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Rep. McGonagle sworn into office for the 191st session of the **General Court**

Special to the Independent

Rep. Joe McGonagle was sworn into office as a member of the 191st General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Wednesday, Jan. 2. This marks McGonagle's third term as state representative for the 28th Middlesex District.

"I'm honored and privileged to represent the great City of Everett," said McGonagle. "I look forward to continuing to work with Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Sen. Sal Di-Domenico, and Speaker Robert DeLeo to make our City the best it can be."

Gov. Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito administered the oath of office to all the representatives in attendance. They were joined by Boston Mayor Martin Walsh, and U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey.

The swearing-in included a powerful benediction by Rabbi Barbara Penzner in which she included a passage from the Prophet Micah and encouraged lawmakers to "do justice, love compassionately, and walk humbly with God."

This passage spoke to Mc-Gonagle and he plans to do justice, love compassionately, and walk humbly this upcoming legislative session.

He plans to prioritize legislation that supports fully fund-

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Rep. McGonagle takes his oath of office in the House Chamber on Wednesday, Jan. 2.



New Chair Tom Abruzzese (R) and Vice Chair David Ela (L) shake hands after being chosen as the chair and vice chair of the School Committee on Monday night, Jan. 7.

Surprise! Abruzzese lands School Committee chair at last minute

By Seth Daniel and Katy Rogers

Long-time School Committeeman Tom Abruzzese landed the seat of School Committee chair Monday night, Jan. 7, but he was as surprised as anyone else in Everett that the chips fell in his favor. Reason number one: he

wasn't even running at the start of the day.

"It was really out of the

lin nominated me," said Abruzzese, of Ward 6, on Tuesday. "The first I heard of it was one minute prior to the meeting. Mr. MacLaughlin walked up to me and said he wanted to nominate me for chair. I said, 'Who's going to second me?'...Frank Parker seconded Mr. MacLaughlin's motion and the next thing I knew I was the chairman. I wasn't openly campaigning for it. I didn't have bumper stickblue Mr. (Lester) MacLaugh- ers or fliers or anything, but

sometimes that is the best way when you have something sprung on you...It's an honor and I'm happy and I hope it's something that can pull everyone together. We have extremely important things to do this year."

Abruzzese is joined by Member David Ela, the Ward 4 member, who will be the vice chair.

That was somewhat ex-

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Dell Isola takes on Council President for 2019 session

City Councilor Richard Dell Isola was unanimously chosen, 11-0, as the new City Council President during the body's organizational meeting on Monday, Jan. 7.

Dell Isola – who had not been Council President previously - had aligned the votes in December to seize the support of his colleagues. On Monday night, with scores of family members in the audience, Dell Isola got the votes and took his seat at the head of the Chambers.

"The year 2019 is an excit-

ing year for the City," he said. "We have a lot of changes coming up we've never seen before in Everett. We all have to be on the same page with the Mayor's Office and the School Department...What we do here will affect us and our families and future residents for a long time."

Dell Isola was nominated by Councilor Michael Mc-Laughlin, who said he was pleased to nominate him.

"Rich is a leader amongst leaders and, since he was young, he was instilled in with the importance of giving

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Council President Rich Dell Isola took his seat as the Council President Monday night, Jan. 7, after a unanimous vote of his colleagues.

Wynn company suddenly changes Village employee lot to a 'community lot'

seemingly pulled a fast one in suddenly changing the use of what was to be an employee parking lot on Air Force Road in the Village – opening it up to be a community parking lot with more than 600 parking spaces for use by the general public and casino overflow.

The news came during the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting after a continued hearing with Wynn on the Village parking lot suddenly became tabled until February.

After that transpired, it was learned that the proposed employee parking lot had been switched to a 613-space a maelstrom from some City

open to commuters, residents, Michael McLaughlin who -Wynn Resorts officials at casino overflow and some not able to speak during the Encore Boston Harbor have employee parking. The pro- ZBA meeting on the tabled posal was first-introduced as a structured employee parking lot, and was presented as so during a public meeting at the Connolly Center late last year – a meeting where the City required Wynn to do an independent peer review.

At some point in the last week, though, Wynn seemed to have decided to lease employee space at Wellington Station and elsewhere and open up the Village lot to casino overflow parking and anyone else who wished to park

The striking news ignited

community lot that would be officials, primarily Councilor matter - confronted Wynn officials about what he termed a secret change.

> McLaughlin represents the area and said he is dead-set against a community parking lot that would inundate the Village area with commuter parkers and casino patrons. It's an area that has already been challenged with increased traffic by the introduction of the Pioneer Charter School and its pickup/drop-off

"I am highly insulted and very disappointed in this

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Tough Budget Year

Schools paid superintendent nearly \$200,000 for unused vacation time

Even though it was outside of his contract, and it was an unprecedentedly tough budget year with teacher layoffs, the School Department and School Committee agreed in Fiscal Year 2018 to pay former Supt. Fred Foresteire nearly \$200,000 in unused vacation time. That was in addition to his \$223,880 base salary, his car payment of \$2,500 and his longevity payment of \$4,200.

Fiscal year 2018 ran from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. According to City records, the School Committee ap-

proved a payment of \$119,321 and a payment of \$79,547 (for a total of \$198,868) to be made to Foresteire on Sept. 7, 2017 and July 12, 2018 (the July payment was charged back to the 2018 budget). Even though it was not required to be paid to Foresteire until he resigned, retired or died, the Committee approved such payments, according to City officials. Those payments were processed by the Financial Department in City Hall, which can only make such payments if the School

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Mayor Walsh appears on Michael Holley live podcast at Night Shift Brewery

By Cary Shuman

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh traveled to Everett on Friday to appear on "The Michael Holley Podcast" that is recorded live at the Night Shift Brewery and Taproom at 87 Santilli Highway.

Walsh said he was happy to be a guest on the popular podcast that is produced by NBC Sports Boston where Holley is a highly acclaimed host and TV personality. "Michael is one of the best

sports guys in the business and it's an honor to come here and talk about sports," said Walsh, who is in his second term as mayor of Boston. "I love sports.'

Prior to the podcast that took place in the Annex room at Night Shift, Walsh spoke about his connection to Ev-



Boston Mayor Martin Walsh speaks with Michael Holley of NBC Sports Boston during a live recording of "The Michael Holley Podcast" Friday at Night Shift Brewery and Taproom in Everett.

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Three Pioneer Charter School of Science seniors receive early acceptance letters from Brown, Tufts

Pioneer Charter School of Science (PCSS) is pleased to announce that three of its high school seniors have received early acceptance letters from two of the top universities in the country: two from the Ivy League's Brown University and one from Tufts Universi-

Leila Paul, 17, of Everett and Pedro Monteiro Borges, 18, of Revere were accepted to the Ivy League's Brown University. Both seniors are in the top 10 percent of their class and are the first Pioneer students to be accepted at Brown since 2012.

