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Everett moves to five-star future with Encore Sunday

Encore soft opening an historic event for Everett United, long-time supporters

By Seth Daniel

The energy in the Renoir Function Room at the Encore Boston Harbor resort on Monday night was like never before.

The fate of Everett was being transformed before the eyes of everyone in the room at that moment as they enjoyed the pre-opening function for Everett United at the casino, one of the first of several "play days" organized by Encore to help the employees practice before opening.

After seven years of fighting for the Encore casino resort – and for some in the room, after a lifetime of fighting for justice for Everett everything came to a head and the city and its residents were propelled into a five-star

Some attended thousands of hours of meetings to see the casino through.

Others had their long-time homes taken by a land taking, but still stood 100 percent behind the project.

Others finally had a clean waterfront to swim in, or sit by, after a lifetime of being walled off from the pollution of 100 years of heavy indus-

"We're right now standing where there was a four-story high pile of Sulphur," said "Cousin" Vinnie Ragucci, long-time leader of Everett United while standing in the elegant Renoir Room. "I know that because I was born 100 yards away from this building. This is breathtaking and it's magnificent. I couldn't be happier as an Everettite. Everything they told us they would do is the same as what they said seven years ago...We went to every meeting. The Gaming Commission knew me as Cousin Vinnie because we came to all the meetings. I am the True Grit of the city when I came

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Brisk function business already a surprise niche for Encore

By Seth Daniel

The bookings for hotel rooms at Encore Boston Harbor is strong at the moment, but the company said this week they are quite surprised by the interest in group bookings for conventions.

The 671 hotel rooms at Encore have a rock bottom rate of \$645 per night, but the



Tower also has suites that run at \$12,000 per night.

"Bookings are strong," said Michael Weaver, chief communications officer for Wynn Resorts.

The average price for a room on opening night, June 23, is running at \$777 now. which is more than \$100 above the bottom rate for a room of that type. However, the demand is much lower in price as the days go on, but picks up again on June 29.

One surprising piece of business right now for Encore is the group bookings, Weav-

"What we're really pleased about is group bookings," he said. "We had a lot of interest for meetings and conventions and have done a lot of

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Patti Frati, Lori Mangan, Rosalie Eliseo, Richard Eliseo, Linda Shedden, Charlie DiPerri, Louann Zawodny and Linda Maloney celebrate seven years of fighting for the Encore Boston Harbor casino in the Renoir Room during the Everett United function and "play day" at the first soft opening event on Monday night at the casino. Emotions were high as long-time supporters recalled the many twists and turns that led up to the party on

Encore Boston Harbor to open at 10 a.m. June 23, short program before

By Seth Daniel

Don't expect a long program ahead of the Encore Boston Harbor ribbon cutting on Sunday morning, June 23, but expect the City and the company to get things moving and get the doors open.

Encore will open officially to the public at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 23, and that will be preceded by a short program at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate the moment. However, after seven years of speeches and discussion about Encore, the time will be punctuated with

the goal of getting inside the building.

Elected officials from the City and state are expected to be there, along with company executives from all over the world. A large contingent of media is also expected to be present for the opening morning as well.

There are to be a few small surprises, but the goal, once again, is to get people in the

A full plan for transportation will be put in place early

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City, Encore launch BlueBike system in Everett ahead of opening

By Seth Daniel

The City of Everett and Encore Boston Harbor joined with BlueBike on Monday morning to announce the first expansion of the service in many years – with Everett joining Boston, Cambridge, Somerville and Brookline in the BlueBike network.

The BlueBikes are a docked bike-share system that can be accessed by renting a bike and then returning it to a BlueBike dock anywhere in the system. Conversely, Everett also participates in the dockless LimeBike bike share system as well, and City believes the two will work well in tandem.

On Monday, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, BlueBike officials and Encore President Bob De-Salvio were on Lower Broadway to cut a ceremonial ribbon to welcome the expansion of the service to Everett.

Everett will have 12 new docking stations throughout



Encore President Bob De-Salvio and Mayor Carlo DeMaria helped to launch the new BlueBike system on Lower Broadway in front of the Encore resort on Monday, June 17.

the city, and two of them will be on or near Encore - and sponsored by the company as well.

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Vincent Ragucci Jr. begins his job as official greeter at Encore Boston Harbor

By Cary Shuman

The first face you will see at the incomparable Encore Boston Harbor resort/casino will



Vincent Ragucci Jr.

be a familiar one to Everett residents.

Vincent Ragucci Jr., the personable and charismatic executive director of the 'E' Club, will be a greeter at the \$2.6 billion property that has been and will be the talk of the town.

From the outset of Mayor Carlo DeMaria's vision to bring a world-class resort to the city, Ragucci was one of the resort/casino's biggest supporters in the community through his work with Everett

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Installation and inspection of Encore Boston Harbor's slot machines, table games complete

By Seth Daniel

As Encore Boston Harbor nears official grand opening, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) has completed the installation and inspection of the resort-casino's 3,158 Electronic Gaming Devices (EGDs or slot machines), 143 table games and 88 poker tables.

MGC's Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) and the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) work together to supervise the installation and ongoing inspection of all gaming equipment and software, electronic slot monitoring systems and licensee records to ensure the integrity of the games, compliance with regulations and overall adherence to Massachusetts strict gaming standards.

"As Encore Boston Harbor gets ready to open to the public, the MGC is focused on ensuring that our policies and procedures protect the integrity of the gaming industry and safeguards fair play for patrons," said MGC Chair Cathy Judd-Stein. "I commend the ongoing dedication of MGC's IEB and ITSD staff for their commitment to the highest standards of regulatory com-

pliance." Slot machine payouts are determined by software (random number generators) and each machine is mandated by Commission regulation to have a minimum theoretical payout of 80 percent over the

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Mayor DeMaria: Resort came down to a plan and determined discussions

By Seth Daniel

To really trace back the roots of landing the Encore Boston Harbor casino in Everett requires a trip far beyond the local casino vote or even the arrival of the Wynn company to tour the Lower Broadway site, according to Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

In fact, DeMaria said on Tuesday morning that the birth of the casino came in conversation with former state it and that started the Lower Secretary Dan O'Connell.

"We were bantering back and forth and I was asking him about Mayor McGlynn getting \$10 million for a parking garage and Mayor Curtatone got the Green Line Extension," he said. "I asked him when Everett was going to get something. He told me we had to have a shovel ready plan. He said we needed a Master Plan. I didn't know much about Master Plans. There's no manual on how to 2010 when he was having a be a mayor. So I learned about

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Valedictorian hopes to mix medicine, philosophy as a doctor

By Seth Daniel

As soon as Everett High Valedictorian Vicki Do learned what it was to be a valediction, she wanted that honor.

The Everett High School top student this year - who graduated with her class on Weds., June 12, at Everett Memorial Stadium - said she learned what 'valedictorian' meant in 8th grade and strived for the honor ever since.

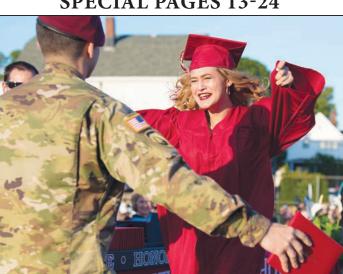
"Actually, when I was in 8th grade and I heard about the valedictorian and found out what it was about - I want-

ed that," she said in an interview with the Independent. "I worked hard for it. I was first in middle school. That helped prepare me to work hard to get number one now. It was more a feeling of accomplishment when I learned I was a valedictorian."

Do, 18, had parents that immigrated from Vietnam, but she was born in Everett and has attended Everett Public Schools her whole career. She went to the Lafayette K-8 School, and then on to Everett High.

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Justin Rodriguez made a surprise visit home from the military as his sister, Jaya Morales, walked across the stage to graduate from Everett High School on Wednesday, June 12, in Everett Memorial Stadium. Nearly 500 graduates crossed the stage to get their diplomas from the Class of 2019.

Father's Fight: Norland Martinez made a decision to become a father

By Seth Daniel

The idea of being a caring, guiding father figure to a son was the last thing on the mind of Norland Martinez years ago when he was growing up in Everett, and through tough circumstances, found himself living in a motel and dealing drugs in order to get by.

He was just 14.

But the news from his girlfriend at that same time that she was pregnant changed his life forever, and through tough perseverance and the help of the Healthy Families program, the 15-year-old teenager learned to be a father to his son while living in a stable foster home.

"It was May 2008 and I decided I was going to stop dealing drugs and do something with my life," he said. "I wanted to be a good father to my son. I was on my own in Everett at 14 and I wanted out. I think I got to that point a couple of times during the six months I was living like that, but I didn't know how to approach it."

