

Building a Better ‘T’

Second of four winter 2020 weekend Orange Line diversions begins this weekend

The MBTA reminded customers that weekend Orange Line service between Sullivan Square and Tufts Medical Center Stations will be suspended the next several weekends beginning at 8:45 p.m. on Friday through to the start of service on Monday.

“This past fall, we made major progress in our efforts to build a better, safer, more reliable T,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “Continuing these weekend diversions in 2020 will allow us to maintain that progress while we look to take a more aggressive approach later on this year.”

This suspension of Orange Line service last weekend was the second of four weekends scheduled in 2020 in order to replace Orange Line station track in both directions at North Station and to perform additional track work at State, Haymarket, and Downtown Crossing Stations. This weekend work builds off work that was performed during last fall’s weekend diversions as part of the 2019 Capital Acceleration Plan.

During last weekend’s Orange Line closure, crews completed the following:

- The replacement of a combined total of approximately 260 feet of track at State and Haymarket;
- The beginning of the replacement of fare equipment at North Station;
- The beginning of work to replace the yellow tactile platform edging as well as platform maintenance/repair work on both the northbound and southbound sides of Chinatown and Downtown Crossing Stations.

Accelerated work continued to take place on the Orange Line last weekend with a focus on track replacement work on the northbound side of North Station as well as additional improvements at North Station, Downtown Crossing, Haymarket, and State. These closures are expected to result in approximately 840 feet of full-depth track replacement at North Station and will allow for the replacement of an additional 140 feet of track at State as well as 200 more feet of track at Haymarket. When complete, these weekend shutdowns allow the MBTA to complete work on the Orange Line level of these stations almost a year earlier than previously planned.

During these weekends in which service is suspended between Sullivan Square and Tufts Medical Center, shuttle buses are provided between Sullivan Square and Haymarket Stations only. There will be no shuttle bus service to Orange Line stations at State, Downtown Crossing, and Chinatown with customers asked to travel via parallel downtown Green Line service. These weekends are:

- 8:45 p.m. on February 7 through February 9.
- 8:45 p.m. on February 14 through February 16.

Following track work, the MBTA typically implements speed restrictions as a safety precaution, and customers should expect these to last for several days while the T monitors the proper settlement and consolidation of new track and stone ballast. Speed restrictions are lifted once engineers have confirmed proper settlement has occurred.

CELEBRATING SECOND ANNIVERSARY



The Eliot Family Resource Center recently celebrated their second anniversary. Located at the old Everett high school, the resource center has helped over 1,300 families from Everett and surrounding communities in the two years it has been open. Volunteer of the year awards were given to Valentina, from Malden, and Evelyn, from Everett, recognizing their hundred of hours of community service, from cleaning toys, sorting produce for the food pantry, to helping wrap presents for the holiday event, and staffing tables at outreach events. School administrators and elected officials from the area came together to celebrate the center’s success and to hear the ways in which families can continue to be supported as a whole to prevent CRAs and other pertinent issues. With no residency or income requirements, families can feel welcome and be supported through services and activities at the center, and also be connected to additional support services in the local area. Members of the Eliot Family Resource Center celebrated the organization’s second anniversary, helping more than 1,300 families.

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have been filed and they are waiting on a judge to rule in the case. However, that case came front and center for the first time on Monday, to the surprise of many.

“This thing has been a sham from the go,” said Fire Union President Craig Hardy, who is also an officer with the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts (PFFM). “We don’t bring our dirty laundry to the City Council. We don’t get them involved with grievances at all. What you see is they snuck this in and got it on the agenda without us knowing...”

“It’s really nothing personal,” he told the Independent. “We just wanted the City to delay the vote until they could educate themselves on this issue and wait for the new chief’s exam so some of the deputy chiefs have a shot at being chief. There has never been an Assessment Center for chief in Everett. This was the first time. We’re putting another grievance in today because what they did last night was a violation of our contract. We don’t want to just boot the chief. It’s not us against him.”

Hardy mentioned they have a current unfair labor practice complaint before the Department of Labor. Briefs were just filed in that this month, and a judge is due to rule on the case at some point. That case involves the union claiming that the City needed to collectively bargain for the use of an Assessment Center instead of a Chief’s Exam. They claim it is a change in working conditions, and the City disagrees.

“We asked the City to wait for that ruling and they ended up trying to make this appointment on the rush,” he said. “We didn’t find out about this until last Thursday. What City Solicitor Keith Slattery said on Monday at the Council didn’t add up to me...Our assumption is they pushed this because they know this Chief’s Exam is coming out and they don’t want to do that because they don’t want to call for that test.”

City officials indicated there was a Civil Service complaint filed by the union last year following the conclusion of the Assessment Center. It protested the use of the Assessment Center and alleged there was an unfair advantage for Chief Carli – as he was given advance notice and allegedly had an inside track on the process.

However, that complaint finding was not in the union’s favor, and Civil Service did not feel that there was enough to merit an investigation. With that resolved in June, City officials said they began to move to make Chief Carli permanent.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia said the position is a non-union position appointed by the mayor, and it didn’t require union input.

“The City’s position is we absolutely do not need their input regarding the mayor’s appointment of a non-union department head,” she said. “The (Department of Labor) complaint is about impact bargaining on their contract. It has no impact on the mayor’s ability to hire a non-union department head... We have a management right to do it.”

She added the chief’s position is not within the union, and therefore is not under the union contract or protected by the union contract. That, she said, would make the threat of a new grievance moot.

City officials – unlike union officials – said they know of no Chief’s test that is coming up. In fact, Mejia said the trend now is for non-union public safety officials to be chosen by an Assessment Center rather than a written test.

“Civil Service had not called for a Civil Service exam in years and Chief Butler had been on the job for 16 years,” said Mejia. “Chief Butler retired, we needed a chief and there wasn’t an exam on the horizon. So, we used the Assessment Center...Civil Service isn’t interested in giving Chief’s exams anymore. They haven’t given one. That’s the information we have.”

Hardy says different, and said the state union has been pushing for the test and that one is pending for 2020. He said study materials for that test are coming out in a couple of weeks. Nothing official, though, has been posted on the state’s Civil

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half-hour discussion about whether or not Council should promote the chief.

Just 15 minutes prior to the vote, councilors learned that there was an outstanding grievance with the Everett Local 143 Firefighters Union regarding Chief Carli’s promotion. They invited Asst. City Solicitor Keith Slattery and Union President Craig Hardy to explain the situation.

Hardy alleged that the promotion of the temporary chief went against union rules that state that it must be involved in any promotions. In addition, he said that Chief Carli was not required to complete a written exam as part of his evaluation process – something that has been the long-running standard in the Everett Fire Department. Chief Carli scored highest on the other evaluation criteria, which was an approved Assessment Center conducted last year, but the mayor has historically appointed the individual who scored highest on the written Chief’s exam. Chief Carli did come out on top in the Assessment Center process, but had never been moved from temporary chief to permanent chief in the months since.

“We were never involved in the process,” said Hardy. “We hope that the City will go with past practice and call for the chief’s written exam.”

Hardy added that there were several other union members who desired a fair shot at the position and that the union would have no choice but to file another grievance if the fire chief were promoted.

“We’re not here to prevent Carli from becoming chief,” he continued. “We are here to protect our members.”

However, Asst. Solicitor Slattery maintained that the mayor’s appointment of the fire chief was entirely legal and that Council had an obligation to vote on the matter.

“Municipalities, and not unions, have the right to determine this process,” he said. “The union does not necessarily need to be a part of it. Other cities have done it this way.”

Asst. Solicitor Slattery admitted that he had not had the time to review the sections in the union laws regarding promotions.

Some councilors expressed frustration that the conflict had just been brought to their attention and questioned whether it was responsible to appoint the chief in light of the new information.

“To vote for this tonight is truly irresponsible,” said Councilor Michael McLaughlin. “We were only told about this today. The administration did a dis-

service Website in doing a quick search of announced tests.

