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City initiates major Human Trafficking program ahead of casino opening

By Seth Daniel

Everett City administration workers were just in the midst of getting ready to launch a human trafficking campaign when – only steps from City Hall – a massage parlor was busted where a woman was offering prostitution to an undercover police officer – a woman that police are looking at as being trafficked in for the sex trade.

Such situations exist all over Greater Boston on every corner and in every business district, and just ahead of thousands more people coming to Everett for the Encore Boston Harbor casino, it's exactly why the City chose to pursue the idea of putting a stop to human trafficking right now.

That priority by the administration resulted in Everett winning a coveted grant sponsored by the City of Houston and a foundation set up there to combat human trafficking. Everett is only one of 20 cities nationwide that won the first round of the program, called the Ten-Ten Municipal Fellowship, and the only city in the northeast.

"We became aware of an opportunity in November where you work with Houston on the issue of Human Trafficking – both sex trafficking and labor trafficking," said Catherine Rollins Dinisi of the Mayor's Office. "Interestingly, the labor trafficking is far more common, but sex

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Study shows Malden River sediments should not prevent boating

By Seth Daniel

After more than a year of information gathering and study of sediments in the Malden River, the Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) recently announced that they have concluded the once-industrial River is safe for boating – including canoes, sculls and kayaks.

MyRWA released its report of the sediment studies this month and concluded that the Malden River, while containing sediments like lead, is not harmful for adults or young people to use for boating. That includes kayaking, canoeing and the Everett High Crew Team.

"One perspective we've all been working to understand is the abundance of caution by public officials about recommending the Malden River as a site for boating," said Andy Hrycyna, a watershed scientist for MyRWA. "I feel that was a reasonable stance given the evidence. People who knew the history know that 150 years of industrial waste poured into the Malden River... You can calculate out that risk (from sediments) and our stance is that risk is negligible. From a public policy standpoint we don't have to worry about the risks for boating because they are so negligible, so small."

That information was a rev-

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS
Senator Sal DiDomenico welcomed friends, family, supporters, and political colleagues Friday night to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Charlestown. Hundreds of local and state officials gathered to enjoy the tradition. During the festivities, a Trump impersonator teased head table guests as part of an annual tradition of poking fun at politics. See Page 6 for more photos.

'It can never happen to me' Lt. Scott Dalrymple is an example that fire can happen to anyone, and hurt them seriously

By Seth Daniel

Often times when Fire Lt. Scott Dalrymple – who was critically injured in a house fire last July – is on the job in his new role as a Fire Prevention Specialist, he routinely runs into residents or homeowners who think he is being too strict about problem conditions in their homes; that a fire could never happen to them and they will never get hurt.

It's during those times that he sticks out his left hand, which is still shows the serious burns and doesn't yet have full movement.

"I just stick out my left hand and show them," he said. "I tell them I had gloves on and this happened to me. If they're in bed in their bed clothes, think what would happen to them. It can happen to anyone. No one thinks their house will catch on fire. Everyone thinks it's not going to be them. I'm walking proof it can happen. Why not do the right thing and make every-



Fire Lt. Scott Dalrymple is back on the job after suffering critical burns and injuries in a July 2018 fire on Morris Street. Now, he is a walking example of how fire and safety codes can prevent injuries.

one safe? When we enforce the code, it's all for safety. It's not revenge. It's something to make sure we don't expose anyone to danger or injury. They always say it can't happen to them or their property. I tell them, 'You know what? It happened to me.'"

Dalrymple, 49, returned to the Fire Department after seven months out of work

with eight surgeries and dozens upon dozens of therapy appointments, not to mention counseling to make sure he isn't suffering trauma after being injured so badly. His injuries came in a large fire on July 13, 2018, a day that was like any other day in his 25-year firefighting career, he said.

"After 25 years, you don't think much about it," he said. "You watch TV and go on calls and usually nothing happens. That day was a regular Friday afternoon like most other afternoons. We went to the fire and we were working it.

"Then this happened," he said, holding out his left hand.

What happened was he and another firefighter went through the front door to try to knock the fire down from the front. The fire had started in the basement and it was burning very hot there. Inside the front door was a heating register, and Dalrymple

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Heartbreaker

Pope John falls to Abington in state semifinal game at TD Garden

Pope John led by 11 points with two minutes left, but Abington never let up, and the Tigers dropped a heartbreak-

ing 72-71 decision to Abington in the MIAA Division 4 state semifinal game at TD Garden Tuesday afternoon. Abington's

Will Klein hit a three pointer with 1.5 seconds left to bury the Tigers' hope of defending their Division 4 state championship.



Luis Valazquez is stunned as he walks off the floor and Abington teammates celebrate in the background. Abington beat the Tigers 72-72 on a last-second three-pointer. See Page 7 for more photos.

Heated discussion

Council tensions still high following last week's committee meeting

By Laura Plummer

Tensions were still running high at the City Council on Monday, March 11, as Councilor Michael McLaughlin used a moment in the meeting to make a pointed response about the exchange that transpired between himself and Mayor Carlo DeMaria at the Council last week.

Monday's meeting came on the heels of a contentious meeting of the Council's Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service on Monday, March 4, in which Ward 6 Councilor Michael McLaughlin engaged in a heated argument with invited guest Mayor Carlo DeMaria. During the exchange, at one point the mayor moved quickly to take papers off of McLaughlin's desk, initiating a sharp rebuke from the councilor about moving into his space. That has been the subject of much discussion over the past week, as has the mayor's defense of the Wellness Center – which he announced was growing in revenue and membership.

At the Council meeting on March 11, McLaughlin reflected on that exchange in a prepared statement, express-

ing his shock and disappointment with the mayor's actions the previous week and urging the Council to take action to prevent a similar scenario from occurring in the future.

"As city councilors, we have a duty and responsibility to ask questions and seek answers," said McLaughlin. "If the mayor disagrees with this role, I would be curious what he thinks we're actually doing here."

McLaughlin roundly condemned "the mayor's tendency to use [the Wellness Center] as a personal employment agency for insiders and friends."

Mayor DeMaria was out of town and was not present at the meeting.

McLaughlin also explicitly called out Committee Chairman Anthony DiPierro for his attempt "to protect the mayor and his department heads at all cost, regardless of what is best for residents."

McLaughlin said he worried about a future in which Council members hesitate to propose an item for fear of retaliation by the DeMaria administration. He ended his remarks by assuring those

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GIRL SCOUT'S INTERNATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



PHOTO BY DEREK KOUVOUMJIAN

Alessandra Foster and Arabela Cvitkusic of Everett Troop 62191 showed dedication and patriotic duty by portraying Lady Liberty and Uncle Sam. The show of patriotism came during the Girl Scout's International Day celebration on Sunday, March 10. See Page 12 for more photos.



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Former Supt. believed to have removed local papers from store

By Seth Daniel

Former Supt. Fred Foresteire is alleged to have removed numerous Everett Independent newspapers from at least one store last Wednesday, March 13, an edition of the paper that had a story about him describing sensitive police allegations of sexual assault and harassment.

The matter came to light when a worker at one of the local convenience stores posted on Facebook that a man that he believed to be Foresteire had allegedly come into his store and allegedly took a huge stack of papers – with the worker alleging that he was trying to prevent the news from getting out.

“The ex-Everett Superintendent who is on the cover of the local papers for sexual assault allegations just came and swiped all the Everett papers – like that makes it go away haha,” read the post.

Along with the post was a store surveillance video that showed what appears to be Foresteire coming into the store and going to the stack of Independents twice to remove a large stack of them.

At the store, on Ferry Street, the Manager – and Facebook poster – Tommy Rodrigues said he was working there when it happened. He and other employees claim that they



A still taken from the store surveillance video.

recognized Foresteire – some of the employees saying they have lived all their lives in Everett and knew very well who Foresteire was.

That is why they were shocked when he seemed to allegedly take the large stack of papers.

Rodrigues said Foresteire came in and bought a Boston newspaper. Then he allegedly walked over to the stack of local papers and looked at the Independent, allegedly then taking a large stack. Then he walked towards the door, stopped, and returned to the stack to allegedly take more.

