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A PERFECT '10 Everett HS named team of the decade by Max Preps

By Cary Shuman

Everybody in this city and this state knows that Everett High had the greatest coach and the greatest program in Massachusetts over the past 10 years. But it's always nice when someone outside the Crimson Tide community acknowledges and confirms your superiority. And Max Preps, a highly regarded national organization that will soon be in charge of seeding teams for MIAA Tournaments, has determined that Everett High - led by head coaches John DiBiaso (2010-17), and Theluxon Pierre (2018-19) - was No. 1 in Massachusetts football - for the entire decade. And it wasn't even close.

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FLAGS FOR VETERANS



PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

Volunteer Nick Bertone - who normally runs the Wellness Center - places a flag on the grave of a veteran in Glenwood Cemetery on Monday morning prior to heading into work. With Memorial Day exercises canceled, volunteers converged on the cemetery early on Monday to mark the graves of veterans so they could be honored in some fashion to replace the traditional ceremonies. See Page 6 for more photos.



City plans rolling Memorial Day tribute, with ability to remember outside cars

By Seth Daniel

The City of Everett has announced it will hold a rolling rally of private vehicles and City vehicles to commemorate Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, concluding with a ceremony in Glenwood Cemetery. The short ceremony in the cemetery will include music and a message from Mayor Carlo DeMaria - and those in attendance can participate from inside their parked vehicles or they may get out of them and adhere to proper social distancing with masks. "Veterans and residents

will remain inside vehicles during the ceremony to ensure proper social distancing," read directions from the City. "Those able to properly socially distance while wearing a mask may stand outside of their vehicles during the ceremony." The rally will begin with a line-up in the Everett High parking lot at 10:30 a.m., with Police and Fire vehicles leading the rolling rally to the cemetery for the short exercises. The program will begin at 11 a.m. and will include the following schedule: Memorial Day Program: Glenwood Cemetery

- Brief Welcome:

Jeanne Cristiano, Commissioner of Veterans Services

- Star Spangled Banner
- Pledge of Allegiance
- God Bless America
- Greetings from the City of Everett: Honorable Mayor Carlo DeMaria
- Roll Call
- Taps: Gene O'Brien

The program will be live-streamed on Mayor DeMaria's Facebook page, and then streamed on ECTV shortly after the ceremony concludes. Already, volunteers have been in Glenwood Cemetery and Woodlawn Cemetery this week marking the graves of veterans with flags.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center opens COVID-19 testing to all

By John Lynds

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic more than two months ago East Boston has emerged as one of Boston's 'hotspots'. The virus rapidly spread through the densely populated neighborhood infect-

ing over 1,000 residents since mid-March. Other surrounding communities like Chelsea and Revere also had become a virus hot spot. The team at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) has been on the frontlines fighting the

pandemic in East Boston and rapidly changing and adapting their approach as each week passes. One of the biggest tools to combat the virus has been to increase testing for as many residents as possi-

Adopt-a-student

Everett mother motivates city to encourage members of the Class of 2020

By Seth Daniel

When Jacob Jackson walked into his first kindergarten class in Everett around 12 years ago, his mother, Shenae, dreamed of the day he would graduate from high school - how it would be for him to walk across the stage and celebrate with family. Now, that has all been taken away from students and families in the Class of 2020, and Shenae Jackson has started a fast-growing movement in Everett and beyond to Adopt-a-Student

in the Class of 2020. To soften the "raw deal" so many senior students have gotten, they are calling on the community to adopt members of the class and provide them with a gift to encourage them in their final days of high school - which is now online. "I started this out about 10 days ago and it's up to 831 people and going very well," she said. "With everything that has happened in the last two months, it

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Everett High Senior Jacob Jackson shown with the Adopt a 2020 Everett High School Senior gift he received as part of an effort started by his mother, Shenae Jackson.

On the other side of the curve

Ramping down and preparing for the fall

By Seth Daniel

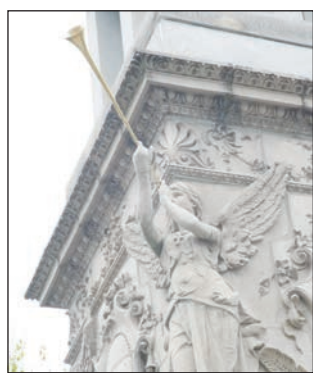
Make no mistake, the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) are still steadily full of COVID-19 patients, but more patients are now coming in with traditional ailments as well, and the overwhelming surge situation is now starting to ramp down as medical professionals march into a 'new normal' and prepare for what could be a difficult fall and winter. All over the hospital, plans are being put in place to ramp down from the "all hands on deck" situation where every available corner and resource was used to potentially treat sick patients.

