

## Council supports affordable housing task force creation

By Laura Plummer

On Monday, February 24, the entire City Council got behind a resolution that will create the first task force to tackle the housing crisis in the city of Everett. The proposal was introduced by Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins and Council President Rosa DiFlorio.

“Housing stability has been one of the most pressing issues in the City of Everett, and we have all heard concerns about housing from our constituents,” said Councilor Martins.

The resolution asserts that the average family feels burdened by the costs of renting or owning a home, leading some to be displaced involuntarily.

“It is crucial that Everett plan ahead to provide quality, low-cost rental and homeownership for residents whose needs are not met by ordinary operations of the market,” reads the proposal.

In government, a task force is a small group bringing together individuals with diverse skills in order to solve a particular problem. Typically they last from several months to a year. The Everett Affordable Housing Task Force will meet monthly for a minimum of one year in order to identify resources, set goals and make recommendations.

The group will assess the affordability of living in Everett, with a focus on the preservation and creation of economical housing for low- to moderate-income households. It will then establish goals for implementing inclusive development and a timeline to realize these objectives. Finally, the task force will deliver a set of suggestions to the Mayor and the City Council for how to prevent displacement and to decrease the burden of acquiring homes in the city. These could include changes to tax policy, zoning, lottery, and tenant protections.

The group will consist of 17 individuals representing diverse interests, including a representative from the business community; a non-profit housing developer; a tenant advocate; a

## YOUNG BLACK EXCELLENCE CLUB HONORS



Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier and Mayor Carlo DeMaria joined the Young Black Excellence Club at Everett High School to honor Stanley Chamblain and Dr. Omar Easy during a luncheon sponsored by the Everett High club. See Page 5 for more photos.

## APPRECIATION

## Everett sports community fondly remembers John ‘Jack’ McGrath

By Cary Shuman

If there was an Everett High game, awards banquet, letter-of-intent signing ceremony, or ‘E’ Club Dinner Jack McGrath was most likely in attendance.

And his warm and gracious presence would be received heartily by the athletes, coaches, school officials and parents. Jack McGrath always had the students’ best interests in mind and they sincerely appreciated his support and enjoyed his broadcasting of their games on the local cable television station.

One of the proudest days for Jack McGrath and his family was the dedication ceremony of the press box at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium in his honor.

John “Jack” McGrath Jr.,



Jack McGrath is seen several years ago when the City of Everett and the Everett School Department named the press box at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium after him.

a beloved resident of this city and a former baseball star at Boston College, died on Feb. 25. He was 87.

Like so many in the city, Jack McGrath closely followed the successes of the vaunted Everett High football program, notably during the current era led by former Hall of Fame coach John DiBiao and current head coach Theluxon Pierre.

“You’re talking about a legend in Everett, a selfless person that would give anything in the world to help people,” said Pierre. “He was all about Everett kids. He was one of the first persons to call and congratulate me when I became head coach. He was always there for our team. Words can’t describe this great person that we have lost. He was truly a great man.”

Maureen DiBiao, EHS

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## Black History Month essay contest was a great success

By Seth Daniel

The first-ever Black History Month essay contest was a great success last

Friday, and organizers said they were encouraged by the writing and plan to build on it in the coming years.

The essay contest was open to all seniors in Everett, whether they went to Everett Public Schools or not, and required students to write an essay and read it aloud. It was to be simply about a black person who has inspired them to better things.

Last Friday morning, the five winners were announced in an assembly at Everett High School. Following the announcements, the winners read their essays aloud.

The contest was a partnership between the Everett Public Schools, Councilor Gerly Adrien and Everett High Academics coordina-

tor Omar Easy.

“Dr. Easy and I both grew up in Everett and both of us left for college and found success outside of Everett,” she said. “We also both decided to come back and give back to our hometown. We share a similar story and we both decided it would be great for students and residents to learn more about Black History.”

Easy said he has sensed that senior students have enjoyed the exercise, and also having the ability to present their winning essays to a large audience.

“It’s great for students to recognize Black History Month,” he said. “In year past, it hasn’t been as central as it has been this year.”

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## Total Surprise

### Interim Supt. Gauthier resigns suddenly

By Seth Daniel

Just as School Committee officials and new Supt. Priya Tahiliani thought that former Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier would stay on as a senior advisor – Gauthier pulled the rug out from that plan on Monday with a sudden and striking resignation.

“I regret having to take this posture, but I cannot, in good conscience, continue further in serving the needs of the Institution I have served faithfully for 49 years, given the predicament I have been forced to contend with,” read her letter of resignation.

“Please understand that

I feel that I have been constructively eliminated from my former post as Curriculum Director, that I have been denied equal consideration for the position of Superintendent of Schools after having faithfully served in that post for a period now in excess of 15 months, and it is my feeling that I have been discriminated against and denied an equal opportunity to continue, notwithstanding my many years of good service.”

It was signed with the parting words, “Regretfully.”

School Committee Chair Tom Abruzzese said the

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## First day of school

### Supt. Tahiliani has active beginning of her tenure

By Seth Daniel

As first days go, new Supt. Priya Tahiliani fit a lot of activity into one 24-hour block.

On Monday, March 2, Supt. Tahiliani reported for her first day of work – though she has been in and around Everett for the last several months leading up to the transition.

While there were the usual staff introductions and getting settled into the office, Tahiliani also participated in Read Across America at the Whittier School, and sat as secretary

– after being duly sworn in – of the School Committee later in the day.

“My first day was yet another demonstration of the supportive and welcoming school community that Everett has to offer,” she said. “I received numerous emails and phone calls from various stakeholders and staff introducing themselves and extending encouragement and support. I joined the Whittier School for Read Across America Day and shared one of my favorite Dr. Seuss books,

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Deputy Supt. Kim Tsai and Supt. Priya Tahiliani (right) are pictured here with Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley last week. Both have been active in the district in preparation for starting work on Monday.

## EAGLE EYE



Freshman Roger Vasquez scored 12 points in the third quarter to drive an Everett comeback, but it wasn’t enough as the Crimson Tide dropped a 65-52 decision to Cambridge in the MIAA Division 1 North quarterfinals Friday night at Everett. The loss ended Everett’s season with a 17-5 record. See Page 7 for more photos.

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LOOKING BACK AT WOMEN’S HISTORY IN EVERETT

*EDITOR’S NOTE: The following is the first in a month-long series about noteworthy women in Everett, taken from vignettes written by former City Clerk Michael Matarazzo in his book ‘They Came from Everett.’ The histories of many women of Everett are stunning, with women playing a role in so many early parts of the formation of the country.*

MADELINE ‘MADDY’ ENGLISH: ‘All-American Girls Professional Baseball League’

When one speaks of the best athletes to come out of the City of Everett, one name must be included Madeline “Maddy” English.

Born in Everett on February 22, 1925, to Ambrose T. English, a pipe-fitter and Everett City official who once served a term as acting Mayor, and Anna (Henneberry) English, Maddy grew up admiring her big brother, Edward, who was a star third baseman on the high school team.

Unlike Edward, Maddy did not enjoy the privilege of playing high school sports because there were no organized girls’ interscholastic sports. Not to be deterred, English, as young as 10 years old, would play pick-up games of baseball with the boys or travel to the neighboring cities to play pickup softball games. In 1938, while playing for an Everett team called the Melly Club, she tried out for the Boston Olympets, a women’s softball team that played in the Boston Garden and was created by Boston Garden owner, Walter Brown, to draw crowds to the Garden during the summer “off season.” The 13-year-old Maddy did not make the team that was comprised of older players, but was assigned to the Olympet’s major feeder team, the Gladiolas.

The team played throughout New England and New York and in 1943,



Madeline “Maddy” English pictured in her AAGBBL card.

a baseball scout who remembered seeing Maddy play and was impressed with her skill at third base, invited her to a tryout at Wrigley Field in Chicago for the newly formed All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL). The league was designed to maintain the public interest in baseball since WWII was taking so many of Major League Baseball’s top stars and totally emptying the minor leagues to fill the ranks of the armed services.

The AAGBBL held tryouts throughout the United States and attracted women from all over the U.S. and Canada. The best 280 players were invited to Wrigley Field where the final 60 would be chosen as the first women to ever play professional baseball and assigned to a team. Maddy English was one of the 60 and was assigned to the Racine Belles.

The 1943 Racine Belles, managed by former Chicago Black Hawk and two-time Stanley Cup Champion Johnny Gottselig, had it all – timely hitting, outstanding defense and speed on the base paths. It is no wonder that they won the first AAGBBL Championship by sweeping the Kenosha Comets three games to none.

