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Above, members of the Everett Fire Department are pictured at the Memorial Sunday Ceremony held June 12.

Right, Fire Capt. Jason Lewis places a memorial wreath during the ceremony. See Page 4 for more photos.



THE EVERETT FIREMAN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION AND THE EVERETT FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL SUNDAY PROGRAM

Staff report

The Everett Fireman's Relief Association and the Everett Fire Department held their annual Memorial Sunday Ceremony June 12. The impressive program was conducted at the Firefighters Memorial Stone adjacent to the Ferry Street Fire Station.

The deceased members of the Everett Fire Department who were recognized for their outstanding service in the department

and protecting residents during their careers in public safety were Chief David Butler, Captain Albert Odian, Private Thomas MacMillan, Private Joseph DeGeorge, and Private Louis DeAngelo.

Fire Capt. Derek C. Perretti, master of ceremonies for the program, paid tribute to the five firefighters during the Roll Call of the Departed, with the ceremonial sounding of the fire bell following each

name that was announced at the assemblage of family members and guests.

The Everett Fire Department Honor Guard led the procession of firefighters into the ceremony.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Rep. Joseph McGonagle, and Fire Lt. Craig Hardy were the speakers at the program.

Bishop Robert G. Brown of the Zion Church Ministries offered the

opening and closing prayers.

Everett Fire Chief Scott A. Dalrymple delivered the welcoming remarks.

Members of the Saint Thomas Aquinas High Class of 2022, Madison LaForce, Rory Perretti, and Ashleyrose Saffie, along with Brenda LaForce, former director of the school's Chamber Choir, sang the National Anthem and other selected songs during the program.

Everett to host free COVID-19 vaccine clinics Saturdays

Special to the Independent

The City of Everett will host free COVID-19 vaccine clinics every Saturday in June at the former Pope John XXIII High School. As part of a special promotion, everyone who gets their first vaccine dose at these clinics will receive a \$100 grocery store gift card, and individuals getting a

second dose or a booster will receive a \$25 gift card, while supplies last. The clinic is a collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and is free to everyone 5 and older. No ID or proof of health insurance is required.

The vaccination clinics will be held at 888 Broadway (use rear entrance of the Pope John School) in Everett at the following dates and times:

Saturday, June 18
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 25
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

DPH's Vaccine Equity Initiative is designed to increase awareness of, and access to, the COVID-19 vaccine and mitigate the impacts of the pandemic. The City of Ever-

ett is among many local partners helping to share information about the COVID-19 vaccine and increase access to vaccinations.

"As we enter the busy summer season with more opportunities to travel and reconnect with loved ones — getting a COVID-19 vaccine is an important way for people to protect themselves and others," said Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. "By hosting clinics in communities across the Commonwealth that have lower vaccination rates, we aim to make getting a vaccine convenient and easy for our residents."

"We are grateful for the continued support from DPH and local partners to bring this clinic to res-

idents of Everett and surrounding communities," said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "Convenient clinics remain important tools to help get unvaccinated residents protected against COVID-19."

To date, more than 5.3 million people in Massachusetts are now fully vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters have been rigorously tested and proven to be safe and effective by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, providing protection from the virus and preventing serious illness.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccination clinics, and to find a clinic near you, visit www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine.

Council names Costa Ward 3 Councilor

By Stephen Quigley

Darren Costa was named the new City Councilor representing Ward 3 following a vote at Monday night's council meeting. After the vote, Costa was sworn in by City Clerk Sergio Cornelio and congratulated by his fellow councilors.

Costa thanked the people of Everett for "putting your trust in me."

He will now fill out the remaining term of Anthony DiPierro, who resigned in May following the public outrage over racist memes that he had sent from his Instagram account. Costa had finished second against DiPierro in last year's election.

The reappointment of City Clerk Sergio Cornelio will be headed to a special meeting of the City Council. Councilors voted to meet with Cornelio in a special meeting that will be held in executive session.

"This appointment is hired solely by the Council," Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins said, adding, "I believe in a diverse pool of candidates."

Councilor Michael Marchese noted that he was a "personal friend" of Cornelio and that he has done his job. "I will vote in favor," Marchese added.

Councilors were given an overview of the proposed affordable housing development being planned at the former

Pope John XXIII High School site on Broadway near the Malden line.

Rafael Mares, the Executive Director of The Neighborhood Developers (TND), outlined the history of the site, noting that the city acquired the building in December of 2019 and the City Council approved the purchase for 100 percent affordable housing.

There will be 138 units of affordable housing, comprising one, two and three-bedroom units. The occupants of these units will be chosen by lottery under state guidelines. There will be a park and 116 parking spaces on the site.