Rodrigues said he took all but about three of the papers. He said they were all surprised when he allegedly did it.

“I thought it was shocking he would allegedly take them,” he said. “It doesn’t make any of it go away. I know these are accusations,

but this doesn’t make him look very innocent.”

Another worker said customers who know Foresteire said he allegedly had a lot more papers in his backseat.

Rodrigues and other workers said customers had been coming in all week to try to find the paper, noting that they had said it was very hard to find at the usual spots.

An attorney for Foresteire did not have a working phone number when the Independent tried to reach him at three different numbers to comment on the allegations.

As a free newspaper, this allegation does not involve theft, but calls into question limiting the dissemination of information to the public.

In addition to store deliveries, the Everett Independent also delivers more than 6,000 copies to residents in Everett.

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present that he had no plans to resign, despite rumors to the contrary.

“The mayor answered every question that he was allowed to answer,” DiPiero responded in his own defense.

DiPiero also suggested that a vetting of the Wellness Center employees could open the City up to “potential litigation” and that he felt it was not the Council’s job to “assist potential plaintiffs.”

“I’m not going to let propaganda dictate the business that we conduct in these chambers,” he said.

Councilor Fred Capone, however, backed McLaughlin, stating that he was “appalled” by the mayor’s behavior on March 4, and that McLaughlin was owed an apology for being “belittled and insulted.”

“The councilor’s concern was of deficiencies he saw in a City department,” said Capone. “He asked questions. That is what he was elected to do.”

When it came time to introduce reports from that committee meeting, McLaughlin presented a list of questions

he had created for the February 11 meeting, and added another two to his list: obtaining any assessment reports that have been conducted of the Wellness Center in the past two years, and inviting the Wellness Center’s Human Resources Director to explain its management structure and history.

McLaughlin motioned to have these concerns moved to the Council’s Ways and Means Committee, and the Council voted to do so, but only after pushback from Councilors Wayne Matewsky and Rosa DiFlorio.

DiFlorio emphasized that she’s “not taking sides” with either the mayor or McLaughlin, but echoed DiPiero’s concern of the potential lawsuits that a thorough vetting of City employees could invite.

“We’re not trying to hide anything,” she said.

“The Wellness Center is a big success to this community,” said Matewsky.

He also questioned why McLaughlin’s items were being moved to another committee, and seemed to insinuate

that McLaughlin was using heavy-handed tactics by requesting that his items go before Ways and Means.

“I don’t like bullies. After this committee, this is it. You can only beat a dead horse so much,” said Matewsky.

When the floor was opened to commentary from the public, Everett resident Reverend Renee Solano – who is running for Council – urged that a thorough audit be imposed not only on the Health and Wellness Center but on all City-run organizations.

“You guys should be cleaning the entire house and investigating every single department,” she said. “I would really like to see the best qualified people [in these jobs].”

The Ways and Means Committee will address McLaughlin’s concerns at their meeting on April 4, during which the mayor and officials in his administration will be given the opportunity to respond.

The next City Council meeting will be on March 25 at 6pm. This meeting, as all meetings of the Council, are open to the public.

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trafficking gets more publicity. We applied in November because we know it’s an issue everywhere. We’re not talking about this as an Everett-only issue or an urban issue. We know it’s everywhere. From research, we know when you have proximity to an airport and are targeting international tourism, you need to be proactive on this from a municipal standpoint. In anticipation of the casino opening, we know there are going to be thousands of tourists and potentially growth in this.”

Mayor Carlo “Given recent media headlines, I know that many people have been discussing the crime of human trafficking,” he said. “And over the coming months, my administration will be working to raise public awareness about human trafficking, which knows no borders and happens in communities across the state and the nation. I am proud that, since November of last year, the City of Everett has been one of 20 cities in the country to participate in the Human Trafficking Response Ten/Ten Muni-Fellowship, led by the City of Houston and Mayor Sylvester Turner. We will implement the municipal best practices established in Houston, and most importantly, we will turn to our community to help us with this critical work.”

Houston began the initiative because it was one of the cities in America with the largest problem of human trafficking. They were drawn to the issue when a local church identi-

fied that women were being trafficked, and mounted a letter-writing campaign. After some 5,000 letters, the City of Houston was on board. They were the first in the U.S. to bring on five full-time workers to investigate human trafficking, and also to cross train existing employees to be able to spot signs of a trafficking operation.

In Massachusetts, there were more than 3,000 reports of human trafficking, and Dinisi said that is probably low because it is an underreported crime.

“You know that’s just the tip of the iceberg because it is very under-reported,” she said.

As Dinisi was working on the grant, traveling to Houston and learning from them, several things happened to bring human trafficking into the spotlight – including the case against Patriots owner Robert Kraft and the bus of the massage parlor a few blocks from City Hall.

Dinisi said it gives good momentum to the effort that Everett is about to launch.

Part of the effort will be launching an awareness campaign for the public to know that women at such places are being trafficked and, sometimes, held against their will. Dinisi said many people don’t know exactly what is going on, and the awareness campaign will bring light to that, as well as give information about how to report it.

“Part of this will be letting the residents know there are victims of trafficking in our

community and communities around us,” she said.

That campaign is titled, ‘Watch for Traffick’ and it will soon be part of a major blitz of information coming from the city through all media sources.

An early initiative is to work with the Procurement Office to create contract language for all vendors to sign saying they will not be using trafficked labor to the best of their knowledge.

That, she said, is something the federal government did, and larger cities are also doing.

“We know we are significantly smaller than Houston or other big cities, but we think it sends the right message.”

Other early ideas include working with taxi drivers and other ride operators to post stickers in their vehicles, and to also be prepared to spot the signs of trafficking.

“These transportation operators are very commonly used to transport victims of trafficking,” she said. “We would like to get them to recognize and report the signs, but even just partnering with them to put the sticker in their vehicles would be helpful.”

The initiative will kick off this month, and will be in place for the run-up to the opening of the casino.

If you are a victim of human trafficking or know someone who might be, help is available (in 200 languages) by calling the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or sending a text to BeFree (233733).

Developer looking to put townhouses on Main Street lot

By Seth Daniel

A Saugus developer is looking to demolish one single-family home on Main Street and build three townhouses containing six units on the property – which includes a vacant lot as well.

Amandeep Dillon has filed with the City to build the townhouses on 108-112 Main Street, which currently contains a detached home at 112 Main St. and a vacant lot used for parking.

The project would combine the two parcels and build on both of them. The three townhouses would contain six units, each having three bedrooms. It would be four stories tall and would have two shared roof decks. There will



A Saugus developer of proposing the construction of three townhouses at 108-112 Main Street that would contain six, three-bedroom units. The matter goes to the ZBA on March 18.

be 11 parking spaces, with six of them being located below the units on the first floor.

The project will go to the Board of Appeals for its March 18th meeting.

The developer will request variances for front yard depth, rear yard setbacks and parking. The zoning requires 12 parking spaces, and the project provides 11.

Friendly Sons to honor Fire Lt. Scott Dalrymple, and Encore’s Bob DeSalvio on March 15

Staff Report

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick will hold their 65th annual dinner on Friday, March 15, at the Connolly Center in Everett.

The annual St. Patrick’s Day event is hosted by State Rep. Joe McGonagle and Mayor Carlo DeMaria and is a joint effort by the City and the Friendly Sons organization.

The Friendly Sons dinner

raises money for the Everett Public Schools, and since 2014, has raised nearly \$20,000.

Like always, there will be great humor and some pointed jokes directed at friends in good St. Patrick’s spirit.

The Friendly Sons will also be honoring several community members, including injured Fire Lt. Scott Dalrymple and Encore Boston Harbor President Bob DeSalvio.