The next two seasons saw the Belles finish in fourth place, but in 1946 the Belles were back on top. Under new manager Leo Murphy, a journeyman minor league catcher who had a cup of coffee with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1915, the Belles finish first in the league and won the playoff championship. In the first round of the 1946 the Racine Belles won best-of-five

series over the South Bend Blue Sox, three games to one. It was Maddy’s heroics that made the difference in that series. In game one, she drove in the winning run in extra innings by hitting a double in the bottom half of the 14th inning. Then, in the critical Game 4, she provided more extra-inning excitement by knocking in the winning run with a single in the bottom half of the 17th inning. Truly the MVP of the first round, she went 11-for-31 for a .353 average, including her two game-winning RBIs.

Maddy was all business and didn’t like distractions. Maddy once told a sports-writer who wouldn’t stop pestering her: “If you don’t leave me alone, I’m going to jump in Lake Michigan.” He didn’t. She did, and had to be fished out.

Maddy was selected as the 1946 All-Star Team’s third basemen; a feat she would repeat in 1948 and 1949. Despite her low batting average (.171), the AAGPBL was definitely a pitchers’ league (the 1945 AAGPBL batting championship was won with a .299 average), Maddy made every hit count. In her career she scored 357 runs, stole 439 bases (including a league record 7 in one game), hit 13 home runs, and drove in 209 RBIs. An outstanding fielder at the hot corner, Maddy posted a .896 fielding average, including 1,439 putouts, 2,255 assists, and 106 double plays.

While Maddy was participating in the 1947 season, things where happening back home in Everett. On July 17, 1947 Everett’s 44-year-old, popular mayor Frank E. Lewis died from acute hepatitis and as President of the Board of Aldermen, her father Ambrose was sworn-in as acting Mayor. “Ham,” as Ambrose was called, served as acting Mayor until January 1948 when the newly-elected Mayor took office. Ham then returned the Board of Alderman to which the voters had recently reelected him.

After the 1950 season, word came down that the Belles were going to move to Battle Creek, Michigan. Maddy and a number of the other veteran Bells includ-

ing stars Eleanor Dapkus and Sophie Kury were not interested in starting over in a new location and decided prior to the 1951 season not to make the move.

In preparation for this day, Maddy had been attending Boston University during the off-season since 1948 to attain her degree. After nine years of combining baseball and education, Maddy earned a B.S. degree in education in 1957 and a Master’s degree in 1962. After working for a while for the Everett Recreation Department, Maddy began a lengthy career in the Everett Public Schools as a teacher and eventually a guidance counselor at the Parlin Junior High School. She retired in 1984.

In November 1988, the Baseball Hall of Fame dedicated a permanent display to the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. This was followed by the 1992 film A League of Their Own that put the league back into the conscientiousness of the American public. Maddy, like the other players, enjoyed having their experience introduced to a new generation.

Maddy English has been inducted into the Boston University Athletics Hall of Fame, the Women in Sports Hall of Fame, and the Sports Museum of New England.

Shortly before her death at the age of 79, the City of Everett dedicated one of it new schools located on the site of the old Babe Ruth Park as the Madeline English School a fitting tribute to a great athlete and a dedicated educator.

STELLA MAY YOUNG “The Doughnut Girl”

On January 29, 1918, a letter was sent from Colonel Edward J. Parker, the Secretary for Naval and Military Affairs for the Salvation Army, to the Passport Bureau of the Secretary of State’s Office in support of the passport application of Stella May Young.



Stella May Young, known as the ‘Doughnut Girl’ of World War I.

Miss Young was a Cadet in the Salvation Army and was scheduled to depart from New York aboard the S.S. Rochambeau en route to France where she had been assigned by the Salvation Army’s National War Board to provide relief work for the soldiers fighting on the European continent. Miss Young’s passport was expedited and just a month later, she was in France and only three miles behind the front lines in Metz.

Miss Young was born in Everett on April 27, 1896, to Jacob and Maria Young. The Youngs lived on Beacham Street, and Mr. Young worked as a carpenter. Immigrants from Newfoundland, Mr. and Mrs. Young were active members of the Salvation Army and as recently naturalized citizens, had a strong sense of patriotism.

At the outbreak of World War I, Miss Young was at the Salvation Army Training College in New York City and anxious to be of service to her country in some way; so when a call when out for volunteers to go to France, she quickly volunteered. With two of the Young sons not old enough to serve in the armed forces and a third son who was blind, it pleased her parents that their family was contributing to the war effort in some way.

With only a week’s notice, Stella and the other “lassies” were on the S.S. Rochambeau and after the 10-day, stormy voyage they landed in Bordeaux and given their assignments. Stella and others were sent to Metz, just three miles from the front.

After setting up a canteen near the Metz front,

Stella and her fellow “lassies” served coffee and sandwiches to the servicemen. As supplies dwindled and were difficult to replenish, the lassies pondered what could be provided to the soldiers with the ingredients that they had on hand. Some suggested pancakes, but without butter and syrup, pancakes just aren’t pancakes.

It was not Stella, but another lassie who suggested making doughnuts. At first the doughnuts were crullers since the workers did not have any way to cut the dough. Soon, however, they were using coffee cans and other substitutes to cut the holes in the dough before eventually receiving an actual doughnut cutter from the States. Now, fully equipped for the job, they were frying from 2,500 to 9,000 doughnuts daily.

While they also baked pies and other treats for the soldiers, in addition to mending clothes and providing other much-needed services, it was the doughnut that caught the attention of the public and the ladies soon became known as the “doughnut girls.”

As a doughnut girl, Stella was committed to doing her part to provide a touch of home and comfort to the soldiers. Often, this meant doing so in the midst of shelling and with the horrifying results of war within earshot and plain sight. On one occasion, while she was mixing a batch of doughnut batter, a shell exploded sending shrapnel into the shelter. Stella had just gone to get some sugar when a piece of shrapnel landed into the frying pan near where she was just working. She kept that piece of shrapnel as a souvenir for the rest of her life.

The doughnut girls lived and worked under the most Spartan of conditions but still Stella felt badly because she had blankets, a cot and often a shelter over her head and the soldiers did not.

As the legend of the doughnut girls spread, stories about their dedicated service made its way back to the States along with photos of the girls in action. One of those photos fea-

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**- LEGAL NOTICE -**  
**CITY OF EVERETT**

**BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**484 Broadway**  
**Everett, Massachusetts 02149**  
**(617) 381-7445**

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, March 16, 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: 15-17 Argyle Street**  
**Person Requesting: Constantino Pannullo, Anna D. TRS**  
**11 Argyle St Nominee Trust 5 Dawes Street**  
**Revere, MA 02151**

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks a building permit to convert a structure from a two (2) family dwelling into a three (3) family dwelling located within the Dwelling District on the above 3734 sf lot. Reason for Denial:

Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

Violations:

1. Section 4 Dwelling Districts (a) Uses: “A single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of, the Zoning Ordinance may be converted to provide not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units provided the following standards are met .....”

a. The two (2) family dwelling to be converted is currently under construction and therefore did not exist before the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance. The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

2. Section 4 Dwelling District& (b) (2) Lot Area: states the following: “All other uses-----

0.5 maximum floor area ratio”

a. The proposed structure would

contain 4432 sf of gross floor area having a floor area ratio of 1.18

3. Section 17 Off Street Parking (J): “Parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other motor vehicle.”

a. The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be required to be moved in order for the other vehicles to enter and leave the garage. The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

4. Section 17 Off Street Park.Ing (K): “Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located.”

a. The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be parked within the required minimum specified building setback (20’). The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

5. Section 17 Off Street Parkin& (L): requires “All properties which abut such parking lots shall be protected from headlight glare” with buffer strips, walls, barrier or fences.

a. The proposed parking plan does not provide for an acceptable means of protection to the abutters, therefore the applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance to allow the parking area to be designed without proper buffers.