The council postponed a vote to the next meeting and will be provided more details about the project, at which time the council may approve transferring the ownership of the parcel to TND. If the transfer is approved, there will be a series of community meetings with residents. TND is the same developer that is constructing a complex at the former site of St. Therese's on Broadway.

In other business, the council approved the following appointments:

An order recommending the confirmation of the reappointment of Joseph Lamonica to the Public Works Commission for a two year term expiring June 30, 2024

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CONGRATULATIONS, OFFICER NALLY



Mayor Carlo DeMaria would like to congratulate Police Officer Travis Nally, who was appointed to the Everett Police Department at the latest City Council meeting.

"I wish you all the best and hope you have a long, prosperous, and safe career serving the residents of Everett," said Mayor DeMaria. Pictured, (left to right) Officer Travis Nally and Everett Police Chief Steve Mazzie.

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WE URGE OUR LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT LOBSTER FISHING BILL

Most of us are environmentalists to some extent.

We doubt there are few among us who do not find it heartbreaking that there was a record number of deaths of manatees this past year in Florida because excessive algae growth fueled by fertilizer runoff into the coastal Gulf waters is destroying the manatees’ primary food source, sea grass. The manatees literally are starving because of a lack of food.

In our area of the country, the right whale long has been endangered. Only a few hundred of these beautiful animals exist. The greatest threat to their extinction are boat strikes and fishing and lobster gear in which they can become entangled.

Since 2015, state regulations have banned the use of lobstering equipment from Feb. 1 until at least April 30 off Cape Cod Bay and beyond, shutting down the local industry for the winter.

Right whales are common in Cape Cod Bay during late winter and early spring, especially during March and April. The ban was further extended until May 15 this year because of the presence of right whales in our area.

Needless to say, the state-mandated ban has taken a financial toll on those who earn their livelihood from lobstering. Some lobstermen say that their annual income has been cut in half since the ban went into effect in 2015.

However, State Senator Patrick O’Connor from Weymouth has filed a bill that he has attached to the upcoming state budget that would provide some degree of recompense to lobster fishermen for their lost revenue.

The total cost of the bill is miniscue -- \$12 million out of a total state budget of almost \$50 billion.

In our view, Senator O’Connor’s bill is long-overdue. Saving a species such as the right whale is a public good that benefits all of us in some way and has a direct economic benefit for our tourism industry.

Yet the only ones being asked to pay the price for saving the whales are our lobster fishermen, for whom making ends meet always has been an iffy proposition, but which, thanks to climate change (which is driving lobsters further north to colder waters) and the state regulations, is becoming even more difficult.

The bottom line is that since the state’s regulations are forcing our lobster fishing industry to “Save the Whales,” then it is time for the state to put its money where its slogan is.

REMEMBER WHAT TRUMP SAID....

While he was on the campaign trail during the primary season in early 2016, Donald Trump uttered these memorable words, “I could stand in the middle of 5th Avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn’t lose voters.”

Although Trump later said he was only joking, his comment revealed his deep understanding of his base of supporters that to this day the majority of Americans still don’t quite get: Both Donald Trump and his supporters could care less about the Constitution and the democratic norms that have prevailed since the founding of our country.

Some pundits suggest that Trump is not to blame for the distrust of government that is evident among his base, many of whom believe in Q-Anon and all sorts of nutty conspiracy theories.

But every anti-democratic movement needs a leader who is willing to break the norms in order to thwart the democratic process and rule of law. There is not one leading GOP politician who, had he been President and lost re-election, would have done what Trump attempted to do to overturn the election, culminating in the events of January 6.

In view of the apathy among Trump’s base of support to the revelations of the House January 6 Committee hearings, the updated corollary to Trump’s 2016 campaign comment is this: “I could stand in the middle of Pennsylvania Avenue and urge a violent riot at the Capitol and I wouldn’t lose voters.”

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Independent Forum



GUEST OP-ED

A father and a child can make a great family

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Father’s Day is coming one more time and you still have a chance at having a great family.

Fathers like most all people have good days and bad days. They have great seasons of life and some that are more difficult. Few fathers will look back over their lives and say, “Every day I was a perfect dad.” Some days were better than others.

We all feel bad about the seasons of our lives when we had to work too much. Working all the time depletes energy we would prefer to spend on our families. The problem is that like most fathers we want to keep a roof over our heads and food in the refrigerator. Making car payments, house payments, and all the basic things of life typically keep most dads and moms very busy.

Even in a home filled with love and patience

the average dad lives a juggling life. He is pulled between work, kid’s ball-games, meeting the needs of his wife and house-work. Add to this school meetings, homework, fishing, piano lessons, family events, all while trying to maintain and add to his career.

Most of us looking back can think of some endeavors or activities we wish we had let go in order to spend more time with our families. For some weird reason at the time they seemed all so important but now they feel like wasted time.