The full slate of honorees include:

- Denis O’Donnell- Everett Police Department
- Scott Dalrymple- Everett Fire Department
- Robert DeSalvio- President of Encore Boston Harbor
- Sister Margaret (Peggy) Reavy- Pope John High School
- Richard “Dick” Hogan- Everett Veteran
- Linda Maloney- Everett Public Schools
- Barbara Collins- Former Everett City Councilor
- Jim Mitchell - Advocate Newspapers

Mastrocola to run in Boston Marathon for Mass. General Emergency Response Team

Staff Report

Everett resident Filippo Mastrocola will run in the 123rd Boston Marathon on April 15 in support of Mas-

sachusetts General Hospital’s Emergency Response Marathon Team.

Filippo will join an estimated 30,000 runners along the 26.2 mile course that spans from Hopkinton to Boston’s Boylston Street. The funds Filippo raises will provide critical support for emergency care, disaster relief, and disaster preparedness teaching and training at Mass General, efforts that benefit victims worldwide. The Emergency Response Marathon Team’s 2019 fundraising goal is \$430,000.

Following the 2013 marathon bombings, Mass General was invited by the Boston Athletic Association to create a special team of runners. For the sixth straight year, thanks to a partnership with John Hancock, the Mass General Emergency Response Team will aim to collectively raise \$430,000 this year. To date, the Emergency Response Team has raised over \$1.9 million. The funding raised by the marathon team is critical to the Emergency De-

partment’s efforts to develop tools and training programs to continually advance its ability to respond to man-made and natural disasters. This year the funds will also support pediatric emergency response programs, ensuring the youngest and most vulnerable patients continue to receive state-of-the-art and compassionate care in a child-friendly environment.

“We are grateful to our runners and the awareness they bring to emergency medicine at Mass General,” said David Brown, MD, Chief of Emergency Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. “These funds support the vital training and resources needed to develop a carefully, integrated response that spans multiple departments throughout the hospital.”

To learn more about the Mass General Emergency Response Team, please go to <https://giving.massgeneral.org/boston-marathon/emergency-response-team/>.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



State Rep. Joe McGonagle was thrilled to wish Mary Piroun a happy 98th birthday and Karen Lamontagne a happy 76th birthday at the Connolly Center on March 6.

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said the heat moved through that from the basement. Just as they walked in, the entire front hallway flashed over, which means that everything – including the firefighters – immediately burned very hot.

“I remember going in and getting to the top of the stairs,” he said. “I remember it becoming very uncomfortably hot and we turned and got out. I remember turning and being in outrageous pain. From that time to the time I got outside I don’t remember to this day. I have no recollection, which is probably a good thing.”

Dalrymple, according to witnesses at the fire, seemed to explode out the front door and was completely engulfed in flames. He collapsed on the front lawn, they said, and was tended to by other firefighters, then quickly rushed from the scene in an ambulance.

He suffered severe burns down to the bone of his hands, with his left hand still only at about 50 percent motion. He had a burn to his abdomen and

the outside of his ears.

“Some days I didn’t think I would make it back,” he said. “At the hospital they they talked a lot about not being sure if I would ever get 100 percent use of my hands again. They weren’t sure if my hands were going to work again. At that time, I told them to take my hands off – remove them. The pain was so bad and I didn’t think they would ever work again so I didn’t see any use in keeping them. I’m glad they didn’t listen to me, because here I am back at work and using my hands.”

He said he has seen the photos of his equipment, and he is convinced it is a miracle he’s alive.

“After seeing the pictures of my turnout gear, I think it’s pretty incredible that I’m alive, and as bad as my injuries are, it’s amazing I’m not much, much worse,” he said.

He credited the support of his family and friends for keeping him going during his long rehabilitation, as well as

the firefighters from Everett Fire.

The house that caught fire last July when Dalrymple was injured was a house whose owner had battled with the City on safety issues. There were numerous violations, and despite some improvements, the house still had 19 people living in three units – a dangerous overcrowding situation.

Now, such injuries and accidents are the exact things Dalrymple tries to head off in his new job as a Fire Prevention inspector. Going throughout the city during his work hours, he is a walking reminder that the rules are crafted for a reason – and following them could save the life or limb of another.

“There were 19 people living in that house, and if it had happened at 2 a.m., we might have a dozen people lost,” he said. “One would be too many. No one thinks it will ever happen, but it does.”

Saugus River Watershed Council 2019 Scholarships

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The Saugus River Watershed Council is now accepting applications for 2019 environmental scholarships. During 2019, the Saugus River Watershed Council will award one \$500 Environmental Leadership Scholarship and one \$500 Pamela Harris Memorial Scholarship to high school seniors graduating during the spring of 2019 and attending college next fall. This year’s recipients will be selected based upon commitment to environmental protection, academic record, demonstrated leadership in school and community activities, and statement of personal commitment to protecting the environment.

Financial need may be considered on a secondary basis among finalists.

Applicants demonstrating commitment to public health aspects of environmental protection will receive preference for the new Pamela Harris Memorial Scholarship. “As a nurse, volunteer member of the Saugus Board of Health, and Saugus River Watershed Council Board Member, Pam was committed to improving public health for families in the Saugus River watershed by addressing even the most troubling sources of pollution,” said SRWC Program Coordinator Mary Lester. “We are extremely pleased to provide this scholarship to honor Pam’s tireless efforts to

make a difference by protecting public health and promoting environmental stewardship,” said Lester.

To be eligible applicants must live in one of the following 11 communities that are part of the Saugus River watershed: Saugus, Lynn, Lynnfield, Wakefield, Reading, Revere, Everett, Malden, Melrose, Peabody, and Stoneham. Funds may be used for college tuition, books or fees. Applications must be emailed to marylester@saugusriver.org by Friday, April 12, 2019. The scholarship application form is available at <http://www.saugusriver.org/EnvironmentalScholarship.htm>.

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY AT KEVERIAN SCHOOL



Keverian School teachers showed their enthusiasm for reading and the spirit of Read Across America Day by dressing up as their favorite literary characters and Dr. Seuss favorites on Friday, March 8. Pictured above (in alphabetical order): Audrey Agnetta, Amy Beckwith, Alessandra Bisconti, Deanna Bower, Lisa Comeau, Danielle Crafa, Jeannine DeGregorio, Jillian Ells, Michelle Estime, Rachel Holt, Anita Keelan, Joellen Laidlaw, Britt Mitchel, Danielle Oliva, Jada Simmons Ononeme, Sheila Parziale, Alana Russell, Jillian Sousa, Cheri Spencer, Lauren Torres, and Lynda Trail.

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elation for local folks who have wanted to use the Malden River, but reputation or experience prevented them from using it confidently. Many were wary of the exposure to sediments at the bottom or sediments in the water, and what that might mean for those using the River frequently for boating.

The answer is there is no need to worry, which goes against most popular sentiments for generations.

“For decades, our waterfront has been walled off to the public because of its commercial and industrial uses,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “Last year we built over a mile of public walkways, a marina, restored a polluted harbor and shorelines. Now thanks to environmental testing by the Mystic River watershed we have shown our river and shorelines are safe for sculling, kayaking, and other recreational activities. It is a far cry from when my mother told me not to near the water, because it wasn’t safe.”

Hrycyna said the news is good news for those looking for boating opportunities, and those who have already been using it.

“We have an interest to see people committed to the River and this is only good news for that,” he said. “It should also be reassuring to people who have been using the River already, like high school rowers and adult boaters...Before, we couldn’t say with confidence it was safe. We had our opinions, but opinions can be wrong. This is a numerical way to address the question. We knew that’s what we need to do. It’s not so much that we’re not surprised, but rather that we have a good public answer to this question now.”

The study looked at nine locations along the Malden River, and researchers carefully gathered samples from the sediments over a period of time at those locations. They took the concentrations of those sediments, and then ran their models on a very conservative basis.

For example, their determination that the River is safe for boating assumes that one is getting in a boat by wading in the mud (rather than a dock), that every boating trip results in the boat capsizing, and that there is significant water ingested each time – among other such assumptions.

“Obviously, if you are getting into the water from a dock, you aren’t wading in the muddy sediment, so that means it’s only that much more safe for boating,” he said.

Hrycyna said under the assumptions, they found that the sediment exposure levels all fell well under the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) levels and the more stringent Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) exposure levels.

