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Zoning Board zips through business

By Adam Swift

The Everett Zoning Board of Appeals can sometimes provide a dose of municipal drama, with recent show-downs between board members and developers, and even Mayor Carlo DeMaria has been known to stop by the Board and lay out his vision for the city.

But that wasn't the case Monday, as the ZBA was without Chairman Joseph DeSisto for the meeting. With only four members present, and four votes needed to grant a variance or special permit, acting Chairman Michael Dantone gave applicants the option to continue their cases to a future ZBA meeting.

Amandeep Dillon of Saugus, who is proposing a six-unit townhouse at 108 and 112 Main St. took advantage of the continuance. That proposal calls for knocking down the existing building to make way for new construction.

The project needs a variance because of smaller than allowed front and rear yards, and it is one parking space of the 12 required for a development of that size.

With DeSisto expected to miss the April meeting as well, the Dillon case was continued to the ZBA's May 6 meeting.

With the biggest project off the table for the night, the ZBA quickly granted unanimous approval to two smaller Special Permit requests, wrapping up the meeting in under 20 minutes.

A dormer for a window to accommodate a new full bathroom at a residence on School Street was approved, as was relief to allow for an enlarged deck at a home on Bradford Street.

Council to hold vote on life tenure for City Clerk, term limits for Mayor

By Laura Plummer

When the City Council convenes on Monday, March 25, it could potentially hold a vote on two separate proposals to amend the City Charter's language regarding the future of two City offices. The first would reinstate life tenure for the City Clerk, while the second would impose term limits on the Mayor.

The issues were considered jointly at the last Council meeting on March 11, where it was decided that more legal input was needed from the City Solicitor and a vote was postponed for two weeks. If Councilors are satisfied with what they learn from the Solicitor on Monday, they could hold a vote at that time, or they could decide to postpone the vote for another two weeks.

Council President Rich Dell Isola Jr., and Councilors Rosa DiFlorio, Anthony DiPierro, John Hanlon and Steve Simonelli are requesting approval from the state legislature to amend the City Charter regarding tenure for the position of City Clerk, currently occupied by former councilman and former assistant city clerk, Sergio Cornelio.

Their intention is to make the position a lifetime posi-

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KEY TO THE CITY



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS

Stacy DeMaria and Mayor Carlo DeMaria presented Judy and Ron Farnell with a key to the City of Everett on March 14 at City Hall. The Farnells have been active in the City for 59 years, but are moving to Florida for their retirement. See Page 6 for more photos.

Lower Mystic Working Group suggest Silver Line extension, parking regulation reductions

By Seth Daniel

After nearly two years of regional study, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) released a groundbreaking transportation report with several public and private partners – a report that calls for an extension of the Silver Line through Everett and for an emphasis on getting people onto mass transit and out of their vehicles.

The Lower Mystic Regional Working Group was born out of the permitting debates regarding the Encore Boston Harbor casino and the traffic mitigation that it required. As a takeaway to that process, State Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack was called on to lead a group that included leaders from Everett, Charlestown, Boston, Somer-

ville, Encore, Federal Realty (Assembly Row), and state agencies to plan for how to address transportation for the casino and all other developments in the fast-growing region.

Now, two years later and many hours of meetings later, the final report with many key recommendations has been issued. It came during a press conference at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlestown on Thursday, March 14.

MAPC Director Marc Draisson led off the report by highlighting key recommendations. Those recommendations included:

- Extending the Silver Line BRT on a dedicated right-of-way from Chelsea to Everett and into Sullivan Square – where it would potentially branch off into two lines, one

going to North Station, and the other going to Kendall Square.

- Reducing vehicle trips to reduce congestion: by providing improved transit services and transit-oriented parking policies, the numbers of auto trips to and from the area can be reduced.

- Making the Orange Line the backbone of the area's mobility: the goal is to possibly achieve three minute headways in the near future (headway goals are currently around five minutes), and that would attract 24,000 new riders and reduce auto travel by 2 percent in the area.

- Improving feeder bus routes to the Orange Line and making dedicated bus lanes and faster service.

- Land use policies, such as parking, have to change: the report says when transit is paired with market-rate commuter parking rates or the

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Alleged victims' names appear on school agenda; causes outrage

By Seth Daniel

An attorney for three women with Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) sexual harassment complaints against the Everett Public Schools and former Supt. Fred Foresteire is lashing out at the School Committee for outing the names of her clients on a publicly posted meeting agenda – saying her clients' identities should have been shielded.

Attorney Tara Swartz said the cases involving her three clients had just had a mediation session last week with the schools, and following that, the public agenda came out with her client's names on it. She said at this stage in the claim, her client's names should be shielded from the public for fear of retaliation.

"MCAD Complaints are not released to the public during an ongoing investigation as the privacy of Com-

plainants is protected during this time," she said. "The School Committee is well aware that all three women's complaints are within this protected stage. The Committee's decision to release their names, within hours after the parties concluded their mediation, is retaliatory. In our view it is a clear attempt to intimate them from pursuing their claims as well as to discourage others who have (or may still) come forward with additional sexual harassment allegations and/or other information pertinent to the pending claims. My clients remain resolute in the pursuit of their claims and their efforts to end the culture of fear and silence that has permeated the school system for far too long."

The agenda was for a Committee of the Whole, and within that agenda was an item for Executive Session. That item read, "Executive Session to

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City's long-term bond ratings hits one of its highest levels

Staff Report

On Monday, March 18, Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced that Standard & Poor's Global Ratings assigned its 'AA+' long-term rating to the City of Everett for the third year in a row.

S & P cited the City's strong management, strong budgetary performance, with operating surpluses, very strong budgetary flexibility, very strong liquidity, and low overall net debt. S & P also highlighted the DeMaria administration's formal five-year, long-term capital and operating projections; and regular reporting on city finances with budget-to-actuals submitted to city council monthly and investment statements shared quarterly.

The rating continues to be driven by the development of the \$2.6 billion Encore Boston Harbor, which has had a notable effect on property

values, and will add \$25 million in annual recurring revenues to the City's coffers once complete and will increase by 2.5% annually. The casino is one of three licensed in the state under current legislation and will be the closest casino to Boston.

Besides the casino, S & P also cited that additional recent residential and mixed-use development has aided further tax base expansion. These developments include:

- The newly opened, Pioneer, a mixed-used development that contains 284 apartment units and 2,100 square feet of retail space and a parking garage;

- WoodWaste, a residential project that will include 545 rental units.

They expect the city's economy will likely remain strong throughout the two-year outlook period.

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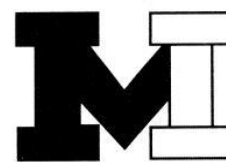
FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS



Bob DeSalvio, president of Encore Boston Harbor, raised his Irish shillelagh at the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Friday, March 15, as State Rep. Joe McGonagle and Mayor Carlo DeMaria look on. Meanwhile, the jokes and jabs came fast and furious at the traditional Irish roast. Here, Senator Sal DiDomenico teased at a potential mayoral campaign against Mayor Carlo DeMaria – pulling out a campaign sign that read 'DiDomenico for Mayor 2021.' See Page 9 for more photos.



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Encore Boston Harbor to open upscale steakhouse, featuring world’s most exclusive cuts

Staff Report

Encore Boston Harbor has announced it will open an upscale steakhouse within its \$2.6 billion resort, featuring waterfront views and the most unique steak program in New England.

‘Rare Steakhouse’ will also highlight exquisite and hard-to-find bourbon and scotch selections, as well as a thoughtful offering of local distilled spirits and craft beers. Encore Boston Harbor’s Wine Director Miklos Katona has expertly curated a wine list featuring vintages from world-renowned producers.

Under the careful supervision of Executive Chef Taylor Kearney, Rare Steakhouse will allow guests to experience authentic Japanese Wagyu, including Kobe from the Hyogo Prefecture, cut from 100 percent Tajima Cattle; Ideue from the Kagoshima Prefecture; and the uniquely distinctive Sanuki Olive Beef from the Seto Inland Sea. American Wagyu will be sourced from Snake River Farms in Idaho and

several other cuts provided through an exclusive partnership with Pat LaFreida Meat Purveyors in New Jersey.

Rare Steakhouse will leverage a state-of-the-art, dry-aging process on-site.

“For more than 10 years, we have worked closely with international and domestic partners to develop the steak programs at our resorts in Las Vegas and Macau,” said Warren Richards, Executive Director of Food and Beverage. “These efforts today will result in the most unique steak program in New England. Rare Steakhouse will be the only certified end-user of authentic Kobe beef in New England. We are thrilled to provide guests with this exclusive dining experience at Encore Boston Harbor.”

The menu will also comprise market-driven ingredients, including locally farmed produce, dairy and day-boat caught seafood. Rare Steakhouse’s beverage program will feature sought-after varietals and vintages from around the world, complementing all selections.

Vicente Wolf, who led the initial iteration of SW Steak-

house in Wynn Las Vegas, designed Rare Steakhouse. Entering the restaurant, guests can expect a comfortable, well-lit bar and dining space, with indoor and outdoor patio seating, and intimate private dining options. Views of the Mystic River and Harborwalk span its perimeter.

Rare Steakhouse will be open seven days a week for dinner. It is one of 15 dining and lounge venues at Encore Boston Harbor, ranging from fine dining to casual fare. Previously announced restaurants include:

- Sinatra, the Forbes Travel Guide Award-winning Italian restaurant that is located in Encore at Wynn Las Vegas.

- Fratelli, a casual Italian restaurant created by North End entrepreneurs Frank DePasquale and Nick Varano.

- Mystique, an Asian-fusion restaurant and lounge with views of the Mystic River, developed by Big Night Entertainment Group.

- Memoire, a glamorous nightclub overlooking the casino floor, also developed by Big Night Entertainment Group.

Everett Haitian Community Center youth participate in BSO contest

Staff Report

The Everett Haitian Community Center formally announced that 20 students from Everett and other host communities in the surrounding area enrolled in its arts and cultural program - Emerging Bright Stars Academy (EBSA) - will have the honor of participating in the internationally well-acclaimed “Slame Your Accents” contest.

The contest spokesper-

son - artist, singer, slameur Mathieu Lippé - toured New England from March 12-15 to meet the students taking part in the ‘Slame vos accents’ contest. He, along with representatives of the Quebec Delegation of Boston, and Rémi Guillemette, Communications Advisor at the Center de la Francophonie des Amériques, visited the Everett Haitian Community Center’s enrichment class on March 13.

Mathieu Lippé knows a great success among young people with his “contagious” dynamism; his visit, in the form of a creative workshop, certainly helped stimulate the students’ interest in the language arts.

