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Engine 2 ready to come home to **Hancock Street**

By Seth Daniel

The City is getting ready to re-open the historic Hancock Fire Station this Saturday, Dec. 8, but with a \$3.5 million facelift to tidy up the old fire

"This is a great example of the City's capital improvement plan at work for us in the fire service," said Chief Tony Carli this week while going over the finishing touches at the Station. "We haven't had a new fire station or major renovation for many, many years. We did the Ferry Street station in 1999, but that was to this extent. We have, basically, a brand new building in an older, historic building. It's very exciting.'

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he, too, is proud of the investment in restoring the historic firehouse.

"Our firefighters put their lives on the line every day, and I am proud of our \$3.5 million investment in this building and infrastructure," he said. "These funds have been used to not only restore this historic firehouse, but also to include new technology to protect firefighters from exposure to any contaminates that may be on that apparatus floor. These modern upgrades will help our members stay safe and enhance our firefighting capabilities throughout the city.'

The project began one year ago when the City decided to renovate the station, mostly to

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Everett Historical Survey uncovers treasures of the past

By Seth Daniel

There are no shortage of historic homes in Everett homes and buildings with a glorious history – but it's a history lost on almost everyone living in the city.

Everett is one of the more unique Greater Boston cities with a Colonial past that has been virtually lost to time, but over the past week the comprehensive Everett Historical Survey has been completed, providing the beginnings of re-constructing the history before everyone's eyes.

"I've learned a lot about Everett," said Lisa Mausolf, the consultant who compiled the survey over the past year. "I think I only began to scratch the surface and there are a lot of magnificent properties. There was a survey done in the 1980s, but this new work represents a much more comprehensive look that what was accomplished in the `80s. Glendale Square had never been looked at holistically. No one had looked at why it looks the way it does. Everett Square has some great buildings and a lot of potential for restoration and investment. I have to say, though, the cemeteries were my favorites. Woodlawn Cemetery is incredible, and Glenwood is a wonderful municipal cemetery. The Jewish Cemetery is incredible too, and very few know it's there."

The effort to restore the past started a little over a year ago when the Historical Commission began to meet again

TREE LIGHTINGS AROUND EVERETT

PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS Giovanni Cogliano sat with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Parlin Library on Friday night, Nov. 30, during the City of Everett's Tree **Lighting and Christmas** festivities in Everett Square. The family fun event drew people from all over the community to the Square for the tree lighting, to see Santa and to enjoy fun things like a train ride on Norwood Street. See Page 8 for more photos.



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS Griffin Douglas Morrill, Nancy Griffin Whynott, and Amy Whynott Morrill - OF Woodlawn Cemetery - stood in front of the lit Christmas Tree at Woodlawn Cemetery last Thursday, Nov. 29, during the annual Christmas Mass and tree lighting. See Page 3 for more photos.

On Edge

Businesses at breaking point amidst casino, road construction

By Seth Daniel

Rob DeFronzo grew up down the Line, and while the casino project has changed everything about his childhood neighborhood there, it's not nostalgia that has him at the end of his rope these days.

After 18 years in business on Rover Street in the Lower Broadway neighborhood, DeFronzo said it's the crazy construction schedule and the unkept promises that has him on the edge of going out of business this holiday season in his own childhood home. This week the situation was made worse when, with only hours' notice, Encore Boston Harbor road construction crews suddenly announced they were closing off Robin and Dexter Streets to try to get road reconstruction and paving work done during the last window of mild temperatures and dry conditions this year.

It was work that, until last Wednesday, wasn't supposed to be done until the spring time. However, with a window of opportunity, Encore and the

City agreed to give it a shot, and business owners found out on Thursday afternoon that their street would be closed for eight days starting at 5 a.m. Friday.

"That is just a small piece of it; it's just one of the many things they lied to us about," said DeFronzo of Pro Auto and Truck. "I go to the traffic meetings they have every month and they say they will do this and they will do that and they never follow through. I'm ready to go out of business. I've been here since 2000 and never had to say I'm hurting until now. My business is down 75 or 80 percent. I'm not taking a paycheck so I can pay my employees. We tell them what's going on and they tell us to see the mayor. The mayor says to see the casino, and so nobody wants to take responsibility for it. We get brushed aside. No attorney will take on the casino for us. I'm literally hanging by a thread and my business has never suffered in 18 years. Customers call me

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Teaming Up

Celtics and SNHU unveil new technology lab help with firefighter safety and recently at the Madeline English School

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) teamed up to unveil a new technology lab at Madeline English School in Everett, on November 28. During the opening and robotics activities, using the new technology.

"This new lab is going to open so many more doors and help these kids grow and develop in so many different

ing, Celtics player Robert ways," said Williams. "It's Williams III and SNHU staff great to be able to help pave a guided students through cod- path for these kids through the variety of tools and gadgets that this lab offers. These students and those following for years to come will be able to

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Pope John Tigers fall short to St. Bernard's, 46-35, in Super Bowl

By Cary Shuman

One of the greatest seasons in Pope John XXIII High School sports history came to an end at Gillette Stadium Saturday as the Tigers fell to St. Bernard's, 46-35, in the Division 8 Super Bowl.

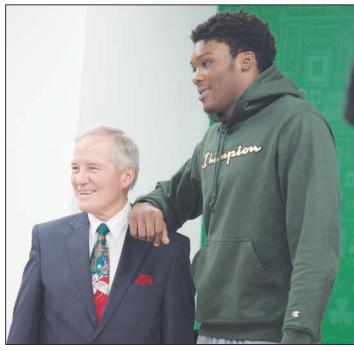
It was an offensive extravaganza from start to finish as Coach Paul Sobolewski's Tigers (12-1) displayed the firepower that made them one of the highest-scoring teams in Massachusetts this season.

Sophomore running back John Smith-Howell started the point parade with a 34-yard touchdown catch from senior quarterback Anthony Mejia for the first score. Smith-Howell scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter on runs off 55 and 2 yards. He had 19 rushes for 116 yards.

Mejia was also very effective, completing 7 of 13 yards for 106 yards and three touchdowns before leaving the game with an injury. Mejia also had four rushes for 27

But St. Bernard's matched Pope John stride-for-stride in the offensive categories. Each time the Tigers appeared ready to overtake the Bernardians with a big play, the Central Mass. champions answered with a big play of their own. For example, Mejia's 26-yard TD pass to Jesus Rivera helped Pope John close the gap to 24-20 after three quarters, but the St. Bernard-

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NEW-FOUND FRIENDS: Celtics Center Robert Williams leaned on Supt. Fred Foresteire's shoulder for a photo-op last Weds., Nov. 28, during an event with the Boston Celtics and Southern New Hampshire University in the Madeline English School. The organizations unveiled a new STEM lab at the school adorned with technology and Celtics green. See Page 9 for more photos.



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under the auspices of retired City Clerk Michael Matarazzo and current City Clerk Sergio Cornelio. Several residents have joined the Commission, and the first order of business was to conduct an official survey.

Maria Josefson, of the City's Department of Planning and Development, has taken charge of the project and the Commission now. After reviewing the survey, she said so much of Everett's history has come alive for her.

"There's a home I walk by all the time on the way to the gym and I never stopped to notice it until I saw it was on the survey," she said. "I stopped one day and noticed how stately it was. It's one of those things that's right in

front of you, but you don't notice. It's nice to understand the history behind it.'

