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INVITED TO WHITE HOUSE FOR BOSTON CELTICS CEREMONY

Senator Sal DiDomenico and his son Matthew were recently invited by the Biden Administration to the White House to

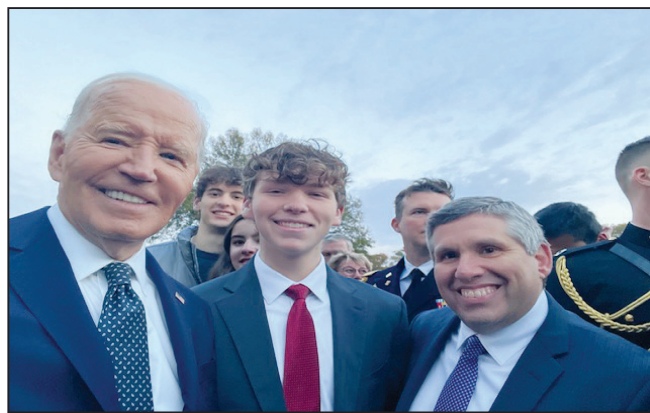
honor the Boston Celtics on their 18th NBA Championship. President Biden praised the efforts of the Celtics, and star players

Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown presented the President with gifts from the team. Senator DiDomenico and Matthew were

also able to meet President Biden and several of the Celtics during their time at the White House.



Senator DiDomenico with Petrina Martin Cherry, VP at Boston Medical, and Senate President Karen Spilka.



President Joe Biden taking a selfie with Senator Sal DiDomenico and son Matthew. (The President took this picture!)



President Joe Biden with the Celtics players, coaches and owners.

Van Campen asks for better communication and collaboration between Administration and Council

By Cary Shuman

Ward 5 City Councilor Robert Van Campen has requested the city's water superintendent, Ernest Lariviere, to appear at the next Council meeting "to clarify the purpose of recent letters to residents regarding lead."

While the Council unanimously approved

Van Campen's motion to reschedule the appearance for the Jan. 27 meeting, Van Campen said he wanted "to raise a larger question for the City Council how we ought to conduct our business."

Van Campen clarified that he had spoken to Lariviere Tuesday morning and "there apparently was a miscommunication be-

tween City Council staff and Mr. Lariviere, which had not been conveyed to me before the meeting."

Still, Van Campen contended that there is "a completely inconsistent practice by this Administration as to how it communicates with the City Council."

"Some department heads are more than will-

ing to appear before us," continued Van Campen. "In fact, if I asked Mr. [Matt] Lattanzi, Mrs. [Colleen] Mejia, or Mr. [Eric] Demas to appear right now, I'm sure [they] would." (The three Everett officials were sitting in the audience at the Council meeting and in fact, City

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Council votes to allow limited animal testing

Councillors Smith, Rogers clash on issue

By Cary Shuman

The Everett City Council voted by a 6-4 margin to allow limited animal testing at life science centers or laboratory buildings that could be located in Everett in the future.

Before the vote, City Clerk Sergio Cornelio

clarified that Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith's motion related to the animal testing of "rats, mice, and fish."

Smith then offered further clarification of her request to amend the live animal testing ordinance which previously had

been a total ban on testing.

"It already said 'small vertebrae' but now we've called out that there's no [testing] of cats, dogs, horses, goats, or large vertebrae."

Smith was joined by Councillors Anthony DiPierro, John Hanlon, Wayne Matewsky, Peter Pietrantonio, and Robert Van Campen in voting for

the ordinance.

Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, a prominent animal rights advocate, Council President Stephanie Martins, Councilor-at-Large Guerline Alcy-Jabouin, and Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, voted against the measure.

In a clash of rising titans

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Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers delivers remarks during the debate over live animal testing in Everett.



Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith delivers remarks during the debate over live animal testing in Everett.

DiDomenico's energy siting bill signed into law

Special to the Independent

This past fall, the Governor signed a climate omnibus bill into law, S.2967, which includes key language from Senator Sal DiDomenico's energy facility siting bill, S.2113, that will protect his constituents from hazardous energy projects and advance the state's clean energy infrastructure. For years, Senator DiDomenico has worked side by side with environmental advocates and constituents on this legislation to ensure communities like those in his district have more control over which energy projects get developed in their neighborhoods. Thanks to this language, a larger number of energy facility projects must first seek input and review from the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) and the affected communi-

ties, the state must create accelerated timelines for siting clean energy projects, and the EFSB will have guidelines that will make it harder to develop new fossil fuel projects in cities that have borne the brunt of large energy projects for many years.

"I am proud to have passed my energy facility siting reforms into law which will help provide communities in my district with more of a voice when developments are proposed in their neighborhoods while also promoting the deployment of clean energy across our state," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "These reforms will go a long way towards fighting the climate crisis while also helping people that have faced fossil fuel-related hazards for years protect

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Pietrantonio shines in City Council discussions

By Cary Shuman

Political observers of City Council meetings have consistently lauded Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio for his uncanny knack of taking large-scale issues and putting them into basic, people-on-the-street perspectives.

Some might call it a refreshing "lunch pail" approach to political discussions, but Pietrantonio has apparently mastered it during his quite productive first term as a councilor.

On the Council's most-discussed topic of the evening—live animal testing—Pietrantonio took the issue beyond its main topic, stating, "I wish we had this passion for our kids in the schools—[where] we have overcrowded—I wish we had the people come up and talk about schools like they talk about animal testing, no disrespect to anybody, but we've got problems everywhere."

Pietrantonio also offered a thoughtful suggestion when the issue of improving the quality of food in the senior meals program was brought to the floor. "I think we personally should start keep-

ing record [of complaints], so we can have backup and say [to the procurement officer] 'Hey listen, this is why we're not taking your bid.'"

Later, Pietrantonio tried to blame himself for one of the department heads not appearing at the Council meeting. That was a gesture you don't always see at meetings.

"I have to apologize to my fellow councillors, because I'm the one who probably caused these questions because I wanted to talk to the elections director and the DPW director and I had to write my questions out," said Pietrantonio, using the term "false narratives" while elaborating on the matter.

