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Forestreire case continued to Oct. 2 in Malden Court

By Seth Daniel

Former Supt. Fred Forestreire had his first status conference in the criminal case against him continued on Thursday, Aug. 8, in a short request that will bump the first appearance out to Oct. 2.

Forestreire's attorney, Gerard Malone of Boston, requested of the judge on Aug. 5 that the matter be postponed until October. No reason was given for the continuance, but the case has been extremely quiet in the last few months as attorneys begin exchanging information.

The public file on the case is rather thin, and most of it has been sealed at the request of the victims – a request granted by the judge during Forestreire's arraignment last April.

There are no details in the file aside from the charging documents, and some minor requests for information gathering.

One interesting twist is the Assistant District Attorney (ADA) assigned to the case is veteran prosecutor Elizabeth Dunigan – who has been working major cases for the Middlesex DA for more than 20 years.

She was known locally for successfully prosecuting the case in 2015 where an Everett teen was found in an Appleton Street driveway raped, in a coma and suffering from hypothermia.

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EVERETT CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

Everett's smallest patrolman, Jayden Castetter, joined Everett Police for National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6, in Glendale Park. Scores of families and neighbors turned out for the annual safe streets celebration. Children won several prizes as well on the night. Right, and ecstatic Alexis Smith takes a spin on her new scooter during National Night Out. See page 8 for more photos.



Nine rejected

D'Onofrio disqualified from the ballot on signature challenge

By Seth Daniel

A formal challenge to the signatures on School Committeeman Bernie D'Onofrio's Nomination Papers Monday resulted in the disqualification of nine signatures by the Election Commission, which put D'Onofrio under the necessary limit of 250 and removed him from the ballot.

The unprecedented move, brought by School Committee candidate David Lindsey Jr., also eliminated the need for a Preliminary Election in September for School Committee.

"The total numbers of signatures certified by the Election Commission is 254 and we have nine signatures that have been rejected," said City Clerk Sergio Cornelio. "That gives us 245 signatures now and that would remove Mr. D'Onofrio from the ballot..."

We will remove Mr. D'Onofrio from the ballot. He is in the 3rd position on the ballot and so everyone will move up a spot. It also takes us from eight candidates to seven, which means there will be no trigger for a Preliminary Election on School Committee at-large."

Lindsey, who had gone

through a roller coaster process to challenge the signatures – a process where the City had made a mistake on the deadlines, said he was happy to see the process play out correctly and that the Commission made a fair judgment.

"I can say that I feel very proud to be an Everett citizen today," Lindsey said after the proceedings Monday at City Hall. "I feel that today objectivity was able to rein. I'm happy to see the process be carried out in an unbiased way. I look forward to earning the votes of Everett residents now."

D'Onofrio had served on the School Committee for eight years, being the chair last year. Before that, he had served two years.

He said he was not able to make the meeting, which started at 4 p.m., due to having to be at work in Bank of America until 7 p.m. He had asked for them to make the meeting later in the evening so he could be there, but he said they wouldn't budge on the time. That said, he indicated Tuesday morning that

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MR. BENNETT IS IN THE HOUSE



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS

World-famous vocalist Tony Bennett sang at Encore Boston Harbor on Thursday evening, Aug. 8, during a private event for exclusive Red Card holders. Bennett used the appearance at the new resort casino to help him celebrate his 93rd birthday, which was early last week. His daughter, Antonia, opened up for him. It was one of several private-invite shows that have and will continue to take place at Encore. See page 16 for more photos.

'I had to say it': Alzayer brings attention to border situation using Ducklings

By Seth Daniel

It took 117 feet of PVC piping, 100 feet of chicken wire, 22-gauge wiring and a whole lot of passion – and compassion – for local artist Karyn Alzayer to make a huge Boston statement about the situation at the Mexican/American border.