And such is the case for one of the oldest homes in Everett. Though may school children are taught about 519 Ferry St. – the Jonathan Green House – few really know that the home likely dates to around 1719. Though there were once many older homes in Everett like it, most have been demolished through the

It is the one that does remain. The survey points out that it is the only early gambrel-roofed houses remaining in Everett. Other examples which once existed, but are no longer standing, included the Carrington-Paine House on Main Street and the Old Lynde House on Bow Street. That makes the Green House even more special, and a gem that few know about.

The house was originally located in "south Malden," and on Ferry Street, which was a route to get Malden residents to Winnisimmet (or Chelsea) where the Ferry existed. Jonathan Green eventually was prominent in Stoneham, but it is believed he came there from South Malden, which is now Everett.

That said, Mausolf said they were very excited to document the home and she said the Massachusetts Historical Commission was excited to potentially study the home to get more definite answers.

"One thing that was very interesting about that house was the folks from Mass Historical were excited about it,' she said. "They really wanted to study it a little more. There aren't many communities that have a structure that old still standing.'

The focus of the study, however, was more on Glendale and Everett Squares. Both are very historic, but Glendale Square had a very extensive historical survey done for, likely, the first time ever. The Square came to be

during the transition from pastoral fields to a streetcar suburb. Starting in the 1880s when horse-cars began carrying people to the Square, development began to sprout there. By the 1890s, the area quickly began to transform under the new streetcar mode of transportation. After that, it began to boom, and develop into a "streetcar suburb," such as is seen in other areas of Greater Boston that are now considered urban areas.

In all, Mausolf said Everett has a lot of historic buildings and homes, and many of them are likely fit for the National Registry.

"I think it was a good project," she said. "There are a number of properties that are likely to be eligible for the National Historic Registry," she said. "It's an exciting time in seeking out Everett's histo-

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all the time now to say they've been waiting in traffic for an hour, and they can't get to the shop. They end up going some-

where else.' For Mike Bono of Bono Trucking, he faces a similar crunch. Having a six-vehicle trucking company, he said that he often needs parts to repair his trucks. In year's past, it was easy enough to get a delivery, but now no part company will come down to Lower Broadway because of all the closures and congestion. If they do come, they charge he and DeFronzo up to \$75 per delivery – an added cost they cannot

"My problems have been ongoing for months," Bono said. "I go to the traffic meetings and most of the time the City representative isn't there. There are a lot of us hurting down here and it seems no one cares. All the focus is getting the casino open so they can make their billions. Meanwhile, they're putting people

out of business here.' DeFronzo, Bono and others in Lower Broadway have faced months of heavy road construction by Encore Boston Harbor as they have ratcheted up efforts to get the area ready for its June 2019 opening. However, at the same time, a surprise eight-month re-build of the Alford Street Bridge hit in October, bringing that stretch down to one lane. Additionally, EverSource had a major electrical line project on Robin and Dexter Streets all summer – a project that ran late the roadway and we wanted to and held up Encore's efforts.

That was the background behind the last-minute decision last week to close Dexter and Robin Streets for eight days on only a few hours' notice.

Encore Spokesman Greg John said they had hoped to be done with the Dexter-Robin truck route months ago, but were held up by the EverSource project, which ran months over the schedule. The latest plan was to finish the truck route in the spring, but John said a window opened up for about eight days to get the work done now.

And they took it. "It was a matter of good weather that came up in the forecast," he said. "We haven't had four days without rain since September. That's a record. They saw an opportunity and with a forecast of warmer and dry weather ahead, they wanted to get a jump on it. We routinely send out alerts to the Island End Group. I sent them three alerts last week...I know it's unfortunate, but it's one of the things where the work has to be done and we'd like to get it done sooner than later. We want to minimize the impacts to businesses and residents and we're doing what we can to mitigate that...We're really trying to minimize how much we do next spring and get as much done as we can before it gets cold...We thought December would be a good time to get it done. December is usually slow."

City DPW Director Greg St. Louis said they do apologize for the short notice, and will do better next time. He said they have been pro-active in talking to businesses about the work going on, and he encouraged them to be in close contact with City officials when they encounter problems.

"Certainly we apologize for the late notice and have tried to update the residents, businesses and public on a number these concerns from the beginning," he said, noting that they began thinking about moving forward on Wednesday. "There are a number of projects happening simultaneously in this corridor and those need to be done so we aren't digging up streets that were just paved... We had the opportunity to rebuild a large section of Robin Street to reconstruct and pave take that opportunity to help residents and businesses to get this done this fall rather than wait four to six months to get it done.'

He said the asphalt plants guaranteed they would stay open, and the weather was clear for the duration.

At Schnitzer steel – a company on the roadway that depends on truck access to its Rover Street plant – the notice was very short and very costly.

"Anyone down here doing any kind of commerce is being impacted by it," said spokesman Collin Kelly. "Sometimes I wonder if just too many things are going on...This (sudden) closure has affected us and it is short-notice. It is what it is and we're trying to work within it, but we're affected. When you have truck issues and people want deliveries, it has the outcome of economic impacts. There was no lead time here. In fact, we were at a meeting (on traffic) Monday and they said they weren't supposed to be doing this until the spring. Then on Thursday we learn the street is going to be shut down Friday morning for eight days. At the end of the day, we can look at it a lot of different ways. If we had known in advance would it have changed the outcome?...When you shut down a street eight days, it's shut down. This morning (Dec. 3), it's been like the wild, wild West down here."

Councilor Fred Capone, who represents the area, said the overall impacts - and particularly the short-notice closure this week - are unaccept-

"You just can't show up and say, 'Ok, you're out of luck for the next several days," he said. "I don't care if you're the biggest player at the table; the community is bigger than one company and one activity. We

can't change the past, but going forward everyone has to do a much better job. You can't just do this kind of thing at the drop of a hat. If the administration dropped the ball, they have to do better. If it's one company that ran over the administration, shame on that company and on the administration for not standing up for everyone else...If you don't provide that notice, you shouldn't do that

Councilor Michael Mc-Laughlin, who represents the other side of Lower Broadway, said there has to be better communication.

"In 2011, I first ran for public office for better communication between parties," he said. "That promise has never changed. Although I fully and proudly support Encore Boston Harbor, I will never lose sight of all the other businesses and residents in the Lower Broadway area or Everett as a whole. It alarms me beyond measure hearing that other businesses that are the backbone of this community for many of years are being impacted in a negative way. I have two questions that I can't seem to get straight answers on. Who knew what and when? And, what, if any, thought was giving to local business in the area?'

Those are the questions that DeFronzo said he often asks himself as he sees customer appointments fizzle away, and his lot becoming less occupied.

"On Friday, they put up jersey barriers, not even just barricades, and they closed down the street," he said. "If I go there, they'll let me through because they know me, but they tell the customers that the street is closed. That means they have to go all the way to the McDonald's and back around. The customers get frustrated and they leave...I'm not against the casino; I'm for it, but there has to be room for everyone."

Councilor Capone says residents should be compensated for closures

Councilor Fred Capone said in light of the short-notice closures that affected so many Lower Broadway businesses, he believes that compensation for them is something that should be discussed.

He said it's only natural that if one company closes a street to do its work, and that negatively affects other businesses on the street, then some sort of arrangement has to be considered.

"With a business, you're interfering with the operations and if you cost them money because of the work you're doing, you need to step up and make people whole," he said. "If it costs businesses money, they have to be considered. The people have to come first."