The bottom line in the situation is the process has been disputed by the union since 2016 when Chief Carli was first picked as a provisional chief. Hardy and Union Secretary/Treasurer Sean Hogan said past practice has always been to choose the most senior deputy chief to be the provisional. In this case, Carli was picked by the mayor and he was the deputy chief with the least seniority jumping over several others.

Union officials said that gave him an unfair advantage in that, once chief, he knew there would be an Assessment Center. While Union officials claim Chief Carli was the point of contact in setting up the parameters of the Center, City officials said that was patently false. They said the point of contact in setting up the Center was the former Human Resources director, not Carli.

However, prior to the announcement of the Center to everyone, Carli did receive e-mails asking for information about Assessment Centers.

“Chief Carli was not the point of contact; it was Human Resources,” said Mejia. “That would have been a conflict. The Civil Service decision said there was no conflict...They all got a fair shot, they all got the same notice and they all went through the same assessment...(Chief Carli) was sent e-mails for information from the former Human Resources director, but he wasn’t involved.”

Hogan said that is the crux of much of the problem on this issue – that the chief had an idea this was going to be used while others did not.

“There were 42 days for people besides Tony Carli to prepare,” he said. “Tony Carli knew it was happening for some time. Typically you would have eight months to two years to prepare...It was a clear, unfair advantage.”

That was something that Civil Service disagreed with, but union officials believe there is merit to it, and said they were “shocked” at last summer’s ruling.

service by not letting the Council know beforehand.”

Councilor Gerly Adrien concurred, stating that she had specifically asked the Mayor’s Chief of Staff Kevin O’Donnell on Thursday if there were any concerns with any of the promotions on Monday’s agenda and had been told that there were none.

“That’s a big concern for me,” said Councilor Adrien. “It’s not appropriate for us to make this decision.”

Councilor Anthony DiPierro disagreed.

“The gentleman has essentially been chief for a handful of years,” he said. “Let’s take this vote tonight.”

“The administration has the right to appoint the fire chief,” echoed Council President Rosa DiFlorio. “We are not here to get involved in labor negotiations.”

A motion by Councilor McLaughlin to move the matter to committee was not supported by his colleagues and the promotion was put up for a vote. Councilor Adrien was the sole councilor to vote against Chief Carli’s appointment.

“The way the City keeps hiring people and promoting people to jobs without an open process is not right,” the councilwoman later told Independent. “Other [union members] were not given a fair chance.”

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But there were several residents with concerns, stating that even with the parking restrictions, it

"I spoke to 21 residents at their homes and three said they supported it and the rest said they did not support it," said Adrien. "They said no one had

The next ZBA meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 3. While the board members will be able to ask questions and discuss the proposal, the public input portion of the hearing has been closed.

Added Parker, "I was happy that came through. It's going to allow her a

Tahiliani gets up to 15 days per year for sickness or injury, and can only accumulate a maximum of 50. Those, however, cannot be bought back upon the completion of the contract.

Tahiliani was not immediately available for comment on her contract, but she did attend the Jan. 21 meeting of the School Committee to sign the document and make it official. At the moment, she said she was very busy wrapping up things at her old job, and preparing for the transition to Everett.

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GOV. CHARLIE BAKER AND THE GREAT STATE OF OUR STATE

From the moment that Governor Charlie Baker strode into the House Chamber last Tuesday to deliver his State of the Commonwealth address, it was evident why Gov. Baker, despite being a Republican in a heavily-Democratic state, has rated as the most popular governor in the country ever since he took office.

The governor was greeted by a standing ovation from the legislators, the first of at least 15 that he received on the night, a testament both to his ability to work with a legislature that is comprised of more than 75 percent Democrats in both chambers and the heart-felt degree of respect with which he is held by legislators.

Gov. Baker listed a host of his administration’s goals for the future -- most notably in the realms of addressing climate change, health care, public education, and our public transportation issues -- but as is his style, he was quick to point out that he will seek to do so through bipartisan cooperation with the state legislature.

But beyond his ability to work with Democrats, there is a deeper reason why Charlie Baker rates as the most popular governor in the country: His decency, compassion, and dedication to our Commonwealth and its people is readily-apparent and second-to-none.

“People who deal with much greater troubles than ours will rightly question us if we waste our time, and theirs, on the politics of personal destruction,” Baker said to a rousing ovation from legislators. “They want us to be better than the yelling they see on TV and across social media. We all know campaigns are contests, and the siren call of sloganeering and cheap shots will be everywhere this year. Let’s rise above it.”

In short, we have a governor who wants to do the right thing for all of our people; who sees his mission as a uniter; and who is proud of his practical-minded approach to solving our problems.

The administration of Gov. Charlie Baker and Lieut. Gov. Karyn Polito has set the standard for elected officials not only in our state, but at the national level as well.

We are indeed very fortunate to have Gov. Charlie Baker at the helm of our ship of state in these tempestuous times and we look forward to Gov. Baker, together with House Speaker Bob DeLeo and Senate President Karen Spilka, moving Massachusetts forward to tackle the many issues confronting us as we enter the third decade of the 21st century.

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GUEST OP-ED

Mayor DeMaria clarifies fire chief appointment process

By Mayor Carlo DeMaria

On Monday, January 27, at the Everett City Council meeting, Craig Hardy, President of the Local 143, objected to the process by which the successful candidate, Chief Anthony Carli, was promoted to Permanent Fire Chief of the Everett Fire Department.

Civil Service municipalities have the option of choosing to utilize a Sole Assessment Center instead of a Civil Service written examination for Police and Fire promotions. (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/sole-assessment-center-examination>). The Administration opted to utilize this commonly used practice throughout most municipalities in Massa-

chusetts.

The assessment was conducted by an independent 3rd party vendor who empaneled a team of independent assessors to evaluate the best candidate to lead the Everett Fire Department. The Assessment Center was posted and administered per the Civil Service rules. The successful candidate, Chief Anthony Carli, is a 20-year member of the Department and has served as Provisional Chief for the past 3.5 years. Chief Carli obtained the highest score out of the 4 candidates who sought the position. Carli received a score of 86. Absent the additional 0.66 points received for being Provisional Chief, Carli would still have the highest score by a margin of over 6

points.

When the union requested an investigation by the Civil Service Commission into the assessment, the Commission upheld the decision made by Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

Hardy’s objections to the appointment were based on a pending Department of Labor Relations case. The complaint alleges that the City did not bargain the use of an assessment center. However, the governing body for the hiring and promotion of a Civil Service Chief is the Civil Service Commission. The Department of Labor Relations does not have jurisdiction over Civil Service matters.

Additionally, Hardy contends that Chief Carli was the sole contact for the as-

essment center. This is patently false. The contact was the Human Resources Department.

The Civil Service Commission made a determination that “opening an investigation into matters raised by the petitioners [Local 143] here, is not warranted. The request for investigation was denied,” wrote Paul Stein, Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Civil Service Commission in the decision made on June 20, 2019.

As a result, Chief Carli’s promotion as Permanent Fire Chief is valid and legal.

Carlo DeMaria is the Mayor of Everett.

GUEST OP-ED

Preparing for shocking death

Challenger flight exploded in space. For years now we will remember where we were and what we were doing the day Kobe was killed.

We are shocked that someone so young, famous, and so loved and idolized by so many could be snuffed out of this life so suddenly at the age of 41. Kobe had a worldwide fan base. He was worth hundreds of millions of dollars. He was loved and adored. He and his daughter were on their way to a basketball game. He was involved in the lives of his children and family.

Death often shocks us. We are not shocked when someone is terminal for a long time. We are not shocked when an elderly person dies. We are sad but not shocked. We are shocked when the young, the rich and the famous are suddenly taken from us

with no warning.