Throughout life the way we typically learn is the hard way. Education is always expensive. Our vision is 20/20 looking back. People tell us what we will regret and what we should do but we rarely believe them. When we get past the “fifty-five” mark of life we start to realize what the “old tim-

ers” told us was true. You know how it is because you probably tell your kids about what is right and wrong and what they will appreciate or regret. In most cases they don’t pay much attention to you.

The only season of being a father that you have is this one. No future is guaranteed and yesterday is gone. You do have today. Have a loving and forgiving heart. Extend grace and a second, third or fourth chance. Try to spend time with those you love. You are probably finding out now that your grown children are too busy for you. They have lives of their own and you may not be a priority. It hurts some but they probably are being like you used to be. Don’t lose sleep over this but be available and reach out as you are able.

Finally, you have to be more than the human ATM machine. You can’t

buy your children’s affection for the rest of your life. Every parent wants to help their children but the best thing you can do for them is work with them to help them care for themselves. You can either teach them to fish or spend the rest of your life fishing for them and this ends up being a hard life for you and cripples them.

Today is another opportunity to be a good father. This is also a good day for you to reciprocate love and affection to your dad. A father and a child working together can make a great family.

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, websites and blogs across the United States.

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McGonagle visits irrigation system install

Rep. Joe McGonagle recently stopped by the Market Street culvert to observe employees of the City of Everett and the BSC Group install an irrigation system and replant the riverbank with hundreds of native plants as part of a restoration program on the Island End River. Part of the project was funded by a Mass-Works grant secured by McGonagle and Senator Sal DiDomenico from the Baker Administration.

“I am thrilled to see the progress in person,” said McGonagle. “It can be sometimes frustrating to not see the tangible results of money secured but to visit this site and see the team working hard felt like a big victory. Projects like this are becoming increasingly more essential as we continue to see the effects of climate change and the damage caused by flooding. Many thanks to the city employees and the BSC group for their work.”

After years of trying to solve the flooding caused by the collapsed culvert under Boston Market Terminal on the Everett/Chelsea line, the solution has been completed and a public-private partnership



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has ended a generation of flooding issues for Everett residents. The Conservation Commission last month issued a Certificate of Compliance to the Davis Companies and the City of Everett for daylighting a large portion of the river and completion of a new culvert on the Davis Company’s property. Daylighting is an environmentally friendly way to return the stream to its normal flow area while also allowing the water to be cleaned naturally through sunlight hitting it. It also prevents future collapses and expensive

maintenance in the future. In addition, a new tide gate installed recently helps to relieve monthly coastal flooding that occurs on Spring Street and the daylighting of the river added storage capacity and increased flow rates to the Mystic River. The Davis Companies installed a 12 x 16 box culvert to handle the flow under their property, and gave up some property in the parking lot for the City of Everett’s portion. The restoration project is part of The Army Corps of Engineers permit which reviewed the project.

MVES commits to justice on EEAAD

June 15 marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, a time to bring attention to this critical issue affecting older adults worldwide. Elder abuse can include physical, emotional, sexual, caregiver neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation. It impacts seniors from all walks of life. The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations (UN) launched the first World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on June 15, 2006 in an effort to unite communities around the world in raising awareness about elder abuse. WEAAD serves as a call-to-action for our communities to raise awareness about abuse, neglect, and

exploitation of elders, and reaffirm our country’s commitment to the principle of justice for all. Elder abuse is widespread. Every year an estimated 1 in 10 older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation. And that’s only part of the picture: Experts believe that elder abuse is significantly under-reported, in part because so many of our communities lack the social supports that would make it easier for those who experience abuse to report it. Research suggests that as few as 1 in 14 cases of elder abuse come to the attention of authorities. Mystic Valley Elder Services Protective Services Department plays a proactive role in address-

ing elder abuse by not only investigating cases but by proactively offering education and trainings in the 11 communities served. MVES has developed a strong rapport with mandated reporters of elder abuse such as police officers and hospitals. The agency also educates seniors themselves by offering seminars and resources. The goal is to build awareness while enabling seniors to remain safe and independent living in the community. If you suspect elder abuse of a loved one or are being abused yourself, please call the state’s Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-922-2275 or file online at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/report-elder-abuse>

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CITY OF EVERETT ANNOUNCES SENIOR SUMMER BARBECUE

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the City of Everett, in partnership with The Council on Aging, are pleased to announce the Senior Summer Barbecue for Everett seniors. The event will take place on Friday, July 15 at the Connolly Center located at 90 Chelsea Street in Everett from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. We invite all of our community’s seniors to attend this barbecue to kick off the summer season. This year’s theme for the barbecue is Americana, so we encourage all participants to wear patriotic clothing. This event is for

Everett seniors only and proof of residency will be required upon registration. The registration period to sign is up from July 1 to July 8. To register, please call 617-394-2323 or 617-394-2260 or visit the Connolly Center in-person. Also, please indicate if you require transportation when you register.

