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Rep. Joseph McGonagle, former city official Michael McLaughlin, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, former city councilor Al Lattanzi, Everett High Music Director Gene O'Brien, and Everett DEI Officer Cathy Draine join Everett residents for a photo.



Former city councilor Al Lattanzi, Ailey Draine, and Simone Holyfield.



Jason LaMonica and Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro.

## CITY OF EVERETT CELEBRATES IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the City of Everett hosted a celebration of Irish American Heritage Month March 16 at Everett City Hall.

The Rev. Joseph Chacha Marwa, spiritual leader of the Immaculate Con-

ception Church, delivered the opening prayer.

Mayor DeMaria led the speaking program that was followed by the raising of the flag of Ireland. The flag consists of the colors, green, white, and orange.

"Thank you for joining us this afternoon for our second annual Irish Heritage Month Celebration," said DeMaria. "Irish luck is certainly with us today with such a beautiful day for this event."

"It seems fitting that the

Irish flag is the first flag that we raising this year as part of our ongoing efforts to celebrate the cultures that make Everett so special," said DeMaria. "The green of the flag reminds

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## Zamor receives 'Super 26' All-State Award

By Cary Shuman

Christian Zamor, a captain and two-way standout for the 2023 GBL champion Everett High School football team, was honored as an All-State player Sunday at the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston's Annual Awards Night Sunday at the Marriott Hotel in Burlington.

The Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association Selection Committee named Zamor as one of the top 26 players in the state. The players were officially recognized with impressive award plaques as selectees to the Massachusetts "Super 26" All-State Team.

Zamor will be attending Bentley University, one of the top business schools in the nation. He will be continuing his football career for the Falcons who compete in the Northeast-10 Conference.

"I made the decision in early February right before Signing Day," said



Gridiron Club Dinner Co-Chair Jim Kearney (left) congratulates Everett High School senior on his selection to the Massachusetts "Super 26" All-State Football Team at the Awards Night Sunday at the Marriott Hotel in Burlington.

Zamor. "I visited the campus, got in touch with the coaches, and decided it was the best fit for me. My buddy, Giacobbe [Ward] is a student-athlete there."

Zamor is projected for a linebacker/safety position like the role he played on defense for the Everett High football team. "I'm

looking forward to focusing on the defensive side," he said.

Zamor praised Everett High first-year head coach Justin Flores for his leadership of the Crimson Tide. "He's awesome. He came in and did a really great job with our team, bringing us together just

after the transition. I know he has a vision for what he's going to do with the program in the years to come. Coach Flores and I built a good relationship and I know that he's always going to be a support system for me."

Zamor was asked about the MIAA rating system that kept Everett High out of the state playoffs despite the Tide's 7-1 record and undefeated 2023 GBL championship.

"You can never have a perfect system, but I think just how things went this year, some things could change, but at the end of the day you control what you can control, and I'm just grateful for the season we were able to have."

Christian Zamor is the second member of his family to be selected to the MSCA All-State Team. His older brother, Ish Zamor, was named to the 2021 All-State team and is currently a wide receiver in the Boston College football program.

## School overcrowding once again is the main topic at School Committee meeting

Staff Report

The issue of overcrowding at all the city's public schools once again had School Committee members looking for more information at Monday's night meeting of the Everett School Committee.

"Class size is closer to 32-35 students per classroom, as opposed to the 28 pupils that classrooms have been designed to accommodate," School Superintendent William Hart told the committee.

The issue of overcrowding in the local schools has been a problem for the past several years with no easy solution in sight. As of today, the newest school building, Everett High School, which was designed to hold 1,800 students, is now housing almost 2,200 students. Many students for special programs are being taught in converted storage closets or reconfigured spaces such as the old print shop at Everett High. The new library at Everett High has been adapted to accommodate some of the one-on-one tutoring that is

needed by students.

The problem is not any better in the lower schools for grades K-8, where total overcrowding among the city's schools is estimated to be between 400-600 students. All officials agree that the overcrowding and lack of physical classroom space is disruptive to the learning experience for students.

Hart pointed out to the School Committee members that at present, some students have their lunch break starting at 10:20 in the morning, with other students starting lunch at 1:20 p.m.

The use of additional modular classrooms has been discussed by previous school committees and was tentatively explored for use at the Kevearian School on Nichols Street. Presently, there are modular classrooms at the Webster School that have been in use for more than 20 years.

However, committee member Robin Babcock noted, "People are not comfortable with modu-

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## Council postpones vote on \$11.4 million appropriation for roof repairs at former EHS

By Cary Shuman

The City Council decided to postpone a vote on borrowing \$11.4 million for improvements and repairs to the roof at the former Everett High School building, located at 548 Broadway, until its April 8 meeting.

Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, who made the motion to postpone the vote, said before a vote is taken, he wants all his colleagues on the Council to be able to tour the building and the entire Council (three members were absent from the meeting) to be present for the discussion and final vote.

"We just don't have an unlimited budget, and we really have to make a tough decision here on which way we move forward," said DiPierro.

Council President Robert Campen asked if an assessment could be done on the building "to determine appropriate uses for the building, and if that can conclude construction estimates that truly upgrade those upper floors."

"I can support the motion to postpone, but the caveat is that I would like to understand what an assessment of the building will cost. I'd like to see that as well before we can truly decide on this," said Van Campen.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Director of Facility Maintenance Angelo Febbo led a thorough presentation about the roof repair project at the Council's March 12 special meeting. DeMaria stressed to the Council the importance of

the vote, stating that insurance companies would not insure the building when the current policy expires in January, 2025, unless the roof repairs are done. Febbo said the repairs, if approved by the Council, would begin June 24, 2024.

DeMaria said the building currently houses a health and wellness center, the Eliot Family Resource Center, the Webster School Extension (pre-kindergarten students), and the Broadway Boxing Club, which has flourished under the leadership of Dennis Willcox.

Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers asked for "a more comprehensive vision" for the future use of the space in the building.

