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Councilor Rich Dell Isola lines up votes to be Council **President**

By Seth Daniel

In year that will be monumental for Everett City government, City Councilor Rich Dell Isola has received the votes from his colleagues to be the leader of the City Council in this coming, historic year for the city.

Dell Isola has been rumored for weeks to have secured the votes over some challenges from Councilor Wayne Matewsky and a few others, and this week he did confirm that he had the votes in line to be president when the Council casts their choices on Jan. 7.

"I do have the votes and I'm excited to serve as president," he said last week. "It's going to be an exciting year for the city and a challenging year as well. The casino is going to be opening up and there are a lot of businesses that want to come into our city. We have to be very aware about what we allow in. We don't want to choke the City up with condos all over the place. We have to be watching what's going on...What we invite in during 2019 is going to have a result on 2020 and 2021. Wynn is doing great, but we have to keep an eye on what other things want to develop down there."

Dell Isola, 58, has spent eight years on the City Council, and works in the gas division of Eversource in Somerville as his day job. A

Council, state law at odds with changes to the habitability ordinance

By Seth Daniel

The Everett City Council and state law continue to be at odds in the Council's quest to reform the habitability inspection ordinance.

Once again at the Dec. 26 meeting, the Council tried to find a happy medium with inspection reform and the rights of landlords, but ended up sending it to the City Solicitor for another review.

The issue has been batted about since May, with the chief sponsor being Councilor Michael Marchese, who has said many landlords are getting penalized during inspections when tenants bring up separate issues.

Allying with him at the Weds., Dec. 26, Council meeting was Councilor Fred Capone, and the two councilors discussed how to narrow down inspections with City Attorney Keith Slattery for 90 minutes.

The issue, for the most part, is that stories have surfaced over the last year that there allegedly has been some liberty taken with the seven-year-old habitability ordinance. Chief among those liberties was that inspectors were going to inspect vacant units before rental, and tenants in other units were bringing up separate and unrelated issues. Those extra



PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

From Fish Kills, to School Finances to one last call on Oliver Street, the City of Everett was a lively place in 2018. Above, The last Oliver Street Block Party took place on July 4 in its 30th year. Organizers said it was time to call it quits. The party has drawn current and former neighbors together for decades.



Thousands of fish washed up in August at a cover on the Mystic River near the Gateway Mall. More than 30,000 fish died in a massive fish kill that was caused by a sudden lack of oxygen due to high water temperatures.



Concerned teachers worried about their fate in **Everett at a School Committee meeting in the** spring. The issue of school finances and funding was a huge issue all through 2018.

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

A year of major changes and challenges

By Seth Daniel

The year of 2018 in Everett will go down as one that started rather tamely, but prodeal of turmoil and tension throughout the City.

While the face of the city has changed dramatically with new investment and new excitement for property here, it has also seen many larger than life figures toppled suddenly. When 2018 started, Wynn CEO Steve Wynn and Everett Supt. Fred Foresteire were both at the head of their organizations and at the tops of their careers. By the end of 2018, both men were no longer associated with those organizations and things had turned in a much different direction.

That said, many fun and ex-

citing times were had, includwonderful celebrations that seemed to up the ante on some great times had in 2017.

In all, 2018 for Everett was gressed and ended with a great a year of extreme ups and downs, and a year with a great eye towards 2019 - which is expected to be an unprecedented and historic year for the city as the casino opens and investment pours in.

Here are the top five stories of the year, with several honorable mentions included below as well.

1. Wynn CEO Steve Wynn seemed to be in control of his company and the project in Everett until late January, when he was accused of sexual misconduct in a Wall Street Journal report. The allegations quickly gathered steam, and by

February Wynn had resigned from the company and the license for the Everett casino was in jeopardy and the project to be moving forward "at risk." The new CEO became Matt Maddox and the company saw huge amounts of turnover throughout the year. By the end of 2018, the license for the Everett site was still in limbo and an investigation into the matter still had yet to be revealed - having been delayed for months.

2. Supt. Fred Foresteire had been in charge of the Everett Public Schools for decades, and had spent 52 years in the system in total. He was a larger-than-life figure in Everett and made sure everything was

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City officials say talk of Wellness Center settlement is fake news

By Seth Daniel

If President Donald Trump were to visit Everett, at least according to City administration officials, he would call the story repeatedly reported in a local newsletter about a \$300,000 settlement for a Wellness Center employee fake news.

The local newsletter in Everett has been reporting for many months that an employee of the Wellness Center was harassed this year, and that a \$300,000 settlement had been negotiated personally in the case by Mayor Carlo DeMaria a settlement that the newsletter has said is secret and part of a cover up.

In more than a few ways, that was deemed a lie at the Dec. 26 meeting.

"You're saying this \$300,000 settlement doesn't

exist," said Councilor Michael Marchese during the meeting on Dec. 26.

"It does not exist," said City Attorney Keith Slattery. "The story is not true in any way shape or form...There is no truth to it whatsoever. There are no negotiations. There are no settlement amounts. The mayor is not ready to take any action on anything. In fact, there are no claims with the City, the MCAD or the Superior Court."

Added Mayoral Chief of Staff Kevin O'Donnell, "The \$300,000 figure is a complete falsehood. No discussions of that figure - or any other figure – have been discussed."

Slattery told the Council that there was a claim made of harassment at the Wellness Center by an employee this year. It was investigated, in-

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School Committee to reconvene today, Jan. 2, for special meeting

By Seth Daniel

The School Committee suddenly cancelled a special meeting on Dec. 26 that included three hot topics on the sexual harassment saga that has gripped the School Department, and will instead have that meeting today, Jan. 2, at 6:30 p.m.

