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Mayor clashes with Council on Wellness Center issues, calls it 'nonsense'

By Adam Swift

Heading into Monday night's City Council committee meeting, Ward 6 Councillor Michael McLaughlin was looking for the answers to 41 questions from a half-dozen city officials regarding the controversy surrounding the operation of city's Health and Wellness Center.

But what he got was a heated showdown with Mayor Carlo DeMaria, who read a nearly 15-minute overarching statement which the mayor said addressed all the issues raised by McLaughlin that could be answered without violating city personnel policies.

DeMaria accused McLaughlin of political showboating and overstepping his bounds as a councillor in McLaughlin's recent vocal criticism of the operation of the Health and Wellness Center. DeMaria wound down his prepared remarks with a letter from former First Lady Michelle Obama praising the nearly five-year-old Health and Wellness Center.

The meeting then degenerated into a confrontation between the mayor and the councillor as they wrangled over the exact job description that was held by Karen Avila, who resigned early this year after her credentials were called into question and were later revealed to be forged.

DeMaria maintained that Avila was never the director of the Health and Wellness Center, but the city's Health and Wellness Director, and that Nick Bertone has been responsible for the daily operations of the center since he was hired in 2015.

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Former Pioneer Charter students returns from Harvard to help others

By Seth Daniel

When Everett's David Menjivar graduated from Pioneer Charter School, he was celebrated as the first student from the Everett charter to go to Harvard University.

After attending the Parlin School and then transferring to Pioneer for a greater challenge, he used the charter school as a springboard to land at Harvard University – where he flourished and graduated to become a price analyst for Stop & Shop.

With such a great future ahead, many might think Menjivar, 22, would put Everett in the rear-view mirror as he headed for a new future.

But that hasn't been the case, as Menjivar has made a point of returning to Pioneer to tutor students who are starting out just as he did.

"Now that I've graduated college, I've decided I should give back," he said. "I felt Pioneer gave me so much in terms of educational advice and support. The best way I could give back is to tutor students who need help. I specialize in mathematics and I have a passion for math."

STORY TIME WITH SEUSS



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS

Xavier Winters listened intently as Dr. Seuss stories were read to his class last Friday, March 1, at the Lafayette School for Read Across America. Local officials and friends read to classrooms all across the City, and will continue doing so through this week. See Page 6 for more photos.

City ordinance to prepare for short-term rentals in advance of casino opening

By Seth Daniel

Just one week after the City Council engrossed a short-term (AirBNB) ordinance in the City, the administration is preparing to implement that new ordinance, especially as the City begins to see more and more visitors when the Encore Boston Harbor casino opens.

City Attorney Keith Slattery has assigned new intern Matt Lattanzi to spearhead the implementation. Both said this week they were pleased the Council approved the measure, which comes on the heels of a new state law that passed suddenly at the end of 2018.

"We decided it would be a good idea to regulate them, especially with the resort casino coming," said Slattery. "We really want the public to know it is a voluntary regulation. If we get information someone is hosting a short-term rental, we will investigate. However,

the mayor is always very concerned about resident safety and I think this is a perfect example of that...This is a focused ordinance and falls under the state legislation just passed a few months ago."

Lattanzi said the City has instituted a 3 percent Community Impact Fee that will more than likely be directed towards affordable housing and infrastructure.

"We're not 100 percent sure, but we believe the administration will decide to distribute all of the 3 percent to affordable housing and infrastructure," Lattanzi said.

Slattery said the numbers of short-term rentals varies, but he has seen about 35 routinely on the AirBNB site alone. There are many other sites, Lattanzi said, and it will be impossible to regulate them all. However, they hope to be able to do so.

The new ordinance will require hosts to register with the City, and that will also go into

a statewide registry as well. That will result in safety inspections and allow the City to institute a taxation structure. That local tax will be on top of a state tax that comes as part of the new state law.

Lattanzi and Slattery said they really wanted to make sure the housing stock wasn't overtaken in the coming years as the casino and other amenities begin to spring up and, potentially, attract travelers or those looking for short-term accommodations.

"It's to guarantee people who are hosts will maintain their properties," he said. "We also don't want to keep developers from coming in to build because they see so many short-term rentals that they cannot compete with or don't want to compete with. It could ravage the housing stock."

The ordinance has a 30-day waiting period from its engrossment, and should be in effect within the month.

SNOW MOWER



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS

Jasper Desdunes offered a helping hand along Winthrop Road during the snow day on Monday morning. Everett saw between 10 and 11 inches of snow overnight Sunday. It was the largest snow event so far this winter. See Page 5 for more photos.

Complaint Outlined

Allegations made against Fred Foresteire

By Seth Daniel

What is detailed in the Everett Police criminal complaint against former Supt. Fred Foresteire – though just an allegation at this point – is shocking and sad to many in the community.

The redacted complaint – which does not contain names of victims or interviewees – became available to the media late last week, and the 15-page complaint relies on seven interviews with alleged victims, current administrators, City Hall employees, staff members and former employees of the district.

It paints a picture of a man

who allegedly obsessed over certain women and allegedly took action – mostly at the School Administration Building – on those feelings.

It was a place, according to the complaint, that was like Las Vegas.

"(The victim) stated that on one occasion Foresteire allegedly told her that the Administration Building is 'Like Las Vegas, what happens here stays here,'" read the criminal complaint filed by Everett Police in Malden District Court.

The allegations in the voluminous report are graphic, but particularly for two of the

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Adrien, Lindsey set to open unique business market in JP

By Seth Daniel

When rents get to a point of putting business out of business, the answer could be to collaborate.

That's exactly the answer that Everett's Gerly Adrien and her fiancée, David Lindsey, arrived at this year when they were looking to expand their nut-free ice cream business, Tipping Cow in Somerville – landing with two friendly business partners in what is the first shared business space in Boston.

The venture will be known at Monumental Market, and will be located on JP's busy

Centre/South Streets corridor. Adrien said they hope to open on May 1.

"Our goal since we bought Tipping Cow last year was to expand soon to another location," she said. "We looked in Everett, but it was way too expensive. So, we started looking in Boston neighborhoods because retail space was a little less. We knew someone who was looking to sell their business in JP, and we bought her out."

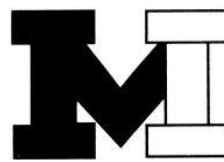
That was the long-standing Monumental Cupcakes in JP, but the story didn't end there.

For their ice cream, they

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David Lindsey (Tipping Cow Ice Cream), Gerly Adrien (Tipping Cow Ice Cream), Javier Amador Pena (El Colombiana Coffee) and Kelsey Munger (Lavender Bee Baking Co.) have pooled their resources and will open the first shared small business space in Jamaica Plain. It will be known at Monumental Market – replacing the former Monumental Cupcakes space on Centre/South Streets.



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had been working with a nut-free bakery, and that owner was looking for a permanent spot after spending much time at Farmer’s Markets. That was Kelsey Munger of Lavender Bee Baking Company, and she also brought to the table Javier Amador Pena, of El Colombiana Coffee.

Immediately, the three began meeting to see if they could work together and cut costs, while also offering an exciting, community-oriented space.

“We are basically three businesses partnering up because the rent in Boston is very high,” she said. “We have been meeting every week since December to see what a partnership will look like at the market...We were already buying baked goods from Kelsey. She started out at Farmer’s Markets. Javier also does Farmer’s Markets and knew Kelsey from that circuit. Both were looking for a space at the same time we were...If you meet us, our businesses are community-driven and we all really want to run a space where the community can come together.”

Working with the Jamaica

Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPND), they were able to iron out all the details and make sure the licenses would work and the legalities were straightened out.

“We want to be the first to do this, so we wanted to make sure to do it right,” said Adrien.

The way it will work is that all three businesses will have a separate area where they will sell their products within the space. However, there will be one point of sale. So, a customer could get a cup of coffee from Colombiana, and an ice cream cone from Tipping Cow, and check out with a worker from Lavender Bee.

While they will certainly cut costs in sharing the rent, Adrien said they will further cut costs by sharing workloads and employees. She said she and Lindsey – as well as the other owners – and the youth employees Tipping Cow has hired, will be cross-trained for each business and its products.

“We will operate as three different stores, but where you can buy everything in one smooth transaction,” she said.

“We will split the rent, split the marketing budget and split the employee expenses. It really helps us to get going and our goal is to grow and branch out and open another location just like this at some point.”