Leila was also admitted into Brown's highly competitive PLME Medical Program that only accepts 90 students nationwide. This program



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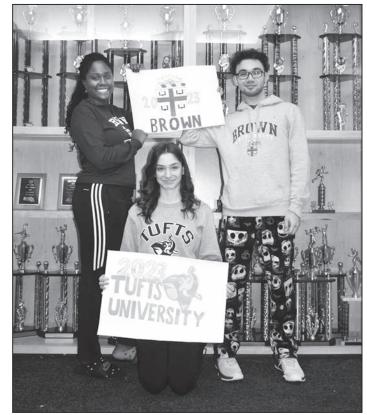
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Leila Paul (I), age 17, of Everett and Pedro Monteiro Borges (r), age 18, of Revere were accepted to the Ivy League's Brown University. Seyda Kilic (front), age 17, of Melrose received her early acceptance letter from Tufts University.

is designed as an eight-year program. It combines liberal arts and professional education to enable each student to develop advanced-level competence in a chosen field of scholarship culminating in a medical degree.

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Pedro plans to study computational biology.

"A huge congratulations to Leila and Pedro," Barish Icin, CEO at PCCS, said. "It's the first time in PCSS history that two students from the same graduating class were admitted into the same Ivy league school. Their remarkable dedication has certainly paid off and we look forward to their future successes in college and beyond."

Seyda Kilic, age 17, of Melrose received her early acceptance letter from Tufts University. Seyda has the highest GPA in Pioneer's history and will be Valedictorian of her class this year. Seyda plans to study Neuroscience.

"Seyda has been an invaluable addition to our PCSS community. She's taken almost every AP course our school has to offer, and has truly gone above and beyond," Icin said. "We know she will have great success in any endeavor she sets her sights on." About PCSS

With schools in Everett (PCSS I) and Saugus (PCSS II), Pioneer Charter School of Science offers a rigorous academic curriculum emphasizing math, science, and analytical thinking skills balanced by a strong foundation in the humanities. The school offers extended days/hours and career-oriented college preparation. Students must pass five math and five science classes in order to graduate - more than state standards, and students must complete 40 hours of community service. The school has a 195-day school calendar, extended days, after school tutoring and "voluntary" Saturday classes for students who need extra help.

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expanding senior services, and creating more affordable housing.

McGonagle is in his third term as state representative for the 28th Middlesex District. He serves as the vice chair of

ing Everett public schools, the Joint Committee on Housing and sits on the following committees: Elder Affairs, Election Laws, Transportation, and Ways and Means. McGonagle may be reached at the Statehouse at Joseph. McGonagle@mahouse.gov.

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Committee approves them.

The payments came in a year when the Everett Public Schools seemingly didn't have two pennies to rub together.

Only about a month after making the Sept. 7 payment to Foresteire, the schools came to the City to ask for supplemental money for budget deficits that they anticipated.

The City agreed to pay the School Department an extra \$2 million to help with those anticipated deficits. Then, early in the year, the School Department reported that major deficits were looming once

That situation resulted in a major fracas at City Hall in the spring, where teachers were threatened with layoffs and a showdown emerged between the superintendent and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

DeMaria eventually agreed to have the City give an additional \$5 million, later adding another \$500,000, for a total of \$5.5 million.

It was only a few months later, after the close of the Fiscal Year 2018 budget, that the School Department agreed to pay Foresteire another \$79,547 for unused vacation time – even though teachers

were being laid off and the contract did not require it to be paid.

School Committee members contacted by the Everett Independent did not recall the payments right off hand.

Former Chair Bernie D'Onofrio didn't immediately recollect the vote to allow the payments to Foresteire.

Another member said he believed that it had been done in executive session, but also did not recall immediately the vote taken to allow the payment. Under education reform, the School Committee acts as the final approval for any expenditures, which is why they have a vote to 'Pay Bills' on most every agenda. Once approved, the Committee sends the 'authorization to pay' to the City Auditor's office, which makes the final payment.

That is opposed to other departments like the Police Department, where the chief can authorize any payment to the auditor's office and no vote is necessary for the payment.

The most recent contract for Foresteire, for 2015-2021, had clear language about his unused vacation and sick

As of the 2015 date of the contract, it indicated that Foresteire had accumulated 446 unused vacation days.

"Upon retirement, resignation or death, the superintendent or his estate will be paid the per diem rate for each day of unused vacation leave,' read the contract.

Additionally, as of that 2015 date, the superintendent had amassed 135 unused sick days. They were valued at \$160 per day, payable upon retirement, resignation or death.

On Jan 3, 2019, as per that contract, City records showed the School Committee authorized, and the City paid, Foresteire \$24,000 for that sick

A School Committee official said that one can expect more money to be paid out for those unused vacation and sick days in the coming weeks.

A City official said that, on the flip side, the large amount of unused vacation time was a liability that the City would have had to pay at some time. So, making the payment did get that liability off of the City financial pages and improved the City's financial position.

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company," he said. "This is a complete slap in my face and I cannot remember being this angry about something in a long time. Wynn is trying to jam this down the throats of Ward 6 and myself. We don't need another community lot, and you can't tell me every commuter coming through Everett isn't going to try to avoid the Tobin and jump into that lot at our expense. No one ever told me about this until today. I have always cooperated within reason and I can't understand why myself and the people of Ward 6 are being so disrespected. This is outrageous."

A Wynn official after the meeting seemed to indicate the City had requested the lot to become a community lot, but City officials disagreed with that after the meeting.

In a letter to the City's Planning Department on Monday, Jan. 7, WorldTech President Richard Benevento reported on several items of study for the peer review, but also referred to the lot as a "community lot" rather than an employee lot – as it has always been billed.

"WorldTech hs reviewed the supplemental materials provided by the applicant and offer the following comments based on our review," it read. "It appears that several positive changes have been incorporated into the site plan that better accommodate drop-off activities, pedestrian accommodations and overall circulation...A technical memorandum was prepared

by AECOM, dated Jan. 3, 2019, supplementing information provided in the original 'Rivergreen Parking Facility Traffic Analysis' detailing the local impacts of a proposed community parking lot."

City officials produced documents on Tuesday showing that until about one month ago, the lot was proposed and planned as an employee lot. In notes from a Dec. 4 private staff meeting with the City, it was revealed for the first time by Chris Gordon, president of Wynn Design and Development, that they were now looking to propose an "open temporary community parking lot to be used for public parking, including use by the City of Everett playground currently under construction."

Later on Dec. 10, a Site Plan Review document presented to the Planning Board was altered from an original Site Plan Review document to get rid of the employee parking plan and suggest an open community parking lot.

The plan would still be for it to exist only three years, upon which time it would be developed into some commercial venture.

City officials said that paper trail indicated that in no way did they suggest the community parking lot use.

ZBA members, informed of the change after the meeting, said they could only think about the issue in front of them - saying they might demand that it be withdrawn and the new proposal be presented publicly now that it is a totally

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different use.