Nowadays, Martinez is a

25-year-old successful father who has moved out of Everett recently, but frequently returns to visit friends and family. Working for a software company, it's a long cry from the days he spent in a foster home from ages 15-18 caring for his son and taking classes from Healthy Families.

"They taught you a lot of the basic things like when to give them milk and the things a baby needs," he said. "My son was a later speaker too and he was also very shy around people. We worked a lot on getting him to talk...I was just 15 when I started that program, but I considered it a challenge. It was doing what I had to do and so I did it."

They also taught him how important it was to have a structure in the house, and he implemented that in his foster home when his son came for visits. It's a lesson he maintains to this day with his son, Jayden – who is 10 now.

"The older my son got the more the dad role is impactful and important," he said. "The role of being a father is one I cherish. I absolutely love it."

However, it wasn't a role he saw strongly in his own

Growing up in Everett and Revere, Martinez said his mother was rough and it was a tough childhood. By 12, he had moved from Everett, but kept running away to come back to the city. After doing that so many times, that's when he found himself trying to support himself in a motel by selling drugs.

He said it wasn't something he was cut out for, but he was scared to come forward and tell authorities he was on the

He said in those days he loved to ride his bike around Everett, and he often took long bike rides from the city to other places. One night, he said he decided to ride all the way from Everett to Law-

Halfway there, in Reading, he stopped for a rest.

Someone had noticed him and called the police.

Once on the scene, officers were suspicious that he was the same Norland Martinez who had run away from state custody. However, they didn't push the issue and were ready to let him go.

Yet it was at that point that Martinez said he made the decision to come clean, get his life together, and try to be a father to his son that was on the way.

night "That was a game-changer," he said. 'That's when I felt I could get out right there. It felt good, but when I think about it, it is crazy. To think 11 years ago I was dealing drugs in Everett as a teen-ager. Today, I'm working for a medical software company."

Martinez said he's not sure what would have happened to Jay had he not made the changes to his life, and had there not been a program like Healthy Families. What he does know is that instead of grief or sadness this past Sunday on Father's Day, it was a celebration for he and his family.

"I was so blessed nothing bad happened to me," he said. "There was an angel watching me all the time. I now have a great job and a great family,

Norland Martinez, now 25, with his 10-year-old son Jay enjoying a day at the park. It might not have been so happy had the 14-year-old Everett youth not decided to change his life in 2008 and seek help from the Healthy Families program to find out how to raise a son. Last weekend, on Father's Day, Martinez celebrated and remembered how far things have come for him on his fatherhood journey.

close.'

A recent study by Tufts University that was just published by the American Journal of Public Health found that the Healthy Families program reduced second reports of child abuse among participants by 32 percent,

and my son Jay and I are so reduced homelessness and dependence on cash assistance, increased parent's employment, decreased parent's emergency room use, reduced maternal depression, and increased children's executive functioning. There is federal money that helps support the program so it only costs the state \$500 per family.

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to those meetings. So today I couldn't be more delighted because Encore did what they said they would do. Who does that today? Nobody."

Robin Brickley could hardly talk about the journey without coming to tears - and as she remembered the Robo-Calls and being a block captain - tears of joy rolled down her cheeks.

"No one understands everything we went through to get this in Everett," she said. "To see it all happen for real tonight is so emotional for me. When I came in I just wanted to cry. That this happened is crazy. I've been here since the beginning of Everett United. I did the Robo-Calls and flyered the neighborhoods and was on the commercials. It's a first rate operation and it's in Everett. I'm very proud to say

Charles DiPerri was one of the key members who spoke about swimming in the Mystic River as a boy near the casino site, and how toxic that was and just how many people down The Line he knew that died of cancer. His dream was to see the waterfront open and thriving – and he did that Monday night. In fact, word was that a small plaque had been placed in his honor to memorialize his days of swimming in the "dirty water."

"I can't believe this is the same space I've known all my life," he said. "It's unbelievable. Lower Broadway didn't look like anything until six or seven years ago. It's become like a complete wonderland now. Everett used to be called the 'Jewel on the Hill' and now it's going to be the 'Jewel on Lower Broadway."

Eddie and Jackie Lucas were also in attendance, and they were some of the earliest supporters - even though that support meant losing the house they called home for 39

Lucas was one of the first to come on board from Lower Broadway, going to neighbors and convincing them it was the right move. Eventually, Encore bought his home and tore it down to make way for the project, but he and his wife said it was for the greater good – and they stayed in Everett.

"For us it was bittersweet because they did buy us out," said Lucas. "We supported it from the beginning. They took our house, but now we live in the Woodlawn area and we're so excited for this project...I had the butterflies in my stomach all day Monday knowing I was going to finally come in and see the real thing. It's surreal to be here and hard to believe its seven years later and we're standing here."

Encore's John Tocco spoke to the crowd and congratulated them on all of their hard work to bring the project to opening whether that was protesting at Boston City Hall, going to endless Gaming Commission meetings, rallying neighbors for the 2012 vote and bearing with them through all the ups and downs in the last 18 months.

"Seven years later we are here celebrating all your hard work and dedication," he said. "This has had its ups and downs and middle of the road times too, but you've showed up for everything. You've showed up to protest at Boston City Hall...You have all been relentless. It's because of all of you we are here this evening...Tonight I raise a toast to our slogan and to the future, saying 'It's our time!""

He added that there are more than 600 Everett em-



Eddie and Jackie Lucas with Encore President Bob DeSalvio.



Everett's Jim Sachetta and the Swingers - all from Everett made history on Monday night during the pre-opening Everett United party as the first musical act to ever play in Encore **Boston Harbor.**

ployees now working at the resort, and that Encore now employs a little more than 2 percent of the Everett workforce. There are still more than 800 positions open as well, he said.

Encore President Bob De-Salvio said it was a magical moment to spend with the Everett United group on the first soft opening night.

"For us to be able to celebrate on the first preview day with Everett United is so rewarding," he said. "They've been here with us every step of the way. The project wouldn't have happened without their level of continued support. It's something we will never forget as an organization."

The evening concluded with charity gaming for mem-



The Swingers played brilliantly on Monday as the first band ever to play at Encore.

bers of Everett United on the new gaming floor, as well as dinner and other benefits at the restaurants and establishments in the resort.

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DeMaria says with opening, he has pivoted focus toward transportation Inspection // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

By Seth Daniel

The 'wow' factor has barely set in at the Encore Boston Harbor resort for Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and already he is shifting his focus to yet another risky dream – a major shift in transportation thinking.

"My focus now is entirely on transportation planning, figuring out how I'm going to move people from Everett to Boston," he said.

This week, DeMaria said with the opening of Encore he has started to shift his thinking towards revolutionizing transportation in Everett and those early plans include a massive Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) investment and, potentially, closing off Broadway to personal vehicles.

"I want to get that BRT here," he said. "I want to see it going from Glendale Square to Rutherford Avenue and connecting with North Station. I'm going to shut down traffic on Broadway and create walkable neighborhoods and people cutting through from Rt. 1 will have to go elsewhere...People will think I'm nuts and crazy, but it will take some time to work it out. However, if you put a reliable, frequent BRT system in, it's like a train running down Broadway. It's a plan. I'm not building a city for outsiders, but for residents. Having a frequent and reliable BRT in the heart of our city allows developers to have more flexibility to build denser and create more affordable housing.

"I want to bring back the days when you walked to the small flower shops, the cheese shop, the butcher and the wine shop," he continued. "I want the small farm stands back in the downtown. You don't need a car to drive to the supermarket. That's the vision I have and I'm going to get it done. If people sit down with me and I can explain the vision to them, I think they'll like what I want to do here."

The BRT system DeMaria is talking up comes from a study put out by ITDP and the Barr Foundation. That plan has already seriously contemplated a center lane BRT service on Lower Broadway where the new median now

He hopes that Boston Mayor Martin Walsh will also consider implementing that same plan on Rutherford Avenue in Charlestown so that there is

Encore to present plans for second development on Lower Broadway soon

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said this week that he expects Encore Boston Harbor to present plans for a second development on the interim parking lot at Lower Broadway very

"Rumor has it that they'll be coming to me with some new, conceptual plans for the continued development of Lower Broadway," he said. "The more they do there, the more the create a district. The Seaport in Boston started with one building and spread out. If you look at the Boston Market Terminal and Island End, take 10 to 20 to 30 years that whole Rt. 16/Rt. 99 and Island End areas will be fully changed."

Encore has made it no secret that they plan to develop a large hotel and entertainment venue on what is now a temporary parking lot operated by the City. That lot is only allowed for three years, and time is now of the essence, said

"They have a tight timeline and a three-year window on that lot on Lower Broadway," he said. "They're not going to leave it as a parking lot."

an uninterrupted connection to North Station.