MAYOR DEMARIA ANNOUNCES INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett will be hosting an Independence Day celebration. “We invite residents to join us to celebrate our country’s 246th anniversary.

Turner named to Commonwealth Heroine Class

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) will be celebrating the annual Commonwealth Heroines on Wednesday, June 22 at the The Venezia Hotel, 20 Ericsson Street in Dorchester. Tammy Turner of Everett will be among the honorees. Opening remarks will be made by MCSW Chairwoman Denella Clark, followed by a special recognition of all 121 honorees. “As the first Black woman to chair the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, and also as a proud appointee of Governor Baker

and Lieutenant Governor Polito, we are thrilled to recognize women from all across our great Commonwealth who sometimes are not seen for their amazing contributions. We are also pleased to be joined by our dedicated Lieutenant Governor who will deliver a keynote address. We are excited that this year’s event will be in person and look forward to celebrating our honorees,” commented Chairwoman Clark. Our Commonwealth Heroines are women who have been chosen by their legislators for their extraordinary acts of service,

sary. There will be many activities for everyone to partake in throughout the evening like live entertainment, face painting, balloon creations, inflatable attractions, and prizes for all. There will also be plenty of food available during the event. To end the night, our grand finale will be a spectacular fireworks show to light up the night sky with so many bright colors, “ said DeMaria. Families, friends, and neighbors are encouraged to come together to enjoy a fun-filled evening. The celebration will take place at Glendale Park located at Elm Street in Everett on Friday, July 1, 2022 at 6:00pm. Fireworks begin at 9:30pm.

making a big difference in their communities but not necessarily making the news. They perform unheralded acts daily that make our homes, neighborhoods, cities, and towns better places to live. Commonwealth Heroines use their time, talent, spirit, and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others in their community. They are mentors, volunteers, and innovators who strive to protect and represent the interests of seniors, victims of violence, children, immigrants, and other vulnerable populations. They are the glue that keeps a community together.

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Sen. Sal DiDomenico speaks at the Firefighters’ Memorial Sunday Ceremony.



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Michael Balsley and Sarah (Butler) Balsley, with Alyssa Butler, Ella Balsley, and Connor Balsley.



Retired Revere Fire Chief Gene Doherty, Mary Butler, wife of the late Everett Fire Chief David Butler, Carol O’Brien, and Retired Melrose Fire Chief John O’Brien.



From left, Bishop Robert G. Brown, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Fire Chief Scott A. Dalrymple, Rep. Joseph McGonagle, and City Councilor Al Lattanzi.



Fire Lt. Craig Hardy, president of Everett Firefighters Union Local 143, places a memorial wreath during the ceremony.



Michael O’Brien and Jennifer O’Brien, with their children, Abigail O’Brien and Ava O’Brien.



The family of the late Everett Fire Chief David Butler is pictured following the Memorial Sunday Ceremony.

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The Everett Fire Department Honor Guard, from left, Donald Keene, Sean Hogan, Adam Ragucci, William Hurley, and Nick Cornelio.

EVERETT CITIZENS FOUNDATION PRESENTS ANNUAL GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Everett Citizens Foundation presented grants to local organizations during a program June 9 at the Council Chambers.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said the grants, totaling \$100,000 this year, were negotiated as part of the city's community host agreement with Encore Boston Harbor. DeMaria said the grants are presented on an annual basis.

"I appreciate all of you for what you are doing for our city," DeMaria told the recipients of the grants.

Chairperson Holly Garcia congratulated the recipients of the grants. "I'm

always proud to be from Everett, but I am extremely proud when I see others giving back so much to our community as you all have done," said Garcia.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico also offered his congratulatory wishes to the recipients and thanked the Citizens Foundation for its work.

Mayor DeMaria and Citizens Foundation Chairperson Holly Garcia joined Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Foundation board members Aicha Bendagha, Tom Fiorentino, Raquel Duverge in making the check presentations.

The recipients of the

grants were: Everett Community Growers (\$10,000), Everett Little League (\$10,000), Housing Families (\$10,000), Mystic River Watershed (\$10,000), Read To A

Child (\$10,000), Webster Extension (\$10,000), Kiwanis Club of Everett (\$10,000), Everett LGBTQ+ Youth Space and Resource Center (\$3,415), First Baptist

Church (\$3,371), Salem Saves Animals (\$3,112), Nepali Class of Boston (\$2,982), Centro Comunitario Scalabrini Inc. (\$2,897), The Barber Shop LLC (\$2,767), U

CAN (\$2,767), Community League Basketball Organization (\$2,723), Total Health Project of AWMI (\$2,594).