"I would say it has to be withdrawn and re-advertised for a new public hearing," said Chair Joe DeSisto after the meeting. "It's a different use. It's very different."

John Tocco, of Encore, said they recently had to lease property at Wellington to accommodate employees right now, as they couldn't hold up the entire project to wait for construction of the Air Force Road lot.

He said they will re-file for the Feb. 4 meeting to show the new community lot use, and to fully discuss that.

He said there are plenty of ways discourage commuters from the lot, which would be for the general public.

"You can already park at Wellington for \$5 and get into Boston," he said. "There are plenty of ways to discourage commuters from this lot. If you're looking to get to Boston, there's already a better and cheaper way for commuters. No one is going to park in the middle of Everett for more money, and load up on a shuttle to go to Wellington."

He said their vision would be that the lot would be used by those coming to use the new playground, to walk on the RiverWalk, to go to the breweries or to use any of the amenities nearby.

The Air Force Road lot would be in addition to the 823-space parking lot across from the Wynn site on Lower Broadway that has already been approved for temporary overflow parking. That lot would be in operation by a third-party for up to three years and would serve to accommodate additional traffic related to the casino and the new HarborWalk park upon opening.

It would also mean that the Wynn project would have introduced nearly 1,500 new surface parking spaces on the west side of the City in one-years' time - something that Everett has always tried to stay away from and something that goes flatly against Mayor Carlo DeMaria's policy to reduce the usage of cars and vehicle commuters in Ev-





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erett. "It's great to be here in Everett with its great history - obviously it's the home of the former speaker [George Keverian] and the former mayor, Eddie Connolly, two legends with whom I served in the House. Eddie Connolly was a great football player himself. And I worked together for a little while in the House with Rep. [Joseph] McGonagle."

Walsh noted the rising Encore Casino, which is located close by to Night Shift Brewery. "I'm looking at the casino going up here and it's all lit up and it looks good and the rooms are being readied," said Walsh.

Holley, a former Boston Globe columnist and WEEI Sports Radio host, said it was exciting to film his show at Night Shift Brewery.

'It's a lot of fun because of the live audience," said Holley. "I love being around people and I love the energy of people, so that's what makes it different. I love podcasting and it goes to another level when you have people here. Night Shift is a great space with a lot of energy. It's a conversational space.

Holley said he has fond memories of Everett and its unparalleled high school football program.

"When I first wrote for the Globe, I did some high school football and covered the 'Everett [High] Machine," recalled Holley. "I was shocked that they lost this year. What an upset."

Holley, who grew up in Ohio, said he likes the personable, hard-working nature of Everett residents.

"I grew up around a lot of hard-working, working-class,



Michael Holley interviews Boston Mayor Martin Walsh during a live recording of "The Michael Holley Podcast" at Night Shift Brewery in Everett.



Michael Holley of "The Michael Holley Podcast" accentuates a point during an interview with Boston Mayor Martin Walsh at the Night Shift Brewery and Taproom in Everett.

down-to-earth people and that's what I like," said Holley. "I like people who aren't putting on airs - here it is, what you see is what you get. And that's what I like about Everett."

Kim Currier, marketing director at Night Shift Brewery, said the establishment will host eight podcasts that are released on the NBC Sports Boston site every other Thurs-

"NBC Sports Boston was looking for a unique venue where people could partic-

ipate in the podcast and we were really excited to be able to partner with them," said Currier. "We're looking to get our audience growing about the brewery and this is just a really cool location for them to do it on site."

Nightshift Brewery Events Manager Carla Ricci was also on hand to welcome Walsh and Holley to the venue. Next up at Nightshift Brewery is a showing of past episodes of the "Office" television show, accompanied by a trivia contest on Thursday, Jan. 10.

Healey awards \$3 million in grants to support innovative health care partnerships

Attorney General Maura Healey announced nearly \$3 million in funding under a new grant program focused on addressing the social determinants of health, including nutrition, safe housing, violence prevention, and substance use, all of which impact the health of individuals, families and communities. AG Healey's Social Determinants Partnership program will provide grants to promote health equity across Massachusetts to 13 partnerships made up of health care providers, social service organizations, and municipal government agencies.

"As a state and as a country, we continue to spend most of our health care dollars treating people who are already sick, rather than investing to keep people healthy," said AG Healey. "These grants will support new partnerships to improve nutrition, housing, and other social determinants to protect the health of every Massachusetts resident."

"The Greater Boston Food Bank applauds Attorney General Maura Healey for her vision and commitment to address the social determinants of health through cross-sector partnerships," said Catherine D'Amato, President and CEO of GBFB. "At GBFB, we know that ending hunger will require more than access to healthy food. We are honored to partner with Cambridge Health Alliance-Revere, Good Measures, the Institute for Community Health and Tufts Health Plan to find new and innovative ways to address the scourge of hunger and food insecurity and are grateful to the Attorney General's office for providing

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"LUK Inc. is honored to receive funding from the Attorney General's Office to support our Intensive Family Navigation program," said Beth Barto, CEO of LUK Inc. "This program in partnership with UMass Memorial Health Alliance-Clinton Hospital creates community-clinical linkages by providing rapid response and increased access to address the needs of those with substance use disorders, including opioid addiction, and their families. The program helps stabilize the family system, reduce/eliminate substance use, and increase social supports. The agency is extremely thankful for the Commonwealth's support for this programming.'

"We are thrilled to collaborate with our partners, who bring a long track record of success in addressing health related social needs, to address housing instability and homelessness among pregnant women in Boston," said Christina Severin, President and CEO of Community Care Cooperative (C3). "This grant provides us the opportunity

critical resources to make this to address the racial and economic disparities in infant mortality and pre-term births in Boston and to potentially change the life-course for pregnant women and their children. We appreciate our progressive Attorney General for recognizing the importance of addressing social determinants of health and for her enthusiasm for our project."

The Social Determinants Partnership grants are funded by recent settlements reached by the AG's Health Care Division.

The funded partnerships are:

Everett: Cambridge Health Alliance in partnership with the Greater Boston Food Bank, Good Measures LLC, Tufts Health Plan, and Institute for Community Health. This partnership will operate a free monthly mobile food market in Revere and organize regular health fairs to provide health screenings, vaccinations, information on social services, assistance with enrollment in social services along with evaluating the impact of improving access to healthy produce on health and well-being.

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Two to be arraigned in connection with Everett fire that injured two firefighters

Muddasir Bari, 63, of Everett, and Nargis Bhatti, 55, of Everett, were arraigned Tuesday in Malden District Court in connection with allegations that they violated building codes as landlords of the multifamily dwelling located at 15 Morris St. that was the location of a three-alarm fire on July 13, 2018. In an attempt to contain the fire, and rescue an occupant, two Everett firefighters were seriously injured.

"Firefighters put themselves at risk whenever they respond to a fire and that is why there are laws in place to minimize risk to first responders and to the public. In this case, through their alleged violation of the building codes, the defendants are alleged to have created a dangerous situation that ultimately led to two firefighters sustaining serious injuries," said District Attorney Marian Ryan.