He did say the sediments are different from bacteria levels in the water. MyRWA for the last two years has measured bacteria levels before



The MyRWA studied sediments on several different sites to determine if exposure to pollution in the riverbed posed a danger to boaters. The short answer is that it does not pose a significant risk. There were six locations sampled on the Everett side of the river.

and after rain events. Such events tend to bring overflows of raw sewage into the River, thus increasing bacteria levels for a few days in the water.

MyRWA has developed a flag system to let boaters know about the bacteria levels in the water, which is a different issue from historic pollutants trapped in River sediments.

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HANDS-FREE DRIVING MAKES SENSE

Recent statistics indicate that the single-biggest cause of motor vehicle accidents these days can be attributed generally to what is known as “distracted driving.”

According to some reports, more Americans now are killed on our roads because of distracted driving than from driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

That is why we fully support the legislation recently filed by Gov. Charles Baker that would require all use of a cell phone or other device to be strictly hands-free. It simply is not possible for anyone to keep their eyes on the road while texting, dialing, or reading from an electronic device -- and the epidemic of accidents on our roads is the best evidence of that.

We also support another aspect of Gov. Baker’s bill that calls for the non-use of a seat belt as a primary offense, thereby giving police the authority to stop a motorist and issue a civil citation solely for not wearing a seat belt. Under the present law, a person may be cited for a seat belt violation only if the operator has been pulled over for another offense (such as speeding). Massachusetts is fairly unique in this regard, but the governor’s bill will bring us into line with the majority of other states.

Another key aspect of the bill would require anyone convicted of a first offense for operating under the influence who applies for a hardship license to use an ignition interlock device for a minimum of six months, and be subject to penalties from the Registry of Motor Vehicles for attempting to drive after drinking or tampering with the device.

In our view, drinking and driving should not be allowed at all. But to the extent that we have a 0.08 threshold, imposing the requirement of an ignition interlock device for first offenders is hardly draconian -- anyone who drinks to that extent and gets behind the wheel of a car clearly has a problem.

Moreover, we are in favor of any additional measures that serve as an added deterrent to drinking and driving and thereby improve public safety.

Your opinions, please

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Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

City Administration took action on Wellness Center

By Mayor Carlo DeMaria (as delivered to the City Council on March 4)

For some time now, there has been a great deal of repeated false information publicized about the Health and Wellness Center. False claims of a settlement, to exaggerated issues portrayed to make it appear that there is a constant problem at the Wellness Center. For some reason, Mr. McLaughlin, you are choosing to align yourself with the editor and owners of the Leader Herald in helping to perpetuate falsehoods and typical employment matters beyond their relevance. By these actions, you are damaging this city.

You must know these stories are overblown, and yet you sit here and expect answers beyond the scope of your function as if you have a right to smear the good people working every day to enhance this City, OUR City! That newsletter that pretends to be a newspaper only tries to tear down this administration and the Encore project: A project that will bring the City great

tax revenue, jobs, and environmental cleanup for Everett and the surrounding area. And you want to do the paper’s dirty work to what end? To stop the progress.

Have you bought in, hook-line-and-sinker, to the false stories about a Health and the Wellness Center that you have never even visited for yourself? The questions you have proposed are repetitive and seek information beyond your function as a legislator so you can play political games. You use words like “unsafe” and “negative” to describe it. Nothing can be further from the truth... I AM HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS FOR MY ADMINISTRATION, AND TO DEFEND THIS CITY FROM THIS ATTACK. AS TO YOUR QUESTIONS...

The Health and Wellness Center is a constituent heavy service that many municipalities don’t have. We embarked on this with the residents in mind, to offer them a place to move, exercise, and have a sense of community. We offer classes, meals, training, and

even daycare where residents trust us with their children.

We get very little in the way of negative feedback. From seniors to students, they all enjoy this facility and its staff. In fact, if the positive and successful stories were offered up as much as the inflated negative ones, then I bet even you would have a different view, never being there to see for yourself.

You mention numerous complaints the residents have made to you. As an elected official of the city, did you report these to anyone that can help, or did you direct them to someone with knowledge in an attempt to help them? Were you keeping these complaints to yourself for some reason? As a member of the Council, how do you think it helps this City by hoarding complaints for political purposes, if they even exist?

Instead, you talk about broken trust. You contribute to that by letting complaints die with you. By not seeking to assist in the solution, but instead seeking to damage the reputation of this fine Cen-

ter. Have you gone in and witnessed the joy in the kid’s activities, or the community getting together? Maybe you should, so you know what you are talking about...

By not directing complaints to the proper people, you are just creating a false sense that there is a problem where there is not, or counseling people on matters you are not trained to that is creating broken trust and frankly poor leadership.

You talk about a breakdown in leadership. Have you seen the daily classes taking place on the state-of-the-art equipment, equipment that is maintained very well? Equipment that was purchased by procurement after several bids, from the lowest bidder, who installed the equipment themselves. Have you seen the expertise of the teachers in action, and the variety of class offerings? You ask for information on the staff. Go up and see for yourself the fine job they do.

Further, to qualify the Center as “negative” and “unsafe”

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Mayor owes myself, taxpayers an apology for March 4 meeting

By Councilor Michael McLaughlin

I write to discuss the unfortunate, and frankly shocking, display by our Mayor in the Council chambers just last week. It was my hope that we would have an open and thoughtful discussion with the Mayor and department heads regarding the issues related to the Wellness Center, but sadly what happened last Monday night was nothing more than an insult to the residents and taxpayers of the community by the Mayor.

Several department heads requested that I write and submit any questions I had related to the Health and Wellness Center seven days prior to the committee meeting. I was happy to do so, and did so as a requirement of the City charter, not in response to a demand by the Administration. Again, my hope was

that this would be the start of a respectful dialogue, but what occurred was anything but respectful.

Today I am forced to defend myself from the baseless, one-sided attack from the Mayor, who was quick to name-call and point fingers at, what he called, “poor leadership” on my part, while this same Mayor failed to lead when tackling this issue, and when addressing his colleagues in the Council chamber. The Mayor went on to accuse me of carrying water for a local newspaper and damaging our community. I take great offense to these remarks and have consistently prided myself on being an independent voice, working solely for the best interests of the residents here.

As City Councilors, we have a duty and responsibility to ask questions and seek an-

swers. If the Mayor disagrees with this role, I would be curious what he thinks we’re actually doing here. The fact remains that if there were not instances of misusing power and nepotism, we would not be here discussing the matter, and perhaps we would have a Mayor conducting himself as an adult. I have had a number of conversations with past Human Resources directors and Mr. Steve Supino about this department and the Mayor’s tendency to use it as a personal employment agency for insiders and friends. The mayor so wrongfully accused me of hoarding complaints for political reasons, while ignoring the reality: If the Mayor had chosen to meet with all of the City Council members, instead of a select few, he would have heard this from me directly and not during a very public address before the

Council.

Moreover, I was extremely disappointed and disheartened to see my colleague – the chairman of Government Operations, Public Safety and Public service – grossly misuse his power to shut down a member of the City Council, in a clear effort to protect the mayor and his department heads at all cost, regardless of what is best for the residents and taxpayers here.

The Mayor owes me – and the people of Everett – an apology for such abhorrent and embarrassing behavior. Insults aside, no one should ever physically intimidate or lunge towards another person, particularly in the Council Chamber as we conduct City business on behalf of the people who elected us. This is a sad moment in Everett’s his-

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Lenten Letter: Summit to protect children and minors was powerful

By Cardinal Seán P. O’Malley, OFM, Cap.

As we begin the holy season of Lent, this annual time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving affords us the opportunity to be renewed by God’s love and mercy as we recommit ourselves to lives of prayer and service to others.

This year, Lent has particular significance for the leadership of the Church at every level, local, national and universal. Recently Pope Francis called bishops from every country in the world to come together at the Vatican for the Summit to Protect Children and Minors. The summit included powerful testimony from survivors of clergy sexual abuse, religious sisters and laypersons who made clear that a meaningful and effective response from the Church is long overdue and of critical importance. I participated in the summit as the President of the Pontifical Commission for Protection of Minors and, with all present, was deeply impacted by those who ad-

ressed us.