Alzayer, who is currently the chair of the Everett Cultural Commission, is the artist behind the unsolicited protest art that she unveiled recently on the 'Make Way for Ducklings' statue on the Public Gardens in Boston.

Alzayer, making a statement about how children are treated while being held at the border, built and placed cages around the Ducklings recently early one morning to show that Boston's most beloved babies would be in cages were

they to be on the border.

"It was around the Fourth of July and I was so infuriated because I couldn't understand how we could have fun while we have children in cages on the border," she said. "I'm so angry about that and I saw the Ducklings dressed up with Fourth of July bonnets and stuff. They could be in cages. They're Boston's famous immigrant family. If they were to come to the country right now, they would be in cages. I knew right then I had to build this... If you would have told me 10 years ago I would be making protest art and speaking out, I wouldn't have believed you. I would have thought I was too responsible. But that's where I'm at now."

Alzayer is well-known for coordinating efforts around the Everett arts community, and has her own arts business

– attending numerous festivals in the area to do Henna designs. She and her husband, Daud, were long-time Everett residents who just recently moved, and she said she is a self-taught artist. (Side note: she has also been asked by the City to leave the Cultural Council, which she will do when a replacement is found). So, about four weeks ago, Alzayer bough PVC pipe, chicken wire, straight wire and silver paint to begin making the cages that would go over the Ducklings.

"Each of them are five-foot long; they're not small," she said. "I have an art studio at home, but they were too big. I had to make them on my back porch and in my kitchen...I cut all the wire by hand because I needed to feel the materials and wrestle with the materials. I still have cuts on

my hands from the chicken wire. Chicken wire is brutal and sharp."

One morning this month, Alzayer said they were read to place the cages.

Using two cars, with at least one large cage strapped to the roof of the car, they set out for the Public Gardens around 2 a.m. They placed the cages around the Ducklings, made a few adjustments, took some pictures and went home.

Around 7 a.m., Alzayer said she felt the push to go back to the scene, but once she got there, the cages were already gone.

"That just made me have hope," she said. "We can free things from cages when we think it's important. These cages were on the Ducklings only three hours and it was restored to normal...It really got rolled into the message of what we were doing and why is it we can't fix this other situation on the border? Children are dying. There are seven to 10 confirmed deaths.

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Everett Cultural Council Chair Karyn Alzayer was the artist who designed and placed cages recently around the Ducklings statue in Boston's Public Gardens. The artistic statement was to bring attention to the situation on the southern border.

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he didn't intend to challenge the ruling and that he would finish his term and go back to being a non-elected citizen of the city.

"It is what it is," he said. "I've told my supporters to let it go and we'll move on. I'm not going to hire a lawyer. My full-time job is more important than this. I just want to thank the voters for all their support and the students and families that I've tried to help in my time on the Committee. I did it for the City and for the students. I'll finish off my term and hopefully we get the right people in."

Interestingly, D'Onofrio had leveled 38 challenges to the Nomination Papers of every candidate on the ballot. Those challenges were quickly dismissed by the Commission on Monday for being too vague.

D'Onofrio said he had asked them to pull the challenges when he found out he wasn't going to be able to attend the meeting. He said he did it because he wanted to seem impartial, and that he had heard some were accusing him of racism in counter-challenging Lindsey's signatures.

At Monday's meeting, it was a packed house in the Keverian Room – a rare sight for a mid-August afternoon meeting.

After dismissing D'Onofrio's 38 challenges, the Commission set to the real work of analyzing more than 50 signatures alleged by Lindsey to be fraudulent. It was a line-by-line process that took nearly two hours to sort through by Commissioners Dorothy Martin-Long and Brian McCarthy (who were joined by Cornelio and Director of Elections Linda Angiolillo).

"When you sign your name, you are vouching for this person," Lindsey said. "I



The Commission deliberates Monday afternoon on challenged Nomination signatures.

think everyone should have the opportunity to sign their own name in this process. In this case, I think this candidate tried to circumvent the democratic process by either himself, or someone else associated, signing these signatures because many are basically the same signatures...Essentially, there were redundant signatures where you could tell one person wrote them. Sometimes it was two signatures that were the same, and sometimes it was as many as six or seven.