Pietrantonio is clearly enjoying his life as a city councilor. His basic,

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TRASH DELAY

Due to the Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday January 20th, Trash will be delayed by one day

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NEVER GAVE UP

For those of a certain age, it is hard to imagine that 2025 will mark 57 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. Recalling how we felt when he first heard the news of Dr. King's murder still brings chills and a deep sense of sadness that never has subsided.

For those who are too young to have been alive in that era of American history, there are a few things that everyone should know about Dr. King that should provide inspiration to all of us.

First, Dr. King was fearless. He knew from the inception of his rise to prominence of the Civil Rights movement that he would become a target for those who opposed change. Yet, even though he often told others that he believed his death would be imminent, he did not relent in his fight to continue his work in the civil rights movement.

Second, Dr. King stood for the rights of all Americans, not merely those of color. He was in Memphis working with striking sanitation workers, whose pay and working conditions he was seeking to help improve. He was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War because he knew it to be an unjust war, not only for poor Americans who could not get a college deferment for the draft, but also for the people of Vietnam, whose homeland was being bombed into oblivion at great profit for the American military-industrial complex.

If Dr. King were alive in the present era, there is no doubt that he would have been in the forefront of the Black Lives Matter movement, as well as the effort to reduce the economic inequality that has made attainment of the American Dream possible for a select few.

Dr. King's words ring as true today as they did two generations ago; his "I Have A Dream" and "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speeches are among the most powerful not only in American history, but in all of Western civilization.

All of us should learn from the example set by Dr. King that in each of us is the power to change the world -- that each of us has the capacity to inspire others, whether through our words or deeds, whether on a small or large scale, to make the world a better place. Many of our fellow citizens have followed the path set by Dr. King and many more will do so in the years ahead.

Dr. King often would say that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Admittedly, that "bend" often has taken a less-than-direct path in recent years. But as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day this Monday, let us recall not only his memory and the many things that he accomplished, but let us also resolve never to give in to the forces of intolerance, prejudice, and hate that continue to plague our country and the world today.

LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES: A TRAGIC SIGN OF THE TIMES

The apocalyptic images from Los Angeles this past week of the destruction caused by the still-raging fires are unfathomable. They are mindful of the horrific black-and-photos of Hiroshima in the aftermath of the atomic bomb in WWII.

Entire communities have been burnt to the ground, with only the charred foundations and concrete slabs of homes, businesses, municipal buildings, and places of worship serving as a reminder that this was a place where tens of thousands of people once called home.

The Los Angeles fires will affect all of us. With losses estimated at a minimum of \$60 billion, insurance premiums nationwide for homes and automobiles are certain to increase for everybody, just as they have in the aftermath of the hurricanes in Florida in recent years.

In addition, with tens of thousands of families and businesses losing everything in a state that represents 1/7th of the U.S. economy -- and with no hope of being able to return and rebuild -- there will be ripple effects across the economic spectrum that will impact all of us.

In the aftermath of hurricanes Helene and Milton this fall, we noted that Florida is close to becoming uninhabitable. Insurance companies have pulled out of that state, which means that most folks are unable to buy -- or sell -- a home, except at great expense. Moreover, living in the path of ever more-destructive hurricanes is akin to playing Russian roulette -- it's only a matter of time before the chamber spins and you're out of luck.

The same now is true of California because of the threat of wildfires.

But the reality of climate change is this: There is no place on earth where we are safe from the destruction of Mother Nature's climate-change-induced wrath -- and the situation is only going to get worse.

Way worse.

Independent Forum

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Announcing the 25 in '25 Reading Challenge! We were so pleased with the turnout for our 24 in '24 Challenge that we decided to up the ante. The Everett Public Libraries now challenge you to read 25 books in 2025! Crack open an old favorite, try a new genre, or listen to an audio book - if you're reading, it counts! Prizes provided by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries will be awarded to those who complete the challenge. Visit everett.beanstack.com to get started.

Parlin Adult and Teens

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, January 14th at 7pm. Come chit chat and stitch! Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community. Recommended for ages 14-109!

Puzzle Club Parlin Trustees Table. Wednesday, January 15th from 3-5pm. Piece together fun and friendship at the Parlin table! We'll have puzzles of all shapes and sizes to work on together. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Resume Writing, Parlin Information Desk. Do you need help sprucing up an old resume or creating a new one? Sign up for a thirty minute session at the

Parlin. By appointment only. To register, please call or send email to Kathleen, 617-394-2300 or slipp@noblenet.org

Computer Basics 101, Parlin Information Desk. Not familiar with the computer? Learn the basics: how to start up and shut down a computer, perform mouse and keyboard functions, use applications, learn Microsoft Word, navigate the Internet, set up an email account, and more! By appointment only. To register, please call or send email to Kathleen, 617-394-2300 or slipp@noblenet.org.

Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, January 13th from 3-5pm. Come to the Children's Room after school on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Storytime and Sing-along with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, January 15th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Drama Class. Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, January 15th at 3pm. Do you have a drama queen or king at home? Drama Class in

the Parlin Children's Department is the perfect opportunity for your child to put those acting skills to use with our drama coach! Suggested ages 6-14.

Story Time Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe Parlin Craft Room. Thursday, January 16th at 11am. Join Mrs. McAuliffe for our enchanting Story Time! You will be whisked away on magical adventures through the pages of your favorite books. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends

Story Time Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe Parlin Craft Room. Friday, January 17th at 11am. Join Mrs. McAuliffe for our enchanting Story Time! You will be whisked away on magical adventures through the pages of your favorite books. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends

Fluency Fun Fridays! Parlin Children's Room. Friday, January 17th at 3pm. Level up your fluency game! Stop by the children's room for an afternoon of fun board games like Scrabble and Banagrams, word searches and crossword puzzles. Suggested ages 5-12.

Origami Club. Parlin Children's Room. Saturday, January 18th at 12pm. Learn how to fold paper animals of all kinds! Open to all ages and abilities.

Paper and instruction will be provided.

