

NEWS BRIEFS

EPS RECEIVES GRANT TO ASSIST WITH YOUTH SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Everett Public Schools’ sports program gained additional help with a grant of \$4,000 from the Reebok Foundation and its nonprofit BOKS. Ward 5 School Committee Member Marcony Almeida-Barros helped facilitate the grant after meeting with the leadership of BOKS and connected them to the EPS administration to apply. The grant award provides assistance with physical activities at both the English and Everett High Schools.

The organization leads a free physical activity program designed to get kids active and establish a lifelong commitment to health and fitness. Many kids today need to be more active to avoid the continued prevalence of childhood obesity. Among the myriad issues facing our education system, obesity may not seem like a top issue, but its health implications are undoubtedly impacting students’ ability to learn.

“The well-being of our students is one of my top priorities, and I’m thankful to BOKS for providing us with this funding, and happy to be able to bring their program to our schools,” said Almeida-Barros.

BOKS is a 10-year-old, non-profit supported by the Reebok Foundation, and helps to provide more opportunity for movement for students. They offer a free 45-minute program that aims to improve students physically, mentally and socially – better preparing them for a day of learning. Their team helps implement the program before school, in classroom and/or after-school program, and its curriculum is adapted to all grade levels (pre-K-12).

BOKS has awarded over \$200,000 to more than 90 schools and non-profit youth organizations in underserved communities in the U.S. These grants will help support BOKS programming and other health and wellness initiatives during the 2020-21 school year.

EVERETT NONPROFITS ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS FROM THE FOUNDATION TRUST

The Foundation Trust, a private operating foundation serving small to medium-sized nonprofit organizations in Greater Boston, is pleased to announce that Everett

has been selected as a priority community for its 2021 grant program. Nonprofits and city-run public benefit programs from Everett are eligible to submit proposals through May 7, 2021.

Several types of support are offered by the Foundation Trust, including partnership grants, event-specific small gifts, training, and resource development.

Dr. Joseph Spinazzola, Executive Director of the Foundation Trust explains how this year’s grant program will prioritize active partnerships between the Foundation Trust and its grantees. “We are positioned to offer much more than funding alone, and we are excited to explore expanded partnership opportunities with 2021 applicants. Together, we’ll be able to achieve much more in our local communities than we could on our own.”

Interested programs are invited to propose innovative programming, to be designed and implemented in partnership with the Foundation Trust, in one or more of the foundation’s funding tracks: Overcoming trauma and adversity; Empowering at-risk youth and communities; Restoring dignity and quality of care for adults living with chronic conditions; and Advancing inclusivity in the arts.

This is the second consecutive year that the Foundation Trust has supported organizations in Everett. “Our partnerships were limited by the effects of the pandemic last year, and we are excited to be back to support organizations doing important and difficult work in Everett,” notes Foundation Trust Manager Lauren Liecau.

A virtual information session on the awards and application process will be held on Thursday, March 25. Additional details and application instructions are available on www.FoundationTrust.org/apply.

BREAD OF LIFE GROCERY DELIVERY PROGRAM IN EVERETT

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Bread of Life of Malden is offering contact-less free grocery delivery to homebound residents in the City of Everett.

This is an on-going program to help serve seniors, disabled residents, and families who have been affected by COVID-19.

“I am grateful for the support the City of Everett receives from the

Bread of Life of Malden,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Our community has been facing difficult times because of the pandemic, and unfortunately buying groceries has become one of the many challenges. I am thankful for the help our community partner is providing our residents.”

A typical grocery delivery box includes meat or fish, eggs, milk, cheese, fresh produce, and nonperishable items. On average, the Bread of Life of Malden delivers 200 boxes of groceries per week to the many communities they serve through volunteer drivers. Approximately 75 of the 200 deliveries are delivered to Everett households.

The Bread of Life of Malden has been working diligently with the Elliot Community Center in Everett, Cambridge Health Alliance, and Mystic Valley Elder Services to help serve the Everett community.

Residents must apply to receive groceries delivered from the Bread of Life of Malden. Applications are available in four different languages, English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole and must be submitted by Wednesday at 12pm. For more information and to learn how to apply, please email delivery@breadoflifemalden.org.

GOV. BAKER EXTENDS UTILITY SHUT-OFF MORATORIUM

In an effort to protect Massachusetts ratepayers struggling with the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Public Utilities issued an Order extending the moratorium on residential gas, electric, and water utility shutoffs to July 1, 2021.

For more resources for Massachusetts residents and businesses experiencing financial hardship paying their electric, gas, or water utility bills because of COVID-19, please visit the DPU website: <https://www.mass.gov/.../information-for-massachusetts...>

CITY OF EVERETT REMINDER TO REGISTER YOUR DOG

The City of Everett would like remind its residents to register their dogs with the City Clerk’s Office by Monday, March 15th. The cost to register a dog who is spayed or neutered is \$10 or if the dog has not been altered, the cost is \$15. After the March 15th deadline, there will be a \$10 late fee.

According to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, Sections 136-174 and our local ordinances, all dogs must be licensed each year. Dog licenses can be obtained at City Hall in the City Clerk’s Office, Room 10. Upon arrival, please provide an updated copy of your dog’s rabies certificate.

If a resident chooses not to register their dog, they shall be subject to a fine. For questions or concerns, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 617-394-2225.

Teacher e-mails criticized by Supt. Tahiliani on race, residency

By Seth Daniel

Most everyone online or at the School Committee meeting on Monday night knew to brace themselves when Supt. Priya Tahiliani began talking about the barrage of teacher e-mails sent out last weekend against opening schools, and then she gave a disclaimer for what was about to come.

What came was a biting rebuke from the superintendent that noted the e-mails came mostly from teachers who lived outside of the city, while also noting that the majority of the student population are people of color.

It’s a notion the Everett Teachers Association (ETA) refuted vociferously on Tuesday.

“As a woman of color and as a superintendent who has dedicated to treating all of our families with equal devotion, I felt compelled to share this information after all the feedback I received this weekend,” Tahiliani said.

Tahiliani said she and others on the School Committee received 224 e-mails from teachers giving negative feedback on the plan to return students and teachers to school buildings.

“I did want to bring up the fact that we did disaggregate this data and found that less than one percent – in fact it was 0.01 percent – of this feedback came from our teachers of color,” she said. “Unfortunately this isn’t reflective of our teachers or our student population.”

She indicated that 12 percent of the teaching population are people of

color, and 82 percent of the students are people of color.

“Of the 224 e-mails, a mere 10 percent were from people who live in Everett,” she said. “Many, in fact, live in cities and towns where students have already had the opportunity to attend in-person classes.”

She said pointing this out did not indicate she didn’t listen to the concerns in the e-mails, or that the concerns were without merit. She said they had a lot of merit, but she also said she wanted to “be careful about the weight we give to the various considerations before us.”

ETA President Kim Auger said they know the membership has a way to go to reflect the student population, but also felt that the characterization of race in the re-opening argument was not warranted.

“The ETA is aware that our educator population does not yet reflect our student population,” read the statement. “However we believe that all educators no matter race, creed, or sexual identification go above and beyond to support, nurture, encourage and empower all of our Everett students. The ETA knows there is room to grow with equity and diversity in our community. (The superintendent’s) ‘granular’ assessment of messages sent to the School Committee and her office does little to address the real issue of a how do we safely return to in-person learning.

“We are encouraged that COVID-19 rates are dropping in Everett and across the state,” continued the statement. “The

infection rate, however, still does not justify a rapid return to full in-person learning. The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is bullying communities into reopening schools. Reopening our schools must be a local decision, and the state is making the return unnecessarily chaotic for every school district in the state.

The Everett Teachers Association supports a safe return to the classrooms, recognizing that learning in person is best. However, our community, without pressure from the state, must address all of the health and safety issues that come along with reopening schools. We need strategies for meeting Centers for Disease Control guidelines in classrooms, cafeterias, school buses and all of the places where students and staff will be together. Educators would appreciate it if Superintendent Tahiliani worked to meet the needs of Everett rather than inexplicably endorse misguided policies put forward by state Education Commissioner Jeff Riley and Governor Charlie Baker.”

The comments from Tahiliani were the zenith of what has been a budding controversy for several months, with more than 60 percent of parents saying they are ready to send kids back to school. Meanwhile, an overwhelming majority of teachers have said in an ETA survey they aren’t ready to go back to school. The intersection of differing thought on the matter is likely to become very well-traveled over the next several weeks as the debate intensifies.

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this business has kept things going,” he said. “If it wasn’t for the business, I would have stopped doing art by now. It’s keeping me extremely busy and getting orders left and right. I’m just really excited to see it come to life now. That’s exciting and it keeps me going.”

The business is based in fashion, where he customizes clothing or objects for customers. That’s something he hopes to continue doing when he moves on to Monserrat, as the teachers there have told him they like his fashion portfolio and it’s something he could investigate in his artistic journey there.

That said, Pierre’s art career didn’t begin on a pair of designer jeans or on a canvas even.

When he was very young, he said his dad was studying to become an architect and would always be doing architectural drawings at his work desk.

