes we’ve made are making a real difference. One year of data doesn’t make a trend. Moreover, our schools have no access to demographic information about the students who do not enroll. We need help from the state on this so we can make best-informed decisions.

-Finally, there’s no guarantee that a lottery would actually help the protected groups of students that all of us want to help. In fact, simulations run by some of

our schools have demonstrated that a lottery would yield exactly the opposite result. That is, a lottery would result in lower numbers of enrolled students in some protected groups (just as one school experimenting with a lottery recently discovered).

Vocational-technical schools are continuously striving to serve under-represented populations. Consider special education. Five of the 10 school districts in Massachusetts with the largest percentages of students with disabilities are vocational-technical and agricultural high schools.

While there is strong sentiment on the both sides of the lottery debate, what all advocates of high quality vocational-technical education can agree on is this: The state can do more to help vocational schools and our potential students:

First, the state needs to make a massive capital investment in vocational

school construction to create more seats. Second, our schools need unfettered access to our middle schools so we can inform students, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, about the value of vocational education. Put another way, we need better access to reach the very students our detractors say are being excluded.

As demand for limited seats continues, we must work together to create opportunity and bright futures for all our high school students. Vocational-technical and agricultural high schools in Massachusetts will continue to do their part.

Steven C. Sharek is Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, a professional association of educational leaders who administer and advocate for high-quality vocational-technical and agricultural education.

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MALDEN CATHOLIC NEWS

Jess Piracini hired as Girls Varsity Lacrosse coach

Malden Catholic Director of Athletics, William Raycraft, has announced that the school as hired Jess Piracini to head its Girls Varsity Lacrosse program.

According to Piracini, “I am fortunate to be taking over a very good lacrosse program. This is an incredible opportunity to lead the Malden Catholic program forward with the desire and competitiveness to become the best in high school lacrosse.” Piracini added, “Malden Catholic is a school that not only embraces athletics, but also truly cares about the growth of their students and school community. This genuine commitment to growth goes well beyond the fields and classroom.”

Piracini emerged out of a strong pool of applicants, and she is a coach looking to bring this young



Jess Piracini.

program to new levels. “Coach Piracini has done a fantastic job working with our girls in the hockey program and she was a standout athlete herself. I am confident she will lead our lacrosse program with outstanding skill and eventually to MIAA distinction,” stated Raycraft. “Our program currently has nearly sixty members in its fifth year of existence, and we believe that Coach Piracini will fuel it

with a wealth of knowledge, passion and enthusiasm.” Raycraft went on to say, “She understands our mission, embodies the core values of the athletic department, and I am confident she will make a very positive connection with our student-athletes.”

Coach Piracini is a graduate of Catholic education having attended Arlington Catholic High School where she was a three-sport athlete, excelling in both hockey and lacrosse. While at AC she was a four-year member of the varsity lacrosse team, captain, and CCL All-Star her senior year. Jess then continued her education and hockey career at women’s hockey powerhouse, Norwich University where she was a four-year member of the varsity team. She is currently an assistant coach for the MC Lancers Girls Hockey Team.

Michael Colombo hired as Girls Varsity Soccer coach

Malden Catholic Director of Athletics William Raycraft has announced that MC has hired Michael Colombo to head its Girls Varsity Soccer program.

Michael Colombo has served the Malden Catholic Girls Soccer program over the past three years as both the Junior Varsity Head Coach and Varsity Assistant Head Coach. He has extensive education, coaching experience and has demonstrated tremendous enthusiasm over the years at MC.

According to New England Futbol Club Technical Director Peter Motzenbecker, “Michael is one of the finest coaches with whom I have had the pleasure of working.” Motzenbecker added, “His technical knowledge of the game is top notch,



Michael Colombo.

and probably more importantly, he understands how to work with players and get the very best out of athletes.”

“Michael has a terrific ability to connect with people. He has also demonstrated a strong drive to succeed while developing talent the right way, which makes him a terrific fit for Malden Catholic and our mission. As we went through the

search process, Colombo checked off all the boxes,” stated MC Athletics Director William Raycraft.