Given the depth and seriousness of the crisis and the failures of the leadership of the Church, the expectations for the meeting were high and people are anxious to see concrete results. I left the meeting convinced that no bishop could possibly say that his diocese is not affected by these issues or that this is not a problem in his country and culture. Patience among our people and in the wider community is exhausted and understandably the call is rising for effective action.

A dominant theme at the meeting was the need for an effective reporting mechanism when a Bishop or Cardinal has failed in his duty to protect children or has himself abused children or vulnerable adults. Although I believe an effective set of procedures will be developed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I nonetheless wish to address this need immediately for the Archdiocese of Boston.

To that end I have decided

to implement EthicsPoint, a confidential, anonymous and third-party system, exclusively for the reporting of misconduct by a Cardinal, Bishop or Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston. Since 2011 we have utilized EthicsPoint for concerns of potential ethics violations, financial improprieties, and other violations of the Archdiocesan Code of Conduct related to financial matters.

Like the existing system currently in use, this will be web based and have a toll-free hotline to make a report. Reports will be sent to members of my Independent Review Board who will be charged to immediately notify law enforcement for claims of abuse as well as the apostolic nuncio; the diplomatic representative to the U.S. of the Holy See. The system will be hosted on secured servers at the EthicsPoint facility and is not connected to the Archdiocese of Boston website, intranet system or the existing EthicsPoint system currently in use. We anticipate the system

being up and running soon and will provide more information at that time.

In January 2002 the clergy sexual abuse crisis was revealed by the media in powerful and compelling reports on the failures of the Church to protect children. Courageous survivors came forward and forced the Church to face the crisis and accept responsibility for the crimes committed against them. That same year the American Bishops implemented the Dallas Charter of Norms. Where it has been faithfully implemented, it has been effective. But we must aggressively build on the Charter to ensure that there are clear paths for reporting misdeeds of the hierarchy by utilizing the expertise of independent lay professionals.

During the meeting in Rome, the most powerful moments were when survivors of abuse spoke to us. This confirmed my own experience. The way forward for the Church is to hold as a prior-

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DIDOMENICO PARTICIPATES IN IMMIGRANT’S DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE



Sen. Sal DiDomenico attended the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Coalition’s (MIRA) Immigrants’ Day at the State House. Every year, MIRA hosts Immigrants’ Day at the State House to hear from speakers about legislation, speak about their experiences, and advocate for their legislative priorities. During the day’s long schedule, Sen. DiDomenico joined with Representative Dave Rogers and Health Care for All in hosting a breakout session to promote their bill, An Act to Ensure Equitable Health Coverage for Children. Thousands of low-income children in Massachusetts are not eligible for MassHealth and only have access to minimum coverage with strict limits on covered benefits, leaving them without all the care they need. An Act to Ensure Equitable Health Coverage to Children would expand MassHealth coverage to children who would be eligible for MassHealth except for their immigration status. Over 20,000 children would then have access to the care that they need. “We know that we need a comprehensive strategy to support our families and communities across the Massachusetts while building the strong and resilient children the Commonwealth needs for its future success. To do this, we cannot leave certain children out simply because of their immigration status,” said Sen. DiDomenico, speaking about the importance of the bill. “Let’s work together to continue and strengthen our Commonwealth’s long-standing tradition of making sure all children in Massachusetts, including the most vulnerable children in our immigrant communities, have access to the health care they need.”

Cambridge Health Alliance launches new mental health awareness training program

Studies show that each year, more than one in five Americans experience a mental health or substance abuse issue, while only 40 percent of those affected seek treatment. For friends and family members, it can be hard to know when and how to help. As a result, those in need of mental health services often do not receive the help they need.

Through the Mental Health Awareness Training program, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) is offering free Mental Health First Aid trainings in community settings. The program will expand and increase educational opportunities in Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Revere, Somerville and Winthrop.

CHA is offering community trainings focused on adult mental health, challenges common among children and adolescents, and for Veterans and their families. CHA’s Community Health Improvement Department is partnering with community organizations to ensure broad reach and access to increase the community’s capacity to support people with mental health challenges.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an eight-hour certification training that provides individuals with the skills to assist someone facing a mental health crisis. Just as CPR helps those without clinical training assist an individual having a heart attack,

MHFA prepares participants to interact with a person experiencing a mental health crisis. Trainees will learn a five-step action plan that guides them through the process of reaching out and offering support.

“When we observe someone having a health crisis like a heart attack, or car accident, we don’t hesitate to offer some sort of aid,” noted Jaime Lederer, MSW, MPH, who directs the grant program at CHA. “People are sometimes less comfortable responding to a mental health crisis - someone experiencing anxiety, severe depression or substance misuse. MHFA gives laypeople the knowledge and skills they need to provide assistance and refer people for further help.”

Over one million people have been trained in MHFA nationwide, according to the National Council on Behavioral Health, which leads MHFA training efforts. “Expanding mental health training in our communities will strengthen our capacity to better support and serve those who experience a mental health problem,” explained Lederer. “By removing the fear and hesitation people often feel when discussing mental health and substance use, we can reduce the stigma and equip people with the necessary tools to start a dialogue, and more people can receive the support they may need.”

The MHFA program helps participants recognize the signs and symptoms of a number of mental health issues including depression, anxiety, trauma, psychosis, substance

use and ways to respond to crises like suicidal thoughts, panic attacks, and overdoses.

“Research shows that those who have attended a MHFA class feel much more prepared to assist those grappling with mental health issues and to help them get the appropriate services that they need,” noted Lederer, “I look forward to expanding our reach in communities and raising awareness of the resources and services available to help.”

To learn more about the Cambridge Health Alliance’s programs and services, including Mental Health First Aid please visit: <http://bit.ly/CHAMHSupport>.

CHA is an academic community health system committed to providing high-quality care in Cambridge, Somerville and Boston’s metro-north communities. CHA has expertise in primary care, specialty care and mental health/substance use services, as well as caring for diverse and complex populations. It includes three hospital campuses, a network of primary care and specialty practices and the Cambridge Public Health Dept. CHA patients have seamless access to advanced care through the system’s affiliation with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. CHA is a Harvard Medical School teaching affiliate and is also affiliated with Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Tufts University School of Medicine. For more information, visit www.challiance.org.



Jaime Lederer, MSW, MPH, Project Director, leads Mental Health Awareness Training.

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does a disservice to our city. To drag this into the newspaper over and over does no good, especially to the real people that are collateral damage to you. To exaggerate these issues and repeat them over and over is propaganda. To make a situation bigger than it is, is irresponsible. This is what you are perpetuating. This is what you are contributing.

Yes there have been some complaints. My administration has been in front of the council about this. After that, the newspaper had to walk back their false story. Human resources issues happen in the regular course of any business. We investigated it thoroughly. We made the accommodations required. Any further pursuit would be a private matter, and the information is protected until such time as a determination was made.

With the volume of people we serve, as well as number of staff, the number of these complaints is typical if not low. And I assure you, all are addressed as soon as they are made known to us. My administration does their job, and again, this is not your function.

Want a lawsuit? Personnel files are exempt under public records law. Want to expose the city to liability? Publish someone’s protected information. Discussing current matters can compromise the City. Potential claimants have rights and they have a proper process. The City has a right to defend. Neither is your function, but all should be kept confidential in accordance with the law until the matter is resolved. Freely discussing conjecture can only weaken the city. It is our function to protect privileged information and this City, and we will do so even if you paint it as a negative.

As to your questions to Dr. Omar Easy, Dr. Easy works on a daily basis assessing the operational needs of all city departments. He makes recommendations on a daily basis regarding a variety of issues. Attorney Lara Wehbe Ammouri has always been a lawyer with access to

personnel records. All employees time is tracked with timesheets. This function is not yours. You are not entitled to these matters and again, it is not your function.

As to the Center, Steve Supino ran a gym for decades in the private sector. We asked him to create a plan for the Wellness Center. Some employees were transfers from the Rec Center, and others were hired via the application process, referrals and recommendations. I am the appointing authority and made the staffing decisions. Nick has been the manager of the day to day operations since he was hired in 2015.