6. Section 17 Off Street Parking (M): “No parking stall shall be located within eight (8) feet of any window of Jiabitable rooms in the basement or first story level of any building. “

a. The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be parked closer that eight (8) feet from a habitable window. The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

7. Section 17 Off Street Parking (0) 4. “Except for one- and two-family dwellings, parking shall be designed so that it is not necessary to drive over sidewalks or curbs or to back into the street or driveway”


a. The parking plan provided indicates that it will be necessary fr vehicles to back into the street. The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

8. Section 17 Off Street Parking (0) 5. “All parking areas shall have an access road with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet to allow ingress and exiting at same time. “

a. The parking plan provided does not indicate an 18’ aisle to allow vehicles to ingress and egress at the same time. The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

9. The applicant proposes to create a 9’ wide “common way for both lots” to be located upon land owned in common at 11 Argyle St. to allow vehicles parking on 15-17 Argyle St. access to the street. This common way must be presented as part of the deed for 11 Argyle prior to the issuance of a building permit. Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the zoning Board of Appeals

**Mary Gerace - Chairman**  
**Roberta Suppa - Clerk**  
**Board of Appeals**  
**February 26, 2020**  
**March 4, 2020**



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**Property Address: 810 Broadway**  
**Map/Lot:A0-02-000078**  
**Person Requesting: Wilton Rangel**  
**5 Pirates Glen Rd. Saugus, MA 01906**

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks to change the use of the existing three (3) family dwelling and convert it to a four ( 4) family dwelling the building is located within a Dwelling District on a 5650-sf lot. The existing structure was constructed in 1940. Reason for Denial:

Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

Violations:

1) Everett Z.Oning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 4(a)l limits a single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance (1926) to convert to not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units. The applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance allowing the conversion to a four (4) unit dwelling.

2) Everett Z.Oning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 17(A)2 requires two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit. The proposed plan contains six (6) parking spaces reqwrng relief in the form of a variance for two (2) parking spaces.

3) Everett Zoning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section I 7(L) requires abutting properties to be protected from headlight glare with buffer strips, walls, barrier or fences. The proposed parking plan does not provide for an acceptable means of protection to the abutters, therefor the applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance to allow the parking area to be designed without proper buffers.

Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the zoning Board of Appeals

**Mary Gerace - Chairman**  
**Roberta Suppa - Clerk**  
**Board of Appeals**  
**February 26, 2020**  
**March 4, 2020**



## Democratic City committee to meet March 14

The Everett Democratic City Committee is pleased to announce that they will hold their Annual Caucus on Saturday, March 14, at the Connolly Center, 90 Chelsea Street, Everett. Registration will open at 9:30 a.m., the meeting will be called to order at 10 a.m., and registration will close at 10:15 a.m. Once registration is closed and the caucus begins, no additional registration will be permitted.

The purpose of the caucus is to elect delegates and alternates to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic

Convention. The convention will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell, where delegates will cast a vote for their preferred Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate. This is an important event because candidates must receive 15-percent of the vote to appear on the September primary ballot and the candidate who receives a majority of the convention’s vote will receive the endorsement of the convention. Participation in the caucus is open to all Everett registered Democrats.

If you register to vote or change your party affiliation between March 3 and March 14, please bring proof of registration. You must be present at the caucus to run. The caucus itself is open to the public.

Youth, minorities, people with disabilities and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at [www.mass-dems.org](http://www.mass-dems.org).

For more information, please contact Patti Cheever at 617-230-1450 or Gerly Adrien at 617-835-8267.

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cheerleading coach and wife of the legendary football coach, said her family’s relationship with Mr. McGrath goes many years, recalling how her father, the late William Shields, would often converse with Mr. McGrath at Everett games.

Maureen and John DiBiaso and their son, former All-Scholastic quarterback Jonathan DiBiao, attended the memorial observances for Jack McGrath.

“My husband has known Jack since the days of the Everett Rats [youth basketball team],” said Mrs. DiBiaso. “When I met my husband, I met Jack and Jack is the most wonderful person, kind, generous – everybody loved him. He made feel everybody feel so good. He was a great, great guy and a great supporter for Everett sports. He supported all the kids of Everett. He was the best of the best. He will be missed. The games will never be same without Jack here.”

Director of Athletics Tammy Turner conducted moments of silence for Mr.

McGrath before the tapoffs of the EHS girls and boys state tournament games at the high school.

“I go back all 19 of my years in Everett with Jack, ever since my career started at Everett High,” said Turner, who has also coached the girls basketball team. “He was my No. 1 fan – he knew more coaching stats about me that I knew about me. He always encouraged me even in my toughest seasons. I feel like Jack was the heart and soul of Everett sports. He was just such a great man.”

Frank DePatto, administrator for the EHS Department of Athletics, said, “Jack McGrath is a legend in the city of Everett. It’s an institution here, so very knowledgeable about Everett sports and always so helpful to kids with scholarships and awards. He is surely going to be missed.”

Linda Maloney, administrative assistant in the Everett schools, also paid tribute to Jack McGrath this week. “Jack McGrath was such a gentleman,” said

Maloney. “I was so happy to be considered a friend of his. He was always concerned about the kids. He loved Everett sports and had such a passion. We’ll certainly miss him. Rest in peace, Jack.”

Vinnie Panzini, past president of the ‘E’ Club, said, “Jack is the all-time legend with sports and students at Everett High. He’s been working with these programs and these kids for many years. There was no kinder, no better gentleman than Jack. He was an ambassador for the school system, the kids – you can’t give enough accolades to what he meant to Everett for generations of families. And they all loved him.”

Larry Denish summed up the majesty of Jack McGrath: “He was one of the greatest guys I knew around Everett sports. He was a great personality and a great guy. He had a great temperament and was a real gentleman. We’re going to miss you, Jack.”



Last week, former Arkansas basketball star and current television sports personality Pat Bradley stopped by an Everett High boys’ basketball practice with ‘Jack McGrath’ T-shirts for them to wear.

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‘The Sneetches,’ with a wonderfully attentive and engaged group of third graders.

And School Committee members were especially gracious when shepherding me through my first School Committee meeting as secretary,” she continued. “I look forward to continuing to meet with the Everett community to learn more about the exemplary work that is already

happening at schools; and I intend to work as their partner towards enrichment and enhancement.”

School Committee Chair Tom Abruzzese said he believes it’s the turning of a new page in the Everett Public Schools. He said Supt. Tahiliani and her new deputy superintendent, Kim Tsai, are off and running.

“Like everything she does, it was very impressive,” he said. “She served

as the secretary of the Committee, was sworn in and everything went smoothly. I think her plan is to go to all the schools as soon as possible. She and Kim Tsai are going in and hitting the ground running.”

Tahiliani was chosen late last year as the new superintendent and signed a contract to lead the district in January. She is the first new leader of the public schools in more than 30 years.



COURTESY PHOTO

New Supt. Priya Tahiliani read ‘Sneetches’ to Marisa Steinberg’s third-grade classroom in the Whittier School on Monday – her first day as superintendent of Everett Public Schools.

## BRIEFS

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Chelsea Jewish Hospice is seeking volunteers to offer companionship 1-2 hours per week to persons facing terminal illness who reside in Chelsea and surrounding areas. Volunteers can make a difference for patients through activities such as holding a hand, listening to music, running an errand, or even just sitting quietly. Musicians, certified pet therapy teams, and those trained in alternative modalities such as Reiki are also encouraged to apply. Free training provided. For more information regarding this meaningful opportunity, please contact Aimee, Volunteer Coordinator, at 617-889-0779 or send email to [afarrell@chelseajewish.org](mailto:afarrell@chelseajewish.org).

### LOST DOG FOUND

On Sunday Feb. 16, off duty Everett Police ACO Stacia Gorgone received a call from Missing Dogs Massachusetts about a missing dog from Melrose who was seen running through high traffic areas of Everett. Shortly afterwards, Everett police dispatch was contacting the ACO with more sightings. The last sighting called in was of a dog with a bloody leg seen running into Woodlawn Cemetery.

Thankfully after a few hours of an extensive



Pictured is Everett ACO Stacia Gorgone picking up Buddy to transport him to the local animal hospital.

search, Buddy was found. Buddy was laying on the ground wrapped in a blanket, along the side of good Samaritan (and our hero) local resident Ray Popp. Ray stated that he witnessed Buddy get hit by a car, then followed him into the cemetery and laid with him until help arrived.

### “WW” (WEIGHT WATCHERS) COMES TO CONNOLLY CENTER

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## Housing // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

landlord, tenant and senior citizen; an expert in urban planning; three leaders from local non-profits; a Housing Authority member; a local healthcare professional; a youth homelessness advocate; two City Councilors; and a School Committee member.

In addition, Mayor Carlo DeMaria will appoint one member, which could include a person with disabilities, an expert in local government, or a senior citizen. The administration will also assign staff to assist the task force with its clerical duties.