A couple of years ago we were saddened by the loss of my wife’s mother. She had been sick a long time but we were not shocked by her death. One morning in 2015 we received a phone call that my wife’s father had suddenly died with heart failure while driving his car. My wife fell to the floor in pain, tears and heart wrenching distress. We were shocked beyond belief that her active, hard-working, loving father who seemed to always keep the world turning had suddenly died. Death may always sadden us but may not always shock us. The deaths that shock us leave us reeling, feeling like the floor has been pulled from underneath us and that we will never stop falling and hurting from the pain of someone’s sudden death.

Any of us can and may

die suddenly. How can we prepare? We can’t. However, we can make every day count now. Love people. Talk to people. Hug people. Say things to people that you won’t regret or that you will be glad you said. Live in such a way with people so that when sudden death occurs you or they are not left devastated but can at least feel relieved that you treated each other the right way. Get your Will together, be at peace with God and people and live each day without regret.

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GUEST OP-ED

Reject the Sanctuary State Bill (HB 3573/SB1401)

By John Thompson
and Steve Kropper

The State Legislature’s Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security holds hearings on a “safe communities” bill (H 3573/S1401) that would forbid or severely restrict cooperation by law enforcement in this state with ICE, thereby making Massachusetts a Sanctuary State and placing all its citizens and non-criminal immigrants—legal or illegal—at unacceptable risk.

As government statistics show, criminal aliens victimize Americans on a massive scale. In 2015, the General Accountability Office (GAO) estimated that one fourth of Federal prisons inmates were aliens while 25,000 aliens were serving sentences in state prisons for homicide. Often, criminal aliens murdered Americans while being protected by sanctuary jurisdictions. Many more will die needlessly if this bill becomes law.

The GAO also reported that nationwide from 2011 to 2018, non-citizens committed 667,000 drug offenses, 42,000 robberies, 91,000 sex crimes, 213,000 assaults, 95,000 weapons offenses, and 81,000 auto thefts. The GAO also found that the average criminal alien had been arrested seven times.

Closer to home, criminal gangs routinely rob, traffic narcotics, and perpetrate extortion in the Commonwealth. Thus, in one raid in 2016 ICE agents arrested 56

gang members in Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Revere, and Somerville. The indictment alleged that several of those charged with five murders and of at least 14 attempted murders. Other charges included drug trafficking, racketeering, firearm violations, immigration[JT1] offenses and identity fraud.

According to the Boston U.S. Attorney’s Office, these gangs frequently use intimidation to recruit new

COUNCILOR STEPHANIE MARTINS CELEBRATES HER ELECTION VICTORY

Councilor Stephanie Martins celebrated her election victory with friends and team of supporters at the Village Bar and Grill on Tuesday evening, Jan. 21.



Lee Glennon, Mike Glennon, and Rich DeStefano celebrated with Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Councilor Stephanie Martins was joined by Senator Sal DiDomenico.



Jessica Gold Boots and Timothy Boots celebrated with Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Everett firefighters Seth McCullough and Nick Russo joined Councilor Stephanie Martins.



School Committeeman Marcony Almeida-Barros and Council President Rosa DiFlorio celebrated with Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Patti Cheever congratulated Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Doug Soule and Councilor at Large Peter Napolitano joined Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Marcia Brown, Councilor Mike McLaughlin, and Bishop Brown congratulated Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Councilor Stephanie Martins was joined by high school volunteer, Karla Maldonado.

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rious homework and classes in between jobs.

Then someone suggested she become a dealer.

Her first response was to laugh out loud.

“It’s kind of amazing looking back,” she said. “I was teaching English at the Everett Community Center and my boss was helping with all the jobs for people looking at Encore. He asked me if I was interested and said there were a lot of jobs at Encore. I didn’t want to apply and he said I had to apply. He thought I would be very good as a dealer. I thought – a dealer? There was no way. Never in my craziest dreams did I think I would be a dealer. I was so nervous. I ended up taking this job. I think it’s the best thing that happened to me. It’s so easy playing a game, and getting paid good money for it.”

Villanueva attended Cambridge College’s Dealer School for three months, starting in October and being interviewed for the job in December 2018. After

an audition, she passed and was hired to work in the first wave of Encore employees. Now, she is one of the more popular dealers on the floor of the casino, dealing Blackjack, poker games and novelty games.

“The floor of the casino is my favorite place at Encore,” she said, noting she has routinely met people from as far away as China and as close as Chelsea. “I get to meet people from near and far. It’s definitely a very hectic pace here and every day I look forward to working here. It’s never the same people and it’s always something new.”

But beyond her job, Villanueva still balances her studies at BC – where she is scheduled to graduate in 2021. That’s perhaps the best part of the job at Encore. It’s flexible enough that she can work her schedule around her schooling.

Typically, Villanueva starts her shift on the gaming floor around 5 a.m. and works until 1 p.m. Then she heads to BC to study and

attend classes from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Usually, she sets aside an hour after school for homework, and then does it all over again.

“This job is really amazing because working 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. gives me a lot of time,” she said. “I take classes at night and have the challenge of doing homework. This job is flexible and helps me to be able to balance both being a student and an employee.”

It has also given her pride in the community. As a life-long Everett resident, Villanueva said the city has such a fun and exciting reputation now.

“I just love it now and Lower Broadway has become such a beautiful area,” she said. “I was never interested in Lower Broadway. I never paid much attention to the casino either. I had heard about the jobs, but I really noticed when I saw how polluted it was here and how they cleaned it up. It has made the reputation of Everett 100 times better. It’s a wonderful community,

but a community that has a casino. Everybody wants to come here and see what’s happening in Everett.”

And that is one reason that Villanueva said she hopes to advance in the company after she graduates from BC – potentially moving up the ladder at Encore and also having her own business too.

“I would definitely want to grow in this company,” she said. “There are a lot of opportunities to seek out here. I’d really like to be a pit boss one day. I also want to have my own business...This job really helps its employees and community. That’s why it’s such a privilege to work here. It’s a blessing to work at a place that is willing to help pay for your college education.”

Encore via Everett is an occasion feature of the Independent that spotlights residents and business owners from Everett who have found success at Encore Boston Harbor.

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members—typically 14 to 15 years old—in local high schools with significant populations of immigrants from Central America,

Furthermore, the Boston Police recently concluded that most of the trafficking in heroin and other drugs in Massachusetts and surrounding states was controlled by gangs of illegal immigrants and commanded from the Dominican Republic.

Given this clear and persistent threat, most Americans believe that 1) non-citizens who commit crimes should be deported, 2) our legal system adequately protects the rights of those accused of immigration offenses, and 3) ICE agents deserve support for doing a necessary, and sometimes dangerous, and job. Reflect-

ing this belief, the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, quite reasonably, mandated the deportation of non-citizens convicted of crimes.

In reply, sanctuary advocates simply refuse to recognize threats to public safety while trying to delegitimize border security. Simultaneously, they spin a narrative of harmless “undocumented immigrants” in constant fear of deportation and hounded by vengeful ICE agents. While their compassion for the undocumented is doubtless sincere, they might just spare a small dose for the millions of their fellow Americans who are victims of immigrant crime, particularly the 25,000 who died at the hands of criminal aliens. Many sanctuary advo-

cates mischaracterize their acts as part of “resistance” to the Trump administration, but the sanctuary movement was flourishing long before Trump took office. Under both the Trump and Obama administrations some 90% of those deported have been convicted criminals.

Sanctuary advocates make disingenuous arguments about the negative impact of cooperation with ICE on community/ police relations. Read the “safe communities” bill. It covers only persons already in custody.

As Sanctuary advocates frequently remind us, those in the country illegally are hesitant to contact the police. Moreover, criminal aliens prey disproportionately on immigrant communities. Therefore, the best way

to protect immigrant communities (as well as the rest of us) is to remove criminals from their midst in accord with the law.