Coach Colombo has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame and holds a USSF D License, in addition to numerous certifications from a diverse suite of providers including United Soccer Coaches and Massachusetts Soccer. His coaching career includes time with Mass Youth Soccer’s Town Select program and over the past four years he served as a Staff Coach with the New England Futbol Club (NEFC). Over his coaching career, student-athletes have experienced great success and have flourished both as teams and as individuals.

DiDomenico teams up to launch Feeding Our Neighbors campaign

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined La Colaborativa, The Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, and Representative Judith Garcia to launch the Feeding Our Neighbors campaign. The campaign’s purpose is twofold: to raise awareness to the plight of the immigrant community who lack access to basic needs and benefits, and to highlight the need for both legislation (which Senator DiDomenico filed alongside Rep. Garcia and Rep. Cabral) and funding to restore basic food and cash assistance benefits for legally present immigrants. This legislation would enable the Commonwealth to provide legally present immigrants, who are ineligible for federal programs, with access to both state-funded supplemental food (SNAP) and, for families with minor children, cash assistance benefits.

“I am proud of the legislation we filed, and it will be a top priority of mine

this session,” said State Senator Sal DiDomenico. “This bill will help set a higher standard in Massachusetts, and for the entire country, when it comes to supporting and respecting immigrants living in our neighborhoods. I am looking forward to working with my colleagues and community leaders to advance this legislation.”

The campaign launch event was held at La Colaborativa’s Food Pantry at 63 Sixth Street in Chelsea. La Colaborativa distributes emergency food to roughly 5,000 families each week from Chelsea and surrounding communities.

“Our organization has been at the forefront of the challenges our families face pre- and post-pandemic. At the top of the list of needs is food insecurity, which comes to no surprise as most of our community members serve our state as essential workers and were drastically impacted economically,” said Gladys Vega,

Executive Director of La Colaborativa. “We see hundreds of families form our food lines for hours on a weekly basis and it’s only getting worse.”

“Many of our residents in Chelsea have to deal with a myriad of issues when they arrive,” said State Representative Judith Garcia. “The legislation filed will help them meet some of their core living expenses.”

Over 25 years ago, the 1996 Welfare Reform Law slashed core food and cash assistance benefits to thousands of legally present immigrants across the nation -- including victims of violence, “Dreamers,” immigrants with pending asylum, and immigrants with Temporary Protected Status. The bulk of immigrants are working low-wage jobs, but are unable to meet their basic food needs for their families. In 1997, the Massachusetts Legislature authorized basic cash and food assistance for needy immigrants, but the benefits



Pictured (back row left to right) are Norieliz DeJesus, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Georgia Katsoulomitis, Executive Director of La Colaborativa Gladys Vega, Rep. Judith Garcia and Patricia Baker with members of La Colaborativa.

ended in 2002. Six states in the nation currently provide state-funded benefits to eligible immigrants, including California, Connecticut, Maine, Minnesota and Washington State.

The Feeding Our Neighbors campaign comes at a critical time. During the summer of 2022, more than 2,000 individuals ar-

rived in Massachusetts, double the number who arrived a year earlier. That trend is expected to continue as numerous global economic challenges and political conflicts force more people to flee their home countries. The legislation will provide a framework for critical basic needs to help these

individuals acclimate to their new surroundings and provide supplemental nutrition benefits to their low-wage earnings as well as help other immigrant families who are continuing to struggle economically since the onset of Covid.

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EVERETT HIGH HOCKEY AND CHEERLEADING SENIOR NIGHT

The seniors on the Everett High School co-op hockey team and cheerleading team were honored during ceremonies before the final home game against Taunton Feb. 17 at the Allied Veterans Rink.



Captain David Saia, with his parents, Linda Saia and David Saia, brother and teammate, Ben Saia, and brother, Dom Saia.



Mykell Schovanec of Revere High School, with his grandparents, Cathi Connors and Ed Connors, and brother, DJ Schovanec.