There is very little that is different on the agenda for the three items to be discussed on Jan 2., except that – as opposed to the Dec. 26 agenda – there are no names of people invited to the executive sessions.

Previously, the names of Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier, School Committee Attorney Robert Galvin, former Supt. Fred Foresteire, Asst. Supts. Charlie Obremski and Kevin Shaw and Clerk Gina Grande were listed as invited partici-

They are not listed on the current agenda.

Sources said the meeting would likely be very eventful, but that it would all take place behind closed doors in executive session due to pending litigation and strategy for that

So far, there are two documented cases of sexual harassment against Foresteire and the School Department, with both women being represented by Boston Attorney Tara Swartz. However, other cases have been discussed routinely as possibly going forward.

Meanwhile, many are wondering about whether or not Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier, named by the School Committee Dec. 17, will be able to last in the position. Some have said there are others in contention and that the School Committee could be considering other names for the spot.

The names of multiple internal candidates have come up, and that is likely what will be discussed behind closed doors during the first item on the executive session agenda.

One name that is said to be considered, but in essence is not being considered, is Dr. Omar Easy.

Easy attended Everett Public Schools and worked in the administration for several years before transferring to a position in Everett City Hall two years ago.

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UP FOR TWO



PHOTO BY EMILY HARNEY

Nate Mehu goes up and around for an easy two as Bishop Stang defenders whiff on the block. Mehu led the Crimson Tide with a double-double, including 20 points, during the game on Thursday, Dec. 27, in Boston.



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always nothing short of perfect. But that tight ship came crashing down suddenly, and unexpectedly, in December when he was accused of sexual harassment. He retired from his position on Dec. 20, and multiple investigations into the matter are still ongoing.

3. School Finances were a major issue all year long. Starting in February, the School Department began to identify that it would be short several million dollars this year in its budget. Later, school officials indicated they would have to lay off numerous educators to absorb the shortfall. With the City stepping in and agreeing to pay several million dollars in aid after a hugely contentious meeting at City Hall in the spring, the problem seemed to be resolved. However, the budget for the new school year was also marred with tension between City Hall and the School Department. In the fall, that tension brought in Sen. Sal DiDomenico when a state budget allocation of \$2.5 million became a source of controversy between City Hall and the School Department.

4. The September 4 Primary Election. The state representative race captured the attention of every savvy Everett resident throughout the summer and early fall, with three viable candidates contending for the seat including Rep.



The installation of the Hero Square sign for Christopher Brienza was a big moment in 2018. Brienza was killed in Florida during an accident while serving in the Navy.

Joe McGonagle, Gerly Adrien and Steve 'Stat' Smith. Residents were glued to the race throughout several debates and forums in the summer, including a packed house at the library for a forum between all three candidates. McGonagle ends up beating Adrien with 46 percent of the vote to her 39 percent, while Smith was not a factor. The biggest headline of Boston City Councilor Ayanna Pressley upset sitting Condecidedly. Capuano had campaigned hugely in Everett, and vote. However, a strong Boston turnout propelled Pressley to an big win.

pears. Though few notice, The McGrath). Line neighborhood disappears slowly, but suddenly, in 2018 as the Encore Boston Harbor

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Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Sen. Sal DiDomenico sharing a moment... In the political world, tensions grew during 2018 over school funding and other issues where before things weren't



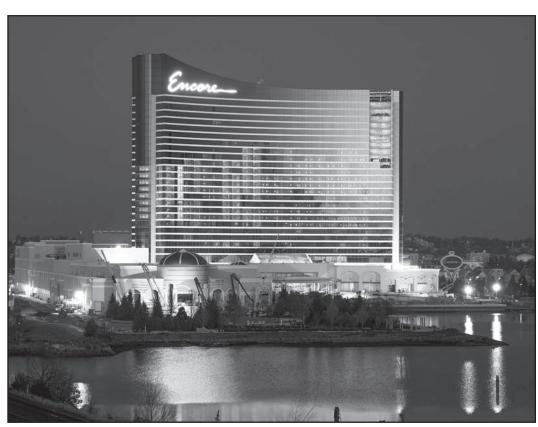
The return of the Independence Day children races was a highlight in the summer, also running alongside a water melon eating contest. The two were sponsored

the night, however, was when gressman Michael Capuano won here with 65 percent of the

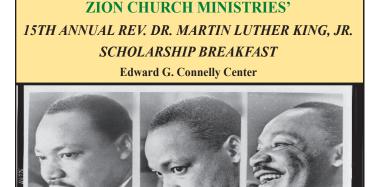
5. Down the Line Disap- Village Fest was another hit in 2018, and was highlighted by 1990s rock icon Sugar Ray (Mark

The City Council toured the Wynn/Encore construction site over the summer, one of many groups

to take in the progress on the casino, which moved at lightning pace throughout 2018.



The Encore Boston Harbor casino was fully lit up for the first time in early December, striking an amazing resemblance to the early renderings of the project.



by the City Council ahead of the City's large festivities.

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The Jr. Police Academy helicopter landed on Glendale Park in the summer, marking the 20th year for the popular summer activity.

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project continued to buy up property adjacent to its casino site for parking and future related development projects. What once was a mix of homes and industry in a unique neighborhood near the industrial waterfront disappeared almost completely in 2018. Now, most of the streets that made up The Line have been transformed into a construction parking lot. It was a part of Everett that many thought little of prior to Encore, though several prominent Everett residents grew up 'Down the Line' over the years.