Mike Bono of Bono Trucking on Lower Broadway said he agrees. He said when businesses are impacted severely, such as during the Big Dig many years ago, some were considered financially or in-

"I absolutely think that's appropriate," he said. "They should compensate us. I've been going to the traffic meetings and I've stated my con-

Mayor DeMaria says Mohegan Sun would not be welcome in Everet

By Seth Daniel

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said if Wynn Resorts were ever stripped of its license due to the stalled, but ongoing, investigation into the company's suitability, Mohegan Sun would not be a welcome suitor for

The topic came into the public sphere due to a Boston Herald report last weekend. In that report, Mohegan Sun told the Herald that it would be willing to step in and buy the Encore development is Wynn Resorts lost its license.

"If that determination finds Wynn Resorts unsuitable to hold a gaming license in Massachusetts, Mohegan Sun is prepared to participate in a process that would assign that license to another operator — and enappropriate parties to acquire the facility under construction in Everett," the Herald report cited Mohegan as saying. "Mohegan Sun has always believed it is the best choice as gaming operator and license holder for a Region A resort casino, and will be committed to opening the Everett facility in a timely manner should it get the opportunity."

But Mayor DeMaria, who has the power to veto any such deal, said he would never welcome the company to Everett.

"Mohegan Sun is not welcome to operate a casino in the City of Everett," he said in a statement. "We made a deal with Wynn Resorts to operate a 5-star international destination resort and I will never accept anything less - certainly not a gaming parlor that would be

ter into negotiations with the used to protect their interests in Connecticut at the expense of our community and residents. Wynn Resorts offers 5-star careers to the region, is establishing The Academy of Business, Hospitality and Culinary Arts at Everett High School, partnered with Cambridge College to establish the gaming school, and brought the NECAT Culinary Training program to our region to train and advance underserved populations. Wynn Resorts' partnership with Everett and the Commonwealth runs far deeper than a building with slot machines.'

Encore Spokesman Greg John said they would not comment on such irresponsible ru-

"We do not respond to such self-serving propositions as that," he said.

Encore Boston Harbor commits \$10 million to Greater Boston social, civic institutions

Encore Boston Harbor is committing \$10 million over communities. We believe com- thropy prior to Tuesday's anthe next four years to support a mitting \$10 million and team-nounced commitment of \$10 wide range of social programs ing with the Connors Family million. Long-standing recipiand civic institutions that will help those in need and improve the lives of residents in local communities, the company announced on Tuesday - also known as Giving Tuesday.

To assist in managing funds and identifying the most meaningful philanthropic efforts, the company is partnering with the Connors Family Office, led by Boston civic leader Jack Con-

"Giving back to the communities where our employees and guests live and work has always been a part of who we are as a company," said Matt Maddox, CEO of Wynn Resorts. "It's not in our corporate DNA to just write a check for a donation or buy a table at a charity event. We want to make

an impactful difference in the lives of people and effect real Office will go a long way towards realizing our goal."

Together, the Connors Family Office and Encore Boston Harbor will develop an Advisory Committee to advise on and assist in the disbursement of funds from Encore Boston Harbor. The committee will provide recommendations to Encore Boston Harbor for the distribution of funds, targeting programs that support at-riskyouth education, cultural enrichment and vibrant commu-

"It is impressive to see a new business come into town and make such a concerted effort to positively impact the surrounding community," said Jack Connors Jr. "Encore Boston Harbor is poised to make a worthy organizations."

Encore Boston Harbor has and positive changes in our been active in local philanents of Encore's corporate giving include the Boston Pops, Wang Theater, New England Center for Arts and Technology, Disabled American Veterans, and Latino 30 Under 30, among others. Recently, Encore Boston Harbor donated \$100,000 in support of The Greater Lawrence Disaster Relief Fund.

Encore Boston Harbor announced last week that it was the lead sponsor and supporter of a unique partnership between the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Boston Public Library that is bringing a major exhibit by renowned French painter Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec to the MFA.

The \$2.6 billion Encore Boston Harbor resort is scheduled to open in June 2019.



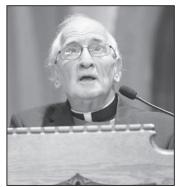


WOODLAWN CEMETERY CELEBRATES ITS ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING AND SERVICE

Woodlawn Cemetery celebrated its annual tree lighting and service in its chapel on Thursday evening, Nov. 29. Rev. Coots and Father Gianni offered prayers and readings during the service. The Figgy Puddin' Holiday Carolers entertained the crowd with Christmas classics.



Rev. Tom Coots, who will be retiring to Florida, was offered a farewell from Patti Frati and Councilor Mike McLaughlin.



Father Gianni participated in the service at the Woodlawn **Cemetery Chapel on Thursday**



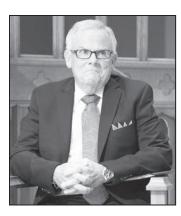
Holly Garcia volunteered to recite a prayer during the service on Thursday.



The Figgy Puddin' Christmas Carolers performed holiday favorites during the ceremony on Thursday night.



The Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel was at capacity for Thursday evening's Holiday service



Rev. Coots participated in Thursday evening's Christmas Service at Woodlawn Cemetery.



Francis LaRovere offered welcoming words during Thursday evening's service.



The Woodlawn Cemetery Christmas Tree was lit on Thursday evening.

Looking at the News

Council President jockeying underway

By Seth Daniel

The duties of Council President have been hotly contested over the last several years, and though it's usually a thankless job, everyone seems to want it come December.

That's been the case the year. last several weeks as councilors have begun to amass commitments regarding who will succeed current President Peter Napolitano.

So far a we've heard, the fight is all but over at this point – and the Council has been remarkably genteel in choosing its next leader this time around.

All arrows seem to be pointing to Councilor Rich year though. Dell Isola to be the next president in the 2019 session, but

nothing has been determined as of yet.

Councilor Wayne Matewsky is approaching a milestone in his legislative career, and there apparently has been a push of late to let Matewsky take the post on his milestone

However, Dell Isola seems to have the votes on his side.

Councilor Mike McLaughlin has always been in the running for the post, but this year appears not to be his year to pursue the seat. Though he was close on many occasions in the past and deferred to seniority, this year he wasn't in the running.

Don't count him out next

With Councilor Michael Marchese back on the Board and one year's experience be-

hind him, he could be someone in the running.

Many other councilors have held the post in the recent past, and aren't in the running, including John Hanlon and Anthony DiPierro. However, there is always room for a surprise run between now and January, when

the votes are tabulated. One shouldn't count out Councilors Rosa DiFlorio of Leo McKinnon to be such a surprise if things don't work out the plan goes now.

But as it stands, the word is, and the reality will likely be, that Councilor Dell Isola will wield the gavel in 2019 - a year that will forever change Everett in directions that, heretofore, could not be predicted at the moment.

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ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON

This is a wonderful time of the year, to paraphrase the song, with holiday music playing in the malls and on our car radios, resurrecting our earliest childhood memories -- even for the younger set -- of Christmases-past.

We choose just the right tree, decorate it carefully with our family-heirloom ornaments, and when we first turn on the lights, it brings a smile even to the oldest among us.

Despite the hectic rushing to and fro', everybody it seems, is in a good mood. We endure the traffic, the long lines in stores, and more, because we know that what we are doing will bring joy and happiness to others.

For those of us with young children, we get to see Christmas through their eyes, giving us a second-chance to experience the wonder and joy that we felt when we were their age.

Although all of us celebrate Christmas in our own way, the common thread is one of peace, joy, and happiness, regardless of religious or secular beliefs. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a Seinfeldian Festivus, the spirit of the season imbues us with a sense of togetherness that (unfortunately) only comes once a year.