Shute Adult and Teens

Crafty Conversations: Paper Garland Ed., Shute Meeting Room. Thursday, January 16th at 7:00 PM. Join us for our Crafty Conversations: Paper Garland event, another cozy winter crafting session where you'll create your garland from book pages. Suggested for ages 14 and up. Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

Resume Writing, Shute Adult Department. Book a one-on-one resume assistance appointment at the Shute Library and let a librarian help you craft a resume tailored to your strengths and aspirations. Sign up for a thirty minute session at both the Shute Library. By appointment only. Please email shuteinfo@noblenet.org or call 617-394-2308.

Computer Basics 101, Shute Adult Department. Tech Newbie? No Problem! Learn to power up, click around, type like a pro, explore the digital world, and even send your first email. Book your Friday appointment with technology today! By appointment only. Please email shuteinfo@noblenet.org or call 617-394-2308.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CITY OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY, JAN. 20 OBSERVING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

City offices will be closed to the public on Monday, Jan. 20, as Everett observes the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. City offices will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 21, and City Hall will have extended hours for residents (8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.).

Observed on the third Monday in January each year, Martin Luther King Jr. Day (MLK Day) is a federal holiday in the United States that celebrates the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. and honors the life and legacy of the Civil Rights leader. King was the leading spokesperson for the Civil Rights Movement, which protested racial discrimination in the United States.

Monday's observance will delay trash and recycling pickup by one day.

Please place your trash and recycling bins neatly on the sidewalk on the day after your regularly scheduled pickup for this week only.

If you have any questions, please call the Constituent Services Department by dialing 311 or 617-394-2270.

COUNCIL ON AGING PARTNERS WITH THE EVERETT ARTS ASSOCIATION TO OFFER A 12- WEEK ART COURSE

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett Council on Aging (COA) has once again partnered with the Everett Arts Association to host the second (spring) semester session beginning Tuesday, March 4 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea Street).

The 12-week long semester will include various art projects guided by

an instructor and culminate with an art show in the late fall. Experience is not required and all are welcome.

For more information, please call Ann by dialing 617-387-7797.

COUNCIL ON AGING TO HOST ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR FOR OLDER ADULTS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett Council on Aging (COA) will be hosting an estate planning seminar for old-

er adults on Wednesday, February 12 at 12:30 p.m. at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea Street).

Conducted by Elder Law Attorney Stephen Spano from Spano Dawicki & Witt, this seminar will discuss the dos and don'ts of planning for the future. Some of the topics that will be discussed include the different aspects of a trust, creating a living and general will, and more. This seminar is free.

For more information, please call Constituent Services by dialing 617-394-2270 to be connected to Cathi or Joanne at the Connolly Center.

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A look at the new naloxone vending machine.

Middlesex Sheriff's Office first to install a naloxone vending machine

Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian announced the Middlesex Sheriff's Office has become the first sheriff's office in the Commonwealth to install a naloxone vending machine (Link to B-Roll), making the opioid overdose reversal medication available for free to all visitors and staff at the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction. The machine was installed on December 9 at the facility's visitor center and has already been utilized 24 times since its launch.

Over the past two calendar years, more than 25,000 visits have been processed at the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction. Visitors included family members, friends, attorneys, volunteers and other law enforcement partners.

Currently, approximately 20-25% of incarcerated individuals in the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction are receiving a US Food and Drug Administration-approved medication for opioid use disorder (OUD). Many of them participate via the Medication Assisted Treatment and Directed Opioid Recovery (MATA-

DOR) program offered at the facility and considered a national best practice by the National Institute of Corrections.

"We have always taken a comprehensive, public health-centered approach to supporting those working through recovery," said Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "Through MAT-ADOR and our Families in Treatment program, we have been at the forefront of implementing commonsense, data-driven initiatives to surround individuals and their families with options for treatment. This new effort builds upon that robust foundation and will help make this life-saving medication more readily available."

Individuals visiting the facility can access the naloxone anonymously, and will answer a few brief survey questions regarding age, gender, race and zip code. Survey data will be used to help inform future MSO programming, as well as community-based prevention and intervention initiatives along with stakeholders from across Middlesex County. The survey takes less than 30 seconds to

complete.

In addition to dispensing the naloxone, the vending machine features a video and graphics with instructions on how to properly administer the medication. Currently, the MSO distributes naloxone to loved ones of incarcerated individuals through the Families in Treatment (FIT) training programs. To date, 234 community members have been trained through the FIT program.

Access to naloxone and training on how to properly administer it has been proven effective in saving lives across Massachusetts. Earlier this year, data released by the Department of Public Health (DPH) showed its distribution of 196,500 naloxone kits through community-level programs resulted in at least 10,206 overdose reversals since the beginning of 2023.

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office is utilizing funding from a Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) grant to support this groundbreaking initiative.

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Solicitor Mejia spoke earlier in the meeting).

"I don't understand why some department heads are holding us to the sort of black letter requirements of the charter and stalling the work and the questioning that this City Council has every right to conduct," said Van Campen.

Van Campen said he had received a communi-

cation Monday from the water superintendent before the meeting, but the response did not appear in the Council's information packet for the meeting.

Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith agreed with Van Campen's summation, stating that she had received a call from a resident about a notice about lead that appeared at the family's front door.

"We just have some questions and concerns from residents," said Smith. "People are tuning in to this meeting to hear what this notice is about. I would like the Administration to rethink their process of asking questions in advance. I just don't think that it's fair to the residents or to the City Council to do our jobs."

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in Everett city government, Smith and Rogers were clearly on opposing sides of the issue. Smith put together a colorful, informative flier showing that jobs associated with the life science industry are higher paying than jobs in finance, education, and the leisure and hospitality industry. Smith's flier also showed photos of current life science facilities in Cambridge, Somerville, Watertown, and Boston.

Rogers distributed a printout of six stories from Boston-area journalists claiming that there has been an oversaturation of laboratory space built in the last year.

Smith came out firing, offering prepared remarks and later sending a statement to the Independent.

"This is not a personal opinion, this is what's best for the city of Everett," said Smith. "These are the jobs that we want to have in the City of Everett. Everyone is going to all of our surrounding cities, and they're getting these facilities and the money and the taxes and the high-paying high-skilled jobs."