"I think that would help alleviate concerns about any future expenditures coming to the Council," said Rogers. "I think several of us are concerned that if we vote on the \$11 million, what other issues might come up in the future that need to be repaired? What I really don't want to see is an \$11 million band-aid on a building that's going to need more repairs."

DeMaria said he did not envision any other expenditures for the building.

"All I'm asking tonight is [doing repairs] so we can insure it, and I can keep the Eliot, the wellness, and the preschool kids inside the building — that's all I'm asking," said DeMaria.

Councilor-at-Large Guerline Alcy Jabou-

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### CONGRATULATIONS, JOE

On Friday evening, Anthony DiPierro (right) had the pleasure of attending the retirement party for Everett Police Detective Joe Furtardo (left), and presented him with a citation recognizing his hard work and commitment to our community. Furtardo served our community for 18 years after transferring from Lynn PD where he served for 9 years. He is also a United States Marine Corp Veteran. Furtardo was an excellent detective and he will certainly be missed by all.

## EHS Roundup

### FIVE EHS TRACKSTERS NAMED GBL ALL-STARS

A total of five members of the Everett High boys and girls indoor track and field teams have been selected as Greater Boston League (GBL) all-stars. The three boys named to the squad are: Kayshaun Eveillard, who won three medals at last month’s GBL Meet in the 300 dash (second place), the 55 dash (third place), and the third-place 4 x 200 relay (which Kayshaun anchored); Dawens Germain, who took third place in the high jump at the GBL Meet and

was a member of the fifth-place 4 x 400 relay team; and Donald Michel, who won two medals at the GBL Meet, tying teammate Germain for third in the high jump and winning a sixth-place medal in the 55 hurdles. For the girls, the duo of EHS record-holder Darrynn Desrameaux, who was the GBL champion in the shot-put, and Suzanne Maharjan, who won a sixth-place medal in the 2-mile run and a fourth place medal as a member of the 4 x 800 relay team at the GBL Meet, were selected for the all-star squad.

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in made it clear that the Council “is not trying to kick anyone out of the building.” “We want what’s best for the community,” said Alcy Jabouin. “My concern is coming here, I thought that we’re going to find a solution and compromise and find something that works for the community. But all I hear is, ‘if you don’t do this, you lose this.’” “It’s not fair,” continued Alcy Jabouin. “This building’s been in the shape that it is for the longest time, for more than ten years. We can’t keep on patching it up – patching does not work. It got to this point

because we neglected it.” Later in the meeting, DeMaria said he “took great offense that a councilor called this administration inactive, inept, or whatever the term was.” “We prided ourselves in the last 17 years on moving this city in the right direction and I think a lot of you can agree this city is a different city from before we took over,” said DeMaria, who also cited numerous improvements in the city. Councilor-at-Large Mike Marchese was the lone councilor to vote against postponing the vote.

# DiDomenico and colleagues pass bill to transform early education and care

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to unanimously pass legislation to make early education and care more accessible and affordable for families across Massachusetts. DiDomenico has championed significant investments in early education and childcare throughout his entire career, and he was proud to speak on the Senate floor about this transformational legislation.

The EARLY ED Act—An Act ensuring affordability, readiness and learning for our youth and driving economic development—takes transformative steps to improve the affordability and sustainability of childcare programs by making the state’s Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) operational grant program permanent, expanding eligibility for the state’s subsidy program and capping subsidy recipients’ childcare costs at 7 per cent of family income, and boosting compensation for educators by creating a career ladder and providing scholarships and loan forgiveness.

“From my first day in the Senate I have been pushing for expanded access to early education and increasing staff salaries to ensure educators can earn a good living,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico, Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Education. “This critical legislation will drastically expand access to affordable, high-quality, early education and childcare and deliver significantly better pay and benefits for early educators. I am proud to support this bill which helps move our state one step closer to guaranteeing every child will receive world-class education from childhood through adulthood. We must get this bill over the finish line and keep our state a livable and welcoming home for families of all incomes. I want to thank all of the advocates, Senate President Karen Spilka, Senator Jason Lewis, Senator Susan Moran, Senator Robyn Kennedy, and all my colleagues for their tireless efforts to prioritize this vital proposal.”

“An equitable and competitive Commonwealth is one in which every child and family has access to affordable quality early education,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “At the same time, we must recognize the incredible work of the providers who are shaping the minds and hearts of our earliest learners. Today I’m proud that the Massachusetts Senate is once again taking action to lower costs for families, open up more opportunities for children, increase pay for our early educators, and make support for providers permanent so they can keep their doors open and thrive for years to come. I extend my thanks to Chair Rodrigues and Chair Lewis for their diligent work, all of my Senate colleagues for their support, and the many, many people who have advocated for early education and care.”

“With the passing of this



Senator DiDomenico speaking at a rally on the State House steps Thursday morning before voting began.

legislation, the Senate has reaffirmed its commitment to an ambitious and transformative investment in Early Education and Care (EEC). I want to thank my colleagues and the Senate President for her leadership in wisely continuing these investments in quality and accessible early childhood education for all. The onset of the COVID pandemic showed just how important these stabilizing grants were to early childhood programs, who otherwise would have been unable to sustain operations. We will always do whatever we can do assist working families by making permanent investments in early education and childcare initiatives in the Commonwealth,” said Senator Michael J. Rodrigues (D-Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

By extending access to high-quality education and care to families who currently lack access because of cost or availability, the bill seeks to set children up for future success and drive the Massachusetts economy forward.

The bill would make the state’s C3 grants permanent, which provides monthly payments directly to early education and care providers. The grants, which provide monthly payments to more than 92 per cent of early education and care programs across the Commonwealth, have become a national model thanks to their success at keeping programs’ doors open during the pandemic, reducing tuition costs for families, increasing compensation for early educators, and expanding the number of childcare slots available.

The legislation improves affordability by expanding eligibility for childcare subsidies to families making up to 85 per cent of the state median income (SMI), which is \$124,000 for a family of four. It eliminates cost-sharing fees for families receiving subsidies who are below the federal poverty line, and caps cost-sharing fees for all other families receiving subsidies at seven percent of their income, putting millions of dollars back into families’ pockets. Finally, the bill paves the way for expanding the subsidy program to fami-

lies making up to 125 per cent SMI, or \$182,000 for a family of four, when future funds become available.