Captain Riya Tanizaki of Mystic Valley Regional, with his parents, Junya Tanizaki and Chisato Tanizaki, and siblings.



Captain Chris Cecca of Revere High School, with his parents, Sharon Cecca and Paul Cecca, and his brother, Anthony Cecca.



Mykell Schovanec, with his father, Derek Schovanec, and brother, DJ Schovanec.



Senior cheerleader Ella Hickey-Schultz and her sister, Rebecca Hickey-Schultz, with their mother, Elena Hickey-Schultz (left) and grandmother, Pam Hickey, at Senior Night ceremonies.



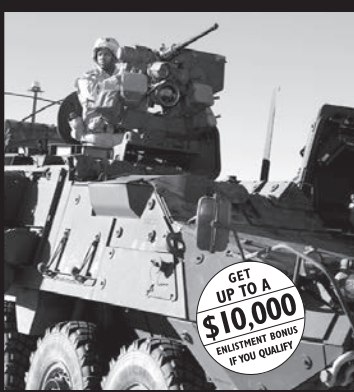
Cam Cuoto of Everett High School, with his father, Lenny Cuoto, and his grandmother.



Nyla-Nhi Nguyen, with friends, Diana Flores, Aline Silva, and Ashley Clavel.



Ella Hickey-Schultz (center), with her sister, Rebecca Hickey-Schultz, and their mother, Elena Hickey-Schultz.



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Captain Aline Silva, with her mother, Leda Silva.



Joselin Diaz and friend, Steven Ruiz.



Holly Garcia (right), head coach of the Everett High School hockey cheerleading team, with the seniors, from left, Ella Hickey-Schultz, Joselin Diaz, Aline Silva, Nyla-Nhi Nguyen, and Jacqueline Machado.

Sports

THE EHS CRIMSON TIDE VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM HONOR SENIORS

Last Wednesday night before the start of the final home game at EHS Gymnasium, the seniors of the Tide were recognized for their dedication and hard work as members of the team.



Senior Alex Portillo with Alejandra Perez, Jesse Rodriguez, Miguel Rodriguez, and Brianna Delorbe.



Senior David DeSouza with family and friends.



Senior Kevin Ruiz with Michele, Kaylin and Ashley Seward, David DeSouza and Carol Bippy.



Senior Karmarri Ellerbe with his mom Nikeisha, sister Kayana, with family and friends.



Senior Steven Cordero Nurth Codero, David Zorilla and Sarah Sales and friends.



Everett Ward 2 School Committee member Jason Marcus was on hand to help with the concession stand at EHS, shown with Ms. Danielle Bond, Anthony Rocha, Suzanne Maharjan, Emanuely Fernandes and Fabio Galeano.



Senior Adam Penaflor with his parents Miller and Fatima and family and friends.



Senior Anderson Joseph with Edith Exilus and Luis Alvarez.

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EHS Roundup

GIRLS, BOYS HOOP AWAIT TOURNEY FOES

Both the Everett High girls and boys basketball teams will be awaiting word of their seeding and opening round opponents in the upcoming MIAA Division 1 state basketball tournament.

Coach Riley Dunn's Lady Crimson Tide punched their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney

with a 55-46 victory over Lawrence this past Monday.

The win boosted the Everett girls' record to 10-9, assuring them of the .500 record that is necessary to qualify for the post-season. Dunn and her crew, who finished in third place in the Greater Boston League with a 9-5 mark, are scheduled to conclude their regular season tonight (Wednesday) at Lowell.

Coach Stanley Chamblain's Everett High boys team wrapped up its regular season this week in the Comcast Tournament at Woburn High. Although the Tide dropped their contests with Central Catholic and Beverly, two of the top teams in the state, they finished with a 10-10 mark that earned them a spot in the post-season.

Everett finished second in the Greater Boston League with a 10-4 record.