AS to all the employees of the center, every year, we go over the budget with the council, and we will again this year. To the best of my knowledge, they are:

- Nick Bertrone – Manager/Trainer
- Kristin Fulton – Recreation Coordinator
- George Wright – Recreation Leader
- Karen Martinelli – Administrative Assistant
- Sam Amado- Instructor
- Kahlea Brown- Instructor
- Michael Marchese- Instructor
- Pablo Miranda- Instructor
- Yago Miranda- Instructor
- Nataiaia Chay De Gonzalez- Instructor
- David Fanni- Instructor
- Gina Matarazzo- Instructor
- Rosa Portillo- Instructor
- Christine Demetrio – Day Care Center
- The City also hires vendors to run classes.

To answer another of your questions, The Managing staff was:

-Steve Supino has been the Executive Director of Health and Human Service.

-Karen Avila was Director of health and wellness (not to be confused with the center).

-Fitzroy Bramble was previous manager.

-Nick Bertone is currently the manager.

The numbers at the center are strong:

- 2016 – Approximately \$255,000 in revenue...
- 2017 – Approximately

- \$326,000
- 2018- Approximately \$384,000
- Membership by family Plan:
- 2015 – 1,398
- 2016 – 1,865
- 2017 – 2,268
- 2018 – 2,544

The Center keeps adding enrollment and revenue, flying in the face of your mistrust nonsense.

Karen Avila was the director of health and wellness, which is a distinction from the Health and Wellness Center. I recently initiated a city-wide check on licenses, to assure that none had lapsed. That is when we discovered Karen’s issue. She resigned due to all of the publicity in the paper, and I accepted her resignation. Karen was not required to have the credentials she claimed to have to do her job, but she was educated in the field, having a bachelor’s degree from Framingham State in food and Nutrition. At no time would there have been a negative effect as a result, and to say so is not responsible.

You’re criticizing the initiative that produced this result and you’re calling out my Administration for not taking action when that is exactly what I did. While we were taking appropriate action, you received office gossip creating the impression that this issue is much larger than it actually is.

The Center is safe and prosperous, and a benefit to the residents. While you are spreading false rumors, you do us all disservice.

Let me share with you some accolades in the few short years the Center has been open:

- 2015 A grant from the U.S. Conference of mayors for promoting healthy weight in children. They stated our “winning program showcased creativity and innovation of America’s Mayors, as well as health and wellness in the community.
- 2016 - Kenneth Picard Municipal Innovation Award.
- 2016 MMA Innovation Award.
- A Mass in Motion Grant for promoting community Wellness.

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tory.

I respectfully ask the Council considers my words here, and take appropriate steps to ensure that what occurred in the Chambers last week will never happen again. I strongly believe corrective action steps are required and the Council President needs to prove to the residents and taxpayers that the Council serves to seek independent checks and balances to the administration.

This step is not about what

happened last Monday night, but rather it is about what will happen going forward if this matter is not addressed. We, the City Council, can never feel comfortable sending an item to this committee going forward without fear of repercussions – or refusal to be heard – from the Chairman if the Mayor does not approve of the contents.

To end my remarks, I feel it is important to correct the record and say that rumors of

my demise have been greatly exaggerated. I imagine this comes as a disappointment to my colleagues in the Administration, but I will not be stepping down from my seat this evening, despite reports and persistent rumors to the contrary.

I look forward to finding a way to turn the page on this ugly incident, and moving forward to serve the people of Everett.

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ity the voices and experience of survivors, to keep them close to every step we take and make all possible efforts to provide the means for them to be heard. In Boston we will continue to provide pastoral care and counseling for survivors. We will continue to carry out programs of prevention and education in our schools and parishes. We will continue to do background checks annually for bishops, priests, all archdiocesan personnel, and all volunteers who work with children and young people. You may find the depth and breadth of those efforts in the Archdiocese of Boston on our dedicated website at

Commitment.BostonCatholic.org.

For more than 26 years my ministry has involved responding to the abuse of minors by clergy. The crisis of sexual abuse by clergy is the greatest failure of the Church in my lifetime. It has eroded our moral authority, it endangers our pastoral, social and educational ministry, but worst of all, it devastates children and families.

We must face our past with transparency. Those who were sexually abused by clergy, their families and loved ones must always be the central focus of our response to the crisis. Their courage in coming

forward has forced the Church to face the crimes committed against them. We are committed to accompanying them on their journey toward healing. Often it is survivors who teach us not to lose hope.

As we strive to live this season with renewed seriousness and commitment we pray and work for renewal in the life of the Church. We are firmly committed to zero tolerance, transparency and accountability, at all times holding survivors as the priority, always being vigilant to do all possible to prevent any harm to children.

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SEN. SAL DIDOMENICO’S ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION

Sen. Sal DiDomenico celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with his annual banquet at the Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus in Charlestown on Friday evening. Sticking with tradition, political jokes were made, bagpipes were played, and a tasty boiled dinner was served. The fundraiser benefits the DiDomenico Foundation, which assures that disadvantaged children receive gifts during the holiday season each year.



Gov. Charlie Baker joined Sen. Sal DiDomenico for the annual St. Patrick’s Day fundraiser.



Attorney General Maura Healy, of Charlestown, attended Sen. Sal DiDomenico’s annual St. Patrick’s Day Fundraiser on Friday.



Senate President Karen Spilka spoke at Sen. Sal DiDomenico’s fundraiser dinner on Friday night.



Treasurer Deb Goldberg spoke to the crowd at Sen. Sal DiDomenico’s annual St. Patrick’s Day dinner



Elaine DeRosa was honored with the Golden Shamrock Award for her commitment to helping Cambridge’s low-income community.



Friends and supporters from Everett visited Charlestown for the annual St. Patrick’s Day festivities with Sen. Sal DiDomenico



Councilor Mike McLaughlin, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, and Patti Frati celebrated St. Patrick’s Day in Charlestown on Friday evening.



School Committeewoman Millie Cardello, Councilor Anthony DiPierro, and Councilor Rosa DiFlorio.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico was joined by family at his annual St. Patrick’s Day dinner.



Malden School Committee member Rob McCarthy, John Burley, Mike Dantone, and Bob McCarthy showed their support for the DiDomenico Foundation on Friday evening.



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Attorney General Maura Healy joined the DiDomenico family children for a photo op.



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POPE JOHN IN STATE SEMIFINAL ACTION AGAINST ABINGTON AT TD GARDEN



PASS HAPPY: Angel Price-Espada gets off a pass around Abington's Cameron Curney.



CRASH LANDING: Conor Kelly is bound for the floor after colliding with an Abington defender. Erickson was called for a charge.



PATHFINDER: Mekhi Collins tries to find a path to two points.



UP AND OVER: Angel Price-Espada leaps in front of teammates Cameron Erickson (35) and Luis Velazquez to snag a rebound during first half action of Pope John's state semifinal game against Abington Tuesday at Boston Garden.



DRIVING FORCE: Frankie Imbruglia (1) is determined to get past Abington's Elijah Kramer.



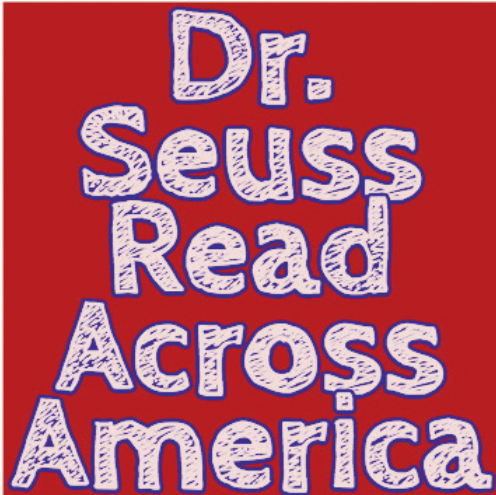
UP AND IN: Mekhi Collins drives the lane for two points.



PICK PLAY: Frankie Imbruglia tries to work off a pick set by teammate Cameron Erickson.