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Woodlawn Cemetery prepares historic grounds

By Seth Daniel

The newly-restored sculpture at the gate of Woodlawn Cemetery features four ornate angels with brass horns, using the reference to the Book of Revelation in the Christian Bible whereby the four angels call back the dead to God. It is a stark symbolism in any time for humanity, especially at a cemetery, but it is incredibly poignant now as the cemetery has seen a surge of burials related to COVID-19 illnesses and at the same time scurries to prepare its remarkably historic grounds for the crowds that usually come on the Memorial Day holi-



Visitors will be greeted by a newly restored sculpture at the gate of the cemetery this year. The brass horns have not been in place for more than 50 years. day weekend. "We're probably averaging triple the interments we

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Seniors from EHS boys track reflect on lost season

Special to the Independent

"We aren't just a team...we are a family"

With the coronavirus pandemic forcing the closure of schools across the state for the remainder of the 2020 school year, the Everett High athletic season also was canceled, taking away from the members

of the senior class the opportunity to compete for the last time in a Crimson Tide uniform. The Independent invited the coaches and members of the EHS spring sports teams from the Class of 2020 to reflect on the season that was taken away

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ble. According to EBNHC Vice President Michael Mancusi testing leads to quick identification of cases, quick treatment for those people and immediate isolation to prevent spread. Early testing also helps to identify anyone who came into contact with infected people so they too can be quickly treated.

Mancusi said EBNHC is now able to test anyone who wants to be tested for COVID-19 in the communities of East Boston, Winthrop, Revere, Chelsea and Everett—even if you do not have symptoms, or if you are not an EBNHC patient.

“We started testing back on March 28 by testing first responders,” said Mancusi. “Then we opened the testing to EBNHC patients and now we are opening up testing to non-patients of the Health Center. We are really hoping to increase broad testing in our service areas of East Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere and Everett.”

Mancusi said the steps to get a free COVID-19 test at one of three EBNHC testing sites is easy and hassle free.

“All someone has to do is call 617-569-5800 to pre-register whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic,” said Mancusi. “And the testing sites are open 7 days a week.”

The easiest way to get testing is arguably at EBNHC’s Suffolk Downs ‘drive-thru’ testing site at 525 William F. McClellan Highway after pre-registering.

“This site is open daily from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.,” said Mancusi. “Once you are registered you simply drive up to check in. The staff will print a label that we put on your windshield. Then you drive up to the testing tent and get tested. It is a very streamlined and quick process that takes only a few minutes by our experienced staff.”

Mancusi said the Health Center had a day last week where they tested 149 people at Suffolk Downs.

“We are averaging 80 to 100 people per day with the numbers being a little lower on the weekends,” said Mancusi.



Drivers in their cars lined up in the queue to receive the COVID-19 test at the Suffolk Downs testing facility run by EBNHC.

However, Mancusi said the Health Center wants to give residents as many opportunities as possible to get tested.

“For those who do not have a car we have set up a ‘walk-through’ testing site 79 Paris Street,” said Mancusi.

This site is open daily from 8 a.m. to noon and residents can pre-register through the same phone number (617-569-5800).

“Paris Street is the same as Suffolk Downs with the only difference being it is a walk-through testing site,” said Mancusi. “This process also moves quickly and we’ve been testing over 100 people a day at Paris Street.”

All together EBNHC is approaching 8,500 or so individuals tested for COVID-19 in the area with a goal of reaching 10,000 people tested over the next week or two.

“East Boston was identified as a ‘hotspot’ so we really wanted to do our part during this public health crisis,” said Mancusi. “We absolutely wanted to increase the testing across the communities we serve because the more testing that gets down the more we can do to manage community suppression.”

Mancusi said the third testing site is for residents with COVID-19-like symptoms at EBNHC’s Emergency Department Influenza Like Illness Clinic at 10 Gove Street.

Once tested Mancusi said patients should receive test results in 4 to 5 days or less but should quarantine

in their home pending the results. Results will automatically be reported to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Boston Public Health Commission.