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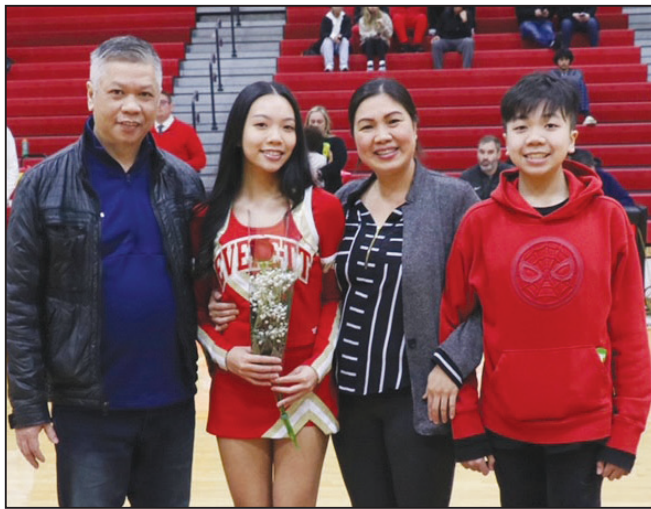
Senior Karyana Ellerbe with her mom Nikeisha and brother Karmarri.



Aaliyah Desdunes with her cousin, Rianna Botte.



Riley Avelar with her mom Maria Vaughan.



Senior Michelle Ngo with her parents Yen Mai and Kier, and brother Ethan.



Senior Makayla Freni with her parents, Colleen and Marc and brother Tyler.



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Deacon Frank Valeri

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Deacon Frank A. (Sonny or Mr. V) Valeri passed away peacefully at High Pointe House in Haverhill on February 14.

Frank served in the US Army during the Korean War and was a Deacon for 43 years. In the 1970's, Frank would run the monthly dances at the Knights of Columbus in Everett. Frank was also an avid football and horse racing fan. He and Kay would go to Saratoga every August or September. Frank was a charter member of the Unique Club.

The beloved husband of the late Kay (Sclafani), he was the loving father of Peter and his wife, Kathi and Paul; dear grandfather to Jon and his wife, Edith, Peter Jr., and his wife Lisa, Katherine and fiancé Nate and Laura. Frank was the



son of the late Avelino and Helen (Mattuchio).

A wake was held at Most Blessed Sacrament Church 1155 Main St., Wakefield on Tuesday, February 21. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. was followed by interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in his name to American Red Cross PO Box 37839 Boone, IA 50037-0839.

Virginia Fitzgerald

Family Matriach

Virginia M. "Ginny" (Wyrocki) Fitzgerald, a resident of Melrose and formerly of Everett, passed away peacefully at home on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14 at the age of 85.

Virginia was born in Boston on May 15, 1937, one of two children of the late John T. Wyrocki and Stella R. (Bezon) Wyrocki. Raised in Everett, Virginia graduated from Everett High School. On November 17, 1956 she married Harold E. "Fitzie" Fitzgerald at Immaculate Conception Church in Everett and they settled in Everett to raise a family of seven daughters and one son.

A dedicated and wonderful mother to eight children, Virginia was always there when needed. She was a constant source of support, love and kindness to everyone whether a family member or friend.

Virginia held various jobs throughout her life, but found the most joy in caring for her children, grandchildren, and extended family and friends. She and her late husband, Fitzie enjoyed many years dancing together in the local area. As a grandmother to 12, she hosted many sleepovers often making gingerbread houses and waking her grandchildren up with frappes and French toast.

Smart and intelligent, she always enjoyed reading and had a love for birdwatching, especially her beloved cardinal. She cherished many years of hosting Christmas at her house for generations of the family to gather and spend time together. In her free time, she enjoyed painting, and doing puzzles and arts and crafts with her grandchildren.

As the matriarch of the family, Virginia served as a source of great strength, as well as the most loving and kind role model for others to follow. She will be deeply missed, but her kind spirit, and in-



ner strength will carry on in the lives of those she loved.