“He would always be drawing buildings for his school and I was intrigued,” said Pierre. “Then, every time I got a book I would draw the characters in the book on the back pages of the book. I also drew on the walls, but my mom did not like that.”

Pierre started his schooling at the Keve-

rian School and then moved up to Everett High, where he is a senior. At Everett High he has taken a number of classes including Studio Art, Advanced Art and Illustration – among so many others.

Yet, it was a contest sponsored by the MWRA that truly pushed him to begin thinking about art.

“My very first time really trying to do serious art was in the fifth grade for the MWRA Poster Contest,” he said. “That was crazy. I had always wanted to win that and hear my name called over the speaker at school. As it happened the day I actually won was one of the few days I was late to school. When I got there my friends were telling me I won the award. The one day I was late to school, and I missed my moment.”

But other moments would come and are yet to come.

Art Director Amanda Gil said the teachers at EHS expect big things out of Pierre, but not just on the canvas. He is also a talented singer, and certainly has a mind for business too. Plus, she said, he is a kind and caring young man.

“It’s not because Darren is super successful in his talent and his art, but his character is one of a kind,” she said. “He’s humble and kind and it speaks a lot about who he is as a person and an artist.”

In addition to Gil and DeMarzo, Pierre said he had been greatly influenced by teachers Annette LeRay and Brianna Pierce.

He is the son of Jean and Darlene Pierre.

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WE MUST BE WARY OF THE VIRUS

With the arrival of the vaccines and the spring season, it is clear that there is a light at the end of the tunnel from our year-long battle with COVID-19.

However, the good news that has been seen in the past month across the country, in terms of dramatic reductions in cases, deaths, and hospitalizations, by no means should make any of us think that we can let our guard down against this shape-shifting, deadly virus.

The variants of COVID-19 that are working their way through our population are more contagious and thought to be deadlier than the original, and may even present a challenge to the efficacy of the vaccines.

In addition, very few of us actually have been vaccinated. Although the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine was approved for use this past weekend, the company will not be able to begin distributing its vaccine in large numbers until the end of March.

While it may be true that we are winning the war against COVID, every American must realize that COVID-19 is a hunter and we are its prey. Until each of us can get vaccinated over the next two months, we must remain vigilant and practice all of the things we have been doing to stay safe for the past year -- wearing a mask, avoiding large groups, washing our hands frequently, and staying six feet apart from others.

The finish line is in sight -- let's go strong to the end.

A FUTURE WITH MASKS?

There has been one positive piece of news during the otherwise tragic COVID-19 pandemic, and that is this: The number of deaths and severe illness caused by the ordinary flu is down dramatically from a typical flu season.

Epidemiologists credit this downturn to a number of factors: International travel is virtually non-existent, people are not gathering in large groups, people are working from home (and therefore not going into their offices while sick), more people got their flu shots than ever, and most of us are wearing masks.

Although the reduction in the number of deaths from the regular flu by no means offsets the increase in the deaths from COVID-19 -- COVID is estimated to be 5-10 times deadlier than the seasonal flu -- the substantial reduction in deaths from the ordinary flu gives us some hope that the lessons we have learned during this year of COVID-19 may enlighten us as to how to combat less-deadly viruses in the future.

In addition, there is no doubt that the incredible effort by the scientific community to develop an effective vaccine against COVID-19 in such a short time will pay fruits in terms of our understanding of other illnesses and our ability to fight them.

LETTERS to the Editor

A HEARTFELT THANKS GO OUT TO OFFICER CASSIDY

To the Editor:

On Sunday afternoon, February 21, I was walking down Victoria St. toward Chelsea St. I saw a young woman at the corner who was obviously distressed. As I rounded the corner, I noticed a patrol car and an ambulance arrive on the scene with no lights or sirens blaring.

I saw Officer Cassidy approach this young woman in a kind non-threatening manner.

The first words he said is that he was there to help her in a kind voice. She was still agitated and what I saw was an officer who totally de-escalated the situation. Officer Cassidy had her sit on the curb and he spoke to her at eye level.

At that point I left. Because of Officer Cassidy's kindness and professionalism, a dire situation was avoided.

It was apparent that Officer Cassidy has been trained to deal with people who are not a threat to themselves or oth-

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Independent Forum



OPENING SCHOOLS... FOLLOW THE RULES

GUEST OP-ED

I look forward to continuing the mayoral journey with the people of Everett

distributing additional financial assistance to residents and businesses.

In 2020, Everett was named the top place to live North of Boston by the Boston Globe. They referred to our City as "a Winning Bet" alluding to Everett property owners hitting the jackpot over the past five years due to the increase in property values. Accomplishing this was not easy, and it serves as a testament to the work we've been able to accomplish. I am proud to tell you that the average single-family tax bill in Everett remains one of the lowest in the Metro-Boston region, all while our city services offered remain exceptional. I am committed to continuing to move our City forward -- together.

As Mayor, I promise to continue to make strides towards bettering our community in all aspects, including, but not limited to, transportation, capital improvements, and infrastructure. The pandemic required the City to shift

gears and adapt to a global crisis; however, we are ready to pick up where we left off and continue to move Everett forward.

Over the course of this year, as we complete and update the City's Capital Improvement Plan, you will see careful considerations made to improve the delivery of services in the City at the Connolly Center, City Hall, Glenwood Cemetery, the Everett Police Department, our 911 dispatch center, and schools. We will continue tailoring our focus on improvements toward our transportation system and large-scale investments in housing, affordable housing, and mixed-use developments. In addition, we will be increasing the footprint of our existing Urban Renewal Plan, adding the Lower Broadway Master Plan, Commercial Triangle, the GE parcel, and Everett Stadium. I have big goals, aggressive goals, but I'm confident they can be accomplished if given the opportunity to

continue to serve as your Mayor.

I am excited to get back on the campaign trail this year and hope to have the opportunity to discuss our past accomplishments as well as bold plans for the future with you directly. Your early support and encouragement will fuel this campaign. If you would like to submit an early endorsement, show your support, or volunteer for this campaign you can do so by calling or texting (617) 394-8210 or emailing MayorDeMaria2021@gmail.com.

Serving as Mayor has truly been an honor and a privilege. It is something that I have never and will never take for granted. The trust and encouragement provided by the residents over the years continues to inspire my family and me. I look forward to continuing this journey with you, the great people of Everett.

Carlos DeMaria is the Mayor of Everett.

LETTERS to the Editor

VACCINATE OUR TEACHERS

Dear Governor Baker,

We, the elected municipal leaders of the City of Everett, respectfully request that you reconsider the classification of Early Education and K-12 teachers within Phase 2 to receive the same vaccination priority as seniors who are 75 or older, 65 or older, and individuals with two or more comorbidities to ensure that they may receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible prior to returning to school. We stand united with the Everett Teachers Association, and support the recent efforts by the Everett School Committee, Superintendent Priya Tahirani, and Mayor Carlo DeMaria in making the request that our teachers receive both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine prior to any type of in-person return. We would like to specifically detail the circumstances in our city that emphasize the urgency of this request: - Everett has been in the high-risk

"red" category with some of the highest infection rates in the state since the beginning of the pandemic to date. While school districts have been asked by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to bring students back to the classrooms as soon as possible, we have not had an opportunity to consider a safe return due to the high number of daily cases. - Everett students have not returned to school since March of 2020. - 66.2 percent of our students speak English as a second language, 27.1 percent are English Language Learners, 18.1 percent are students with disabilities, 77.2 percent are high needs students, and 61.1 percent of our students are economically disadvantaged. These students need classroom time. - As per a survey conducted by the Everett Teachers Association on January 7, 2021, 19.85 percent of the teachers have indicated that they would seek potential leave options in the event of an in-person return

with no vaccination. 0.76 percent would consider an early retirement, and 2.84 percent would leave the Everett Public Schools. This makes staffing our buildings for adequate learning conditions extremely challenging. As a majority minority working class community that is densely populated, our residents have been disproportionately affected by this pandemic. Many of our residents are considered essential workers. These residents are carrying out essential services during this pandemic and compromising their own health and their families while working in transportation, restaurants, supermarket/grocery stores, caregiving, hospitality, maintenance, etc. Given our unique circumstances and the devastation our diverse community has suffered due to their high exposure, we urge you to consider each municipality according to their specific needs. One formula does not fit all. We believe that prioritizing a return to in-person education should include treating

teachers as the frontline essential workers that they are. Several other states, including Connecticut, Maine and New York, have placed educators in their first phase of vaccine distribution. Reclassifying teachers as part of the first two priority groups in Phase 2 would guarantee a safer and faster return to normalcy for our district and our community. We appreciate your time and consideration.

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2021 EVERETT BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY

By Keara Farrell,
Everett High School

When Americans think of influential black leaders, they are usually drawn to figures of the Civil War and Civil Rights Movement. Though these figures were indisputably influential, I find myself more inspired by more recent figures such as Amanda Gorman, the poet who spoke at Biden’s inauguration.