"The design on that will be complete in a year or so and go into construction in 2022," he said.

He said his vision includes bringing that service all the way up Broadway and to Glendale Square – with the idea of closing off Broadway to personal vehicles figuring in with that.

That is all part of an overall plan, he said, to help Everett residents get to Boston and Encore without having to use a car. Whether it's a bicycle, by foot or on a BRT, he said his goal now is to revolutionize how Everettites get around.

his vision, he said he believes Everett could be a nationwide model for how a modern city can move people without the ills of traffic and transportation slowing things down.

If the people agree with

cycle of the game.

Table games, including all corresponding equipment, must also be thoroughly inspected to insure the integrity and fairness of each and every game. Every game is inspected by the IEB prior to the casino opening and then routinely inspected moving forward.

MGC staff, including its gaming agents, focus on the following areas to verify game integrity and compliance:

SHIPPING: MGC must be provided prior notice of every slot machine that is shipped or transported to Massachusetts, including information about each slot machine and its software.

TESTING: In addition to testing by independent test labs, MGC staff verifies and validates that the slots machines on the gaming floor, and its respective software, are operating properly and in compliance with Massachusetts regulations.

MONITORING: MGC utilizes a central control computer system to monitor all EGD's. MGC requires every slot machine to be connected to MGC's Central Monitoring System. This 24/7 state-of-the-art monitoring system provides MGC with immediate access to each slot machine to ensure the integrity of the machine, help detect potential instances of mon-

ey laundering, and to ensure proper collection of state tax-

REVENUE: Before the gaming revenue is counted at the gaming establishment, MGC, through its Central Monitoring System, is able to quickly assess anticipated dollars which it then verifies with the casino's slot monitoring system (SMS) computation. A hand count is then performed by casino staff resulting in essentially a triple audit on every slot machine. The triple count will ensure the integrity of the EGD and the amount of revenue generated. Table game revenue is also closely monitored to ensure compliance with internal controls.

AUDITS: MGC staff will routinely review and audit payouts from slot machines to confirm that the amount of money returned to players are consistent with approved programs.

SURVEILLANCE: Each gaming establishment is required to install state-of-theart surveillance and security systems. Surveillance will be performed 24/7/365 by the casino and the MGC staff. This sophisticated surveillance system is a critical tool for ensuring compliance and also assists greatly with overall public safety and security considerations.

Three Encore water shuttles expected to run regular route on opening day

By Seth Daniel

There's never needed to be a dockmaster for any of Everett's waterfront for the past 100 years, but Encore's Jay Larcome is going to be a very valuable asset to the docks and waterways around Everett in the coming months.

Larcome is Encore's first Dockmaster, and is responsible primarily for managing the dock staff and making sure the four Encore water shuttles are on time and in working condition.

"My primary job is to make sure the water shuttle is running on time and welcoming people on and off the water shuttle – getting them on the dock and pointed in the right direction," he said.

He said right now they believe they will have three of the four water shuttles operating on opening day, June 23.

He said that while Bay State Cruise Lines would captain and operate the water shuttles, he has a crew of four full-time staffers on the dock and one extra helper. There are also two seasonal workers during the summer boating season that will be on his staff as

"I think it's very exciting to see the water transportation side of Encore," he said. "It's something like I haven't ever seen in Boston. It will be exciting to see it come together. We've got great folks working the docks and we're really excited about the water transportation side of the development."

Larcome has a long history of working in security and the boating world.

He worked for 25 years as a police officer for Newburyport Police Department, retiring in 1998. For several years,

already having his Master's Captain License, he transported yachts from Florida to the Bahamas to New England. After that, he began working for Chuck and Ann Lagasse at a 500-slip marina in Newburyport. Eventually he transferred to the Lagasse's Charlestown Marina operation just down the river from Encore.

For the last three years, he has been launching the Lagasse's new Provincetown marina operation.

At Encore, he said that the larger 250-foot mega yachts would not be able to come into Encore, and they would probably have their passengers transfer to smaller boats at the Inner Harbor. Those boats would then drop off people at the Encore docks.

He said they are approved for touch-and-go dock operations, so no one can come in and "park" their boat. They

can stay for five or 10 minutes to pick up and drop off passengers. Likewise, there will be no anchoring in the Encore inlet or the Mystic River. That, he said, would be patrolled by Everett Police in their new Harbormaster boat.

His staff, however, will be on the docks 24/7 to welcome passengers to the touch-andgo in private boats.

He said he is very excited for the opening day, and the coming months after as the full water program digs in.

"It's a touch and go situation for the time being because this is a small piece of the bigger puzzle. As the days go on, the puzzle will fill out and we'll offer more amenities. We're going to keep it simple at the beginning and just get our feet wet and not try to go overboard," he concluded with a laugh.

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that day, with officers from the State Police, Everett Po-Police and Chelsea Police on forced overtime to monitor the streets into and out of the Encore casino area.

Transportation executives for Encore, the MBTA and law enforcement agencies have been meeting for several months to coordinate the opening period plan. That plan is flexible, and executives said that if there needs to be a change in routing vehicles, they will be able to do

that on the fly. The casino will be stressing the use of its shuttle from

Wellington and Malden Center Stations, as well as the lice, Boston Police, Medford Neighborhood Runner in Everett/Chelsea and the water shuttles in the Harbor. For those coming from long distances, the Encore buses are the preferred option, with depots north, south and west of

Greater Boston. Parking on site at Encore is \$22 for six hours, \$42 for 24 hours, and \$49 for 24-hour valet parking. As part of the special grand opening offer, Red Card holders can use one COMPDOLLAR to pay for onsite parking.

Encore Facts and Fun: Tidbits to know about Encore on opening day

By Seth Daniel and Lauren Bennett

CAROUSEL AT FRONT •The carousel in the front atrium is a jaw-dropping centerpiece to the front door of the building, framed in glass

on three sides and having the waterfront in the background. The carousel feature is fully made out of flowers and is the largest such design attempted by any Wynn resort.

Communications Director Michael Weaver said it is larger than a similar flower carousel that exists on a Wynn property in Las Vegas. The majestic, colorful flower sculpture is punctuated in the back with sweeping curved escalators - specially made for Encore Boston Harbor and at an incredible expense compared to the traditional escalators.

SELFIE SPOT: POPEYE VS. CAROUSEL

•There is still a great debate within the Encore staff as to where guests will most likely take the majority of their selfies on the resort.

Certainly the Popeye statue in the corridor headed to the function facilities is a good guess, but many believe that in Boston the hit will be the central flower carousel.

"In Las Vegas it was certainly Popeye because Las Vegas has a tremendous amount of international visitors and Popeye is such a classic American icon," said Michael Weaver of Wynn Resorts. "I am sure there are many picture albums in England, Spain and France with a family member in a picture flexing with Popeye...Here, I

think Popeye will have a lot utes, \$45 of competition for selfies with

the carousel. The carousel at Encore Boston Harbor is larger and more elaborate than the one in Las Vegas. So Popeye has his work cut out for him

in Boston."

COMFORT FROM BED •The in-room controls for Encore Boston Harbor are some of the most technologically advanced systems in any Wynn property on Earth. The rooms use voice activation commands and also allow one to control virtually everything by an iPad stationed at the side of the bed.

With the iPad, one can control the temperature, the drapes in every room, the do not disturb sign on the door and even order room service. And all that without having to leave the comfort of the 507-thread-count sheets.

RED CARD SPECIALS •Red Card holders will be treated to several different specials throughout the weekend. Already, those selected Red Card members were able to attend the pre-opening "Play Days" this week. However, other specials like parking onsite will be available.