Honorable Mentions:

- Gov. Charlie Baker attends the inaugural ceremony for Mayor Carlo DeMaria, the City Council and the School Committee in January - congratulating the Everett contingent and sticking around for the entire ceremony. Mayor DeMaria makes a very forward-looking address and calls for a new City-owned transportation system and a new stadium at 7-acre park on the Malden River.
- A bomb cyclone hits Everett and the surrounding region on Jan. 4 and drops 13.5 inches of snow in a matter of hours. It was a story that became regional and made the national news as well.
- Long-time football coach John DiBiaso stuns the city when, after retiring a month earlier in Everett, he accepts a job as head coach of the Catholic Memorial football team on Jan. 15. Later in the winter, he records his 500th win in basketball at Everett. Meanwhile, the School Department announces that Theluxon Pierre will take over as football coach, and Stanley Chamblain will be the new basketball coach.
- The Pope John Tigers captured the attention of anyone who likes basketball when they ran and ran and ran to a Division 4 State Championship on March 17, bearing Maynard at Springfield College 89-57. In the fall, the reconstructed Pope John football team made a march to the Super Bowl, but fell short at Gillette Stadium, losing to St. Bernard's 46-35.
- The Everett High School Crimson Tide football team gets the 800th win in the history of the program when it travels to Xaverian High in the opening game and beats them quite easily on Sept. 7. The Tide were led all year by superstar Mike Sainristil, who eventually signed to play



Everett Independence Day festivities were a huge hit with the public, and residents were treated to fireworks at Glendale Park for the second year in a row.



School Supt. Fred Foresteire appeared at the microphone for most of the year calling for enhanced school finances, but he ended the year surprisingly, retiring suddenly in the wake of sexual harassment claims against him.

Michigan.

- Everett Sgt. Larry Jedry received the state Hanna Award for bravery in September at the State House from Gov. Charlie Baker. He was honored for his bravery in confronting an armed man in Everett Square in October 2017.
- With an air of controversy, the Homecoming Parade is cancelled in October due to the large expense of the parade and budget shortfalls. The City declines to pay the \$100,000 cost for the parade, but instead hosts a Homecoming Celebration at Glendale Park the night before. It was the first time in decades that there wasn't a homecoming parade in Ever-
- Village Fest draws thouer Boston area with entertaincoming together for a fun time. This year, 1990s icon Sugar Ray (Mark McGrath) highlighted the show and brought smiles to numerous nostalgic
- Sen. Sal DiDomenico is involved in a heated and intense bid for the office of Senate President over several months, but in the summer comes up

- just short in getting the votes necessary to prevail. Sen. President Karen Spilka gets the nod instead, but DiDomenico remains the assistant majority leader and ends up coming out of the battle in a very good position of leadership.
- Firefighter Susan Pipitone-Braley passes away from occupational cancer over the summer, part of a very challenging year for the Fire Department - which saw two sudden deaths and a severe fire-related injury to its membership. For Pipitone-Braley, firefighters from Everett and beyond gather for her wake and funeral on Aug. 3 and 4. She was the first woman on the contingent and was a driver for Engine 1.
- As the City has prospered, sands once again and became a it has also become known for September staple in the Greatits willingness to try anything and be an innovator. That has ment, games and breweries been very obvious when it comes to public transportation and the Everett Bus Rapid Transit program. At no time was that more visible than on Aug. 14 when the bus stops in Everett Square were hit with a "Flower Bomb." Both stops were decorated elaborately with all kinds of flowers and greenery, drawing many curious onlookers, drawing tons of media, and bringing smiles to the faces of riders.
 - The National Grid gas worker lockout debuts in June in Everett in a whacky way as the company builds a strange "back door" entrance and exit through the fence of their property and onto Wyllis Avenue - having to cross a gas line and the bike path to get there. It draws the ire of locked out workers and Mayor Carlo DeMaria as well. The lockout continues for the rest of the year and workers - including several Everett residents - are still in flux.



The Everett Crimson Tide Marching Band was invited to Washington D.C. for the National Memo-

rial Day Parade. It was a major first for the marching band, and many from Everett accompanied

Workers put up a new banner in May as the official name change from Wynn to Encore Boston Harbor was memorialized.



Everett fielded at team that played in a major Pond Hockey Tournament in New Hampshire.



A fire on Morris Street in July took the city by storm as two firefighters were seriously injured in the blaze. Capt. Scott Dalrymple was the more seriously injured jake, and he is still recovering



Ayanna Pressley's victory against Congressman Mike Capuano in September shocked everyone.



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THE TRUMP-DOWN MUST END

Anyone who may have thought that one man could not destroy our country has been in for a rude awakening by the events of the past week.

The partial government shutdown -- the Trump-down, as we refer to it -- that has been engineered solely by President Donald Trump is yet another example of how Trump is destroying America -- not only figuratively, as he has done ever since his inauguration through his espousal and support of un-American values around the world -- but now, he is doing so quite literally.

Whether one agrees with Trump's desire to build a wall along the border with Mexico, there never has been a study of any kind that even remotely has determined how and where it should be built, its cost, and what it might accomplish. In short, Trump is proposing a project that is likely to cost tens of billions of dollars, at a time when those funds can be used for other needs, without any evaluation -- by experts -- of the efficacy of such a barrier. (We would note that previous studies under prior administrations have asserted that a wall along the border will accomplish nothing in terms of deterring illegal immigration.)

In addition, two-thirds of the land along the border is privately-owned. Assuming for the sake of argument that the government is going to take that land by eminent domain -- although it cannot do so for lands owned by Native American tribes -- will be a lengthy and costly process.

On the other hand, there are many other options available to Trump -- many of which are favored by both parties -- that can accomplish the goal of improved border security immediately.