Gorman’s mindset towards success sets her apart from other black leaders. As a child, Gorman struggled to enunciate her words properly. Rather than allow this difficulty to stop her, Gorman used her disability as a drive to improve her speaking abilities. By using her personal struggles as motivation, Gorman teaches that personal struggles do not have

to be a hindrance to someone’s life. Instead, they act as potential for people to better themselves.

Gorman’s focus towards children is also admirable. Children are often told that reforms must be made in society, yet not who should be making these changes. Through her children’s books, Gorman demonstrates how capable children are in reforming social inequities by portraying them as the individuals pursuing change. In short, Gorman pushes children to see themselves as leaders, meaning she has taken her own role as a black leader and used it to

promote leadership in a new generation.

As the first-ever National Youth Poet Laureate, Gorman’s title alone makes her a pioneer to the black community, women and American youth alike. However, it is her ambition despite

her disability and her dedication to helping the next generation lead that makes her so inspiring and exceptional as a black leader.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY 2021

By Ann Laurie Pierre

When I think about an influential Black leader, I think about Maya Angelou.

She was a civil rights activist and a well-known poet. She was awarded the highest civilian honor in the US by President Barack Obama. Her story is so intriguing and so inspirational, I sometimes wonder how she did it. Maya Angelou was raped by her mother’s boyfriend at the age of eight. When she

finally brought it into the light, the man got killed right in front of her eyes and at that moment she acknowledged

the power of her tongue, that can curse or bless. That frightened her so much that she decided to not speak for the next five years of her life. I find it interesting that after those years, she had plenty to say to the public through poetry, music, and her activism. Many people can resonate with her story. Countless people are living in darkness because they haven’t brought their traumatic experience into the light because of fear, the same fear Angelou felt. I wonder what her perspective of the world was like having been silenced for almost her whole childhood,

watching and observing the world and her surroundings circulate. People can be consumed in their daily lives, forgetting about their surroundings and the beauty and the flaws of the world, and sometimes all we really need to do is be silent and observe, just

like Ms. Angelou. Her voice shook the world leaving a powerful mark on them, including myself.

AN INFLUENTIAL BLACK LEADER

By Mihret Amare

Ayanna Pressley, an unapologetic Black Congresswoman defying stereotypes and fighting for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Despite the many hardships she has faced, Congresswoman Pressley managed to be the first Black woman elected to Congress in the state of Massachusetts. What truly inspires me is her bravery and ability to unite others. I remember vividly scrolling through Instagram as I came across a post captioned “A Word: Alopecia,” which was a video the congresswoman created to share her story about living with Alopecia. Looking back on the days when she

wore Senegalese twists and braids, she said that it was a statement and something she did intentionally. The affirmation that she received about her hair from the community and little Black girls meant a lot to her, but she realized that she needed to free herself of this secret in order to find herself and help others do the same.

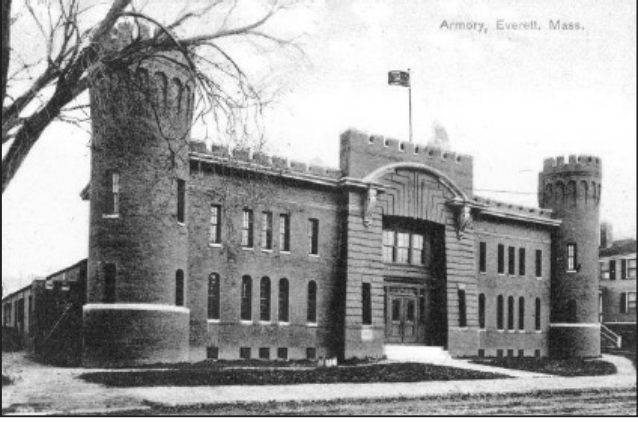
In her video, she said “I am not here just to occupy space, I’m here to create it.”

She now walks the halls of Congress with her baldness - proudly and unapologetically. We needed Black representation. We needed someone who looks like us to show us that we don’t have to come from a certain background to be influential, and Congresswoman Pressley was that light. My Congresswoman wears hoop earrings and bold lipstick.

My Congresswomen is an inspiration.

HISTORIC PROPERTY

Everett Armory: Home to Company B, 8th Regiment Infantry



c.1910 Postcard of the Armory. Source: Parlin Library



Everett Armory, 1919. Source: City of Everett Welcome Home Celebration, July 4, 5, 6, 1919.



The current Everett Armory building.

The following is a weekly feature in the Independent based on the City’s 2018 Historic Property Survey done to note the many little-known historically significant properties within the city.)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The former Everett armory is an imposing brick building designed in the English Revival style and displaying medieval-inspired detailing including crenellation (wrapped in copper), round corner towers, and narrow window openings to evoke the sense of a building that could defend itself from attack. Mixed with these features are Colonial Revival details including a bold metal entablature supported by large console brackets. Originally a low metal arch spanned from one console to the other. The center bay containing the entrance has a battered wall with brick quoining and is

capped by a crenellated parapet. All of the original windows were replaced c.1970 including those over the renovated entrance which contains glass and aluminum doors. To the left of the entrance is a stone with raised letters reading “1902”.

Extending behind the main administrative block is a single-story brick drill hall capped by an asphalt-shingled gable roof. Projecting brick piers with granite capstones order the side elevations into nine equal bays. None of the fenestration is original.

In front of the building there is a small area of lawn and plantings, outlined by an iron fence on granite curbing. Rising from the lawn to the west of the entrance is a World War I Memorial consisting of a rock-faced granite tablet on a granite base with a bronze plaque topped by an eagle and including the names of 42 Everett men who made the supreme

sacrifice in the war. The memorial was dedicated in October 1921 and originally stood at Parlin Memorial Library Park. On the opposite side of the entrance is another stone memorial dedicated to those who served in World War II and the Korean War. This rock-faced granite tablet also has a bronze plaque topped by an eagle and reads “Dedicated to God, and Erected in Memory of Those Men and Women Who Served in the United States Armed Forces During World War II and Korean War 1962.”

Inside the lobby of the building there are two additional bronze plaques mounted on the wall. One tablet, installed in 1921, commemorates the erection of the building in 1902 by the City of Everett for Company B, 8th Mass. Infantry. The other lists those from St. Joseph’s Parish who served in World War II. Below the plaque is a wooden pew from St. Joseph’s Church (not ex-

tant). The church stood on Bucknam Street and was demolished in 2004.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

In 1900 Everett organized its first militia company and the armory was built, as required by law, to provide a location for military training of the local volunteer militia. The land for the armory was acquired from Arthur Whittier in June 1902. Construction of the armory required the removal of the house which had been built on the site by Samuel Drown in 1836. On November 1, 1902 the cornerstone was laid in a ceremony performed by Charles T. Gallagher, Grand Master of Massachusetts Free Masons and assisted by Mayor Charles Bruce. The contents of the cornerstone were described in the Boston Globe on November 2, 1902. The architects of the building were McFarland, Colby & McFarland. The builder was Charles King.

This was the home of Company B, 8th Regiment Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. In its early years the company provided assistance after the Chelsea Fire of 1908 and during the Lawrence Mills labor strike of 1912. The Armory building was taken over by the State in 1910 and was completely renovated for use by the company. New weathered oak floors were installed in the company and officers’ rooms on the ground floor and a maple floor was laid in the drill hall.

The basement which had initially extended only under the front portion of the building was extended the length of the building and a rifle range and two bowling alleys were installed in the new basement.

The building was used for military activities through the Vietnam War era but was also the site for various community functions including banquets, exhibitions and social events including military balls. The City of Everett received the building from the National Guard in the 1970s and it received additional renovations in 1989. In October 2006 the building was renamed the Edward G. Connolly Center in honor of longtime state representative and former mayor, Edward G. Connolly (1928-2006).

The armory was designed by the Boston architectural firm of McFarland, Colby & McFarland which consisted of C. (Clarence) Thayer McFarland (1866-1923), his brother Robert Dunlap McFarland (1869-1929) and Herbert Warren Colby (1866-1934). The earliest known commission by the McFarland Brothers was Gledale Baptist Church at 701 Broadway in Everett in 1894. McFarland & Colby, later designed the Adams Armory in 1914. McFarland & Colby also designed alterations to the Grace Episcopal Church in Everett in 1914. Late in his career, C.T. McFarland worked with A.W. Laurie in a partnership (McFarland

& Laurie) that designed buildings in Brookline, Worcester and Malden. The Everett Armory is eligible for listing in the National Register on the local level under Criterion A, Military/Social History, and Criterion C, Architecture. Under Criterion A, is it significant for its associations with Everett’s long history of military service. Constructed in 1902, this was the home of Company B, 8th Regiment Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. The Armory building was taken over by the State in 1910 and was completely renovated for use by the company. The building was used for military activities through the Vietnam War era but was also the site for various community functions including banquets, exhibitions and social events including military balls. Under Criterion C, the building is a good example of a pre-World War I armory and reflects the eclectic architectural modes of the early 20th century, combining medieval inspired English Revival and Colonial Revival details. It is notable as the work of Boston architects McFarland, Colby & McFarland. Despite alterations for use as a community center, the building appears to retain sufficient integrity for listing on the National Register. The period of significance spans from 1902 to 1968, based on National Register guidelines for a 50-year cut-off for historic significance.