“Thank you for opening your teaching and learning community in such a gracious and welcoming fashion. It was a wonderful learning experience for our instructors,” said Nicole Mills, Ph.D, Har-

vard University.

“The work that was shown to us is inspiring and admirable: maximizing the resources, they are able to put the focus on the intellectual and social development for their younger members with their pedagogical program Emerging Bright Stars Academy but, also, they include the rest of the members within broader social programs. All without fees or memberships: just with good ill and community sense. It has been and amazing experience...,” said María Laín-Valenzuela, Rafael del Pino Foundation Research Fellow.

“Each year, we look forward to welcoming your students at the BSO. They are an impressive group of kids. We are so lucky to have your kids as part of our evening program - truly we are the lucky ones,” said Erin Asbury, manager of Volunteer Services at Boston Symphony Orchestra.

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reduction in residential parking requirements, it produces the most significant benefits against congestion. Using these strategies could reduce single-occupant vehicle trips by 45,000, which is a 5 percent mode share reduction.

- Making a complete walking and biking network: to be successful, the regional bike paths need to be connected and complemented by a pedestrian- and bike-friendly local street network.

Pollack said it was a great report and one that piggy-backed on two other recent state reports – the Commission of the Future of Transportation and the MBTA’s Focus 40 report. Together with the Lower Mystic, the three reports hit on some of the same ideas, she said.

“It is not an accident there is so much consistency between the approach the Lower Mystic takes and the approach the Commission takes,” she said. “One of the things they both looked at was to continue to put transit at the center of our transportation planning even as we look at a future that may have autonomous vehicles or all-electrified transportation systems.

“The Lower Mystic Working Group focused on all the ways people need to get where they are going using buses and using the Orange Line and, yes, driving as well,” she continued. “I think this report really embodies the philosophy the Commission



Some of the leaders gathered for the Lower Mystic report included Charlestown State Rep. Dan Ryan, BTD Director Gina Fiandaca, MAPC Director Marc Draissan, State Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack, Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone, Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Everett State Rep. Joe McGonagle.

talked about in being in the business of moving people and not moving vehicles.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he is concerned about the future of the region, and said now is the time to really make sure the Lower Mystic is well-planned and using different strategies to get people out of their cars.

“As you all know we will be experiencing lots more vehicles coming into our community and into Sullivan Square,” he said. “That causes me great concerns. I actually have sleepless nights. The traffic really keeps me up at night when it comes to what

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tion, following Revere’s lead.

The position of City Clerk had long been a lifetime position until it was changed in 2018 to a term of five years with an option for renewal. This means that every five years, the Council can decide to renew the Clerk’s employment or not, making the position vulnerable to political entanglement, advocates said. By reinstating life tenure, co-sponsor DiPierro said that the Clerk’s position can theoretically remain apolitical. Every five years the Council would still have the option to dismiss the City Clerk but only with due cause.

One of the councilors currently backing the idea for life tenure for the City Clerk position is Ward 6 Councilor Michael McLaughlin, and it’s largely due to the performance of the current City Clerk.

“Sergio in the past year has done [a lot] to professionalize the office and bring [it] into the 21st Century,” he said. “He’s a go-getter. He has really proven himself as a hard worker and somebody that’s not afraid to get his hands dirty.”

Cornelio, at 33, has worked for the City his entire adult life and so far doesn’t have any plans to leave.

“I like my job. It’s very

rewarding and fun,” he said. “I get to work with different people. I intend to be here for a long while.”

Cornelio also emphasized that life tenure would also allow him the time to more fully internalize the complexities of his role, to obtain the necessary certifications and to embody the “institutional knowledge” required of the Clerk title.

It is still unclear how, if at all, the change in Charter language would affect the position of the Assistant City Clerk, now occupied by Dave Ragucci. Currently the position is subject to the same five-year renewal process as the City Clerk’s position.

But while some councilors aim to extend the Clerk’s tenure, another is moving to limit the mayoral term.

At the March 11 meeting, Councilor Michael Marchese piggybacked on the Clerk’s tenure proposal to reintroduce his own measure to limit the mayor’s term of service. He had originally proposed this measure back in January, but it had been killed in committee when Marchese failed to show up.

Marchese revived it at last week’s Council meeting.

Currently the mayoral position is not subject to term limits, though it is subject to

elections every four years. Marchese wants to impose term limits while also shortening the term length from four years to two.

“The mayor would serve for a maximum of eight years, or four, two-year terms,” he said at the last Council meeting.

These changes could not be applied retroactively, meaning the current mayor, Carlo DeMaria, would only become subject to these changes if he were to be re-elected at the end of his current term.

Marchese told Independent that his impetus for introducing this measure was his dissatisfaction with DeMaria, evoking the recent controversy surrounding the City’s Health and Wellness Center, which he called “a place of dysfunction.”

Marchese also cited precedent.

“Other cities [don’t allow mayors to serve indefinitely],” he said. “Malden doesn’t. Revere doesn’t. Why Everett?”

Marchese praised the professionalism with which the City Clerk and the City Solicitor crafted the proposal to revisit the City Charter regarding City Clerk tenure, and expressed the hope that his proposal be handled with as much care.

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discuss strategy with respect to pending MCAD litigation, pursuant to (state law). Three complaints...” That’s where it revealed the women’s names – all of which, save one, has been anonymous until now.

School Committee Chair Tom Abruzzese said the Committee’s apologizes if that was improper and certainly doesn’t want to cause any further harm to those involved.

“If that was done and was improper, my apologies because I did not see that,” he said. “At the same time, I thought the identities of the people were made public by the plaintiffs and their attorney. In the past, when we talked about it, we only called it... ‘MCAD complaint against the School Committee.’ If it’s troublesome, or more than that, my apologies.”

Abruzzese said his agenda he had on Monday only listed

“Executive Session” and did not list anything further.

At the meeting Monday, that item on the agenda was never discussed and was taken off at the last minute. So, in essence, that part of the meeting was never conducted.

That was in contrast to how the meeting was posted last Thursday, March 14.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio said the meeting notice was called in for an amendment to add that executive session piece. An amendment as such is allowed, he said. Since it was after 5 p.m., the School Department called him to post the amendment.

School Committee Attorney Robert Galvin, Asst. Supt. Charles Obremski and Abruzzese were involved in that conversation, he said.

He said he wrote it up, sent it to them for review, and they approved it. After that, it was

posted by the City Clerk’s office with the names of the victims on it.

Another inconsistency with the agenda is that it wasn’t signed by anyone from the School Department. Previous Executive Session agendas are signed by Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier, but the one for the Committee of the Whole on Monday was not signed by any School official – which brings into question whether it was a legal public meeting having not been officially called by anyone in authority.

A call to School Committee Attorney Robert Galvin was not returned in time for this report.

The MCAD said it does not release the names of those with open, ongoing cases, to the public. It would not comment on the situation with the School Committee agenda.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria called for more dedicated bus lanes through multiple communities, including Everett, Charlestown and Malden.

lane to get people out of their cars...If we can do a reliable bus lane, that will relieve a lot of cars coming from Everett to Sullivan Station.”

Also speaking during the conference was Boston Transportation Director Gina Fiandaca and Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone.

The next step would now be to get funding over the next 20 years to implement many of the changes.

“The fact everyone signed the report shows they are a high priority to advance these with design work and looking at implementation,” said Draissan.

An immediate next step identified in the plan was to begin drawing up designs for transit improvements and new BRT routes – which includes the Silver Line extension proposal.

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Encore uniforms, electronic system to set new workplace standards

By Seth Daniel

Like most every corner of the Encore Boston Harbor, the Boston entertainment market hasn't seen anything like it.

Even the things that most customers will never see, such as the employee locker rooms, will still be things the Boston market hasn't seen.

That's exactly the case with the Wardrobe Department at Encore for employees, where some 5,000 workers will see a new standard for uniform design, durability and retrieval.

And it all starts with one energetic New Englander, Dan Ford-Hunt, who has been all about figuring out the what and how of outfitting thousands of soon-to-be employees of Encore.

At this Monday's job fair in Boston's Hynes Convention Center, a stellar display of uniforms was on display – from the dresses for female front desk workers to the red jackets for security workers – and Ford-Hunt has been behind those uniforms and their rollout since January of last year.

Having been born in Boston and growing up in the Merrimack Valley, Ford-Hunt was one of the first group of Boston-based workers to come onto the job last year. He said he was very happy with his job working with industrial uniform clients, and never thought of leaving. However, a family friend, Joe Marino, had been a founding member of the Encore-backed Everett United group. Over a holiday conversation in 2017, he suggested Ford-Hunt try for the uniform job at the casino. He said he didn't think much of it, but soon enough he was interviewing for the position, and by Christmas 2017, he had gotten the job.

Coming from an industrial uniform background, he was

more knowledgeable of auto body worker uniforms and hospital scrubs than he was high-end luxury hotel duds.

But it is something he has quickly learned, and with his outgoing personality, he was a quick and easy fit for the Encore system. With plenty of uniform design help, he has been making sure the workers will be dressed to the nines on opening day.

"What I'm doing in Everett is something I've done a long time, but also something I've never done before," he said. "Honestly, industrial uniforms are confined to a small box of choices. Auto dealerships and hospital scrubs only have a certain number of options available. When I got this position, it was quickly learning about everything from bulk suppliers to the vendors to the best fabrics and to the best designs. They allowed me, though, to use my knowledge in the uniform industry to find new vendors. For the first time in my uniform career, I was allowed to make the calls. I wasn't the vendor. I was the customer. It was a very freeing."

Now, as they begin to roll out what their thousands of employees will wear, Ford-Hunt said it will be a revelation for workplaces that utilize uniforms in Boston. He said he thinks it will be just another example of Encore setting a new bar for style in the Hub.

"No one in Boston has ever seen uniforms like what we have," he said. "No one in Boston has seen a system like this. We are pretty excited and we took a lot of design influences from our Macau property, but using our own style too. You can be six feet tall or four feet tall and look great every day. They fit everyone's style."

Ford-Hunt, 39, said he has been able to contribute to the

design of the Casino Porter uniform, but the overall favorite so far has been the front-desk dress for women employees. That dress features the common blue palette for all the Encore uniforms, but has a cream-colored faux ascot/bow that runs the full length of the front of the dress.

"That was a selection from Elaine Wynn," he said. "It was a particular favorite of hers. She saw it somewhere and fell in love with it. Within a year, all the front desk workers at the service desk were wearing it. That really sets our brand and sets our resort apart from all the others. It's going to look great on everyone. We say it's simple, yet refined."

Perhaps the most interesting part of the uniform program at Encore is the fact that uniforms stay on the resort.

Employees will not be lugging vests and pants home with them after a shift, nor will they be taking them to the dry cleaner before work. In fact, the uniform system at Encore is fully automated and like nothing else in Boston.