Adrien, who has run for public office in Everett twice in recent years, said the new venture in Somerville with Lindsey has ignited her long-time love of small business and small, minority-owned businesses.

Growing up in Everett Square, she said she often loved the diversity of the stores and the fact that a family could support themselves with a business in the Square.

“I then went to corporate America and it was a totally different dynamic,” she said. “Black Enterprise was my favorite magazine growing up. I would read the stories of small, black-owned businesses and I always wanted to be in the Top 10 list.”

Adrien said they plan to really focus on employing young people in JP, and they also plan to give a percentage of their profits back to the community.

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victims – and some of the incidents are being corroborated by current and former school employees who told police they were informed of the allegations long before the controversy erupted publicly last fall.

One of the victims was a long-time employee with the schools who, among other allegations, said her troubles began when she went into work at the Administration Building on a Sunday in 2012 or early 2013.

The problem started when her friend dropped her off and unzipped her sweat jacket and allegedly began kissing her neck and chest area. She pushed him away and told him to stop, and then he allegedly suggested she go into an adjacent room and “bend over” so he could come up behind her.

As that unfolded a co-worker arrived and the day went on without incident.

However, when they were leaving, she went to tell him they were going home.

At that point, she began to leave the conference room and Foresteire allegedly pushed her up against a filing cabinet and forced her legs apart and allegedly rubbed his genitals on her. She was able to break free and flee the building.

On the following Monday,

she said it was like nothing had happened.

The victim said that in her two years at the Administration Building, there were alleged routine harassments, and Foresteire would allegedly try to find opportunities when no one was around to touch her inappropriately. Early in 2013, however, she was finally told she would be re-assigned. However, the re-assignment she ended up with was not what was promised. She told police that was allegedly because Foresteire said she had told people about the alleged incidents.

Soon, she was working the switchboard at an elementary school. During the first year at that assignment, the victim said Foresteire would allegedly call the switchboard to speak with her. When he was assured it was the victim, he would allegedly ask her sexually explicit questions. During the final two years of her employment, this time at a different school, she said all of the alleged harassment stopped as if it had never happened.

According to the complaint, one of Foresteire’s alleged common activities was to call select women on the switchboard and ask them sexually explicit and graphic questions.

Another victim, who worked at the Administration Building in 2017 and 2018, detailed other incidents where Foresteire would allegedly call and ask explicit questions. The woman said she did not report it for fear of losing her job and not being able to provide for her children.

That victim told police she felt Foresteire was allegedly obsessed with her, leading her to enlist friends and other victims to help her so she would not be alone in the building.

“The victim told me that Foresteire was allegedly obsessed with her and that he would allegedly often touch her,” read the report. “She told me that he has on countless occasions allegedly put his hand on her and allegedly grabbed her butt. She stated that he would allegedly parade her around the School Administration Building as if to show her off. When he saw her, he would allegedly make her stand up and turn around so that he could look at her and inspect what she was wearing.”

That victim also detailed two alleged incidents, one in 2017 and one in 2018, when Foresteire allegedly ripped her shirt and bra off with force, and allegedly began to kiss her exposed chest – which she indicated terrified her. It wasn’t long after that, she told police, that she began to complain and was finally terminated.

Another former principal in Everett corroborated many of the accounts, and also reported another alleged account of a teacher who Foresteire allegedly tried to pull her clothes off during a visit to the school. The principal had written notes on the incident from 2011 that she had kept, and turned them over to police. The teacher had not wanted to report the matter so as not to risk her job, but she did request that the principal allegedly notify her if Foresteire was coming to the building so she could make sure she wasn’t alone.

That principal also alleged she was the subject of a lewd comment, allegedly, by Foresteire. She alleged that after attending a School Committee

meeting, the next day Foresteire called to tell her he liked to look up her dress when she sat in the front row of the meetings.

“(The principal) told me that Foresteire allegedly would ‘accidentally’ rub against or touch her breasts,” read the report. “She told me that if she reacted, Foresteire would allegedly apologize as if it was unintentional, but if she didn’t react, he would say nothing.”

To counter all of the allegations, a current high-ranking female official in the School Administration – the former director of curriculum according to the report – told police she has never heard anyone tell her of any harassment or assault by Foresteire.

“She told me that no one ever told her about Mr. Foresteire acting inappropriately,” the report read. “She told me that she was the director of curriculum and that it was not her position, that any reports would go to the Title 9 director. I then asked her specifically if she recalled speaking with either (Victim 1) or (Victim 2) about Mr. Foresteire and she told me no.”

Several more incidents were detailed in the criminal complaint, which are just allegations. It has been pointed out by DA Marian Ryan consistently that Foresteire is innocent until proven guilty.

In the report, Attorney Mark Rotondo is mentioned as representing some of the victims. Contacted by the Independent, he said he would not comment on the specifics.

“This cannot be tried in the news,” he said. “Even Fred Foresteire is entitled to due process of law. It will be up to a jury of his peers to determine if he is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.”

Attorney Tara Swartz has been handling cases for three victims who have filed complaints with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD). She is also mentioned in the complaint, and issued a statement last week.

“My firm represents three women who filed sexual harassment claims with the MCAD against the former Superintendent of the Everett Public Schools, Frederick Foresteire,” she wrote. “My clients have always believed that they are not alone in what they endured during their employment with EPS. They remain resolute in the pursuit of their claims, as well as their hope that coming forward will assist in effectuating real change within the school system. We have no comment about the criminal charges announced today against Mr. Foresteire. We will let due process unfold and the evidence to be presented for a jury to decide.”

The Everett Teachers Association said they were disturbed by the charges and said they would support their members who have been victimized.

“These are very disturbing charges,” wrote President Kim Auger. “The Everett Teachers Association has taken important steps to support any members who may have been victimized and we will continue to do so.”

Foresteire’s attorneys, Spruce Law, have not returned repeated phone calls to comment on the allegations.

Foresteire is due in Malden District Court on April 4 for an arraignment on seven charges.

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City looking for input to revamp Central Avenue, Hale School parks

By Seth Daniel

The City is seeking input from residents on a proposal to renovate and revamp two parks up the hill from Ferry Street – with one of them proposed to be a colossal dog park.

The City unveiled plans from Bohler Engineering on Monday at a public meeting cut thin by the snow storm, and the plans call for new concepts at the Central Avenue playground and the Hale School Site on Glendale Street. Both are just around the corner from one another, and City Planner Tony Sousa said they are being viewed as tandem projects.

Both parks are in a heavily and dense residential district on the west side of Broadway, and are funded within the current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Central Avenue appears to be the most exciting of the two proposals, with a plan to convert the playground into a \$1.1 million dog park.

“Central Avenue is a small parcel and our proposal is to convert it into a dog park with some public gathering space,” he said. “It’s designed to be an active dog park with water features and other elements. It goes beyond the traditional stone dust and grass. We’re putting in a small water splash feature and misting stations with obstacles and equipment. It’s no different than a traditional playground, but it is centered on dogs. It’s not the first dog park, but it’s the first one we’re taking to this level with added amenities like a water feature and obstacle courses for dogs. It’s exciting.”

Then, just around the corner on Glendale Street, the old Hale School site that is now a passive park would be converted to passive and active. The paths and benches would be retained, but new playgrounds would be added



A rendering of the new Central Avenue playground that is suggested to be converted into an amenity-rich dog park.

throughout the existing park.

“We do plan on putting playgrounds throughout the park space, and we’re also potentially going to make space there for a community garden,” he said.

That project is at a budget of \$1.5 million and all of the play areas would have a rubberized surface and would be ADA compliant.

Naturally, both parks would retain as many existing trees as possible, and new trees would be added along with new landscaping.

Sousa said they hope to bid out both projects as one tandem project in the spring.

“The game plan for these is to put it out to bid later this year an start construction late this fall with a completion in the spring of 2020,” he said.

Ideally, he said, they would hope that one construction firm would big on both parks in order to reduce some of the mobilization costs – especially since they are only about a block from one another.

This would be the first two park projects in central Everett designed by Bohler. However, the company is not new to Everett. They are responsible for the design of the new Encore-funded playground at 7-acre Park – a playground that will be completed by June.

•Another park project on the way this summer is Ros-

setti Park by Waters Avenue and the Northern Strand Bike Trail. Already, the roller hockey rink has been taken down there, with plans for it to be moved to the seven-acre Park area. Sousa said they have \$1.1 million set aside to re-furbish the tennis courts and landscaping there.