“This is just the beginning of positive and balanced housing measures to come and a place to get the housing conversation started,” said Councilor Mar-

tins.

Fellow councilors were quick to jump on board the resolution.

“This is one of the most important pieces we will address in this legislative term,” said Councilor Michael McLaughlin. “This piece is well overdue and well needed and I look forward to working collaboratively with the administration on this matter.”

“Councilor Martins has done a lot of work on this and I commend her for putting this on [the agenda],” said the Council President. “This is a really good piece.”

Ultimately, all members of Council asked to add their names to the piece, which will be revisited at

their next regular meeting on March 9.

In adopting the task force, Everett is taking its cues from Boston and other cities across the country that are currently facing a housing crisis.

The Independent sat down with Councilor Martins, who met with Mayor DeMaria earlier to discuss her proposal.

“We had a meeting today and it was very positive in terms of the future,” she said. “The mayor wondered why no one had [created the task force] before.”

Councilor Martins said that the mayor was behind the effort 100 percent and that she will be working closely with his office going forward.

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### MARCH IS WEATHER PURGATORY

With the promise of winter coming to an end and spring just around the corner, we have high hopes for March.

The crocuses start to pop through the ground and the sun is noticeably stronger and warmer. There also is a greater amount of daylight. The first day of spring, the vernal equinox (which will occur this year on March 19), brings us 12 hours each of day and night.

But only hope springs eternal, as the saying goes, because March always is a disappointment, especially for those of us who live along the Massachusetts coastline.

The average high temperature on March 1 in our area is 42, with an average low of 28 for that date. Though the average high temperature increases to 51 (and the low to 37) by the end of the month, even on the warmest of March days, our proximity to the cold ocean -- which still has temperatures in the low 40s throughout March -- cools us by 10 degrees, which can feel even chillier if there is an onshore breeze.

In addition, with the arrival of daylight savings time (which this year is this Sunday, March 8), we may think that the additional hour of sunlight in the evening will bring milder temperatures. But daylight savings time is a trap that tricks our minds into thinking that warmer weather has arrived.

March also has the capacity for big storms. We all recall the high-tide event two years ago in the first week of March, 2018, that flooded the Boston area with the third-highest tide ever recorded in our area.

It is common in March for powerful nor'easters to pound our seashore, bringing heavy winds, high seas, and a wintry mix, including the occasional blizzard, that belie what the calendar says.

St. Patrick's Day falls on March 17, always a special day here in the Boston area. But who can recall a really warm one? Watching a St. Pat's Day parade or engaging in any outdoor activity on that day or evening requires full winter gear of a hat, gloves, and coat.

So yes, while the calendar may say that winter officially is over in March, we also know that March is not really the beginning of spring. It's somewhere in between, a version of weather purgatory -- the month that we must endure before we fully are released from the trials of winter so that we can move on to the heaven of spring and summer.

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# Independent Forum



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GUEST OP-ED

## Pleasing people?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Donald Trump and all the presidential candidates want to please enough of the American people to win. When it comes time for Americans to vote, a candidate wants to please the majority of the people, but most especially a majority of the electoral college.

A ballplayer wants to please his coach. The player knows if the coach is displeased then he will see limited playing time. The student wants to please the teacher because the teacher will assign the grade.

All of us have some people in our lives who we care about pleasing. The boss is the one who writes the paycheck. There is the pressure to perform and succeed in order to get ahead in life. Some people do everything that is right such as

work performance and extra hours and performing above expectations in order to get ahead. Sadly, some will stoop too far.

We've heard a lot about Hollywood movie mogul Harvey Weinstein. Out of all the many accusations there certainly has to be some truth that Weinstein was very wrong on multiple occasions. How many occasions though have persons done whatever it took to please Weinstein in order to get a movie part and a big paycheck? How many times a day does this still go on in Hollywood, politics, the corporate world and on and on?

Do you live to please people? I bet you do some of the time. There is somebody in your life you want to be happy with you. If your answer is "yes all the time" then I suspect that most of the time you are a very unhappy person. If you live to please people

there will always be someone displeased with you. You can't please everyone all the time and you can't even please one person all the time. If you try to please all people then most of the people will always be displeased with you because everyone has different opinions about life and how you should live your life. An old minister said once, "If you please God it doesn't matter who you please and if you displease God then it doesn't matter who you please." Keep in mind that you can please God and others may still be displeased.

People have opinions about how you should vote and how much of your money you should turn over to the government in taxes. People have opinions about how much of your money you should be allowed to keep.

You'll never make everybody happy, nor will

Trump or Bernie Sanders.

Sometimes people let you know how disappointed they are in you. It's common for us to be disappointed in people especially if we are counting on them to make us happy. If your happiness today hinges on others you are already bound to face a disappointing day. If your goal is to make everybody happy today then you are already having a frustrating day.

Just do and be the best you can. That's all you can do.

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

## LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS JOIN CHA FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION



On Friday, Feb. 28, Cambridge City Councillor Denise Simmons and Everett City Councillor Gerly Adrien participated in a panel at Cambridge Health Alliance titled "African Americans and the Vote." The discussion was moderated by Claude Jacob, chief public health officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department. Black History Month programming was sponsored by the CHA Diversity Council, a multidisciplinary group of employees who foster equity, inclusion, and excellence at CHA through educational programming and quality initiatives. Learn more about diversity at CHA. Pictured left to right are Everett City Councillor Gerly Adrien, Cambridge City Councillor Denise Simmon and Claude Jacob, chief public health officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

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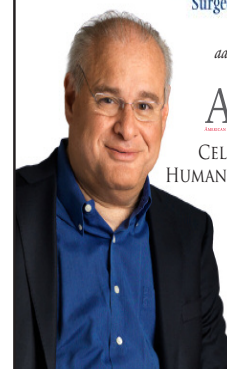
But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

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

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YOUNG BLACK EXCELLENCE CLUB HONORS DR. OMAR EASY AND STANLEY CHAMBLAIN

Mayor Carlo DeMaria joined the Young Black Excellence Club at Everett High School in honoring Dr. Omar Easy and Stanley Chamblain for Black History Month on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 26. Students and teachers put together the lunch to recognize their role models.

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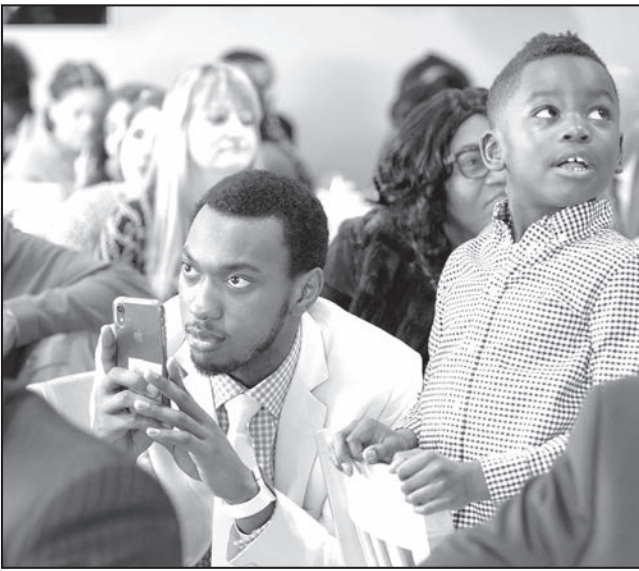
Student Mihret Amare recited “A Ray of Hope” by Dr. Laverne Jackson-Harvey.



Ms. Nicola Jones spoke at the Black History Month luncheon.



Dr. Omar Easy was honored during the black history month lunch with the Young Black Excellence Club.



Ian Syblis and Easton Easy listened to speakers at the Black History Month luncheon.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria congratulated Stanley Chamblain.



Bishop Brown and Dorothy Martin Long (left) attended the Young Black Excellence Club.



AnnLaurie Pierre introduced herself and spoke to the Young Black Excellence Club.



Ms. Sashae Walls welcomed guests to the Black History Month at Everett High School.



Dr. Omar Easy embraced his mother.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria attended a lunch at Everett High School to celebrate Black History Month.



Stanley Chamblain was honored at Everett High School on Wednesday afternoon. He attended with his wife, Marjani.

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# EHS girls basketball season ends with loss to Reading Memorial

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Everett's girls basketball season came to a crashing halt Wednesday night, Feb. 26, as the fourth-seeded Crimson Tide fell to the cat-quick and sharpshooting Reading Memorial High School Rockets, 78-52, at Everett High School.

The upset closed Everett's season with a 16-5 record.