Ford-Hunt said employees will report to work and – using a color coded system – will report to one of five doors. Once they scan their ID badge at the doorway, an automated, interconnected computer system will retrieve the employee's uniform and deliver it to them in quick time using a conveyor belt.

"No one in this city has ever seen any kind of system like this," he said. "We have the most employees of any casino in northern New England. Employees in this region will have never seen anything like this. Having more than 5,000 employees, there isn't any company that has seen this kind of volume...It's a top of the line system. We have it at our other resorts, but this one

is an upgrade of those systems...It's going to be much more efficient so workers can get dressed and go to work."

That system will be responsible for cataloguing and retrieving 79,867 total garment pieces, from ties to pants to vests to dresses. Each employee, on average, will have three uniform sets – one to wear, one that is being cleaned and one that is in reserve in case of an accident. Restaurant workers, he said, might have others.

Right now, in preparation for the opening, the uniform system is going through major tests. That started this week and deals with the computers talking to one another and practicing how to deliver things accurately.

In about one month, he said, they will begin the massive undertaking of fitting out all employees into their uniforms, and then cataloguing those uniforms in the system. It is pegged at taking six weeks or so and is expected to be done in early June.

Another important task for Ford-Hunt is to make sure the uniforms are dry cleaned, and to a five-star standard.

"We cannot accept it coming back from the cleaner and them saying they couldn't get a stain out," he said. "Every stain has to come out. We are working to solidify a contract with a local, large-scale cleaner, but that isn't yet public."

He said part of his last year of work was looking at the durability of fabrics, and doing wash tests to make sure the uniforms would stand up to hundreds of cleanings without fading or falling apart. The result was choosing a wool-poly blend of fabrics that he said will stand the test of time for workers at Encore.

"I'm truly an outsider to the hotel industry and the uniforms they use," he said. "I'm learning and it's been fun. I'm just truly proud to be part of this."



Dan Ford-Hunt, manager of uniform control, has been hard at work for the last year choosing, helping to design and rolling out the uniforms for workers at the upcoming Encore Boston Harbor casino. With workers now in the pipeline to be hired, one of the next steps in the coming months will be outfitting them with five-star uniforms. Uniforms will be kept at the casino property and will be retrieved through a cutting-edge computerized retrieval system.

far beyond the doors most of the day.

Likely more than 4,000 people came to the event, organizers said, and this time around, Encore extended on-the-spot job offers through a 'Golden Ticket' system.

Encore was to extend 1,000 of those Golden Tickets to prospective hires on Monday. All of the hires still have to pass a drug screening and a background check with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC). Their hire

is also contingent upon the license investigation process now going on at the MGC.

That said, the Hynes was a crowded space as applicants engaged in interviews, and waited in style while playing ping-pong or relaxing on leather couches.

Encore was originally supposed to hold another hiring event in April, but with the success of the first two – and most recently on Monday – they may not need to.

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Rep. Joe McGonagle co-sponsors legislation to expand benefits for families in need

Rep. Joe McGonagle along with his colleagues in the House announced last Thursday that they passed legislation that lifts a decades-old family welfare cap.

Rep. McGonagle was one of the co-sponsors of this measure and advocated in favor to lift this cap. In conjunction with other co-sponsors, he helped deliver powerful testimony earlier this month at a hearing of the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities.

The family cap, which was established in Massachusetts

in 1995, prohibits children from accessing Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) if they were born after the date a qualifying family first began receiving benefits. Lifting the cap will extend cash benefits to the 8,700 Massachusetts children and their families who have previously been excluded due to this policy. Children will no longer be denied \$100 a month in welfare benefits based on when they were conceived.

This change will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2019.

"I'm proud to stand alongside so many of my colleagues in the House to vote to repeal the family welfare cap. This cap is harmful to our children - and denies assistance to our neediest families," said Rep. Joe McGonagle. "By voting to lift this cap, we will give families the resources they need to take care of their kids. It's a great step forward."

The bill now moves to the Senate for their approval. Upon final passage, the Governor has ten days to approve or veto the bill.



Rep. Joe McGonagle along with his colleagues in the House and Senate give testimony to repeal welfare cap.

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The long-term rating reflects the strong economy, with access to a broad and diverse metropolitan statistical area. In addition to, strong management with good financial policies and practices, strong budgetary

performance, and strong institutional framework score.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "The state of our city is strong and I am proud and honored that Standard and Poor's Global Ratings has given us one of their highest ratings. These ratings ensure that we

will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in borrowing costs. Saving our residents critical funds and allowing us to reinvest into city services, which are critical to our community. Everett is a great place to invest right now."



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TRAGEDY, SADNESS IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is a beautiful country that seems far removed, both literally and figuratively, from the problems facing the rest of our troubled planet.

However, the tragic shootings at two mosques in New Zealand this past Friday have demonstrated that there is no place on earth that is immune from the forces of evil and hatred that are tearing apart the fabric of our societies.

As we are writing this, 50 persons have been confirmed dead, with another 31 injured, of whom nine are in critical condition, including a 4 year-old child.

The shootings are typical of the cowardly perpetrators of these deeds: They choose churches, mosques, and synagogues where their victims are unarmed and worshipping their God pursuant to their individual faith in a place where the victims feel most safe.

Are we getting to the point where every house of worship must hire armed guards in order to protect their congregants?

New Zealand's prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, was unequivocal in her resolve to take action in the wake of the tragedy. "Within 10 days of this horrific act of terrorism, we will have announced reforms that I believe will have made our community safer," Ms. Ardern said.

To be sure, there is no one action that any government can take to prevent this sort of tragedy from happening. Hatred and mental-illness always will exist.

However, common-sense measures can be undertaken regarding the sales and licensing of the sort of military arms that are responsible for these mass shootings.

While none of us can predict the future, we do not have to be Nostradamus to know that until we restrict the sale of these weapons of mass murder, they will occur again -- and again -- and again.

ANOTHER SIGN OF CLIMATE CHANGE

"Historically catastrophic" flooding is the description of what has been happening across our nation's Midwestern Plains states this past week, thanks to a combination of heavy snows and unseasonably cold weather followed by unusually heavy rains.

When most of us think of climate change, images of rising sea levels and fearsome hurricanes that threaten our densely-populated coastal cities are what come to our minds.

But this past week's unprecedented events in the heart of our nation's bread basket should make all of us realize that no place on earth is safe from the devastating effects of climate change, which are accelerating at a rate faster than even the most-dire models had predicted.

It should be clear to all of us by now that whatever the costs may be of implementing green energy measures, they will be far outweighed by the costs of the devastation caused by the forces of nature that await us if we do not change our ways immediately.

Your opinions, please

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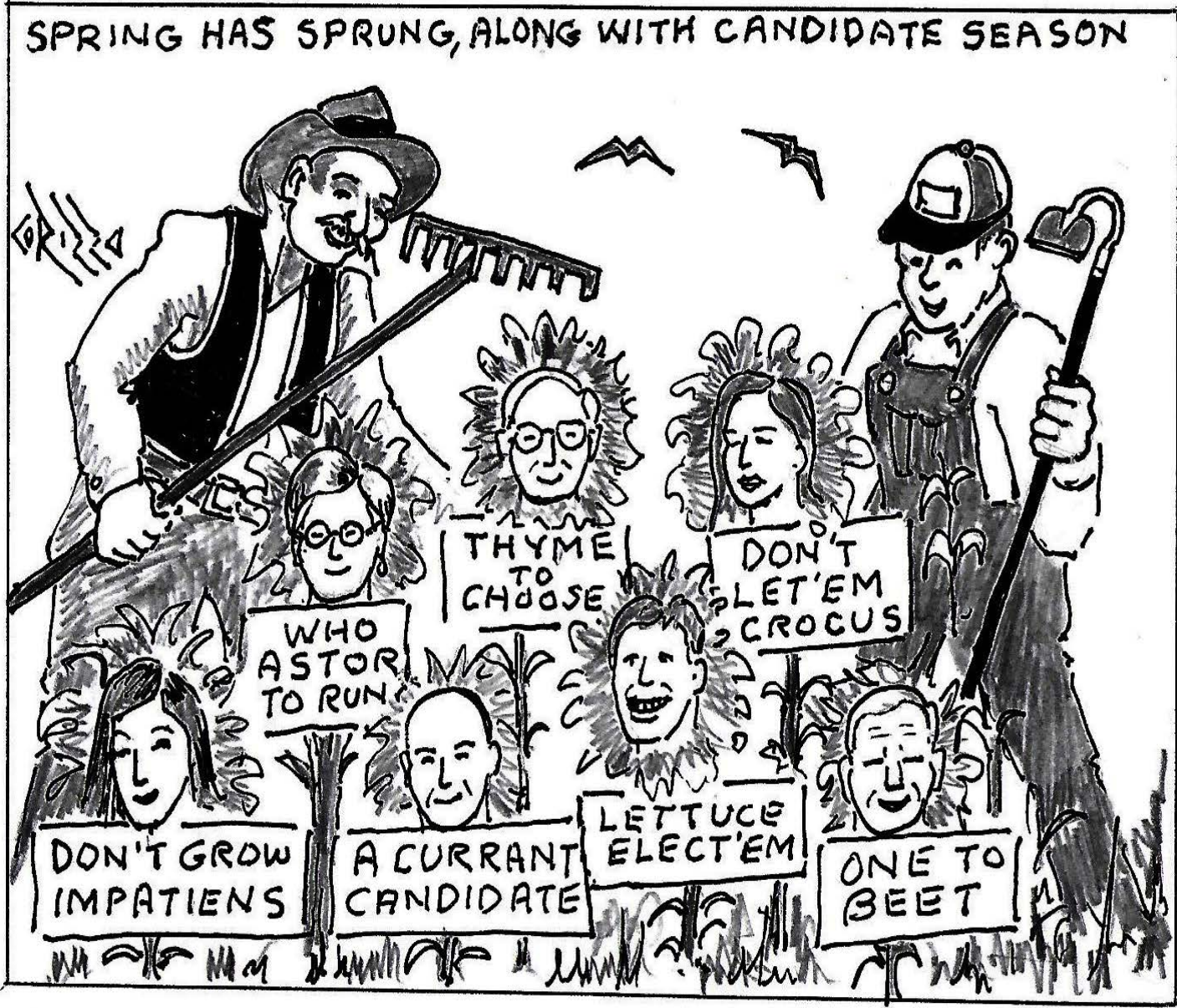
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GUEST OP-ED

Questions & answers about your water bill

By Peter A. Napolitano,
Councilor At Large

For the past few weeks, I have been inundated with questions about the latest Water Bills. These bills have always been sent four times a year. At the request of many of our residents, the City will start to bill monthly. The rationale to change to a monthly billing system would make it easier for residents to budget their payment and it will help in addressing any potential water issues, leaks and such. I am not opposed to the conversion of water bills to a monthly billing system, but I have two chief concerns.