Virginia was the beloved wife of the late Harold E. Fitzgerald, Jr. with whom she shared 45 years of marriage, devoted mother of Donna Pedersen and her husband, Henry of Middleton, NH, Debbie Santore and her husband, Phil of Palm Harbor, FL, Terry Lyons and her husband, Dennis of Tarpon Springs, FL, Linda Sullivan and her partner, Edwin List of Sun City Center, FL, Cindy Shaw and her husband, Kevin of Saugus, John Fitzgerald of Melrose, Paula Rock and her partner, David Dardas of Middleton, and Sandy Donnelly and her husband, Bob of New Hampton, NH. Dear sister of the late John T. Wyrocki, Jr.; cherished grandmother of Justin Dello Iacono and his wife, Mariana, Jena Dello Iacono, Kyle Sullivan and his wife, Mia, Elizabeth Shaw and her partner, Charles Finnemore, Emily Anderson and her husband, Greg, Erin Shaw, Allison Rock, Zachary Rock, Jacob Rock, Robby Donnelly, Michael Donnelly and Kathryn Donnelly; loving great-grandmother of Charlie and Madeline Finnemore. She is also survived by her longtime friend Pat Cafasso and predeceased by longtime friend, Mary Kerrigan.

Funeral arrangement were entrusted to the Robinson Funeral Home, 809 Main St., Melrose. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. If you wish, donations can be made in Virginia's name to St. Mary's Church, 46 Myrtle St., Melrose MA 02176.

John L. Diamond

November 7, 1950 ~ February 15, 2023

John L. Diamond, 73, of Port St. Lucie FL, formerly of Everett, passed away suddenly at the Cleveland Clinic Tradition Hospital on February 15.

John was a late lieutenant of the City of Everett Fire Department and former secretary treasurer of the local 143.

The loving husband of Nanci M. Diamond, he was the loving father of Kristen and her husband, Steven Dillingham and Adrianne and her husband, Shaun Johnson; beloved grandfather to his "Best Friends" Evan, Jillian and Kaylin Mantel and Jack Johnson and his furry grandchildren, Molly, Tukka and Cooper; adored brother of Sharon and her husband, Dr. Raymond Murano and adored uncle of Dr. Raymond Murano III and his wife, Tricia and Jaclyn Murano and her fiancé, Kai Glick; step-father of Jimmy Cook, brother-in-law of Bart Silva. John was predeceased by his parents, Jack and Joan (Rongone) Diamond and his first wife, Judith L. Diamond and her family. John leaves a very good friend, John Shinnars. He



is also survived by many nieces, nephews and good friends.

Funeral from the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main Street, Everett today, Wednesday, February 22. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home followed by a Funeral Service in the funeral home at 12:30 pm. Interment will be in Saint Mary Cemetery in Tewksbury.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in his name to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, Ma 02115 danafarber.jimmyfund.org or Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10306.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

TRAFFIC CONCERNS AIRED AT COUNCIL

CHELSEA - Several City Councilors are concerned about the traffic impacts of the Innes Development project.

At last week’s meeting, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero introduced an order requesting Interim City Manager Ned Keefe update the council on the demolition of the American Biltrite building and the Innes Complex in the area of Willow Street, Central Street, and Marginal due to the ongoing traffic issues in the area.

“They knocked down all the housing projects, now they are knocking down all Biltrite, the old American Biltrite company, it’s coming down all over the place,” said Recupero. “So now, there’s lots more traffic, and Highland is a small street.”

Although there is a sign in the area, Recupero said there should be more measures to help with traffic.

“I would like the people in the area to know the situation, what’s going on, because every day I see it, I see school buses go through there, I see everything go through there and it’s too small,” said Recupero. “Maybe there should be some sort of supervision so people are watching when these buildings come down there is plenty of room for all the cars to move around. They are going all over the place because they can’t go the old-fashioned way because everything is coming down.”

Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot said the construction and demolition has had a huge impact on residents of that community.