Beyond that, and maybe more exciting, is the City is looking to locate shipping container retail opportunities on the area of the park nearest the bike path. That is an initiative championed by Mayor Carlo DeMaria earlier this year, and Sousa said they have taken his idea and hope to implement it at Rossetti.

“The electricity is already there for the tennis courts, and we’re looking to get all of that together,” he said. “That’s a very exciting aspect of this project.”

•Other Park projects in the queue: Phase 2 of Meadows Park (behind St. Anthony’s Church) will go out to bid later this month. Appleton Street Park renovations will also be bid out this spring, and up-grades to Wehrner Park will also be bid out.

Sousa said it is a credit to the City Council working with Mayor Carlo DeMaria to fund a very active CIP for this year, a plan that helps to create new and improved park spaces every year.

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“Karen was the director of Health and Wellness, which is a distinction from the director of the Health and Wellness Center,” said DeMaria.

However, after the mayor ended his remarks, McLaughlin read from what he said was a printout from an early version of the City’s website that listed Avila’s position.

McLaughlin claimed that until recently, the website listed Avila as the director of the Health and Wellness Center, while the mayor continued to maintain it listed her as the Director of Health and Wellness.

At one point during the exchange, the mayor appeared to lunge forward in an attempt to take the printed paper from McLaughlin’s nearby desk, prompting McLaughlin to loudly tell the mayor not to get into his space.

“You are out of line,” the mayor said, while McLaughlin said the mayor was out of line.

Time and again during his remarks, the mayor called into question McLaughlin’s motivation for taking a strong stand on the Health and Wellness Center controversy, and he highlighted the success of the programs at the center

over the past five years.

McLaughlin had presented his 41 questions to the City Council’s Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety, and Public Service for DeMaria and several administration officials, including Omar Easy and Lara Ammouri.

But it became apparent early in the meeting that the committee, chaired by Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, would not be getting a question by question reckoning from individual officials.

“I am here to speak on all the issues with the DeMaria administration,” said the mayor. “There has been a great deal of reportedly false information about the Wellness Center that has been exaggerated”

DeMaria continued that McLaughlin was “carrying water” for a newsletter published in the city and “smearing good people who work for the city.”

“When you are spreading false rumors, you are doing us all a disservice,” said DeMaria.

The mayor also claimed McLaughlin was working in concert with another local newspaper to discredit his ad-

ministration.

There is still some question about where the issue goes from here, as DiPierro said he believed the issue was put to bed by the mayor.

“The issue is over in my eyes,” he said. “I think the mayor answered all the questions.”

However, Councilor-at-Large John Hanlon moved to refer the issue back to the motion’s sponsor, McLaughlin, to give him more time to sort through the mayor’s statement. Hanlon said sorting through answers to the 41 specific questions sought by McLaughlin will take a little time.

For his part, DeMaria said he will not come before the Council again to discuss the Health and Wellness Center controversy.

“If you invite me again to answer this nonsense, I will not be back,” said DeMaria.

Visibly upset as he left the meeting, McLaughlin was asked if he was satisfied with the answers DeMaria provided.

“How could I be?” he said. “There were no answers.”

He said he could not comment any further on the matter aside from that.

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from Peru and always had a dream that I would attend and graduate from Harvard. It was invaluable to help her complete that dream for me. That was the best feeling in the world.”

And that’s precisely why Menjivar decided that helping other students realize those same dreams for themselves and their families could also be just as great a feeling.

“Math is one of the most

difficult and disliked subjects in school,” he said. “One of my hopes is to not only pass on my knowledge and love for math, but also to help kids not stray from their purpose. I hope I can inspire them with math and with school in general, because I was a student not long ago sitting in those same seats.”

Menjivar is studying for the GMAT with a plan to be in the 95th percentile by the end

of the summer. He hopes to go to business school in the fall of 2020 and he is applying to Harvard Business School and the Questrom School of Business at Boston University. In the meantime he is working hard to achieve a promotion at Stop & Shop while he continues to give back to his community by helping Pioneer students with their math and science.

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LET'S CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE IN STATE LAW TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The recent national news stories concerning a massage parlor in Jupiter, Fla., have brought to light what is nothing less than a national abomination: The trafficking of women that reaches into every corner of the United States.

The news stories about this 21st century version of human bondage have made it clear that huge numbers of women, mostly Asian, are being trafficked in a multi-billion dollar sex trade operation under the guise of legitimate massage parlors.

Here in Massachusetts, it is estimated that there are 200-300 of these illicit "business" entities -- almost one for every city and town in the Commonwealth. Just this past week, police in the well-to-do community of Norwell came upon one of these places (which was located in an otherwise-ordinary mall) and, upon executing a search warrant, discovered conditions almost identical to what authorities found in Jupiter.

There were mattresses on the floor and other indicia of living that made it clear that those who worked there also were residing on the premises as prisoners of the operators of this establishment.

How can this situation -- sex slavery in which women from all around the world are being trafficked in our hometowns -- exist so openly in America in 2019?

It seems to us there is a fairly simple solution to the problem that can be accomplished with a small change in the law, at least here in Massachusetts, which is as follows:

The signage on the front window of the Jupiter establishment lists the following services: "Massage therapy, facials, waxing, table showers", and this one: "Body treatments."

Massachusetts tightly regulates the massage therapy business pursuant to chapter 112, section 228, which requires massage therapists to receive training and obtain a license.

However, the last line of this statute exempts from the licensing requirements "those who use the terms 'bodywork', 'bodyworker', and 'bodywork therapist'."

It's as if the traffickers themselves wrote this loophole into the law. The women who were found in the Norwell establishment (who, similar to the women in Jupiter, were Chinese citizens and spoke no English) when the police conducted the raid identified themselves as "bodyworkers" and as such did not require any licensing requirements either from the state or local authorities. It's as if they did not exist.

In our view, the solution is straightforward: Require every person (including receptionists) who works in these establishments to obtain a permit (as opposed to a license) in order to work there. Such persons would be required to register at the local Board of Health where they would have to appear in person, produce a valid ID, and provide their place of residence in order to get their permit.

Routine spot checks by the local boards would ensure that everyone working there has a valid permit from the local authority. If anyone is found working there without a permit, the business would be ordered closed forthwith and the managers, as well as the owners, would be subject to arrest and criminal penalties for employing persons without permits.

In our view, this small change in Massachusetts law, if emulated across the country, could go a long way toward ending the human trafficking business that is a national disgrace.

MARCH: IN LIKE A LION

Just when all of us were counting the days to the beginning of spring -- known as the vernal equinox, which this year falls on Wednesday, March 20, at 5:58 p.m. -- Ol' Man Winter struck with a vengeance, bringing a double-snow storm this past weekend followed by frigid temperatures to start the week.

Up until the past two weeks, this winter season had been mostly underwhelming in the Greater Boston area in terms of both snowfall and temperature. However, in our lifetimes, this often has been the case: A January and February that have been fairly easy to take, only to be followed by a March that begins with brutal weather.

A quick peek at the 10-day forecast revealed that after the brief appearance of cold weather, temperatures will return to normal for this time of year through St. Patrick's Day.

The weather always has fallen into that category of what former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld famously referred to as "known unknowns -- that is to say, we know there are some things we do not know."

However, in this era of climate change, the other part of Rumsfeld's quote, "But there are also unknown unknowns -- the ones we don't know we don't know," is applicable.