The reported long lines at City Hall for residents to pay their water bills shows that the City was ill prepared to deal with the change. Additionally, some residents were assessed a late fee in error. This is the first month of the transition so you can expect some issues, but you need answers to your questions. Councilor Wayne Matewsky and I asked to meet with a representative from the Water Department to discuss these issues.

We met with Eric Demas, Chief Financial Officer, and Greg St. Louis, Executive Director of DPW, to discuss the new billing cycle, what worked, what failed and how next to proceed. Mr. St. Louis

apologized for the early transition confusion, but noted as a result, additional staff have been trained to be better prepared for the next billing cycle and that the City has expedited a water bill online payment system, providing an electronic option and help reducing the lines at City Hall. Mr. Demas stated that the person who deals with water bill issues has been relocated from the City Yards to the City Hall Collectors office to help address any resident water bill issues as well. Finally, the vendors the City uses to print the bills created an error with the first monthly bills resulting in charging a late fee for the overlap of the quarterly to

monthly billing. The problems have been worked out with the Billing System and Mr. Demas has made assurances that any unnecessary late charges would be credited. Residents should call the 311 line if they have a water bill issue. I have suggested that the Water Department make the public more aware of the transition process which they agreed. I will monitor the steps taken to improve the process but you should review your water bill during the transition period so corrections if necessary can be made. Together we will make sure your money doesn't go down the drain.

Thank you.

GUEST OP-ED

Looking at women as heroes

By Christine Armstrong

March is Women's History month, and Friday, March 8 was International Women's Day. As I look back on the legacy of women in our country, I'm reminded of the vast number of accomplishments and achievements that women have made. In Massachusetts, alone, these five women stand out to me as heroes who fought their way to the top. Let's remember them, honor them, and keep moving forward!

Julia Child

Who can forget Cambridge's beloved Julia Child? She changed the world of food in America and made

French food accessible to the home cook.

Before all that, Julia was a spy for the Americans during World War II. She worked for the Office of Strategic Services, a precursor to the CIA. There, she helped develop shark repellent and at one point, was Chief of the OSS Registry during her time in China. Julia Child never backed down from a challenge, and throughout her life, she had the freedom to do what she loved.

It's important to invest so you can pursue your interests, now, and in retirement. Julia lived life to the fullest; we should all take that as an example. Invest in your future and support what you love

through careful financial planning. Think outside the box with philanthropic services and sustainable investments – the sky's the limit.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown

Bet this is a name you haven't heard before, but let me tell you, it's one you should know. Born in North Carolina, but raised in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Charlotte (Lottie) Hawkins Brown's parents made sure she had every educational opportunity available – a tough thing to achieve for a woman of color in the 1800s. She caught the attention of renowned educator Alice Freeman Palmer, and the rest, as they say, is history. Lottie later founded the Palm-

er Memorial Institute in North Carolina, providing top-notch educational opportunities to African-American children.

Consider building into your long-term financial plans, a savings portfolio for your dependent's educational opportunities – they might be the next Charlotte Hawkins Brown! A 529 college savings plan is a step you can take to give your children the gift of higher learning.

Louisa May Alcott, Author

Born to a poor family in Pennsylvania, Louisa moved to Boston, MA when she was two. There, her father, an idealist, an abolitionist and

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LETTER to the Editor

REMEMBER THAT WE ARE ONE TEAM

Dear Editor,
Being a city councilor is a great honor and I take pride in representing the people of Everett. Each day I strive to work with my colleagues to maintain meaningful representation for each member of the community I love and call home. Four years ago, I made my first run for political office, campaigning on the idea of bringing civility and a common sense leadership style to

the city council chambers. When I served as President of the Council in 2017, I fostered a respectful working environment and sought to maintain harmonious relations with every member of city government.

As of late, different political agendas, purposely hurtful, and false reporting have sought to divide our community and have caused some to stray from civil discourse and healthy debate. Unfortunately, some have bought into the repeated falsehoods

while in pursuit of forwarding their own agenda. These distractions are self-serving and only seek to tear apart the great progress we have seen in Everett. I will never allow mere propaganda to dictate the business we conduct at city hall.

I seek to remind all that we are one team - and that team is EVERETT. Our city is on the cusp of a great deal of positive change with major re-development happening everywhere we look. It's going to take team work and the

putting aside of political differences to get us there. It's our duty to be truthful to one another and to the residents of Everett. I look forward to what's in store for our community and I sincerely hope my colleagues in city government share the same sentiments. Let's move forward and conduct the business of the city.

Anthony DiPierro
Everett City Councilor -
Ward 3

Night Shift opens at Lovejoy Wharf in Boston, to add coffee roasting

By Seth Daniel

Night Shift Brewery is opening its latest venture today, March 20, on Boston's Lovejoy Wharf where they will open a new 12,000 sq. ft. tap room and scratch kitchen and introduce a coffee bar with custom roasted coffee beans.

The Everett brewery announced its plans to locate in Boston last year, and have been going thought he process ever since. Co-Founder Michael Oxtan said they have had a soft opening over the last several days, and the weekend saw very strong crowds coming to enjoy the brewery on the waterfront near the TD Garden.

"It's feels like a really big step in our company's evolution," said Oxtan this week. "Everett will always be our first home and we're not turning our eye away from Everett at all. We have some really big events planned for Everett in the coming year. It's great to

make this expansion, though, and have a Boston zip code. We're trying some new things there. We'll have 30 different draft lines and it's all about the beer. Half of our recipes on our new menu have beer in them as well."

The brewers at the new tap room have experimentation on the mind, he said. Already, they are ordering Lithuanian Farm Yeast and Norwegian Farm Yeast to use in the brewing process. The ingredient list at the moment includes a Mint Chocolate Stout, a wine grape/beer hybrid and something with the ever-mysterious Saskatoon Berry.

"I have no clue what that is and that's why it's awesome," said Oxtan.

The opening of Night Shift's Lovejoy location will also be the stepping off point for new venture into coffee and coffee roasting.

"We added coffee now and will be roasting our own beans very soon in Chelsea with our own roasting equipment," he said. "We're trying to get it

up and running and we expect that very soon. Right now we are contract roasting it with a company in Rhode Island, but we'll be doing it ourselves very soon."

Like having a discriminating palate for beers, Oxtan said he and his colleagues at Night Shift also have a taste for good coffee. They had always wanted to try making their own, and with the new venture, they thought now would be the time.

He said it's something they will grow slowly, introducing it in Boston and seeing how the public perceives it.

However, the plans are to eventually introduce it at the Everett taproom as well.

"We'll be starting it off at Lovejoy, but we'll be looking to add a coffee bar in Everett too," he said. "That's the goal."

A ribbon cutting and celebration is set for the expansion Wednesday morning, and they will be open from here on out.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL DELIVERS HARVEST TO FRANCISCAN FOOD CENTER



On Ash Wednesday some of the third graders at St. John School in the North End took a brisk walk over to St. Anthony Shrine to deliver the freshly harvested tower garden produce grown at St. John's for the Franciscan Food Center, while there, they received ashes and took time to say special Lenten prayers. Third grade students always enjoy looking at the dolls of different Congregations of religious sisters in the lobby. On this day, Brother John Jaskowiak, who spent his spare time for several decades sewing traditional habits for the dolls, spoke with our students about this labor of love and explained the history of several of the dolls. Principal Karen McLaughlin is especially grateful to Brother John for the time he spent with the students.

Scholarships being offered by Metro Credit Union

Metro Credit Union announces the opening of online applications for 2019-2020 academic year scholarships, raising educational possibilities for its members. Thirteen scholarships, for \$1,000 each, will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited undergraduate program.

"Metro is committed to education, and we are very excited to launch the second Scholarship Program at Metro," said Robert Cashman, Metro President and CEO. "Right now, college is the most expensive it has ever been. We are proud to reward hardworking students in our community achieve their goal of higher education."

The application deadline is April 15, 2019, at 4:00 PM EST. To be considered for the

scholarship awards, all applicants must fill-out and submit an application form online. The application and complete details can be found at www.scholarsapply.org/metrocu/. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal.

More information about Metro's Scholarship Program can be found at metrocu.org.

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Learn more at MetroCU.org



Sen. Sal DiDomenico with supporters at a legislative lobby day at the State House.

DiDomenico joins breakfast after the bell lobby day efforts

As part of National School Breakfast Week, the Rise and Shine MA Coalition recently held a legislative lobby day at the State House in support of An Act regarding breakfast after the bell, legislation filed by Senator Sal DiDomenico (D—Everett) in the Senate and Representative Aaron Vega (D—Holyoke) and Representative Andy Vargas (D—Haverhill) in the House.

If implemented as proposed, this legislation would require more than 600 high-poverty Massachusetts schools to offer breakfast after bell — which includes alternative models for serving breakfast after the start of the school day (breakfast in the classroom, grab n' go, second chance) — allowing them to overcome common barriers such as late bus arrivals and social stigma, as well as reduce hunger during morning classes.

As a key indicator for why this bill is needed, the 2019 School Breakfast Scorecard released by the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) revealed that Massachusetts lags behind other states in school breakfast participation. Despite reaching 186,747 low-income children with school breakfast on a typical day in the 2017-2018 school

year—a 2.3 percent increase from the prior school year—Massachusetts still remains ranked 33rd in the nation in school breakfast participation.

"Small progress is being made, but we still have a long way to go to ensure all low-income children in the state reap the many benefits of school breakfast: less hunger, better health, and improved educational outcomes," said Catherine Drennan, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, The Greater Boston Food Bank, the organization who is leading a legislative campaign in support of the proposed legislation. "Today, only half of the low-income students who qualify for free and reduced-price school meals are accessing breakfast. This legislation aims to rapidly increase those numbers."

Senator DiDomenico closed out the lobby day speaking program making the case for why this legislation is so critically needed for our Commonwealth's high need schools. "No child who shows up to school hungry can possibly be ready to learn," said DiDomenico. "I have seen the success of breakfast after the bell in my hometown of Everett, but we clearly have a lot of work to do to ensure that every child in the Com-

monwealth has access to a stigma-free breakfast. I am confident that this legislation will go a long way towards boosting our school breakfast participation rates and helping all kids receive the nutrition they need to begin their days, ready to learn."

Massachusetts already requires all high-poverty schools to provide breakfast to every eligible student. However, because breakfast is typically offered before the bell and in the cafeteria, participation levels are low— at less than 40%— compared to 80-90% participation for free and reduced lunch. Consequently, children are showing up to school hungry and unprepared to learn. Moving breakfast from before the bell to after the bell is a proven, simple, and effective strategy to boost breakfast participation in an effort to ensure that all students are fed and show up ready to learn every day.