The legislation provides much-needed support for educators by directing the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) to establish a career ladder with recommended salaries. This career ladder will help increase salaries in this historically underpaid field. The bill would also make scholarship and loan forgiveness programs for early educators permanent, as well as direct the state to explore more innovative ways to develop this crucial workforce.

Notably, the bill would also create an innovative public-private matching grant pilot program, which would incentivize employers to invest in new early education and care slots, with priority given to projects serving families with lower income and those who are located in childcare deserts. In addition, the bill tasks the Administration with completing a study to further analyze ways to incentivize or require employers to partner with the state to expand access to high-quality and affordable early education and care.

The bill also includes provisions that would:

- Ensure that early education and care programs serving children with subsidies are reimbursed based on enrollment, rather than attendance, to provide financial stability to programs.
- Require the cost-sharing fee scale for families participating in the childcare subsidy program to be updated every five years to ensure affordability for families.
- Establish a pilot program to expand access to shared-service hubs, which would support smaller early education and care programs.
- Increase the maximum number of children that can be served by fully-staffed large family childcare programs, aligning with states such as New York, California, Illinois, and Maryland.
- Bar zoning ordinances from prohibiting family childcare programs in certain areas, preventing an unnecessary hurdle to the expansion of childcare slots.

The legislation was

praised by early education and care reform advocates from around the state.

“On this incredible day, I am reflecting on decades of advocacy, multi-year campaigns spanning several legislative sessions, policy development and progress based on brain development and economic research, a global pandemic, the incredible response from thousands of early educators across Massachusetts, and how we have worked together to stabilize, heal and transform as a community,” said Amy O’Leary, Executive Director of Strategies for Children. “Hearing the real life, day-to-day challenges has helped inform our advocacy and must continue to drive policy decisions and match up resources with needs. We are grateful to Senate President Karen Spilka, Education Committee Co-Chair Senator Jason Lewis, Senator Susan Moran, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Senator Robyn Kennedy and all the members of the Massachusetts Senate for your action today on the EARLY ED Act. We know that fulfilling our vision will require a sustained effort and careful, thoughtful consideration. We look forward to working with the Legislature and the Healey-Driscoll Administration to pass comprehensive legislation this session and set a clear path for children and families in the Commonwealth.”

“The EARLY ED Act establishes a comprehensive framework needed to build affordable care options for families; significantly better pay and benefits for early educators; a stable source of funding for providers; and high-quality programs and services for children. MAAEYC is thrilled to be able to celebrate the Massachusetts Senate’s clear commitment to early childhood education today, and every day. We look forward to continuing to advocate on behalf of all young children across the Commonwealth alongside our colleagues and friends,” said Patty Sinclair, President of the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children.

Having been passed by the Senate, the legislation now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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## MARCH IS THE CRUELEST MONTH

Spring officially arrived this week, with March 19 marking the vernal equinox. According to meteorologists, “meteorological spring” began even sooner on March 1.

The poet Emily Dickinson extolled the arrival of March (“Dear March—Come in— How glad I am—”). But we always have viewed March as the ultimate tease. Emily Dickinson lived in Amherst, far from the coast, where ocean breezes off the still-frigid Atlantic -- water temps are their coldest in March -- can lower the dreaded wind-chill factor by 10 degrees even on sunny days.

For those of us who have been lifelong residents of Eastern Mass., March is the month on the calendar that we long for with great anticipation after the harsh winter season. But it always disappoints, like an object of desire who fails to live up to our expectations.

Admittedly, these past few winters have not been too tough to take, both in terms of the lack of cold and snow, which environmental scientists tell us is the beginning of a long-term trend of warmer winters because of climate change. Those milder winters have given us all the more reason to hope that March would be even more temperate compared to the past, but our hopes have been dashed by Mother Nature.

To be sure, we had some warm weather last week and the crocuses and snowdrops have been pushing through the ground for a while now, especially in the areas of our gardens in full sun. But the cold weather that is forecast for the coming week, with below-freezing temperatures every night and early-morning, is anything but a harbinger of the coming spring season.

One of the earliest memories of our childhood was learning the aphorism, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” Despite the onset of climate-change, that saying remains as true today as it was then.

## IT’S A SAD, SAD, SAD, SAD WORLD

It is fair to say that for everyone reading this editorial, the world is in a greater state of chaos than at any time in our lives.

Although the decades in the aftermath of World War II brought us the Cold War and two “hot wars” in Korea and Vietnam, plus the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the world overall was a more orderly place, divided between the Western democracies and the Eastern European Communist autocracies. Everyone knew where they stood and played by the rules. Both sides possessed huge nuclear arsenals that could destroy the other 10 times over, but that equilibrium brought us relative peace thanks to the concept of mutually assured destruction, appropriately known by the acronym MAD.

Even during the height of the Cold War, we could laugh at movies such as “The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming,” and the Beatles could make a parody of Chuck Berry’s “Back in the U.S.A.” and the Beach Boys’ “California Girls” with their song, “Back in the U.S.S.R.”

But since the demise of the Cold War’s hierarchy, turmoil has erupted in many places that had been relatively-peaceful. The civil wars that engulfed Somalia, Rwanda, and the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s presaged the terrible situations we have today.

Those relatively-contained civil conflicts have evolved into the ongoing cross-border wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Syria, and sub-Saharan Africa, where civilians are being bombed, murdered, raped, and displaced by the millions. No one is making jokes about the evils of Vladimir Putin and Hamas or the dire situation in Gaza.

In our own hemisphere, Haiti has collapsed into complete and total chaos, ruled by warring criminal gangs, and the Central American nations of El Salvador and Honduras are not far behind. In Mexico, the drug cartels effectively control large swathes of the country.

Venezuela has descended into desperate poverty despite having oil reserves that made it one of the wealthiest nations in South America just 10 years ago when its GDP was five times what it is today.