“Sanctuary policies have no impact whatsoever on relations between law enforcement and non-criminal aliens, whether or not they are in the country legally,” said John Thompson, a spokesperson for the Massachusetts Coalition for Immigration Reform (MCIR). “Their only effect is to protect those who are already in custody who should under the law be deported from deportation

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DiDomenico’s Healthy Youth Act passes

The Massachusetts Senate recently passed Sen. Sal DiDomenico’s bill, An Act relative to healthy youth (S.2459). This bill will ensure that Massachusetts schools electing to provide their students with sex education use age-appropriate and medically accurate curriculum that covers a comprehensive range of topics. The legislation also calls for sex education to be inclusive and appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, sexual orientation and gender identity.

“I am very proud that the Massachusetts Senate has once again reaffirmed our commitment to this commonsense healthy policy that will ensure our youth have the tools needed to protect their health and form respectful relationships,” said Sen. DiDomenico. “This legislation makes it clear that sex education in the Commonwealth must be inclusive for all students and emphasize the importance and necessity of consent. I would like to thank and congratulate the many advocates who have partnered with us on this legislation and worked tirelessly to ensure Massachusetts youth have the information they need to build the bright futures they deserve— without shame or judgement.”

Currently, when Massachusetts public schools provide their students with health education that covers sexual activity, there is no guarantee that the information provided is age-appropriate or medically accurate. This legislation changes this by requiring school districts that offer sex education to follow certain guidelines to ensure students are provided with age-appropriate, medically accurate, and comprehensive information.

The Senate passed similar versions of the Healthy Youth Act in prior sessions

and this most recent version incorporates additional feedback from experts as well as advocates. This legislation does not require schools to offer sex education and also protects parents’ right to remove their children from all or part of sex education if they choose to do so — an action protected by state law. In addition, it provides districts that teach sex education curriculum with updated guidance on how to notify parents about these programs.

Notification to parents and guardians must be in English, as well as any other commonly spoken languages by parents. Districts must also have a process for parents to review the program instruction materials prior to the start of the course, if the parents request it.

Sex education programs have repeatedly been shown to work best when they emphasize the value of delaying sex, while also teaching students about the importance of protecting themselves from unintended consequences. As demonstrated by numerous studies, comprehensive sex education programs have been proven to delay the initiation of sex, increase use of contraception, lower the rates of STIs and unintended pregnancy among teens, and reduce reported levels of bullying towards LGBTQ youth in school.

A 2018 poll conducted by EMC Research showed overwhelming bipartisan support for sex education in Massachusetts, with 92% of likely voters agreeing that students should receive sex education in high school and 89% of likely voters agree that sex education should include comprehensive information, such as how to build healthy relationships and understand consent.

This bill now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR CELEBRATES THE CHINESE NEW YEAR

Encore Boston Harbor celebrated the Chinese New Year with a traditional lion dancing ceremony on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 26. Spectators gathered to watch the performance on the HarborWalk, which included an array of colorful dancers.

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS



A colorful performance was put on at Encore Boston Harbor for the Chinese New Year.



Encore Boston Harbor brought in the Chinese New Year on Sunday with traditional ceremonies.



President of Encore Boston Harbor, Brian Gullbrants, took part in the traditional ceremony.



Lion dancers performed at Encore Boston Harbor over the weekend, dancing around firecrackers on the HarborWalk.



Lion dancers performed along the Harbor Walk at Encore Boston Harbor.



Encore Boston Harbor employees gathered along the harbor walk to bring in the Chinese New Year.

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Encore Boston Harbor employees enjoyed partaking in the Chinese New Year festivities on Sunday.



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Sports

EHS basketball coach Chamblain pays tribute to Kobe Bryant’s legacy

By Cary Shuman

Everett High School basketball coach Stanley Chamblain paid tribute to Los Angeles Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant in heartfelt remarks following his team’s game against Brookline in the Black Coaches Classic Sunday at the University of Massachusetts Boston’s Clark Center.

Chamblain, who excelled in high school and college basketball, said he first heard the news about Kobe just a few hours before his team was set to take the floor against Brookline.

“I couldn’t believe it when I somebody texted me the news [about the helicopter crash],” said Chamblain. “It’s a tragedy. I extend my sincerest condolences to Kobe’s wife and family and to the other families who also lost their loved ones.”

Chamblain, 34, said he closely followed Kobe’s career, saying that the 6-foot-6-inch guard took over the NBA mantle from Chicago Bulls guard Michael Jordan.

“Kobe was superb in all phases of the game,” said Chamblain, noting that Bryant was named to the NBA All-Defensive Team 12 times. “He took over from Michael Jordan and carried on that greatness and took it

to another level.”

Chamblain said he was actually a San Antonio Spurs growing up and he remembered the exciting games in the Western Conference playoffs between the Spurs and Lakers. “I rooted for the Spurs but I always admired Kobe and what a clutch player he was. He always stepped up in the biggest moments.”

Chamblain, his coaching staff, and players observed a moment of silence for Kobe Bryant before their game against Brookline. Everett team manager Joey Lemay wore a Lakers’ bas-

ketball jersey (No. 24) in appreciation to Kobe Bryant on the Everett bench during the game.

Everett assistant coach Brian Benson, 31, remembered Kobe’s incredible career and his matchups against the Boston Celtics.

“Kobe was one of my favorite players – he’s among the greatest to ever play the game,” said Benson, who scored 1,299 points in his high school career at Pope John. “I used to love watching him play against the Celtics. Today is a very sad day for all. We’ve lost a basketball legend.”



The Tide’s Paulo Silva Rodrigues makes his way along the baseline en route to the basket under close watch from his Brookline rival.



PHOTOS BY JIM VALENTE

Tide guard Jonathan Ore makes a dash for the hoop and slips a floater past the Brookline defense. Brookline defeated Everett 56-50, Sunday.



Kyle Aley uses all of his high to go up and over his Brookline foe to drop a basket in for the Tide.



Everett’s John Monexant scores two points with a layup in the Tide’s appearance at this past weekend’s 1st Annual Black Coaches Classic held at UMass Boston.



Crimson Tide guard Omar Quilter edges his way around the tight defense of his Brookline opponent.



Franky Aubourg found a loose ball on the floor and held onto it tightly as a Brookline player attempts to steal it away.

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EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL IN BASKETBALL ACTION AGAINST CHELSEA

The Crimson Tide put on a dominant and businesslike demonstration of all-round basketball as they dispatched the upstart Chelsea Red Devils 68-52 last Wednesday at Everett High. After falling behind 5-2 in the first minute of the game, the No. 9-ranked Crimson Tide reset and took command for the rest of the night, swatting away any hope the 9-2 Red Devils had of an upset.

Playing efficient basketball and capitalizing on a handful of Chelsea turnovers, Everett raced out to a 24-9 lead in the first quarter, led by John Monexant's 9 points. Chelsea chipped away at the lead to make it a 34-24 game at the half. But Monexant nailed a pair of three pointers to start the third quarter and push Everett's lead back to 16 and pretty much made the end result a foregone con-

clusion. Monexant scored 18 points on the night including four three-pointers. Franky Aubourg and Omar Quilter each had 9 points, and Roger Vasquez added 8 more. Adding to the Everett tally were Brandon Johnson (2), Kari-Andrew Jeannot (6), Paolo Rodriguez (4), Roby Dormevil (4), Kevin Ariste (6), and JeCorey Rieves with 2.

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I GOT THIS: Roger Vasquez gets control of a loose ball.



WHO'S GOT IT: Everett's Omar Quilter and Chelsea's Eldon Bonitto chase down a loose ball.



ROUGH GOING: Franky Aubourg (44) runs into the strong defense of Chelsea's Jaciel Mejia.



PARDON MY REACH: Chelsea's Armani Cheek (12) tries to keep the ball away from the reach of Everett's Kari-Andrew Jeannot during Everett's 68-52 win over Chelsea on Wednesday Jan 22 at Everett High.

EHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

EHS GIRLS BASKETBALL SEEKING ELUSIVE 10TH

After coming up short in its lone contest last week at Haverhill, the Everett High girls basketball team was seeking to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney when the Lady Crimson Tide took on Greater Boston League rival Revere last night (Tuesday).