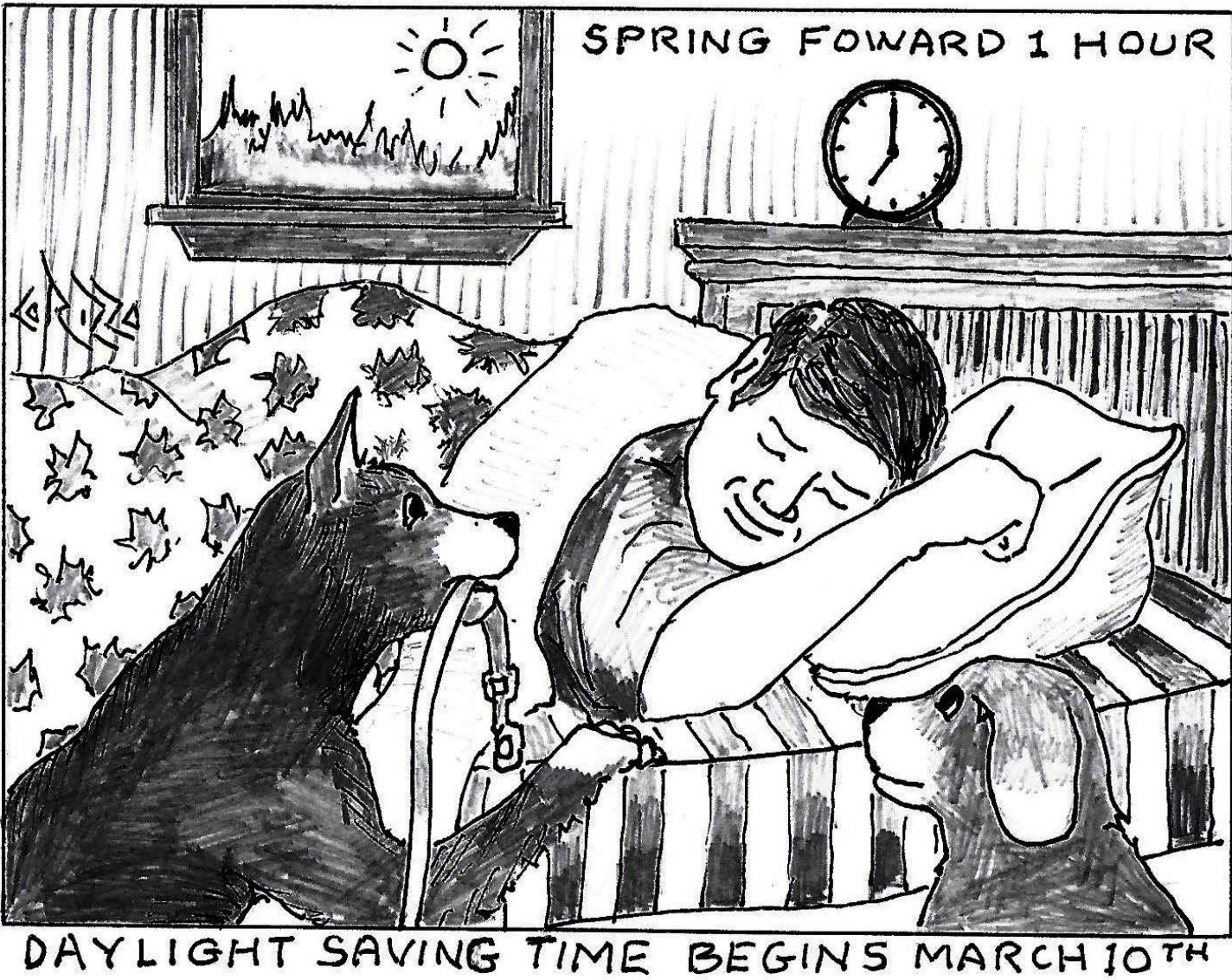
To put it another way, who knows what Mother Nature has in store for us these days? Perhaps more than anything else in our lives, we just have to take the weather one day at a time.

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LETTER to the Editor

ON DELEO'S GREENWORKS PROPOSAL

To the editor:

Speaker DeLeo's billion-dollar GreenWorks proposal could offer much-needed support to Winthrop, other coastal towns, and all the Commonwealth's communities as we face greater extremes of tides and weather. But as with any local distribution of grants, the details will matter. Will GreenWorks primarily help towns shore up their own local resilience to climate change? Or will the grants support reductions in carbon emissions that will

mitigate the larger problem? Unless we stop adding more greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, adaptation will inevitably fall short.

So Mr. Speaker, as your GreenWorks plan advances through the House, why not also support the 100 percent Renewable Energy bill? Let's

address our local needs but also make sure we are doing our part as global citizens to reduce our overall carbon emissions. Full carbon neutrality as quickly as possible is the only sensible response to this urgent problem.

**Brent Whelan
Allston MA**

DiDomenico serves as speaker at Women's Bar Association legislative breakfast

Sen. Sal DiDomenico joined with Senate President Karen Spilka and a number of other elected officials to speak with the Women's Bar Association (WBA). Every year, the WBA hosts a legislative breakfast in the Great Hall in order to meet with legislators and advocate for their legislative priorities. Sen. DiDomenico spoke to the members of the WBA about his bill, An Act to Lift the Cap on Kids (S.37), which is one of the WBA's top priorities this legislative session.

An Act to Lift the Cap on Kids, also known as Lift the Cap, would repeal the state's family cap. The family cap denies TAFDC (Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children) to children conceived while -- or soon after -- the family received benefits. This cap denies a child \$100 a month in benefits plus an annual \$300 clothing allowance. There are currently about 8,700 children in Mas-

sachusetts who are excluded from benefits because of when they were born.

"We know that it's time to take action and repeal this ineffective and unjust policy, and show that we value all children equally, regardless of the circumstances of their birth," Sen. DiDomenico remarked. He also encouraged the members of the WBA to speak to their legislators regarding the policy, stating: "Do not simply ask your elected officials whether they support a bill or an issue. Ask them, 'At what level do you support it?'"

Last session, An Act to Lift the Cap on Kids passed the House and the Senate, but was amended by the Governor at the end of session. In addition to filling An Act to Lift the Cap on Kids, Sen. DiDomenico also filled An Act to Lift Kids out of Deep Poverty, which would increase TAFDC by 10 percent every year.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico speaks with the Women's Bar Association.

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EVERETT RESIDENTS ENJOYING A SNOW DAY

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

Everett residents spent Monday clearing their homes and playing in the snow during a day off on Monday. School was canceled and kids played hard while adults cleared their sidewalks and driveways.



Sofia Magalhaes tossed snow around in front of her home on Englewood Ave.



Gabriela Castro and Laila Martignago played in the snow in their backyard on Monday.



Anne Stewart worked diligently to clear the snow around Stewart's Pub to open again on Tuesday.



Arthur Miranda climbed piles of snow in his neighborhood.



Lucas Martignago enjoyed a day off for play on Monday morning.



Misael Dias cleared his work truck on Monday to get back to business.

AG's office to host events across the state for National Consumer Protection Week

In celebration of the 21st annual National Consumer Protection Week, Attorney General Maura Healey announced a series of events designed to help empower and educate Massachusetts residents.

"The AG's Office advocates for consumers every day, arming them with the tools they need to make informed decisions and protect themselves from bad actors," said AG Healey. "This month, we will travel throughout the state to meet with consumers, teach them about their rights, and connect them with the resources we have available through our office."

During National Consumer Protection Week, the AG's Office will offer consumer education events across the state on topics ranging from consumer awareness, scams, senior consumer rights, and auto laws. A complete list of consumer protection events being held throughout March is available here.

Each year, the AG's Office provides direct assistance to thousands of consumers across Massachusetts. AG

Healey's Consumer Advocacy & Response Division (CARD) directly assists consumers by answering questions, offering referrals to appropriate organizations or government agencies, working with businesses to resolve disputes, and providing information on other available services and community-based consumer programs.

In 2018, CARD worked on more than 34,000 cases, and either directly or through its partnerships with local consumer programs helped secured more than \$3.7 million in relief for consumers. Some examples of consumer assistance provided by the AG's Office in 2018 include:

- Assisting an elderly consumer facing foreclosure. CARD staff successfully got the foreclosure date postponed and provided the consumer with time to apply for a loan modification.
- Helping to clear a consumer of a fraudulent wireless phone bill totaling nearly \$5,300. The consumer was contacted by the carrier for more than a year even though he repeatedly told them that

he never had an account with them. With CARD's assistance, the carrier confirmed that the consumer did not owe the debt and corrected his credit.

- Assisting in getting an auto purchase rescinded after a consumer discovered within days of purchasing it that her car was a lemon. CARD contacted the finance company that originated the auto loan, and the company unwound the deal, offered to correct the consumer's credit report, and ceased doing business with the dealership.
- Coordinating the delivery of 100 gallons of oil, paid for by Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands Inc. and delivered by Guard Oil, to a senior without heat. Guard Oil also serviced the furnace at no charge.
- Working with a hotel chain to compensate consumers after a spa in one of their Boston locations closed abruptly. Consumers who filed complaints with the AG's Office received credits at the spa slated to replace the one that closed or at the hotel for a total value of \$6,158.