A government shutdown is not some abstract notion. Every day of the Trump-down is causing real damage to our nation -- most notably to our national parks -- and to the 800,000 government workers who do not have a paycheck to support their families, as well as farmers who have been receiving government subsidies -- thanks to Trump's tariff war -- whose funding also will come to a halt.

A sane and rational discussion of a border wall has its place in the normal legislative process. But that discussion is totally separate from the issue of funding the budgets for unrelated government agencies to keep them operational.

The Trump-down is making America look like a banana-republic of the sort that is subject to the whims of a madman-tyrant. It is hard to imagine that our nation can sink any lower.

But with Trump around for two more years, does anyone ACCEPTABLE IS NO doubt that we have yet to bottom-out?

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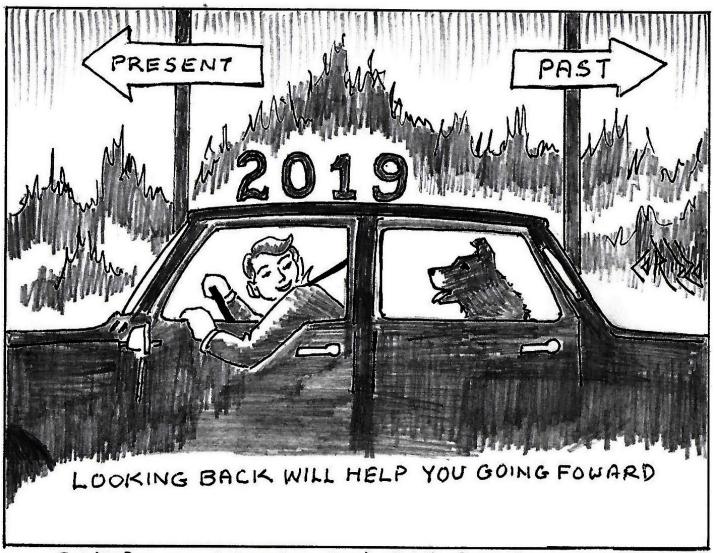
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A YEAR IN REVIEW AND THE FUTURE AWAITS

LETTER to the Editor

WHAT WAS ONE LONGER

Dear Editor,

After spending many years in the workforce I have been reflecting on years past, I can remember behaviors of a couple of my ex-coworkers that I accepted and kept quiet about even thought I felt uncomfortable, insecure and powerless. These behaviors would come under the umbrella of sexual misconduct. This behavior is perpetrated by people from all walks of life and across the socioeconomic landscape. From working class to white collar workers, From politicians to college professors to the executive office. I knew if I brought this behavior to light to my superior I would be forced to leave my job. It's not in my DNA to bring

to light other peoples misbehaviors as I was brought up with a certain code of silence. What it ultimately came down to was my inner strength, tenacity and just plain irish stubbornness to not be beaten. I grew a thick skin, became more aggressive, had a chip on my shoulder and I was left alone. My place of work was a toxic environment for me. Looking back this an incredible challenge nobody should face. I was still presented with with the challenge of working full time and going to school 3 nights a week. As it turned out, I did stick it out and became very good at my job, conscientious and well re-

Now I ask myself would it be okay with me if my daughter faced the same challenges as I? would I tell her to stand up for herself and bring these

things to light in spite of the outcome of her complaints? Would she in fact be ridiculed, outcast, fired and receive angry responses even threats from the community? Will people that support her be ridiculed and attacked and be perceived as evil? Th answer to aforementioned question is yes, I would encourage her to come forward. Do I teach my daughter that code of silence that would actually make her a victim and not a survivor? Things are different now, Right? It's years later and that behavior is no longer acceptable after all.

The last couple of years we have seen this inappropriate and criminal behavior exposed. I myself know 2 people who were accused of sexual misconduct. My first reaction was that this was not true. "He is a good person, no

way would he do this, I've known him for years, why is she accusing him of this?" when I did have time to think about this, I thought this could possibly be true because this is so prevalent and is woven into the fabric of our society. As it turned out, much to my chagrin, it was true in both

In closing, this is a systematic problem, it is important for the officials in Everett to continue to take responsibility and provide woman with a safe work environment. Nobody should feel uncomfortable, insecure and frightened in the workplace. In doing so, we can put all our energy toward being a good employee, support ourselves, our families and be a productive member of society.

> Jean McAdam **Everett Resident.**

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causing major problems for property owners.

"That's all it is, one apartment at one time," said Marchese.

"The people of Everett deserve some protection," he continued. "The City has run roughshod over this. Whatever it is, it's not treating for an unsanitary or unsafe place. If there's a problem with an apartment, I'm sure the tenant will call long before they see (ISD) walking through it. I've been in this business all my life and my apartments have always been clean...Everybody deserves protection. You come in and look at one apartment and not the whole house. Do we have a blanket policy to say they can come in and look at the whole house? The police don't have as much power as this. They come in with a search warrant and they can't search the whole house...I don't think a guy is going to throw \$20,000 to get a clean apartment and have two filthy apartments above and below."

Councilor Capone said the newest version of the ordinance would call for habitability inspections to be limited to the scheduled unit and the common areas. If, for example, a tenant from another unit asked inspectors to look at a minor issue in their unit, inspectors would only

inspections were said to be be allowed to do that with the approval of the landlord and tenant.

> However, he said if there were a major issue affecting serious life safety, inspectors would be able to go into that

unit and look into the issue. "Unfortunately there are good landlords and good tenants and bad landlords and bad tenants," he said. "I hate to see a tenant see this as an opportunity to badger the landlord. If it's a legitimate concern, that supersedes everything here, but if it's more of a nuisance thing, the tenant has the right to have it inspected, but I think it's on them to make their own effort to have that inspection. Just because (an inspector) is in the building, you don't want someone else taking them by the hand and bringing them into their

However, City Attorney Keith Slattery said he didn't think such an ordinance would be enforceable because of the existing state law, which allows tenants to invite anyone into their unit.