Everett came into the game having lost two in a row for the first time this season, dropping season-ending contests to North Reading and Saugus. But the Crimson Tide's strong season vaulted them to the upper quartile of the 16-school Division 1 North sectional.

Wednesday's opening quarter of the game was telling, however, as Reading continuously clogged Everett's passing lanes and stifled the Crimson offense. Meanwhile, it became apparent that Reading's offensive firepower would be tough to contain.

Everett trailed 14-10 after one quarter, and Reading stretched the lead to 18-10 in the first minute of the second quarter. Everett responded on a full court effort and layup by junior Maya Kirnon, followed by a steal and breakaway layup by senior Carolann Cardinale, and those two baskets quickly cut the margin to four points. But that was as close as the game would be the rest of the night. In the final minute of the first half, Everett got sloppy with the ball and Reading guard Jackie Malley started

to heat up on her way to 23 points on the night as the visiting Rockets opened up a 33-22 halftime lead.

Reading blew the game open in the third quarter. While Everett came out pressing on defense, Reading answered with a pair of Malley 3-pointers that made the score 39-22 after less than a minute of the second half. Everett struggled offensively and had no answer for Reading's defense and offensive accuracy. By the end of the third-quarter Reading seemed well on its way to a win with a 57-30 lead.

But the Crimson Tide wasn't finished. Everett got hot and Reading got cold as sophomore Andrea Manley and Cardinale led an Everett barrage with three 3-pointers as Everett slashed the lead to 57-39 in less than a minute of fourth-quarter play. Everett pulled a little closer, cutting Reading's lead to 17, before the Rockets righted themselves, leading 65-45 with four minutes left and guarding the lead the rest of the way on the way.

Manley finished the night with 15 points and Cardinale with 10. Freshman Kaylee Rossi chipped in 9 points, junior Maya Kirnon had 8, sophomore Arielle Charles 6, senior Maddy Duraes 3, and sophomore Sara Thompson had a pair. With a strong group of underclass players, Everett looks to be back in the mix next year, but Wednesday the floor belonged to Reading.



**EYEING TWO:** Senior Caroline Cardinale, shown driving past Reading defender Jackie Malley, finished her Everett career with a 10-point effort but it wasn't enough as Everett the Crimson Tide bowed out of the Division 1 North sectional playoffs with a 78-52 loss to Reading Wednesday night, Feb. 26.



**CANT' STOP ME:** Sophomore Arielle Charles powers her way past a pair of Reading defenders.



**EXTRA EFFORT:** Everett's Andrea Manley (11) gets a hand on a loose ball.



**THANK YOU:** Everett's Maya Kirnon (left) ends up with a rebound that teammate Kaylee Rossi (32) and Reading's Celia Capone were fighting for.



**WHO GOT IT?** Everett's Maya Kirnon (right) battles Reading's Abby Farrell for a loose ball.



**UP AND OVER:** Everett's Arielle Charles has to climb over a sprawled Reading rocket in pursuit of a loose ball.



**SPLITTING THE DEFENSE:** Maya Kirnon finds a path between a pair of Reading defenders.



**I SEE IT:** Freshman Kaylee Rossi pushes the ball past Reading's Kiara Tangney and eyes the basket.



**SLEIGHT OF HAND:** Everett senior Veronica Bento flips a pass as she moves past Reading's Jackie Malley.



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# STARS IN THE HOUSE

## Sainristil, Maitre attend Everett hoop tourney game

By Cary Shuman

Everett High football royalty – in the name of Division 1 college football players Mike Sainristil and Jason Maitre – attended the Cambridge-Everett boys basketball state tournament game Friday night at Everett High School.

Michigan’s Sainristil and Boston College’s Maitre were greeted by Everett head coach Theluxon Pierre, and some of their former teammates.

Sainristil completed a successful freshman season as a receiver for the Wolverines, catching a pass in the Citrus Bowl game against Alabama.

“It was a great experience, especially playing against a team as high caliber as Alabama,” said Sainristil. “Coming in to the program as a freshman out of Massachusetts, just being able to get on the field is a dream come true for me. I’m glad I got to seize that opportunity.”

Sainristil said he’s looking to contribute more to the Michigan offense next season.

“I hope to accomplish more with my teammates,” said Sainristil, who was the Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year in his senior year at Everett High. “There’s a lot of tough competition in the Big 10 like Penn State, Wisconsin, Ohio State, Michigan State



Jason Maitre.

– a lot of rivalry games but you just try to be the best player you can be and help your team.”

Sainristil said Alabama receiver Jerry Jeudy (a projected first-round NFL draft pick) was one of the best players he saw all season. “We also went against guys like KJ Hamler of Penn State – who’s probably one of the fastest people I’ve ever seen running in person.”

Maitre was a starting defensive back for the Eagles, who played in the Birmingham Bowl against Cincinnati. Maitre talked about new BC head coach Jeff Hafley.

“We love him – he’s a DB (defensive back) guy and he’s been nothing but good to us,” said Maitre. “We’ve had our first spring practices and everyone is working hard. Things are going well so far.”

Maitre said BC’s 2019 season was “more of a



Mike Sainristil.

learning experience for me.”

“Just getting on the field and getting comfortable with the playing role – as the season went on, I started making more and more plays,” he said.

Maitre said playing in the Birmingham Bowl [in Alabama] was “a good experience even though we lost.” Interestingly, that bowl game was delayed 91 minutes due to lightning.

Maitre reflected on the Eagles’ game against Clemson and Tigers’ quarterback Trevor Lawrence this past season.

“He’s a really good player,” said Maitre. “He’s a big guy and makes the tough throws but I like going against him.”

Among the many athletes welcoming back Sainristil and Maitre was current Everett football player Ish Zamor, who is being recruited by Division I college football programs.

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Committee and the new leadership was surprised when they received the resignation letter, a letter that detailed many frustrations and aggravations felt by Gauthier.

Abruzzese said he had been in constant discussion with Gauthier and Tahliliani about the new roles and clarifying everything before Tahliliani started on Monday, March 2.

“It was a total surprise,” he said. “I had met with the new superintendent and the interim superintendent last week to go over what roles everyone would have so there was no confusion...I wanted to make sure everyone knew who was what. There were rumors going around that we would have co-superintendents.”

He said there had been a meeting on Friday between Gauthier, himself and Tahliliani that ended with Gauthier accepting a new role, he said.

“Mrs. Gauthier’s contract indicates she was to go back as Curriculum Director when any new superintendent started work, but she had hired someone else to do that job already,” said Abruzzese. “Supt. Tahliliani offered her the opportunity to stay on as senior advisor to the superintendent. As of Friday, she accepted that. I put that in the email I sent out on Saturday to everyone and then on Monday

we received her letter of resignation. Those are the facts from my perspective.”

He said he thought the roles were very clear on Friday, and was shocked – as were his colleagues – to hear the news on Monday.

“It was pretty clear and there was no misunderstanding on my part,” he said. “Was I shocked? Yes, but based on the events of the last 14 months, nothing should shock me.”

Gauthier wasn’t immediately available, but her attorney, David Fulmer of Wakefield, did speak to the Independent about his client.

“It’s certainly our position Mrs. Gauthier has been treated totally unprofessionally by the City of Everett, the School Committee and the new superintendent – a new superintendent who released a statement that wasn’t authorized to be released,” he said. “I think there’s some pretty crazy things going on down there, I guess. Mrs. Gauthier was not given the latitude of other applicants (for superintendent). She is abundantly qualified. My personal opinion is being stymied and being placed in the same light as the former superintendent – who had problems – and Mrs. Gauthier is being discriminated against both in terms of her age and her posture of the 49 years of service

she gave to Everett.”

Abruzzese said Gauthier took a personal day on Monday, and did not attend the School Committee meeting – where the resignation was discussed publicly to the surprise of many. Gauthier’s resignation indicated she will use 12 days of vacation through March 18, and resign on March 19. So, effectively, she will not return to the Everett Public Schools.

Abruzzese and the School Committee had said previously they believed she would retire at the end of the school year, on June 30, but she had never confirmed that. It was hoped she would stay on and serve as a mentor to guide Tahliliani in her first few months.

Gauthier had taken over as interim superintendent in January 2018 following the abrupt resignation of former Supt. Fred Forestiere due to allegations of misconduct reported to the School Committee and the Everett Police. Since that time, he has been charged with several felony counts of misconduct and that case is pending in Malden District Court.