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ers and are obviously in some kind of emotional distress. I appreciate that the Everett Police Department trains their officers how best to evaluate a person and take a better approach to deescalate a situation but it was Officer Cassidy who put his training into action and

Officer Cassidy should be recognized for that.

I’m assuming there was a call placed to 911 concerning this incident, if that is true, the proper information was relayed to the officer because I heard no sirens. The link to the officer from the 911 operator is crucial in

relaying information and how an officer approaches the scene. I have an 18-year-old daughter, on the autism spectrum so this incident caught my attention. My heartfelt thanks go out to Officer Cassidy.

Jean McAdam

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The Everett student desk project is a creative and inspiring concept envisioned by Parlin School teacher, Stacy Poste-Schiavo, and Everett firefighter, Joe MacLaughlin. It has been a huge success. As a result of their efforts, many students now have a dedicated study and work area at home that will encourage learning both during and after this pandemic. Schiavo and MacLaughlin are exemplary community leaders, this project is only one of their many contributions to the City of Everett. MacLaughlin has been a long-standing supporter of Portal to Hope and Schiavo and her husband, Michael, volunteer at Grace Food Pantry. “We had so much fun contributing to this wonderful cause and hope our student enjoys the desk, chair, and school supplies. Joe and Stacy have helped many deserving students and we have all been enriched by their kindness.” said Fred and Michele. Thank you Stacy and Joe for all you do.

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Manny Lopes honored by Boston City Council

By John Lynds

Last week East Boston Neighborhood Health Center President and CEO Manny Lopes was recognized at the Boston City Council’s Annual Black History Month Celebration as the Council honored Black essential workers in the City of Boston for their leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. Lopes joined the health center as an 18-year-old researcher, working with the late Dr. Jim Taylor on a blood pressure study. In the ensuing years, Lopes went on to hold positions in the Human Resource and Operations Departments. Lopes later served as the Health Center’s Vice President and Chief Information Officer, providing organizational vision and leadership with an eye for technology and collaborative innovation. Lopes has served as CEO of EBNHC since 2012 and as its president since 2015. In his remarks, Lopes dedicated his award to the over 1,400 employees at EBNHC. “This is a special group to be a part of,” said Lopes at the virtual ceremony. “This year has provided

us with a healthy dose of perspective across the city. We have battled between racial inequity and COVID-19 at the Health Center. We’ve seen the devastating impact of in East Boston. As we recap where we’ve been I can’t help to think about what we’ve done. Bear with me for a moment as I brag about our staff of 1,400 employees and East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. We’ve had staff working in the hot sun and freezing rain testing thousands of residents for COVID-19. We have had staff repurposed for pediatric care and prescription delivery. We’ve turned the WIC department into one of the most active and equitable vaccine delivery sites in the city.” Lopes continued, “They are the true heroes and this award is dedicated to them as we take this moment to recognize these accomplishments.” Lopes cautioned there are still many challenges ahead as the pandemic continues. “It’s clear that it will take a major effort to end the pandemic,” said Lopes. “We can and should not get caught up in the negativity but instead get excit-

ed that we have vaccines that can help us usher in the new normal. We are set up for the first miracles in Boston and together, we have established equity as a permanent priority. So as we move forward. Let’s attack this next chapter with excitement. I look forward to working with all of you to bring health and prosperity to our communities of color. Thank you to the City Council for this recognition.” City Councilor Lydia Edwards, who nominated Lopes for the Council recognition, congratulated him on his accomplishments fighting the pandemic in her District. “Congratulations to my friend Manny Lopes, CEO and President of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, for his recognition at the Boston City Council’s Annual Black History Month Celebration this past week,” said Edwards. “We honored Black essential workers in the City of Boston and I was proud to highlight Manny’s exemplary leadership during this public health crisis. We are so grateful for Manny, the staff at EBNHC, and all essential workers for the sacrifices they’ve made to



EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes was recognized at the Boston City Council’s Annual Black History Month Celebration last week.

keep us healthy.” Aside from serving as President and CEO of EBNHC, Lopes is Chair of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation as well as Chair of Boston’s Board of Health. The Board of Health is the seven-member governing body that oversees the work of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). Lopes attended Lesley University School of Management and has a master’s degree in business administration from Northeastern University’s Graduate School of Business.

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Revere’s championship season in 2019, he would show up at Revere High games and take a seat near the sidelines and encourage the players to excel and give it their best. “He was just an all-around, solid guy,” said Cicatelli. “He loved the kids and he loved Revere football.” **A football star at Malden Catholic and Northeastern** Mr. Kearney himself was a hard-nosed and exceptionally talented player himself at Malden Catholic High School, graduating in 1947. He was a running back and what he lacked in size, he made up in heart, competitiveness and determination.

born at Chelsea Memorial Hospital in 1929. He grew up in Everett and attended Our Lady of Grace School on the Chelsea-Everett line. He enrolled at Malden Catholic High School and received his degree from Northeastern in 1954. He served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956 and was stationed in Germany. After serving his country, he went to work at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. He returned to football with the semi-professional South Boston Chipewaws who competed in the Boston Park League. He later joined his fellow Northeastern alumni and played for the St. Paul’s team into his 30s.

in Chelsea as a highly accomplished player who had helped the Irish-American softball team of Everett win multiple state championships. **Becoming a coach** Mr. Kearney started coaching high school football in 1994 at Savio Prep on the staff of Head Coach Gavin Monagle. He was the Spartans’ running backs coach until the school closed its doors. He coached for one season for Coach Joe Gaff’s Malden Catholic football team and took a job in Revere as an assistant football coach in 2006. Mr. Kearney had some excellent backs in Revere, but he considered Trae Weathers (Shriners Game Offensive MVP) among the best he ever coached.

ron. Mr. Kearney’s son, Mark, passed away in 2018, at the age of 50. “He was a great kid and I loved him so much,” said Mr. Kearney in an interview. Michael J. Kearney just turned 60. A 1979 Revere High School graduate, Michael is well-known in Everett as a superb event photographer and disc jockey for weddings, parties, and all kinds of celebrations. Mr. Kearney would joyfully accompany his son during his professional photography assignments at local sports events. Michael’s daughter, Tamara Kearney, brought her grandfather tremendous pride and happiness during her record-setting, 12-varsity letter career in soccer, basketball, and track at Everett High School. Mr. Kearney was a fixture at Everett High games and followed Tamara’s continuing accomplishments during her soccer career at Emerson College. The Kearney grandchildren are currently making waves in New Hampshire high school sports with Matthew Kearney a highly regarded as a Division 1 college soccer prospect. His brother, Joseph Kearney, is also a rising soccer star at Windham High School. Asked how he was so successful in coaching and other sporting endeavors, Mr. Kearney would tell his wide spectrum of admirers, “I just tried my best.” The local community has a lot a great man and sportsman in Mr. Michael T. Kearney. A visitation and prayer service will be held for Mr. Kearney on at Salvatore Rocco and Sons Funeral Home on Saturday, March 6.

“I was kind of small, so I didn’t get any college offers,” Mr. Kearney said in a recent interview with the Revere Journal. “I went to work for a couple of years and then a guy that worked at Northeastern recommended me, so I got a college scholarship to Northeastern.” Mr. Kearney entered Northeastern in 1949 became a 5-foot, 9-inch, 180-pound fullback for the Huskies, starring on the undefeated 1951 team. “I was the smallest fullback in the history of Northeastern,” Mr. Kearney often told friends at alumni reunions. A former 6-foot-2-inch, 225-pound Northeastern fullback once said to Mr. Kearney, “Gee, you were awfully small to be a fullback,” to which Mr. Kearney replied humbly, “But I was awfully good.” Mr. Kearney said he wasn’t pleased when Northeastern decided to drop its football program in 2009. **A veteran of the U.S. Army** Mr. Kearney was

Adding to his football experiences, he took the state referees’ exam and aced the test, thus becoming a certified football official. Mr. Kearney and his wife moved to Pennsylvania for two years and he became a member of the powerful Philadelphia Flat Irons softball team. He returned to the Boston area and lived in Medford for a couple of years before purchasing a home in Revere. **A softball legend** When fast pitch softball was king in Chelsea and the league packed the stands nightly at the old Carter Park, there was no bigger personality in the league than Mike Kearney. He was the rugged, no-nonsense catcher for the New Bridge Café, teaming up with the incredible strikeout king, right-handed fireballer Eddie McCarthy as the league’s top battery. Mr. Kearney’s son, Michael, would often attend his father’s games, sometimes serving as the New Bridge Café team batboy. Mr. Kearney arrived

He coached for one season for Coach Joe Gaff’s Malden Catholic football team and took a job in Revere as an assistant football coach in 2006. Mr. Kearney had some excellent backs in Revere, but he considered Trae Weathers (Shriners Game Offensive MVP) among the best he ever coached. He often said he was grateful to Lou Cicatelli for allowing him the opportunity to coach in his later years. Everyone valued Mr. Kearney’s experience and amazing knowledge of the game and Mr. Kearney helped the players learn lessons they would carry forward onto college and in their careers. Mr. Kearney said he knew it was time to retire as a coach when he was unable to physically take to the practice field and show the players blocking techniques. But in the ensuing years he maintained his association with Revere football as a supporter with a specially reserved seating area adjacent to the sidelines. **A close-knit, hard-working family** Mr. Kearney had three children, Michael J. Kearney and his wife, Terri, Theresa Toma and her husband, Gerson, and the late Mark Kearney and his surviving wife, Sha-

V10 Development proposes residential tower in Commercial Triangle

By Seth Daniel

After breaking ground on The 600 at the crest of Broadway, now V10 Developers are teaming up with the Varano family to propose a 21-story residential tower with 366 units and the highest roof-top restaurant in Greater Boston – to be known as SKY Everett.