"I support Everett being a leader in life sciences and scientific advancement, including breakthroughs in medical research," continued Smith. "This is an opportunity for job creation and workforce development. Life sciences bring in entry level lab technicians to advanced roles for scientists and engineers. Not to mention the supporting functions like legal,

compliance and finance. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for economic growth, sustainability and innovation. Wouldn't it be amazing if Everett got global prestige for breakthrough research that occurred here - similar to what just happened next door in Cambridge less than two years ago where a vaccine was created and that vaccine was pivotal in stopping a global pandemic? That could be us. But not without amending the current ordinance."

Rogers also spoke passionately about the issue.

"I urge you to uphold the animal testing ban as it was written—a policy that embodies the will of our residents and reflects Everett's commitment to a brighter, more ethical future. This ban isn't just about stopping harmful practices; it's about defining what Everett stands for—a city that prioritizes innovation, progress, and integrity," said Rogers.

"Today, we are being asked to overturn this decision—not for the benefit of our community, but to serve the corporate agenda of one entity: The Davis Companies. Let's be clear: there is no commitment from a specific pharmaceutical company, there are no guarantees of job creation for Everett residents, and there are no assurances of tangible community benefits like senior or veteran housing, school funding, or public safety infrastructure."

"What's being proposed is not progress; it's a corporate agenda that disregards the voices of

our constituents," contended Rogers. "Tonight, we have an opportunity to sustain the trust of the people and ensure Everett's potential isn't handed over to corporations with no commitments to our community. Let's protect the progress we've made and lead Everett toward a future that truly innovates on behalf of its people."

Council President Stephanie Martins said she supported a total ban on live animal testing in Everett. "That's the language that our residents supported, that the majority of the Council supported, and the mayor signed off on," said Martins. "The amendment is asking for limited testing, but to me it's a matter of principle. Do we believe in testing, or do we not believe in testing? Limited testing is still testing."

Following the vote by the Council in favor of her amendment, Smith expressed gratitude to the councillors who supported her in the matter.

"I just want to thank my colleagues for doing what's best for the City of Everett to move us in the right direction for better jobs, more companies coming into the city," said Smith. "I think it's the right thing to do. I agree with my colleagues that if we are phasing out animal testing, then it's good to have a life sciences building in Everett so that we can get ahead of it, so the jobs are not going to all of our surrounding communities."

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their community from future polluting energy projects. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Senator Barrett, and all of my colleagues for working tirelessly to pass this transformational legislation."

The bill consolidates reviews of clean energy siting and permitting, which will speed the pace of planning, constructing, and bringing clean energy infrastructure online to support clean energy technologies such as solar, wind, and storage to create an electrified future and reduce emissions.

Enhanced community review via new offices is created in the bill, including the Office of Environmental Justice and Equity, the Office of Public Par-

ticipation at the Energy Facilities Siting Board, and the Division of Siting and Permitting at the Department of Energy Resources. Each office will be charged with engaging with and providing resources to communities and applicants to ensure a thorough, equitable and community-centered review.

In order to help protect residents from bearing the cost of building new infrastructure, when possible, the state will require the Energy Facilities Siting Board to first consider maximizing the efficiency of current infrastructure through the use of innovative technologies such as advanced transmission technologies or grid-enhancing technologies be-

fore approving new construction. An online clean energy infrastructure dashboard will also be created to promote transparency and public accountability in real time.

- LEGAL NOTICE -
CITY OF EVERETT

ENROLLED ORDINANCE

PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1 SECTION 4.5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EVERETT AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS Chapter 43, Section 23.
ENROLLED: 01/13/2025
DATE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE: 01/27/2025
CITY COUNCIL.....No. C0416-24
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LIVE ANIMAL TESTING
Councillor /s/ Stephanie Smith

Whereas: It is crucial to support practices that are standard across the life sciences industry to attract businesses to Everett, including the use of limited animal testing for research and development purposes to advance scientific discoveries and ensuring the safety of medical treatments, and

Whereas: The current ordinance bans animal testing of any kind.

Now, therefore, by the authority granted to the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts to make and amend ordinances:

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts that Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Everett is hereby amended as follows:

A full copy of the proposed Ordinance shall be located at the City Clerk's Office for public inspection. A full copy of the proposed ordinance, with all proposed amendments, will also be found in the agenda packet for the January, 27, 2025 regular meeting of the City Council when it is posted to the city web site on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by the City Council and subsequent approval by His Honor the Mayor.

Sergio Cornelio, City Clerk
January 15, 2025

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well-focused approach to issues large and small might explain his son, Ross Pietrantonio's spectacular athletic career at Everett High School and Trinity College. Ross

mastered sports fundamentals, though he did have "some" expert assistance from John DiBiasco, the legendary EHS football coach, along the way to greatness.

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EHS GIRLS BASKETBALL HOLDS SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI GAME

The Everett High girls basketball program held a highly-successful alumnae game on Saturday, December 21, in the EHS gym. Almost 30 Lady Crimson Tide hoop alums were on hand, some playing and others watching and cheering in the stands.

Among those on the court were 1000-point scorers Yasmeen Guerrier and Maureen Stevens.

“This was our biggest turnout yet,” said EHS head coach Riley Dunn. The current team members got to play with all the different alumni, who have worn that same jersey spanning the past 20 years.

“It was a beautiful day with a gym full of female hoopers,” Dunn added. “Community, sisterhood, and competition was at an all-time high. This Everett girls basketball family is strong and only growing.”



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COURTESY PHOTOS BY ROBIN BABCOCK



Shown are scenes of the game and some group photos after the game.



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2025

January 26 - February 1

#CSW25

Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community

The Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2023 – 2026 theme is “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.” Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church’s evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community.

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The mural was created by Jasmine (Jay) Velasquez to be a showcase how diverse and similar the CHS experience is.

STUDENT MURAL DESIGNED TO INSPIRE

CHELSEA - When you walk into the Chelsea High School Library, you can't help but notice a large mural filled with color, light and intrigue to the left of the circulation desk. Hanging high above the sights and sounds of CHS students hard at work, the mural titled "Our Story in the Sky" is a new addition to the library, created and painted by current senior Jasmine (Jay) Velasquez '25.