Even Chinese citizens are fleeing their country, where there is a huge crisis in the real estate market, because of economic stagnation that has brought record-high unemployment and a lack of opportunity to a nation that had known exponential growth for three decades.

It is estimated that 280 million people worldwide today are migrants, of whom 110 million are refugees, asylum-seekers, and others who are internally displaced people and in need of international protection. Both of those numbers are all-time records and are growing parabolically year-after-year.

The New York Times columnist and best-selling author Thomas Friedman has divided the post-post-Cold War world into two camps -- the nations of order vs. disorder. America remains a beacon, not only among the disorderly nations, but also compared to the industrialized world. We emerged from the pandemic as the strongest economy on earth, with an historically-low unemployment rate and a taming of post-COVID inflation that by far have outpaced our peers in Western Europe and elsewhere.

But despite our success, the news headlines each day inform us that the world today is a sad, sad place, instilling in all of us a sense that our relative strength and stability is fragile and cannot be taken for granted.

# Independent Forum

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

**Parlin Adult and Teens**  
Parlin Book Group, Parlin Meeting Room, and Zoom. Monday, March 25th at 6:00 pm. In The Guest Cottage, New York Times bestselling author Nancy Thayer takes readers back to the island of Nantucket in this novel about two single parents who accidentally rent the same summer house—and must soon decide where their hearts truly lie.. 18+. Call Kathleen at (617) 394 2300, or send an email to slipp@noblenet.org, for the Zoom link, or join us in person!

**Yarn Club** Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, March 26th at 7pm. Come chit chat and stitch! Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community. Recommended for ages 14-109!

**Murder/Mystery Book Group**, Connolly Center Meeting Room. Thursday, March 28th at 12pm. In P.D. James’ Death Comes to Pemberley chaos descends. Lydia Wickham, Elizabeth’s disgraced sister arrives in a hysterical state—shrieking that her husband has been murdered. Pemberley’s owners and servants may never be the same. See Kathleen

for copies on her twice monthly visits, or call the Parlin (617) 394 2300 or Shute (617) 394 2308 libraries.

**Softer Side of Celtic**, Parlin Meeting Room, Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 am. Musician and raconteur Jeff Snow combines the music, stories and a bit of history from Scotland, Ireland and England into a concert event that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

**Parlin Children**  
**Lego Club**. Parlin Children’s Room. Monday, March 25th from 3-5pm. Come to the Children’s Room after school on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

**Storytime with Vera**. Parlin Children’s Room. Tuesday, March 26th at 12pm. In English or Portuguese by request. Visit the Parlin Library Children’s Room to attend! Suggested ages 2-6.

**Storytime and Sing-along** with Karen Parlin Children’s Room. Wednesday, March 27th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

## The Softer Side of Celtic: A performance at the Everett Public Libraries

On Saturday, March 30, musician and raconteur Jeff Snow will combine music, stories, and a bit of history from Scotland, Ireland, and England into a free concert event for Everett Public Libraries patrons.

Jeff Snow is a talented multi-instrumentalist who shares the music, and the stories behind the music, of Scotland, Ireland and England.

Growing up in a home where old Scottish folk songs were the everyday sounds, Jeff developed an early love for Celtic music. Much of the history of



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Jeff Snow.

these lands was preserved in song. You will see singing, laughing, lots of smiles and perhaps a few tears as we travel through time.

There is no better example of this than the sto-

**Drama Class**. Parlin Children’s Room. Wednesday, March 27th at 3pm. Do you have a drama queen or king at home? Drama Class in the Parlin Children’s Department is the perfect opportunity for your child to put those acting skills to use with our drama coach! Suggested ages 6-14.

**Story Time** Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe Parlin Children’s Room. Thursday, March 28th and Friday, March 29th at 11am. Join us on Thursday and Fridays at 11am with Mrs. McAuliffe for our enchanting Story Time! You will be whisked away on magical adventures through the pages of your favorite books. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends.

**Fluency Fun** Friday. Parlin Children’s Room. Friday, March 29th at 3pm. Drop by the Children’s Room for a selection of fun fluency table games with Mrs. McAuliffe. Suggested ages 5-11.

**Origami Club**. Parlin Fireplace Room. Saturday, March 30th at 12pm. Come and practice the ancient art of paper folding. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

**Shute Adult and Teens**  
**Crafty Coasters**, Shute

Meeting Room. Thursday, March 28th at 7 PM. Bring your creativity to this event! This event is not only fun but sustainable. Your creativity will meet eco-friendliness with recycled magazines and wooden coasters. This event is for ages 14 and up. Registrations are required. This event is generously funded by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

**Resume Writing**, Shute Adult Department. Do you need help sprucing up an old resume or creating a new one? Sign up for a thirty minute session at both the Parlin and Shute Libraries. By appointment only. Please call 617-394-2302 for the Parlin Library and 617-394-2308 for the Shute Library to register for an appointment.

**Computer Basics 101**, Shute Adult Department. Not familiar with the computer? Learn the basics: how to start up and shut down a computer, perform mouse and keyboard functions, use applications, learn Microsoft Word, navigate the Internet, set up an email account, and more! By appointment only. Please call 617-394-2302 for the Parlin Library and 617-394-2308 for the Shute Library to register.

ry of John Hunt. In 1855, at the age of 13, John Hunt left his family’s home in Kilkelly Ireland and came to the United States. He never returned to Ireland and never saw his family again. The Ballad of Kilkelly Ireland tells the story of the Hunt family.

Jeff’s music has been described as “quiet and relaxing.” Much of it is, but every once in a while he breaks out and the foot stomping begins. Each concert is a wee bit different and adapted to the response and interest of the audience.

In concert Jeff plays the guitar, autoharp and bouzouki. He can also find his way around a drum set and most of the percussion family.

Jeff is a private guitar teacher and the author of the teaching method Guitar Basics and Beyond. He was featured in the December 2006 issue of Acoustic Guitar Magazine and is a contributing writer for Acoustic Guitar and Autoharp Quarterly Magazines.