It would be the second largest building in Everett, but behind Encore Boston Harbor by more than 100 feet.

V10, operated by Ricky Beliveau and John Tocco, filed the project last week and will begin the review process with the City. Unlike The 600, they will be focusing on one of the hottest development area in the city on the Commercial Triangle south of the Parkway – with their development at the apex of Spring and Second Streets being one of many large residential projects proposed there at the moment.

The residential building would be the tallest building in that area of Everett, which has historically been habituated by industrial uses and scrap yards. However, it is by no means the largest in terms of units and square footage. The project would bring 366 units to the market (103 Studios, 159 one-bedrooms, and 104 two-bedrooms) and 12,000 sq. ft. of amenity space. There would be ample open space at 28 percent, and 340 parking spaces on site. Additionally, they would include 9,000 sq. ft. of commercial space, and that would include

a new rooftop restaurant operated by the Varano Family, who now operate the acclaimed Strega Restaurants.

“At a time when restaurants are closing and the industry is contracting, we couldn’t be happier to team with the Varano family and legendary team to bring this amazing concept to life,” said John Tocco, partner at V10 Development, the developer of Sky Everett. “The rooftop bar and restaurant reinforces our belief that you don’t have to be downtown to experience all the best that Boston offers. The sensational view, easy access and first-class amenities offered at Sky Everett is urban living at its best, without the city hassles. The breathtaking views combined with unmatched hospitality will create an atmosphere unlike any other in Boston. You can even get the best dining and hospitality experience of the North End here, without worrying about parking in the North End.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said it was a beautiful project, but was particularly happy that the developers were willing to cede a right-of-way on Spring Street to accommodate the future, expected expansion of the Silver Line.

“I commend V10 for working with the City to help advance our transportation priorities as well as creating fantastic public spaces,” said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “Silver Line expansion into Everett has been a priority of



At the top of the building is a water feature and amenities, as well as the highest dining experience in Greater Boston with a restaurant concept brought by the Varano Group.

my administration for years. We have invested significant time and energy along with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the MBTA to make this a reality. This project supports our transportation goals and, just as important, cleans another significantly contaminated site in our city and returns it to the public for lasting enjoyment and revitalization. At the end of the day, it’s a beautiful project.”

Ward 2 Councilor Fred Capone, who represents that area of the city, said he had received word of the project and some information, but hadn’t completely finished analyzing it. He said he would wait to finish that review before he comments in detail on the project.

Other initial comments were mixed, with some rather uncertain about a building with that kind of height – as most of the rest have had many more units, but have been spread out at lower heights over several blocks. The height of the building will certainly be

one of the largest hurdles to clear for V10 in the coming review.

Tocco said they are well-aware of that, but that they like the idea of mixing up the building stock. He also said because of the height, their building will be much more accessible to the public with the restaurant and more open space. While other lower buildings create a “wall” when they design circular buildings around private open space, he said their project would not create such a wall and be more free-flowing for the public to utilize at ground level – and even at the roof with the restaurant proposal.

Tocco and Beliveau said a highlight of the project is, in fact, the restaurant, which would be the highest-operating restaurant in Greater Boston now that the Top of the Hub has closed atop the Prudential Center.

Nick and Nico Varano, as well as the rest of the Varano Group, will operate the SKY Bar and Restaurant atop SKY Everett. They are



RENDERINGS BY CONTEXT WORKSHOP
A street-level rendering of the SKY Everett building in the Commercial Triangle on Spring and Second Streets.

excited to join the operation and said this concept will be unlike any other bar or restaurant in Greater Boston. The destination establishment will offer guests a 6,000 square-foot restaurant and lounge that is 240-feet in the air featuring a spectacular 1,500 square-foot sky deck and retractable roof for four-season indoor and outdoor dining. The Sky bar and restaurant will be the highest available dining option in New England, Tocco reiterated.

The project would be on the west side of the street, across from the current scrap yard and abutting a vacant lot on one side, and the Market Forge proposed residential community on the other side.

Because there is an Activity Use Limitation

(AUL) on the site, V10 will have to undergo a significant environmental remediation effort before construction. They said due to that, they would be utilizing the City’s regulation exemption to allow a lower 5 percent affordable housing unit count.

The project would require two variances – one for height and the other for density (FAR).

V10 Development was established in 2020 as a partnership between John Tocco, former head of Government and Community Relations for Encore Boston Harbor, and Ricky Beliveau, Principal of Volnay Capital. V10 currently has one transit-oriented project under development in Everett, known as The 600.

Chelsea, Everett awarded land Community Development Block Grants

Staff Report

On Tuesday, the Baker-Polito Administration announced the most recent round of Community Development Block Grant Awards, with Everett and Chelsea included in more than 40 awardees.

Forty-one communities were notified earlier this year of \$34 million in federal funding to pursue important local projects, including housing rehabilitation, small infrastructure projects, and for local social services like youth programming or food banks.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program represents

the most direct funding that communities receive from the federal government. Funds can support a wide-range of projects to benefit low and moderate-income households in a community. Each year, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocates funding to Massachusetts, through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). DHCD manages both a competitive round for qualifying communities, such as today’s awards, and allocates funding to the Commonwealth’s eleven mini-entitlement communities.

“Our administration is pleased to announce \$34 million in federal funding to help 41 communities deliver vital services to residents and invest in local infrastructure,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “These grants will help municipalities fill key budget gaps created by the pandemic, enabling them to advance critical long-term projects while continuing to support residents in the fight against COVID-19.”

The awards will help municipalities rehabilitate more than 350 housing units, fund 17 infrastructure improvement projects, and fund supportive programming

for children, teenagers, victims of domestic violence, homeless individuals, and the elderly.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a competitive grant program authorized by Congress, funded under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and designed to help small cities and towns meet a broad range of community development needs. Assistance is provided to qualifying cities and towns for projects that assist low and moderate-income residents, or revitalize blighted areas. CDBG funds are allocated annually to the

Commonwealth through HUD, and administered by DHCD. Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded nearly \$180 million in Community Development Block Grants to projects in more than 180 communities.

DHCD oversees funding and resources to help people in Massachusetts live affordably and safely. Through its community and private-sector partners, DHCD provides affordable housing options, financial assistance, and other support to Massachusetts communities.

•CHELSEA will receive \$825,000 for Cherry Street road and

sidewalk improvements, Chelsea Square Park improvements, housing rehabilitation assistance for 4 units and social service assistance to include youth services, ESOL and citizenship training.

•EVERETT will receive \$825,000 to provide design for Chelsea Street playground improvements, a housing production plan, housing rehabilitation assistance for 11 units and social service assistance to include homelessness prevention, ESOL, youth services, elder services and a food pantry.

Mayor DeMaria recognizes Quincy Police for helping cousin

Staff Report

On Feb. 25, Mayor Carlo DeMaria was on hand to officially recognize nine officers that helped to save his cousin on Dec. 24 in a life-threatening accident in Quincy.

The mayor indicated that on Dec. 24, his cousin Jacqueline was in a serious motor vehicle crash and was trapped under the vehicle and severely hurt. The officers cited helped to free her from under the car and save her life.

On Feb. 25, he went

to the Quincy Police Station and presented the officers with a citation from his office in Everett.

“Thank you for your heroism, bravery, and commitment to safety,” said the mayor. “On behalf of myself, my family, my aunt Jo, my cousin Melissa and the rest of our family, we are so grateful for what you did. Thank you to Chief Keenan, my friend Mayor Tom Koch and the other members of the QPD for welcoming my family. I was humbled and truly honored to

present these heroes with citations. Thank you Quincy Police.”

Those given citations were: Officer Kenneth Stanley, Officer Elizabeth Le, Officer Krestina

Habib, Officer Asher Hughes, Detective Charles Landry, Officer Stephen Brown, Officer Matthew Benvie, Officer Michael Dougan, and Officer John Leuchte.

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OBITUARIES

Edward DeMauro

Of Revere

Edward DeMauro of Revere died on February 26 at the age of 81.