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey said, "District Attorney Ryan's prosecution of individuals who flouted the fire and building codes is important to protecting the public as well as first responders. Holding them accountable shows support for local firefighters and building officials who enforce the codes.'

Everett Fire Chief Tony Carli said, "This case is a worst case scenario of what can happen when overcrowding and serious fire and building codes are ignored. I appreciate the District Attorney taking on this case and taking these matters as seriously as the City of Everett does."

Bari and Bhatti have been charged with wanton and reckless disregard of fire or building codes that result in serious bodily injuries under the Comprehensive Fire Safe-

ty Act, passed as a result of the 2003 The Station Nightclub

On July 13, shortly after 2 p.m., Everett firefighters responded to a multi-family dwelling located on Morris Street in Everett that was engulfed in flames. Upon arrival, firefighters were met with heavy fire on the second floor of the two-and-a-half-story, three-family, wood-frame building. Investigators subsequently determined that the fire started at the electrical panel as a result of the circuit being overloaded.

This incident was jointly investigated by the Everett Fire and Police Departments, State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal and State Police assigned to the Office of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office.

Mayor DeMaria's administration building up youth programming

The Samuel Gentile Recreation Center has been a staple for the Everett community for generations. It has offered residents, especially the City's youth, countless benefits, including a stronger sense of being part of a community.

The Recreation Center has been an important community hub for Everett since 1950, hosting basketball games, summer camps, community events, and much more.

As Mayor, Carlo DeMaria, understood the significance of the community center and the need to increase and implement programming now more than ever. Looking to the future, the Mayor wanted to ensure the City's youth had a safe and welcoming environment.

The Mayor and his administration have upgraded and modernized the facility for the first time in decades. In 2017 and 2018, the Facilities and women's bathrooms and lobby.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "The renovation of this building was long overdue. It is one of our city's oldest buildings and it was important that we recognize the importance of this project and the value it will return to our city and most importantly our youth."

Preserving recreational amenities, such as the Samuel Gentile Recreation Center, has not only been important for our City's history, but it has also enabled the DeMaria administration to create programming that empowers our youth to build for their future.

Under the leadership of De-Maria, the Director of Sporting and Athletic Programming, George Wright, has established a model program that provides many resources, services, and gets kids in other communities, youth Department completed the recreational opportunities are ing environment where they upgrade of a new state-of-the- needed, the DeMaria adminis- can grow to be well-respected

to offer a safe and organized environment for the youth of Everett.

On a daily basis the recreation center hosts nearly 70 students after school. However, before you can play basketball, spend time with friends, or run around, students must complete homework before he or she is allowed to participate. The Mayor and Wright recognize the need to help students develop positive study skills and habits that will serve him or her well throughout life.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "We have begun to create an environment that teaches our youth the importance of school, respect, and physical activity. We want to help build confidence, build relationships, and understand sportsmanship and teamwork. We are committed to providing off the streets. While with- fun, competitive experiences, but more importantly a learnart floor as well as the men's tration has made it a priority members of our community."



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CHARLIE BAKER IS NOT AN 'ENIGMA'

A story this past week on the eve of Gov. Charlie Baker's State of the State address in the Boston Globe stated that although Gov. Charlie Baker is the most popular governor in the country (he has an approval rating of close to 70 percent among Massachusetts residents), he remains "an enigma."

The central theme of the story boiled down to this: What makes Charlie Baker do what he does -- and why does he not have political ambitions beyond the governorship?

No doubt the writer of the article had in mind every Massachusetts governor of the past three decades: Michael Dukakis ran for president; Bill Weld ran for U.S. senator, was a candidate for ambassador to Mexico, and most recently was a candidate for vice-president on the Libertarian Party ticket; Paul Cellucci became ambassador to Canada; Mitt. Romney ran for president; and Deval Patrick is rumored to be a possible presidential candidate.

By contrast, Charlie Baker long ago said he has no designs on higher office beyond governor. To the political pundits, Baker's lack of higher aspirations no doubt is confounding, as is his attention to the minutiae of state government.

We are not personal friends with Charlie Baker, so we have no special insight into his personality, but we think it is clear what it is that makes Charlie Baker who he is and do what he does: He loves his wife, his children, his parents, his native hometown (Needham), his adopted hometown (Swampscott, where he served as a selectman), his state, and America.

He clearly wants to do the right thing for all of them -- so what's so strange about that?

We would note that Charlie Baker's devotion to his job is in stark contrast to so many of the politicians in Washington. Thankfully, he has recognized that politics is the art of compromise and it is thanks to Gov. Baker's ability and desire to work with the Democrats at the State House, most notably House Speaker Bob DeLeo, that Massachusetts continues to lead the nation in education, financial stability, and in so many other areas that have improved the lives of our citizens.

Beacon Hill is indeed a shining beacon for the rest of our nation and Charlie Baker unquestionably has been instrumental in our state's continued achievements and progress -- and there is nothing enigmatic about that.

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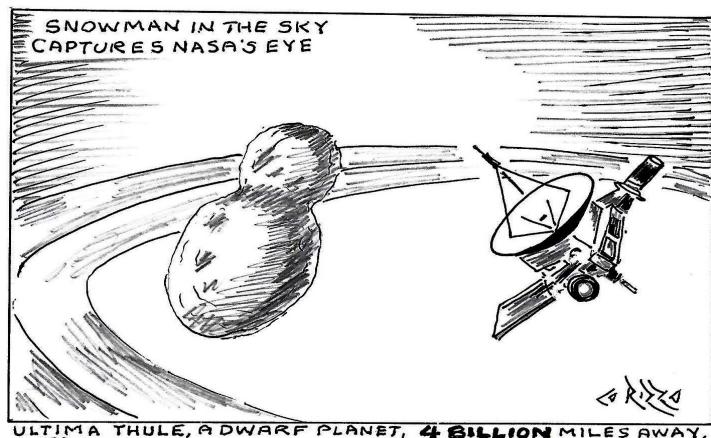
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GUEST OP-ED

Holdup for Encore Boston Harbor only hurts Everett workers

By Colette Phillips

(This op-ed first appeared in the Boston Globe last week, and is reprinted in the Independent with permission)

When it comes to the Encore Boston Harbor casino, the \$2.6 billion Everett casino being built along the Mystic River by Wynn Resorts, there is but one question remaining: What exactly is the holdup?

By any measure, what former CEO Steve Wynn allegedly did is reprehensible. As we have seen with the parade of men behaving badly in the wake of #MeToo, sexual misconduct among powerful men is almost never the result of one bad actor preying on women. In most cases there is a group of enablers, honeypots, and assorted interests looking the other way or protecting themselves. And indeed, for months, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has been looking into the allegations at Wynn Resorts to determine who knew what and when about their CEO's actions before finalizing its approval for Encore.