We urge all of our readers to make the most of this holiday season with our friends, family, and loved ones.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS -- SAFELY

With the Christmas season in full swing, there will be the usual office, family, and neighborhood parties for all of us to partake and enjoy.

By no means do we wish to cast negative thoughts or to be party-Scrooges, but we would be remiss if we did not remind all of our readers to enjoy the holiday season safely.

This especially means that we should be careful not to drink and drive, not only for ourselves, but also for those whom we know and love.

If someone appears to be under the influence, it is incumbent upon each of us not to let that person get behind the wheel of a car -- take their keys and call an Uber!

If it is within our ability to prevent a tragedy, we must be sure to do so.



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CHA DONATES CHROMEBOOKS TO THE DEVENS SCHOOL



Everett School Committee member Marcony Almeida Barros made a call for help, and the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) responded in a major way. After learning that Devens School students needed computer tablets to help them prepare for the MCAS exam, Almeida Barros reached out to the CHA Foundation. And in a tremendously generous show of support, the Foundation donated \$5,000 to the Devens to purchase Chromebooks. The technology is especially helpful now that the MCAS exam is administered electronically. From left: Assistant Superintendent Charles Obremski, Cambridge Health Alliance Director of Community Health Improvement Kathy Betts, Assistant Superintendent Kevin Shaw, Superintendent Frederick F. Foresteire, Devens Schools Principal Dr. Brian Wallace, Cambridge Health Alliance Foundation and Chief Community Officer Mary Cassesso, School Committee member Marcony Almeida Barros, and Curriculum Director Janice Gauthier.

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health – a move that is becoming more common in all fire departments, but particularly appropriate in Everett where a firefighter was lost to occupational cancer this summer.

The project cost \$3.5 million and actually came in under budget and on time, Carli said. The work has been done by P&S Construction of North Chelmsford.

But more than anything, it's going to promote firefighter safety.

The renovation is fully sprinklered, has the full fire alarm system and has 100 percent of the asbestos removed. Firefighters will have a special place for their gear to be washed, and will also have a laundry area for their clothing as well – a very important measure to try to prevent respiratory ailments.

"The biggest thing here is the whole apparatus floor is blocked from the residential area," said Carli. "That is a huge piece for firefighter safety and now the firefighters will be protected in the upstairs from things like fumes and other kinds of problems."

and other kinds of problems."

The renovation has also kept a close eye on the historic nature of the building. In a very recent historical survey of the City's historic buildings, the Hancock Fire Station did register as a historic building. Known as the Chemical Engine House due to the fact that it housed the City's first

chemical fire engine, it was built in 1899 and designed by William Hart Taylor. Taylor was an immigrant from Prince Edward Island and, in Everett, designed the old Horace Mann School and the Woodlawn Cemetery gate. In Chelsea, he designed many of the historic buildings in its downtown after the 1908 fire.

City officials said they would be re-installing the ornamental weather vane on the building for Saturday's big open house event.

Carli said they have also kept historic fire service items too, such as a large lifesaving net that people used to jump into from the tops of buildings.

"We're keeping the life net and will hang it up in the station, and we also kept the 1930s wainscoting in the living quarters too," said Carli. "That net used to be in service in Everett. It is original."

While construction has been going on, the City had re-purposed a part of the old Everett High School to house a temporary station – a feat accomplished by the talented Public Facilities Division. While it has been an adequate temporary home, Carli said firefighters belong in a firehouse.

"The firefighters of Engine 2 are ready to get back here," he said. "I am very proud of their persistence and their patience in this. The City did a



Fire Chief Tony Carli shows off the new Hancock Street Fire House to excited firefighters from other stations in the City. (L-R) Nick Cornelio, Chief Carli, Seth McCullough, Jack Gardner, and Jim Collins.

great job of constructing the temporary fire house, but they want to be back here. The firehouse is as integral as the fire trucks for us. They miss being

here."

The Open House will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the new station

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learn, and have fun doing

The new tech lab includes 25 Chromebook laptops, 3D printers, K'Nex sets, mobile furniture, and science kits, which will help build students' skills in writing, research, problem-solving, sketching and coding. Additionally, the Celtics and SNHU have completely renovated the room, purchased new furniture and installed Celtics-themed wall

graphics.

"We're proud to be here with the Celtics to open a brand new makerspace lab for the students of Madeline English School," said Steve Thiel, Sr. Director of Strategic Partnerships, SNHU. "Seeing the joy on the students' faces as they participated in handson activities was absolutely wonderful, and we hope they'll continue to use the lab to hone their problem-solving

skills and tap into their creativity."

This is the eleventh tech lab the Celtics and SNHU have opened in New Hampshire and Massachusetts since 2013. Together, they have donated more than 300 computers and tablets to local schools, which are helping to improve computer literacy for hundreds of students. The technology has also enabled schools to build computer-based curriculums.

The Celtics and SNHU have also equipped schools with CAD software, 3D printers, Apple TVs, digital cameras, streaming players, furniture, and more.

The Madeline English School tech lab will be available for students and teachers during and after school as an educational center.

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THE LIGHTING OF THE WEHNER PARK MENORAH DEC. 3

The Wehner Park Menorah was lit on Monday evening, Dec. 3, in celebration of Hanukah. Rabbi Srali Baron of the Tobin Bridge Chabad welcomed the community to participate, including Mayor Carlo DeMaria and other elected officials.

Afterwards, visitors enjoyed homemade latkes and hot apple



Elby and Karen Beror enjoyed the Menorah lighting at Wehner Park on Monday evening.



Rabbi Srali Baron lit one of the candles on the Menorah.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria read in Hebrew at the ceremony.



A crowd gathered at Wehner Park for the Menorah Lighting on Monday night.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria lit the first candle on the Menorah.



Rabbi Srali Baron spoke about the Jewish tradition of lighting the Menorah.

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APPLETON STREET PARK REDESIGN



Public meeting to discuss the upcoming redesign of the park on Appleton Street

Monday, December 10th 6:00_{pm}

Everett City Hall 484 Broadway 3rd Floor, Room 34

Take advantage of this opportunity to see potential new designs of the park on Appleton Street. Come share your opinions and ideas.

Can't make the meeting? Take our brief survey!

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Monday, December 17th, 2018



Meet at Entrance at 6:00 p.m. Light & Hot refreshments

HORSES AND HEROES FOUNDATION PRESENT "EVERETT STRONG" TO THE EVERETT POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Horses and Heroes Foundation presented "Everett Strong," a 1,500 lb. white horse to the Everett Police Department in Glendale Park on Tuesday, Nov. 27. Policemen who were honored with the Hanna Award for Bravery were invited to take part in the ceremony and awarded plaques for their service to the community.

"Everett Strong" will be transported to Washington D.C., to serve the Mounted Unit of the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department.



Police Department for their service to the community.



Jan Dumas thanked the Everett State Rep. Joe McGonagle greeted Jan Dumas at the presenta-



Kevin O'Donnell, Master Sergeant Paul Tobin, Skyllar Mullvaney, Private Raquel McComas, State Rep. Joe McGonagle, and Chief Steve Mazzie took part in the ceremony to present the horse "Everett Strong."



A 1,500 lb. horse was named "Everett Strong" - in dedication to Everett Police officers - was guided along the path in Glendale Park by handler Private Raquel McComas.



Lt. Ditrapano and Officer Joseph Pepicelli were amongst the honored members of the Everett Police Department.