Edward proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Born in Boston on June 7, 1939 to the late Vincent and Jenny (Chiota), he was the beloved husband of 59 years to Monica (Buettner), devoted father of Edward DeMauro and his wife, Michelle of Revere and Lauren Wilson and her husband, William of Saugus and formerly of Revere; cherished grandfather of Olivia DeMauro and brother of Robert DeMauro, Jean Allen and the late Jimmy DeMauro. He is also survived by many dear friends.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, March 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a



Prayer Service at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited and masks and social distancing are required while in the funeral home. We ask that you keep your visit brief to allow others to pay their respects to the family. Interment will be held at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave, Salem, MA 01970 or at www.neas.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

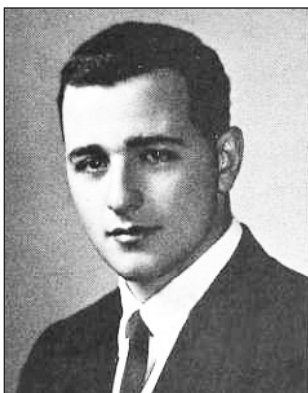
Joseph “Digger” (DeGuglielmo) Williams

Military veteran, attorney, avid golfer, loving husband and father

Joseph “Digger” (DeGuglielmo) Williams of Malden, 79, peacefully passed away of natural causes on February 22.

He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph DeGuglielmo and Maria Assunta (Januario) DeGuglielmo of Revere; his siblings Victor DeGuglielmo, Carmine DeGuglielmo, Lucy Cifuni and Jeannie “Chickie” Carbone and wife Lana Canavan Williams. He is survived by his children: Robert DeGuglielmo, Matthew Williams, Amy Neal and grandchildren, Jake Neal and Rebecca Neal.

Joe attended Revere High School, received his undergraduate degree at Boston College, and graduated from Suffolk Law School. He was a military veteran, attorney, avid golfer, loving husband, and father. Throughout his life he remained close to his high school and college friends who describe him as unselfish, generous,



gregarious, close to brilliant, unwavering, faithful and an all-star athlete. His childhood dream was to play third base for the Boston Red Sox. Joe spent many years in Bedford, NH raising a family with Lana while running a successful law practice. He formed life-long relationships with neighbors, friends, and business partners.

At Joe’s request, no service will be held. Donations may be made to the Revere Beach Partnership, www.revere-beachpartnership.com or the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Catherine Beck

Shaws Supermarket retiree

Catherine A. Beck, 67, of Seabrook, NH, formerly of Melrose, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, February 27 at home surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Malden, Catherine grew up in Chelsea. She worked for Shaws Supermarket as a cashier prior to her retirement.

The devoted daughter of the late Carl Barone and Bertha (Hewitt) Cowels, she was the beloved wife of the late Leslie M. Beck, Jr., dear and devoted mother of Tracy Gagliardi and her husband, Marc of Seabrook, NH, Samantha Beck of Everett and Michael Cowels of Bradford. She was the sister of Roberta Marcin of Everett, Mary Morabito of North Berwick, ME, James Barone of Chelsea, Sheila Bruno of Everett, Robert Cowels of Ohio, Patricia Cowels of Chelsea, Philip Cowels of NH, Barbara Iannuzzi of Peabody and Michael Cowels of



Chelsea and the loving grandmother of Brianna Vetrano, Michael Vetrano, Nicholas Provost and Juliana Demings.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Catherine’s visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett, Saturday, March 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Catherine’s memory to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, 89 South St. #406, Boston, MA 02111 would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants on duty.

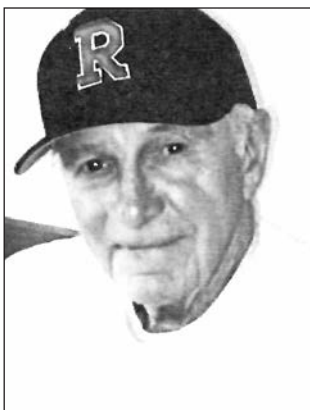
Michael Kearney

Devoted coach for many sports

Michael T. Kearney of Everett died on February 25.

He was the beloved father of Michael J. Kearney and his wife, Terri, Theresa Toma and her husband, Gerson and the late Mark Kearney and his surviving wife, Sharon; loving grandfather of Amanda, Tamara, Paige, Caitlin, Hayley, Michael, Matthew, Joseph and Anna; brother of Gerry Gillis and her late husband, Fred and the late Mary Fitzgerald. He is also survived by his grand-puppies, nieces, nephews and many good friends.

Michael graduated from Malden Catholic High School in 1947 and Northeastern University in 1954. He was a lifelong sports enthusiast as he grew up playing baseball, football and hockey then later on he played fast pitch softball including many years catching for the New Bridge Cafe. Along with playing, he was a devoted coach for many sports, one was baseball in which he coached from Little League to Junior Babe Ruth, American Legion and finishing up with Revere High School at



the age of 83. Also, he coached football from the 1980’s until 2014 for Revere Pop Warner and Savio Prep, Malden Catholic High School and Revere High School and other local leagues. Michael will be remembered for his love of sports and animals. He will be deeply missed by all who loved him.

A Memorial Service will be held at Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral, 331 Main Street, Everett on Saturday, March 6. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. A Prayer Service will immediately follow in the funeral home. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Mr. Kearney to American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Rocco, Carr & Henderson Funeral Home: www.roccofuneralhomes.com

AnnMarie Medeiros

Devout Catholic and Diehard NY Yankees Fan

AnnMarie (Umano) Medeiros of Everett entered into eternal rest unexpectedly, Friday, February 26, in the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was 79 years old.

Born in Somerville, AnnMarie lived in Everett for most of her life. A devout Catholic, you would always see AnnMarie making a daily Mass with her rosary beads in hand, never forgetting the need for prayer. She was a true, diehard New York Yankee fan as well watching every possible game.

The beloved wife of Anthony R. Medeiros for over 59 years, she was the dear and devoted mother of Lisa Malone of Medford, Kristine Lee and her husband, Peter of Clarendon, VT, Anthony S. Medeiros and his wife, Simone of Lynn and Marie E. Medeiros of Everett; sister of Salvatore Umano of Plymouth, Celia Constantino of Uxbridge, Lucille Umano and Gloria DeAngelis of Everett, Jeanne Nugent of Douglas, Mary Amerena of Medford and the late John and Robert Umano; loving Mema of John Lee, Ashley Reed, Danielle and Jake Malone, and Nicholas and Vic-



toria Medeiros and great- Mema of Isabella, Destiny and Bailey Reed. Also surviving are many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Ann’s visitation in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett today, Wednesday, March 3 from 8:30 -10:30 a.m. followed by her Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, 487 Broadway, Everett, 11 a.m. Interment is private. COVID-19 protocols must be maintained: face coverings, social distancing, etc. for the visitation and Church Mass.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in AnnMarie’s memory to her beloved parish, the Immaculate Conception Church, 489 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 would be sincerely appreciated.

John Alesio Perrella Jr.,

MBTA retiree

John Alesio Perrella, Jr., lifelong resident of Revere, died on February 24 surrounded by his loving family at the age of 71.

John relished in the time he spent with his family and would do anything for them. He was a driver and collector for the M.B.T.A. before his retirement. John enjoyed the countless trips he took with his friends on his Harley Davidson. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

Born in Revere on April 30, 1949 to Marie (Frongillo) of Revere and the late John Perrella, he was the beloved husband of 36 years to the late Janis (Wood). John has spent the last 12 years with his partner, Diane Selvitella. He was the devoted father of Lori Farrington of Connecticut, Leanne Perrella and her fiancé, Robert Pagliarulo of New Hampshire, Anthony Perrella and his



fiancé, Michelle Onessimo of Revere, and the late John Perrella III; dear brother of Janice Modica of East Boston and Kenneth Perrella and his wife, Nancy of Revere and the cherished grandfather of 10. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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MGC appoints Jill Griffin as Director, Diversity and Legislative Affairs

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) announced the appointment of Jill Lacey Griffin as Director, Diversity and Legislative Affairs. Griffin has been with the MGC since 2013, serving as Director of Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development.

In her new role as Director, Diversity and Legislative Affairs, Griffin will focus on advancing and promoting an inclusive culture and providing leadership on Commission initiatives related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), both internally and within the gaming industry. In addition, Director Griffin will be the first agency-wide lead for all legislative issues, responsible for the coordination of the Commission's legislative strategy, including tracking state and federal legislation, analyzing its impact on the Commission and gaming industry, and serving as a resource to internal and external stakeholders. Griffin will also facilitate the MGC's support of the legislatively mandated Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC).

"Jill's thoughtful leadership approach makes her ideally suited to serve as liaison for the Commission with our colleagues in the Legislature and on the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee," said Chair Cathy Judd-Stein. "In addition, her depth of experience in impactful DEI initiatives will serve both internal and external constituencies exceptionally well."

"I am delighted that Jill has taken on this important role at the MGC," said Executive Director Karen Wells. "I look forward to Jill's continued contributions to the Commonwealth as she takes on this important new assignment."

As Director of Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development, Griffin has been responsible for the promotion of diversity and programs to encourage all residents of the Commonwealth to benefit from the employment and business opportunities created through the expansion of gaming. In addition, she has been responsible for working with a wide range of stakeholders across the state on issues related to workforce training and diversity.