“If your results are positive, a health care provider from EBNHC will call you to discuss your results and give further guidance,” said Mancusi. “Being positive brings up all kinds of issues and questions for people. We provide a hand out at all the testing sites. If someone is positive we have an entire support network to help with housing, food insecurities or other issues people may face. So there’s a solid plan in place to help people navigate the most proper care for their condition.”

Mancusi said the Health Center is also exploring more testing options like ‘mobile-testing’.

“Through mobile testing we can target areas that haven’t had a level of robust testing yet,” said Mancusi. “There may be certain areas, for whatever reason, where the number of residents tested is very low. Using geo mapping tools we can look at the data and pinpoint places or a population in these ‘cold-zones’ that should have barrier-free testing.”

Mancusi reminds residents that all are welcome at EBNHC’s testing sites regardless of immigration status, insurance status, or ability to pay. You will not receive a bill for COVID-19 testing or treatment.

Visit www.ebnhc.org for COVID-19 information and community resources.

Afterschool program donates food to children in Everett

Beginning Tuesday, May 19, the For Kids Only Afterschool program will provide the City of Everett with snack packs to be distributed to children in need in the City of Everett.

“I want to thank the For Kids Only Afterschool Program for their generosity. This is a challenging time for many families, and it is reassuring to see organizations stepping up to the challenges facing us to make sure kids and those

facing hunger are fed,” Mayor Carlo DeMaria said. FKO will provide the Elliot Family Resources Center with 1,000 snack packs to be distributed to children in need who are living in the City of Everett, ages 1-18; and 600 snack packs to LUMA.

Employees of the afterschool program will be putting together the snack packs for the children starting on Monday, May 18, at the The Youth in Motion

center in Revere. Each snack pack contains enough snacks for seven days, half of the snacks are fruits and the other half will range from a granola bars, graham crackers, milk and yogurt. City of Everett Office of the Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Jr. 484 Broadway EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS 02149 PHONE 617-394-2270 Fax 617-381-1150

Traffic impacts for railroad crossing work in Chelsea and Everett

The MBTA is building a new, fully accessible Chelsea Commuter Rail Station next to the final SL3 stop in Chelsea. When complete, the new station will connect the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Lines to the SL3. While building the new station, we are also upgrading the rail signal system and replacing the railroad crossings at Eastern Avenue, Third Street, and Everett Avenue in Chelsea, as well as 2nd Street in Everett. To prepare for the railroad crossing work, the MBTA’s contractor will continue utility work in the coming weeks as described below.

UPCOMING TRAFFIC IMPACTS
To safely perform work at the railroad crossings, traffic will be impacted in the following locations at these scheduled* times:
•Everett Avenue in Chelsea – Monday, May 18, through Wednesday, May 27, from 7 AM to 3 PM each day (no work on Memorial Day, May 25). Northbound traffic will be detoured around the railroad crossing. Southbound traffic will not be impacted. Northbound traffic on Everett Avenue will be directed to follow this detour route:
*Turn right on Spruce Street. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn left on Beech Street. Turn left on

Maple Street, then turn right to continue north on Everett Avenue.
•2nd Street in Everett – Thursday, May 28, through Friday, June 5, from 7 AM to 3 PM each day. Traffic will be reduced to a single lane with alternating traffic in each direction. Work takes place on weekdays only. If work is completed ahead of schedule at one crossing, work will immediately commence at the next scheduled crossing (Monday through Friday). Police details will help direct traffic around all railroad crossings while construction is in progress. MBTA Commuter Rail riders will not be impacted by this work.

Senior Week will feature online tributes, Drive-thru graduation on June 6

The Everett Public Schools have scheduled a Drive-Up Graduation ceremony for June 6, yet another frontier in an ever-changing educational landscape defined and limited by COVID-19. Originally, Everett schools and may other neighboring districts thought the pandemic dangers would subside a bit before graduation season, but that has not happened. In Everett, they’ve turned to a drive-up graduation so students can be present, speakers can give speeches

and photo booths and festivities accessible while staying in the car. “To commemorate such an important milestone for our seniors, we are providing a drive-thru graduation event,” read an announcement from the schools. “To make this experience special for our students, we are providing photo booths and other festivities that graduates can enjoy, all while remaining in their cars.” The event will be on Saturday, June 6, and will start at 11 a.m. in the Mystic Street parking lots across from Encore Boston Harbor. More details on the

event will be coming in the weeks ahead. Drive-thru graduation will be preceded by Senior Week, most of which will be virtual or non-contact, and will run from May 26-28. The events include:
•Senior Salute Parade – Seniors decorate their front doors, yard areas or find other ways to show EPS pride. School and City leadership along with other partners will ride a designated route to honor seniors in Everett.
•Celebrate-A-Senior

By Seth Daniel



Medical staff are shown at the Suffolk Downs drive thru testing facility.