When not singing, playing or teaching Jeff can often be found taking photographs, on a golf course or a beach.

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EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOLDS FAMILY BILITERACY CELEBRATION

In celebration of Read Across America Week, the Everett Public Schools EL Department held a Family Biliteracy Celebration at the Keverian School.

Students were able to participate in read-aloud sessions in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Arabic, Nepali, and Creole.

The readers and volunteers did an outstanding job interacting and conversing with the students in the various languages. Parents also attended the

fun and educational event. The students and families also enjoyed refreshments in the school cafeteria.



Everett student Jerome Herbert, with his mother, Christine Hebert, at the Everett Public Schools EL Department's Family Biliteracy Celebration.



Linda Maloney, with her granddaughter Quinn Maloney, Kapil Kunwar, Mohammed Hussain, and Prinsu Kunwar.



EL Coordinator Elizabeth Slattery, with Everett students Cameron (front), Isaac, Gabriel, Mikel, and Elloah.



Everett Little League volunteer Mark Reyes (left) and President Joe Polson had a player registration table for the 2024 season at the Family Biliteracy Celebration.



Keverian School Principal Alex Naumann and teacher Sheila Casey Scaduto, pictured at the Family Biliteracy Celebration.



Everett student Camron Matthews, with his father, Aaron Matthews, and his mother, Samantha Sears.



Everett Public Schools EL Coordinators Adrienne Kaminsky, Elizabeth Slattery, Marissa McQueeney, Melissa Jarem, and Chelsea McNiff.



From left, Portuguese Family Liaison Valerie Duarte, Keverian School Assistant Principal Keith Spencer, EL Director Genevieve McDonough, Assistant Principal Janet Taylor, EL Coordinator Elizabeth Slattery, Spanish Liaison Rosa Torres, and Principal Alex Naumann.



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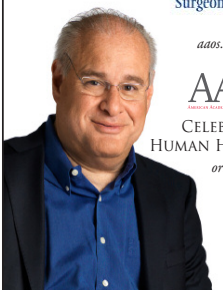


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## Carlo DeMaria

Mayor

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THE EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL CRIMSON TIDE WINTER SPORTS AWARDS DINNER

Last Tuesday evening at Anthony’s of Malden, Athletic Director of EHS Tammy Turner welcomed players, coaches, family, and friends from the EHS Winter Sports Program. This awards dinner officially closes out the winter program, recognizing the accomplishments of all student athletes that participated.



EHS Superintendent of Public Schools William Hart was on hand to congratulate the EHS athletes. Shown with Athletic Director Tammy Turner.



EHS Ad Tammy Turner with EHS girls' hockey players, Meghan Currie and Lindsey Sylva.



Basketball Cheer Leading All-Star Anna Louiza Silva with Coaches Taylor Leo and Katelyn Mastrocola.



EHS Hockey Head Coach Kirk Toomajian with Lettermen, Ray Blauvelt, and Charles Govostes.



EHS Varsity Girls' Basketball All-Stars Amelia Maria Babcock and Malaica Guillaume with Coaches Riley Dunn and Courtney Meninger.



Basketball Coach Gerry Boyce is shown with EHS All-Stars, Lian Dorosario, Jaysaun Coggins, and Allsin Desrameaux.



Head Coach Riley Dunn and her staff with the EHS Girls' Basketball Team.



Head Coach Gerry Boyce with his staff and the EHS Varsity Boys Basketball Team.



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# THE EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL CRIMSON TIDE WINTER SPORTS AWARDS DINNER



EHS All-Star Wrestlers with Coach Nick Erban, Maria Me-deiros and Kevin Argueta.



The EHS Basketball Cheerleading Squad.



Head Coach of EHS Hockey Cheering, Holly Garcia with All-Stars Alyssa Parziale and Rebecca Hickey.



Head Coach Holly Garcia with the EHS Hockey Cheerleading Squad.



Coaches and athletes of the EHS Crimson Tide Girls Indoor Track Team.



EHS Girls Indoor Track All-Stars, Darrynn Desrameaux and Suzanne Maharjan with coaches Jehu Cimea, HC Claudy St. Juste, Brendan Hahey and Katie Kukova.



Coaches and athletes of the EHS Crimson Tide Boys Indoor Track Team.



Crimson Tide Indoor Track Coach Claudy St. Juste and coaches Jehu Cimea, Brandon Hahey and Katie Kukova with All-Stars Donald Michael, Kayshan Evellard and Dawens Germain.



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# Heritage // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

us that spring is approaching and bringing with it, new growth, rebirth, and the optimism that spring always brings with it.

“The story of the Irish is a story about optimism. Like many cultures, the Irish came to America to overcome the hardships they faced at home in Ireland. They sacrificed to make the journey to the United States and clung to their faith during their voyage.

“They demonstrated their strength of character when they were met here, not with open arms, but with signs in windows that said, “Irish Need Not Apply.”

“Even when faced with all of that, the Irish did not let it turn their hearts or steal their belief that there was good in the world,” concluded DeMaria, who also shared an uplifting Irish blessing with the assemblage.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico said, “It’s a great day for our community when we are celebrating the many cultures that make up the fabric of the City of Ev-

erett. And today we want to celebrate and thank the many folks from Ireland, the Irish Americans who have helped make this community what it is today.”

Rep. Joseph McGonagle also delivered remarks at the event.

“St. Patrick’s Day is one of my favorite holidays because it celebrates camaraderie and community, no matter your heritage,” said McGonagle. “A celebration like the one we are having today is testament to the strength and spirit of the Irish. As many of you know, I could not be prouder of my Irish heritage and family. I feel so lucky to come from such a resilient people. I stand on the shoulders of my family who fled their homes and came to this country, then facing here in America oppression, while still fighting for a better life so I could be standing where I am today. I am extremely grateful.”

Following the celebration, many guests gathered at Stewart’s Pub for a community reception.



State Representative Joe McGonagle speaking at the podium.



State Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking at the podium.