SERVICES ON SITE

• A sampling of the services offered at The Salon at

Encore: Women's Design Style—from \$75

Men's Design & Style from \$55 Updo or Formal Styling—

from \$125 Signature Color Service from \$150

Classic Manicure - 40 min-

Classic Pedicure - 55 minutes, \$75 •A sampling of the services

offered at The Spa at Encore Boston Harbor Custom Massage - 80/95

minutes, \$210/\$250 Monday-Thursday; \$230/275 Friday-Sunday & Holidays Custom Made Facial 50 minutes, \$235 Mon-

day-Thursday; \$260 Fri-

day-Sunday & Holidays. •Body Treatments: Espresso Mud Detoxifying Body Treatment, Moisture Drench Skin Conditioning Treatment - 50 minutes, \$195

Monday-Thursday; \$215 Fri-

day-Sunday & Holidays. •Fitness:

Personal Training 30/60 Minutes, \$85/\$125 60 Minute Duo, \$200

SHOPS ON SITE

•The Drugstore: selling items like snacks, sandwiches, refreshments, sundries, toiletries, wine, beer, and cigars

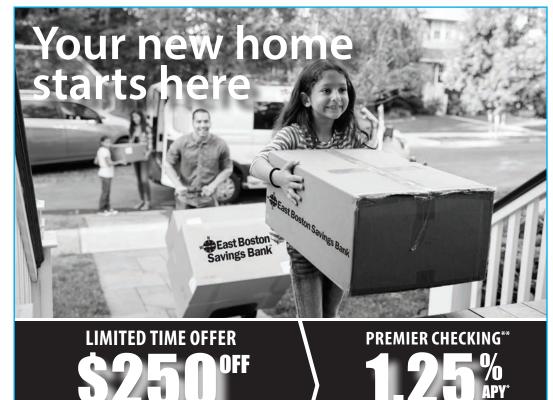
•The Wynn Collection: Selection of women's designer clothing from desires like Victoria Beckkham, Jason Wu, Yigal Azourel, Jimmy Choo, and Monolo Blahnik.

•Wynn Beauty: Selection of fragrance, cosmetics, haircare, and skincare products.

•Watches of Switzerland: Selection of men's and women's watches from Hublot, IWX Shaffhausen, Omega,

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ANOTHER SAD SIGN OF THE TIMES

The news that North American right whales -- considered to be the second-most endangered marine mammal in the world -- have been migrating further north into Canada in just the past two years because of a shift in their traditional feeding grounds that has been brought about by warming waters in the eastern part of the Gulf of Maine is yet another indication of the direct and indirect consequences of climate change and global warm-

The situation is this: Water temperatures in the eastern Gulf of Maine have warmed more than just about any body of water on the planet thanks to a shift in ocean current patterns that have been caused by the loss of sea ice in the Arctic.

As a result of the warmer water temperatures in the eastern Gulf, the population of the copepod Calanus finmarchicus, a tiny flealike creature that hibernates in deep water over the winter and comes to the surface in the summer, where it then becomes food for the right whales (who scoop them up by the millions with their sieve-like baleen), has declined by 90 percent.

This has forced the right whales to move further north into the St. Lawrence Seaway in pursuit of the copepods.

However, unlike in the Gulf of Maine, where regulations have been in effect for decades to protect the right whales from ship-strikes and the effects of lobster and fishing gear, no similar regulations existed in the St. Lawrence Seaway until just this past year -- but only after more right whales were killed in 2017 than in any previous year by ships and netting.

The Canadian government finally imposed regulations designed to protect the whales and now is monitoring the right whales by air in order to provide virtually around-the-clock surveillance of these wonderful creatures. As a result, there were few reported deaths in 2018.

However, taking such steps is doing nothing more than applying the proverbial band-aid to just one of the many adverse effects caused by the overall problem of climate change.

The change in the right whales' migration patterns is just another nail in the coffin of these animals, whose total population numbers around just 400. It is thought that unless something miraculous occurs, the North American right whale will become extinct within 20 years -- and even that might be optimis-

rapid increase in climate change that is accelerating at a rate far faster than even the most-dire warnings had predicted.

The No. American right whales are the proverbial canary in the coal mine for every living creature on the planet. Their migration in the pursuit of food mirrors what is happening across the earth, not only in the animal world, but for humans as well. This is why the U.S. military views climate change not only as a direct threat to our naval bases because of rising ocean levels, but also as the gravest threat to world peace in the coming decades because of instability in regions of the world from where hundreds of millions of people will be forced to migrate in order

Scientists tells us that the window of opportunity to stop global warming and climate change is closing with every passing day because of the refusal of governments to take the steps necessary to save the planet as we know it.

It already may be too late to save the North American right whale from extinction. We can only hope that we still have a chance to save us from ourselves.

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GUEST OP-ED

What a roller coaster the past seven years have been

By Mike McLaughlin

I will never forget that cold Monday night in November of 2012 as I walked out onto the sidewalk of City Hall to talk with our Fire Department, who was picketing out front at the time. I would never imagine what was going to lay in front of me at that point. A reporter from Fox 25 News greeted me and told me how an individual by the name of Steve Wynn would be coming to our community later that week to view a site on Lower Broadway for potential development for the Region A casino license.

I had never heard of Steve Wynn and absolutely knew nothing about a casino at that point. I remember doing an interview with Fox 25 that evening and I still remember how nervous and anxious I felt. In the coming days leading up to Steve Wynn's visit with the mayor, I quickly did as much homework as I could to understand what a casino would mean for our community. After speaking with my dearest friend, Anthony DeInnocentis, and hundreds of residents, Mayor Carlo DeMaria quickly opened the door of communication with the members of the elected body. He held small group meetings with several Councilor's to explain to them about his meeting with Steve

Wynn and what this potential Commonwealth of Massachucasino could mean for our community. I hesitated at first to get on board until I understood fully what this project could mean for the residents of our community. After understanding the benefits that it would bring through Economic Development, Taxes, Jobs and putting Everett back on the map, I quickly committed to doing all I could to see this project become successful. I did not just sit on the sidelines and wait to see how this would play out; I quickly rolled up my sleeves and got to work hearing immediately about this group called Everett United that was formed to help lead the ballot initiative City-wide.

I knew this was an opportunity for me to get actively involved and make a change for our community. I spent the next several months going door-to-door talking with thousands of our residents on a daily basis about why I believed this was right for Everett and what it could mean for them in their quality of life. Along with Councilors Anthony DiPierro, John Hanlon, School Committeeman Frank Parker and former Councilor Mike Mangan, we helped lead the path at times daily, as volunteers helping bring the most positive and unquestioned greatest opportunity not only for Everett, but also that the setts has seen. Encore Boston Harbor is the most successful signal phase construction project we have seen ever in this state. Encore Boston Harbor has changed the face of Everett and Greater Boston forever as we know it. The opportunities it brought with it has helped change the lives of the people who are my bosses - the residents of Everett. It has absolutely come with its ups and downs - that is for sure - and there are more of those to come I am positive.

It brought a group of volto work for one common goal and that was to help bring better days for our community one household and business at a time. I couldn't be more proud to say since very early on, I was a supporter of this project and a founding member of Everett United.

We have seen so much happen since that time.

So many changes, and some sadness in the passing of some of our core supporters and friends. We have seen Everett change before our eyes and most definitely we've seen Encore change. After countless meetings, news interviews, events, two ballot questions (not only in our community but a Statewide ballot initiative), Encore Boston Harbor has crossed the final hurdles and this brings us

both the House of Represen-

bridges, and public transpor-

tation is critical for the City

of Everett, especially with

the increase of visitors due to

the opening of the Casino,"

said Rep. McGonagle. "This

transportation funding bill

proud the Legislature is tak-

ing action."

"Investment in our roads,

tatives and the Senate.

all to the week we have waited so long for and that's opening week of this amazing \$2.6 billion resort.

I had so often thought about what this week would look like for our community, Everett United, my friends and family and myself. I had hoped we as a community would be celebrating as a whole. I am proud of the focus, effort and determination that I had the opportunity to provide to see this development become a reality. Still fully understanding that we have issues lingering regarding parking unteers from Everett together and traffic, I'm 100 percent committed to continuing to work with our elected leaders, residents and business owners across the community to continue to usher in success and resolve issues as they arise. Sunday, June 23, is the opening of Encore Boston Harbor, but it is absolutely the day of the greatest change our city has ever seen. This being said, contrary to the popular belief, it is just the beginning. It is an honor for me to be the local city councilor and to continue to work closely through my relationships with Encore Boston Harbor to be a voice for the residents and business owners as we enter this new chapter in Everett's History.

> Mike McLaughlin is the Ward 6 Councilor

McGonagle and State House colleagues pass \$1.9 billion transportation funding bill

Rep. Joe McGonagle, along with his colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature passed a House Bill 69, authorizing \$200 million for Chapter 90 funding to help municipalities complete road, bridge and infrastructure improvement projects. The bill also includes \$1.5 billion for highway projects and \$200 million for rail projects at the Massachusetts Department

of Transportation. Thanks to the bill, Everett will receive \$636,592 in Chapter 90 funding, in addition to \$18,113,520 for the reconstruction of key roads.

Since 1973, the Chapter 90 program has allocated funding annually to reimburse cities and towns throughout Massachusetts for qualifying infrastructure work. H.69 was unanimously supported by

will enable Everett to have more resources to help alleviate traffic. I know it's an issue -- and everyday I see it. I'm

> As a member of the Joint Committee on Transportation, McGonagle will continue to be a strong advocate for improving the safety and efficiency of roads, bridges, trains, and motor vehicles.