In addition to direct assistance, the AG's Office investigates and litigates violations of the state's consumer protection laws. In 2018, the AG's Office secured refunds for 20,000 consumers from Comcast, \$4 million in relief from a national mortgage servicing company, \$450,000 in restitution and penalties from used auto dealership in Westport, and nearly \$50,000 for student borrowers from a student loan "debt relief" company that charged unnecessary and unlawful fees.

Consumers with problems are encouraged to contact CARD's consumer specialists at 617-727-8400 or file a complaint on the AG's website. The AG's Office also has an Elder Hotline at 888-243-5337, which operates as part of CARD and is staffed by trained specialists who are knowledgeable about problems that are more common for older Massachusetts residents. The AG's Office also encourages student borrowers to contact the Student Loan Assistance Unit at 888-830-6277 for help.

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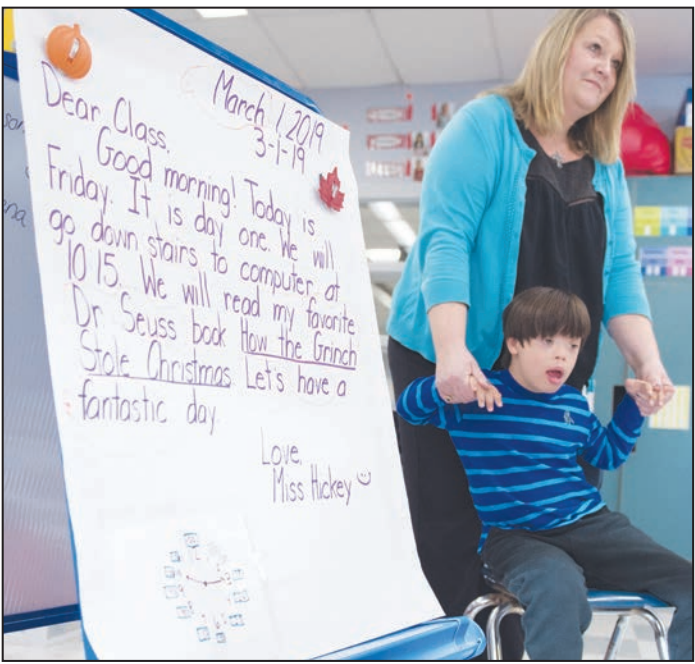
GUEST READERS AT EVERETT SCHOOLS FOR READ ACROSS AMERICA EVENT

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

Everett schools welcomed guest readers to the Lafayette School for Read Across America on Friday morning, March 1. Elementary School students had the opportunity to meet community leaders and distinguished guests from the city while reading Dr. Seuss stories.



Reading Coach Jennifer McCarthy, Principal John Obremski, and Math Interventionist Michelle Villano greeted guests as they entered the Lafayette School for Read Across America.



Tricia DiDomenico and Ethan Bichara enjoyed Dr. Seuss Day together at the Lafayette School.



Jonathan Tejada Mendez received a Dr. Seuss 'Cat in the Hat' hat to wear for the occasion.



David LaRovere joined Ms. Hickey's second-grade classroom for Dr. Seuss Day.



Kindergarten student Emmanuel Velasquez Alarcon joined his class in wearing a Dr. Seuss hat.

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Sen. Sal DiDomenico read to kindergarten students at the Lafayette School for Read Across America on Friday morning.

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Elsa Macedo hugged guest reader Diana Beagan. Beagan, mother to teacher Ms. Kathryn Beagan, read Dr. Seuss to her daughter's students for Read Across America.

Sports

Pope John coach Boucher earns 300th career victory

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Tigers advance in State Tournament

By Cary Shuman

The official announcement came as a surprise, but the accomplishment was not unexpected, because when it comes to coaching high school basketball, Leo Boucher is at the top of the class.

Moments after the Pope John XXIII High School boys basketball team defeated No. 1 seed Mystic Valley Regional, 61-54, the PA announcer noted that the victory was the 300th of Coach Boucher's career.

Boucher and his team had to dig deep to reach that milestone because the Eagles and their large group of supporters had every intention of derailing Pope John's bid for a second consecutive state championship.

And for close to three quarters, Coach Tony Ferullo's Eagles were frustrating the Tigers and their phenomenal guard, Angel Price-Espada who was held to seven points

in the game. Mystic Valley led by as many as seven, 39-32, midway through the third period.

But with the MV defense double-teaming Price-Espada, Pope John players Frankie Imbruglia and Mehki Collins stepped up and delivered huge offensive contributions.

Imbruglia, a transfer from St. Mary's of Lynn, scored 13 of his 15 points in the second half, including a trio of 3-pointers. Collins had 15 points, 13 rebounds, and six assists and was clutch at the free-throw line late in the fourth quarter.

Conor Kelly, a 6-foot-4-inch senior from Charlestown, had seven points and five rebounds after getting in to foul trouble in the first half. Kelly not only made his presence felt with rebounds, but he aggressively went after the basketball to give his teammates additional opportunities on the boards.

Kelly was also immense on

defense against the Eagles, who had two 1,000-point scorers in their starting lineup.

"Conor was a great role player last season on a state championship team and this year he has had to step up and play a starting role, and he's

performed very well," said Boucher. "He's worked so hard. He dug down in a big game."

Luis Velasquez, a 6-foot-3-inch center from Chelsea,

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STAY FOCUSED: Pope John head coach Leo Boucher implores his team during the fourth quarter of the Tigers 61-54 win over top-ranked Mystic Valley Friday night. The win was Boucher's 300th career win and put Pope John, defending Division 4 state champions, into the semi-finals of the 2019 Division 4 North tournament.



FINDING AN OPENING: Angel Price-Espada makes his way past Mystic Valley's Ben Soto on the way to two points during Pope John's 61-54 victory over top-ranked Mystic Valley in the quarter-final round of the MIAA Boys Basketball North Division 4 tournament last Friday night, March 1, at Mystic Valley.



ROARING TIGERS: The Pope John cheering section erupts late in the fourth quarter as the Tigers pull out to a commanding lead.



YOU TAKE IT: Frankie Imbruglia passes off as he is defended by Mystic Valley's Eric He.



PROWLING TIGER: Mehki Collins (15 points, 13 rebounds, and 6 steals) was a key performer in Pope John's 61-54 win over Mystic Valley.



BEING A PEST: Armani Cheek (10) harasses Mystic Valley's Alfie Tsang.



DETOUR: The looming presence of Pope John's Brutchell Hippolite (33) has Mystic Valley's Ben Soto looking for options on the way to the net.



CRASH LANDING: Angel Price-Espada grimaces as he is tripped up while chasing a loose ball.

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The Pride of the Tide

Sainristil, Kabamba honored as All-State football players

By Cary Shuman

There were more than 18,000 high school football players in Massachusetts this season.

Everett High School had two of the very best, seniors Mike Sainristil and Gilbert Kabamba, who were honored Sunday as members of the 2018 "Super 26" All-State Team.

Sainristil, who has enrolled at the University of Michigan, and Kabamba, who will attend Merrimack College, received their awards from the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston and the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association at a banquet at Lantana's in Randolph.

Sainristil also received his Gatorade Massachusetts Player of the Year Award at the banquet. The 5-foot-10 inch, 170-pound All-Scholastic player is on spring break from Michigan, where he has begun workouts and will play in the Wolverines' Spring Game on April 13 at Michigan Stadium.

"The practices have gone well," said Sainristil, who has been working out at a slot receiver's position. "Coach [Jim] Harbaugh is a good guy. I don't see him that much be-

cause he works a lot in his office."