The recipients of the Citizens Foundation grants are pictured at the check presentation program inside the City Council Chambers.



State Senator Sal DiDomenico, Aicha Bendagha, Tom Fiorentino, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Raquel Duverge and Holly Garcia (Citizens Foundation Chairperson).



Accepting a grant is the Everett Community Growers organization.



Accepting a grant is Michelle Liebetreu, deputy director of the Mystic River Watershed Association.



Accepting a grant is Jessyca Redler, guidance counselor at the Webster Extension School.



Accepting a grant are Kiwanis Club of Everett members Stephanie Martins, Cathy Ann Dottin and Marlene Zizza.



Accepting the grant are Irene Cardillo and Phyllis Barone of First Baptist Church, Everett.



Accepting a grant are Chantal Ragucci and Clark Morrison of The Barber Shop.



Accepting a grant is Taylor Cocco of UCAN.

Tahiliani receives statewide honor

Special to the Independent

In a resounding display of respect and admiration from her colleagues throughout the Commonwealth, Everett Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani has been honored with a 2022 President’s Award by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (M.A.S.S.).

“It was a special occasion made all the more meaningful by the fact that I shared the moment with members of my Central Office team and School Committee Chairperson Jeanne Cristiano,” said Tahiliani, who received the award at the M.A.S.S. Spring Meeting in Marlborough. “People are taking note of the great work we are doing, and the example we are setting. It was incredibly satisfying to accept this honor on behalf of the Everett Public Schools.”

M.A.S.S. is the only statewide organization devoted to advocating and supporting superintendents and assistant superintendents. In addition to holding meetings, events,

and seminars throughout the year, M.A.S.S. oversees a New Superintendent’s Induction Program. Tahiliani is completing the three-year program under the tutelage of former Chelsea Superintendent and current M.A.S.S. Director of Government Relations Mary Bourque.

During the awards ceremony, Tahiliani was introduced by M.A.S.S. President Tim Piwowar, superintendent of the Billerica Public Schools. He credited Tahiliani for confronting “the hopes and fears of a school system and community aspiring to transform and be better on behalf of students and families while also facing those in the community who are of privilege and who fear and resist change.”

Piwowar added, “In a school system where 80 percent of the students are non-white and yet, the governance structures are largely white, she fearlessly called out racial injustice and inconsistencies between what is professed by city and school district leaders and what is practiced,” Piwowar remarked. “Many times, her highlighting these moral and ethical disparities in behavior played out in public media.”

Superintendent Tahiliani began her tenure in March of 2020, just days before the COVID-19 pandemic brought the nation’s educational system to a standstill. In the intervening two-plus years, she has led significant changes across every major facet of the district. Some district highlights include:

- Technology for every

student in the district

- Free summer enrichment programs
- Expanded summer academic programming at multiple elementary schools
- Establishment of Acceleration Academies during vacation weeks
- Day 6/Saturday Program to help former students complete their coursework and earn an Everett High School (EHS) diploma
- First-ever College Fair at EHS
- EHS partnerships with Fisher College and the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology
- EHS-Everett Police Department internship program
- Establishment of a Debate en Espanol team at EHS
- Language-based English Learner Parent Advisory Committees
- Multilingual Tech Goes Home, language, and literacy program for parents
- A revamped and unbiased hiring process that includes search committees and scoring rubrics
- Greatly enhanced educational opportunities and partnerships for paraprofessionals and staff members to enter the teaching profession
- Expanded supports for teachers who want to pursue school administration licenses
- Comprehensive curriculum review teams made up of teachers, building leaders, and administrators
- Participation in the state’s Teacher Diversification Program
- A revamped budgeting process that stresses inclu-



Superintendent Priya Tahiliani is pictured with Everett High School seniors during the 2022 Scholarship Presentation Night inside the EHS Center for Performing Arts.



Award Presentation
Superintendent Priya Tahiliani accepts a M.A.S.S. Leadership Award from Tim Piwowar at the organization’s Spring Meeting.

sivity and transparency

- Aggressive and intentional grant strategy that has netted the district 19 new grants totaling more than \$1.3 million (and counting) in funding sources
 - Five-member AmeriCorps/City Year teams in all five of the district’s K-8 schools — the first city out of Boston that City Year has partnered with in Massachusetts
- These accomplishments are set against a tense backdrop that has seen Everett officials admit to racist and hateful behavior and language, prompting critical and extensive media coverage — and, more recently, the announcement of an official investigation into possible civil rights violations in Everett city gov-



From left: Outgoing M.A.S.S. President Tim Piwowar, Superintendent Priya Tahiliani, M.A.S.S. Director of Government Affairs Mary Bourque, M.A.S.S. Executive Director Tom Scott, School Committee Chairwoman Jeanne Cristiano, and Deputy Superintendent Kim Tsai.

ernment by U.S. Attorney Rachel Rollins. Additionally, authorities continue to investigate the discovery of surveillance equipment in two locations in the Superintendent’s office.