“From residents not be-

ing able to get nurses or deliveries coming to their street because the street is blocked on two sides, to the noise, to they feel that their houses are shaking,” said Vidot. “I know that we needed to invest in this project and this project had to happen in order to preserve the 96 affordable units that were there, that is no question. But I think that there is something that we can learn here about the next time we have a major project happening in a residential area to better inform the abutters of what is to be expected.”

Vidot said she thinks a lot of people were excited about the investment in the Innes Development, but didn’t realize the long-term impact it was going to have on them.

“I think this is a learning experience for us for the next time we have these projects,” said Vidot. “It’s great to have abutters meetings to get them on board, but also to have realistic expectations for what is down the road and how this is going to affect their quality of life. I think it was a blind spot going into that project.”

JPNA REVIEWING PROJECT

EAST BOSTON - Representatives of a proposed project on Haynes Street came back to the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) during its monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, to present again and answer any remaining questions before the development went up for a vote.

The project’s developers are proposing to combine two parcels located next to 8 and 10 Haynes st. into a singular 1,800-square-foot lot to

construct a new residential building – 4 Haynes Street – that will include four units and three parking spaces.

The proposed four-floor building would not only exclusively use its first floor for parking and storage, but it will also include a bike rack to encourage the use of other modes of transportation. Regarding the unit size, there will be two studios on the second floor, each 543 square feet.

As for the remaining two units, both are larger coming in at over 1,200 square feet, and have a lower and upper level on the third and fourth floors, respectively. According to Jeff Drago, who spoke about the project at the meeting and represents the owners, these will serve as an opportunity for family housing.

“Even though we have two studios, we also wanted to create family housing as well, so these are our larger units,” said Drago.

As a bonus, there are also two rear decks and roof decks in the plans for some additional space for residents of the building.

Overall, it seemed like the sentiment from residents and abutters who spoke and sent in comments was positive. The chief reason for so much of this positivity was due to work done by the development team to connect with abutters and residents to take in feedback.

“This is a taxable city parcel that we worked diligently with our direct abutters and the Planning and Zoning Committee to come up with the design that you see tonight,” said Drago.

For example, Drago referenced the talks with neighbors to change the

THE ERUZIONE FAMILY’S WINTHROP CHARITIES MAKES A DONATION TO WINTHROP SCHOOLS



Olympic gold medalist Mike Eruzione and his wife, Donna Eruzione, made a very generous \$10,000 donation on behalf of the family’s Winthrop Charities organization to the Winthrop Public Schools. Pictured at the check presentation ceremony at Winthrop High School are, from left, Donna Eruzione, Mike Eruzione, Supt. of Winthrop Schools Lisa Howard, School Health Nurse Leader Tara Beuoy, and WHS Principal Matt Crombie. The funds will be used to purchase additional defibrillators for the school district so it can expand the number of units in each school building, along with portable devices that will be available for use in case of a medical emergency at all home and away sporting events.

façade of the building to brick, keeping consistent with buildings next door.

To this point, he also mentioned commitments made with neighbors, such as creating a construction management plan to spell out construction hours distinctly, guidelines for site cleanliness, and more.

Probably the most intriguing commitment was to limit on-street residential parking, a noted concern among residents.

“We were asked if we would give our address as well as the two buildings that the owners own next door at 8 and 10 to the city to restrict resident parking, and we did agree to it. Again that’s a newer program – the details are still being fleshed out, but immediately the developers agreed,” said Drago.

Additionally, Drago did say that the buildings next door to the right that he indicated are owned by the same people proposing this project will not change. “The buildings to the right will remain exactly how they are.”

One abutter expressly referred to the entire process between the development team and neighbors as to why he is voting in favor of the project.

“At this point – given the way the process has gone, I’m prepared to support this project as it is currently drawn up,” said Steve Holt.

Other abutters echoed Holt’s point regarding the process, such as Caitlin Wallace, who said, “We’re very much appreciative of how much the developers have worked with this group to inch us closer to the line.”

As well as Brian Williamson, who outright said he supported the plans. “We want to throw our support behind this project. They’ve done a lot of things – they changed the design of the building – we’ve actually worked with them in the past ... we’ve worked through issues and problems before, and they’ve been great neighbors of ours.”