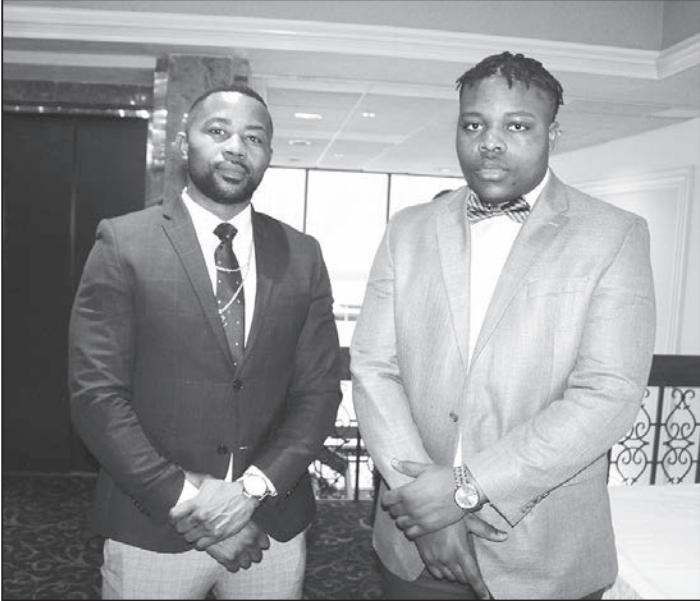
Sainristil, one of the most exciting players in Everett history, said he was happy with his four-year career during which he helped the Tide win back-to-back, Division 1 state championships. The Tide had a three-peat derailed by Central Catholic in the North semifinals.

"I'm happy with my career, but if I could go back, though, I'd want to play Central Catholic one more time," said Sainristil. "Other than that, it was a great year."

Sainrist also thanked his family "who have never doubted me and never stopped supporting me, and I really appreciate that."

Like Sainristil, Kabamba was a two-way standout for the Tide. He was recognized as an All-State offensive lineman though he was also a force for the Everett defense. The 6-foot-2-inch, 270-pound All-Scholastic is projected as a defensive end/defensive tackle at Merrimack.

"It's a pleasure to be All-State," said Kabamba. "I want to thank God for giving me this opportunity and my brother and my family for their support. I worked hard for it."



Everett High's All-State honoree Gilberto Kabamba (right) is pictured with his brother, Patrick Mayombo, at the awards night Sunday at Lantana's in Randolph.



Robert Souza, president of the Mass. High School Football Coaches Association, presents the Super 26 All-State Award to Mike Sainristil.



Robert Souza, president of the Mass. High School Football Coaches Association, presents the Super 26 All-State Award to Gilbert Kabamba.

Kabamba was a four-year player and a member of two Division 1 Super Bowl championship teams. This year's team finished with a 10-1 record.

Kabamba said he was fortunate to have played for "two great head coaches" at Everett, John DiBiao and Theluxon Pierre.

"Coach DiBiao was always there for me and the other kids in the program," said Kabamba. "Coach Pierre is amazing. He was there for me every day and helped with the college process."

Born in Africa, Kabamba said that when he came to the United States and enrolled at Everett High School, he thought he would continue in the sport of basketball.

"But when Coach DiBiao saw me, he said to me, 'I want you to play football,' so I said I would try it. The first day of practice, I loved football because I'm a contact guy."

Four years later, Gilbert Kabamba leaves Everett as one of the Tide's all-time greats, and officially one of the best in the Bay State for 2018.



All-State Team honoree Mike Sainristil, with his delegation of supporters, from left, Jeff Goldman, sister Aisha Sainristil, Jake Goldman, Janet Saint-Fort, mother Raymonde Sainristil, father Carlot Sainristil, and Harold Saint-Fort.



All-State honoree Gabe DeSouza of North Andover High School, with his former Everett Pop Warner teammate Mike Sainristil and Everett High's Gilbert Kabamba, who were also named to the Super 26 All-State team.

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sparked Pope John with eight points. Cam Erickson, the sharpshooting forward from Everett, had seven points.

In an interesting and somewhat unusual conclusion to an exciting game, Mystic Valley's senior captain Josh Briceus scored his 1,000th career point on the very last shot (a deep and contested three-pointer) of his career with six seconds left in the game. The crowd gave Briceus a much-deserved ovation.

Mystic Valley senior Ben Soto was honored before the game with a plaque recognizing his 1,000th career-point milestone.

Boucher was humble about his 300-win achievement that

all but guarantees that he will be enshrined in the Mass. Coaches Hall of Fame soon.

"The kids won 300 games, it's their effort — coaches don't win those," said Boucher. "We expected a tough game from Mystic Valley and that's what they gave us. I think getting Soto in foul trouble was huge for us — he's a tremendous, multi-faceted player. We played a zone specifically to pinch on Soto."

Boucher said he expected to see a defense that was designed especially to contain Price-Espada. "People have done just about every junk defense that they can on Angel. I thought Angel really stepped up as a teammate tonight. He found the open man when he was double-teamed."

Pope John Associate Head Coach Larry Washington has accompanied Boucher on this amazing journey that has produced state championships and a mountain of memories.

"He [Boucher] is a players' coach," credited Washington. "He pushes his players hard, but they admire him a lot. He's a great teacher of the game. We go back a long way. I want to congratulate him on his 300th win. All the praise for him his well-deserved."

The Pope John boys and girls basketball teams were both set to play Fenway High School in a Division 4 North semifinal doubleheader Tuesday night at Winthrop High School.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

HIGH RENTS DRIVING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS

CHELSEA - Supt. Mary Bourque said that for the first time in decades, more students are leaving the Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) than are coming in – an exodus of students that seems to be heading mostly to Lynn.

“We’ve always had more students coming in from certain communities than students leaving Chelsea for those communities,” said Bourque this week. “Since July, we’re seeing the inverse. We have more going out to the four communities of Lynn, Revere, Everett and Boston...A few years ago, we were seeing an influx of students from outside of the country. We’re seeing the reverse. We’re not seeing that influx from out of the country, and we’re actually seeing the exodus of our families more to the North Shore communities. The movement is more to the North Shore. I think it’s linked to housing and affordability.”

According to CPS data, from July 1, 2019 through Feb. 14 - 257 Chelsea students left for other communities in Massachusetts. Of the 257, the largest pattern saw 29 going to Boston; 35 going to Everett; 44 going to Lynn; and 34 going to Revere. Those are places that, historically, Bourque said usually leak more students to Chelsea than Chelsea loses to them. That trend has changed now.

The root cause could come for multiple reasons, but Bourque said she firmly believes it all comes down to the drastic rise in rents and housing costs in Chelsea.

“I do believe it’s the rising rental properties around the community,” she said. “Right now, Chelsea is experiencing it just like, if not more so, than other communities. We’re losing many, many families. I’m seeing documents of many, many families going to Lynn in particular. Lynn seems to be the most popular destination for families being able to find rental properties. Secondly, they are going to Revere, Everett and Boston.”

Bourque, who has studied student mobility in depth during her career, said many studies have indicated over the years that student population is a bellwether for the changes that are coming to a community.

In Chelsea, she said she believes this latest trend in student population could be sounding an alarm for the community to try to take action.

“This is definitely something we have to pay attention to,” she said. “The demographics in our schools are telling of what is coming to the community at-large. We’re the canary in the coal mine for community shift. I see it as a positive though because we can look at it and get out in front so we can be prepared to meet the needs of that shift.

A consequence of that loss is that the CPS budget is likely going to shrink due to the smaller enrollments.

“We already have an issue with the Foundation Budget at the state level being broken, and it still needs to be fixed,” she said. “We still need to advocate for that. At the same time, we have a confounding situation where we’re losing student enrollment that results in a natural decrease in staffing and resources due to that lower student enrollment. The challenge will be keeping those two budgetary issues separate and not allowing them to blend together. They are two different issues.”

Bourque said the situation reminds her of what Somerville Public Schools went through some years ago as it gentrified on the back of Cambridge’s successes. At one point, she said she recalled they had somewhere around 6,000 students enrolled in the public schools, but as that City

changed, the numbers dwindled down to around 4,000. She said Chelsea should fight to keep that from happening here.

Looking for a wave from Venezuela, Brazil

Chelsea has always had a reputation and a practice of having open arms to refugees and new immigrant populations.

Now, as new immigrant families seem to be migrating a bit towards the North Shore, Supt. Mary Bourque said they are keeping an eye on Brazil and Venezuela as potential sources of incoming students.

Bourque said immigrant groups from crisis areas of the world typically begin showing up in Chelsea schools about 10 to 15 months after the crisis in their countries.

With the recent political upheaval in Venezuela with its leadership, she said the federal government is considering giving Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Venezuelans. That, she said, could result in more students arriving from that country soon.

“It will be interesting to wait and see if we get an influx from Venezuela,” she said. “It usually happens 15 to 18 months after a crisis. We’ll watch to see if this summer enrollments begin to come in from that country.”

In Brazil, she said a down economy has already brought a trickling of new Brazilian students to the district.