Detective Tucker received a plaque for his service.

GRACE FOOD PANTRY PROVIDES THANKSGIVING MEALS TO MORE THAN 250 FAMILIES

The Grace Food Pantry provided Thanksgiving meal necessities to more than 250 families on Sunday morning, Nov. 18. Volunteers worked tirelessly to offer a variety of fresh vegetables, canned goods, and turkeys for visitors to bring home to their families for the holiday.



Carl Durham helped visitors push their carts filled with Thanksgiving food up the hill alongside the Grace Food Pantry.



Councilor at Large Rich Dell Isola, School Committeeman Marcony Almeida-Barros, Patti Frati, Councilor Mike McLaughlin, and Brittini Manley of Encore Boston Harbor offered a helping hand at the Grace Food Pantry on Sunday morning.



James Ash and Windy Pham of Encore Boston Harbor joined Nicole Dimond to volunteer at the Grace food Pantry on Sunday.



PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

Roseanna Aiello, Ethan Karnesky, and Dave Garrey offered turkeys to visitors as they exited the Grace Food Pantry.



Organizers at the Grace Food Pantry, Paul and Irene Cardillo, were pleased to provide food to more than 250 local families.



Volunteers from CVS: Courtney Lotardo, Alexis Russell, Karina Bekelian, John Thomas, and Aaron Smith.



Mimi Fevilien, Jeanne Vilfranche, and Lou Ann Gibbs volunteered for a good cause on Sunday.



Students Kaylee Fiore, Skylah Sarat, Leah Gallagher, and Janaya Jules provided canned goods to visitors at the Grace Food Pantry

CITY HOLDS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING IN EVERETT SQUARE



Nathan Alcy and Levi Jones posed with a nutcracker at the entrance to the Christmas fun.



Elivia Bennett, Rochelle Castor, Kayleigh McMahon, and Ashley Seward enjoyed watching the entertainment.





Photos by Katy Rogers The City of Everett hosted its annual Christmas Tree Lighting festivities on Friday evening in Everett Square, featuring an array of holiday activities. Families were invited to watch the

tree get lit, listen to live music, and meet Santa.



Councilor Mike McLaughlin was accompanied by Patti Frati at the City's Christmas Tree Lighting.

ALBERT N. PARLIN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 9:30 A.M.

SUMNER G. WHITTIER: MONDAY, DECEMBER 17. 9:00 A.M.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle, Margery Beckwith, Mayor Carlo De-Maria, Stacy DeMaria, Tricia DiDomenico, and Sen. Sal DiDomenico enjoyed the holiday fun in Everett Square.



The Everett Square Christmas Tree was officially lit on Friday night.



Perfect Example performed live music throughout the evening at the Tree Lighting.



Alex DeMaria flipped the switch to turn on the Christmas tree lights.



Anthony and Nancy Longo attended the annual Christmas Tree Lighting festivities in Everett.



Fernanda Cabral and her daughter, Sienna, said hello to their favorite snowmen – one of the Olaf variety and another of the abominable variety.



Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer greeted baby Kaymely Carrillo.

WEBSTER: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 9:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.

GEORGE KEVERIAN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 9:00 A.M.



BOSTON CELTICS VISIT MADELINE ENGLISH SCHOOL

The Celtics and Southern New Hampshire University came together to unveil a revamped technology lab in the Madeline English School on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 28. Students in the school's STEM classes had the opportunity to meet Celtics Cen-

ter/Forward Robert Williams and Celtics Legend Dana Barros. The players interacted with kids in the new Celtics green room. The state of the art technology will allow students the chance to learn more about computers, coding, and robotics.



Dana Barros and Laura Castilho worked alongside one another on the computer in the new Madeline English School technology room.

Steve Thiel from Southern New Hampshire University explained

how their school is able to accommodate thousands of students

via online classes.



Celtics Player Robert Williams greeted kids in their new technology room, answering questions about basketball and recollecting being their age.





Celtics Center Robert Williams interacted with students at the Madeline English on Wednesday afternoon.



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Kevin Da Fonseca and Brian Alanis worked together on a STEM project.

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NEWLY ELECTED SENATE PRESIDENT KAREN SPILKA VISITS EVERETT

Newly elected Senate President Karen Spilka visited Everett on Tuesday evening, Nov. 27, at a meet and greet hosted by Sen. Sal DiDomenico at Stewart's Pub. Everett residents and local elected officials had the opportunity to greet the Senate President and get to know her.



Mike Dantone and Linda Shedden enjoyed their evening at Stewart's with Senate President Karen Spilka.



School Committeewoman Millie Cardello and David Pretty socialized at Stewart's.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico was joined by his family, Tricia, Marie, and Sal in welcoming Senate President



Gershon Patterson and Jason Marcus mingled at Stewart's on Tuesday to welcome Senate President Karen Spilka to Everett.



School Committee member Alan Panarese and Alex Naumann.



City Clerk Sergio Cornelio, Dennis Cataldo, Councilor Mike McLaughlin, Patti Frati, and Councilor-at-Large Rich Dell Isola welcomed Senate President Karen Spilka to Everett.



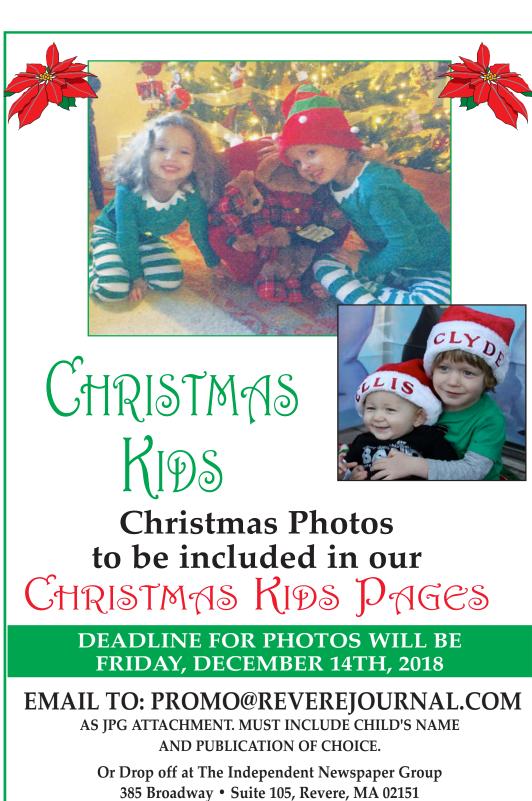
Senate President Karen Spilka addressed the crowd at Stewarts in Everett.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico was pleased to welcome Senate President Karen Spilka to Everett for the first time since being elected president.



Senate President Karen Spilka received a warm welcome from Supt. Fred Foresteire and the Everett School Department for her efforts to help fund Everett Schools.



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MASS BADGE HOLDS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Mass Badge held its annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Connolly Center on Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, welcoming residents to enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings. Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and elected officials from throughout the community welcomed residents to celebrate the holiday with them.



Boy Scouts Ryan Medeiros and Raymond Chabot were on hand to help and serve.



Sandra Brown and Mike Dantone helped one another at the Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday.



Rosa DeMaria, Rose Eliseo, and Geraldo DaSilva served the freshly sliced turkey.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico, a sponsor of the event, wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday.



Patrick Johnston worked in the kitchen at the Connolly Center to keep up with the Thanksgiving dinners.



Patti Frati and Gianna Herbert served stuffing and other Thanksgiving classics.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Victor Hanan of the Texas Roadhouse,

and Raoul Goncalves of Mass Badge.