Rev. Joseph Chacha Marwa from Immaculate Conception Parish delivering the opening prayer.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria welcomed attendees and delivered his remarks at the podium.

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From left: City of Everett’s Executive Manager Dolores Lattanzi; Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Cathy Draine; and DEI Officer Simone Holyfield.



From left: former City Councilor Al Lattanzi; City of Everett Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Cathy Draine; and City of Everett Executive Manager Dolores Lattanzi.



The City of Everett was joined by elected officials and members of the community to raise the Irish flag at City Hall in celebration of Irish American Heritage Month.

# ADDICTION & ALCOHOLISM

## Family Education Session

For families and friends who are navigating the challenges of a loved one’s addiction.

Wednesday  
March 27, 2024  
7:00 – 8:30 pm

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Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Marlene Westerman.

Tommy Sheehan performing Irish tunes at Stewart’s Pub.

The Everett community gathered at Stewart’s Pub for the community reception that followed the flag raising ceremony.



# EBNHC appoints Gioioso as Vice President of Campus Operations

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EB-NHC), soon to be NeighborHealth, announced the appointment of John Gioioso, CFM, MCR as Vice President of Campus Operations. Bringing with him over 30 years of experience in the healthcare and financial asset management sectors, Gioioso will support and advance the health center’s commitment to expanding access to care and providing a patient-centered healthcare experience in its facilities.

As Vice President of Campus Operations, Gioioso will be responsible for overseeing the operation of more than 20 properties owned and leased by EBNHC for patient care and administration, as well as spearheading new development and renovation projects in the communities EBNHC serves, including East Boston,



John Gioioso.

Revere, Everett, and Boston’s South End. Former Vice President of Campus Operations Stephen Fraser will be instrumental in helping transition John into his new role and will continue to work closely on a part-time basis with EBNHC leadership to execute special projects across the EBNHC campus as he transitions into retirement.

“With campus locations across Greater Boston, we are confident that John’s extensive knowledge and experience will help ensure that our health system provides an exceptional environment for patient care,” said EBNHC Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Ryan Boxill. “We at EBNHC would also like to extend a great deal of gratitude and thanks to Stephen for his many years of service which have been invaluable in creating an environment that facilitated exceptional care to our patients.” Prior to joining EBNHC, Gioioso oversaw project management for Mass General Brigham’s Northshore Physician Group’s clinic locations. In this role, he expertly managed new development and renovations, while working with both contractors and the community to promote

best-in-class standard operating construction procedures. Gioioso is also well-versed in tenant fit-ups and built environment enchantment project management from his time with commercial real estate firm Keypoint Partners. “As an East Boston native, I am excited to bring my expertise to a community so close to my heart,” said Gioioso. “I look forward to ensuring that EBNHC’s properties continue to be well-maintained and represent the best in community-based patient care.” In addition to his leadership role at EBNHC, Gioioso is an adjunct professor at Boston University and Wentworth Institute of Technology. Gioioso holds a masters’ degree from Cambridge College with a concentration in facilities management. He received his bachelor’s de-

gree in management from Suffolk University and his associate’s degree in management from Northshore Community College. East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is one of the nation’s largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 120,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, EBNHC joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston’s South

End and Roxbury neighborhoods. EBNHC champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other health care providers in our state. In addition to primary and specialty care, EBNHC operates Massachusetts’ only satellite Emergency Department, which is the fourth busiest ED in Boston and is co-located with advanced radiology including CT scan services, same-day Behavioral Health Urgent Care and an integrated pharmacy. Today, EBNHC remains dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals both in and out of the exam room by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services.

## MassDOT’s second National Work Zone Awareness Week announced

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the launch of its second National Work Zone Awareness Week billboard design contest, exclusively for Massachusetts college students. The contest aims to raise awareness of work zone safety and encourage drivers to exercise caution when passing through active construction and maintenance projects. “We’re calling for all great ideas for our second annual National Work Zone Awareness Week billboard contest,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. “Creative designs and advertisements are a powerful way to reach residents and remind them how to keep our construction crews safe.” National Work Zone

Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual event that brings attention to work zone safety and education around preventing crashes and fatalities in these areas. The theme for NWZAW 2024 is “Work Zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever.” The main takeaway is while work zones may be temporary, the choices made by drivers in these areas can have far-reaching effects. Whether it’s excessive speed, distracted driving, or ignoring traffic laws, poor behaviors exhibited behind the wheel can lead to severe injuries, fatalities, and long-lasting trauma for individuals and families. MassDOT is taking an active role in promoting work zone safety to protect the men and women working out on the roadway and would like

to invite all Massachusetts college students to create a billboard design that promotes the theme and encourages drivers to be cautious when driving through work zones. Massachusetts college students interested in participating should create a billboard design that includes the theme and promotes work zone safety. Review the MassDOT Digital Billboard Design Specifications before preparing your submission. The contest is open to all students who are currently enrolled in Massachusetts colleges. The winning designs will be selected based on creativity, impact, and relevance to the NWZAW theme. The contest ends on April 19, and the winning designs will be announced on May 1 during the 2024 MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference.

The top 3 designs will be displayed on a series of digital billboards along the highways in Massachusetts throughout the 2024 construction season. The winning designs will be awarded a scholarship generously provided by the Massachusetts Aggregate and Asphalt Pavement Association (MAA-PA). As staunch advocates for roadway safety, MAA-PA recognizes the crucial importance of promoting work zone safety and is dedicated to increasing awareness about driving responsibly near work zones. 1st place: \$500 and 3-month billboard display (June, August, November) 2nd place: \$300 and 2-month billboard display (July, October) 3rd place: \$200 and 1-month billboard display (September).

## Catholic Schools Foundation receives match support for new donations made towards the Building Minds Scholarship Fund

The Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF) is thrilled to announce a special initiative in support of their signature program, the Building Minds Scholarship Fund. Bill, CSF Trustee, and Jane Mosakowski will generously match one-to-one all new and increased contributions to the fund, up to \$500,000. The Building Minds Scholarship Fund grants scholarships to over 3,500 low-income students each year who wish to attend Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. Bill and Jane’s match gift was announced ahead of CSF’s upcoming 34th Annual Building Minds Scholarship Fund Gala, taking place at Boston Marriott Copley Place on April 11th, 2024. Thanks to their generosity, every new sponsorship, ticket purchase, and donation made will now have double the impact.