CITY MANAGER OUTLINES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CHELSEA -Fresh off of a new contract, City Manager Tom Ambrosino gave an enthusiastic opening to city council meeting during his State of the City Address, where he talked about Chelsea’s accomplishments in 2018, as well as its goals for 2019.

“I feel confident in saying that the state of our City of Chelsea is very good indeed,” he started.

Among the achievements of the past year, Ambrosino noted that the City ended 2018 with an excess of \$28 million in its coffers.

“There’s not another city our size in the entire Commonwealth with that level of reserves,” he said. “That is a testament to the shrewd financial planning of City Council.”

In 2018, Chelsea was also one of only 35 cities in the country to be awarded a Bloomberg Challenge grant for its vision to reduce crime with preventative care.

“Because of that award, our model of predicting harm and then engaging in cross-sector collaboration to address the harm got national attention,” said Ambrosino. “It’s gaining interest and it has people seeking to replicate that, not just in Massachusetts, but outside as well.”

Ambrosino cited the City’s increased development in 2018, such as the construction of two new hotels and the multi-million dollar expansion of a pharmaceutical company. He also mentioned the \$10 million grant by the state to reconstruct Broadway from City Hall to the Revere Line, as well as a \$3 million federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to renovate Chelsea’s waterfront, one of the largest grants given by the EDA to any municipality in the country in 2018, and one of the only grants issued in Massachusetts.

“We kept our promises to our residents in 2018 by doing good services,” Ambrosino reflected. “I think we can achieve the same level of success in 2019 if we have the same level of collaboration from City Council.”

In terms of goals for 2019, Ambrosino highlighted the effort to renovate the downtown Chelsea area, building on the foundational work done in 2018.

“We added police, social services, more lighting, decorative banners, public art,” he said. “We’ve created an atmosphere and foundation for success, so what we need to do now is finalize the work that remains.”

Ambrosino outlined four areas of improvement for downtown Chelsea: finalizing the design for the infrastructure improvements for one-way schemes, adopting the necessary zoning permissions to improve the facade of the corridor, offering a rich array of cultural and artistic activities, and submitting a request for proposal (RFP) for the redevelopment of the former Salvation Army site.

The City Manager threw his support behind the Forbes Proposal, which is up before the City Board of Appeals next month for the redevelopment of the Chelsea waterfront, claiming that it will include affordable condominiums for Chelsea residents looking to become homeowners.

Ambrosino also mentioned the planned infrastructure and capital improvements for 2019, including work to the Chelsea Greenway, the Chelsea Garden Cemetery and Veterans’ Field. This would all be in the context of a master plan, the first of its kind in Chelsea since the 1970s.

The City Manager emphasized the importance of investing in affordable housing as well as in education, specifically for grants to allow high-achieving, low-income high school students in Chelsea to attend Bunker Hill Community College free of charge.

“This idea of public funding for education beyond just high school is gaining momentum in this nation,” he said. “We can feel a sense a pride that Chelsea is in the forefront of that movement.”

GAETA TO LEAD LOCAL YMCA

EAST BOSTON - A familiar face will return to East Boston to lead the East Boston YMCA next month. Joe Gaeta, who served as the East Boston Y’s Director of Teen Programs for several years before leaving to become Director of Operations for the Huntington Avenue YMCA, was named this week as the new East Boston Y’s Executive Director.

Gaeta, a lifelong Eastie resident, will replace Ann Margaret Gutierrez, who led the East Boston Y since 2015.

“Working with the YMCA of Greater Boston has always been a rewarding experience for me,” said Gaeta, who will take the reins in Eastie on March 4. “Making sure community needs are met no matter what the circumstance is part of the core of our mission. Being able to serve the community of East Boston has always been a passion of mine. Coming home and leading this extraordinary organization and team has always been a dream. I look forward to continuing the longstanding tradition of serving the community of East Boston as its next Executive Director.”

Gaeta is a 13-year YMCA veteran with a decade of service at the East Boston Y under his belt. Gaeta started as a part-time camp counselor during which he created and implemented education curriculum for youth, ages 5 through 13.

In 2010 he advanced with in his career to the association-wide Director of Teen Programs for which he supervised the teen fitness center and family programming and assisted in fundraising efforts for youth scholarships to camp.

In his most recent position, Director of Operations for the Huntington Avenue YMCA, he oversees 5,000 members and an operating budget of \$7 million while managing 11 full-time and 100 part-time staff members.

“The YMCA of Greater

ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA HONORS JANE M. KLAUSMAN SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPT



The Zonta Club of Chelsea, at their February monthly meeting, had the pleasure of honoring MIT attendee Carmel Appel Raskin, recipient of the Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. Zonta District 1 Governor Elizabeth Hart presented her with the Scholarship Certificate. The membership and many guests were there for this memorable evening. Invited guest were Chelsea School Committee member Rosemarie Carlisle, Everett Interim Superintendent of Schools Janice Gauthier, Everett school teacher Josephine Penza and MGH Operations Specialist Maria Valles. Pictured above left to right, Zonta International Area 4 Director Barbara Anderson, JMK Women in Business Scholarship recipient Carmel Appel Raskin, District 1 Governor Elizabeth Hart, Zonta Club of Chelsea President Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy and Scholarship Chair Pamela Miller.

Boston prides itself on attracting top talent to guide the organization in youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility,” says YMCA of Greater Boston President and CEO James Morton. “We are thrilled to promote Joe from within and we are excited to see where Joe takes the East Boston Y and the positive impact he will have on individuals and families in the area.”

During his tenure, Gaeta has been responsible for Membership, Aquatics, Healthy Living and Youth Development/Teen programs. He created the East Boston YMCA Credit Recovery Program, in partnership with Boston Public Schools and East Boston High School, which gives students a second chance to make up work and lost credits at their own pace out of school to ensure they graduate on time. He also implemented extended teen times where the building was open for just teens, after hours, free of charge.

Gaeta said public service has been a long-standing tradition in his Eastie family. Following in his grandparents 30 years of advocacy work he is the Treasurer of the East Boston Girls Softball League and a longtime supporter and former Board Member for East Boston Main Streets. With a passion for creating opportunities for others, he holds a bachelor’s degree in History and Secondary Education from the University of Massachusetts.

East Boston Y members, friends and supporters are encouraged to meet Gaeta during the East Boston YMCA’s Annual Reach Out Breakfast, which is set for Thursday, April 25 at 7 a.m. at the Hilton Boston Logan Airport.

To purchase tickets visit www.ymcaboston.org/east-boston/breakfast.

COUNCIL APPROVES TWO MORE POT SHOPS

LYNN - The City Council approved two more special permits for the opening of recreational marijuana shops.

Good Chemistry, which has another shop in Worcester and a cultivation site in Bellingham, would open a Lynn shop at 696 Western Ave., the site of the old Tony’s Florist. Joe Ciota, owner of the property said he supports his tenant.

Good Chemistry was founded by Matthew Huron, who began cultivating cannabis 20 years ago to provide relief for his father, his father’s partner, and others living with HIV/AIDS and other critical illnesses.

Today, Good Chemistry is a leading provider of medical and adult-use cannabis products and related services, and

is committed to making life better for patients and consumers. The company opened the first medical cannabis dispensary in Worcester in August 2018.

Good Chemistry has developed and implemented best practices in the medical and adult-use cannabis industry in Massachusetts, Colorado and Nevada. Good Chemistry is a well-respected, established company with a strong track record of compliance with state and local regulations.

The second shop approved is Tree Market, LLC which plans to operate at 3 Mt. Vernon St., Unit 6. The presentation was not as extensive as others. Eli Volynsky, co-founder and CEO has teamed up with Danny Razure, CFO, to create the shop.

PETERSEN SISTERS FIRST TO SERVE ON POLICE FORCE

WINTHROP - There have been brothers, uncles, fathers and grandfathers but there has never been a set of sisters serving on the Winthrop Police Dept. until now.

Last week 23-year-old Vanessa Faro Petersen was sworn in as a new reserve officer in the Dept. where her 25-year old sister Officer Samantha Faro Petersen has been on force since October 2018 who completed the police academy in 2018. Vanessa graduated from the Recruit Academy in 2018.

Samantha Petersen graduated with a degree in criminal justice at Westfield State while her sister Vanessa graduated from LaSalle College with a degree in criminal justice.

“We have totally different personalities,” Samantha said. “She’s more the fun, lovable, carefree and I’m more regimented, don’t break the rules.”