These are important questions, and anyone associated with protecting that kind of behavior should have no role whatsoever in Wynn Resorts or Encore.

But here's the thing: All of those people are already gone. The board has been replaced.

Senior management has been can-American and Latino replaced. Wynn himself has not only left Encore's parent company but is suing the business that still bears his name. The only senior person still at Wynn is its since-elevated CEO, who has said he did not know about the allegations.

So who is being punished while the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is still investigating people who no longer work at Wynn Resorts? That would be the men and women who are looking to the casino for professional opportunity and the chance at a better life for themselves and their families, and the City of Everett, which is in desperate need of an economic boost and urban renewal. All told, Encore promises to deliver 5,000 job opportunities for people in Massachusetts: good-paying, blue-collar jobs, from dealers to wait staff to cooks. Many of these people have already begun training.

Encore has developed a comprehensive diversity and inclusion policy, following months of soliciting the input of educators and community stakeholders regarding best practices for building its local workforce (I was not involved in these or any Encore discus-

Encore's Workforce Development Plan commits the company to prioritizing hiring and recruiting from the communities in the Boston area with the largest Afri-

populations: Everett, Boston, Cambridge, Malden, Chelsea, Somerville, and Medford. Half of its hires will be women, four in 10 will be minorities, and it will feature a hiring preference for former Suffolk Downs employees.

In addition, not only does the plan require Encore to hire 900 people who don't speak fluent English, but it also commits to offering them free ESL courses to improve their English-speaking skills. Indeed, the plan commits Encore to strengthening the training and career opportunities of its new employees — from computer training and free GED classes for those who have not completed high school to specific career pathways such as culinary training and launching a a new and more compelling Gaming Institute in partnership with Cambridge College that future. The Encore plan to prepare people to become dealers, casino specialists, and cooks.

To be sure, partnerships with Bunker Hill, Roxbury, and North Shore community colleges will provide opportunities for recruitment from communities of color as well as furthering employees' education, ensuring that within 8 to 10 years, dealers can move into management roles and cooks can become executive

Some. understandably, question the motives behind all this. Others say the proof is in the pudding. I agree. And

while Encore has mostly exceeded its hiring goals thus far, using minority- womenand veteran-owned businesses for roughly a quarter of its design contracts and 20 percent of construction work, we need to hold them accountable for delivering on what this plan has pledged. That is why the company must honor its commitment to meet regularly with groups like the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, La Communidad, veterans' groups, and community career advisers.

The ugly alleged behavior of Wynn Resorts' former CEO and those who enabled it can't be undone. But instead of ignoring what transpired, the company has owned what happened — and offered up future. We should embrace could be a model for large employers across the Commonwealth. Blocking the resort's path forward or letting it die a slow death in endless litigation would be tantamount to wasting thousands of career opportunities for those who need them most. These opportunities don't come around for communities of color that often. Approving Encore is the right thing to do for our communities and a good bet for our state.

Colette Phillips is the president, Colette Phillips Communications, Inc.

DiDomenico and Senate colleagues wrap up 2017-2018 session

Last week, Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate closed out the 2017-2018 legislative session with action on a number of bills, spanning issues such as public safety, education, and consumer data protection, among other things. The Senate also passed a supplemental budget designed to address time-sensitive funding needs.

Sen. DiDomenico ended the legislative session as Assistant Majority Leader of the Senate and Chairman of Bills in the Third Reading, the final stop for all pieces of legislation before making their way to the floor for consideration by the full Senate body.

"It was a busy end to a productive legislative season, and I am proud of the Senate's dedication to addressing our Commonwealth's most important and pressing needs," said Sen. DiDomenico. "I would like to thank Senate President Karen Spilka for her vision and commitment to pursuing critical policies for our

residents and all of my Senate colleagues for their hard work during the remaining months and days of the 2017-2018

legislative session.' In response to public safety concerns raised by the Merrimack Valley gas fires, DiDomenico and his colleagues enacted legislation that requires all utilities to engage a professional engineer to review utility work plans. This follows a bill, signed by the Governor yesterday, that extends unemployment insurance (UI) benefits for workers locked out by National Grid for 26 weeks, or until the lockout ends, whichever ends first.

Another public safety measure the Senate enacted is a bill to protect children, families and firefighters from the dangers of toxic chemical flame retardants. The retail sale of many children's products and household items with treated foam will be restricted after June 1, 2019, under this bill. These chemicals are often unnecessarily added to foam products and accumulate as dust in our homes; when they burn, their toxic fumes are harmful to human health, endangering firefighters and first responders.

The Senate approved final passage of a consumer data protection bill, known as the 'Equifax' bill, that helps consumers protect their private information through free security freezes, free credit monitoring when a credit reporting agency is breached, and requiring prior consent from an agency to access a consumer's report, as well an explanation for the disclosure.

To better serve the needs of our students, the Senate passed a bill that allows for the establishment of standards for students in kindergarten through grade 12 on personal financial literacy. The bill also permits educational institutions to incorporate personal financial literacy standards into existing mathematics, social science, technology, business, or other curricula. The Senate also passed an initiative that improves governance and oversight of educational collaboratives and allows them to provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities over the age of 22 in certain circumstances.

The Senate acted to end gender discrimination in disability insurance, bringing it into line with insurance provided by employers and subject to federal nondiscrimination law. It also passed a supplemental budget to provide sufficient funding to cover line of duty benefits for the

The end-of-session activity follows the recent passage of a new law designed to regulate and tax short-term rentals, while creating a framework in which this innovative industry segment can grow.

Bills passed by both the House and Senate were sent to the Governor, who has ten days to sign them into law. The new 2019-2020 legislative session began on January

DiDomenico sworn in for another term in the Senate

Staff Report

Last week, Sen. Sal DiDomenico was sworn into a fifth term in the Massachusetts Senate, pledging to continue fighting for our Commonwealth's working families and working to lift up children and families throughout his district. DiDomenico represents the Middlesex and Suffolk District comprising of the residents of Allston, Brighton, Cambridge, Charlestown, Chelsea, Everett and the West End of Boston.

As he once again took the

oath of office, DiDomenico take lightly. I would also like was joined by his wife Tricia, sons Matthew and Sal, his parents Marie and Sal, and members of his staff.

"It was an honor to once again be sworn into the Massachusetts State Senate for another term, and I would like to sincerely thank my constituents for your trust and confidence," said Sen. DiDomenico. "Together, we are a proud and diverse district that represents the very best of our Commonwealth, and representing you in the Senate is a privilege that that I will never to thank my amazing family, my outstanding staff, and my tenacious team in the district that works tirelessly to make sure that we have one of the strongest campaign organizations in Commonwealth."

The swearing in of the Massachusetts Senate was a day to reflect on past accomplishments and look to the future, as the 40-member body once again voted for Sen. Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) as Senate President.