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop), said, "Not only will these funds provide critical resources to

cities and towns across the Commonwealth and fortify larger regional transportation projects, they will create jobs and spur economic growth." He added, "These investments support our vibrant economy by improving our transportation infrastructure."

On June 6, Governor Charlie Baker signed H.69 into

Representative Joe McGonagle is in his third term as State Representative for the 28th Middlesex District, Everett. He serves as the Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing and sits on the Joint Committee on Transportation and the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing.

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Revolution Axe to open to the public June 27, ribbon cutting June 26

By Seth Daniel

At long last, the axis of axes will land its tip in Everett.

Revolution Axe Throwing announced this week that it would be opening to the public on June 27 in the Fermentation District next to SkyZone – with the build out on the location now complete and ready for business.

"Obviously we had some delays and obstacles," said co-owner Greg DiLullo of Revolution, which first proposed their business in 2017. " It took time and we wanted to make sure it was right and we were ready. We really transformed the location into a place that really works and has a great vibe to it that we're really excited about... Our timeline now is we have

the City coming in for a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 26th...After that, we'll have our grand opening weekend. We plan to open our doors to the public on June 27 through June 30."

Axe throwing is a very popular past-time these days, and was popularized in Canada many years ago as a backyard game. Since then, it has become a popular game at axe throwing galleries in the U.S., with Revolution being one of the first to open in the Greater Boston area. It is set up much like a bowling alley, but with protective cages, and DiLullo said there would be coaches with every group to help with safety and technique.

There are 10 targets at Revolution in five bays, and they can handle five groups at a time. Each group is comprised of six to 12 people. The costs are a lot of axe throwing placwould be \$45 per person for two hours of throwing. It is an age 18-plus operation.

The plan for the gallery emerged in 2017, but hit a snag with the License Board for some time due to the request for a beer and wine license. With such a new activity, alcohol and axes didn't immediately seem uniquely compatible.

However, after a great deal of conversation, License Commissioners did allow the license to go through, and Di-Lullo said they demonstrated that there is a tremendous safety record in the industry, even with alcohol being served.

"We have the industry standard cages," he said. "It's a full-cage layout. We are associated with the NATF. There es that pop up, but few are associated with NATF. That organization has 35 million axes thrown with no accidents."

DiLullo said the City has been wonderful in helping them along the way, and being accommodating to a new industry and a new type of

Already, DiLullo said they are working with Bone Up Brewery, and also with Village Bar & Grill for food options. In the future, DiLullo said they hope to have leagues for eight weeks at a time, and they also hope to have walk-in hours in the future.

"We have a really great staff ready to come in and teach people how to do this,' he said. "The space is beautiful, perfect for axe throwing and we're ready to go."



Pictured (above and below) Revolution Axe announced this week they are ready to open at their new location in the Air Force Road area next to SkyZone. The axe throwing gallery will serve beer and wine, and will open to the public June 27, with a City ribbon cutting ceremony on June 26.





BlueBike // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"When I went to Northeastern years ago, I often used to bike into town to go to classes," said DeMaria. "I could get there in 20 minutes. It's a great alternative and fast too. Our main goal is to take people out of cars and put them on Bus Rapid Transit and bikes so they can get from Everett to Boston. We couldn't do this without Encore Boston Harbor. They are a true partner every step of the way.'

DeSalvio said it was a proud moment and another partnership that will be successful with the City.

"I've been here five years and all through that time the mayor and his team have been pushing hard to get us to provide options other than guests coming and going in cars,' he said. "I'm excited to have



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Encore President Bob DeSalvio cut the ceremonial ribbon with representatives from several organizations on Monday in front of the Encore resort on Lower Broadway.

everything in the surrounding communities by bike."

Stacy Thompson of Livable

our guests get out and explore Streets said she remembers when BlueBikes - formerly HubWay - was founded in a corner of their office in Cambridge 14 years ago. No one was sure if it would work,

communities. However, until Monday, there had been no expansions for a few years. 'I have received calls from all over the nation asking me

she said, but it caught on in

Boston and expanded to other

if we know the people from Everett," she said. "I have sent people here from Los Angeles, Spain and Louisiana. Everett is a world leader. It isn't only about a bikeshare in Everett getting people to Boston. I'm excited to get on a bike and come to Everett because it's a great place to be. Everett is building an amazing transportation mosaic for human

As part of the launch, riders of BlueBikes can get \$1 rides all week through the BlueBike app. BlueBike also has an adventure pass for \$10 that lasts several hours.

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tours with meeting planners and people looking to book conventions. They are very interested. We are very optimistic about that part of the business."

Weaver said he felt that would be great for the com- nity.

munities surrounding Encore.

"People going to a convention will often add a day to the beginning or end of their stay so they can get in a little vacation time," he said. "That will bring people into the commu-

Vicki // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Now, she said, she'll be going to Tufts University this fall.

"Tufts was my top choice," she said. "First, the community there is incredibly unique. I went for student day and the atmosphere for the campus is so different. If you go to Tufts, students there will say it's like a whole different life."

Do has spent the last few years at Everett High in the Allied Health Professions Academy. She has done three rotations at CHA Everett and has gotten to see the real world of medicine - which has cemented her choice to become a doctor.

However, she doesn't want to just heal people, but she wants to do it with an understanding about them as a per-

"I'm hoping to major in biology and minor in philosophy," she said. "Biology because I want to become a doctor, but I pursue philosophy because there's a humanistic role doctors need to have when they're working with patients. It's not about healing only, but being empathetic and understanding people as

That goes right along with her love of the diversity and people of Everett and Everett High School.

Do said that the greatest strength of Everett is its diverse people.

"That is one of the most important aspects I see," she said. "A lot of people talk about it, but we interact with so many cultures and backgrounds. That an advantage in Everett we have other students in other school do not have. When vou go to college, you're so fresh and all the lessons from



Vicki Do was the valedictorian of the Class of 2019, and thanked the teachers from her past and present for making her the person she is today. "I am very happy with who I am at this moment - right now," she said.

high school help you in the future – being able to make new friends and relate to different people."

But all in all, Do said Everett Schools have shaped her into exactly who she wants to

"I am very emotional about leaving Everett because I've gone to school here the entirety of my life," she said. "There are so many great teachers I want to go back to and say thank you for everything they've done for me. They made me the person I am. If I had grown up in another city or town, I wouldn't be the same person. I am very happy with who I am at this moment - right now."

Do is the daughter of Quoc and Hue Do. She has a sister, Julie Do, her grandmother, Mai Nguyen, and her aunt,

Huong Do. She was one of nearly 500 students that graduated from EHS on June 12.

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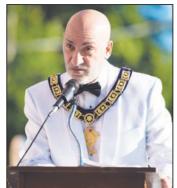
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THE SAUGUS/EVERETT ELKS RECOGNIZE FLAG DAY

The Saugus/Everett Elks recognized Flag Day on Friday evening, June 14, with a ceremony outside of their lodge. They reviewed the history of the American flag and its origins. The Everett High School Marching Band performed throughout the service.



Esquire Robert Visconti Jr. shared a thorough history on the American flag.



Leading Knight Phillip Mancini served as emcee.



Sue Palomba paid her respects to the flag.



Lloyd Sayles Jr. saluted the U.S. flag in Saugus on Flag Day.



Ava Doherty was joined by her grandmother Theresa at the Flag Day ceremony



Inner Guard Jerry Slater and Treasurer Juan Carlos Orozco honored the American Flag on Friday.



The Everett High School Marching Band performed patriotic music during Flag Day.



The Saugus/Everett Elks celebrated Flag Day on Friday evening at the lodge.



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THE MADELINE ENGLISH SCHOOL HOSTS ALL-ELEMENTARY OLYMPIAD

The Madeline English School hosted the All-Elementary Olympiad on Friday morning, June 14, welcoming kids from each Everett school to compete in relays, races, and hurdles. Middle school students enjoyed competing while their peers cheered them on.



Alison Pacas took part in the Olympiad obstacle for the Keverian.



Bryan Martinez-Portillo, from the Parlin, and Oscar Valle Rivera, from the Whittier, raced in the Olympiad on Friday morning.





Daniel Pierre raced in the 50-yard dash for the Keverian School.



Kaesta Sandy raced in the 50-yard dash for the Maddie English.



Middle Schoolers from the Lafayette School took part in the



Principal Michael McLucas and Principal Theresa Tringali cheered on their students, including Tiphenne Djomo and Geralisha Jacquet.