Everett opened its season with a 7-0 record, but has split its past four contests. The Lady Crimson Tide now stand at 9-2 and need one more victory to qualify for the MIAA post-season state tournament to assure themselves of a .500 record, which is the minimum mark needed to play in the post-season.

After the contest with Greater Boston League rival Revere, coach Tammy Turner and her crew will take on another GBL foe, Medford, tomorrow (Thursday) evening.

They then will entertain GBL opponent Malden next Tuesday at 7 p.m. Turner's squad stands at 4-0 in the GBL and defeated all three of those GBL rivals this week in their initial meetings earlier this season.

Victories in all three of those encounters will

ensure at least a GBL co-championship for Everett.

EHS TRACK MEMBERS COMPETE AT COACHES MEET

A contingent of members of the Everett High girls and boys indoor track & field teams competed in this past week's Massachusetts State Coaches Assoc. Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

The meet was by invitation only, with entry for competitors limited to those achieving a qualifying time or distance.

On the girls side, senior captain Lucia Seide was the top finisher, placing 19th among 101 fellow sprinters in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.76 seconds.

Seide was joined by two Lady Crimson Tide teammates at the meet.

Senior captain Victoria Chapparo competed in the 300-dash, finishing 26th with a personal record (PR) clocking of 43.82.

Kira Gray's throw of 29'-7.25" landed Kira in 19th position in the shot-put.

For the boys, Everett was represented by Sami LaMothe in the 55-meter dash, Brandon Previlon

and Mac Shillingford in the 300-dash, and the 4 x 200-relay team of Previlon, Brandon Ho, and senior captains Eduardo Chaparro and Max Shillingford.

Coach Jehu Cimea and his boys and girls squads will take on Somerville this evening (Wednesday) in a meet that will be highlighted by Senior Night festivities.

Everett then will compete in the Greater Boston League Meet this weekend.

TWO MORE WINS FOR EHS HOCKEY; HOSTS REVERE SATURDAY

The Everett High hockey team improved its record to a sterling 9-4 on the season thanks to a pair of victories this past week. Coach Alex Naumann's squad dispatched O'Bryant High of Boston last Wednesday, 12-5, and then cruised past Nashoba/Greater Lowell, 10-2, this past Saturday.

The Crimson Tide will host Greater Boston League rival Revere this Saturday. The opening face-off at Allied Veterans Rink is set for 6:00. Everett then will make the short ride to LoConte Rink in Medford to meet the Mustangs next Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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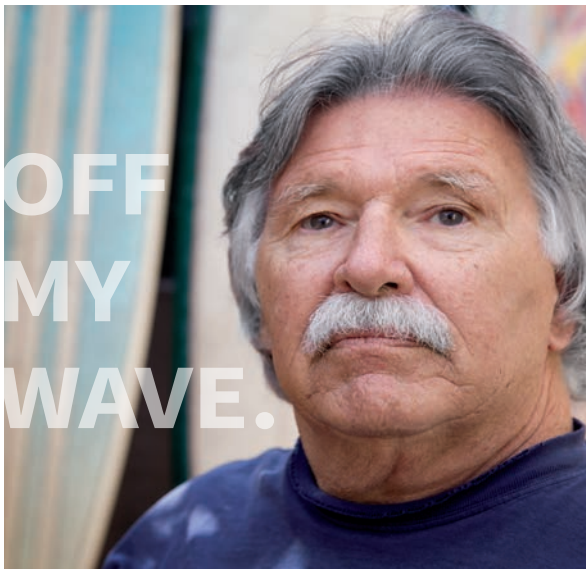
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Student Opportunity Act: Good first result, could be better

By Seth Daniel

After the years-long fight for education funding reform, any major increase is preferable to what existed, but Sen. Sal DiDomenico said this week he is disappointed in Gov. Charlie Baker’s State Budget proposal as it relates to the first-round of funding for the seven-year Student Opportunity Act rollout.

Gov. Baker came out with his annual State Budget proposal last week, and while it contains a variety of funding suggestions for programs across state government, nothing was more analyzed than the first round of money from the Student Opportunity Act. The Act was the result of years of fighting, particularly by DiDomenico and other legislators and school officials from urban

Gateway communities. It was signed in November, with a promise to roll out \$2.1 billion of new funding over seven years.

Last week marked the first test as to whether the governor was real, and DiDomenico said so far he’s grading the effort as a ‘C.’

“I was disappointed to see the low-income numbers not funded at the same percentages as the rest of the items that were addressed, like healthcare, English Learners and Special Education,” he said. “They were supposed to be funded at a consistent and equitable manner over seven years...It is a very tricky thing to exclude the low-income kids when you’re doing a budget. You just don’t do that. The numbers do look good overall. Everett and Chelsea are happy, but they should have been even happier.”

Everett looks to garner somewhere between \$12 million and \$15 million over last year in additional funding due to the new law. Over seven years, that will equal out to more than \$50 million for the district. However, DiDomenico is worried that it isn’t happening as advertised.

The governor’s proposal does fully funds the Student Opportunity Act with a total of \$355 million in new spending related to the new legislation. That figure includes \$303.5 million in increased Chapter 70 education funding aid to cities and towns, and \$23.2 million for additional Charter School reimbursement. There is also \$17.3 million in additional support for special education circuit breaker reimbursement. Others provisions include:

- \$10 million for the new

21st Century Education Trust Fund.

- \$1 million for data support.

“We are offering a budget that balances fiscal responsibility with key investments to support our residents ranging from education reform to the Commonwealth’s transportation system,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “This balanced budget will result in the rainy day fund reaching a historic balance of over \$4 billion and includes a new tax credit to support individuals with disabilities seeking employment. Our plan fully funds the first year of the Student Opportunity Act and will make critical investments in the MBTA, our transportation system and workforce development to keep the Commonwealth on track to support our booming economy. We look forward to

working with the Legislature in the coming months.”

The problem for DiDomenico is that of the four key points in the new funding, low-income students were not funded at the same percentage. Instead, they were funded at 4 percent, while the other three categories were funded at 14 percent. The state administration has told DiDomenico it is because there are new mechanisms for counting “Economically Disadvantaged” students now. That long-standing counting problem of poor children has now been fixed, but it has become an expensive venture. So, they have countered that by reducing the low-income point of funding.

He said there were around 47,000 kids statewide – likely around 2,500 in Everett – that newly qualify as low-in-

come under the new rules. That amounted to a large expenditure.

“That was going to be a big chunk of money if they funded that and the low-income piece in the budget,” he said. “It’s probably more than they wanted to put in the first year of this implementation.”

He said now that the Budget has been submitted to the legislature, he believes they can adjust the numbers to be more equitable.

“He’s on the right schedule, but how it’s allocated is also important,” he said. “The next step for us is trying to get that 4 percent increase on low-income to be funded at a higher percentage in the House and Senate budgets.”

Malden Catholic High School invests in new STEM certificate and PLTW courses

Developments in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) lead to innovations, new products and processes that sustain the U.S. economy and trained workers in these areas play a key role in the ongoing growth and stability of our nation. To respond to the needs of this growing marketplace, Malden Catholic High School added a 4-year STEM Certificate and 3 Project Lead the Way (PLTW) engineering courses to the curriculum in fall 2019. Malden Catholic is one of the only schools in the major metropolitan area to offer PLTW courses that engage students in compelling, real-world challenges that allow them to step into the role of an engineer with a problem-solving mindset and determine functional solutions.

According to the National Foundation, scientific and technological innovations have become increasingly important in the 21st century as we face the benefits and challenges of both globalization and a knowledge-based economy. The U.S. Department of Commerce also cited that STEM occupations are growing at 17%, while other occupations are growing at 9.8% and STEM degree holders have a higher income even in non-STEM careers. “We believe that STEM curriculum and PLTW creates critical thinkers, increases science literacy and enables the next generation of trained

innovators,” stated John Thornburg, Malden Catholic Headmaster. “We added this challenging STEM curriculum to give our students every possible advantage and the means to become highly successful leaders as they prepare for their college careers.”