This is the second legislative session that Senator DiDomenico has filed An Act regarding breakfast after the bell. Last session, the Senate passed DiDomenico's bill with a unanimous vote. Building off that momentum, the Senator plans to make this his top legislative priority this session.

Women // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

an early supporter of women's rights, founded a school where he planned to use his own teaching methods. The school failed, however, and the family's financial difficulties continued. Eventually settling in Concord, MA, Louisa and her three sisters realized early on that they must find ways to support the family. Louisa took jobs teaching, sewing and housework, but soon she embraced her gift for writing, and at age 16 wrote her first book, *Flower Fables* — eventually published when she was 22 years old. By 1860, her stories and poems were being published in the *Atlantic Monthly*, and by the time she served as a nurse during the Civil War, her descriptive works entitled *Hospital Sketches* brought her considerable attention nationwide. Finally, in 1866, she wrote *Little Women* and from that point forward her family never suffered financially.

This Women's History Month, let's remember Louisa and all women who are the primary earners in their family; make a long-term investment in your retirement and lessen the load. Regularly evaluate the risk level in your

portfolio versus potential reward to keep on track to reach your goals.

Lucy Stone, Abolitionist

Women have been making less than men for years — really.

Lucy Stone noticed this disparity all the way back in 1844. Working at Oberlin College while attending school there, she was paid less than her male counterparts for teaching and menial jobs, and forced to work twice as hard as a male student to pay the same costs. When she asked for a raise, the school declined, and caused a strike they came to regret. After the ordeal, Lucy was hired back, and all of the women were paid the same as their male colleagues. Lucy went on to organize women's rights activists and was a firm abolitionist. Honor Lucy's memory by investing smartly in a portfolio — you can start small! The important thing is to protect your future.

Clara Barton

Oxford, Massachusetts was home to Clara Barton, a volunteer nurse during the Civil War. During a time of deep turmoil for our country,

Clara stood up and cared for hundreds of soldiers suffering from wounds and serious illness. After the war, she established the American Red Cross, and was the organization's first president.

Health care costs have been on the rise for years; it's important to plan your finances so if something happens, you and your family are secure. Life is unpredictable; start a rainy-day fund to make sure you aren't blindsided by unexpected expenses. Putting away a small amount each paycheck will help offset any future cost.

Christine Armstrong is an executive director with Morgan Stanley Boston, and a frequent contributor to Bloomberg Radio, WBZ's "Before the Bell" and Herald Radio's "Morning Meeting". As a financial advisor, Christine's wealth management practice is centered on helping clients pursue their most meaningful long-term goals by identifying and addressing key financial challenges. She also has specific expertise in Family Wealth Advising, a topic that is relevant today.

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Mystic Valley Elder Services theater event to be held May 18

Mystic Valley Elder Services annual theater event, a presentation of Million Dollar Quartet, the smash hit and rocking true story of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins coming together for one of the greatest jam sessions ever, will be held Saturday, May 18, at 6:30 at the Greater Boston Stage Company in Stoneham.

Sponsorships and tickets are now available. Tickets cost \$75 each and sponsor-

ships levels range from \$100 to \$20,000. Please contact Robert Guthrie at 781-388-4822 or rguthrie@mves.org, or visit mves.org/join-us/ theatre for more information. Proceeds benefit Mystic Valley Elder Services' programs that keep elders independent and in their homes.

Located in Malden, Mass., Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essential home- and community-based care and re-

sources to elders, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

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RON AND JUDY FARNELL HONORED
WITH THE KEY TO THE CITY OF EVERETT

Everett residents Ron and Judy Farnell were honored with the key to the city on Thursday evening, March 14, in the Keve-rian Room in Everett City Hall. After living in the City of Ev-erett for 59 years, and being active in the community, the couple intends to move to Florida to enjoy their retirement.



Senator Sal DiDomenico thanked Ron and Judy Farnell for their contributions to the community.



Judy Farnell was presented with a bouquet during the presentation of the city key.



Councilor Fred Capone thanked Ron and Judy Farnell on behalf of the City Council.



Ron Farnell was greeted by Mayor Carlo DeMaria at City Hall on Thursday evening.



Stacy DeMaria congratulated the Farnells on their community service to Everett



Ron Farnell greeted friends as he and his wife, Judy, were pre-sented with a key to the city.

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MGC gets investigative report, to
rule on timeline for public rollout

By Seth Daniel

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) is finally in receipt of the Wynn Resorts investigation done by its Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) – an investigation that has been held up for months by finishing touches and, more recently, a lawsuit by Steve Wynn.

Executive Director Ed Bedrosian said at the March 14 meeting that with the resolution of the case by Steve Wynn in Nevada, the report with redactions can now be released to the Commissioners.

“I expect tomorrow (March 15) you will receive the IEB’s investigatory report,” he said. “Once you have that report, the pre-hearing preparations can formally begin.”

Those preparations include the Commission privately reviewing the investigation report, the Legal Division working with Wynn Resorts on the pre-hearing details, the IEB preparing its public presentation, and then the setting of a date to roll out the investigation publicly.

“It is my hope once work has started on these items a date can be set and noticed soon,” said Bedrosian.

Bedrosian said on the first day of the public process the IEB would roll out their investigation, and then the licensee would have an opportunity to ask questions and present their own evidence.

“Both the IEB and the licensee will be represented by counsel and can ask questions,” he said. “At the hearing you as Commissioners are also allowed to ask questions.

Once the information is presented to you...the hearing will conclude.”

The hearings are expected to take multiple days to conclude, and once concluded the MGC will deliberate in private about the outcome. The decision will be made public in a written report.

The meeting also addressed the six executive sessions that were held on the lawsuit by Steve Wynn, and how the MGC had decided to roll out severely redacted minutes from those sessions.

Coming to a resolution on that lawsuit, which was about allegedly violating Steve Wynn’s attorney client privilege, was the key to being able to get to a point to release the investigation publicly.

“The legal resolution resulted in the lawsuit’s recent dismissal and enabled the Gaming Commission to finalize its suitability review of Wynn Resorts,” said Chair Cathy Judd-Stein. “Over the course of several executive sessions, the Commission conducted a meticulous and deliberate review of the legal complexities and investigative considerations involved in this matter. The decision to execute a resolution accomplished two key important goals. It ensured the Commissioners access to critical investigative materials and eliminated the uncertainty of prolonged litigation.”

The redactions in the minutes of the executive sessions, she said, was to preserve their own attorney-client privileges.

A date for the beginning of the hearings had not yet been set as of Tuesday afternoon.

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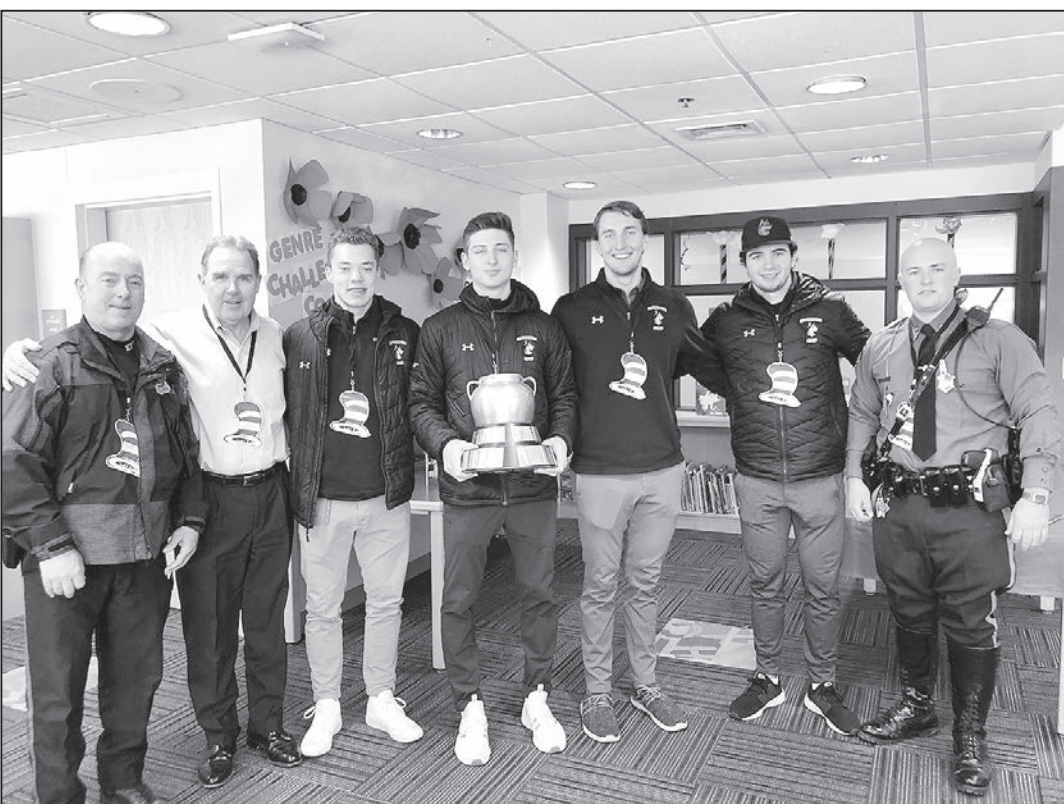
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



State Representative Joe McGonagle was thrilled to wish Mary Piroun a happy 98th birthday and Karen Lamontagne a happy 76th birthday at the Connolly Center on March 6th.

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY HOCKEY PLAYERS VISIT THE MADELINE ENGLISH SCHOOL

On Thursday, March 7, the Madeline English School hosted Northeastern University head coach Jim Madigan and members of the Huskies men's hockey team as part of the district's annual Read Across America celebration. In addition to reading to fifth graders, coach Madigan and NU players Julian Kislin, Curtis Frye, Jordan Harris, and Matt Thomson brought the 2019 Beanpot Trophy with them to share with the students. Also in attendance was ice Hockey East official Tim Benedetto.



Everett High continues to expand CTE program

Everett High School is adding two programs to its Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department, as administrators and consultants are hard at work preparing to offer Medical Assisting and Programming/Web Development for the 2019-2020 school year.

The latest step in the comprehensive process took place on March 13, when CTE Director Nelia Braga, Assistant Superintendent Charles Obremski, and consultants Charles Lyons and Roger Bourgeois gave a progress report to the members of the Program Advisory Committees (PACs).

Braga is leading the effort at its most fundamental level, formalizing the curriculum and hiring instructors. Obremski is in charge of budgetary concerns and reimagining existing space at Everett High to accommodate the new programs. Lyons and Bourgeois are helping the district negotiate the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) approval process. PAC members offer valuable assistance to all of Everett High's CTE pathways, from sharing their knowledge of industry and labor market trends to making suggestions about how to best connect curriculum to work-

force needs.