Stephanie Martins, Edna Serafin, Maria DaSilva, Marcia Pretto, and Rose Bertoldo provided an array of pastries at the Mass Badge Thanksgiving Dinner.



Linda Shedden, Rich Eliseo, Councilor at Large Rich Dell Isola,



Janeen Marie, Sandy Schiappa, John Schiappa, Janeen Marie,



The annual community Thanksgiving Dinner was made possible by the DiDomenico Foundation, Zion Church Ministries, The City of Everett, and Mass Badge. (L-R) Tricia DiDomenico, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Bishop Robert Brown, Alexandra DeMaria, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Rosa DeMaria and Officer Raoul Goncalves (Mass Badge).



Sen. Sal DiDomenico and the Everett City Councilor John Hanlon, Rich Dell Isola, Fred Capone, Anthony DiPierro, Michael McLaughlin and Clerk Sergio Cornelio honored their friend Tom "Tucker" Fiorentino with a citation for his 60th birthday.

In the spirit of giving, drivers needed for road to recovery

This holiday season, and all year long, if you have a car and few hours to spare, you can make a difference in the life of a cancer patient as a Road To Recovery driver. The American Cancer Society is now recruiting volunteers throughout Massachusetts, especially in the western part of the state, to ensure all cancer patients have transportation to and from receiving chemotherapy may their treatments. Whether you are available once a month or once a week, even for an hour, you can be a Road To Recovery volunteer.

takes to help save lives," said Michele Dilley, program manager for mission delivery at the American Cancer Society. "We're urgently asking drivers to volunteer to take cancer patients to treatment. One cancer patient requiring radiation therapy could need between 20 to 30 trips to treatment over the course of six weeks. A patient need weekly treatment for up to a year."

Many cancer patients don't own a vehicle or can't afford the extra gasoline. Some pa-"Every driver has what it tients may be elderly and un- to his community and found

able to drive or have no family members or friends who are able to provide regular assistance with transportation. Some patients don't have access to transportation at all, and public transportation is not ideal for those who are in treatment and who are fatigued, sick, and often at risk of infection.

Gary Royal, a Tyngsboro resident, started volunteering as a Road To Recovery driver in 2014 after his retirement. He said he was searching for a meaningful way to give back the program's sign-up and training very easy. He now drives cancer patients in an approximately 25-mile radius around his home about twice a week, and he sees his hundreds of rides given in a year as his donation to the Society.

"Driving with Road To Recovery is so rewarding because lots of people need it, especially folks who are going to daily treatments," said Royal. "I love making connections with people; most of them are hopeful and optimistic. It's just so easy to make a difference."

Volunteer drivers donate

their time and the use of their vehicles, so patients can receive the cancer-related treatments they need. To volunteer, you must have a valid driver's license, a safe and reliable vehicle, and proof of automobile insurance. Drivers must be at least 18 years old and have a good driving history. They arrange their own schedules and can commit as many or as few hours or as many hours as their schedule allows. The American Cancer Society provides free training to drivers and conducts criminal background, driving record and vehicle

checks.

"Even the best treatment can't work if a patient can't get there," said Dilley. "Access to care is a big problem in our country, with low-income and minority persons and those living in outlying communities suffering the most from disparities. Transportation programs are vital for these patients to get the treatments they need and deserve."

For information about the Road To Recovery program, to volunteer as a driver or to request a ride, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

POPE JOHN TIGERS FALL TO ST. BERNARDS, 46 - 35



KEEPING IT CLOSE: Pope John's Roshad John grabs a 23-yard pass from quarterback Anthony Mejia over the outstretched arm of St. Bernard's defender Walter Morales, taking the ball into the end zone late in the first half to make the half-time score 16-14 after Mejia scored the two point conversion.



YES, SIR!: With the official signaling touchdown, Roshad John celebrates his touchdown near the end of the first half.



COLLISION COURSE: Pope John quarterback Anthony Mejia plows into the end zone to score a two-point conversion as St. Bernard's Carteair Cuadrado braces for the contact. The conversion pushed the Tigers to within two points, 16-14, as the first half came to an end.

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Tigers' comebacks by outscoring the Everett by a 22-15 margin in the fourth quarter.

Smith-Howell's touchdown run, followed by a PAT by Eric Flores, sliced St. Bernard's advantage to 38-35 with 2:23 left, but Walter Morales answered with a 35-yard TD run on the ensuing possession.

St. Bernard's Coach Tom Bingham expected a difficult challenge and he was impressed by the Tigers.

"Pope John is a fantastic football team," said Bingham. "No. 1 [Smith-Howell] is a special player. We worked all week on defending Pope John. No. 4 [Greg Smith] was fantastic. No. 55 [Marcus Parrara] is a very good lineman. They played hard. We were in that boat in 2015 – we were undefeated coming in and you have that perfect season and it's your first time at Gillette. We learned a lot from that trip. We really tip our hats to Pope John, they had an outstanding year."

Sobolewski felt the Tigers best opportunity to forge ahead was late in the third quarter trailing by four points.

"We needed to get that lead midway through the third quarter and I honestly felt if we did, it would have been last-team-to-have-the-ball wins," said Sobolewski.

But when the Tigers look back at their 2018 campaign, it will be with prideful memories of the school's historic,

first-ever trip to Gillette. "We went 12-1 with four seniors and it's pretty amazing what we accomplished with such a young team," said Sobolewski. "I'm so proud of this team and my coaching staff (Assistant Coaches Rob Sobolewski, Mike Cella, Carlos Alonso, Ronald Alonso, James McCormack, and Marcus Carvahlo)."

The Super Bowl marked the final game for All-Scholastic Ajan Nelson, the Tigers' brilliant middle linebacker.

A sportsman in defeat who hoped to bring the school its second-ever Super Bowl title, John Smith-Howell felt the Tigers were within one or two plays of being the state champions.

"We kept going back on forth - we just needed one more stop," said Smith Howell, who was named Boston Herald Star of the Week for

ians were able to repel the his superb performance. "We were doing well on offense, but our defense couldn't make stops. St. Bernard's executed good plays."

With standouts such as Smith Howell and Greg Smith returning, the Tigers could be back at Gillette in 2019.

Pope John administrators congratulate Sobolewski and team on successful season

Pope John Head of School Carl DiMaiti and Principal Thomas Mahoney have presided over top-notch athletic programs in the past. DiMaiti was at the helm of St. Mary's High School's run of state championship seasons in his previous administrative posi-

Mahoney not only founded the Chelsea High soccer program but he made it a Greater Boston League powerhouse as the smallest school in the

Both men were at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro Saturday for the Super Bowl, and while the Tigers were unable to finish off their 12-0 record with a state title (St. Bernard's won the game, 46-35), they came away very impressed with the football team's accomplishments and the program's resurgence under PJ alumnus Paul Sobolewski.

"I want to congratulate the team on a very successful and exciting season," said DiMaiti. "Not only do I want to congratulate them on their record, but also just the way they carried themselves and represented their school."

DiMaiti especially noted the contributions of senior Ajan Nelson, who has been named an All-Scholastic, a fitting honor for the multi-talented linebacker.

"Ajan is the whole package," said DiMaiti. "He's an excellent student and a tremendous role model. He carries himself with such dignity and he has such a presence. I couldn't be happier for him receiving such prestigious awards.'

Mahoney spoke about the offensive showcase in the Super Bowl moments after the Pope John coaches accepted the finalist trophy.