“She stepped into an impossible situation and handled it with class and dignity,” said Abruzzese. “I hope she enjoys her retirement after a tremendous career in the Everett Public Schools.”

# Staples Avenue condos site of ongoing police activity

By Laura Plummer

The property manager of condos at 15 and 21 Staples Ave. failed to appear at a meeting of the City Council’s Committee on Community and Business Development on Monday, February 24.

Council President Rosa DiFlorio expected Kevin C. Kelliher of the Lundgren Management Group, Inc. to address the ongoing police activity at the properties in her ward, which each contain around 20 units that are all individually owned and rented out to long-term tenants. Condo owners do not live on site and are often not Everett residents.

The Independent obtained a list of all of the emergency service calls associated with the two properties dating back to 2018. This included calls to the Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services and Animal Control. In 2018 and 2019, services responded to no fewer than 88 separate calls between the two properties, an average of almost one per week.

In 2018, 15 Staples Ave. received 19 calls. This increased to 22 in 2019. Law enforcement was dispatched to investigate reports of domestic violence, breaking and entering, threats, vandalism, tres-

passing, suspicious activity and disturbances. Already in 2020, there have been two reports of general disturbance from the property, the same number it experienced in the whole of 2019.

The 21 Staples Ave. property also saw an uptick in calls between 2018 and 2019, jumping from 17 to 30. Law enforcement was sent to the address for reports of assault and battery with a deadly weapon, assault with a knife, disturbances including fights and unwanted guests, suspicious activity and domestic violence. As of February 11 of this year, no service calls had been placed from that location.

The councilwoman was incensed when Kelliher failed to show.

“It’s getting very irritating. The company needs to be here,” she said. “The summer is coming and that’s when all the issues are. Someone needs to take responsibility.”

Council President DiFlorio first became aware of the issues at the Staples Avenue properties when residents complained of disturbances. She started surveilling the premises herself around a year ago.

“They’re the rowdy, drinking crowd,” she told Independent. “You know, the crowd that doesn’t work and just sits there all

day.”

Councilwoman DiFlorio added that the police log didn’t reflect the full scope of the problem, as some renters have told her they are afraid to file reports. Those who do call are “given the runaround.” The condo association tells them to call the police, and the police tell them to call the condo association.

She shared that one tenant has taken to wedging a chair behind the front door to prevent fights in the hallway from spilling over into their unit.

The Council President said that the stretch of Staples Avenue is not considered a high-crime area,

making these two properties outliers.

“You wouldn’t be afraid to walk there at night,” she said.

The Independent later reached Kelliher, who said he received the call list, but that he needed to know the individual units involved in order to take action.

“Once we have the specific unit numbers, we will then place the owners of the offending units on notice and request that they evict their tenants,” he said. Kelliher added that the condo association is working with the City and wants to solve the problem as soon as possible.

## DiDomenico speaks at MA Coalition for the Homeless Legislative Action Day

Sen. Sal DiDomenico recently served as a speaker at the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless Legislative Action Day at the State House. Every year, the MA Coalition for the Homeless hosts a Legislative Action Day, during which advocates hear from elected officials about legislation, share their stories, and lobby for bills that would improve the lives of those experiencing homelessness in the Commonwealth. During this year’s address, Senator DiDomenico highlighted the many challenges that people experiencing homelessness face and spoke to the urgent need to adopt “right to counsel” legislation in the Commonwealth.

“Approximately 43 people are evicted from their homes in Massachusetts every day,” Senator DiDomenico said, speaking about his right to counsel bill, which would ensure qualified low-income individuals have representation during eviction proceedings. “As a Commonwealth, we must do

better to protect those who are economically at risk.”

In 2018 alone, over 40,000 households in Massachusetts were served with eviction papers. Of these households, 92% of low-income tenants fought their eviction without help from an attorney, while 70% of landlords were represented by counsel. DiDomenico’s legislation seeks to level the playing field by ensuring tenants have an equal advantage in eviction proceedings.

In the short term, right to counsel policies provide families facing eviction—and, in many cases, homelessness—with housing stability through a greater likelihood of success in eviction proceedings by ensuring legal representation. In the long term, these policies assist with housing and economic stability, avoiding recurring evictions and preventing shelter entry.

Research performed at Harvard University, and being confirmed through similar right to counsel programs around the country, shows that case outcomes

materially improve when tenants have access to full legal representation. Even when a tenant’s case is ultimately unsuccessful, the presence of counsel can assist with negotiating issues like payment, an extension of time to vacate and find alternative housing, or different lease terms that satisfy both landlords and tenants.

“My goal with this legislation has always been to simply level the playing field and provide tenants with greater equity in eviction proceedings,” said DiDomenico. “I have no doubt this policy would have major benefits for vulnerable families throughout our Commonwealth.

This is the second legislative session Senator DiDomenico has filed his right to counsel legislation. This session, the Massachusetts Right to Counsel Coalition has formed to support right to counsel policy and is working closely with DiDomenico’s office on a comprehensive to protect low-income individuals.

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I think Gerly’s effort has made a big difference this year. The next step is to figure out how it can continue every Black History Month. The Everett High curriculum doesn’t have that piece. I hope that we can have a Black History class taught within our Social Studies curriculum. I think our younger kids are excited to hear the history of blacks in America.”

One thing they discovered this year is there is a generation gap between the seniors who participated and those who did the judging. Many people they thought would be the subject of essays weren’t necessarily those written about.

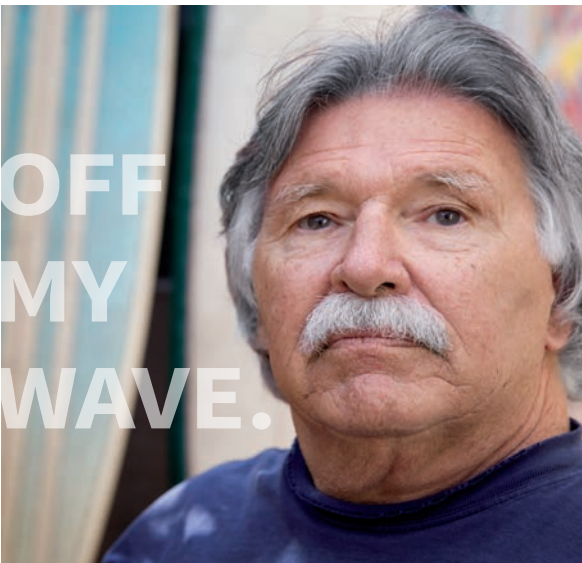
In fact, this year’s win-

ner, Fabrice Jacques, wrote that he was most inspired by his classmate, Rothsaida Sylvaince.

“The people we thought probably would make it into a Black History essay were different from what the students chose,” said Adrien. “There is a generational difference. One student wrote about another student. That was amazing. I think this is only going to get bigger.”

This year, there were just under 20 essays turned in, but there seems to be enthusiasm to expand the reach next year.

“I think it’s a good starting point and gives us a baseline,” said former Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier.



Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2006. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn’t been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily routine always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert “Wingnut” Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at [WeAreStrongerthanMS.org](#).

Together We Are Stronger.





CELEBRATING 20 YEARS IN BUSINESS



Above, Mayor Carlo DeMaria congratulates Pat Roberto, owner of Era Millennium Real Estate, with a certificate of appreciation for 20 years in business and 35 years of real estate service in Everett. Roberto’s proud family was on hand for the event. Right, Roberto is shown with his wife Karen Roberto and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.



LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

PIERRE EARNS DEGREE FROM GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Nicole Pierre of Everett (02149) graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Georgia State University during the Fall 2019 semester.

More than 3,000 students graduated from Georgia State University during the Fall 2019 semester at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree levels.

Georgia State Univer-

sity, an enterprising urban public research university, is a national leader in graduating students from widely diverse backgrounds.

The student body of nearly 52,000 demonstrates that students from all backgrounds can achieve at high rates with unsurpassed connections to the city’s business, government, nonprofit and cultural organizations.

NOTE: You are receiving this press release because the student or their parents are from your area. This press release above was prepared for: Edi-

tor-in-Chief - Everett Independent.

**LOCAL STUDENTS WHO MADE THE UMASS AMHERST DEAN’S LIST**

Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean’s list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall 2019 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-

point scale.

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Conrado Campos Araujo  
Anthony Francis Diorio  
Nyomi Dottin  
Brayams Flores Reyes  
Brenda Amaral Genium  
David Gertz  
Shermarie C Hyppolite  
Giselle Beatriz Lemus Tejada  
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Walchris Nicolas  
Joseph Domenic Pascarella  
Terrell Redwood  
Autumn Lillian Ryan  
Lily Yee Tran  
Vincent Vu

EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES EVENTS

Events at the Everett Public Libraries for the week of Monday, March 16.