"I've always wanted to create a mural for CHS since freshman year to showcase how diverse yet how similar our experience at CHS is," Velasquez commented. "After taking Ms. Augspurg's class and working with a lot of color in her course, I loved the use of bright colors because it made me feel at peace and I wanted to share that with the rest of CHS."

The mural is abstract in nature, designed for viewers to develop their own individual meaning from its content. Painted on the mural is an open book that reads "Name, Strength, Story" in large letters on the bottom of one page and Chelsea Public Schools on the next. A closer inspection reveals three powerful quotes from two Latin singers (Luis Fonsi and Selena Quintanilla) and one Latin author (Michelle Herrera Mulligan). Quintanilla's reads, "If you have

a dream, don't let anybody take it away."

The book is lying on a field of grass with a large tree with pink foliage off to the left. Four doves are flying as if emerging from the book. The background includes a sun at the bottom of the horizon, emanating colors of yellow, orange and red. The clouds in the sky share a similar hue, with some darker tones mixed in.

"I want them [students] to feel represented in a way, I use quotes from Latinos because we have a lot of Latino students, the doves represent one growing and leaving the high school prepared for what comes next. I just want the students to feel represented and know that CHS is a place you can be safe and comfortable in."

Velasquez developed the idea for the mural when she took Ms. Alecia Augspurg's Drawing and Painting Realism course in the Fall of 2023, the start of her junior year at CHS. During the class, she expressed interest in making a permanent piece of art for the school. From there, she created a proposal sketch that was approved by CHS administration. An independent study with Ms. Augspurg was arranged for the second semester of her junior year (Spring of 2024) so she could receive credit for the mural, and the work began from there.

"I showed her how to prepare the canvas, provided materials and gave

her some feedback from time to time. But, the painting was made truly independently," Ms. Augspurg commented. "She worked on it in the library every weekday during the first period for most of the second semester, finishing right before the end of the year. I am so glad to see it installed now in a place where the whole CHS community will get to enjoy it for years to come."

The mural was unveiled to the CHS community in a special ceremony on Friday, December 13. Jay and Ms. Augspurg spoke to a gathering of family, friends, classmates and CHS staff in the library. After addressing the crowd, Velasquez climbed a ladder to remove a sheet covering the mural, revealing its design for all to see. The collective gasp and awe from the crowd conveyed the powerful imagery the mural adds to the space.

The painting will hang in the library for years to come, set to inspire new waves of CHS students.

COLETTA ZAPATA REFLECTS ON THIRD YEAR IN OFFICE

EAST BOSTON - Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata has released her third Annual Report, summarizing 2024 and marking her second term on the Boston City Council. The report underscores significant achievements for our

neighborhoods, including transformative investments, key policy efforts and community initiatives, and outlining her priorities for the Council and the district in 2025.

"I am proud to share the progress we've made over the past year and initiatives I will continue to champion in the year ahead," said Coletta Zapata. "Through collective efforts, we've driven meaningful change, from policy actions to community-based efforts. I remain dedicated to being accessible, responsive, and actively engaged with every resident. Serving District One is an honor, and I look forward to building on our successes in 2025 to enhance the district's vibrancy."

The report highlights her work collaborating with city departments to improve the delivery of constituent services and advocating for infrastructure investments, such as enhancing streets and shared spaces. Her commitment to responsive government aims to improve quality of life for all residents.

In 2024, the City Council had its third opportunity to influence the budget. Coletta Zapata hosted four town halls to gather input from constituents on priorities, such as youth programs, ESOL classes for parents, affordable housing, and upgrades to city services. For FY26, her budget priorities include investments in rodent mitigation, expanding housing vouchers, increasing pest control inspections, and expanding resources for law enforcement and public health.

Throughout the year, Coletta Zapata advanced a comprehensive policy agenda, focusing on both the practical functions and long-term goals for the city. Notable initiatives include:

- The exploration of a municipal Climate Bank to stimulate economic development, create green jobs, and address climate challenges.
- Establishing the Office of Climate Resilience to accelerate waterfront fortification efforts.
- Launching a Food Cart Pilot Program to support food vendors in establishing businesses without the costs of brick-and-mortar locations.
- Advocating for the expansion of affordable housing, including right-to-counsel measures and increasing housing inspectors.
- Introducing a Home



Revere Fire Chief Christopher Bright with his wife Mary and their children, Fallon and Aidan, shown at the retirement ceremony.

Rule Petition to address public safety personnel shortages by raising the Boston Police Department's maximum age for candidates.

Additionally, Coletta Zapata served as Chair of both the Government Operations Committee and the Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks Committee. Under her leadership, the City Council passed several critical ordinances, including the creation of a Planning Department, measures to promote safe and healthy hotels, and the establishment of an Office of Labor Compliance and Worker Protections.

In the new year, Councilor Coletta Zapata is excited to continue advocating for District 1 with a robust policy agenda. Coletta Zapata encourages residents to contact her office for a meeting to discuss suggestions and ideas for solving the most persistent issues. To see her 2024 Annual Report in full, please visit bit.ly/GCZ_Report for English and bit.ly/GCZ_Reporte for Spanish.

BRIGHT RETIRES AFTER NEARLY 40 YEARS IN DEPARTMENT

REVERE - After nearly 40 years as a Revere firefighter, the last eight-and-a-half of those as chief, Chris Bright has retired.

Bright's experience, leadership, and compassion were honored during a ceremony at fire headquarters on Thursday, Jan. 2 marking Bright's service to the city.

"Chief Bright has dutifully and honorably served the City of Revere for 30-plus years: to say we are grateful for his dedication is an understatement,"

said Mayor Patrick Keefe. "Chief Bright climbed the ranks of the Department and developed into a strong leader and a 'good joke.' He is leaving the Fire Department better than he found it, and his talents and lessons will be passed down and built upon by the generations of Revere firefighters that he trained and managed."

Bright's father Paul was a Revere firefighter, and his mother worked across the street at the bank on Broadway.