"At the same time, it begins to be a slippery slope," he said.

"It seems to me the tenant...has the right to allow entry when inspectors are on the property," he continued. "Requiring that both the tenant and landlord both give consent when inspectors are on eth property would seem to be unenforceable to me... If an inspector is on the property for another unit ... and a tenant (in another apartment) tells them to come into their unit and look at a problem they have in their unit, an occupier of the space has para-

mount legal rights." Fire Chief Tony Carli said he understood the intent of the legislation, to protect landlords from bad tenants, but he also said that small problems can end up being big issues. He said the habitability inspections have been a great tool for the City and the Fire Department.

"If my members are at a property and we're looking for an inspection, we're looking everywhere for fire safety," he said. "We never want to say we were at that house earlier today, or earlier this week, and we could have prevented some incident...If you're saying not to look at smaller things, I don't know if you'll get one of my lieutenants to walk away. We know minor problems can lead to much larger problems..."

With Carli was Fire Capt. Scott Dalrymple, who was injured in the Morris Street fire last summer. That home on Morris Street had been the subject of habitability inspections that uncovered major issues that were corrected just before the fire.

Carli said Dalrymple was a great example of what happens when things aren't

checked out in a unit. "I have Capt. Scott Dalrymple here and he was seriously injured in a fire," he said. "He's evident to what can happen when things aren't maintained in this City...We're not kicking in doors when we do these inspections. We want to make sure everyone is safe...I understand what Councilor Marchese is saying. You don't want to go in and turn a place upside down...We find a lot of the problems through the habitability. It's definitely a tool that's benefitted this City."

A telling problem in the ordinance was just how it would work alongside state law, which is more powerful than a City ordinance. Both Councilors Rosa DiFlorio and Michael McLaughlin wondered if the effort was a waste of time.

"I want to support Councilor Marchese and Councilor Capone, but I'm not sure what really we're trying to change if the state law supersedes our process," said McLaughlin. "I wonder if we're banging our heads against the wall."

The matter was moved to be reviewed by the City Solicitor and taken up once again in the new year.

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terviews were done with all parties, mediation was done and action was taken to mediate the matter.

At this point, he said, it has been a closed case for some

"Actions were taken to mediate," he said. "Actions can be moving people from certain departments, changing schedules, or enacting discipline. But actions were taken and the matter was closed."

He said the details could not be discussed as personnel matters are protected and cannot be disclosed publicly. However, he said there has the case and no settlement for the case negotiated.

"I'm puzzled," said Councilor Wayne Matewsky. "I don't know how anyone has information and it's printed in the paper and then it's not

Councilor Rosa DiFlorio had even stronger words for the local newsletter's report-

"This \$300,000 settlement the (newsletter) is reporting about - I don't understand how we can allow a paper in the City of Everett to constantly, constantly go after City Hall and get away with been no legal claim made in it," she said. "How can they

sit there and print lies and just get away with it? I say enough is enough. We've had it with this paper. I don't like negativity. I don't like this in our City and I'm not going to advertise ever with them again. I hope they get it now and that's

Marchese said he was satisfied with the explanation and was only going on what he

"I'm satisfied with what I've heard," he said. "I go by what I read. If it's one time, I don't believe it. If it's a couple of times, I might believe it."

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Mayor Carlo DeMaria, who oversees Easy at City Hall and is a close ally of his, said he does not support Easy becoming superintendent.

The mayor said he had never even heard of the idea until rumors began to spread online late last week. The mayor is an ex-officio member of the School Committee, meaning he can sit-in on meetings, offer an opinion, but has no

"Not only do we have no knowledge of this, but also we

don't believe this would be a prudent decision," he said. "First, because the School Committee has requested a full investigation into the entire school administration hierarchy. We also firmly believe until all investigations are over, the position should be posted and those candidates that make the short list would be required to make a presentation in front of the full School Committee. This process of hiring a new superintendent needs to be a very

transparent process."

Easy was licensed as a superintendent when he worked the Everett Public Schools, and according to records at the state Department of Education, he got his superintendent/assistant superintendent license in 2015.

It is still valid and current. That said, sources close to the School Committee also said that they are not considering Easy and probably wouldn't consider him a viable candidate at any time.

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long-time Everett Pop Warner volunteer, he is one of only two sitting councilors that have not yet been Council President – the other being Michael McLaughlin.

Lately, Everett has seemed to get a lot of negative publicity, and Dell Isola said he hopes they can all pull together and get more positive things out into the public square.

"The biggest thing is we have to work together," he said. "It has to be the Council, Mayor's Office and School Committee on the same page to make things work in the city. If we're all together, we'll get things done. That's my biggest goal going into

ly as a city – the Council, the City and the School Department," he continued. "Every time we are in the press, it's a the procedures, but has been little negative now. I want us working with Clerk Sergio to put Everett in a better light, Cornelio to learn the ins and like it was before."

Part of that will be building more rapport with the resi- year, so he'll be doing his best

dents of Everett. Dell Isola has always been a very active councilor, attending most every event and City function. He said he wants the Council to begin to come together as an entire body at such events.

"I want to try to put the Council out there at the different events, whether it's popcorn at the Movie Nights or giving out hot chocolate at the bonfire this January," he said. "Every event I'm going to try to be at and I'll push the rest of the Council to attend as well and hopefully we can get everyone there. I don't want us to just be there on Monday night, taking votes and then disappearing into the sunset. I want to try to make all of "We've had bad press late- the events and try to push for everyone on the Council to be there too."