“It has been the most challenging year of my career, but also the most satisfying,” the Superintendent said. “For the latter, I proudly point to our students, who have shown fearlessness and leadership for our entire community. I consider it my responsibility to match their bravery.”

Clearly, that has not

gone unnoticed by her fellow superintendents.

“Priya Tahiliani as a leader is resilient, courageous and strong, traits that are now essential strands in the district’s DNA,” Piwowar said. “She expands the capacity of individuals, teams, and projects. She works tirelessly but deliberately. She asks questions, encourages debate, and is unafraid of respectful and professional dissent. There is nothing she cannot handle...She is an example of courageous leadership for equity.”

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Holly Garcia graduates from Mass. School of Law

By Cary Shuman

When Holly Garcia was 10 years old, she decided she wanted to be a lawyer. “My parents had gotten divorced, and I actually had a guardian ad litem assigned to me,” said Garcia. “Everything my guardian was doing to help me at that time, I wanted to be able to do that for others. When I was a senior in college, I actually became a volunteer guardian ad litem for the state of New Hampshire.”

Garcia, 31, is one step closer to her dream of practicing law full time. She graduated from the Massachusetts School of Law on June 3, receiving her Juris Doctor degree during the commencement exercises held at the Collins Center in Andover. She was honored as the recipient of the

Dean’s Award in recognition of her “embodying the best of the Massachusetts School of Law by supporting her classmates and overcoming all of the challenges that she faced” during her law school experience.

Displaying impressive leadership qualities, Garcia was president of the Student Bar Association and the Diversity Alliance and volunteered for the MSLAW Meal Moderator Program that served hot meals monthly to residents of the Greater Lawrence YMCA.

Garcia began her law school studies as a full-time night student in August, 2018. She attended 20 classes on the Andover campus but part of her in-person experience was interrupted by COVID-19 and moved to a remote-learning experience. Garcia currently works

in the clerk’s office at Middlesex Superior Court, a position she held during her law school career.

“I worked full time during the day and was a full-time student at night,” said Garcia. “I am involved in a lot in the City of Everett as well.”

Indeed Garcia has a commendable and exemplary record of community service among several Everett organizations. She serves as the chairperson of the Everett Citizens Foundation, the faith formation director for Immaculate Conception, a Girl Scout leader, the Everett High School varsity cheerleading coach, and third vice president of the ‘E’ Club of Everett.

Garcia is a 2009 graduate of Everett High School, receiving recognition for 14 years of perfect attendance in the school district. She is a 2013 gradu-



Massachusetts School of Law Dean Michael Coyne presents the Dean’s Award to graduate Holly Garcia at the commencement exercises June 3 in Andover.

ate of Southern New Hampshire University, receiving her Bachelor’s degree in Justice Studies.

She continued in her education at SNHU, receiving a Master’s degree in 2015 in Psychology.

Garcia is busy preparing for the Massachusetts state bar exam that will be administered in July.

DeMaria announces new fitness court open at Glendale Park

Mayor Carlo DeMaria the City of Everett officially revealed a new Fitness Court in Glendale Park that was built in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBS) and the National Fitness Campaign (NFC) to expand free, equitable access to outdoor exercise programs for Everett residents.

The new Fitness Court® at Glendale Park is an open-air wellness center that allows users of all ages and fitness levels to leverage 30 pieces of body-weight equipment to get a complete workout. New users can also download the free Fitness Court App — a coach-in-your-pocket style platform — that transforms the outdoor gym into a digitally supported wellness ecosystem. The Fitness Court App is available for iOS and Android.

“Promoting equitable access to health and fit-

ness has always been a key facet of my Administration,” said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “It is with great pride and excitement that the City of Everett announces the launch of this outdoor fitness court. From opening up the waterfront for recreational activities, supporting community, urban farms, implementing a community wellness center, creating a Food Policy Council, this outdoor fitness court, made possible through our partnership with the National Fitness Campaign and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, brings our City one step closer toward achieving truly equitable access to health for our residents.”

“Blue Cross is committed to helping people live healthy lives and eliminating the physical and social barriers that lead to health disparities,” said Jeff Bellows, vice presi-

dent of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. “We’re proud to partner with NFC and the City of Everett to launch our first Fitness Court in the Commonwealth that will provide Everett residents a communal gathering space and access to premiere free outdoor fitness opportunities.”