Although many of the comments were positive, some questions were raised, notably about the commitment to restricting resident parking and how it would be enforced.

Drago explained explicitly that the parking restriction program involves unit addresses being sent to the transportation department, and parking stickers would not be given to those residents. He also mentioned that this

restriction would be written into the unit leases.

However, he did make sure to state that since the program is relatively new, there could be potential legal challenges.

“If someone was to challenge this legally, it’s so new that we just don’t know,” said Drago.

As this week draws on, those who are eligible to do so are able to vote in support or opposition until Friday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m.

MCKENNA CALLS FOR RESTORATION OF REVERE BEACH STRUCTURES

REVERE - Revere Beach is the city’s major tourist destination, but many of the features along the beach have been left to deteriorate and decay, according to Ward 1 City Councillor Joanne McKenna.

At last week’s council meeting, McKenna introduced a motion looking for help from the city’s legislators and the Department of Conservation and Recreation to make repairs to the gazebos, pavilions, lighting, and other historic features along the beach.

McKenna said Revere resident Arthur MacDonald provided her with photos highlighting the deterioration along Revere Beach.

“We have spent millions of dollars on this beach developing apartments, restaurants, and hotels, bringing people from all over the country and the world to Revere Beach,” said McKenna. “If you look at the license plates, you can see this holds true. The city has even created a tourist department to bring people here.”

But when those tourists come to the city and look out at the beach, McKenna said they see the deplorable condition of the pavilions, the gazebo, and the artifacts along the beach.

“This is the history of our beach, our city, and we are going to lose this if we don’t take action or care of it now,” she said. “I am asking the city, along with our legislators and DCR to work together to come up with some grants and money to restore and preserve these historical pavilions, light poles, and gazebo ... so they can be admired by folks that visit our city and for the generations that follow us.”

Ward 6 Councillor

Richard Serino noted that there may be money available for that restoration and preservation from a bond bill that was passed almost five years ago. He said an environmental bond bill included \$10 million for repairs and improvements to the Revere Beach Reservation, including but not limited to the renourishment of Revere Beach, repairs to any failing sea walls, transportation improvements, and restorations to pavilions and period lighting structures.

“So there is money,” said Serino. “The bond bill is kind of like Monopoly money; it’s not always expended, but it is at the governor’s discretion.”

Serino said the use of money in the bond bill likely expires by the end of the year, and suggested that local state legislators and they mayor reach out to the Healey/Driscoll administration about having funds released for the Revere Beach improvements.

“Maybe the mayor can help leverage his relationship with the new governor and lieutenant governor ... to put some of that money out of the bond to go towards this,” said Serino. “It’s a matter of releasing it. The Baker administration only cared about putting meters on the beach, hopefully, the Healey/Driscoll administration will be a little more amenable to helping Revere Beach.”

WPD PLAYS MAJOR ROLE IN SUCCESS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN REC PROGRAM

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Police Department, in partnership with CASA (Community Action for Safe Alternatives), is seeing the important benefits of its Middle School Open Recreation Program, with teenagers participating in weekly recreational activities at the old Middle School gymnasium under the supervision of police and CASA personnel.

Police Lts. Mary Crisafi and Steve Rogers, and Det. Samantha Ferrino are the key leaders of the program that has been drawing more than 60 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students on a regular basis to the drop-in sessions which are held Fridays, from 6 to 8 p.m. The program is free of charge for participants.

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State Rep. Jeff Turco, who was instrumental in securing a state Shannon Grant for the program, and Police Chief Terence Delehanty made a special visit Friday to show their support of the program.

Turco, who is the father of six children, has earned plaudits for his work in the advancement of after-school programs and youth enrollement in supervised extracurricular activities in a safe, structured environment.

Program leaders credit Turco's leadership at the state level.

“Jeff was able to assist the town in obtaining the Shannon Grant, and that funding has allowed us to operate our program on Friday nights,” said Crisafi. “He is a big supporter of the Open Rec

program.”