"We were a very good team and St. Bernard's was a very

good team," said Mahoney. "This was a very exciting football game. It was an outstanding season, one that will be remembered for a long time. I congratulate the players and coaches for their accomplishments this season."

The school's attention now turns to the winter sports season where the boys basketball team will be looking to repeat as Division 4 state champion.



DEFENSIVE EFFORT: Pope John defensive tackle Ajan Nelson (#51) and cornerback John Smith Howell chase down St. Bernard quarterback Dom Cuevos.



ALMOST UNSTOPPABLE: Pope John sophomore John Smith Howell was immense, carrying the ball 19 times for 116 yards, catching a 34-yard pass, and scoring three touchdowns, including two after



OFFENSE BECOMES DEFENSE: A pass intended for Pope John's Jose Davila (#2) was almost intercepted by St. Bernard's Domenic Valeria, but Davila made sure that if he wasn't going to catch the ball, no one was.



TIGER CHARM: Pope John fans - including an affable Tiger mascot - provided strong crowd support during Pope John's Division 8 Super Bowl game at Gillette Stadium on Dec. 1.



TIGER PURSUIT: John Smith Howell scoots through an opening for a two-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter. Erik Flores conversion pulled the Tigers within three points, trailing 38-35.

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POPE JOHN TIGERS FALL TO ST. BERNARDS, 46-35



HEAVY TRAFFIC: Pope John's bruising running back Greg Smith ground out 34 yards on eight carries and met strong resistance on every step.



FIRST STRIKE: John Smith Howell (#1) has a step on St. Bernard's Maxwell Bigelow as he readies to haul in a pass that led to a 34-yard touchdown and a 6-0 Pope John lead early in the first quarter.



GREAT GOLDEN FLIPPER: John Smith Howell sends St. Bernard runner Domenic Valera on a short airborne ride.



FIGHTING BACK: Jesus Rivera celebrates his touchdown catch that cut St. Bernard's lead to 24-20 in the third quarter.



FOLLOW ME: Right tackle Barros Williams (#79) clears a path for Pope John quarterback Anthony Mejia.



VALIANT EFFORT: Quarterback Anthony Mejia, who left the game with an injury in the fourth quarter, sits in disappointment as the clock winds down on Pope John in the Division 8 Super Bowl. Behind him is the United States flag that the team carried throughout its 12-1 season. The flag belonged to "unofficial" assistant coach Marc Silvestri, of Revere, and flew in Afghanistan during Silvestri's tour with the Army.



NOT WHAT THEY CAME FOR: Pope John players accept the State Division 8 semi-finalist plaque following their thrilling 46-35 defeat to St. Bernard's in the Super Bowl game at Gillette Stadium Saturday, Dec. 1. Left to right Anthony Mejia (#12), Ajan Nelson (partially hidden), Marcus Parrara (#55), coach Paul Sobolewski, and Roshad John (#5).



BAD NEWS: Quarterback Anthony Mejia went down with a leg injury in the fourth quarter. Here he limps off the field as a concerned Roshad John (#5) and Jose Vavila (#2) look on.

Congrats 2018 Pope John Tigers

You've made us proud! Looking forward to next year

Mayor Carlo DeMaria & the entire City Government

Late member of Sons of Orsogno Club of Everett and Piantedossi Baking Company retiree

Nicolo Antonelli

Nicolo Antonelli of Everett, surrounded by his loving family, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, Dec. 2.

Born in Orsogna, Italy, Nicolo worked as an agricultural developer whose farms supplied wheat, grapes and olives to local businesses. Upon immigrating to the United States, Nicolo became a machinist working for many years at Piantedosi Baking Company in Malden.

A late member of the Sons of Orsogna Club of Everett, he served in the Italian Army during World War II and was held as a POW in a German concentration camp.

He was the beloved husband of the late Assunta (Di-Rico) for over 63 years, dear and devoted father of Maria Giggie and her husband, David of Everett and Liliana Hiatt and her husband, Thomas of Endicott, NY; brother of the late Gino Antonelli and Ida D'Alessandro; loving grandfather of Stacy Giggie and her spouse, Jacquelyn Behenna, Stephen Giggie and his wife, Dena, Nicole Giggie, Nicholas Hiatt and Amanda Hiatt and the loving great-grandfather of Noah Ii,



Tamina Hiatt, Sophia Giggie and Nico Giggie

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Nicolo's visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. His funeral will be from the funeral home on Friday at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony's Church, 38 Oakes St., Everett, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. Contributions in Nicolo's memory to St. Anthony's School Scholarship Fund, 54 Oakes St., Everett, MA 02149 would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants on duty.

Raffaele Leo

President and founding member of the Italian Club of Everett

Raffaele A. Leo of Everett passed peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 2 surrounded by his loving family. He was 84 years old.

Raffaele was born in Siano, Italy in 1934. He opened a café in Siano in the early 1960's and became an accomplished pastry chef, specializing in Neapolitan regional pastries. He worked in Sorrento and Vallo, Italy, Switzerland, Germany and at Mike's Pastry in the North End of Boston. After retirement, he continued baking at home and making homemade wine, prosciutto and spirits to the joy of his family and friends. He was a founding member and president of the Italian Club of Everett.

The beloved husband of Immacolata DiFilippo Leo and loving father to Anna Enright, Luigi Leo, Flavio Leo, and Nilde Leo-Farol and their spouses Patrick, Alicia, Maria and Leilani, he was the loving grandfather of Alex, Isabelle, Raffaele, Sam, Phoebe, Marco, Kailei and Noe. Dear brother of Nilda Coviello and the late, Evelina Russo, Carmelina D'Ascoli, Etelizia Ascoli, Luigi Leo, Giaginto Leo and Nunziata DeAngelis. He



is also survived by many nieces and nephews in the Boston area and in Italy.

His Funeral will be from the Rocco & Sons FH, 331 Main St., Everett on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, 46 Oakes St. Everett, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at the Holy Cross Cemetery & Mausoleum, 175 Broadway, Malden, MA. A Wake Service will be held today, Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited.

Raffaele requested please no flowers; instead donations can be made to a homeless charity, such as Pine Street Inn, 444 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02118

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OBITUARIES

Ada Toto

Of Everett

Ada L. Toto of Everett died on Nov. 21.

The beloved wife of the late Anthony J. Toto, Sr., she was the loving mother of Anthony J. Toto Jr. of Everett, Peter Toto and his wife, June of Florida and Theresa R. Toto of Everett; sister of Alfred Butler and Gladys Dennison and many late siblings. She is survived by her loving grandchildren, Alina and her husband, Donald, Anthony J.

Toto, III and his wife, Heather, 11 great grandchildren and her loving nephew Leonard Redmond.

Funeral services were held at the Salvatore Rocco and Sons Funeral Home on Saturday, Dec. 1. Internment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. For guestbook and more information, please visit: www. roccofuneralhomes.com or 1-877-71-Rocco.

Catherine Elizabeth Mazzochia

Of Everett

Catherine Elizabeth (Bryson) Mazzochia of Everett died on Nov. 20.

The beloved wife of the late Robert A. Mazzochia. she was the beloved daughter of the late William and Gladys (Mackey) Bryson, loving mother of Susan Mazzochia, Robert Mazzochia Jr, Joseph Mazzochia, Judy Doolin and Lucia Baldassari. She is also survived by 11 loving grand-

children and eight loving great grandchildren.