Everett is the first outdoor court in a series of 15 Blue Cross Fitness Courts that will be constructed in easily accessible public spaces throughout 2022-2023. Blue Cross’ partnership with the NFC is part of the company’s strengthened corporate citizenship commitment to promote health justice in communities across the Commonwealth. Over the next five years, Blue Cross will provide \$16 million in grants and volunteer support to not-for-profits working to address food,



A look at the new fitness court at Glendale Park.

environmental and racial justice in Massachusetts communities. This work supports the company’s overall pledge announced in 2021 to be a leader in addressing health inequities across the Commonwealth.

National Fitness Campaign developed the trademarked seven-station system in 2012 hoping to inspire municipalities to transform public spaces into community fitness hubs. There are currently 150 active Fitness Court locations across the country, and the campaign will

reach a total of 500 cities and schools by the end of 2023.

For more information, visit nationalfitnesscampaign.com/Massachusetts, the City of Everett’s Facebook Page, or contact 311.

Driver’s license bill becomes Massachusetts state law

The Massachusetts Senate last week overwhelmingly overrode Governor Charlie Baker’s veto of the Work and Family Mobility Act by a vote of 32 to 8. Combined with the override performed in the House of Representatives yesterday, the vote now officially converts the act into state law, with an effective date of July 1, 2023.

The Senate vote in favor was unchanged from the chamber’s historic passage of the bill on May 6, just as it was yesterday in the House of Representatives’ vote of 119 to 36 (minus a vote from one seat that has since become vacant).

The following statement may be credited to the leaders of the organizations co-chairing the Driving Families Forward Coalition, Brazilian Worker Center Executive Director Lenita Reason and 32BJ SEIU Vice President Roxana Rivera:

“We are overjoyed today that Massachusetts has become the 17th state in the nation to allow all state residents apply for a driver’s license, regardless

of immigration status. The passage of the Work and Family Mobility Act finally realizes the efforts of thousands of immigrants, advocates and public servants over the span of two decades. It will make our roads safer for everyone, our communities more trusting and secure, our health practices more rational, and our economy more vibrant. Equally important, it will lift a terrible stigma and fear that upwards of a quarter million men, women and children in Massachusetts suffer whenever they have to travel.

“The overwhelming override of Governor Baker’s veto testifies to the dedication of those who have fought for the bill, the breadth of the supporters who have joined this cause, and the steadfast leadership of many elected officials across the Commonwealth. In the State House, we thank House Speaker Ron Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka, Joint Transportation Committee Chair William Strauss and his fellow co-chairs, and our longstanding cham-

pions, the co-sponsors of the Work and Family Mobility Act, Representatives Christine Barber and Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Senators Brendan Crighton and Adam Gomez, as well all those Senators and Representatives who have supported the new law. We also thank all those who fought for the bill in the Driving Families Forward coalition and beyond.”

“We hope to name and honor many of those who did so much to win this campaign and gather at the State House in a People’s Signing with many of the aforementioned leaders, in a ceremony soon to be announced. We hope many of our supporters will attend, and afterward we look forward to working in the Coalition to inform the community of progress in the law’s implementation and of procedures as they are established.”

The Work and Family Mobility Act moves all state residents toward greater road safety, improved security, better public health and a more vibrant economy,

and promises a profound transformation in the lives of undocumented immigrants across the Commonwealth. The pursuit of these many goals brought together 32BJ and the Brazilian Worker Center in 2019 to create Driving Families Forward, a coalition of businesses, faith groups, labor unions, community organizations, health centers, and others.

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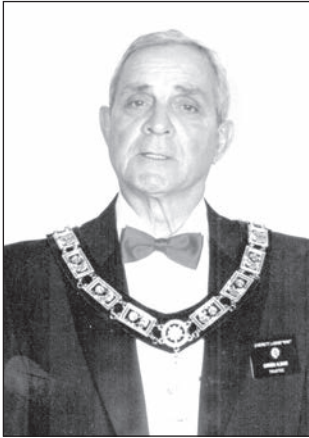
Carmen Albano

Retired teacher

Carmen B. Albano of Malden, formerly of Everett, entered into eternal rest at home on Monday, June 6. He was 92 years old.

Born in Everett, Carmen lived in Malden for many years. He was a teacher by profession who worked in Cambridge for many years and for other school districts prior to retirement. Carmen served his country honorably in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. He was a life member of the Saugus-Everett, Lodge of Elks, #642, the E-Club of Everett and the Mass Teachers' Association.

The beloved son of the late Pasquale and Maria (Leo) Albano, he was the dear and devoted brother of the late Clare Santora, Joseph Albano and Mary Albano; loving and caring uncle of Marie Chiulli and her husband, Robert of Middleton, Debra Roda and her husband, Richard of N. Falmouth, Clare Flowers and her husband, Michael of Plymouth, George Santora



of Scottsdale, AZ, Karen Sculos and her husband, Criadg of Rhode Island and Mark Albano and his wife, Corinne of Acton. Carmen is also survived by many loving grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Carmen's visitation in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 5 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett on Thursday morning, June 16 at 8:30 a.m. followed by his Funeral Mass in St. Anthony's Church, 38 Oakes St., Everett at 10 a.m. Interment with U.S. Air Force Military Honors at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Carmen's memory to the Italian Home for Children, 1125 Center St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 would be sincerely appreciated..