But Bright said it wasn't a sure thing that he would follow in his father's footsteps. He went to college and spent some time teaching before taking the firefighting exam and joining the department in 1986.

For Bright, it has been a choice and a life he hasn't looked back upon with regret.

"It has been a great honor to be a firefighter and to be the best firefighter possible and to make my family proud," said Bright.

He said he is thankful to the city of Revere for allowing him to do a job he has loved for nearly four decades.

"I was able to do a job that was meaningful, and I was all in," said Bright. "Not everyone is that lucky."

During his time as chief, Bright said he is most proud of keeping staffing levels up, having hired 55 firefighters during his time as chief.

Seeing the construction of a new Point of Pines fire station has also been a major accomplishment.

"That's personal to me," said Bright, noting that he was at the original Point of Pines station when they hung the 'closed for business' sign 30 years ago.

Bright said he never

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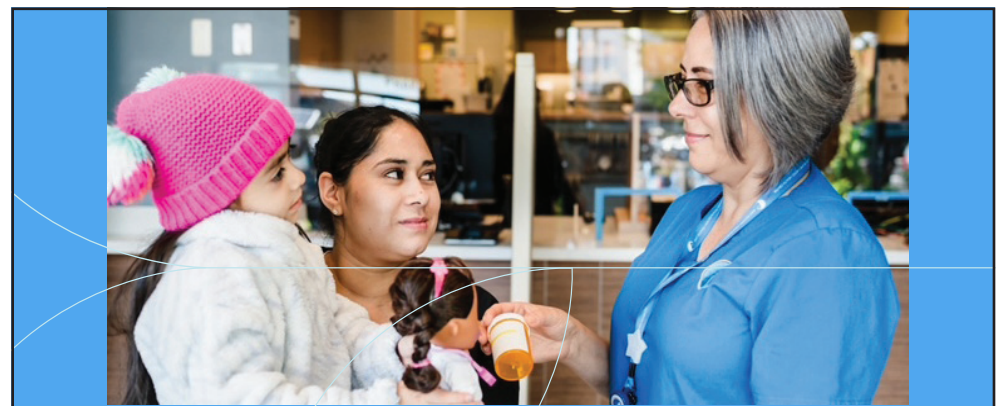
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planned on being chief, but that he felt fortunate to hold the position for over eight years.

"My father always used to say to leave a place better than you found it, and I believe I did that," he said.

While he has no set plans for retirement at the moment, Bright said he will still be in the city, taking part in official ceremonies and other events.

On retiring, Bright said it's the daily interactions with his fellow firefighters that he will miss the most.

"There are a lot of good people that have been in the department, both retired and currently," Bright said. "It's in good shape moving forward with the people taking over."

LETTERIE GIVES ANNUAL STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS

WINTHROP - Town Council President Jim Letterie touched on many of the big issues that are on tap in Winthrop in the coming year, from a school override and a debt exclusion for a new fire station to continued flood mitigation efforts, during his annual State of the Town address at the beginning of Tuesday night's council meeting.

"It is both the responsibility and the privilege of the council president to address the town each year," said Letterie. "This address serves as an opportunity to reflect on the past 12 months, and to clearly define our goals for the next year ahead."

Letterie thanked Town Manager Tony Marino, Town and Council Clerk Denise Quist, the town's department heads and staff, and appointed board members who help the town function with their

hard work and dedication.

Letterie touched upon how the MBTA 3A Communities Act was a defining issue for the town in 2024, with the planning board recommending a plan that complied with the controversial law without increasing the number of units in Winthrop.

"Citizens of this great town came out in force to share their opinions, both pro and against, and ultimately, the council, along with 31 other municipalities in the Commonwealth, rejected complying with the controversial law," said Letterie. "It is probably a good assumption to stay tuned for more information on 3A as 2025 progresses."

In 2024, Letterie said the town also settled a contract with the firefighters union that runs through June 30, 2027.

"This new contract included a paramedic pay scale and monies available to pay for paramedic training and certification for interested firefighters," he said. "The long-term benefits of this edition is that we will have paramedics available when we are ready to offer ambulance service to supplement that service offered by Action Ambulance, with the goal being to provide more ambulance service to the residents of Winthrop while reducing the wait times."

The past year also saw the addition of several new employees in town hall, including finance director Sarah Johnson and assistant town manager Cheryl McCormick.

"We also adopted new floodplain regulations, required by federal and state governments, that allow the residents to buy flood insurance through federal programs," Letterie said. "The town council ap-

proved electric aggregation and moved forward with Direct Energy as our supplier beginning this month."

Letterie noted that John Goodwin was appointed the town's police chief, replacing former chief Terence Delehanty, with Steve Rogers moving up to take Goodwin's former deputy chief position.

"Lastly, in recognition of 2024, I would like to discuss the school override along with the much overdue potential new firehouse," said Letterie. "First, the firehouse, we put a question for a debt exclusion on the ballot in November of 2023, which did not pass, but we learned a great deal. We learned that the town seems to agree that there was no question that Winthrop needs a new fire station.

"Our citizens understand that our firefighters need a facility that offers a healthy environment, provides them training facilities, adequate and proper shower facilities, decontamination rooms, proper facilities for both men and women, as well as other state-of-the-art items."

While residents understood the need for a new fire station in 2023, Letterie said they were not convinced on the cost or the location.

"We listened, we have made adjustments on both cost and location," he said. "The council voted unanimously to put a new firehouse on the ballot this spring with a new location and a \$5 million reduction in cost without sacrificing any part of the facility. We are very optimistic that we can finally support our firefighters that put their lives on the line for us with a much needed new firehouse."

TOWN OF WINTHROP LIGHTS THE MENORAH FOR HANUKKAH



Shown above, Rabbi Benjamin Flax of Temple Tifereth Israel and Rabbi Sruli Baron of Tobin Bridge Chabad join the children in lighting a candle on the Menorah celebrating the Jewish holiday, Hanukkah, on Jan. 1, 2025, in French Square, Winthrop.

The school requested that an override be put on the past November's ballot to help supplement its future budget and maintain the great strides that have been made in the schools over the past several years, Letterie said.