EBNHC ofrece pruebas de COVID-19

By John Lynds

East Boston se ha convertido en uno de los lugares más vulnerables al coronavirus. El virus ha infectado a más de mil residentes desde mediados de marzo.

El equipo del East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) ha estado en primera línea de la pandemia. Una de las herramientas más grandes para combatir el virus es aumentar las pruebas.

El centro es ahora capaz de probar cualquier persona en East Boston que tenga una prueba, aunque no tenga síntomas. No tiene que ser un paciente de EBNHC.

“Llaman al 617-569-5800 para preinscribirse”, dijo el vicepresidente de EBNHC Michael Mancusi. “Los sitios de prueba están



Maria Maldonado is on hand to administer tests.

abiertos los siete días de la semana”.

Los sitios incluyen Suffolk Downs en 525 William F McClellan Highway, abierto de 1pm a 5pm. Para aquellos que no tienen vehículo, hay un sitio para peatones en 79 Paris Street,

abierto todos los días de 8am a mediodía. Un tercer sitio de pruebas es la Clínica de Enfermedades en 10 Gove Street.

Los residentes están invitados a los sitios de prueba sin importar el estatus de inmigración, la falta de seguro médico o la falta de dinero. No recibirán una factura por las pruebas o el tratamiento de COVID-19.

Los pacientes recibirán los resultados en cinco días, pero deben ponerse en cuarentena en su hogar mientras esperan los resultados.

EBNHC tiene el objetivo de evaluar a 10,000 residentes en total dentro de dos semanas. El centro también está explorando más opciones de prueba como sitios de prueba móviles.

Visita <https://ebnhc.org/es/> para COVID-19 información y recursos de la comunidad en Spanish.

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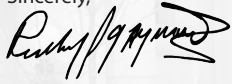
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MEMORIAL DAY, 2020

This will be a Memorial Day unlike any that Americans have known.

Ever since the official inception of the holiday on May 30, 1868, when the practice of decorating the graves of the fallen Union soldiers with flowers, wreaths, and flags officially became recognized by the order of General Logan at Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) has been a time for all Americans to come together to commemorate and honor those who made the Supreme Sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

When Memorial Day was moved to the fourth Monday of May starting in 1971, the three-day weekend also came to mark the official start of the summer season for Americans of all ages, who gathered for cookouts and other outdoor activities with friends and family.

But in this year of the coronavirus pandemic, all of the usual parades and festivities have been cancelled. With much of the nation still sheltering in place, gatherings of families and friends have been limited to the faux-reality of Zoom.

The pandemic also has brought another set of challenges to our nation, however. The stress we all are feeling, both from the threat of the virus itself and from the economic anxiety it has created, has brought into full view the many, deep fissures in our society which have been lurking beneath the surface for decades.

It is fair to say that America is as disunited as we ever have been since the end of the Civil War itself 155 years ago. This pandemic, rather than bringing us together to face and fight the common challenge of the coronavirus, is threatening to tear us apart and bring to an end the great American experiment.

In searching for appropriate words to capture this moment in which we find ourselves, the Gettysburg address that was delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on the site of the battlefield on November 19, 1863, rings most true, both in terms of honoring those who gave their lives in our nation's wars and for healing the wounds created by the current pandemic crisis.

We hope our readers take a moment to absorb Lincoln's words and reflect upon the meaning of Memorial Day in light of our current situation:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Independent Forum



MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25, 2020

GUEST OP-ED

Census 2020 - Don't forget to be counted

By Peter A. Napolitano

The past several weeks have been unprecedented. On behalf of my family and myself, our hearts go out to you, your loved ones and everyone who has been directly or indirectly affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19). As bad as this has been, it will be worse if aid to Everett is reduced due to an inaccurate census count this year. Currently Everett has one of the lowest response rates in the Commonwealth. This can adversely affect all of us for the next ten years.