“Our intention is to prepare students for the global workforce,” stated Dr. Diane Perito PhD, Malden Catholic STEM Director. “We offer an outstanding foundation for students with skills in science, technology, engineering and math to help them build interest and launch a future career track that began with an MC STEM certificate,” she commented. “We recently built 3 new PLTW laboratories to simulate modern work environments with experiential learning space and adjacent computer labs for data manipulation. Plus, we will expand the offering to include 12 PLTW classes over the next 2 years.”

To forge a path in the information-based and highly technological society, students need to develop capabilities in STEM at levels far beyond what was considered acceptable in the past. The Malden Catholic STEM Certificate requirements include completing 4 years of mathematics, 4 years of science, 1 semester of Introduction to Technology, and 3 STEM-based elective credits which may include AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Calculus, AP Computer

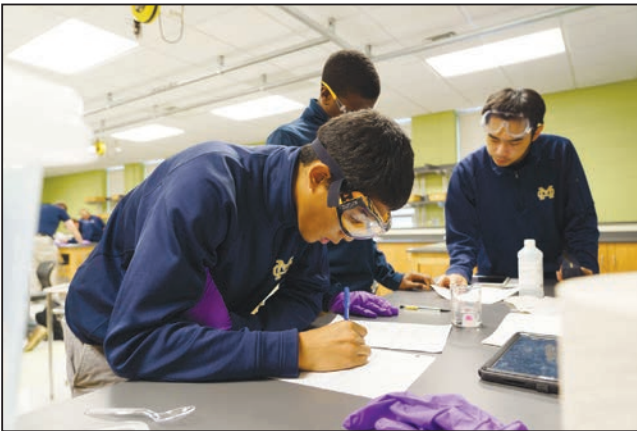
Science, Intro to Computer Science with Python, Java Programming, Robotics I: Mobile Robotics, Anatomy and Physiology, Marine Biology along with the 3 new Project Lead the Way engineering courses- Intro to Engineering and Design, Principles of Engineering and Environmental Sustainability. Students must also maintain a grade of 85% and above in all STEM courses.

STEM activities provide hands-on and minds-on lessons for students. Beyond the classwork, the teens are required to participate in extracurricular STEM-based club such as the Chemistry Club, STEM Club, Model Bridge, and Robotics, for a minimum of 3 years. To earn a STEM Certificate, students must also participate in the STEM Innovation Fair for three separate years. This includes choosing and researching a topic of interest, conducting independent research and experimentation, and presenting their findings at the STEM Innovation Fair. In February 2020, the fair will be held at Malden Catholic and from there, six students will advance to the Regional Competition held at Tufts University in March. Winners from that event will then move on for a chance to win the State Competition held at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in May.

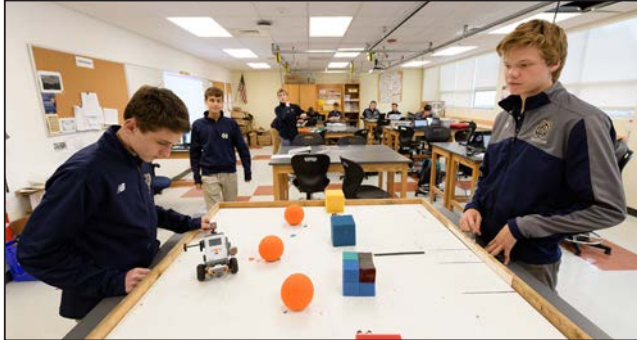
The STEM Certificate can be achieved in two ways, through a standard track or in an AP/Honors track. Students who achieve the certif-

icate through AP/Honors are also required to take one AP course, one Project Lead the Way engineering course and a third AP or PLTW course. They are also required to obtain a qualifying score of 3 or higher on AP exams and must receive a rating of proficient or higher score on the PLTW End of Course Assessment.

As an additional benefit for those who complete the STEM certificate, students can apply for “AP + PLTW Student Achievement” recognition on College Board application and for college credits for STEM and Project Lead the Way AP courses. Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation’s most renown universities including Harvard, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Georgia Tech, Boston College and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic’s codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering



Pictured (above and below) Malden Catholic students working on their science projects.



and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curriculum is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership

principles, success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

DiDomenico’s, Senate passes bill for Breakfast After the Bell program

The Massachusetts Senate has unanimously passed Senator Sal DiDomenico’s legislation to fight childhood hunger and boost participation rates in school breakfast programs in the Commonwealth’s high-poverty schools. The bill, An Act regard-

ing breakfast after the bell (S.2460), would require all public K-12 schools with 60 percent or more students eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the federal National School Lunch Program to offer breakfast after the instructional day begins.

“No child who shows up to school hungry can possibly be ready to learn,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett), the lead sponsor of the bill. “I have seen the success of breakfast after the bell in my own district, and I am confident that this legislation will

help to ensure that every child in the Commonwealth has access to a stigma-free and nutritious breakfast. Thank you to Senate President Karen Spilka for her commitment to making this a priority for the Massachusetts Senate and the Rise and Shine Coalition

for their dedicated advocacy and tireless work to ensure that all children of the Commonwealth are able to start their days ready to learn.”

“We have spent the last two years building a strong coalition of support, which includes school stakeholders, hunger advocates and legislators,” said Catherine D’Amato, CEO at The Greater Boston Food Bank, which leads the Rise and Shine Massachusetts coalition. “This is the moment we have been waiting for and we are looking forward to passing a bill that will assist with increasing access to school breakfast to over 150,000 low-income students across Massachusetts.”

Massachusetts currently requires all high-poverty schools to provide breakfast to every eligible student. However, because breakfast is typically offered before the bell and in the cafeteria, participation levels are low – at less than 40 percent— compared to 80-90 percent participation for free and reduced lunch. Moving breakfast from before the bell to after the bell is a proven strategy

to boost breakfast participation to ensure that all students have the nutrition they need to start their day ready to learn.

This legislation would require approximately 600 Massachusetts schools serving low-income students to offer breakfast after the tardy bell through a variety of delivery models, including breakfast in the classroom, grab-and-go, and second-chance breakfast. This flexibility allows school districts to select the model that best fits their students’ needs

As a federally reimbursed program, Breakfast After the Bell has the potential to provide up to \$30 million statewide to Massachusetts school districts that increase participation rates to 80 percent and above. These payments are made directly to school nutrition departments, helping to support jobs, update kitchen equipment, and provide healthier menu options.

Now that the Senate has passed its version, it will move to reconcile the legislation with a similar version that passed the House of Representatives.

Major city police chiefs endorse driver’s license legislation

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, at their monthly meeting, The Massachusetts Major City Chiefs of Police Association (MMCC)—an organization comprised of most of the police chiefs for the bay state’s cities, along with those representing the state police and the Mass Bay transit authority—voted to endorse the Work and Family Mobility Act. If passed, the WFMA would extend the ability to obtain a Massachusetts standard driver’s license to qualified undocumented immigrants, making our roads safer for all. This endorsement lends an important boost to this urgent legislation, which must be voted out of the transportation committee by February 5 and passed into law by July 2020.

“As an organization committed to community policing and racial justice as paramount to reducing crime, we are proud to endorse the Work and Family Mobility Act,” said Brian Kyes, Chief of the Chelsea Police department and President of the MMCC. “This bill would promote trust between law enforcement and all the communities we serve and protect. In order for our state’s police officers to best do their jobs and remain safe while doing so, they need to be able to identify who’s behind the wheel. All Massachusetts families need peace of mind knowing that the drivers on our highways and city streets have passed the same driving test and know the rules of our roads.”