"Unfortunately, it did not pass; however the need is very much there," he said. "The schools also listened to the citizens and are coming back with a similar request, however, adding an option for a reduced amount."

Most municipalities in the state request overrides on a four to seven year cycle to help maintain their budgets in the face of mandates from the state, along with the increased cost of providing an education.

"The Winthrop school system was somehow

incredibly able to go 15 years without going to the citizens for that request," Letterie said. "They certainly understand the limits of our tax base, which shows the severe need they are in."

Letterie said he is hopeful the town's citizens will get involved, ask questions, go to meetings, and learn about the specifics of the debt exclusion and override, and help support the town's children and firefighters.

"In 2025, as we enter the 20-year mark of our form of government, I have come to realize that being president requires and deserves a full-time commitment to ensure that our citizens are given every opportunity to see transparency in government, to have peace of mind, and to continue to

be proud and blessed to be a citizen of Winthrop," Letterie said. "We as a council have made a commitment to continue the process of addressing the flooding issues at Girdlestone, Tilestone, and Pico, and we will continue to find the right solutions to help the residents of Morton, Banks, and the surrounding streets to remedy the flooding issues. We will work toward a solution with the old middle school site, and in fact, will be holding a special roundtable meeting next Tuesday to continue discussions."

Letterie said he sincerely hopes and expects that the council will be willing to put in the extra time and effort to ensure Winthrop continues to move forward while maintaining its small-town feel.

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News and Notes

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EHS Roundup

EHS BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATS BROCKTON, 69-59

The Everett High boys basketball team earned its third win of the season with a 69-59 victory over Brockton this past Saturday afternoon in the EHS gm.

“It was an even match-up that ended with us securing a hard-fought victory,” said EHS head coach Gerry Boyce.

The Crimson Tide received major contributions from a number of players. Jevaun Berberena demonstrated both skill and playmaking ability, contributing significantly with nine points and six assists. “Jevaun’s ability to facilitate scoring opportunities for his teammates was crucial to our offensive game plan,” Boyce said.

Tyson Chhun showcased his versatility by finishing with seven points and grabbing three crucial rebounds, helping to maintain possession during key moments. Henrique Pinto played a vital role in Everett’s strategy, hitting for 13 points while also collecting three rebounds, proving his effectiveness on both ends of the court.

Geordiell Luna was a standout on the night and delivered an exceptional performance with 21 points and eight rebounds. “Geordiell’s consistent ability to find the basket and his tenacity on the boards significantly impacted the game’s outcome,” noted Boyce.

Cristian Vasquez also played a pivotal role, scoring 15 points and securing nine rebounds. “Cristian’s presence in the paint was felt, as he fought hard for every possession,” said Boyce.

Boyce also highlighted the contributions of some of his Tide players who did not get on the scoring chart. “Adam Aitmessaoud had a brief stint on the court, playing just around two minutes, but still contributed with two assists, showcasing his readiness to support his teammates even in limited play.

“On the team front, we recognize that there is room for improvement,

particularly in protecting the ball, as we recorded double-digit turnovers,” said Boyce. “However, I was pleased to see our players excel in transitioning and displaying cohesive ball movement, reflecting our commitment to teamwork and strategic play. To build on this victory, we’ll focus on tightening our overall game and capitalizing on our strengths.”

The victory over Brockton got the Tide back on the winning track and improved their record to 3-6. Last Tuesday, Everett hosted Newton South and came out on the short end of a 61-50 decision. Cristian Vasquez hit for 11 points, followed by Henrique Pinto with nine points, Richardson Lamerique with eight, and Geordiell Luna with six.

“As a team, we executed mistake-free basketball effectively up until halftime,” said Boyce. “However, we were unable to maintain the same energy in the second half. There were too many missed assignments, which ultimately hindered our ability to secure a victory. Additionally, we did not receive sufficient contributions from all team members.”

Two days later, the Tide dropped a 71-62 contest at East Boston. Luna led the scoring with 17 points, followed by Vasquez with nine, Pinto with eight, Lamerique and Jayden AIsaindor with seven each, Chhun with six, and Berberena with five.

“On a team level, we faced challenges due to excessive penalties, including four three-second violations and one significant technical foul immediately after we executed a critical three-pointer, putting us ahead by seven points,” noted Boyce. “Our ability to function as a cohesive unit diminished defensively and offensively throughout the game as multiple players fouled out. Instances of individualistic play detracted from our performance in a challenging away environment. Let us view this experience as a setback and a stepping-stone toward growth. Together, we can learn, evolve, and emerge stronger.”

Boyce and his crew, who are approaching the halfway mark of the 2025 campaign, were scheduled to meet Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Malden yesterday (Tuesday) and will host GBL foe Medford tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 7:00 at the EHS gym.

The Tide then will take on St. Mary’s of Lynn this Sunday afternoon at 1:30 at Emmanuel College and will trek to GBL rival Lynn English next Tuesday.

On a separate note, the EHS basketball community is mourning the loss this past week of Lalita Davis, the mother of Crimson Tide alumnus Ghared Boyce, the all-time leading scorer with 2000+ points for the Everett High boys basketball program. We join with the EHS community in offering our prayers and condolences to the family.

BOYS TRACK ROLLS PAST ENGLISH, 65-23

The Everett boys indoor track and field team cruised to a 65-23 victory over Greater Boston League (GBL) opponent Lynn English last Thursday at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Roxbury.

The Tide won nine of the 10 individual events, led by Kayshaun Eveillard, who won three events to score 15 points for the EHS side of the score-sheet. Kayshaun took the 55 meter dash with a sprint of 6.91; the 300 dash with a clocking of 38.52; and the long jump with a leap of 19’-6.5”, a distance that was the best of the night among all GBL competitors.

The other first-place finishers for the Tide were: Adrien Reyes in the 600 in 1:43.22; Lucas Nunez in the 1000 in 2:59.55; Jeremy Whitlow in the mile in 5:37.08; Fabrice Michaud in the shot-put with a throw of 39’-4.5”; Luvens Hector in the 55 hurdles in 9.08; and David Huevo-Eraza in the two-mile run in 12:36.60.