Dell Isola said he knows outs of running a meeting. Likewise, it is an election

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to manage that aspect of the meetings as well.

One of the first things he'll be doing within the ranks is reviving the Opiate Committee, which had several meetings in 2017, but then kind of fizzled out this past year.

"I'm proposing that to come back," he said. "There's only so much you can do on that issue at the Council level, but with that every little bit helps."

Beyond that, he mentioned that he would like to add a new part of the Council meeting where they announce upcoming community events. Additionally, he said he hopes to put business cards for the councilors in the back of the meeting room so that the general public can easily find out how to contact the legislators.

This past week, Dell Isola was taking requests from the rest of the Council as to their committee preferences. The finished committee assignments will come out after the Jan. 7 meeting, he said.

Start the new year off tight: Promptly dispose of Christmas trees

shal Maribel Fournier said, "Start the new year off right by promptly disposing of your Christmas tree. A dried out Christmas tree will ignite quickly and spread a fire very

Deputy State Fire Marshal Fournier said, "Whether your tradition is to put up your Christmas tree right after Thanksgiving or just before Christmas, trees should be taken down promptly, and disposed of properly. Even a well-watered tree quickly dries out and becomes a dan-

• Disposal of the Tree

Take advantage of community pick-up days or recycling programs, many of which start next week. To find out if your community has a Christmas tree recycling program, contact your local public works department or recycling committee. The Mass. Department of Environmental Protection has information

Deputy State Fire Mar- on Christmas tree recycling at: www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/02/05/xmastree-recycling.pdf. Some local goat farms accept bare tree and wreath donations as they are looking for greens things

• Dried Out Trees Are Fuel for Fires Indoors and

Over the past few years, there have been several fires involving Christmas trees that lingered too long in homes. Fournier said, "It is important to dispose of your tree promptly after the holiday. If a fire should start for any reason, a tree will help the spread extremely rapidly.

On Jan. 12, 2014, at 6:13 p.m., the Walpole Fire Department was called to a fire in a single-family home. The Christmas tree in the living room had ignited and someone had tried to push it out a nearby sliding door, where it got stuck. The fire soon spread to the roof joists. Two residents

were injured. Smoke alarms had alerted the occupants to the fire. Firefighters were able to quickly knock down the fire. The home did not have sprinklers and damages were estimated to be \$50,000.

The only Christmas tree fire in 2017, occurred during open burning season in April. High winds spread the outdoor fire and destroyed a shed in Barre.

Fournier said, "Discarded Christmas trees can also provide an easy fuel for arsonists. An abandoned tree is frequently attractive to vandals."

On Jan. 3, 2015, at 2:52 a.m., the Somerville Fire Department responded to an outdoor Christmas tree fire on the side of the road. Someone had intentionally lit the tree on

For more information on fire safety, contact your local fire department or the Office of the State Fire Marshal at 1-877-9 NO FIRE or on-line at www.mass.gov/dfs.

License Board hears Tres Gatos, Oliveira's

By Seth Daniel

The Everett License Board denied a request from Tres Gatos Restaurant to stay open until 1 a.m., but did allow them to close at 12:30 a.m.

Tres Gatos is now located on Chelsea Street, but has a history of problems with the Board regarding its alcohol license – going back to when the establishment was in Everett Square.

In the past, Chair Phil Antonelli said they had to roll back the bar's hours to 11 p.m. due to serving after hours. For the past six to eight months, they have been allowed to close at midnight. However, Antonelli said the Board felt 1 a.m. closing was a reach.

"We told them we'd allow 12:30 a.m. and that would be it," he said. "We've had our hands on them and they've been fined before. They've been operating okay for a bit now, but there was no need to go that late."

 Meanwhile, Oliveira's was called in for an incident with police, whereby a patron left the establishment recently around 12:15 a.m. and tried to drive while intoxicated. Officers saw the man come out and get into his car and try to leave the Walgreen's parking lot, and moved in to stop him.

During the stop, the man hit one of the officers in the leg with his car. Owners of the establishment said they stopped serving at 10 p.m., but that didn't jibe with the time of the incident, which was after midnight.

Antonelli said they have put Oliveira's on probation for all of 2019, and a letter will be sent to them describing action to be taken on their license likely a weekend suspension in February.

•Karma Lounge appeared before the Board to ask for live music at its newly-refurbished cigar bar. Commissioners were skeptical of the request, noting that they

didn't want it to become a nightclub. They allowed him to have light music from a DJ, but there is no promotion of entertainment allowed. He said they will be monitoring the social media and website of Karma to make sure that is adhered to.

•Finally, Broadway Liquors and Rite Aid were called before the Board at the request of Police Capt. Paul Landry, who said there have been complaints of some of the homeless in Everett Square being intoxicated by 8:30 a.m. It was believed that they were getting their alcohol from the two establishments, but Antonelli said there wasn't enough proof to take action.

"You can't tell a sober person that they cannot buy a bottle of alcohol," he said. "If they are drinking in public or in front of someone, they can call the police, but we can't punish these two establishments for that."

Income tax rate to drop to 5.05 percent on Jan. 1

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue confirmed last week that the required revenue metrics have been met to ensure the state's Part B income tax rate will drop on January 1, 2019 from the current 5.10 percent to 5.05 percent.

"A strong economy and careful management of the Commonwealth's finances have created the conditions for Massachusetts taxpayers to get a much-deserved break," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "We are pleased that next year we will see taxpayers be able to keep more of

their hard-earned money." A state law enacted in 2002 provides the statutory mechanism to lower the Part B individual income tax rate, based on certain revenue milestones. The legislation replaced a tax rate reduction schedule that had passed by ballot initiative in November 2000.