"The last session was very productive, and we passed major pieces of legislation that will have a positive impact on the lives of millions of people in our state," said DiDomenico. "I look forward to another successful session working with my colleagues under the leadership of my friend, Senate President Spilka, to address an ambitious agenda of fighting climate change, addressing our inadequate and inequitable public education system, and the high cost of healthcare, among many other pressing issues for the residents of the Massachusetts."



Sen. Sal DiDomenico with Sen. President Karen Spilka, his wife, Tricia, and his children, Matthew and Sal, shortly after being sworn into a new term in the State Senate last week.

Encore Boston Harbor apologizes for communication error in closing roads

By Seth Daniel

The Encore Boston Harbor team appeared before the City Council on Monday, and said they apologized for poor communication with neighboring businesses when they abruptly shut down roads on Lower Broadway in November.

"We're not going to blame the administration here on that," said Encore President Bob DeSalvio. "We take any responsibility for that. We could have and should have done a better job with communicating that. It was last minute and we decided to take advantage of some good weather...A quick message to the Council would have been easy and we should have don't that...Once we got rolling on day two and three, we got out and really started communicating. The first couple of days were a struggle. I

agree with that."

The discussion came due to a situation on Lower Broadway last November when Encore Boston Harbor officials seized upon warmer weather to close down Robin and Dexter Streets to do some fulldepth resurfacing. However, the group notified abutting businesses only hours before they were going to close the street for up to eight days.

That hampered deliveries and shipments to local auto body businesses and to Schnitzer Steel, among others. Some did not even know it was going to happen until the jersey barriers went up, and that was after attending a coordination meeting with Encore the previous Monday.

Councilors Fred Capone Michael McLaughlin brought the issue to the floor on Monday, saying they expected better communication.

"Some said that there was a

meeting on Monday, and there was no mention of the work that happened on Thursday," said Capone. "Obviously that impacts residents and businesses. That was compounded by the fact that there was no communication to the City Council. It would have been nice as the representative of the areas to know what was going to happen."

Encore's Al Carrier said they would start back up on the Robin and Dexter project when the weather breaks and would look to go about five days a week with the work. It is expected to be completed in late May.

In other Wynn news:

•DeSalvio said they were at a high of about 1,600 workers per day on the site last month, and are now scaling down to about 1,200 per day. That number will get smaller in the coming months as work begins to wind down.

•Councilor Mike Marchese said he would like to begin working with Encore to figure out what ethical restrictions will be on councilors and City officials in regard to the casino when it opens.

"That's coming very soon, so I'd like to know what kind of ethical requirements we have as councilors - whether we can go to the casino and what we can and can't do," he

John Tocco of Encore said they were willing to do a pre-opening legal review and bring in the Ethics Commission for some specialized training on the matter. There are some restrictions for various officials, and those would be detailed by Ethics.

 DeSalvio said they are contemplating a pedestrian bridge over Lower Broadway, but that wouldn't come until several years later if, and when, a development occurs

on the other side of the street.

The bridge has been a point of contention at the Planning Board and City Council for some time, and Encore officials have consistently said they plan to have one, but not until there is a building on the other side.

"We are not currently building any sort of overpass on the road because we haven't developed what would be on the other side and how a bridge would connect and go across," he said. "We have put in extra footings by the side and those footings would support a new bridge coming out of the existing building and over Broadway and into an adjacent building next door. I can't connect that over now because I don't know what will be over there yet."

He said they have committed to having staff in place when the casino opens to help shepherd people across Lower Broadway. That way they don't have to rely on the signals during the newness rush of the property in the early

•Councilor Michael Mc-Laughlin asked for an update on the liquor licenses, and De-Salvio said they have not yet applied for the 4 a.m. extension that is available from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC). The regular liquor license will have a 2 a.m. closing, but a 4 a.m. extension license is possible for serving alcohol on the gaming floor only to patrons that are in the act of gaming.

There would be no restaurants or bars allowed to serve until 4 a.m. though.

He said they are considering that extension, but have not formally applied.

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pected, but many last week dacy emerged because many had expected Member Bernie D'Onofrio to continue as chair for a third term. That was upset this week when Parker was rumored to be making a run. That did not materialize, but Parker said he supported Abruzzese – mostly because the Committee rules said one cannot serve more than three terms as chair.

D'Onofrio's third consecutive term as chair.

Prior to the vote, tension unfolded between D'Onofrio and his colleagues on the School Committee when it was suggested by D'Onofrio to suspend the rules and summon a lawyer.

Committee members MacLaughlin and Parker were opposed to summoning the lawyer, citing that he was only retained for the recent allegations regarding the Superintendent.

D'Onofrio ultimately expressed his support for Abruzzese, but implied there has been a lot of conflict between the School Committee members throughout the past few weeks.

"Each and every one of us knows what went on. I busted my hump these past three or four weeks," he said, referencing the executive session that occurred behind closed doors in December when Supt. Fred Foresteire was put on leave. "I can't go into what you [Lester MacLaughlin] said in executive session, or what Mr. Parker said in executive session. I'll be right on camera to tell both of you, you two were out of order.'

Ultimately, the lawyer was not summoned and the vote proceeded without further conflict.

"I'm very, very happy and excited to have Tom and Dave at the helm," said Parker on Monday. "They are two of the best who will keep the body, students and staff in mind first and foremost."

Abruzzese said his candi-

on the body didn't want to violate their own rules or make a special exception to allow D'Onofrio to serve a third

"In our rules, it says you can only do two consecutive terms," he said. "There was talk about finding a way to suspend the rules and make it okay for Mr. D'Onofrio to This would have been run again. We discussed it and I could not support that. My point was we have the rules and several others felt the same way.'

that some-Following what-intense discussion is when MacLaughlin nominated Abruzzese.

He was chosen by a vote of 8-0, with him abstaining from that vote.

"It was completely unanticipated and at the same time, as everyone has seen, there has been a lot of strange happenings over there in a month and I'm hoping this will bring in a much more positive time here," he said. "I've been on the Committee off and on since the 1990s and this is the first time we're going to be looking for a new superintendent. That's quite an undertaking...This is pretty important stuff facing this city and the schools. I'm looking forward to it."

Abruzzese grew up in Everett and attended Everett Public Schools through middle school at the Parlin. He graduated from Pope John High School in 1974 and attended Suffolk University. He got his law degree from New England School of Law, and works for the state Depart-

ment of Corrections. He said he will work to make sure the Committee functions well for the teachers and students in the district.

"The easiest way to say it is I'm one of nine and that's really how I look at it," he said. "The most important people in all this are the teachers. That's what makes it all happen – the teachers and the students."



Former Chair Bernie D'Onofrio made an impassioned pitch for a third term as the chair, but his colleagues did not want to violate Committee rules.



Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier takes the oath of office as the secretary of the Committee.

School Committee agrees to retain independent counsel

The School Committee voted on Monday night, Jan. 7, to retain an outside attorney for an independent counsel to begin the investigation into sexual harassment claims against former Supt. Fred Foresteire.