Crisafi said the program gives teenagers the opportunity to interact with each other in basketball and other activities.

“Our teenagers play mostly basketball, board and trivia games, or just show up to socialize with their friends,” said Crisafi.

The Open Rec Program will continue through the end of the school year in June.

Crisafi said the goal is to open a permanent youth center at the old Middle School gymnasium.

“We would love to work with Parks and Recreation Director Sean Driscoll, who does a great job with his program, and establish a community youth center there,” said Crisafi. “The Middle School has been vacant for several years.”

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Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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Dogs at transition points

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Throughout our lives, we encounter transition points, both positive and negative. We’ve noticed that these are often moments when people think about adding a dog to their lives. In each case, there are pros and cons you should consider.

Some common transition points are reaching a significant age; setting up your first home; moving in with someone else; getting married; becoming a parent; changing jobs; retiring; or losing an important person or animal.

Job Change

The transition to remote work during the pandemic made it possible for many people to add a dog to their lives. As some of these folks return to the office, they and their dogs must learn to live with that change.

A job change can also mean moving, longer hours, and more or less

travel. These can impact your relationship with current animal companions, and in some cases, may raise the possibility of adding an animal to your family.

Retirement

Leaving the world of work or moving to a semi-working status is a transition point that can have a massive impact on your lifestyle and your ability to make choices that can be good or bad for your mental and physical well-being.

Research has found that dogs positively impact the lives of people of retirement age. Patti Murphy, writing for www.travel-awaits.com, said, “After I retired I noticed that I had a lot more free time and occasional boredom creeping in. Having a dog has helped fill some of that time and given me company on days when not much else is going on. We play, we walk, we do training, and I take him to visit

family members who no longer have their pets and miss having a lively creature around.”

Research has shown that dogs provide a reason to exercise and become part of a community. These are important factors for heart health and cognitive function. Increased social interaction, companionship, daily routine, and the unconditional love of a dog can do wonders for our quality of life and mental health.

However, there are factors that must enter into your decision-making. Murphy suggests that retirees consider the size and strength of a dog who might pull on a walk and sometimes need a lift from you. She also recommends a more mature animal who might need less training and have less energy to burn off daily.

Moving to a New Home

Over the years, we’ve conducted home visits for various rescue groups.



Research has found that dogs positively impact the lives of people of retirement age. (Photo by Ave Calvar)

Quite a number of these were for young individuals or couples setting up their first home or home together.

One of the first questions in the adoption process is whether or not dogs are allowed in the building and under the lease. We gave a top approval rating to a couple from the Midwest who moved to Boston. They had leased

a dog-friendly apartment, planned where they would walk a dog, and found a nearby veterinary hospital. Both were engaged in the adoption process and were enthusiastic about having a dog.

If you already have animals in your home when you relocate, let those critters get used to their new place before introducing an additional family mem-

ber. Moving is stressful for our furry companions, just as it is for the humans in the family. It will be harder to give a new dog the time and peaceful atmosphere needed to transition to a new home and family.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

THE DANDEE DONUT FACTORY
HOLDS GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

Cary Shuman Photos

The Dandee Donut Factory held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new business located at 1141 Revere Beach Parkway.

The Dandee Donut Factory serves more than 50 varieties of delicious,

old-fashioned donuts. It also has a menu of homemade breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. There is a drive-thru window.

Mayor Brian Arrigo, Rep. Jessica Giannino, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Regional School Committee member Anthony Caggiano,

and Kaitlyn Carter, aide to Rep. Jeff Turco, welcomed General Manager David Ferrara and his staff to the city.

This is The Dandee Donut Company’s first store in Massachusetts. There are three locations in Florida.



Pictured at the grand opening celebration for the Dandee Donut Factory in Revere are, from left, Courtney Solimini, Vanessa Page, Shelley Evirs, General Manager David Ferrara, Alex Guevara, and Caitlin Piskadlo.

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