While Medical Assisting and Programming/Web Development will be offered at the beginning of next school year, the approval process will continue into November of 2019, as DESE officials will conduct "desk" reviews, make on-site visits, and undertake safety and equipment inspections.

"This requires a lot of organization and coordination," Obremski said after the meeting. "There are a lot of moving components, and we're fortunate to have Mr. Lyons and Mr. Bourgeois helping us every step of the way." Lyons is the former longtime superintendent and director of the Shawsheen Valley Technical School District, while Bourgeois is the former head of the Greater Lowell Technical School District.

Everett High started a formal CTE Department in the fall of 2018 after the district and City Hall teamed up to secure the funding and DESE approval. Today, EHS offers six state-approved (Chapter 74) programs: Culinary Arts, Health Assisting, Construction, Machine Tool Technology, Hospitality, and Marketing.

"Mayor Carlo DeMaria and city government were instru-



Consultant Charles Lyons addresses educators and PAC members.

mental in getting this program off the ground," said Interim Superintendent Janice Gauthier. "The mayor encouraged us to bring CTE education back to Everett High, and last spring the City Council fast-tracked \$700,000 in capital improvement funds that allowed us to construct the space and purchase the equipment and technology we needed to launch the program."

Everett High's CTE offerings will not end with Medical Assisting and Programming/Web Development. Braga and Obremski are working with Lyons and Bourgeois on launching Electricity, Plumbing, and Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration programs in the fall of 2020.



Consultants Charles Lyons (left) and Roger Bourgeois are pictured with CTE Director Nelia Braga.



Everett High School CTE Director Nelia Braga and Interim Superintendent Janice Gauthier.



Members of the Medical Assisting PAC enthusiastically make a motion during last week's meeting inside Everett High's Crimson Café.

Siena College pitchers join 2019 Navigators

The North Shore Navigators will have a pair of New York native right-handers on their roster this summer as James Flood and Arlo Marynczak signed to pitch for the Futures Collegiate Baseball League club after completing their freshman year together at Siena College.

Director of Player Procurement Joe Gill announced the signings on Wednesday. With these two additions from the Saints of Loudonville, N.Y., a total of 20 players have officially been named to the North Shore roster for the coming summer.

"James and Arlo add to a group of Division 1 players that is larger than the Navigators have had in years," said Gill. "We're excited to welcome them both from Siena

College. Although they are both freshmen, they have both worked quite a bit so far this season and we expect them to be big contributors to our pitching staff."

Flood has thrown scoreless ball over two of his first three collegiate appearances, earning a Feb. 25 victory at Stetson after pitching 1.1 innings of one-hit ball. Prior to joining Siena, the 6-foot, 185-pounder finished his Red Hook High School career by earning Honorable Mention All-Star honors from the Poughkeepsie Journal and played his summer ball for the prestigious Taconic Rangers. Flood was one of the top pitchers in New York as he earned a spot on the Prep Baseball Report East Futures Team.

A towering presence on

the mound at 6-foot-7 and 225 pounds, Marynczak has been a key member of the Siena bullpen early in the season with seven strikeouts through his 5.1 innings of work. The Delmar, N.Y., native was named both a Section II and Suburban Council First Team All-Star after going 4-1 with a 0.78 ERA as a senior. Marynczak struck out 53 batters and allowed only 15 hits over 40 frames for Bethlehem Central High School.

Stay tuned as the Navigators will be announcing more additions to the roster in the coming weeks and months in preparation for the 2019 season. The team's home opener at Fraser Field is slated for Saturday, June 1.

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COUNCILOR WAYNE MATEWSKY’S
ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY

Everett residents enjoyed Councilor Wayne Matewsky’s St. Patrick’s Day party at three locations over the past week. More than 125 residents of Glendale Towers, Whitney Lorenti House and Everett Villa Co-Op were delighted to

enjoy a catered lunch buffet, Irish music, and many door prizes that were part of the annual events. Laughter and a sense of community was the goal in each building and everyone who attended agreed that was accomplished. Councilor

Matewsky would like to thank his Committee for a wonderful effort decorating and serving those who attended, including Matewsky’s mother, Marion, Verna Green, Nick Saia, Carol Dellorusso, Kathy Matewsky and Paul Russo.

Thanks for a great time.



Charles DiPerri of Everett Villa Co-op – a former president.



Mrs. Cardello at Sumner Street.



Mrs. Zakular was on hand for a great St. Patrick’s time.



Ray and Gina Muse.



Lorraine Callanan with Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs. Brogan.



Kathleen Matewsky and Marion Matewsky display their Irish green.



Volunteers Flora Hoar, Bob Carr, Verna Green, Paul Russo and Carol Dellorusso.



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Friends gathered at Sumner Street for the feats.



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THE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's Day celebration took place on Friday evening, March 15, at the Connolly Center, welcoming hundreds of guests to celebrate the annual tradition. This year's honorees included Sister (Peg) Margaret Peavey, Dick Horgan, Barbara Collins, Scott Dalrymple, Dennis O'Donnell, Jim Mitchell, Linda Maloney, and Bob DeSalvio. As per tradition, guests enjoyed political comedy and a traditional boiled dinner.



Sen. Ed Markey and Mayor Carlo DeMaria congratulated veteran Dick Horgan on being an honoree, and joined him in comedic song.



State Auditor Suzanne Bump entertained the crowd.



District Attorney Marian Ryan joined residents at the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's Day dinner in Everett



PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

Dennis O'Donnell of the Everett Police Department was honored with a shillelagh at the Friendly Sons.



Councilor Peter Napolitano joined colleagues at the annual Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's Day dinner.



James Keenan joined Mayor Carlo DeMaria in Everett's St. Patrick's Day Festivities on Friday.



Firefighter Scott Dalrymple and Linda Maloney were honored at the dinner.



Barbara Collins was honored at the Friendly Sons St. Patrick's Day dinner on Friday night.



Mark Puleo, School Committeeman Marcony Almeida-Barros, Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, Angelmari Dinunzio, and Ron Farnell.



Decked out in green, Music Director Gene O'Brien celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the Friendly Sons dinner.



Members of the Everett School Department celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Friday night, including School Committeeman Frank Parker, School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros, Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier, School Committeeman Lester MacLaughlin, School Committeewoman Millie Cardello, and Asst. Supt. Charles Obremski – among others.



State Sen. Sal DiDomenico brought out his prank posters, making jabs at his political colleagues including Councilor John Hanlon - depicted with the Founding Fathers (with Jack McGrath in the background).



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3 Everett Residents featured in Marblehead Little Theatre’s production of JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Three Everett residents are part of the 25-person cast and production team of Marblehead Little Theatre’s production of JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR.

With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR is the iconic rock opera based on the last week of Jesus’ life set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally-known series of events but seen, unusually, through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. Loosely based on the Gospels, the story is told entirely through song, exploring the personal relationships and struggles between Jesus, Judas, Mary Magdalene, his disciples, his followers, the Jews and the Roman Empire.

Fernando Barbosa (Ensemble) is making his MLT debut. He is currently pursuing a BFA in acting from Salem State University. Recent credits include Abel/Ham in “Children of Eden” with the Theatre Co. of Saugus, Banquo in “Mac-



Jamie Nicole Imperato.



Fernando Barbosa.



Bobby Imperato.

beth” at UMass Lowell, Nelson in “Cloud Tectonics” at Fort Point Theatre Channel, Cobweb/musician in “Midsummer Night’s Dream” with Apollinaire, Alex/Tyesin in “P.O.V.” with Umass Lowell, Martin Vanderhoff in “You Can’t Take it With You,” King of Hearts in “Alice in Wonderland,” and The Cowardly Lion in “The Wizard of Oz.” In June, he can be seen in Sond-

heim’s “Assassins” at Arts After Hours.

Bobby Imperato (Herod) is performing in his favorite show. Imperato was last seen on the MLT stage playing Steve in “August: Osage County.” Other MLT credits include Grantaire in “Les Miserables” (DASH award Winner for Best Featured Ensemble, The Students.), Patsy in “Spamalot” (Dash award nominee for

Best Supporting Actor in a musical), and Lefou in “Beauty and the Beast” (DASH award Winner for Best Supporting Actor in a musical). Other favorite roles Adam/Noah and Cain/Japheth in two different productions of “Children Of Eden,” Bobby Strong in “Urinetown,” Princeton/Rod in “Avenue Q,” Igor in “Young Frankenstein,” Ram in “Heathers,” Seymour

in “Little Shop of Horrors,” Albert in “Bye Bye Birdie,” and Puck in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” Imperato also directed the TCS production of “Spelling Bee” last year that was nominated for seven EMACT DASH Awards including “Best Musical.” He is a fight choreographer (EMACT DASH award Excellence in fight choreography for “Heathers: The Musical.”

Jamie Nicole Imperato (Stage Manager) is working with MLT for the first time. Her stage management/direction credits include “Children of Eden” and “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” (EMACT Dash Nominee for Best Musical) both with the Theatre Company of Saugus, along with “Footloose the Musical” and “Shrek The Musical” with Lasell and Regis College. When not in the theatre, she can be found planning events at Boston University, working on her masters or planning weddings and events for her own company

“Jamie Nicole Events.”

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR performance dates are April 5 to 7 and April 11 to 14 at the MLT Firehouse Theatre, 12 School St. in Marblehead. Tickets are available at mltlive.org and at Arnould Gallery and Framery, 111 Washington St., in Marblehead. Tickets are \$25 each. Student tickets are available for the Sunday matinees for \$15 each.

Marblehead Little Theatre’s community theatre production of JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR is presented by arrangement with The Music Company, LP.

Started in 1955, the award-winning Marblehead Little Theatre is one of the oldest community theatre groups in New England, having consistently presented live-theater productions for over six decades.

For more information about MLT and JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR, visit mltlive.org or contact info@mltlive.org.

Mayor DeMaria’s March Madness basketball tournament features 100 players

On Saturday, March 16, the City of Everett hosted the 2nd Annual Mayor Carlo DeMaria March Madness Basketball Tournament. The one-day event featured 25 teams and 100 players.

Mayor DeMaria stated, “Youth gain

health benefits from participation in physical activity. That is why we organized this tournament and will continue to offer similar events. We want to offer year-round sports and fun for kids of all ages and skill levels to help

gain confidence, build relationships, and understand sportsmanship and teamwork.”

The 3 on 3-style tournament attracted some of the best middle and high school players in the City of Everett.

The tournament was open to the public and included a double elimination format, a three-point contest, and a dunk contest.