Parlin students visited the Madeline English School for the Olympiad on Friday

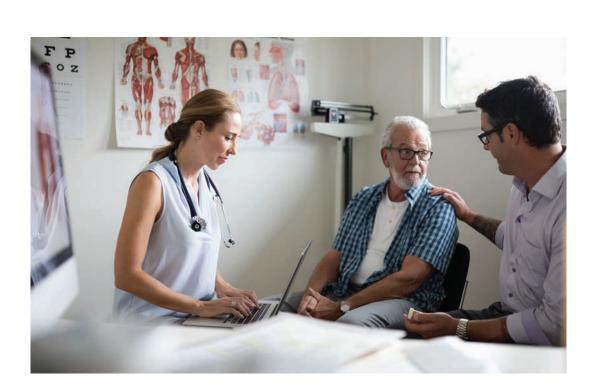


Tiphenne Djomo and Ferdolisa Guillaume enjoyed piggy backing at the Olympiad.

sometimes, the conversations you didn't know you needed end up being the most important.

Sephora Rubin competed in an obstacle course at the Madeline

English for her school.



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EHS CLASS OF 2019 SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

Everett High School celebrated scholarship night on Thursday evening, June 6. Graduating seniors receiving scholarships were honored during a ceremony in the auditorium.



Molly Solano was the recipient of the Antonio and Caterina DeVito Memorial Scholarship.



Withsyndie Paul was presented with the Anette Cadet Memorial Scholarship.



School Committee Members, Frank Parker and Marcony Almeida-Barros presented Naeela Bond with the disabled Veterans Camp Corp. Janet Connolly O'Neill Memorial Scholarship.



Tricia DiDomenico awarded Anh-Thu Tran and Anthony Trejo with the DiDomenico Foundation Scholarship.



Brian Giannello received the Brian R. Glinner Memorial Scholarship.



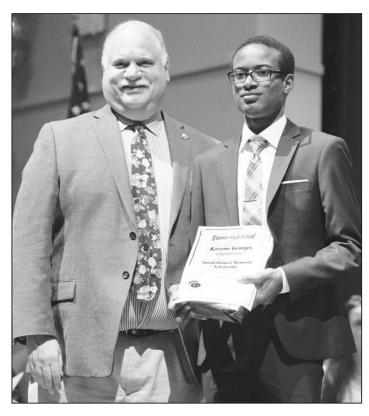
School Committeeman Lester MacLaughlin presented Tianna LaMonica with the Arthur H. MacKinnon Scholarship.



Vice Principal Christopher Barrett presented Mike Sainristil with the Amerino J. "Moody" Sarno Memorial Scholarship.



Giovanni Raduazzo received the Angelo & "Buddy" DiMott Memorial Scholarship.



Neil Plotnick presented Kervens Georges with the Arnold Plotnick Memorial Scholarship.



Tianna LaMonica revived the Carmen A. Schiavo Associates Scholarship.

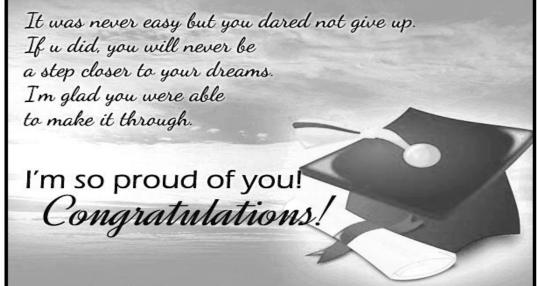


Erica Callinan was honored with the Brittany Ann Scalesse Memorial Scholarship.



Councilor John Hanlon presented Ava LaBella with the Daniel Joseph Hanlon Memorial Scholarship.





EHS CLASS OF 2019 SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT



Alicia Belluscio, Antonio Bonanno, and Carli Rizzuto received the Aramark Corporation Hospitality Scholarship.



Principal Erick Naumann offered his best wishes to the students.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle congratulated the scholarship recip-



Alicia Belluscio, Antonio Bonanno, and Carli Rizzuto received the Aramark Corporation Hospitality Juan Carlos Estrada was presented with the Erving & Josephine Shirley Memorial Scholarship. Scholarship.





Joshua Powers was honored with the Christopher Daniel Brienza, EHS Class of 2012 Scholarship.



Shayla Gravell and Kervens Georges were recipients of the Berberian Scholarship.



Seniors receiving scholarships lined the stage at Everett High School.



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Broadway Master Plan."

That Master Plan ushered in the groundwork that would eventually become a casino - with dozens of community meetings taking place with residents of Lower Broadway about their preferences, which happened to include a wish list of a marina, a hotel and maybe a resort.

It was a wish that came true. But it was a journey that was difficult, and marred by personal attacks, as the small city in the shadow of a major metropolitan center literally stole the gaming license from powerful people and entrenched interests.

"Getting the license was probably the same feeling my daughter had this week after winning their playoff softball game, or the feeling an athlete has after winning a championship," said the mayor. "The City of Everett took the license away from a lot of powerful people and they've been very vindictive – even with some of the false charges and claims they made. I'm still standing. Steve Tocco said it was going to be a knife fight. It didn't think it was going to be a machete fight. I give my wife a lot of credit. She always knew the truth.'

The Wynn folks entered the scene in 2012, and it happened quick and with a first phone call that the mayor said he didn't expect to blossom into a \$2.2 billion resort.

"Wynn had been unsuccessful in Foxboro and I had gotten calls from different operators that wanted tour the site, but I had no interest in them," he said. "Then I got a call from the late Bob Havern and Steve Tocco wanting to know about the site. I didn't know either one of them, but I acted like I knew them both. They said Steve Wynn had interest in the site. They said he had read about the urban renewal plan in the Herald. I heard the Wynn name and it was synonymous with beautiful resorts. If you ever go to Las Vegas, you know Wynn is known for beautiful resorts and not just gaming halls."

and the Wynn team arrived in he said. "You can sit around DeMaria's office on a Monday.

Wynn toured the site and like it, and wanted to move on it, DeMaria said.

Time was of the essence and informal talks began to move to formal talks. That's when DeMaria's wife, Stacy, suggested that the mayor start to bring the idea to the public.

Even DeMaria was skiddish at first, noting that he had proposed legislation as an alderman that would have outlawed gaming. He had been against such things, but this was a whole different oppor-

And it took him some time to convince others it was a good idea, he said. He was often a man alone on an island – aside from his wife – in the

"I remember holding 30 to 50 to 60 community meetings," he said. "I see some people who say they were for the casino from the beginning. Let put it this way, there weren't many elected officials or residents for this at all from the beginning. No many. Our staff did a great job of highlighting the host community agreement, the clean-up and the jobs.'

He recalled one big moment in a meeting at the Connolly Center that was a tipping point – where public opinion could fall off quickly or move to embrace the idea. He said he remembers Butch Fiorentino standing up and asking the crowd how anyone could be against such a once-in-a-life-

"He just changed the mood of the community and everyone began to change their tune," he said. "Then I began to address the concerns of the city and we did the robo-calls. There were parents with concerns and traffic was always a big thing. I talked to people

All of that led up to the June 2012 vote on a Saturday, and no one was sure how that vote might go.

DeMaria had requested the vote happen on a Saturday so everyone could have their voice heard and no one would be missed due to work obliga-

That gamble on the people paid off with an 86 percent 'yes' vote for the casino with a large turnout of nearly 10,000

It was a big win on a big risk, and this week DeMaria has been able to see the fruits of that hard work early in the process and throughout the years afterward.

"In politics, if you do any-That was on a Thursday, thing people will hate you,' in politics for a lifetime and do nothing and everyone will love you. The situation is if you put up a park that most people like, a few won't like it and they'll have their kids and families turn against you. That builds up over time if you do things. The last 12 years we've done so many good things. They people see that and they may not agree with everything I do, but they do recognize the city is better and more viable

Bread of Life Golf Tournament July 29

Bread of Life, a leading provider of free food to at-risk families and children in Greater Boston is hosting its annual Golf Tournament Monday, July 29th at Mt. Hood Golf Club in Melrose. Registration is 7AM, with 8AM tee time.

Proceeds from the tournament will enable Bread of Life to continue its mission of providing one million meals per year to at-risk, homeless and isolated families and children.

The \$150 golf fee includes golf with cart, complimentary gift bag and Dinner at the 19th Hole at Mt. Hood, including raffles and prizes. Dinner for non-golfers is \$25 per person. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available.

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Bread of Life (BOL) is a free food program based in Malden, MA, that serves the communities north of Boston with evening meals four nights a week, two food pantries, grocery delivery to senior citizens, and food delivery to homeless families sheltered in local motels. www.breadoflifemalden.org

Mazzie: Everett police are ready for opening of Encore casino/resort

By Cary Shuman

Everett Police Chief Steven Mazzie has a couple of exciting and interesting matters on his plate: His son, Nick, has been named one of the top placekickers in the country - and yes, the nation's most awe-inspiring casino/resort, the \$2.6 billion Encore Boston Harbor - is set to open in the city on Sunday.