Adding three points with second-place performances were: Yuriel Ortiz in the 55 dash; Luvens Hector in the 300 dash; Tyre Lule in the 600; Mi-

guel Ventura in the mile; Gaetano Foster in the shot; and Bryan Lewis in the two-mile.

Contributing single points with third-place finishes were: Yuriel Ortiz in the long jump and Pratyush Darai in the 1000.

Coach Jehu Cimea and his crew will be back on the track tomorrow (Thursday) at the Reggie to take on GBL foes Malden and Somerville in a tri-meet.

GIRLS TRACK FALLS TO LE

Although the Everett High girls indoor track and field team came out on the short end of a 57-31 decision to Greater Boston League (GBL) foe Lynn English, four Lady Crimson Tide won their individual events.

Shashi Pokhrel won the two-mile in a time of 17:43.18; Devon Gomez-Walrond captured the 55 hurdles with a clocking of 10.98; Graziella Foster won the shot-put with a toss of 25’-5”; and Akanksha Neupane took the one-mile with a clocking of 6:58.88.

Scoring three points for the Lady Tide with second-place efforts were: Yelsa Garcia in the 55 dash, Zyelle Cannon-Mathis in the 300 dash; and Milena Antonio in the 1000.

Third-place finishers who contributed single points were: Fahema Coudo in the shot-put and Karla Tobias Robles in the 600.

The girls will be back on the track tomorrow (Thursday) at the Reggie to take on GBL foes Malden and Somerville in a tri-meet.

GIRLS BASKETBALL HOSTS ENGLISH ON TUESDAY

The Everett High girls basketball team is taking on the role of “road warriors” this week. Coach Riley Dunn and her crew were scheduled to trek to Lowell this past Monday, to Somerville yesterday (Tuesday), and to Malden tomorrow (Thursday).

They will return home next Tuesday to host Lynn English. The opening tip on the EHS floor is set for 6:00.

OBITUARIES

Paula Keefe

Her life was a testament to her unwavering faith and the love she shared with her family and friends



Paula Keefe, a spirited and loving soul, passed away on January 9, 2025. She will be remembered for her strength, love and resilience by those who were fortunate enough to know her. Paula remained strong and smiling throughout many of life’s challenges including her 30 year battle against M.S. Paula’s life was a testament to her unwavering faith and the love she shared with her family and friends. Paula’s vibrant spirit was expressed through her creative hobbies, which included her famous beaded angels, arts and crafts, and the decorative cakes that she baked with love.

Paula’s dedication was not only evident in her personal life but also in the roles she undertook within her community. She was an active parishioner of Our Lady of Grace Church, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, a religious educator, and an active participant in Generations of Faith. Her unwavering faith was a strength for her during some of her greatest challenges, inspiring all who came in contact with her. Paula’s involvement didn’t stop at church activities. She was also a Seniors Activities Director, coordinating the Heritage Quilt for the City of Chelsea.

Paula’s enthusiasm was also demonstrated in her involvement with Nazareth Academy, where she coordinated Bingo, as well as through her support for the Everett Girls Softball League. Her dedication to these causes was indicative of her deep love of family and friends. Paula will be remembered not just for her deeds, but for her gift of gab and her

ability to befriend everyone she met.

She was the loving wife of 53 years to Daniel Keefe’ devoted mother of Kelly Keefe Marchant (Michael) of Everett, the late Kristen Keefe, Danielle Keefe (Kali Wilson-Keefe) of Medford and Caroline Keefe (Ardi Kotoni) of Lincoln; beloved Nana of Kristen and Michaela Marchant and Daniel and Kennedy Kotoni; cherished daughter of Ruth Penachio and the late Walter as well as several loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and treasured friends.

A visitation for Paula was held Monday, January 13 at Paul Buonfiglio & Sons’ Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere. A funeral service was held Tuesday, January 14 the funeral home followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Grace Parish, 194 Nichols Street, Everett. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery 302 Elm Street, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Paula’s memory to a charity of one’s choice

We invite you to celebrate Paula Keefe’s life by sharing your memories, stories and photos on her memorial page. May they serve as a testament to her spirit, her dedication and the love she shared with us all.

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Plaintiff’s attorney, whose address is 6 Lyberty Way, Suite 201, Westford, Massachusetts, 01886, and further that they defend against the said Complaint according to law, if they intend to make any defense otherwise, the said Complaint may be adjudged and orders and judgments may be entered therein in their absence by publication of an attested copy hereof in the Everett Independent, a newspaper published, or by its title page purporting to be published in the Everett area once a week for three successive weeks with the last publication to be two (2) months at least before the said March 28, 2025. By the Court (James M. Murphy, J) Entered: 12/9/24 1/8/25, 1/15/25, 1/22/25 EV

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I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon of hope to millions of slaves, who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity. But one hundred years later, the colored America is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the colored American is still sadly crippled by the manacle of segregation and the chains of discrimination.

One hundred years later, the colored American lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the colored American is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we have come to our Nation's Capital to cash a check. When the architects of our great republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir.

This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory

sory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given its colored people a bad check, a check that has come back marked "insufficient funds."

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and security of justice.

We have also come to his hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is not time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism.

Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy.

Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice.

Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

Now is the time to make justice a reality to all of God's children.

I would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of its colored citizens. This sweltering summer of the colored people's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end but a beginning. Those who hope that the colored Americans needed to blow off steam and will now be

content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual.

There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the colored citizen is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities.

We cannot be satisfied as long as the colored person's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one.

We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating "for white only."

We cannot be satisfied as long as a colored person in Mississippi cannot vote and a colored person in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote.

No, no, we are not satisfied and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of your trials and tribulations. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by storms of persecutions and staggered by the winds of police brutality.

You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to

South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our modern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed.

Let us not wallow in the valley of despair. I say to you, my friends, we have the difficulties of today and tomorrow.

I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day out in the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; that one day right down in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be engulfed, every hill shall be exalted and every mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I will go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my father's died, land of the Pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring!"

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

But not only that, let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi and every mountainside.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every tenement and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old spiritual, "Free at last, free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last."