Every decade our great Nation conducts a census,

and while the reasons in the past for not filling it out have been pretty weak, there are really no excuses in 2020. Most residents are at home. The 2020 U.S. census is the most important count of the decade. Every resident in the United States needs to be accurately counted to provide valuable statistics to determine how the government runs the country and on the local level, how to gauge adjustments to vital programs like housing, education, transportation and even the health care industry. The census impacts a lot of different spheres in our society but it will critically hurt our City if we are

documented with a smaller population than we are actually serving. Many of our residents have been struggling to keep a roof over their heads, food on the table and a quality education for their families. Federal funding provides us with the means to address some of these issues and that is why accuracy is critical. An uncounted population negatively affects our ability to address issue and impacts everyone.

How do you respond if you have not completed the Census by now? You can respond on-line at <https://2020census.gov/>, by phone in English (844-

330-2020), Spanish (844-468-2020), Haitian Creole (844-477-2020) and Portuguese (844-474-2020) or simply mail back the form sent to you in April. While the nation is coming to grips with this national crisis, the census is not to be taken lightly. It is crucial to the government's function and we have been doing it for 230 years. The census helps shape many different aspects of our community. Do your part and complete the census today. Everyone needs to be counted. Continue to stay safe and stay healthy.

Peter A. Napolitano, is Councilor-at-Large.

DiDomenico, Senate pass bill to collect vital public health data

Sen. Sal DiDomenico announced that the state Senate has passed bipartisan legislation to promote equity and transparency as the Commonwealth continues to confront the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill, An Act Addressing COVID-19 Data Collection and Disparities in Treatment, would increase the amount of statewide, publicly available data as it relates to the coronavirus, and establish a task force to study and make policy recommendations to address health disparities for underserved and underrepresented communities, including gateway cities like Chelsea and Everett.

"These reporting requirements are critical to ensuring we have a full and up-to-date understanding of the pandemic's impact on

our communities, and the inequities that exist across our Commonwealth," said DiDomenico. "Our district has been especially hard hit by COVID-19, and any additional information that we have at our disposal will be key to tailoring our response to this pandemic. These new reporting requirements will also help to determine our long-term recovery efforts and inform our ongoing work to address systemic inequities in our healthcare and safety-net systems. I am pleased that the Senate has taken action to implement strong data collection and reporting requirements, and it is my hope that this bill makes it to the Governor's desk in the very near future."

Under the bill, the Department of Public Health (DPH) will be required to

compile, collect and issue daily online reports on the number of people tested for COVID-19, positive cases, hospitalizations and deaths along with the gender, race, ethnicity, primary residence, occupation, disability, age and primary language of each case.

To ensure a comprehensive understanding of cases statewide, the legislation also requires that daily reports include data and demographic information from municipalities and counties with more than 25 positive cases, all DPH licensed nursing homes, assisted living facilities licensed by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, as well as state and county correctional facilities. Facility-specific information will be made publicly available while maintaining individual privacy. In ad-

dition to requiring greater data collection, the bill requires the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to describe the actions it is taking to address disparities identified through the data collected.

In response to increasing concerns about the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color and disproportionately impacted populations, the legislation also establishes a task force to study and make policy recommendations for how to address these health disparities. The task force will be required to issue an interim report by June 1, 2020 with a final report due August 1, 2020.

The bill is the latest action by the Senate to address the COVID-19 public health crisis and its effects on Massachusetts.

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SAY 'THANK YOU' TO THE FRONT LINE WORKERS

To the Editor,

As the week we have all been waiting for over the past few months has come. As the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enters into Phase One of the re-opening period. The time now is more important than ever that we say thank you to

the men and women working on the front line at CHA Everett Hospital. These true heroes entered the building every day without question and did the unthinkable. They worked tirelessly day after day helping individuals regain life and seeing many of them come out of this to regain strength and recover. My family, friends and I stand strong in saying

thank you to every Doctor, Nurse and Individual that calls the medical field there career. I am proud that our banner hung out front of CHA Everett for weeks throughout the pandemic thanking our true heroes.

Michael McLaughlin
Candidate for State Representative and Ward 6 councilor

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CITY OFFICIALS, COMMUNITY LEADERS CELEBRATE HAITIAN FLAG DAY

COURTESY PHOTOS

Everett City officials gathered with community leaders from the Haitian community on Monday morning to celebrate Haitian Flag Day, which falls on May 18 annually. Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers, of the Everett Haitian Community Center, and Mayor Carlo DeMaria were on hand to raise the ceremonial flag at City Hall in a sparse, socially distant event. The Haitian Community Center honored John Tocco, formerly of Encore Boston Harbor, for all of his work in the community over the past several years.



Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers speaks as Mayor Carlo DeMaria looks on.



Kam Sylvestre prepares to raise the flag on Monday.



The Haitian flag is raised on the ceremonial flag pole on Monday.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, John Tocco, Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers, Council President Rosa DiFlorio and Councilor Stephanie Martins at the celebration on Monday.



Council President Rosa DiFlorio.



John Tocco received an award from the Everett Haitian Community Center.



A resident decked out in the Haitian flag colors – with mask – stands ready for the flag raising.

EVERETT COMMUNITY PARTNERS WITH BREAKTIME TO DELIVER MEALS TO EVERETT FAMILIES

COURTESY PHOTOS

The City of Everett, several community partners and a new non-profit called Breaktime has jumped into the fray to feed the residents of Everett at least 300 meals per day, Monday through Friday, for the past two weeks.

Last week, Breaktime made the offer to the City, and LUMA on Ferry Street was ready to start the effort. ON Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 300 meals per day were distributed out of the LUMA offices, and home delivered by volunteers. On Thursday last week, La Comunidad distributed 300 meals via home delivery.

This week's deliveries from Breaktime included:

- Monday – Eliot Family Resource Center
- Tuesday – LUMA
- Weds. – North Shore Evangelical Church
- Thursday – La Comunidad
- Friday – LUMA

Breaktime prepares and delivers the meals to Everett, and identifies non-profits who are able to accept

the deliveries of 300 meals. Then, those non-profits use volunteer drivers to deliver the food door-to-door.

“Breaktime was founded on a belief that every young person has the talent and potential to make an impact in the world,” said Connor Schoen, co-found and co-executive director. “In 2018, during my freshman year at Harvard, my friend Tony Shu and I started working at the Y2Y Shelter for 18-24 year-olds experiencing homelessness, 40 percent of whom identify as LGBTQ. Having grown up in a small town in central Massachusetts, the term ‘LGBTQ’ wasn’t even in my vernacular by the time I got to college. Working with amazing LGBTQ individuals in Y2Y, however, illuminated that the thing that always felt ‘different’ about me was the queer identity I’d been bottling up my whole life. The shelter guests at Y2Y were the first people I came out to, and they supported me in accepting who I truly am. I am now committed to

paying their kindness forward by working to break the cycle of chronic homelessness and to fundamentally change the way our society interacts with these high-potential young people.”

Schoen said he is Harvard’s 2020 Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Public Service Fellow and as a Harvard Kennedy School Cheng Social Innovation Fellow, he will be graduating from Harvard a year early to continue this work post-grad and commit his life to radically reforming the systems and structures that inhibit the success of these individuals.

“Tony Shu and I actually met while working at the Y2Y Harvard Square Shelter as a freshmen in college,” said Schoen. “While working at this shelter, Tony and I learned that while there are numerous foundational work training programs in Boston; however, many homeless graduates of these programs are still unemployed one year later. Tony and I saw a clear need for more ‘last mile’ training and support to

launch sustainable careers and stable lives for these young people. Therefore, we founded Breaktime in 2018 and officially incorporated it as a nonprofit in 2019.”

The non-profit was beginning work in March on a café in Boston at its building, but COVID-19 made them pivot and begin to use their acumen to prepare meals and deliver them to communities in need.

“In the last 3 weeks, we have served more than 7,000 meals and generated tens of thousands of dollars in wages for our young adults along with returning citizens and formerly furloughed staff at CWS,” he said. “We are so grateful to be supporting the work of incredible organizations in Everett - like the Connolly Center, LUMA, Eliot Family Resource Center, La Comunidad, and the Everett Haitian Community Center. As our neighbor, Everett is a community that Breaktime is so proud to support in any way that we can.”



LUMA Director Lucy Pineda gets a box of snacks ready.



In front of the LUMA offices, where meals were packaged for delivery.

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LUMA volunteers prepare to distribute Breaktime meals.

VOLUNTEERS PLACE FLAGS ON THE VETERANS GRAVES AT GLENWOOD CEMETERY

PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

With Memorial Day exercises cancelled, the City and a group of volunteers set out to mark all of the graves of veterans in the Glenwood Cemetery on Monday morning. The volunteer group of residents and City workers took out on foot around 8 a.m. Monday to honor the veterans buried in Glenwood even though the regular exercis-

es were not able to be held. "We're here today because in light of the circumstances, we have had to cancel Memorial Day exercises," said Veterans Commissioner Jeanne Cristiano. "The Mayor and I thought it would be important to place flags on the graves of veterans at least and I can't think of anything more important right now."