Mazzie and his department have been planning in the areas of public safety, traffic, and transportation (local routes to the resort) for the past few years. Since February, 2019, Mazzie has attended bi-weekly meetings with Encore Boston Harbor officials and local and state public safety agencies.

But Sunday all that work and professional collaboration will be put to the test with tens of thousands of visitors expected in Encore's first week.

Encore Boston Harbor President Robert DeSalvio has stated at area informational meetings that the resort will have the most state-of-the-art hicular traffic expected in and technologically advanced security systems in place of any such facility in the nation. There will be security cameras covering every angle of the massive resort property.

Mazzie's department will work closely with a number of other agencies, including the Massachusetts State Police, the Boston Police, and the MBTA Transit Police.

Everett Police have been on the property every day during the construction phase and the pre-opening phase.

"On Sunday, there will be a much larger Everett police presence not only in and around the Encore Boston Harbor property, but there will be a contingent of our partners from Mass State Police, Boston Police, the Transit Police on the roadways coming in to the area from north and south and on any BTA properties," said Mazzie.

'We're going to be out in full force and that's going to start even before Encore opens on Sunday," he added.

In terms of the heavy ve-

Everett, the chief said Encore officials have done an excellent job "trying to reduce the number of people in vehicles on the roadways and make it as easy as possible to get to their destination."

Mazzie understands that the Encore casino/resort is an unprecedented happening for Massachusetts. Encore is actually the largest single-phase development in the history of New England.

"There's not a lot of places like this in densely populated areas, so they [Encore] have thought about that and I think they've put some really good thought in how to move people. They have a lot of shuttles from Malden Station, Wellington, Wonderland in Revere – the three shuttles from the Silver Line in Chelsea, the off-site parking at the RiverGreen, water taxis, and coach buses.'

As opening day arrives on Sunday, Mazzie said the Everett Police are ready – and they will assist in all phases of the public safety effort.

"We're going to have a police presence 24/7 on the property," said Mazzie. "We have a contingent of Everett officers assigned to the State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit. There's a large team that will be there policing that facility and they're going to be the first responders to any type of incident or call to service.

"We've been doing a lot of planning and working together trying to help make this opening go as smoothly as possible," said Mazzie.

The chief indicated that the department formerly protected Everett as "a four-sector city" but with the arrival of Encore Boston Harbor, the department has added a fifth sector beginning at Sweetser Circle south to the Charlestown border.

"There will be police officers from the operations division patrolling that area on a regular basis, handling the regular, day-to-day calls for service. Our traffic enforcement and community services units will also be on patrol there.'

Vincent // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

United. Everett residents voted overwhelmingly (87 percent) for the proposed re-

"The only word that I can describe this [Encore's opening in Everett] and do it justice is "magnificent," said Ragucci. "The entire resort from A to Z is impeccable. I've been in casinos around the world and this is the greatest."

Ragucci said the pre-opening Everett United reception generated much emotion from those fellow residents who worked side-by-side with him

in the organization.

"I saw tears of joy in their eyes," said Ragucci. "The enthusiasm they showed was absolutely, positively unbelievable.

Ragucci said he will be stationed at the entrance to Encore Boston Harbor. His official title is 'greeter.'

"Coming through the door, I can give people a comfort level and that's important,'

He said Encore Boston Harbor is "so much more than a casino."

"We have riverboats, an outdoor area that can seat hundreds of people – I look forward to the Everett High School band performing near the gazebo, local musicians performing – picnics. I see this facility being utilized by Everett people," said Ragucci. "There are so many things that Encore has to offer for the enjoyment of people."

Ragucci said he is excited about opening day on Sunday. He said Mayor DeMaria deserves credit for his vision for the city.

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"This is a five-star facility," said Ragucci. "When the mayor of Everett had his choice of companies (casinos) to come in to the city, he selected the very best - and Encore Boston Harbor in my opinion is the very best.'

And come Sunday at 10 a.m., Vincent Ragucci Jr., a lifelong Everett resident whom many friends affectionately call "Cousin Vinny" will be there at the front door, the first to welcome you in to Encore's 5-Star excellence.

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PUBLIC HEARING

To all parties interested in the public hearing NATIONAL GRID of North Andover, Massachusetts, that it desires to construct a line of underground electric conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter

The following are the streets and highways referred to:

Plan # 27953022 Chelsea St - National Grid to install (1-3") PVC conduit (+/- 7ft) from MH # B-738 onto the property at # 176-178 Chelsea St.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted permission to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary for the transmission of electricity, said underground conduits to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked:

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PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

108 and 112 Main Street **Application of Amandeep Dillion** Section 19. Business District (BD)

 Hearing for Site Plan Review, Section 19 – Amandeep **Dillion - Business District**

Pursuant to G.L Chapter 40A, Section 11, and Section 19 of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Speaker George Keverian Room, third floor, City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 to consider the above-listed applications in connection with the proposal to demolish and reconstruct a four-story six (6) unit townhouse on 6,141 square feet and associated infrastructure and appurtenances as shown on plans entitled "Site Development Plans – Main Street Residences for Amandeep Dillion, 112 Main Street, Everett, MA" (the "Site Plan") on a parcel shown on the Site Plan, being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor's Department as E0-05-000170 and E0-05-000171.

The application with narrative and the Site Plan were received on June 3, 2019. The plans are entitled "Site Development Plans -Main Street Residences for Amandeep Dillion, 112 Main Street, Everett, MA" were prepared by Anthony A. Esposito, P.E of Medford Engineering & Survey, 15 Hall Street, Medford, MA 02155 and prepared for Amandeep Dillion dated June 3, 2019. The application and narrative were also prepared by Anthony Esposito, P.E. dated

A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected during regular City Hall business hours. All persons interested or wishing to be heard on the proposal should appear at the time and place designated above. As items may be continued to later dates, please call the Department of Planning & Development at 617-394-2245 before attending.

Frederick Cafasso, Chairman June 19, 2019, June 26, 2019

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in a petition for the

adoption of said child

and to the Department

of Children and Families

A putative father will not have standing as a party to this case without a voluntary acknowledgment of parentage or an adjudication of paternity. A petition has been presented to said court by: Jennifer D'Amato and Anthony D'Amato, Jr. praying for leave to adopt said child. The petitioner(s) represents that the mother/father of the child lacks(s) the current ability, capacity, fitness and readiness to assume parental responsibility and that allowance of the petition is in the child's best interest. If the petition is allowed, all rights, duties and other legal consequences that exist between you and your child shall terminate pursuant to G.L. c.210, §§ 3(a), 6. You are hereby notified that a Pre-trial Conference will be

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St., Cambridge, M A 02141. The mailings shall be proved by Return of Service accompanied by the certified mail return receipts. The publication shall be proved by copies of the advertisements or tear sheets of the newspaper containing all three publications. Said Return of Service receipts and copies of the publications shall be filed with the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate. It is further ordered that notice of said proceeding be given by mailing by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department of Children and Families a copy of the foregoing citation at least fourteen days before the above return date and to the following persons. WITNESS, Hon. Jay D. Blitzman, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 06, 2019 Elizabeth Sheehy, Register of Probate

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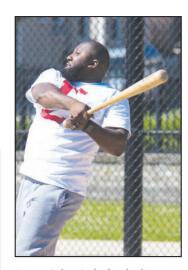
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Steve Celestin belted a hit at Glendale Park on Saturday.



Chris Miller played ball with colleagues from Everett High School.



Craig Hardy played with the Everett Fire Department.



Bryan DaSilva took part in the Strike Out Cancer Softball Tournament with the Everett Police team.