The tournament consisted of two different tiers. Tier 1 was made up of

5th- 8th grade players and tier 2 was made up of 9th- 12th grade players.

Looking to the future, the Mayor wants to provide similar activities to support young people through to adulthood.



Getting Out

Is it really the ‘ENDLINGS’?

By Sheila Barth

While Celine Song’s new, two-act play is a fascinating foray into the world of little-known Korean women who spend most of their lives -and days - diving daily for seafood, the playwright needs to concentrate more on these women and less on her self-effacing fixation of writing about “white persons“ plays in Act II.

Song has a cultural treasure trove the public would appreciate, learning about her fascinating, multi-faceted genre.

Directed by Sammi Cannold, who artistically helmed A.R.T.’s lavish production, “Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812,” and emotional play, “Violet,” Cannold leads a talented, cre-

ative team that ensures “Endlings” captures and captivates theatergoers’ attention. However, in Ms. Song’s attempts to be clever, pithy, and at times comedic, her second act strays too far from the tradition and lives of her primary topic, haenyeos- the sea women who harvest seafood in the ocean.

The fact that the number of these isolated, devoted women is dwindling and they’re at risk of extinction is fascinating. We “white people” want to know more.

The play features three representative, elderly women -a septuagenarian, octogenarian and nonagenarian - who discourage their descendants from continuing their legacy.

A.R.T. representative Rebecca Low Curtis said there are about 4,000

haenyeos left today, but their numbers are winnowing. The younger generation is disinterested in continuing their craft.

Besides sound designer Elisheba Ittoop’s battery of jarring noises and Bradley King’s moody lighting, Jason Sherwood’s set design is a phenomenal visual challenge. The ladies ascend and descend a mossy cliff, while below-stage panels open, revealing a water tank, enabling us to watch the women swim and float by.

During their time off, the women relax in front of small house facades suspended from the ceiling, that descend during appropriate scenes.

Working off the coast of Korean island Man-Jae, Sook Ja (Jo Yang), is the youngest of the trio. Go Min (Emily Kuroda), years for Hollywood, its glamor and tin-

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World premiere of Celine Song’s 1-1/2 hour play at American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.), appearing through March 27, at the Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Harvard Square, Cambridge. Tickets start at \$25. americanrepertorytheater.org, 617-547-8300, TicketServices@amrep.org.

sel; and pragmatic, 96-year-old diver, Han Sol (Wai Ching Ho), warns her offspring to stay far away from her craft.

Besides wise cracks, resentment and too-brief glimpses of each woman’s personality , tragedy is glossed over, treated like an inevitable accident waiting to occur. Meanwhile, in Manhattan, twentysomething Ha Young, Han Sol’s Korean-Canadian-Manhattan, NY-based granddaughter (Jie-

hae Park), wonders whether she should write this play. She’s married to a “white” husband, (Miles G. Jackson), who’s also a playwright.He wears a large, “White Husband” placard around his neck.White Stage Managers wearing similar placards - Keith Michael Pinault, Matt DaSilva, Andy Paterson, and Mark Mauriello - round out the cast.

Greater Boston Stage Company’s ‘ONEGIN’ a lavish production

By Sheila Barth

In 2005, Boston Lyric Opera presented a magnificent, lush, three-act production of the opera, “Onegin,” performed in Russian; so the Shubert Theatre provided a monitor on both sides of the stage, translating the lyrics.

Making its U.S. premiere at Greater Boston Stage Company through March 31, the Greater Boston Stage Company’s elegant production of the musical adaptation of “Onegin” - based on Aleksandr Pushkin’s tragic novel of unrequited love and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s dramatic, operatic music- is less complicated and more fun-loving. The play is a sometimes-anachronistic, sometimes comical, contemporary operatic spoof, delighting nearby theatergoers with the cast’s frequent interaction and direct eye contact.

Did I mention the play is a tragedy?

Regardless, several people liken “Onegin” on a smaller scale, to eye-popping, multi-nominated, highly interactive Broadway musical, “Pierre, Natasha, and the Great Comet of 1812”. Both plays are based in 19th century Rus-



sia, both have lively, energetic casts, marvelous musicians, luxurious sets and costumes, and tragic romances.

The cast kicks up its heels in lively Russian folk tunes (kudos, associate assistant director-choreographer Ilyse Robbins),accompanied by visibly onstage Music Director-pianist Steve Bass and his melodic, upbeat four-person

band, (whom the actors refer to onstage as the Ungrateful Dead). So are four selected theatergoers, seated at small cabaret tables. At times, they’re urged to dance with the actors, especially Boston longtime favorite, Christopher Chew.

But that’s not all! Greater Boston Stage Company’s lavish set by Katheryn Monthei

extends slightly into the first rows of the audience. Apparently, the theater spared no expense, with designer Deirdre Gerrard’s handsome period costumes, Jeff Adelberg’s, lighting, John Stone’s sound effects, and, most especially, cast selection.

Besides Chew’s portrayal of French aristocrat M. Triquet and lesser cameo roles, ever-popular Mark Linehan

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U.S. premiere of Ariel Gladstone and Veda Hill’s two-act, two hour contemporary musical, through March 31: Thursday, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 23, at 3,8p.m., March 30, 8 p.m. only; Sundays and Wednesday, March 27, 2 p.m. only; Greater Boston Stage Company, 395 Main St., Stoneham. \$50-60; seniors, \$45-55; students with ID,\$20. 781-279-2200, greaterbostonstage.org.

portrays bored, egotistical aristocrat/title character, Eugene Onegin, with gusto. Onegin’s friend and foil, sensitive, young Vladimir Lensky, is portrayed by fresh-faced tenor Michael Jennings Mahoney. The romantic young poet is smitten with his childhood sweetheart, fair, flirtly Olga Larin (Josephine Moshiri Elwood, who also plays the violin).

Sarah Pothier is charming as Olga’s shy, innocent older sister, Tatyana, who instantly is mesmerized and in love with narcissistic Onegin, upon meeting him for the first time. Although Onegin prefers Tatyana to Olga, he is more attentive to Olga at a soiree, breaking Tatyana’s heart. He tells Tatyana his heart is too cold to love anybody.

Kerry A . Dowling performs dual roles, as the girls’ mother, Mme. Larin and mus-

tachioed gentleman Zaretsky; and Peter Adams portrays Prince Gremin, Tatyana’s grateful, older husband.

Directed by Producing Artistic Director Weylin Symes, “Onegin’s,” tragic scenes are primarily uplifted by Chew’s anachronistic antics, such as using a cell phone, and performing his solo number, “The Queen of Tonight,” like today’s rock stars. He also wears a contemporary leather jacket, black small-brimmed hat, etc. while acting as Onegin’s secondary, or duel attendant, during the ill-fated duel.

“Onegin” has its flaws, but deserves a huge high-five for undertaking this challenging, eye-popping production.

Like me, you probably prefer less contemporary nuances and more relevance to the story and characters.

Or maybe not.

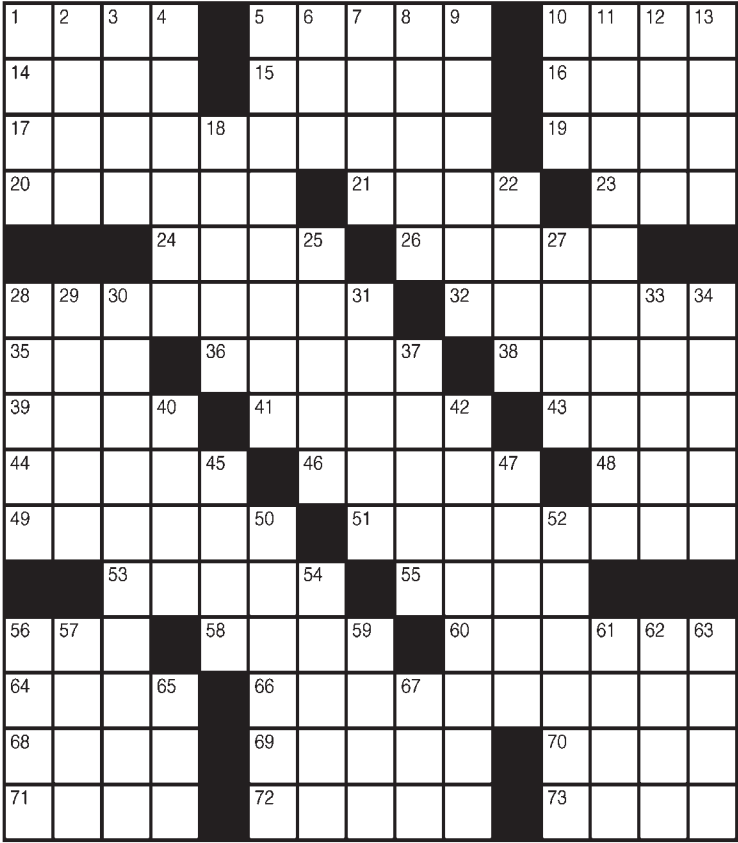
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- 19 “Havana” star
- 20 Not so tough
- 21 Long period of time
- 23 Palmas
- 24 Yard-sale warning
- 26 Full of furrows
- 28 Sports participants
- 32 Plucked sounds
- 35 Region on the SW coast of India
- 36 Abandon
- 38 Tremulous sound
- 39 Deck worker
- 41 Stowaway, e.g.
- 43 Jai
- 44 Invited
- 46 Conflagrations
- 48 Fraction letters
- 49 Flummox
- 51 Worker
- 53 Parts of gallons
- 55 Blind part
- 56 Oklahoma town
- 58 homo (Behold the man!)
- 60 Positive poles
- 64 Fruit’s coat
- 66 Pompous
- 68 Norse god
- 69 “Sesame Street” character
- 70 Temporary funds
- 71 Cameo stone
- 72 Slammin’ Sammy
- 73 Italian art patron

DOWN

- 1 Out of danger
- 2 S. Amer. nation
- 3 “No ifs, _ or...”
- 4 Average
- 5 Eerie
- 6 Bud’s buddy
- 7 Icelandic poem
- 8 Yielder
- 9 Experimental performance



- 10 Bustle
- 11 Haphazardly
- 12 Operatic song
- 13 Urges
- 18 Okays
- 22 Contents abbreviation
- 25 Base of a letter
- 27 Scarlett’s place
- 28 Turkish VIPs
- 29 L’chaim, e.g.
- 30 Monkey business
- 31 Hawkins Day
- 33 Candied
- 34 End of a steal
- 37 Salon dos
- 40 Moore of “Ghost”
- 42 Broadcast again
- 45 Take lunch
- 47 Bias
- 50 Engraves
- 52 Star of “My Favorite Year”
- 54 Disdain
- 56 Woody Guthrie’s boy

- 57 Singer Celine
- 59 “_ kleine Nachtmusik”
- 61 Guadalajara God
- 62 Coup d’_
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WILBER’S WAR

Popular Boston-NewEngland star Robert D. Murphy performs in “Wilber’s War: An American Family’s Journey Through World War II,” March 29, at 7:30

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DROR KEREN

The multi-award-winning Israeli playwright-actor-comedian is Israeli Stage Company’s two-week artist-in-residence. leading a series of workshops March 25-27, at Brandeis University and Bunker Hill Community College, with most open to the public. On March 30, at 8 p.m., Keren performs the world premiere staged reading of his latest play, “What Life Wants,” at Boston University’s Playwrights Theater, 949 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. RSVP required. IsraeliStage.com.