Wendy Pritchard places flags through Glenwood.



Kathy Allen places one of the flags on a grave marker.



Mike Pritchard with a bundle of flags.



Tammy Turner, athletic director for Everett High, searches out veterans.



Camille DiPerri says hello to those handing out flags on Monday morning, as she grabs a bundle for herself and her husband, Chuck.



Rob Scott, of the City's ISD, looks for veteran stones in Glenwood.



Nicole Capra has a bunch of flags for veterans.



Natalia Chay has a handful of flags to place.



Veterans Commissioner Jeanne Cristiano explains to the volunteers how to appropriately social distance while placing the flags.



VFW member Rick LaPointe looks through the stones for veterans.



Naiara James places a flag in Glenwood.



Veterans Commissioner Jeanne Cristiano, State Rep. Joe McGonagle, and Human Services Director Jerry Navarra.

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from them in order to give these young athletes the recognition that they deserve.

We also asked that they provide some insight into what it means to be a Crimson Tide varsity athlete and briefly to discuss their plans for the future.

Last week, we featured the comments of EHS head coach Jehu Cimea and members of the girls track & field team. This week we are publishing the comments from some of the senior members of the boys' track team.

We are certain that our readers will be as impressed as we were with these outstanding young men and join us in wishing them the best in their future endeavors:

ARTHUR ROSA



I am so proud and happy that I decided to join the Everett High track team starting in my freshman year. It definitely showed the value of a team and how much it means to me. I am saddened to see our last season go like this, but the experience will always be a part of me and because of that I am grateful for our Everett track team and everyone who was involved.

Thank you to all the coaches, athletes, and all the fans who supported us throughout our journey.

RONALD CRUZ



I have been on the Everett High School track team since my junior year. While I was only on the team for two seasons, those two seasons were truly my best experience throughout my high school career. The team was always so energetic and it was just a wonderful environment to be in. Everyone was so helpful and positive. I will honestly miss everyone on the team. My only regret was not joining as a freshman.

Being an athlete for EHS was a great feeling. I take great pride in having represented Everett as well as the team. The Everett track team always had a winning mindset against any other team. This is what made Everett's track team so great. Everett itself is a great and prideful city. I am glad to have represented Everett as I wouldn't have it any other way.

Unfortunately with the closure of schools for the rest of the year it comes with great sadness that the spring season has been cancelled. Once I had heard that the season was cancelled, I was both shocked and heartbroken at the same time. This would have been my last season ever as I will not continue track through-

out college. I would like to thank Coach Cimea and Coach Haehsy for having me on such a great team, as well as for the amount of work and effort they put into every athlete.

FABRICE JACQUES



I remember when I came into EHS, there were a lot of things I felt like I had to do. However, track was one of the first things I did because I genuinely enjoyed it. It was not always easy because there was a lot of sweat and pain and sometimes even blood and tears, but without a doubt it was worth it. Whenever I entered the gym or stadium, my stress and problems would be pushed to the back of my mind and my focus would shift to running and pushing through the hard workouts with my fellow track athletes. Coach Cimea and my teammates became a second family.

As a senior captain, it deeply saddens me that our spring season got cut before it even started, especially since many of us will not be running track in college. It was the last time we not only would be able to run with each other, but also competitively, and we were looking forward to making it our best season yet. I will always cherish the wonderful memories I created during my time as a track athlete and will continue to apply the values of teamwork, discipline, and hard work in all the other areas of my life as I continue on my journey.

EDUARDO CHAPARRO



Being an athlete at Everett High is one of the greatest privileges to have. Ever since I joined the EHS track & field team back in 2016, I knew I was where I wanted to be. During these four years everyone has grown and all of us have become a big family. From growing up in separate middle schools to reaching the bustling hallways of high school, everyone came together and ran towards a goal.

It means everything to me to be an athlete at Everett High. Track allowed me to make new friends and to grow as an athlete, as a student, and as a person. As a captain I've created bonds with my coaches and teammates that could've never been made without the sport. Coach Cimea has not only been an amazing coach, but also a kind friend who cares about everyone and is even there for you outside of practice and the meets.