"I was pleased to receive confirmation from the De-

partment of Revenue that the revenue trigger had been met. This reflects steady revenue If any one of the incremental growth and a nice break for taxpayers," said Administration and Finance Secretary Michael J. Heffernan.

The law provides that for each tax year in which certain inflation-adjusted baseline revenue growth requirements are met, the income tax rate will be reduced by increments of 0.05 percentage points until the rate reaches 5 percent.

Part B income includes wages, salary, and many other forms of income, including self-employment income; business, professional and farm income; S corporation distributions; and rental income from personal property. The rate associated with Part B income is also applied to several other income categories, including interest and dividends and most long-term capital gains.

There are five revenue tests that determine whether a rate reduction is required, beginning with growth in revenue over the previous fiscal year,

additional growth measures. tests is not met, the rate reduction does not proceed. With DOR's certification of the most recent revenue measure, all five tests in 2018 have now been met.

The rate reduction was last triggered on Jan. 1, 2016, when it dropped from 5.15% to 5.10%. Previous reductions included:

•Jan. 1, 2012 (rate reduced from 5.3% to 5.25%)

•Jan. 1, 2014 (rate reduced from 5.25% to 5.2%)

•Jan. 1, 2015 (rate reduced from 5.2% to 5.15%)

The state budget for Fiscal 2019 accounted for the income tax rate change, which is projected to reduce tax revenue by approximately \$84 million in Fiscal Year 2019 and approximately \$175 million in Fiscal Year 2020.

If revenues in 2019 are sufficient to trigger a further rate reduction, the Part B income tax rate will drop to 5% for the 2020 tax year.

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POPE JOHN TIGERS IN ACTION AGAINST BELMONT

Angel Price Espada led the Pope John Tigers once again during their game against Belmont on Thursday, Dec. 27, in the BABC Slade's Holiday Classic at Cathedral High School in Boston. Pope John fought hard, but fell 91-71 to a tough Belmont High team.

Pope John returned on Friday to play against Bishop Stang in the BABC. It was a return for Head Coach Leo Boucher, who led Cathedral to a state championship some years ago. Pope John is the reigning Division 4 state champion.



Frank Imbruglia eyes teammates up the court.



Angel Price Espada checks the time as he contemplates a drive to the basket.





Amir Cheek defends with emphasis at the top of the key.

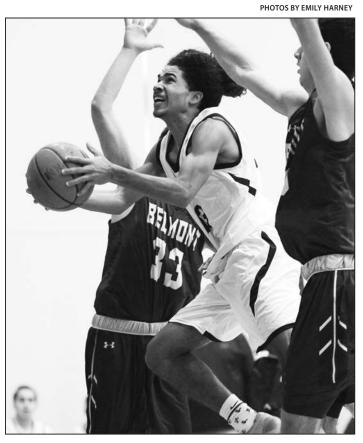


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Mekhi Collins looks for an opening as he's sandwiched in the middle.



Angel Price Espada gets a rebound down low.



Mekhi Collins of the Pope John High School basketball goes up for a layup against Belmont.



Coach Leo Boucher of the Pope John High School boys basketball team gives advice to Cam Erickson during a time out.

OBITUARIES

Mary Burton

Former Everett resident

Mary P. (Doyle) Burton of Lynnfield, formerly of Revere and Everett, entered into eternal rest on Monday, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 in the Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading. She was 85 years

Born in Everett, Mary remained a lifelong resident until a few short years ago.

She was the beloved wife of more than 59 years of the late Frank J. "Tootsie" Burton; dear and devoted mother of Susan F. Lilley and her husband, Mark of Woburn, Kenneth J. Burton and his late wife, Kathleen and Barbara Aucello and her fiance', James Frati of Saugus; sister of Jean Hussey and her late husband, Warren of Lynnfield, Paul Doyle and his wife, Mary of Wakefield, Ronald Doyle and his late wife, Mary of Stoneham, Michael Doyle and his wife, Pauline of Everett, Adrian Doyle and his wife, Ann of Tewksbury and the late George Doyle and his surviving wife, Roberta of



Florida; loving grandmother of Joseph Lilley and his wife, Christa, Sarah Burgoyne and her husband, Steve, and Samantha and Stephanie Aucello and loving great-grandmother of Hannah Burgoyne and Olivia Lilley.

Funeral arrangements were by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Contributions in Mary's memory to the VNA of Middlesex East Hospice, 800 Cummings Park, Unit 5000, Woburn, MA 01801, would be sincerely appreciated.

HONORING PETER NAPOLITANO FOR HIS SERVICE

Councilor Leo McKinnon presents outgoing Council President Peter Napolitano a plaque, at the last 2018 City Council meeting. Councilor Napolitano stated, "It has been an honor to lead the City Council this year. I look forward to working with the new Council President."

CHURCH News

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

PETER NAPOLITANO

Ersilia Matarazzo

The entire Everett community mourns her loss

Ersilia (Cataldo) Matarazzo of Peabody, formerly of Everett, died on Dec. 19. She was 50 years old.

Within Everett she served on the School Committee, Board of Registrars and was also on the Board of Assessors. She was Vice President of The Kiwanis Club and a devoted church member allowing her to share her love throughout the community through numerous charitable ventures and opportunities to volunteer. She was the secretary and a church member at St. Anthony Church in Everett. Ersilia was the operation manager at Metro Credit Union.