Following its organizational meeting on Monday, the Committee voted to retain Regina Ryan to conduct the independent investigation commissioned by the School Committee.

Ryan is associated with Louison, Costello, Condon and Pfaff and has been since

1993. She specializes in litigation defense of public and private sector clients for employment law, school law and constitutional law.

In addition, Attorney Ryan completed numerous has courses at the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD). She is certified to conduct workplace investigations into allegations of sexual harassment and discrimination. Employers rely on her expertise to handle highly confidential and sensitive workplace disputes. She is also certified by the MCAD to train employees on how to avoid claims of discrimination in the workplace and has done so across the Commonwealth.

Slain Utah police officer grew up in Everett

Staff Report

Provo Police officer Joe Shinners, a 29-year-old native of Everett, was shot and killed by a wanted fugitive in Utah on Jan. 5 during an alterca-

Shinners, whose father lives in Everett and is a retired fire captain, had stopped the fugitive and a shootout occurred between the officer and Matt Hoover, 40.

Hoover shot his weapon at the same time as Shinners, and hit the officer fatally. A shot from the officer hit Hoover as well, but he is expected to recover.

Shinners was trying to take Hoover into custody around 10 p.m. when he was shot. He died at the hospital around



Officer Joe Shinners, 29, a native of Everett, was killed in the line of duty on Jan. 5 while trying to arrest a dangerous fugitive in Utah. He was a three-year veteran of the Provo, Utah Police Department. His father is a retired fire captain in Everett.

midnight.

He was a three-year veteran of the department.

He was married and had a one-year-old son.

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back to his community as his Uncle Gil served as an Aldermen in our community and his father for many years as a Little League coach," said McLaughlin. "In 2011 Rich and I decided to run for I did not know that I would gain a true friend and someone I quickly would respect or in the community." and look up to. Rich has given so much of himself as a Pop Warner Coach and Director and now for the past eight years as a City Councilor. Rich is always the first person dent." to volunteer to help and goes

well beyond the walls of City Hall to do his job as a community leader."

Councilor Fred Capone said he knew Dell Isola would create a sense of unity.

"Rich fosters positive interthe Common Council for one actions and the best interest of common goal and that was the City whether in this chamonly to help make Everett a ber or in the community," he better city for all. At that time said. "I am confident he will promote peaceful interactions when we are in this chamber

> Said Councilor Mike Marchese, "It will be a great year for you and I'm proud to give you my vote. I'm sure you'll do well as the presi-



City Councilors and special guests joined new Council President Rich Dell Isola.



New Council President Rich Dell Isola with his family members, who came to City Hall in great numbers to support him on Monday.



Outgoing Council President Peter Napolitano joined incoming Council President Rich Dell Isola at his party on Monday night.



Council President Rich Dell Isola was joined by family, Rich Dell Isola, Melissa Montoni, Lisa Dell Isola, Lauren Dell Isola, and Craig Petersen.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico, School Committee member Frank Parker, Tucker Fiorentino, and John Tocco of Encore Boston Harbor, joined Council President Rich Dell Isola at the Village Bar & Grill.



Dick Dell Isola. congratulated his son, Council President **Rich Dell Isola**



Council President Rich Dell Isola was joined by colleagues from City Hall, Councilor at Large Mike Marchese, Councilor at Large Peter Napolitano, Councilor Anthony DiPierro, and City Clerk Sergio Cornelio.



Councilor Rosa DiFlorio congratulated Council President Rich Dell Isola.



Sergio Cornelio, Mike Mangan, and John Burley congratulated Council President Rich Dell Isola.



Council President Rich Dell Isola was joined by his brothers, Scott and Sal.



Council President Rich Dell Isola was accompanied by family, Alan Quealy and Laurie Quealy.

OBITUARIES

Florence Leah Tilley

Retiree of Fireman's Fund Insurance Co.

Florence Leah passed away Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 2 at the Pilgrim Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Peabody. She was 90 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the daughter of the late Andrew and Eliza M. (Callahan) Tilley, Florence attended Chelsea Public Schools and graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1946. She began her working career at the former Index Bureau Insurance Company in Boston, which later became the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. She dedicated 50 years of service before retiring in

Florence was an Everett resident for 50 years before moving to her home at the Pilgrim Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Peabody.

The sister of the late Evelyn M. Dudley and sister-inlaw of the late Allen I. Dudley, she was the loving aunt of three nieces, Nancy Lyon and her husband, David and Ju-

Tilley dith "Judy" E. Dudley, all of Danvers and the late Debbie Carter and her husband, Frank Carter of Tyngsboro. She is also lovingly survived by four great nephews: David A. Lyon of Peabody, Steven J. Lyon and his wife, Leanne of Lynn, Christopher P. Lyon of California, Brian D. Carter of New Hampshire and one great great-niece, Ryleigh Lyon of Lynn.

> Funeral Services will be conducted in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea today, Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 12 Noon. Visitation with the family will precede the service from 9 to 10 a.m. Services will conclude with committal at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. Donations in Florence's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association National Headquarters 225 N. Michigan Ave. Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or on-line at www.alz.org.

Gerard Pastore

MBTA retiree



store of Malentered into eternal rest on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 in

the Kaplan Family Hospice House. He was 85 years old.

Born in Boston, Gerard lived in Malden for many years. He was a retired MBTA bus driver who was recognized for 50 years of service and a U.S. Army Veteran serving during the Korean Conflict.

He was the beloved husband of Anna M. (Fallavollita) for over 60 years, dear and devoted father of Valerie A. Pastore of Malden, Vittoria Malatesta and her husband, Richard of Nahant, Rosanna Natola and her husband, Thomas of Wilmington, Lisa Pastore and her husband, James Brown of Peabody and Denise Roche and her husband, Richard of N. Andover: brother of Virginia D'Orsi of Peabody as well as many predeceased siblings. Gerard



is also survived by 10 loving grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Gerard's memory to the Kaplan Family Hospice House, C/O Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Ste. B-102 Danvers, MA, 01923 would be sincerely appreciated.

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John 'Jack' Herlihy

Of Stoneham, formerly of Everett

John R. "Jack" Herlihy of Stoneham, formerly of Everett, died on Dec. 31 at the age

He was the beloved husband for 60 years to Joanne (Cuneo), cherished father of Anne Vitali, John Herlihy and his fiancée, Denise. and Francis Herlihy and his wife, Ericka; loving brother of Joseph Herlihy and the late Ruth Ford, William, Francis, and Mary Herlihy. He is survived by 10 beloved grandchildren and one beloved

great-grandddaughter.

Funeral arrangements were by the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, Everett. Interment was at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Stoneham. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's memory may be made to St. Patrick's Parish of Stoneham or The Michael J. Fox Foundation, PO Box 5014, Hagerston, MD 21241. For more information: www. RoccoFuneralHomes.com or 1-877-71-ROCCO

Nunzio 'Nunz' Iozza

Everett Fire Dept. retiree

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He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and a 19 year member of the Everett Fire Department.