According to the Pew Research Center, as of 2016 there were 250,000 “unauthorized” immigrants living in Massachusetts. Yet, these immigrants—many of whom have lived in our state for decades and are raising U.S.-born children here—don’t qualify for a Standard Massachusetts Driver’s license, meaning every time they need to drive their children to school or to the doctor, they risk detention or deportation. 15 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, have passed legislation that gives eligible drivers the ability to obtain a driver’s license, regardless of immigration status. These laws improve public safety by ensuring that all drivers pass the same driver’s test, get vi-

sion exams and have car insurance. They also boost the economy, and have been shown to decrease hit and run incidents in Connecticut and other states.

The WFMA has widespread support across the Commonwealth. At a hearing for the bill in September 2019, 600-plus supporters packed into the statehouse, including affected immigrants and their children, community advocates, doctors, social workers, educators, business leaders, and faith leaders. With immigrants under constant attack by the Trump Administration, it’s time for Massachusetts to take a stand to protect our immigrant friends and neighbors.

OBITUARIES

Anthony Flammia

Retired Everett Police Department
Lieutenant

Anthony J. Flammia, Retired Everett Police Department Lieutenant, of Hampstead, NH, formerly of Everett, entered into eternal rest on Friday, Jan. 24 in the High Point Hospice House in Haverhill. He was 73 years old.

Born in Everett, Tony lived in Everett for many years before settling in Hampstead, New Hampshire. He received a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice.

Tony worked in law enforcement for 40 plus years of which many of those years were with the Everett Police Department and upon retirement, he achieved the rank of Lieutenant.

He was the beloved husband of Cecile M. (Jackson) for over 54 years, dear and devoted father of Anthony J. Flammia, III and his wife, Lynne of Tewksbury, William R. Flammia and his partner, Jennifer Young of Derry, NH and Jodi Carlberg and her husband, Donald of Manchester, NH; brother of Joan Severino of Peabody, Carol Cucchiara of Chelmsford, Barbara Meola of Derry, NH and the late Anna



Mayo; loving grandfather of Nicole, Kylie and Tyler Flammia, Craig, Ryan and Maci Flammia, Jackson and Jamie Carlberg and loving great-grandfather of Amari Hawkins.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Anthony's funeral service in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett today. Wednesday, at 11 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Anthony's memory to Cops for Kids with Cancer, c/o Everett Police Department, 45 Elm St., Everett, MA 02149, would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants on duty.

Mary Aversa

Served in US Army Air Corps during WWII



Mary L. Aversa of Haverhill, formerly of Everett, entered into eternal rest on Monday, Jan. 27 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was 98 years old.

Born in Lafayette, Indiana, Mary lived in Everett for many years before settling with family in Haverhill. She served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II and was discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

Mary also completed two years of college and worked for many years as an accounts payable clerk for a local silver company.

She was the beloved wife of the late Albert Aversa, dear and devoted mother of Frances Drysdale and her husband, Harry S. of Haverhill, Leonard Aversa and his late wife, Judy of Wakefield, Albert Aversa and his wife, Sandy, formerly of Boxford and Richard Aversa and his wife, Diane of N. Andover. She was the sister of the late James Fry and Dorothea Simpson and is survived by 10 loving grandchildren, nine loving great-grandchildren and several nieces



and nephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mary's visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett on Monday, Feb. 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. Her funeral will be from the funeral home on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Interment with U. S. Army military honors will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mary's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 would be sincerely appreciated.

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CITY OF EVERETT



BOARD OF APPEALS
484 Broadway
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02149
(617) 381-7445
To Whom It May Concern:
This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 904 (906) Broadway
Map/Lot: A0-02-000222
Person Requesting: Sculos & Santilli Insurance
906 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149
To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks a permit for the installation of free standing sign in the front yard of the property for the business located in the rear of the property.
Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
Violations:
As this Business/building is located in a Dwelling District these signs are not permitted per section 12A-53 quoted below:
Section 12A-53 Signs in Residential Districts
In any residential district as defined in the Everett Zoning Ordinance, there shall not be any sign except as follows:
(a) One sign, not exceeding two square feet in total area, attached to the building or on a rod or post not more than four feet high and at least three feet in from the street line, and stating only the street number and name of the occupant or occupants of the lot.
(b) One bulletin or announcement board, name-sign or entrance marker for each church or institution not exceeding twenty square feet in area, except that if the street frontage of such church or institution exceeds one hundred feet, one such sign for each hundred feet computed to the nearest hundred but in no event more than three such signs for each church or institution.
(c) One "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign, not exceeding eight square feet in area, advertising the property on which such sign is located.
(d) One building contractor's or developer's sign, not exceeding thirty-two square feet in total area, on a lot where a building is actually under construction.
(e) One sign not exceeding twenty square feet per entrance to a tract of land divided into building lots.
(f) One sign, accessory to a non-conforming use, which conforms to 15-53, provided however that the area of said sign does not exceed one-half of the area allowed in non-residential districts under said Section.

January 29, 2020
February 5, 2020

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Property Address: 9 Baker Road
Map/Lot: L0-04-000220
Person Requesting: Mr. Luis Lemus
4 Baker Road
Everett, MA 02149
To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks a building permit to construct a dormer to the left and right side of the existing dwelling, to include a family room, four bedrooms and one bathroom on second floor.
City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Section 3 General Requirements paragraph C. Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that such extension. Alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and a finding by the board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use or structure. (Ord. of 4-29-91)
Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
Violations:
The existing building is non-conforming in that the front yard setback is 9.6 feet with the required setback to be 10 feet and the side yard setback of the left side of house is 3.5 feet with the required setback being 4 feet. Total side yard clearance is 15.3 feet with the required total side yard of 16 feet per Section 4 Dwelling Districts.
Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days from the date of this refusal to appeal this decision.
Mary Gerace - Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals

January 29, 2020
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DUARTE NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST AT YORK COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Ariel Duarte of Everett a junior Mechanical Engineering major at York College of Pennsylvania, has been named to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2019 semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be registered for at least 12 academic credit hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Located in south central Pennsylvania, York College offers more than 70 baccalaureate majors in professional programs, the sciences, and humanities to its 4,100 undergraduate students. The College also offers master’s programs in business, education, and nursing, and a doctorate in nursing practice. A center of affordable academic excellence, York is dedicated to the intellectual, professional, and social growth of its students. The College helps them develop a concrete plan to attain academic growth and career success; encourages them to try in the “real world” what they learn in the classroom; and prepares them to be professionals in whatever career they pursue.

LOCAL STUDENT MAKES DEAN’S LIST AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Caroline Karakey of Everett was named to the Dean’s High Honors for the 2019 fall semester at Connecticut College.

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ANDERSON NAMED TO WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE’S DEAN’S LIST

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Connor Anderson of Everett a member of the class of 2021 majoring in computer science and mathematical sciences, was named to the university’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for the fall 2019 semester.

A total of 1,678 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI’s fall 2019 Dean’s List. The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean’s List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

“WPI’s academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional

courses. WPI students go beyond the classroom to work on open-ended problems in and for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real” said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C. Heinricher. “Some of this nation’s best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean’s List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students.”

CHA CAMBRIDGE BIRTH CENTER RECEIVES BABY-FRIENDLY RE-DESIGNATION

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), an academic community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston’s metro-north region, is excited to share that the CHA Cambridge Birth Center has received the prestigious Baby-Friendly re-designation after a rigorous review process conducted by Baby-Friendly USA, the organization responsible for granting this certification in the United States.

This honor demonstrates that the CHA Cambridge Birth Center is adhering to the highest standards of care for breastfeeding mothers and their babies. These standards are built on the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding, a set of evidence-based practices recommended by the World Health Organization and the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund for optimal infant feeding support in the precious first days of a newborn’s life.

“The CHA Cambridge

Birth Center has long been a recognized leader in the care of women and newborns in our communities,” said Lori Bellwood, DNP, MSN, CNM, Director of the CHA Cambridge Birth Center and Midwifery Services. “This designation is a tribute to our Certified Nurse-Midwives who offer exceptional care and compassion and an outstandingly safe birth option for women.”