With that being said, finding out that our 2020 spring track season was cancelled was a really hard hit. I wasn't upset about missing prom, senior ac-

tivities, or graduation even, but knowing that my last season of spring track was cancelled was the biggest punch to the gut ever. Even now I think about how we could be practicing in the field instead of being stuck at home. I know that it's nobody's fault and this is all for our safety but it still hurts really badly that I won't be able to run outside one last time with the team I've grown so much with.

I miss the cheering from the stands, the huffing and puffing, the congratulations and everything that comes with it. I wish this never happened.

I'm thinking of doing track at Suffolk University this fall while I study there and I'm very excited. Running and competing has become such a big part of my life that it would be really hard to give it up. Since college is my next step, I want to bring all the memories with me as I pursue my career as an author.

I want to thank my coaches, my teammates, and everyone who has made sports at Everett High special. I'm becoming a better person now thanks to my amazing experiences from high school, and thanks to the beautiful lessons and moments from being a varsity track athlete at Everett High.

TONY THANG



I am disappointed that our final season of track is cancelled. Although I wasn't a part of the track team for four full years, it meant a lot to see my progress over time. I shifted from sprinting to long distance running and even took part in cross country my senior year. Spring season would have been where I could see my development as a runner, but now it feels wasted. Over the seasons I would see my mile time go down but now I won't get to see my true race pace. I'll likely still run in the future, but it's not the same as competitively running with friends and rivals.

RYAN VU



Being part of the athletic group at EHS has taught me many valuable lessons that will help me towards life and my future career. I was able to be appointed captain of the track & field team and being in the shoes of this role taught me how to be a leader.

But we aren't just a team...we are a family. Many amazing memories were made with an amazing group of people and I'll never forget seeing the improvements being made by each individual member. It's devastating to have my last season taken away from me, the last time I would be able to run with my fellow teammates. I won't be able to lead them in the direction where they can reach their fullest potential. But knowing them, they will be able

to carry on the legacy of the EHS Track & Field team and I know that they will do great things in the near future. After all, without them, I wouldn't have been able to be a captain.

ISAAC LENESCAT



Having the opportunity to be a track athlete for all four years at Everett high school has been the best experience of my life by far. It all started as a freshman walking into winter track practice for the first time, not knowing what I've got myself into. I was a JV athlete for my freshman and sophomore years and a varsity athlete for my junior and senior year of winter track.

In my first year in spring track, I was a junior, and I ended up being on the var-

sity team doing the triple jump event. I am proud that I had the chance to be a part of the track team for all these years. When I didn't get the last season of my high school career, I was distraught, mostly because I had to cut my winter track season short due to my physical expiring and it was just my last year to shine, and I lost my senior year of track.

I am proud of what I've left with -- friendships with my teammates and also with the fantastic coaches. I am going to UMass Lowell to continue my education in Premed and become a pediatrician in the future -- and I'm going to miss the tremendous practices at Everett High and the fantastic chants.

CHRISTIAN SIMEON



Being an athlete while attending Everett High School was by far one of

the best decisions I could have ever asked for. Having an amazing coach that tried his hardest to bring out the best in every single one of us mattered to me. Coach Cimea wasn't ashamed to be real and honest -- he pushed us during every practice and cheered us on during every meet.

Joining track at the beginning of my freshman was something that I'll always be thankful for. I was introduced to so many people and made an abundant amount of connections with each and every single one of them. Though the season was cut short and I never got to say my proper farewell to everyone on the team for everything, I am still grateful and happy that I was brought into an amazing and welcoming family who gifted me endless amounts of memories and experiences I'll never forget.

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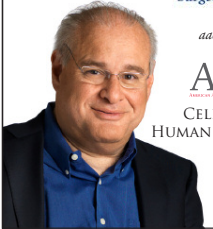
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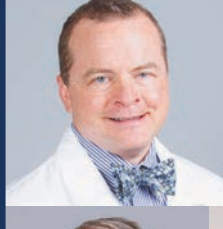

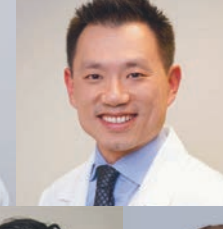

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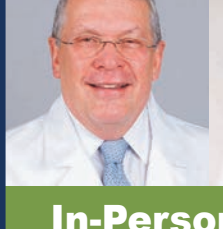



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