A service was held at the Salvatore Rocco and Sons Funeral Home on Wednesday, Nov. 28 followed by internment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. For guestbook and more information, please www.roccofuneralvisit: homes.comor 1-877-71-Roc-

CHURCH News

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

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

Richard Randazzo, Pastoral Associate

Philomene Pean, Pastoral Associate, Haitian 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.

4:00 p.m. Haitian Commu-

12:15 p.m. Spanish Com-

nity 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, scrambles eggs, sausage, toast, juice, coffee and tea is served. All you can eat. Please join us after Mass.

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

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

Immaculate Conception Parish 489 Broadway Everett, Mass 02149

Phone 617-389-5660

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.

Grace Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming

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

Please join us for a very festive service!

Christmas Service and Pag-

eant on Sunday Dec. 23, 2018 at 3pm Meal to follow

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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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News and Notes

Glendale United Methodist can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Church is open to all and we elcome 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

AA Meeting – Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30

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

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State Fire Marshal issues holiday decorating safety tips

'The best way to prevent a Christmas tree fire is to water it every day, place it well away from heat sources, and dispose of it soon after the holiday," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskev. "Although Christmas tree fires are rare these days, they are very serious when they do occur." According to the U.S. Fire Administration, one-quarter of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems and one-quarter start when the tree is placed too close to a heat source such as a fireplace, woodstove, radiator or space heater.

"It's important to place your tree away from heating sources like fireplaces, woodstoves, radiators or portable heaters and make sure you don't block your second way out of a room in case of emergency," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "You may not expect to need to that second way out or to use the balcony in winter, but always have two clear ways out of each room," he added.

"Turn off the tree when leaving the house or going to sleep," said Ostroskey, "Consider using a timer so you won't forget."

• Selecting a Tree: Give natural trees a fresh cut at the base and place them in water immediately. When purchasing a tree, buy one that is as fresh as possible. Tap the butt on the ground and grab a branch near the top and pull your hand along it slowly. Needles should not fall off. If you bend a needle and it breaks before bending in half, it's too dry! If you use an artificial tree, select one with a flame retardant la-

• Caring for the Tree: Make a fresh cut an inch or two off the bottom before placing it in the stand. This will help with absorption. Water a live tree every day. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.

• Placing the Tree: Place your tree in a non-tip style stand with wide feet, using extra wires if needed to keep it steady. Keep doorways and exits clear. Place your tree and decorations away from heaters, fireplaces, candles, and other sources of heat.

• Decorating the Tree: Purchase electric holiday lights that are listed by an approved testing agency and follow the manufacturer's directions. Consider switching to newer LED lights that are cooler and use less electricity. Inspect older lights for frayed wires or other defects. Make sure the bulbs themselves are not touching the tree, curtains, wrapped gifts, or tree skirts. Never use lighted candles

as decorations. Turn off the lights when leaving the house or going to bed for the night.

• Disposing of the Tree: Remove your tree soon after the holidays and take advantage of the curbside pick-up day, if available, or recycling pro-

The U.S. Fire Administration website has a stunning video from the National Institute of Standards and Training (NIST) illustrating how a dry Christmas tree can act like a blowtorch in your living room and the National Fire Protection Association has sideby-side video showing a dry Christmas tree on fire and a well-watered Christmas tree on fire. The fire in a well-watered tree takes much longer to progress.

Outdoor Decorations

The State Fire Marshal offers these tips for safe use of outdoor lights:

- Be sure to use only lights rated for outdoor use.
- Consider replacing older outdoor lights with newer LED lights that are 'greener' and cooler.
- Securely anchor outdoor lights and decorations against the wind and storms with insulated holders or hooks.
- Use electrical connection protectors to keep water out.

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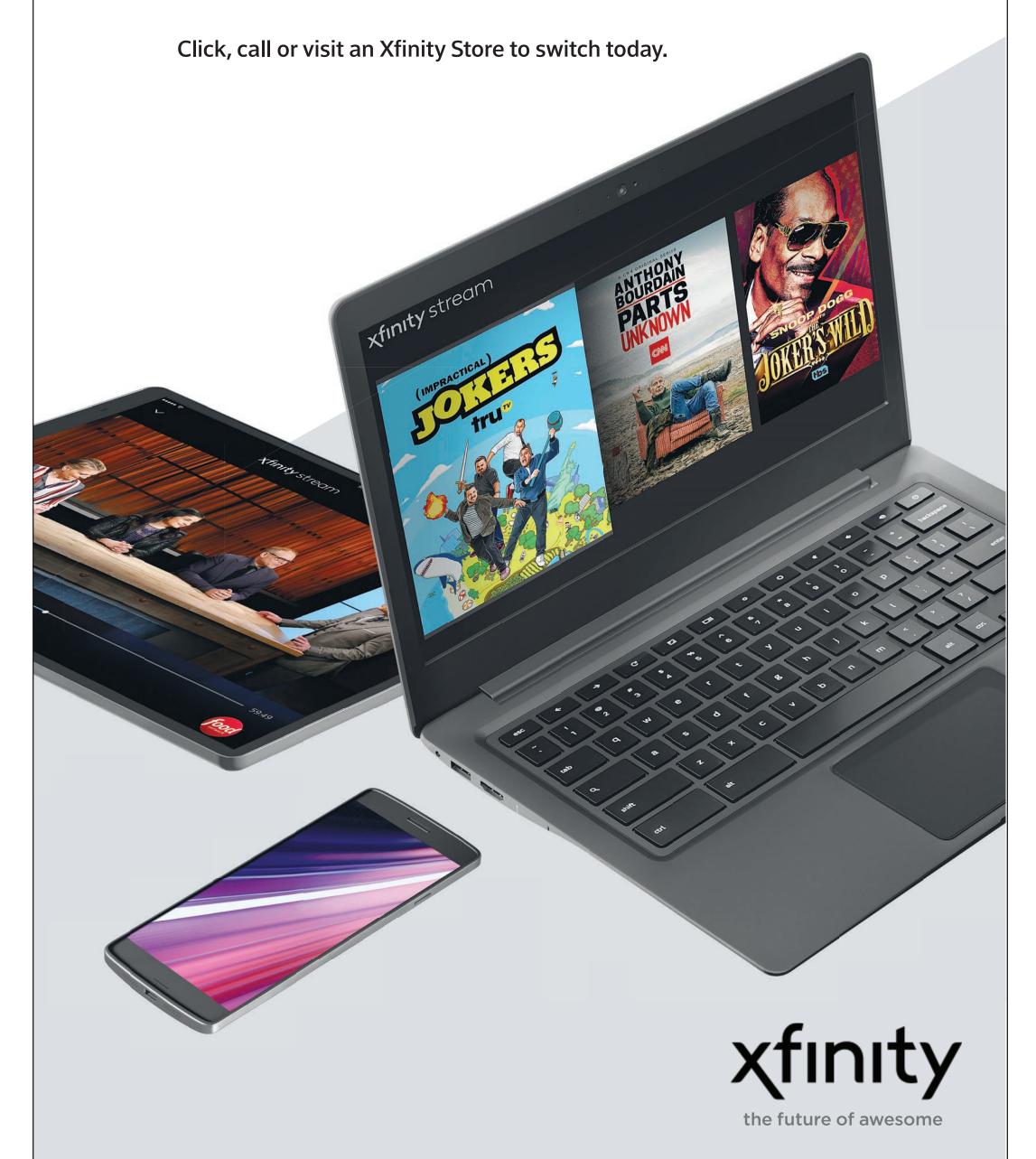
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