The Cambridge Birth Center is an intimate, warm, home-like setting right across the street from CHA Cambridge Hospital. The positive health effects of breastfeeding are well documented and widely recognized by health authorities. For example, the Surgeon General’s 2011 Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding stated that “breast milk is uniquely suited to the human infant’s nutritional needs and is a live substance with unparalleled immunological and anti-inflammatory properties that protect against a host of illnesses and diseases for both mothers and children.”

The CHA Cambridge Birth Center joins a growing list of more than 20,000 Baby-Friendly hospitals and birth centers throughout the world, 604 of which are in the U.S. These facilities provide an environment that supports breastfeeding while respecting every woman’s right to make the best decision for herself and her family. Meet the midwives at the Birth Center at one of their monthly evening events. Please call 617-665-2229 to learn more today.

TREASURER GOLDBERG WARNS OF LOTTERY SCAM

TEXT MESSAGES

Illegitimate text messages are being sent claiming to be from the Massachusetts State Lottery. The texts say, “Hi this is Kim with the MA Lottery. Please reply when you get a chance. I have some great news.” According to Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, these texts are a scam and have not been sent by the Lottery.

“It has come to our attention that text messages claiming to be from the Massachusetts State Lottery have been sent to residents across the state,” said State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. “Our goal is to ensure that no Massachusetts citizen is taken advantage of as part of this scam.”

If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer’s office at (617) 367-6900.

SALVATION ARMY HONORS PARTNERS IN COATS FOR KIDS

The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division honored Coats for Kids™ and its corporate partners Arthur C. Anton, Jr., COO of Anton’s Cleaners, Inc.; Eliot Tatelman, President of Jordan’s Furniture; and Jack Clancy, CEO of Enterprise Bank with the prestigious Others Award for their many years of service and dedication to the organization.

The mission of Coats for Kids is simple, yet powerful – “anyone who needs a coat will have one.” More than 250 schools, 300 companies, clubs and organizations, and thousands of individuals donate quality coats, which the organization then distributes free of charge to quality social

service agencies, including The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division.

There are 73 Coats for Kids corporate partner locations in addition to hundreds of additional drop-off locations in schools and company offices throughout the state.

The Salvation Army’s Others Award is presented to individuals and organizations who exemplify an extraordinary spirit of service to others. Over the 25 years, Coats for Kids has cleaned and distributed over 60,000 coats for children and adults in Massachusetts each year. Coats for Kids has also sponsored The Salvation Army’s largest Boston area coat drive event – the Christmas Castle – for over 10 years, distributing coats to over 4,000 households in need.

“Coats for Kids and its corporate partners have played an integral role in providing coats to thousands of Massachusetts children and families who otherwise might not be able to stay warm during the winter months,” said Major Marcus Jugenheimer, General Secretary of The Massachusetts Salvation Army. “The support and dedication of Coats for Kids, Mr. Anton Jr., Mr. Tatelman and Mr. Clancy has been tremendous, and their commitment continues to help The Salvation Army fulfill its mission of serving all those in need. We’re honored to recognized them with the Others Award.”

In addition to work with Coats for Kids, Anton, Jr. has also been serving on The Salvation Army’s Greater Boston Advisory Board since 2014, after a history of working with the Army through the ongoing efforts of Coats for Kids.

LEGALS

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Summit convenes leaders to address East Boston health needs

EBNHC and Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA convene community leaders to design future of new Community Resource and Wellness Center

On Thursday, Jan. 23, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) partnered with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (Blue Cross) to convene more than 40 East Boston community leaders representing schools and not-for-profits to jumpstart further collaboration and share plans for EBNHC’s expanded Community Resource and Wellness Center opening at the former Meridian Street Library later in 2020. The Center, located at 282 Meridian St., will be a one-stop-shop for wellness in the community - a shared space for organizations to connect and serve East Boston community members.

The summit, held at Well-B, Blue Cross’ innovation center, was the first gathering of its kind to bring together more than 20 community organizations across East Boston to collaborate. Manny Lopes, CEO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center welcomed the group and Lucy Darragh, Director of Civic Engagement at Blue Cross, led the group through a focused design thinking session. During the half-day

workshop, the group empathized the experiences of community members, defined the problems facing East Boston residents, and began to discuss and brainstorm how the group might address these issues through collective impact and the Community Resource and Wellness Center.

“Engaging our community is crucial for us to design impactful programming that will help our neighbors live healthier lives,” says Manny Lopes, CEO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. “We’re excited to take the results from these productive conversations and bring it back to the health center to shape our next steps as we develop the space and the programs that will take place inside.”

EBNHC recognizes that improving overall health and well-being cannot be treated solely with a clinical intervention and comprehensive care needs to involve addressing social determinants. The CRWC will be staffed with Care Navigators whose role is to assist clients in self-advocacy and navigating community resources. These

Care Navigators will provide culturally and linguistically appropriate information on a variety of services, including but not limited to: food access resources, housing supports, financial assistance, immigration services, legal assistance, supports for seniors, educational services, childcare options and parenting programs, domestic violence support, and disability resources.

The Community Resource and Wellness Center will be a service hub open to all community members seeking assistance in accessing resources which would improve their overall wellness. The CRWC will be an expansion of current service being offered out of EBNHC’s 120 Liverpool St. location. This move will allow for increased programming, additional community collaboration and space for wellness programs.

Additionally, this new space will allow EBNHC to host partner agencies with expertise in specific service areas on site. A wide variety of agencies will hold regularly scheduled information sessions and client



East Boston Service Provider Summit group photo

meetings at the CRWC, removing barriers and providing a one-stop-shop to community members seeking resources right here in East Boston.

Individuals and families seeking assistance are encouraged to visit the Community Resource and Wellness Center, open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

“At Blue Cross, we believe in the power of collaboration to advance change,” says Jeff Bellows, Vice President of Corporate Citizenship and Public Affairs at Blue Cross. “We are excited to work with EBNHC and the East Boston community and look forward to an ongoing partnership with the Wellness center to improve access to healthy living opportunities for East Boston residents.”

About East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) has been a vital part of its community for the last 50 years, providing easily accessible, high-quality health care to all who live and work in East Boston and the

surrounding communities of Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Winthrop. EBNHC supports over 1,000 employees and handles 300,000 visits per year – more than any other ambulatory care center in New England. For more information, please visit www.ebnhc.org.

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Representatives from each of the organizations listed attended the event: ABCD/East Boston

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The work group at the focused design thinking session held last week.

Zonta Club of Chelsea celebrates Amelia Earhart

On Jan. 16, members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea gathered at The Hilton Garden Inn in East Boston to celebrate the 2019 District 1 Amelia Earhart’s Fellowship Award dinner. Together with our sister clubs of Malden and Medford we honored the recipient, Paula do Vale Pereira a Ph.D. student in the Aeronautics

and Astronautics Department at MIT. Amelia Earhart was a member of the Zonta Club of Medford and every year thousands of dollars are given in her name to deserving women. The Guest Speaker of the evening was Peggy Loeffler who is a member of the Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women

Pilots. She is employed as a flight instructor at Great Barrington Airport in Great Barrington. She presented a very informative and interesting power point presentation of women pilots from the beginning of the 20th century to the present. It was a wonderful night celebrating Zonta Fellowship.



Left to right-Barbara Lawlor, Mary Jane O’Neill, Elizabeth Hart District 1 Governor, Christine DePrizio, Paula do Vale Pereira, Peggy Loeffler, Joan Lanzillo-Hahsey Zonta Club of Chelsea President, Sheila Arsenault, Elizabeth Fama, Diane Cambria, Janice Sikorski, and Georgia Green. Bonnie Fishman and Pam Miller are missing from the photo of the night’s event.



Zonta District 1 Governor Elizabeth Hart , Paula do Vale Pereira, Amelia Earhart Fellow, and Mary Jane O’Neill.

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