PASS HAPPY: Angel Price-Espada gets off a pass around Abington's Cameron Curney.



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SILVER KEY: Gabriel Machado, Grade 12: Drawing and Illustration, "Gallett's Inspiration" (Teacher, Annette LeRay)

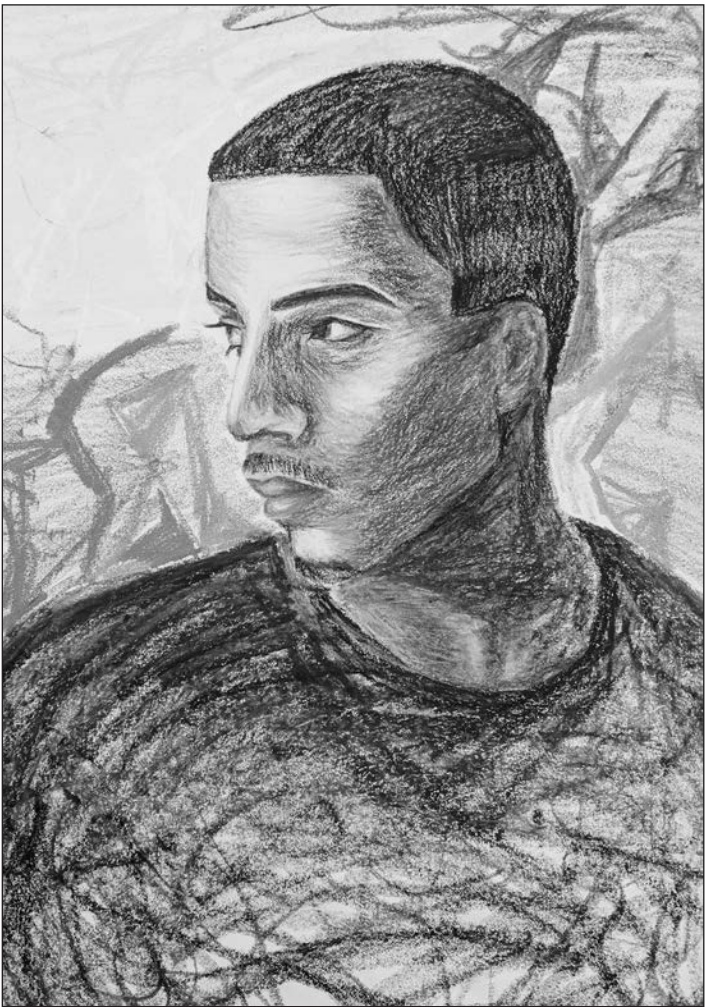


HONORABLE MENTION: Oscar Mira Vela, Grade 12: Photography, "Central Park" (Katherine McKie)

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL ART STARS



HONORABLE MENTION: Camila Morare, Grade 12: Photography, "Park Bench" (Katherine McKie)

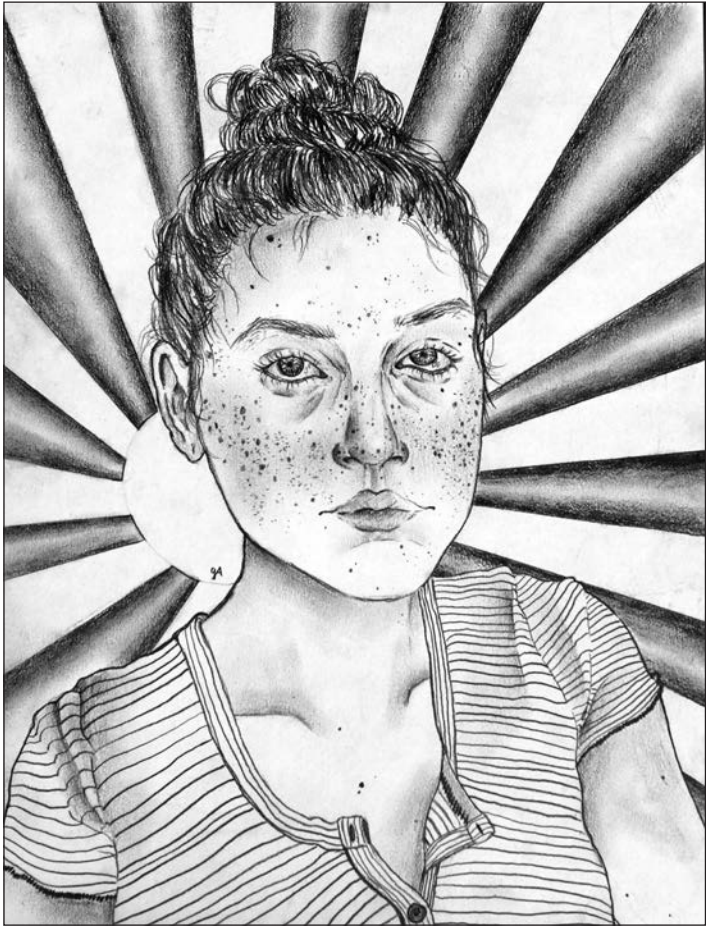


HONORABLE MENTION: Lizzy Bautista, Grade 10: Drawing and Illustration, "Eddies Duality" (Annette LeRay)

Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized the vision, ingenuity, and talent of our nation's youth, and provided opportunities for creative teens to be celebrated. This year over 12,000 submissions were received by the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University and the Boston Globe Foundation. Students across the state produced artwork in 17 categories including Photography, Mixed Media, Video Game Design, Painting and more. Winners of Gold Key, Silver Key Awards and Honorable Mentions were chosen based on their demonstration of originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. This year we are excited to announce that Everett High School students have brought home 9 awards and recognitions!



HONORABLE MENTION: Alex Brown, Grade 12: Digital Art, "Self-Portrait" (Katherine McKie)



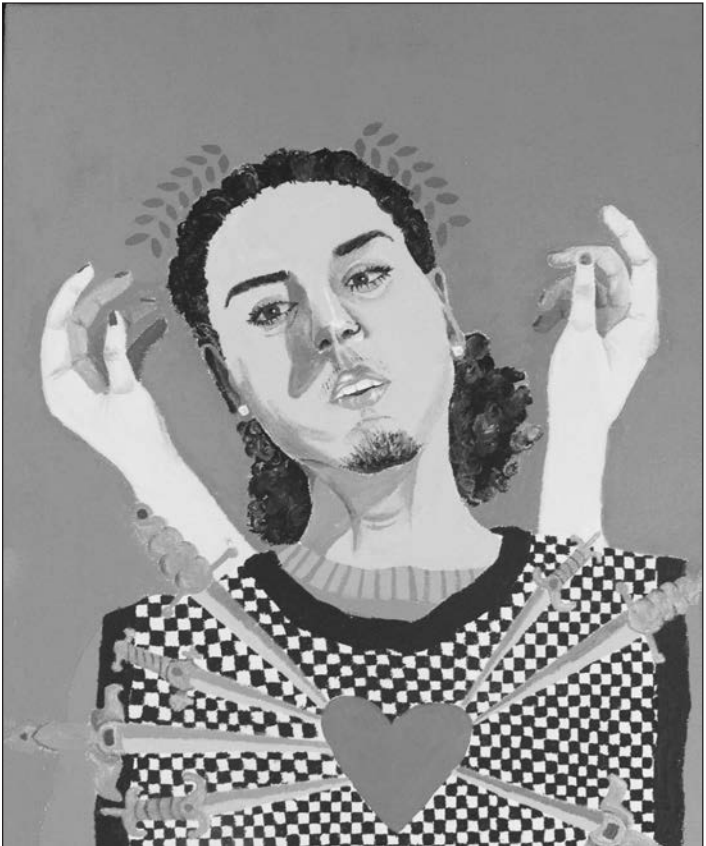
HONORABLE MENTION: Gillian Avelar, Grade 11: Drawing and Illustration, "Riley and the Rising Sun" (Annette LeRay)



HONORABLE MENTION: Kunchock Khabnay, Grade 12: Photography, "Junior" (Katherine McKie)



SILVER KEY: Vicki Do, Grade 12: Photography, "Fixed" (Katherine McKie)



SILVER KEY: Gillian Avelar, Grade 11: Painting, "Seven Sorrows" (Annette LeRay)

OBITUARIES

Anne Gallant
Of Everett

Anne T. (Josue) Gallant of Everett died on March 5.