Bill Mosakowski, CSF Trustee, said: “Jane and I are honored to support the Catholic Schools Foundation’s Building Minds Scholarship Fund. Every child deserves the opportunity to build a brighter future. By matching new and increased contributions to the Building Minds Scholarship Fund, we hope to inspire others to join us in mak-

ing a lasting impact on the lives of in-need students and their families in the Archdiocese of Boston.” The 34th Annual Building Minds Scholarship Fund Gala is the single largest fundraiser held by CSF, raising over \$4M annually for low-income students to attend Catholic Schools across Boston and the surrounding communities. Drawing together approximately 800-1,000 members of the Greater Boston business community and beyond, the event will be chaired by Renee, CSF Trustee, and Mike Minogue, President & CEO of Minogue Consulting, LLC, and Retired Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Abiomed. Some of the most recognized and influential names in the Commonwealth will be in attendance to honor Rick Hen-

ken, President & CEO of the Schochet Companies and former president of the CSF Board of Trustees. Gala attendees will also have the opportunity to meet over 100 CSF scholars who will be present at the event to share more about their great experiences with the organization and to display school projects they have been working on throughout the year. Mike Reardon, CSF’s Executive Director, commented: “At the Catholic Schools Foundation, our top priority is the education of our scholars. We’re proud to say that 100% of CSF Scholars graduate high school, and an impressive 98% matriculate to college. The Building Minds Scholarship Fund transforms the lives of these in-need students by pro-

viding them with a quality Catholic education that will open the door to a wealth of opportunities. Your support, along with the generous match from Bill and Jane Mosakowski, will help us to continue making a difference in their lives and build brighter futures for CSF scholars. It all starts with you.” The Catholic Schools Foundation would like to thank Bill and Jane Mosakowski for their remarkable commitment to the Building Minds Scholarship Fund. For more information on CSF’s 34th Annual Building Minds Scholarship Fund Gala and how you can double your donation, visit [www.csfboston.org/34annual-gala](http://www.csfboston.org/34annual-gala). Any questions can be directed to Vanessa at [vmcgeehan@csfboston.org](mailto:vmcgeehan@csfboston.org) or (617) 398-5459.

## OBITUARIES

### Samuel Ratta

Retired Everett Chief Procurement Officer

Samuel R. Ratta of Everett entered into eternal rest on Thursday, March 14 in the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. He was 93 years old. Born in East Boston, Sam lived in Everett for most of his life. He retired from the City of Everett as the Chief Procurement Officer. Sam was the son of the late Celia (Qualtieri) and Onofrio Ratta; the beloved husband for almost 44 years of Mary P (Impemba; dear and devoted father of Robert F. Ratta of Madison, Wisc, Richard S. Ratta and his wife, MaryAnn of Venice, FL and Robin Ann Walsh and her late husband, Paul of Billerica; brother of the late Frank Ratta and his surviving wife, Eleanor and the late Rose Lettieri. He is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren as well as his step-sons, Robert Nassor and his wife, Christine and Steven Nassor of Lynn. Relatives and friends



are respectfully invited to attend Sam’s visitation in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett, Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Sam’s entombment in the Woodlawn Cemetery Community Mausoleum (Versailles), Everett. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Sam’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105, would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants on duty.

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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

**Mystic Side Congregational Church**  
422 Main Street  
Everett, MA

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

NA Meetings – Mon.

Bring Your Own Book 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We Can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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**Glendale United Methodist Church**  
Pastor David Jackson  
392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers)  
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PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com  
Pastor's Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

There are two services on Sundays: 10 a.m. English, 1 p.m. South Sudanese Dinka

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

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67 Norwood Street,  
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Church Phone 617-387-7526 or 617-389-5765

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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For more information, they can be reached online at [zionchurchministries.com](http://zionchurchministries.com) or via email at [office@zionchurchministries.com](mailto:office@zionchurchministries.com).

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Rev. Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator, Rev. Gustavo Buccilli S.M.A Parochial Vicar, Barbara Canon Secretary, Parish Secretary.

Weekly Mass Schedule at the Immaculate Conception Parish is as follows:

1: Monday-Saturday at 7:00a.m. in the Chapel.

2: Saturday at 4:00p.m. (Sunday Vigil) and at 7:30p.m. Vietnamese Mass Upper Church.

3: Sunday at 7:00a.m. and 10:00a.m. English Masses. At 12:00p.m. Spanish Mass and 4:00p.m. Haitian Creole Mass.

4: Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:00-3:45

at the Confession Boots in the Chapel, and at 11:15 a.m. 12:00p.m. in Spanish.

5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel on Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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**Immaculate Conception Parish**  
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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

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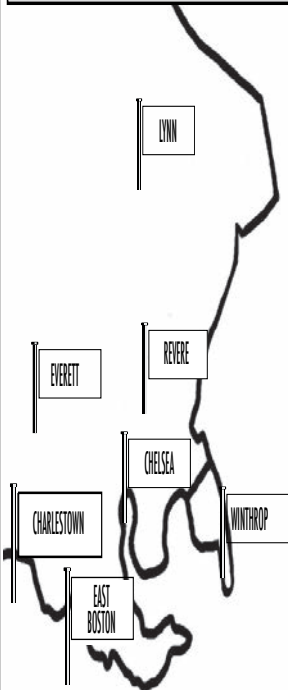
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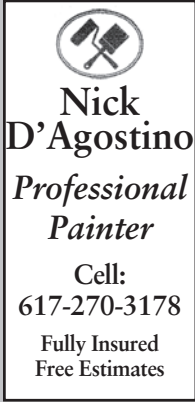
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Irish dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Since March is a month when we celebrate all things Irish, we'd like to introduce you to a few dog breeds originating in Ireland. Some, such as The Irish Wolfhound, Irish Setter, Irish Red and White Setter, Irish Water Spaniel, and Irish Terrier, carry their heritage as part of their breed names.