**Computer/G-mail/ Resume Class.**

Parlin Memorial Library  
Monday, March 16, at 10 and 11 a.m.

Not familiar with the computer? Learn the basics of how to start up and shut down a computer, navigate the operating system and applications, perform basic functions, write a resume, navigate the internet or set up a Google account. This program is free and open to the public. By appointment only. Please call the Parlin Information Desk at (617) 394 2302 to register.

**Resume Assistance**

Shute Memorial Library  
Monday, March 16, between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Do you need help sprucing up an old resume? Sign

up for a thirty minute appointment at the Shute Memorial Library with your personal resume writing coach anytime between 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Please call us at 617-394-2308 with any inquiries or to register.

**Family Storytime**

Parlin Memorial Library  
Monday, March 16 at 11 a.m.

Come to the Parlin Library at 11 a.m. on Monday morning to read books, sing songs, explore movements, and more. For toddlers and preschoolers (and their grown-ups.) No registration required.

**Computer Basics 101**

Shute Memorial Library  
Wednesday, March 18, at 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

Not familiar with the computer? Learn the basics of how to start up and shut down a computer, navigate

the operating system and applications, perform basic functions, learn how to pull up a word processor, and even use a web browser to navigate the internet! This class is intended for computer novices. This program is free and open to the public. By appointment only for 30-minute time slots between 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Please call the Shute Information Desk at (617) 394-2308 to register.

**Video Game Afternoons**

Shute Memorial Library  
Wednesday and Friday, March 18 and 20, at 3:30 p.m.

Come play awesome new PS4, Nintendo Switch, or Gear VR games at the Shute Library! This program is every Wednesday and Friday during the month of March! This program is for tweens and

teens ages 11-18. Please call us at 617-394-2308 with any questions.

**Tales from the Home of the World’s Worst Weather, from Mt. Washington Observatory**

Parlin Memorial Library  
Saturday, March 21, at 2 p.m.

Bitter cold, dense fog, heavy snow and record winds: Mt Washington is known worldwide for its unpredictable and dangerous weather. Using interactive demonstrations, weather instruments and stunning photography, the observatory’s Will Brousard will explain why the mountain is the home of the world’s worst weather. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Everett Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Zonta Club of Malden will honor Lisa Cenca as a ‘Woman Making a Difference’

In celebration of March as International Women’s month, Zonta International annually recognizes exceptional women in service, advocacy and education.

On Thursday, March 26, Malden Catholic Girls Program Principal, Lisa Cenca will be honored as one of the 2020 Women Making a Difference by the Zonta Club of Malden at Anthony’s of Malden at 5:30 p.m. for the social reception and 6 p.m. for dinner. In addition to Cenca, Naomi Brave, President of Malden Arts, Marsha Manong, MA Senior Action, Mei Hung, Executive Director of Chinese Cultural Connection and State Rep. Kay Kahn, will also be recognized for their outstanding achievements.

“I am honored to be recognized by Zonta International this year along with four other amazing women who have made tremendous contributions in women’s advocacy. For me, this honor symbolizes the importance the community is placing on service leadership in all areas. Having the opportunity to vision a school where leadership is the primary focus has been an incredible experience. In just two short years, the results are already evident in the young women attending Malden Catholic,” stated Cenca.

“MC launched a new-to-the-world training program to develop emerging leaders and Lisa has been foundational in establishing the leadership-based curriculum that is now enriching the lives of our students. None of this would have been possible without the incredible legacy foundation established at Malden Catholic over the past 88 years, and now these leadership skills are being enhanced and refined for both



Lisa Cenca.

boys and girls in our codivisional model,” added John Thornburg, Headmaster of Malden Catholic.

Founded in 1919, Zonta International has envisioned a world in which women’s rights are seen as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. Over the past century, Zonta has made international service trips to advocate and assist in developing women’s rights and has raised over \$19.2 million for projects benefiting women in 35 countries. Zonta officials have spoken at United Nations meetings regarding women’s advocacy and in 2012 Zonta started the annual ‘SAYS NO’ campaign which advocates against the violence towards women.

In addition to service and advocacy, Zonta has provided roughly \$12.8 million worth of scholarships to help women obtain equal opportunities throughout the world.

The 2020 Women Making A Difference dinner will be held on Thursday, March 26, at Anthony’s of Malden starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase for \$50 per person and include dinner. Please contact Mary Jo Koizumi at mjkjoizumi@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

DIDOMENICO HOSTS GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES ADVOCATES



Sen. Sal DiDomenico met with constituents and advocates from Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) in support of civic legal aid. DiDomenico has been a fervent supporter of civil legal aid funding throughout his time in the Massachusetts Senate, and has routinely fought for budgetary increases. Throughout his 10 years in the Senate, the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation line item has seen steady increases in funding. Most recently, since 2017, GBLS has seen an increase in funding from \$18 million, to a 2020 budget of \$24 million, which has gone on to serve thousands more people in Boston and 31 surrounding towns. “Legal aid funding has helped countless Massachusetts residents navigate a complex and often confusing legal system” said Sen. Sal DiDomenico. “Hearing personal stories about how these services are important to our constituents always serves as a great reminder of why this funding is so critical. Thank you to everyone who turned out today to advocate.”

MBTA brings real-time info to eighteen high-ridership bus stops

Staff Report

Last week, the MBTA launched a first-of-its-kind pilot that brings real-time bus information beyond major transit hubs, to individual bus stops.

The solar-powered electronic ink (E Ink) signs, which went live Monday, are located at 18 bus stops in several Boston neighborhoods, as well as stops in Chelsea, Everett, Cambridge, Watertown, and Bel-

mont. Each sign provides stop-specific information, including bus arrival times, service alerts, and nearby modes or routes. The signs can also display information in the event that snow or other weather-related circumstances impact service.

“Almost a third of our customers use MBTA buses on a daily basis. They deserve the same quality of real-time information as our subway and commuter rail customers,” said MBTA General Manager

Steve Poftak. “The new E Ink signs are a first step to providing real-time information to even more customers in the future.”

The MBTA’s bus network spans more than 50 cities and towns, and is comprised of more than 7,500 individual bus stops. The vast majority of stops have no direct connection to power, which creates a significant challenge to providing real-time information at bus stops. Recognizing that real-time

information is among the most frequently requested amenities at bus stops, this pilot’s goal is to better understand whether this technology is a viable solution for delivering real-time information at bus stops on a larger scale.

The signs are powered entirely by solar energy, displaying real-time information through a software application built in-house by the MBTA’s Customer Technology Department. The signs are located at 18

high-ridership stops that were individually screened for sufficient solar exposure – including at Everett’s Broadway and Norwood Street stop (serving routes 97, 104, 109, 110, and 112).

This pilot builds on the success of a previous effort to test several types of E Ink signs along the D Branch of the Green Line. Under that 2017 initiative, signs were monitored for performance, durability, and customer value. Based on the results of that program, the MBTA

initiated a new procurement to deploy E Ink signs, which led to the selection of S&A Fleetwatch that installed the E Ink signs.

The E Ink pilot is a facet of the MBTA’s Better Bus Project, which is a major component of the MBTA’s efforts to improve bus service and the system as a whole. The Better Bus Project is a key component of the MBTA’s \$8 billion, five-year investment program with the goal of Building a Better T.



# OBITUARIES

## John McGrath Jr.

“The Prince of Pierce Avenue” and unsung  
“Mayor of Everett”

John J. “Jack” McGrath Jr, the Prince of Pierce Avenue, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday, Feb. 25, in Everett where he resided for over 75 years.

The brother of Mary McGillicuddy and her husband, Bob of Winchester and the beloved uncle to: Michele Sanphy and her husband, Matt of Reading, Lori Coyne and her husband, Peter of South Boston and Michael LaCourt and his wife, Ellen of Weymouth (all formerly of Everett, Mass.) and John McGillicuddy of Revere, Kathy Bell and her husband, Chris of Quincy and Kara McGillicuddy of Winchester, as well as 13 grand nieces and nephews, he was born in Malden on January 6, 1933, to now deceased Irish immigrants, Hannah (Daly) and John J. McGrath Sr., of Everett. He was predeceased by his sister Ann LaCourt of Dorchester, (formerly Everett), niece Mary McGillicuddy of San Francisco, Calif., and nephew Bob McGillicuddy (wife, Carla Angevine is living) of Hanover.