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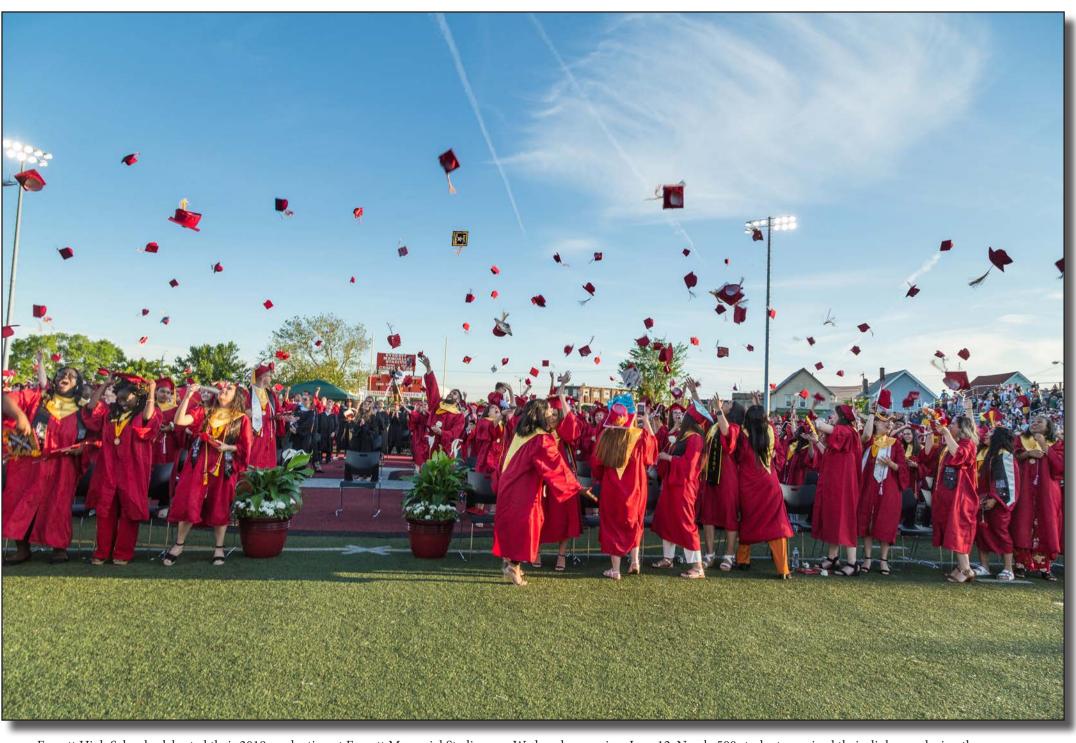
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Everett High School celebrated their 2019 graduation at Everett Memorial Stadium on Wednesday evening, June 12. Nearly 500 students received their diplomas during the ceremony.





Hundreds of 2019 graduates lined the field at Everett Memorial Stadium on Weds., June 12. Following the ceremony, graduates threw their caps in the air to celebrate the occasion.

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Alicia Belluscio was amongst students recognized for perfect attendance throughout high school.



Valedictorian Vicki Do incorporated playfully incorporated "SpongeBob SquarePants" into her heartfelt speech.



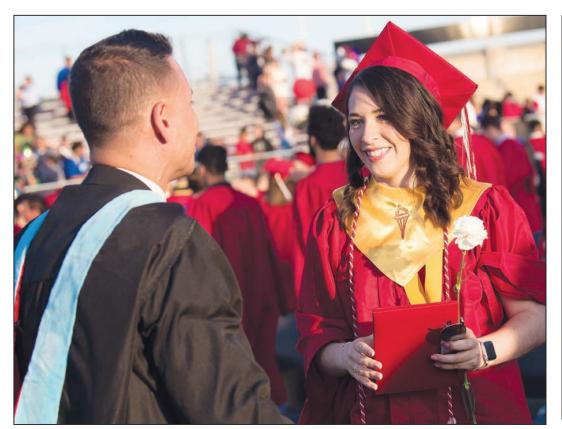
Salutatorian Steven Le spoke to his classmates during graduation on Wednesday.



Jerry DiPierro and Councilor Anthony DiPierro congratulated Sal DiPierro on his graduation.



Peter MacDonald showed off his Pride Month colors during the graduation ceremony.



School Committeeman Marcony Almeida-Barros congratulated Samantha Lambert on her graduation.



Ryan Czerwinski and Parker D'Andrea were amongst several students planning to join the military.



Students with decorated caps awaited their names being called as they made their way to the stage.

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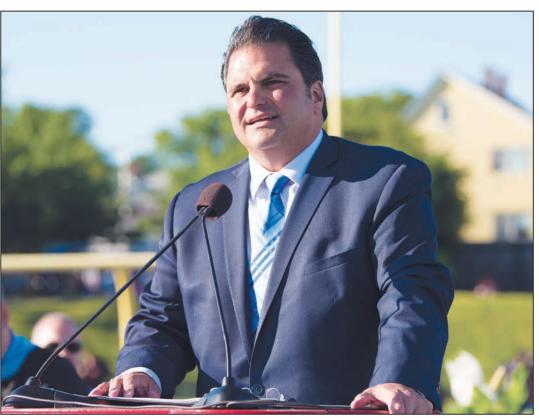
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 $\label{thm:congratulated} \textbf{Everett High School Principal Erick Naumann congratulated students on their graduation day.}$



Mayor Carlo DeMaria offered his well wishes to students on their future endeavors.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle praised Everett High School graduates.



Everett High Vice Principal Chris Barrett called the graduates to the stage.



 $Interim\,Superintendent\,Janice\,Gauthier\,offered\,words\,of\,wisdom\,to\,the\,new\,graduates.$



 ${\sf Sen.\,Sal\,DiDomenico\,congratulated\,the\,graduates\,at\,Everett\,Memorial\,Stadium.}$



Interim Superintendent Janice Gauthier, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and Stacy DeMaria sat on stage with elected officials during the ceremony.



Caroline DeMaria walked the stage where her proud parents, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Stacy, had the opportunity to congratulate her.

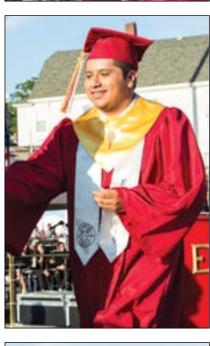






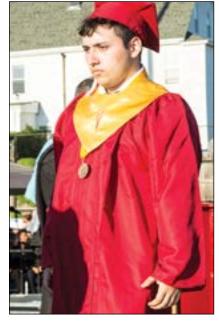




























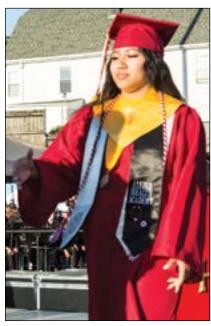




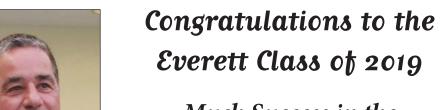












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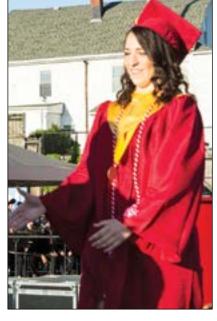
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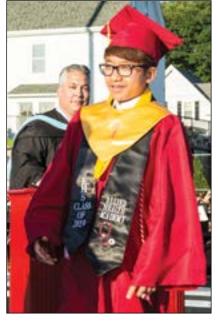


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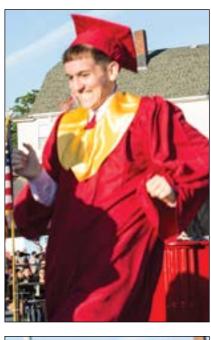
















































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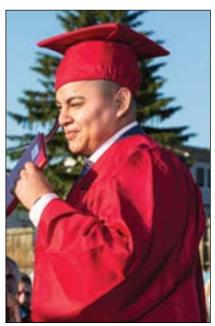


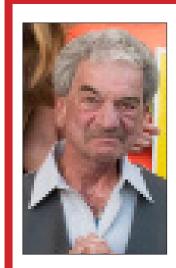












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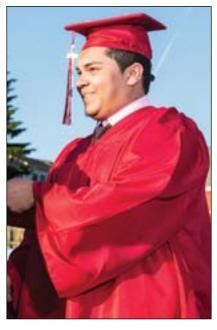




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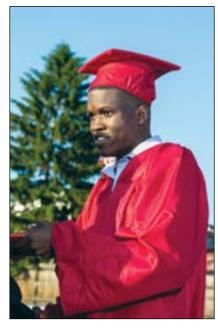




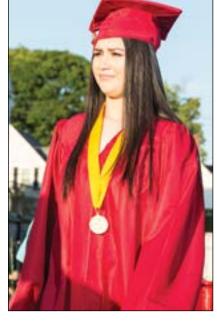


















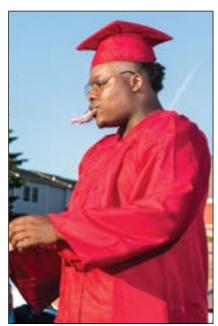














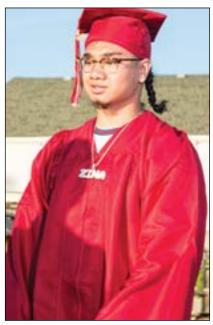














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