Griffin has more than 15 years of experience in economic and workforce development, most recently serving as Senior Director of Programs at The Boston Foundation. Griffin also served for several years as special assistant to Mayor Thomas M. Menino, directing the Mayor's Scheduling and Advance Department. Earlier in her career, Griffin held various leadership positions with a focus in economic development, strategic planning and partnerships at the Boston Redevelopment Authority and the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development. Griffin earned a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications, both from the State University of New York at Oswego.

WynnBET announces partnership with Detroit Pistons

Staff Report

WynnBET, the premier casino and sports betting app from the global leader in luxury hospitality, Wynn Resorts, announces it is now a partner of the Detroit Pistons. As part of the multi-year deal, several new co-branded marketing efforts will be introduced that enhance the fan experience, providing fresh ways for the devoted base to interact with their favorite team beyond just game day – both online and off.

Anchoring the partnership is a new initiative called Wynn Wednesdays, a direct-to-consumer promotion that is exclusive to the WynnBET mobile app and website. Every Wednesday during the Pistons regular season, Wynn Wednesdays will feature rotating opportunities to enter and win one of several prizes, including team and player memorabilia, tickets, and unique VIP experiences.

Inside the arena, WynnBET will roll out in-person activations that take a cue from Wynn Resorts expertise in catering to VIP clientele, including luxury in-suite hospitality and pop-up experiences. Additionally, a robust array of traditional sponsorship and advertising efforts will launch across the Pistons game day radio programs, mobile app, social channels, and in-arena.

In recent months, WynnBET has taken significant steps to strengthen its position as an industry partner of choice, securing marketing collaborations with several high-profile sports franchises. In addition to the Pistons, WynnBET is investing in the Tennessee sports community via a partnership with the Memphis Grizzlies, and has been named an Authorized Gaming Operator of NASCAR,

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adapt to a global crisis; however, we are ready to pick up where we left off and continue to move Everett forward."

He said a lot of what will be done the remaining part of his current term, through 2021, will be helping residents and businesses get on their feet and ready for the plans he has in 2022.

"Since then, our City has truly come together to support one another," he said of the actions after schools and City Hall were closed on March 14, 2020. "We have distributed 1.4 Million pounds of food, delivered 130,000 meals to the elderly, and provided financial assistance to residents and local businesses alike. In 2021 my Administration will be focused on getting our children back into the classroom, providing all residents an opportunity to get vaccinated, and distributing additional financial assistance to residents and businesses."

He also mentioned that in 2020, Everett was named one of the top places to live North of Boston by the Boston Globe, noting that Everett was a "winning bet" with the recent increases in property values. He added that even with

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workers during the pandemic as they have had to risk their own health to be in close contact with those infected with the virus. Before now, that was being done with extreme precautions, but without a vaccine to give some measure of immunity. This month, that is all changing, and it's very evident amongst the workforce, Lai Becker said.

"It's not just panic, panic, panic anymore," she said. "I get the sense people here are feeling more relaxed...It's good habits without the intense panic of COVID-19."

Right now, of the 4,100 employees in the CHA system, nearly everyone has received their first dose of the COVID vaccine. There are 3,500 that have already received their second doses as well, and she said they'll have a couple more clinics in the coming weeks to close out their vaccine distribution efforts and everyone who wants to be vaccinated will have gotten the vaccine.

Having that kind of protected atmosphere transferred over to one of their co-workers at CHA Everett that was picked to go to the Super Bowl as part of the effort by the Kraft Family. That worker – who was fully vaccinated – got to take the Patriots plane to Tampa Bay, participate in the pre-game festivities and see the game.

Lai-Becker said the staff back in Everett were able to see the pictures and feel like they were all a part of it.

"I felt such a strange elation and joy," said Lai-Becker. "Just being able to see her in pictures enjoy the time and think about how amazing it was she was fully vaccinated and could go there...In a way, it was like we all got to go."

Though the usual precautions and protective gear have not been thrown to the wind and are used as they were during the surges of

those increases, Everett has the one of the lowest single-family tax bills in Greater Boston.

DeMaria said serving as mayor has been an honor, and he hopes to be able to do so for another four-year term.

"Serving as Mayor has truly been an honor and a privilege," he said. "It is something that I have never and will never take for granted. The trust and encouragement provided by the residents over the years continues to inspire my family and me. I look forward to continuing this journey with you, the great people of Everett."

COVID-19 has also changed quite a bit in the last month as well, and the crises around COVID and behavioral health and a shortage of available beds has eased out significantly.

There are also far fewer cases coming in, and when they come in, they are addressed in the same way that an injury or chest pains might be – just another possibility for why a patient might have an emergency.

No day is the same when it comes to COVID, she said. Some days there might be many cases and other days there might be none. The Emergency Department, now, can also be very busy but not have a single case of COVID come through the door – which hasn't been the case in previous months.

"Last Friday it was a high volume day in the ER where everyone did have COVID," she said. "However, we were calm. We evaluate and a patient might not need to be admitted, or they might need to be admitted. It wasn't chaotic... On Monday, though, no one had COVID. It was injuries, chest pains and bacterial infections. If you look back over the next two days it's not the same as the previous two days. If you go day by day, one day everyone will have COVID. The next day they won't. But it's all okay."

•MORE BEDS AND MORE GLOVES

Dr. Lai-Becker indicated that the shortage of beds for admissions has lessened. She said they had been doing regional calls between institutions two times a day. Then they were down to one time a day, and now they've gone 10 days without a daily call to coordinate patient admissions.

"If we call for a bed, there will be a bed," she said.

Meanwhile, certain shortages of equipment are now easing out. Supply chain has been an issue all throughout the pandemic, and occasionally it will pop up in the hospital – then resolve itself again.

A few weeks ago, there was a shortage of protective gloves in certain sizes at the hospital. That, however, is no longer the case, but certainly some other supply chain issue will present in the near future.

"The glove size issue seems to have righted itself," said Lai-Becker.

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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

The University of Maine recognized 4,133 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2020 semester including Deanna Massa of Everett. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 2,670 are from Maine, 1,366 are from 38 other states and 97 are from 35 countries other than the U.S.

Due to the unusual and challenging circumstances faced this semester amid the global pandemic, the university has modified its Dean's List policy for the fall 2020 term. The requirement that students earn 12 calculable credits to be eligible for Dean's List has been waived. Instead, students will be eligible 1) if they earned Dean's List recognition in spring 2020 and have placed all of their fall 2020 courses on pass/fail; or 2) if they have earned a minimum GPA of a 3.5, regardless of the number of credits taken, in fall 2020.

DORJEE EARNS DEAN'S LIST RECOGNITION AT NORWICH UNIVERSITY

Tenzin Dorjee, of Everett has been recognized on the Dean's list at Norwich University for the Fall 2020 semester.

Full-time undergraduate students, who earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.40 and had no failures in the previous Fall or Spring semester are awarded Dean's List honors. These students cannot have any pending Incomplete (I) grades. Dean's List honors are noted on the official transcript each term earned.

In addition to the above criteria, students in the Fall 2020 semester had to meet the following criteria relative to the University's transition to online instruction in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which introduced the option for students to choose an alternative grading system or to maintain earned letter grades. To be eligible for President's (GPA 4.0) and Dean's lists (GPA 3.40) for the Fall 2020 Semester, students must have letter grades and full-time enrollment for the Fall 2020 Semester and must not have received any Incomplete or No Pass grades. In addition, to meet to the above criteria, students in the Fall 2020 semester who elected to use any of the alternative grading system options must have at least full-time status with letter grades.

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EMMANUEL COLLEGE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

In honor of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College in Boston has named more than 900 students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. Local students receiving the honor include:

Anna Maria Nabozny of Everett

Samantha Chaves of Everett

Ariana Bernal of Everett

Kelly Truong of Everett

Medaelle Seide of Everett

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ST. JOHN'S PREP ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC HONORS

St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the second quarter of the 2020–2021 school year. Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following student was named to the academic honors list for the Second Quarter 2020–2021.

EVERETT
Headmaster's List
Nicholas Vogel '26

Encore Boston Harbor looking for package license on site

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor will return to the License Board next month with more information on a request to obtain a beer and wine package store license – the only one left in Everett – to sell beer and wine in their 24/7 drug store within the resort.

The Board heard the petition at its Feb. 24 meeting, but Encore's proposal was lacking key details, like what kind of alcohol products they would sell and what their hours would be. The matter was tabled until more information could be garnered, and will likely be voted upon favorably at the next meeting.

Attorney Julianna Contanzariti told the Board Encore's overall gaming license – which contains numerous liquor licenses from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) for serving liquor – does not cover the introduction of a beer and wine packie on the premises. The existing licenses granted by the MGC only covers the service of alcohol, and not any retail sales of alcohol.

Everett does have one license available and Encore requested to get that license to sell from their drug store.

“The license would be a retail liquor license and would allow us to sell beer and wine entirely out of the drug store on the first floor,” she said.

The Board had concerns immediately from Chair Phil Antonelli and new Member Mike Dantone. Both said there would be no problem if folks were to buy the products and take them back to their rooms. However, they were concerned that patrons might buy the alcohol and then use existing cups to drink alcohol on the gaming floor or on the Harbor Walk outside.