The beloved wife of the late Abel Gallant, she was the loving mother of John Gallant, Thomas Gallant and his wife, Mary, Robert Gallant and his wife, Darlene, Chuck Gallant and his wife, Ann and the late Susan Gallant; sister of the late Marion DiBiase and also survived by 11 beloved grandchildren: Daniella, Marissa, TJ, Tyler, Kristen, Victoria, Andrew, Jayson, Lauren, Kristyn and Nicole as well as five loving great-grandchildren:

Annabelle, Kamryn, Karlee, Adrianna and Michael and by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Salvatore Rocco and Sons Funeral Home, Everett. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Donations in Anne's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. For more information: 1-877-71-ROCCO or roccofuneral-homes.com

Calvin B. Peters
1929 - 2019

Calvin B. Peters, 89, of Everett passed away March 1 at the Eastpointe Rehabilitation Center in Chelsea.

He was born Nov. 11, 1929 in Portland, Maine and raised by his loving parents Martha and Calvin Peters. He had many fond memories of the Kennebunk Beach area growing up. Working at his parent's restaurant "The Dipsy Baths," he would spend the days helping around the restaurant and renting the beach chairs, umbrellas and floats to beachgoers of Kennebunk Beach.

He completed his first year of college before proudly serving in the Army during the Korean War.

Calvin met the love of his life, Dorothy M. Novello Peters and they raised their three boys in Everett.

After completing his military service, he went on to drive a tour bus for Hudson Bus Lines in Medford. He received great joy and took great pride in showing people the fantastic sites that our country has to offer.

When Calvin wanted to relax, he would spend countless hours listening to his favorite Big Band artists such as Frank Sinatra, Glenn Miller and Tony Bennett. He loved the Boston sports teams and enjoyed watching the games with his family. He treasured spending time with his family, first with his wife and children, and in his later years, with his grandchildren and great grandchild.

He enjoyed taking pictures, and loved traveling. Dorothy and Calvin shared countless memories of their time traveling to Disneyworld and other destinations across the country.

When Calvin was a child, he enjoyed camping trips with his parents. As a Dad, he enjoyed visiting the many lakes of Maine including Lake Penesseewassee, Crystal Lake and Moose Pond with all the family. Calvin lived in Massachusetts for 62 years, but his joy of the Maine outdoors brought him and his family back to Maine for vacations



and family trips.

He was also involved with his community and was a Mason in the former Galilean Lodge as well as a member of The Boy Scouts of America, Troop 6 in Everett. This allowed him to spend lots of quality time with his sons.

Calvin was predeceased by his parents, Martha E. and Calvin F. Peters and his sisters, Norma Henderson and Martha Peters. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy M. Novello Peters of Everett; three sons: Calvin M. Peters of Sanford, ME, Scott Peters and his fiancée, Lisa Oberle of Middleton, NH, and Mark Peters and His fiancée, Sandra Deitz of Gettysburg, PA; three grandchildren, Christine Grigg and her husband, Scott Grigg of Indianapolis, IN, Christopher Peters of Washington, DC, and Ryan Peters of Virginia and a great granddaughter, Elani Grigg.

The family would like to gratefully acknowledge the Everett Fire Department, and Everett Rescue who assisted Dad on countless occasions. They would also like to acknowledge the help and assistance of his caregivers over the years and especially Dorothy's dear friend, Carolyn Perry of Everett for her countless hours of companionship and assistance with day to day activities.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 577 Salem St., Malden MA 02148.

There will be a private gravesite service and burial at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, South Portland, Maine, in the spring.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.hobbsfuneralhome.com.

Grace Episcopal Church
News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all.

There are 3 services on Sundays: 10 a.m. English, 1pm South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3 p.m. Haitian Creole. We have Sunday school during each service in the Children's Room. Coffee Hour starts after the 10 a.m. service in the Parish Hall (entrance on 11 Liberty St.)

Come all and let us walk together in this season of hope, renewal and new beginnings.

We are located at 67 Norwood Street, Everett, MA
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Mystic Side Congregational Church
News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday

of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

Glendale United Methodist Church
News and Notes

Glendale United Methodist Church is open to all and we welcome people of all faiths, race, nationalities and sexual preference. No one is ever turned away. If you are looking for a new home church, we would like you to check us out and let us know what we can do to make church a better fit in your life.

Bible Study: Consider joining us for Bible study on Sunday. We meet in the Church Parlor off the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Sponsor the bulletin! For a \$5 donation, you can dedicate the Sunday bulletin to recognize family, friends, or special occasions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Pastor's study. Feel free to choose your particular week and leave a copy of your dedication in the mail in that is on the Pastor's door. Please contact the Pastor if you have any questions.

Boy Scout Troop 814: Meet in Cooper Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Cub Pack 11 meets on Saturday mornings.

NA Meetings – Mon. Bring Your Own Book 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We

can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

AA Meeting – Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Bread of Life Donations – This outreach is being done to honor the United Methodist Women's Group, who for so many years were our outreach source. Please bring any food item(s) to church and place in the box located on the altar.

We are on the Internet
<http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org>
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Pastor David Jackson
392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers)
Please enter the church by the driveway on Walnut Street
617-387-2916
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News and Notes

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News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Cannon Richard Randazzo, Pastoral Associate, Business Manager;

Philomene Pean, Pastoral Associate, Haitian Community

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

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

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Each Thursdays' adoration will conclude the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend a few moments with Our Blessed Lord

Church Breakfast – Our

next monthly Church Breakfast is scheduled for every second Sunday in the lower Church Hall. Cost is \$4.00 per person. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, juice, coffee and tea is served. All you can eat. Please join us after Mass.

New Ministry - At the back of the Church in the Vestibule area on Sundays following Masses, there is a team of volunteers who will answer your questions regarding our Church Ministries, etc. Please feel free to stop by and ask questions, schedule a Mass, register as a new Parishioner, etc.

Bring a Book-Buy a Book - We have a new Fundraiser Program in the back of the Church. It's called Bring a Book-Buy a Book. All books are a dollar and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. Bring a Book and Buy a Book and make a donation. Our selections are great and varied. Please stop by the table and see what we have. Thank you

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Mystic Valley Elder Services theater event to be held May 18

Mystic Valley Elder Services annual theater event, a presentation of Million Dollar Quartet, the smash hit and rocking true story of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins coming together for one of the greatest jam sessions ever, will be held Saturday, May 18, at 6:30 at the Greater Boston Stage Company in Stoneham.

Sponsorships and tickets are now available. Tickets cost \$75 each and sponsorships levels range from \$100 to \$20,000. Please contact Robert Guthrie at 781-388-4822 or rguthrie@mves.org, or visit mves.org/join-us/theatre for more information. Proceeds benefit Mystic Valley Elder Services' programs that keep elders independent and in their homes.

Located in Malden, Mass., Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to elders, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

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Girl Scouts from Everett and Chelsea, celebrated the anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts in 1912 with an International Display Ceremony. Each troop organized a table representing a country where Girl Scouts are active, offering food and items found there.

The girls were issued “Passports” encouraging them to explore and discover the cultures of fellow Girl Scouts.

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN



Troop 65447 from Everett had a table representing the Philippines.



Brownie Troop 82482 from Everett.



Troop 62751 from neighboring Chelsea had a table representing Puerto Rico.



Abigail Falkowski, Ella Dipierro, and Julia Hardy of Brownie Troop 82482 show off their Passports stamped as they visited each international table.



Troop 67701 from Everett.



Everett Troop 62191 had a table representing the U.S.A.



Girl Scout Everett coordinator and Troop Leader Donna Towchik with scouts Emma Horgan and Michelina's Tumbling of Troop 71088.



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The event was organized by Girl Scout Everett coordinator and Troop Leader Donna Towchik with "Cookie Chairperson" Carol Meninger.