The two, new officers grew up in Winthrop, as did their parents and grandparents, Salvatore and Elaine Faro.

It was their mother Elaine Faro who pushed Samantha to join the Police Explorers Club, run by Sgt. Steve Rogers. Samantha Petersen said when she was a kid she thought the Explorers were for boys, but soon found out otherwise.

“I wasn’t playing sports or anything. My mother kept telling me I needed something to do so I joined the Explorers,” Samantha Petersen said, adding that their older brother Michael has been supportive too. “After the first meeting of the Explorers I was hooked,” she said. “I started at 15 so I basically grew up here. It’s been an easy transition because it feels like home.”

In the Explorers members

are exposed to day to day calls a police officer responds to. These scenarios help build the foundation of the police officer.

Vanessa Petersen started with the Explorers at the age of 13. She currently works at Boston Medical Center in the public safety Dept.

“We just did a training and I embraced everything they said,” Samantha Petersen said. “Everyone just instantly became my role models.”

Going through the academy is not easy and the two sisters did not think they’d be making history. Both credit their time in the Explorers to fuel their desire to be police officers.

“But it’s also a testament to how well we did on the test,” Samantha Petersen said. “I couldn’t ask for a better outcome.”

In the future, Samantha said she’s glad to start in Winthrop but she does see herself advancing her career to the federal or state level, ATF or detective.

“I’m enjoying my job and getting to know the community,” Samantha said.

FIESTA SHOWS RECEIVE APPROVAL

REVERE - Get ready for a good snow storm in March or April because the Licensing Commission has approved a permit for Fiesta Shows to come to town once again.

Traditionally it snows at least once when Fiesta open its first show of the season in the Showcase Cinema parking lot off Squire Road on March 21 and close on April 15 operating every day from 3-11 p.m.

This year the License Commission reminded show owner John Flynn of years past when there were incidences but they noted that last year was a good year with no problems. This is credited to beefed up security and the installation of cameras around the cinema.

“In the past sometimes I voted for this sometimes against,” said Commissioner Linda Guinasso. “I’ve looked at other cities and towns and I wonder why they allow the show, and it all comes down to the money. It’s hard to turn this money down for the kids.”

The funds do go to the McCarthy-Trifone fund, which is used to support sports in the city.

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers said Flynn has stepped up over the years.

Jane D’Angelo, president of the McCarthy-Trifone fund said without the carnival there would be no other means of money for the fund.

“He has been very generous even in the years it snowed and rained,” she said.

OBITUARIES

Marianne Sacramone

Enjoyed assisting seniors at the
Connolly Center

Marianne C. (Colarusso) Sacramone of Everett, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, March 3 in the Melrose Wakefield Hospital. She was 80 years old.

Born in Everett, Marianne remained a lifelong resident. She had many careers during her lifetime. She was employed at the Everett Co-Operative Bank and as a clerk in the Everett City Clerk's Office. She found great pleasure when she was at the casino or taking trips with her many friends. Marianne enjoyed volunteering at the Connolly Center aiding and assisting the seniors.

She was the beloved wife of Frederick J. "Tiny" for over 60 years, dear and devoted mother of Frederick J. Sacramone, DMD and his wife, Gail of Winchester, Marianne "Sissy" Sacramone of Saugus and Karen Sacramone of Everett; devoted sister of Louise Valeri of Everett and the late James Colarusso; loving grandmother of Alicia and Brady Quinn of Florida and Jonathan Sacramone and Leanna Olmos of California and great-grandmother of



Sloan and Teagan Quinn.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Marianne's visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett on Friday, March 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. . Her funeral will be from the funeral home on Saturday at 9 a.m. followed by a funeral Mass in St. Anthony's Church, 38 Oakes St., Everett, 02149 at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.. Contributions in Marianne's memory to St. Anthony's Church would be sincerely appreciated.

Anthony Fragione Jr.

Worked for the Everett Facility Maintenance
Department

Anthony "Frag" "Fridge" Fragione Jr. of Saugus, formerly of Everett, died on Feb. 25.

Anthony, who worked in the Facility Maintenance Department for the City of Everett for 14 years, was the beloved husband of Cheryl (Cassidy) Fragione, son of Anthony Fragione Sr and Linda (Kendrick), loving brother of Andrea Fragione and her fiancée, Heath Stewart and Angela Costello and her husband, Anthony. He is survived by his loving niece Sarah Stewart and nephew Marshall Stewart. He also leaves his beloved dogs, Bailey and Jackson.

Anthony will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Funeral arrangements were



by the Salvatore Rocco and Sons Funeral Home, Everett. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Donations in Anthony's memory may be made to the Animal Rescue League, 10 Chandler Street, Boston, MA 02116. For more information: www.RoccoFuneralHomes.com or 1-877-71-ROCCO.

DiDomenico serves as panelist on juvenile justice policy forum

Earlier this month, Sen. Sal DiDomenico partnered with Rep. Kay Khan and the Judge Baker Children's Center to host a forum at the State House discussing the juvenile justice system and the organization's report, "Promoting Positive Outcomes for Justice-Involved Youth: Implications for Policy, Systems and Practice."

The Judge Baker Children's Center is a Boston-based non-profit and affiliate of Harvard Medical School that works to promote children's physical and emotional well-being. The forum, which was attended by a large number of legislators and staff, was organized to develop a comprehensive policy for helping children and families trapped in the juvenile justice system.

At the event, Sen. DiDomenico spoke about the importance of supporting the whole child in order to put all kids on a path to success. "One of my top priorities in the State House is our youth, our young people," said DiDomenico. "We must give them every opportunity to



Sen. Sal DiDomenico addressing the crowd.

succeed and every opportunity to have what they rightly deserve. If we leave even one child behind, then we as a society have failed. We are living in a state and a country where we should not have any

young people involved in the justice system, and it is our responsibility to fix that."

The report found that children who grow up in unstable homes are more likely to end up in the juvenile jus-

tice system. To rectify this, it recommended that the state create a care system that is "youth-centered, family-focused, community-based, culturally responsive, and minimally intrusive."

CHURCH News

Grace Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all.

There are 3 services on Sundays: 10 a.m. English, 1pm South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3 p.m. Haitian Creole. We have Sunday school during each service in the Children's Room. Coffee Hour starts after the 10 a.m. service in the Parish Hall (entrance on 11 Liberty St.)

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gether in this season of hope, renewal and new beginnings.

We are located at 67 Norwood Street, Everett, MA Phone 617-387-7526 or 508-243-8487

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Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday

of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

Sponsor the bulletin! For a \$5 donation, you can dedicate the Sunday bulletin to recognize family, friends, or special occasions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Pastor's study. Feel free to choose your particular week and leave a copy of your dedication in the mail in that is on the Pastor's door. Please contact the Pastor if you have any questions.

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

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can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. AA Meeting – Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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

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

We are on the Internet
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Please enter the church by the driveway on Walnut Street
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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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Philomene Pean, Pastoral Associate, Haitian Community

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

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12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

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Merrimack Repertory Theatre and Pollard Memorial Library present a free screening of the acclaimed documentary and a post-screening panel discussion, March 8, at 7 p.m., the Donahue Academic Arts Center at Middlesex Community College, 240 Central St., Downtown Lowell. The event kicks off the Libra's marathon reading of "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac, March 9, and the world premiere stage adaptation of Kerouac's "The Haunted Life," opening March 20.mrtt.org/haunted-life/special-events.

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BONE UP BREWING COMPANY IN EVERETT CELEBRATES TAPROOM EXPANSION

Bone Up Brewing Company in Everett celebrated an expansion to its taproom on Friday and Saturday. The small brewing company expanded its taproom due to popular demand in the growing Fermentation District.



Lindsay Ballantyne poured signature brews behind the counter.



Jeff Oppenheimer and Heather Davidson enjoyed some down-time at the expanded taproom.



Sasha Schlester, Dr. Hari Nand, and Tom Broome enjoyed games and brews at Bone Up on Saturday afternoon for the grand opening celebration of the expanded taproom.



Visitors enjoyed relaxing at Bone Up Brewing, taking in the new taproom.



Bone Up Brewing co-founder Liz Kiraly worked hard to produce some fresh brews behind the scenes to accommodate the new expansion.



Bone Up Brewing met capacity over the weekend for the grand opening of its new taproom, which doubles its size.

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