“Having a nice bottle of wine outside sounds nice, I'm sure, but is that the look we really want there?” asked Dantone.

Antonelli said he favors the license, but needed assurances – which was also the case for Member Phil Aloro.

“I'm in favor of the license, but I would not want to see nips, single beers or small Riunite wine bottles being sold

so people can possess it and walk around with it,” Antonelli said.

Those details were not available though, as the attorney didn't have important details like whether nips and single beers would be sold, or what the hours of operation would be given the store is a 24-hour facility. The Board also wanted controls on the product to make sure it isn't abused.

Attorney Contanzariti said they would send over an Opening Plan to City Attorney Keith Slatery with all of those details, and then go over it at the next meeting. They hope to be able to open the new packie on May 1 or June 1.

•OTHER MATTERS: The Elm Street Market got permission to move next door for two or three months while their construction project gets underway. They will move back once the space is secure.

Meanwhile, the owner of the former Richdale Store on the Parkway has changed the name to Route 16 Smoke Shop, though there will be no difference in the store or the products.

DiDomenico reappointed as Senate Assistant Majority Leader

Sen. Sal DiDomenico has once again been appointed to the position of Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate, serving as a select member of Senate President Karen Spilka's leadership team.

The Senator has also been tasked with chairing the Senate Committee on Bills in Third Reading and serving as Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Education.

This legislative session, the Senator will also serve as a member of the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, the Joint Committee on Export

Development, Senate Committee on Steering and Policy, and the Senate Committee on Personnel and Administration. As the new Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Education and as a longtime champion of early education and Chapter 70 funding reform, DiDomenico will play a key role in shaping new education policy and legislative oversight of the implementation of the Student Opportunity Act.

“It is an honor to once again be appointed to Senate President Spilka's leadership team, and I would like to thank her

for placing her confidence in me to help lead the Senate body. As our Commonwealth continues battling and recovering from COVID-19, there are many challenges that lie ahead of the Legislature. My district in particular has been hit hard by this pandemic and its economic fallout, and this leadership post will help to ensure our community's voice plays a prominent role in shaping the Senate's legislative priorities. I am looking forward to a productive legislative session and addressing the most pressing needs of our district.”

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART CONTEST WINNERS

COURTESY PHOTOS

The City of Everett and community leaders sponsored a Black History Month art contest for two age groups in February and found some great results and talented artists.

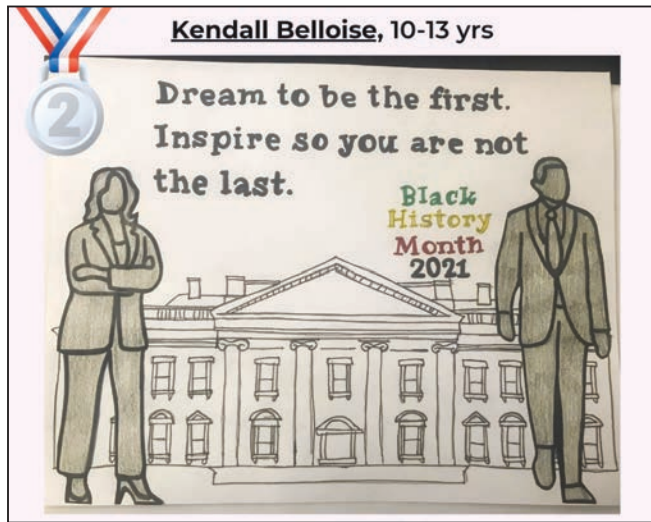
The winners included:

•AGES 10-13:
1. Aya Karradi
2. Kendall Belloise
3. Isabella Bennett

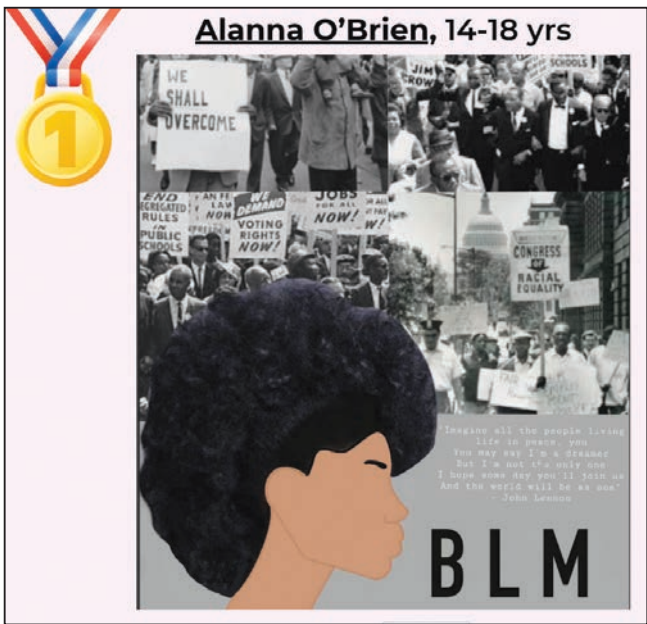
•AGES 14-18:
1. Alanna O'Brien
2. Darren Pierre
3. Mary Doan



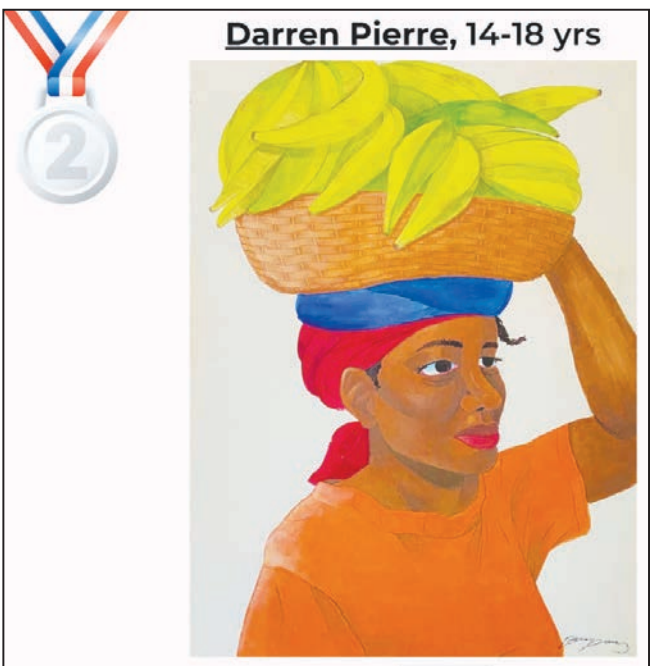
Aya Karradi was the first place winner in the younger division.



Kendall Belloise took second place in the younger division.



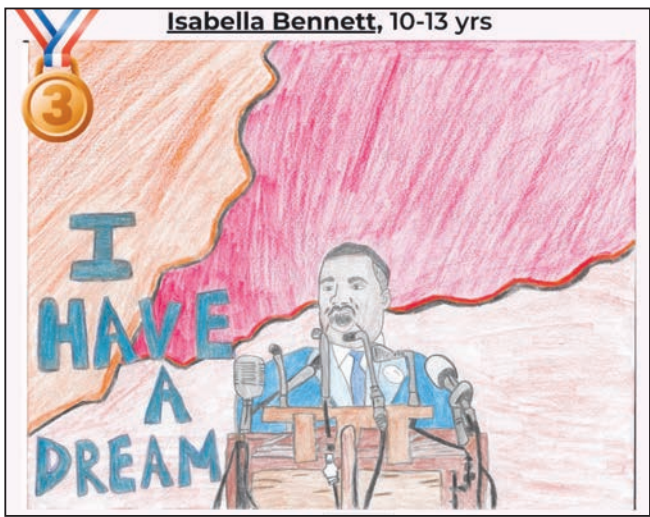
Alanna O'Brien took first place in the older category with her mixed media piece highlighting Black Lives Matter.



Senior Darren Pierre won second place in his division for this painting of daily life in Haiti.



The third place winner in the older division was Mary Doan.



Isabella Bennett was the third place winner in the younger category.

SIX EVERETT POLICE OFFICERS PROMOTED

COURTESY PHOTOS

The Everett City Council swore in six officers to promotions on Monday, Feb. 22, in the City Council Chambers as part of a large ceremony for public safety promotions prior to the Council meeting.



The Everett City Council approved the promotion of Everett Police Sergeant Stephen Panzini to the rank of Lieutenant this week. Here, Lt. Panzini and his family met with Mayor DeMaria after the Feb. 22 ceremony at City Hall.



City Clerk Sergio Cornelio swears in three new Lieutenants. (L to R) Lt. Jeffrey Gilmore, Lt. Stephen Panzini and Lt. Larry Jedrey.



Two new Sergeants were sworn in Feb. 22 by City Clerk Sergio Cornelio. (L to R) Sgt. John Cristiano and Sgt. Robert Hall take the oath. Sgt. Cristiano is a Major in the Massachusetts National Guard and is preparing for an overseas deployment.



Captain Scott Stallbaum is sworn in today by City Clerk Sergio Cornelio.

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