For 32 years, Jack was a probation officer in the Woburn District Court, 10 of those spent as the Assistant Chief P.O. But his true vocation in keeping with his Carpe Diem philosophy came in 50 years of involvement with Everett sports and civic engagement. The unsung mayor of Everett worked in Everett television for a combined 30 years broadcasting Everett High School football and basketball games with co-host Bob Caramanica on local cable TV in addition to broadcasting girls softball and basketball games, and interviewing student and adult athletes on a show which would become the “Sports Experience” on Channel 3.

Since 1979, Jack has been an associate member of the “E” Club, which is dedicated to preserving and promoting the Everett tradition in sports also serving as historian for a stint. Jack was also helpful in the early years serving as a fundraiser for the Everett Youth Basketball team (aka The Rats) from 1981-87.

For all of Jack’s influence, the Everett High School football Press Box at Memorial Stadium was dedicated to him in 2017 when he merited a key to the City; Jack was awarded the Irish Club “Man of the Year” in 2016, and honored with the Grand Marshal of the Homecoming Parade distinction in 2015,



and finally privileged with an “Unsung Hero” annual award given in his name to an Everett athlete.

An accomplished athlete in his own right, Jack started three years (1952-54) for the Boston College Eagles baseball team in left field where he hit .325 and .340 in his sophomore and senior years, respectively. In his senior year, he earned Greater Boston Collegiate All-Star honors. Prior to that, he helped BC make its inaugural appearance in the NCAA Tournament where he stole home in Omaha, Neb. In a 4-1 victory over Houston, June 11, 1953.

During his summer months at BC, Jack played semi-pro baseball in Canada for the Brooklyn Dodgers organization. Upon graduation, the cum laude distinguished, history and government major was offered a professional baseball contract that he declined in order to enter the Jesuit Seminary where he spent nine years.

As a youth, Jack played baseball for one of the best sandlot teams in the city, the Baldwin Avenue Aces then CYO baseball for the Immaculate Conception Church and American Legion. He graduated from Immaculate Conception High School (Revere) in 1951. As has been said, people will forget what you said or did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. Jack, the brother/uncle/friend/your biggest cheerleader made everyone feel: special, important, confident and most importantly, loved. “Woo, woo!!!”

Funeral arrangements were by the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, Everett. Interment will be at a later date in Glenwood Cemetery, Everett.

The family asks that donations in lieu of flowers should be made to: E-Club of Everett Scholarship Fund, in Memory of Jack McGrath, PO Box 490135, Everett, MA, 02249. For more information: 1-877-71-ROCCO or roccofuneralhomes.com.

## Olga DiBiase

Talented professional seamstress

Olga (Pantalone) DiBiase of Everett entered into eternal rest unexpectedly on Friday, Feb. 28 in the Massachusetts General Hospital Hospital in Boston. She was 78 years old.

Born in Chieti, Abruzzo, Italy, Olga lived in Everett for many years. She was a talented, professional seamstress by profession.

The beloved wife of the late Domenico, she was the dear and devoted mother of Robert DiBiase of Everett and the late Mara and the sister of Maria Febbo of Malden, Enzo Pantalone, Concetta Bianchi, Giuseppina Ricci and the late Eleonora Memmolo, all of Italy. Olga is also survived by several loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to at-



tend Olga’s funeral in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett today, Wednesday, at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony’s Church, 38 Oakes St., Everett, at 10 a.m. Interment will be in the family lot at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Parking with attendants on duty.

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tured the five-foot five-inch, brown-haired hazel-eyed Stella Young. Her fresh face and All-American look made Stella – “THE” Doughnut Girl - in the eyes of the public. In 1919, when composer Robert Bertrand Brown and lyricist Elmore Leffingwell wrote the song “My Doughnut Girl,” it was the image of Stella Young that graced the cover of the sheet music.

After the war, Stella returned home and served the Salvation Army in Chelsea, Massachusetts, Portland, Maine and elsewhere. As she rose through the ranks of the Salvation Army, she was sought after as a speaker in other communities to promote the Salvation Army and its Red Shield programs. She would often recount her experiences during WWI and would delight the crowds with her stories of war torn, young soldiers welcoming the sight and smells of home

experienced through a simple treat as a doughnut or apple pie.

During World War II, she was called upon once again to service overseas. This time in England she operated the American Servicemen’s Club in Burton-Stacey outside of London. She also spent a great deal of her time organizing relief stations for the many people and families left homeless by the devastating bombing that took place from the air over the skies of London.

After World War II, she went back to work as a constant visitor to various hospitals in the New England Area. She would still do some engagements as the “Doughnut Girl” and would always be available when stories would be written about World War I. She retired in 1958 as a Brigadier in the Salvation Army. Brig. Stella May Young died in March of 1989 just shy of her 93rd birthday.

## CHURCH News

### Immaculate Conception Parish

#### 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  
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  
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. Brink 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

**Immaculate Conception Parish**  
**489 Broadway**  
**Everett, Mass 02149**  
**Phone 617-389-5660**

### 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**  
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**617-387-2916**  
**PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com**  
**Pastor’s Office Hours:**  
**Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM.**  
**Other times by appointment.**

### 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.

### Grace Episcopal Church

#### News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all.

There are 3 services on Sundays: 10am English, 1pm South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3pm Haitian Creole. We have Sunday school at the 1pm service in the Children’s Room. Coffee Hour starts after the 10am service in the Parish Hall (entrance is on 11 Liberty St.)  
Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday, April 9, 6p to 7p

Good Friday, April 10, 5:30p to 7p  
Easter Sunday, April 12, 10a, 1p, 3p

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## DeMaria honors Schiavo Club for commitment to City

By Laura Plummer

At the Council meeting on Monday, February 24, Mayor Carlo DeMaria celebrated Carmen A. Schiavo & Associates for its ongoing commitment to the city. He gave out citations to three of the representatives of the club, which has a history of donating its hall, its food and its money to support local causes.

"We appreciate the friendship of the Schiavo Club," said Mayor DeMaria. "You've always treated us with lots of respect and love. On behalf of the city of Everett, I want to express our gratitude for all that you have done for the residents of our city."

In 2019, the organization donated over \$36,000 to various causes, including toy drives, Thanksgiving dinners and the Brandon Conde fundraiser. Everett High graduate Conde suffered life-changing spinal cord injuries when he was involved in an accident last summer and funds were raised to make his home handicap-accessible.

On Monday, the Schiavo Club donated an additional



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Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Councilor Wayne Matewsky and Veterans Commissioner Jeanne Cristiano honored members of the Schiavo Club, including President Joseph Orsigno and Treasurer Richard Auger.

\$200 to veterans services, rounding out its contributions for the year to \$2,000.

"It's a wonderful group of people," said Councilor Wayne Matewsky, who has been a member of the group for 20 years. "It's an organization people should be interested in joining. I'm

proud to be a member."

Accepting the award on behalf of the group were its president, Joseph Orsigno, treasurer, Richard Auger, and the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Jeanne Cristiano.

The Schiavo Club was named after Carmen A.

Schiavo, a U.S. Marine corporal who was killed in action in Okinawa during WWII. It was created in his honor just a few years later with the aim of supporting veterans. There are currently openings for membership.

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WEBSTER SCHOOL HOSTS GUEST READERS ON TO HONOR AUTHOR DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY

The Webster School hosted several guest readers on Monday, March 2, to honor author Dr. Seuss's birthday at the school. State and City officials joined school community friends and even two Patriot cheerleaders for the readings. Students heard all kinds of books, from 'Green Eggs and Ham' to 'The Foot Book.'



COURTESY PHOTOS  
Principal Denise Hanlon and her son and grandson, Patrick and Austin. Patrick was one of the Webster's guest readers on Monday, March 2.



Patrick Hanlon reads to Webster School kindergartners.



Councilor Anthony DiPiero reads a Dr. Seuss favorite to Webster School students.



Everett Fire Chief Anthony Carli and Police Chief Steven Mazzie.



School Committeewoman Millie Cardello reads the "Cat In The Hat" to Webster School students.



New England Patriots cheerleaders Courtney and Lauren, City Councilor Anthony DiPiero, School Committeewoman Millie Cardello, and State Rep. Joseph McGonagle were among the guest readers at this morning's Read Across America event at Webster School. They are pictured with Principal Denise Hanlon (second from right).



Title I Family Liaison Tammy LaRosa reads to Webster School students.

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