Stephen Disario

Longtime member of the Schiavo Club in Everett

Stephen Disario, 76, of Windham, NH and a longtime Everett resident, passed away at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH on June 10.

Stephen was a US Air Force veteran who served during the Vietnam War. Prior to retirement, he was a line technician for Verizon Telephone for over 36 years. He was a longtime member of the Schiavo Club in Everett.

He was the beloved husband of Madeleine (Cordier) Disario, loving father of Laure Disario and her husband, Fabien Kozlowski and Melissa Disario and her companion, Michael Halpin, loving brother of Claire Richard and Paula DeVits and cherished grandfather of Madeleine, Isaac, Charlotte, Nina, and Alexandre.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend a visitation at the JF Ward Funeral Home, 772 Broadway, Everett on Friday,



day, June 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by a service in the funeral home at 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Stephen's memory may be made to Wounded Warrior Project @ www.woundedwarrior-project.org.

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Malden Catholic names Hingston as girls varsity hockey coach

Malden Catholic (MC) announced today that Alexa Hingston has been hired as the Girls Varsity Hockey Coach. A native of Charlestown, Alexa has a successful history on the ice as a member of the Austin Prep hockey program and all-scholastic player at St. Anselm's College and hockey team captain during her junior and senior years. She began her coaching career as an assistant at Austin Prep when they won the MIAA State Championship in 2016 and has served as Head Coach at Division I Reading High School



Alexa Hingston.

since 2017. Hingston has also been head coach with both the Islanders and Boston American's Hockey Clubs. "Malden Catholic's Girls Hockey has done an outstanding job as a new athletics team and I

am honored to have been selected to lead the players to the next level. I look forward to creating a culture of excellence and building a championship caliber program at MC," Coach Hingston stated. "We are incredibly excited to have Alexa Hingston as the Head Coach of our Girls Hockey program at Malden Catholic," commented William Raycraft, MC Athletics Director. "We had an outstanding response to our posting and Alexa clearly stood out among an impressive pool of candidates given

her playing and coaching experience at multiple levels and vision for the program's growth." "Alexa's qualifications are well known throughout the hockey community and reach far beyond her ability to coach. Given her coaching abilities and knowledge, we are fortunate to have an individual of her caliber lead our ice hockey program," added John Thornburg, Malden Catholic President. Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Lau-

reate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renown universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Northeastern, Boston University and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular op-

portunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curriculum is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles, success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

Fuccillo named GBL co-MVP; three are all-stars

Everett High star softball pitcher Celeste Fuccillo has been named the co-MVP of the Greater Boston League (GBL) for 2022. Celeste shared the honor with Lynn Classical catcher Izzy Faessler. Everett and Classical tied for first-place in the GBL this season. Fuccillo completed an outstanding season in the pitcher's circle. She tossed five shutouts, including two no-hitters and a perfect game. In the 107 innings that she pitched, Celeste struck out 203 opponents and issued just 25 walks, a sterling strikeout-to-walk ratio of 8-to-1. Celeste yielded only 62 base hits en route to compiling a 2.80 ERA. Fuccillo was joined on the GBL all-star squad

by three teammates, junior catcher Kayley Rossi, junior outfielder Kristi Skane, and sophomore shortstop Gianna Masucci. Skane was the team's leading hitter, with 20 singles, seven doubles, two triples, two homers, 25 runs scored, and 19 RBIs for a batting average of .437 and a slugging percentage of .676. Rossi was a stalwart behind the plate defensively and was third on the team in runs scored with 27. Masucci anchored the Lady Crimson Tide defense in the infield at her shortstop position, with a fielding percentage of .818 (third best on the team) and a team-leading 25 assists to go along with 11 putouts.

Colson elected executive director of the 'E' Club of Everett

Carl Colson was elected as the new executive director of the 'E' Club of Everett at its June 9 board meeting. Colson has served as the chair of the Scholarship Committee for the sports booster organization that annually presents scholarships to Everett High seniors at a dinner in May. The group also hosts an awards dinner and celebration in November. Colson succeeds Vin-

cent Ragucci Jr., who decided to step down after a successful tenure as executive director. Daryl Colson, daughter of Carl Colson, was elected treasurer of the 'E' Club. Other newly elected officers are President Mike LaCourt, First Vice President Paul Lucci, Second Vice Neil Medugno, Third Vice President Holly Garcia, and Secretary Katy Rogers.



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