The loving mother of Carmine and his wife, Ashley, Amata, and Giuseppe that is mourning the loss of Matarazzo of Peabody, Ersilia was the cherished daughter of Elvira (DiPierro) and Giuseppe Cataldo of Everett; sister of Maria Pagliuca and her husband, Antonio of Peabody, Tricia Larocca and her husband, Giuseppe of Everett, Adriana Carbo and her husband, Anthony of Stoneham, Gina Maniscalco and her husband, Andrew of Wakefield, Erminia Buscaino and her husband, Joseph of Wakefield, Giuseppina Cerasuolo and her husband, Marc of Reading, Anthony Cataldo and his wife, Silvia of Peabody and Amy Buscaino and her hus-

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band, Joseph of Wakefield. She was predeceased by her loving brother, Luigi, and her

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Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Jerry Osterman, Pastor; Father Donatus Ezenneka, Pastoral Vicar

Richard Randazzo, Pastoral Associate

Philomene Pean, Pastoral Associate, Haitian Commu-

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

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second Sunday in the lower Church Hall. Cost is \$4.00 per person. Pancakes, scrambles eggs, sausage, toast, juice, coffee and tea is served. All you can eat. Please join us after Mass.

New Ministry - At the back of the Church in the Vestibule area on Sundays following Masses, there is a team of volunteers who will answer your questions regarding our Church Ministries, etc. Please feel free to stop by and ask questions, schedule a Mass, register as a new Parishioner, etc.

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Grace Episcopal Church News and Notes

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EVERETT HAITIAN COMMUNITY CENTER HOSTS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

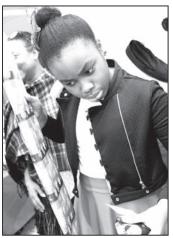
The Everett Haitian Community Center hosted a Christmas celebration with a visit from Frosty and gifts for children on Dec. 23. Each child received a gift donated by MassBadge and the Di-Domenico Foundation. The children also received goodie bags from the Boston Symphony Orchestra, which they had the opportunity to attend earlier this month.



Berlens Lafume enjoyed Christmas with friends at the Haitian Community Center in Everett.



In anticipation of Christmas, David Beauvoir gratefully received his gifts.





Lovinsky Zlaircira received Christmas gifts at the Everett Haitian Community Center on Sunday.



 ${\bf Mitsouka\ Cyril\ greeted\ Frosty\ the\ Snowman.}$



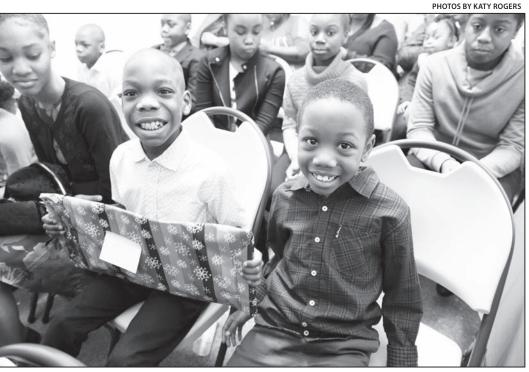
Rev. Myrlande DesRosiers presented gifts to each of the chil-

Nekeisha Mathurin eagerly shook her gifts to guess



Samaya Lafume led the group in prayer before the gifts were distributed.





Issai Germain and Caleb Michel eagerly received their gifts before Christmas.



The Everett Haitian Community Center celebrated Christmas together on Sunday, Dec. 23, with guests that included Frosty the Snowman, and Councilors Michael McLaughlin and Rich Dell Isola.



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AROUND THE CITY

OTHELLO

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BLACK ODYSSEY

Trinity Repertory Theatre presents the

East Coast premiere of Marcus Gardley's play, "black odyssey," Jan. 3-Feb. 3, an epic play that reimagines Homer's poem, combining Greek mythology and African-American history of the last 50 years, Dowling Theater, 201 Washington St., Providence, RI. 401-351-4242, trinity rep.com.

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EVERETT HIGH BOYS' BASKETBALL IN ACTION AGAINST BISHOP STANG

The Everett High boys' basketball team escaped with a narrow victory, 58-55, over a narrow victory, 58-55, over Bishop Stang in the BABC Slade's Holiday Classic at Ca-thedral High School in Boston on Thursday, Dec. 27. Nate Mehu had 20 points and 13 rebounds, while Omar Quilter was strong down the stretch to pull out the win.



Kayo Dias defends against Justin Lopes of Bishop Stang.



Erick Thompson looks for an open shot as Isaiah Rodrigues of Bishop Stang tries to defend.

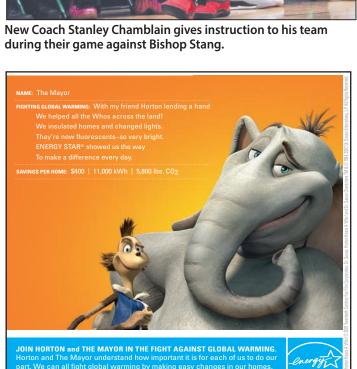


Nate Mehu (R) of the Everett High School boys' basketball celebrates with a fellow teammate after their win over Bishop Stang in the BABC Slade's Holiday Classic.



Omar Quilter works inside to make a basket as players from Bishop Stang try to block his shot.







Paulo Silva Rodriguez goes low on the dribble at the wing.



Jaden Mahabir brings the ball up the court Thursday.

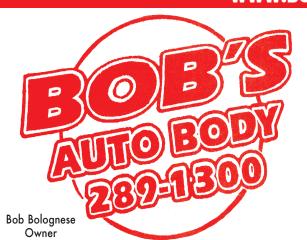


Nate Mehu takes the ball at midcourt to break the press of Bishop Stang.



Omar Quilter passes from the wing.

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