The beloved husband of the late Jean Marie Iozza, he was the brother of John Iozza Jr. and his wife, Patricia, the late Dominic Iozza, Frank Iozza, Raymond Iozza, Joseph Iozza, who is survived by his wife,

Bridget and Mary Rauseo. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, Everett. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In lieu of flowers, donations in Nunzio's memory may be made to the charity of your choice. For more information visit: www. RoccoFuneralHomes.com or 1-877-71-ROCCO

Domenico DiBiase

Of Everett

Born in Chieti Scalo, Italy, Mara. He was predeceased by four brothers and one sister and is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral arrangements

were by the Salvatore Roche was the beloved husband co & Sons Funeral Home, of Olga (Pantalone); father of 331 Main St., Everett. In-Robert of Everett and the late terment was in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. For more information: www. RoccoFuneralHomes.com or 1-877-71-ROCCO

Susan Julian

Comcast employee for more than 30 years

Susan L. (Fraser) Julian of Everett passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 1. She was 61 years

Susan loved visiting York, Maine and Castle Island, but her favorite thing of all was spending time with her grandchildren. She was a devoted employee at Comcast for over 30 years.

The beloved wife of Leo Julian, she was the loving mother of Jill Generazzo and her husband, John, Renee Julian and her fiancé, Tim Caron, Amy Quinn and her husband, Ryan; devoted Nana of Juliana, Reilly and Adeline: dear sister of Herbert Fraser, Scott Fraser and the late Linda Fraser; daughter of the late Herbert and Dorothy (Penney) Fraser and aunt of Joshua Fraser.



Funeral arrangements were by the Barile Family Funeral Home, Stoneham. In lieu of flowers please consider donations in memory of Susan to a charity of your choice. To send a memorial condolence www. barilefuneral.com or www. facebook.com/BarileFamily-

Peter Bonasoro, Jr.

Of Groveland, formerly of Everett



ro, Jr. of Groveland, formerly of Everett, died on Dec. 29. A US Navy

Peter Bonaso-

veteran of the Korean War, he was the beloved husband of Paula (Ruzzo), the loving father of Donna Beeler, Paul and Peter, all of Groveland, and Cheryl Begin of Kingston, NH; brother of Theresa Kearney of Virginia, the late Michael, and John Naples; Papa to eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

All services will be private per family request. Please omit flowers. more information: www.



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CHURCH News

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

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THE EVERETT CRIMSON TIDE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM IN ACTION AGAINST PEABODY

The Everett Crimson Tide girls' basketball team faced off against league-rival Peabody on Friday night, Jan. 4, in Everett. The girls fought hard, but came up short, losing 70-40.



Junior Carolann Cardinale works to fire up her teammates during half time Friday night at their game against the Peabody Tanners.



Briana Hyppolite of the Everett High School girls basketball team looks to make her way around a player from Peabody.



Saunti Burton works the low post.



Madison Duraes works her way past a player from Peabody in the paint.



Junior Carolann Cardinale gives a high-five to a teammate before taking the court.



Arielle Charles of the Everett High School girls basketball team goes up for a basket as a player from Peabody works to block her shot.



Veronica Bento of the Everett High School girls basketball team works her way down the court.



Freshman Sara Thompson goes up for a basket during their game against Peabody Friday night.



Carolann Cardinale works her way past a player from Peabody during their game Friday night.

EHS Roundup

EHS TRACK TEAMS COMPETE AGAINST BEVERLY

The Everett High boys and girls indoor track teams returned from the vacation break and traveled to Beverly last week.

On the boys' side, Crimson Tide speedster Clarence Jules earned a first place in the dash, outsprinting the field with a time of 5.7 seconds.

Second-place finishers for Everett who added three points for the EHS cause were: Mac Shillingford, in the 300 dash in 40.3 and the high jump with a leap of 5-2"; Mario Sheard with a shot put toss of 40'-9"; Fabrice Jacques in the hurdles in 8.3; and Jason Louis in the 600 dash in 1:41.2.

Adding single points with their third-place performances were: Justin King in the hurdles in 8.6; Elijah Auguste in the dash in 5.9; and Ryan Vu in the 600 in 1:43.2.

In addition, the EHS 4 x 400 relay team defeated Beverly in an exciting race by just by 0.9 of a second with a clocking of 4:07.6 to add five points onto the Everett side of the scoresheet for a final score of 57-28 in favor of Beverly.

For the Lady Crimson Tide, two EHS girls scored points with third-place efforts, Melissa Dalice with a toss of 23'-2" in the shot and Jessica Santos in the dash in 6.6.



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Documents used in Wynn investigation still barred from use, continued delays on MGC investigation

By Seth Daniel

A judge in Nevada ordered on Jan. 4 that several documents obtained in the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) investigation into sexual misconduct by Steve Wynn will remain shielded from public use until more hearings can be held.

Judge Elizabeth Gonzalez, of Clark County, Nevada, held a hearing on the case brought by Steve Wynn against the MGC on Jan. 4, a hearing that was to determine whether

or not the MGC could go or utilize until she decides ahead with the public unveiling of its investigation into sexual misconduct by Wynn.

MGC officials had said they expected Wynn's suit to quickly be dismissed in mid-December, but that did not happen. After Friday, even more doubt was in place about whether some of the documents used in the investigation could violate attorney-client privilege.

The Associated Press reported that Gonzalez said she was limiting what the MGC could rely on, share tions. One key piece of the

whether the materials contain privileged information.

It was a blow to the investigation, which was supposed to originally roll out in late summer of 2018, but was continued throughout the fall. Then, in the fall, the suit was filed by Steve Wynn, a suit that blocked the public roll out of the investigation in December.

The Associated Press also reported that the judge was willing to release some materials with redac-

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case will be whether or not Wynn's lawyers can prove that he had a common interest agreement with attorneys for Wynn Resorts.

The judge indicated that an update on the case would be filed on Jan. 11.

Meanwhile, this Thursday, the MGC will discuss how to proceed with its investigation and what can be done at this point.

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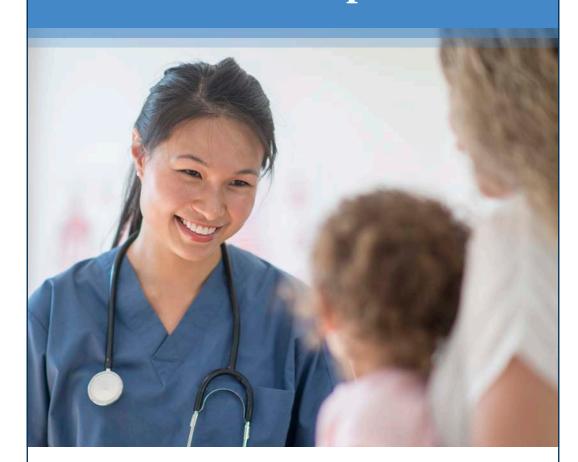








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