A few carry an Irish place name, such as the Glen of Imaal Terrier, Kerry Blue Terrier, and Kerry Beagle. However, you might be surprised to learn that the very popular Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier also traces its ancestry to the Emerald Isle.

We've met quite a few Wheatens, Irish Setters, and Wolfhounds over the years. All three made the top 100 in the American Kennel Club's (AKC) Most Popular Dog Breeds list at numbers 66, 71, and 89, respectively. We've had rare sightings of the Kerry Blue, Glen of Imaal,

and Irish Setter but have never had the opportunity to see the others in the fur.

Big or Small:  
Bred to Work

All these dogs were bred to work for hunting, retrieving, and destroying vermin. The largest, The Irish Wolfhound is said to be able to run down and kill a wolf. Despite its size and background, the breed is described as quiet, affectionate, loyal to its family, and, with proper training, good around children and other dogs.

Our first experience with a Wolfhound was when we walked our very feisty Westie Sassy around our suburban neighborhood. Down the street trotted Toby, a pony-size Wolfhound, with his person. Sassy, who was highly territorial, gave a sharp bark and a low growl. Toby took one look at her, made a U-turn, and moved away at a much faster pace.

Unfortunately, we could

only get to know Toby when Sassy was not with us. Worse, the encounter gave Sassy the mistaken confidence that if she scared away that giant, she could take on horses, cows, and any other large animal she met.

On the other end of the size scale, the AKC writes about the small but mighty Glen of Imaal Terrier: "They were bred to hunt small prey, such as rats, as well as larger targets, such as foxes and badgers (which could weigh more than the dogs, at up to 40 lbs). According to legend, Glens also had a role in the kitchen, turning a specially designed meat-cooking device called a turnspit—think of a dog-operated rotisserie."

Irish Dog Names

We may have a few Irish dogs in the area, but many more dogs have Irish names. In our neighborhood, we've known dogs named Shamrock, Murphy, Erin, Quinn, Fio-



The AKC reported, "Irish Wolfhounds were documented in Rome as early as the year 391 A.D. They were presented to the Roman Counsel as gifts..."

na, Bailey, Riley, Killian, Brady, Finn, and Finnigan. Perhaps it's this area's Irish heritage or just a love for the sound of Celtic words.

Dog's in Irish Pubs

If, like us, your imagined view of an Irish pub includes dogs sitting beside the men at the bar or

under the tables, it's not current. That image comes from popular culture and another age.

From the 1950s until the rules changed in 2017, owners of establishments that served food were only allowed to let service dogs inside. Today, the law is about the same as it is in Boston and some sur-

rounding towns and cities. It is up to the restaurant or pub owner to decide if they will allow companion animals, and they must meet a set of rules to do so.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

FBI Boston recovers and returns 22 historic artifacts to Japan

The FBI Boston Division has recovered 22 historic artifacts that were looted following the Battle of Okinawa and has orchestrated their return to the Government of Japan, Okinawa Prefecture. These artifacts had been missing for almost 80 years. A formal repatriation ceremony will be held in Japan at a later date.

The 22 artifacts, some of which date back to the 18th and 19th centuries, represent a significant piece of Okinawan history and include six portraits, (three of which were one piece and appear to have been divided into three pieces), a hand drawn map of Okinawa dating back to the 19th century, and various pieces of pottery and ceramics.

In 2001, the Okinawa Prefectural Board of Education, as a result of its participation in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program, registered some of these artifacts with the FBI's National Stolen Art File (NSAF),

a database of art and cultural property that have been reported stolen to the FBI by law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad.

"It's incredibly gratifying when the FBI is able to recover precious cultural property that has been missing for almost 80 years," said Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division. "This case highlights the important role the public plays in recognizing and reporting possible stolen art. We'd like to thank the family from Massachusetts who did the right thing in reaching out to us and relinquishing these treasures so we could return them to the people of Okinawa."

Last year, a family (who wishes to remain anonymous) was going through their late father's personal effects and came across what appeared to be very valuable Asian art. Their father was a World War II veteran, but never served in the Pacific Theater. In an effort to identify the

provenance of the artifacts, they checked the National Stolen Art File and determined that at least four of the items were missing 18th century portraits that had been listed in the database. Included with the artifacts was an unsigned, typewritten letter stating these items were collected in Okinawa during the last days of World War II.

The FBI conducted a logical investigation and was able to authenticate the artworks.

"It's an exciting moment when you watch the scrolls unfurl in front of you and you just witness history, and you witness something that hasn't been seen by many people in a very long time," said Geoffrey Kelly, an FBI Boston Special Agent, and Art Crime Team member. "These artifacts are culturally significant, they're important pieces of Japan's identity. These were especially important because they were portraits of Okinawan kings dating back to the 18th, 19th centuries. This case really illustrates

part of the work we do on the Art Crime Team. It's not always about prosecutions and putting someone in jail. A lot of what we do is making sure stolen property gets back to its rightful owners even if it's many generations down the road."

The National Museum of Asian Art at the Smithsonian Institute assisted the FBI in ensuring that the artifacts were properly packaged for transport back to Japan.

"The FBI reached out, asked us for some help

making sure they knew how to care for the works and that they had a safe place to store them while they worked out the repatriation details," said Danielle Bennett, head of collections management at the National Museum of Asian Art at the Smithsonian Institute. "It's an honor to be able to help the works go back to their home."

The FBI also thanks the U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) 38 G Monuments Men and

Women, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and the U.S. Air Force for their assistance in securing and transporting the artifacts to Okinawa Prefecture, Japan.

On Friday, March 15, 2024, Denny Tamaki, the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture, announced the return of the artifacts to the people of Okinawa, Japan, in a news conference stating "it is very meaningful that the FBI, along with others in the U.S. Government, have cooperated to realize this return."

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