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Renowned director Benny Sato

Ambush helms New Repertory Theatre’s New England premiere of Hansol Jung’s socio-political drama, “Cardboard Piano,”March 23-April 14, at Mosesian Center for the Arts, MainStage Theater, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. \$25-\$67, student,senior, group discounts available. 617-923-8487, enwrap.org.

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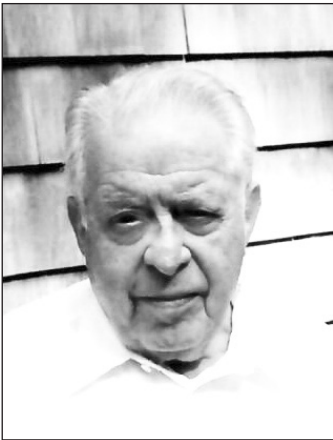
Charles (Charlie) DiSabatino Sr. died on March 10 at the age of 98.

He was known for his devotion to his family, his good humor, his outrageous puns, and his exceptionally generous nature.

Charles and his twin brother, Albert were born in 1920 in Everett to Rose and Liberato DiSabatino. At the age of 19, Charlie took his sister, Mary to a dance in Revere where he saw a beautiful woman in a grey dress across the room. He danced every dance with her and took her class ring home at the end of the night, so that he had an excuse to visit her the next day. Two years later Charlie married Flora Cirillo and they celebrated their 75th anniversary last July.

A man of many interests, Charlie enjoyed boating and took his family on frequent outings on Lake Winnepesaukee. He was an avid HAM and CB radio enthusiast and, along with his brother, Frank, would receive communications from all over the world. Charles also enjoyed an active lifestyle and a Tuesday night would often find him out square-dancing with his beloved wife. Charlie enjoyed a long career as the manager of a film processing lab, which processed film clips for the 6 o'clock news and developed film for most of the college football teams in the area. Charlie photographed the Chelsea Fire and the blackout of 1968.

He had his own company called Boston Video for many years. He was forced to retire due to ill health, but he never lost his enjoyment of life or his intense devotion to his family. He remained the focal point of family gatherings, even to an advanced old age. At such parties, he was known



to eat very slowly, savouring each bite, and pausing between bites to enjoy the good company around him. A family famous cook, he taught his family the value of truly enjoying a meal.

Following his retirement, Charles devoted his time to his family and friends. From trips to Disney with his grandchildren to joining a choir called the GrandPops, Charles lived every day to its fullest. He was always willing to help a family member or a friend in need and was unfailingly generous with his time. He will be remembered for his kindness, and gentle, loving spirit.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 75 years, Flora, his two sons, Charles DiSabatino Jr., M.D. and his wife Nancy Olson, M.D. of Hamden, CT, his son Michael of Everett, his daughter, Susan (DiSabatino) Fox and her husband, Patrick of Granby, CT, his two grandchildren, Kathleen and Brendan Fox, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. As a man who touched many hearts, he will be greatly missed.

Funeral arrangements were by the Salvatore Rocco and Sons Funeral Home, Everett. Interment was in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. For more information: 1-877-71-ROCCO or roccofuneral-homes.com

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The Robert Dutton, MD Adult Day Health Center in
Wakefield transfers ownership to the Community Family

The Community Family, Inc. and Melrose Wakefield Healthcare are pleased to announce that ownership of the Robert Dutton, MD Adult Day Health Center in Wakefield is being transferred to The Community Family. For more than two decades the Dutton Center has operated as part of MelroseWakefield Healthcare, formerly Hallmark Health System. The official date of transfer of ownership is March 18.

The Community Family (TCF) is an Everett-based non-profit organization that has provided quality adult day health services for over four decades. Both The Community Family and the Dutton Center are mission-driven organizations providing the highest level care to frail elders, disabled adults and those with memory loss. The Dutton Center will join The Community Family's other three adult day health centers located in Everett, Medford and Lowell.

The Community Family recognizes that adult day health is a critical component of community-based health care, and the Dutton Center serves a contiguous geographic region north of Boston. Furthermore, the his-

stories of the Dutton center and TCF are alike in that both were founded in 1978 as a viable alternative to nursing home care.

The Community Family has not expanded its number of centers since their Lowell center opened 30 years ago. While not actively seeking further growth, the opportunity with the Dutton Center became appealing to TCF after speaking with leadership of MelroseWakefield Healthcare. Details were worked out over several months of cordial, productive negotiations.

Anne Marchetta, Executive Director of The Community Family, said, "This is a momentous occasion for The Community Family. The decision to acquire the Dutton Center was not made lightly, but we are excited about this opportunity and look forward to bringing their clients and families into our 'family'. We will ensure our newest center exhibits the same quality care, dignity and respect for clients that has been a hallmark of our other centers for decades."

Diane Farraher-Smith, RN, System Vice President of Home Care and Community Programs at MelroseWakefield Healthcare and a member of the Board

of Directors at The Community Family, helped bring the two organizations together. "The Community Family is a natural fit to operate the Dutton Center," she commented. "They have a deep-rooted history in providing excellent adult day health services, as the Dutton staff have done over many years, and the community will benefit from their services. I am profoundly familiar with both adult day health programs and have complete confidence in Ms. Marchetta and her leadership team to successfully transition the Dutton Center into the fabric of The Community Family."

A seamless transition is expected, as The Community Family/Dutton Center will have the same Program Director, Susan Morton, RN, and virtually the same entire staff. Most importantly, there should be negligible change for the 60 individuals that currently attend the Dutton Center.

Adult day health offers a low-cost option for the care of elderly and disabled adults, offering nursing care, therapeutic activities, nutrition and socialization opportunities, as well as much-needed respite

for their care providers. Like other forms of healthcare, adult day health is challenged by low rates for services as prescribed under the state's Medicaid program. The Community Family has remained a sound, stable organization in the midst of many changes in the industry.

The Community Family's modern, spacious Everett center is located in a quiet residential area off of Main Street. Its Medford center specializes in memory loss care and is located just two miles from the Everett center in a historic, renovated train depot. For 41 years, The Community Family has successfully kept thousands of adults safely in their homes and communities for as long as possible, preventing premature nursing home placement or isolated care in the home. Quality of life is improved for both its participants and caregivers through its excellent care and the critical relief it provides to caregivers. Their cost-effective services are a pro-active response to the challenges of providing community-based care to an aging society. Additional information is available at www.communityfamily.org.

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.)

Come all and let us walk to-

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

We are located at 67 Norwood Street, Everett, MA
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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.

NA Meetings – Mon. Bring Your Own Book 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We

can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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

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

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

We are on the Internet
<http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org>
Glendale United Methodist Church
Pastor David Jackson
392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers)
Please enter the church by the driveway on Walnut Street
617-387-2916
PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com

Pastor's Office Hours:
Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM.
Other times by appointment.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 AM. Teaching about Holiness.

Sunday 10:30 AM Worship service.

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• Domingo Servicio de alabanza y adoracion a las 4pm (Servicio en español)

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Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Cannon Richard Randazzo, Pastoral Associate, Business Manager;

Philomene Pean, Pastoral Associate, Haitian Community

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Each Thursdays' adoration will conclude the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend a few moments with Our Blessed Lord

Church Breakfast – Our

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

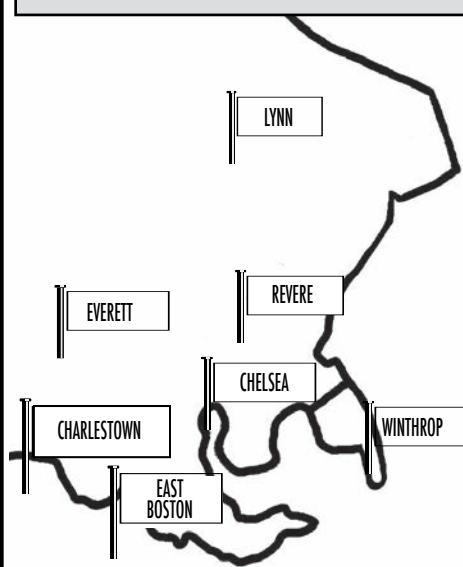
New Ministry - At the back of the Church in the Vestibule area on Sundays following Masses, there is a team of volunteers who will answer your questions regarding our Church Ministries, etc. Please feel free to stop by and ask questions, schedule a Mass, register as a new Parishioner, etc.

Bring a Book-Buy a Book - We have a new Fundraiser Program in the back of the Church. It's called Bring a Book-Buy a Book. All books are a dollar and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. Brink a Book and Buy a Book and make a donation. Our selections are great and varied. Please stop by the table and see what we have. Thank you

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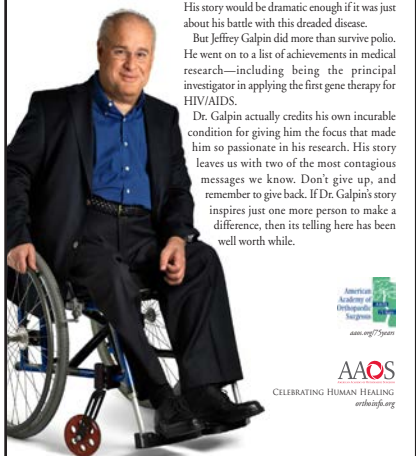
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Dougie Fresh and Eric Keller visited Stewart's on St. Patrick's Day.



Erin McLaughlin, Rachel Pierce, Jasmyn Nelson, Brianna Uga,
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Christina Oliva, Vinnie Oliva, and Jim Tiberii wore festive green hats for St. Patrick's Day.



Annmarie Muse, Rhonda MacVicci, Chester Dingwell, and Howard Muse visited their favorite local pub for St. Patrick's Day.



Eric Keller, Bill Beliveau, Dougie Fresh, John Russo, and Josh Doyon.



Melissa Doherty, Alyssa Kenney, Allison Hogan, and Madison Doherty.



Jen Lordon, Brandy Bercier, and Julie O'Neill.



Shyanne Ellis, Joey Andrade, and Lisa Jessica Wade celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Stewart's Pub.

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