"There are sheets where it seems a continuous pattern where...the registered voters were not the people who signed them," he continued. "I think in some cases they went down the voter rolls and wrote down the names... When people sign their signature, they're not signing their last name first and then their first name. That was something that stood out to me at first that told me things might not be quite right."

State law is clear that one person cannot sign for another

person unless there is a medical hardship.

Lindsey's presentation was elegant and appealed to the process and making sure every detail was followed.

The nitty gritty, however, was for the Commission to decide – going through every signature challenged by Lindsey and determining whether the handwriting was similar. As a rule, the Commission was advised that in "groupings" of one family, if they chose to reject signatures, they should keep one, and reject the others.

It was also noted that the Commission does not have the right to disqualify signatures during the traditional Certification process. They can only do the "deep dive" they did on Monday if there is a successful challenge by a voter.

After 90 minutes of going through the signatures one-by-one, the Commission emerged with nine rejected signatures. That was enough to disqualify D'Onofrio from the ballot and knock back the need for a Preliminary Election.



School Committee candidate David Lindsey Jr. makes his case before the Commission regarding alleged forged signatures on Nomination Papers submitted by School Committeeman Bernie D'Onofrio. The Commission agreed that nine were suspect, and rejected them – which knocked D'Onofrio off the ballot.

Ward 6 candidate Lattanzi launches website; seeks input from residents

Candidate for Ward 6 City Council, Al Lattanzi, officially launched his campaign website this week that seeks feedback from Everett Residents.

The new website can be found at www.allattanzi-ward6.com.

"I've been out in the neighborhoods every night talking to residents about my candidacy and their concerns," said Lattanzi. "My hope is that this website will make it even easier for residents to connect with me."

Lattanzi is running for Ward 6 City Council to bring his unique combination of life, business, and public service experience to City government. As Everett continues to grow, Lattanzi said he is the type of leader needed at the table, fighting to shape neighborhoods, while always standing-up for residents.

Born in Everett, he has lived on Peirce Avenue in Ward 6 his entire life. His

family has been in Everett for 115 years, and since 1950 have operated Everett Supply & True Value Hardware Store – the last independent hardware store in the city. While other independent businesses folded over the decades, Lattanzi's ensured his business kept its doors open, serving Everett residents and their hardware needs.

Before taking over the family business, Lattanzi worked in construction and graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from Northeastern University. His work on the ground on large and small construction projects gave him a keen sense of how development can affect neighborhoods, and how to bring the community into the planning of projects.

A lifelong friendship with the late George Keverian, the former Speaker of the House, taught him the importance of public service, and showed him that good government

can do good things.

Lattanzi has served on the Everett GE Parkland Commission, The Everett Credit Union Board of Directors – and still serves as a member of both the Everett Traffic Commission and Everett Redevelopment Authority. In 2009, he was elected to the Charter Commission that is credited with modernizing City government and bringing focus and civility to the legislative body.

If elected, Lattanzi said he will work to keep the tax base growing, without burdening residential taxpayers. As the only homeowner and taxpayer in the race for Ward 6 Council, Lattanzi knows that taxes need to be stabilized, especially when valuations are rising.

Al is married to Dolores, and they have two children – Alfred and Matthew.

Lattanzi can be reached at 617-594-0455.

Meet Samantha Lambert - Candidate for Everett School Committee At-Large

My name is Samantha Lambert and I ask for one of your three votes for Everett's School Committee At-Large this Nov. 5. My experience as a parent and more specifically, navigating the Special Education system on behalf of one of my children, gives me a perspective much needed where the decisions are being made. My qualifications include:

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 - Volunteer Farm Manager at Northern Strand Community Farm/Everett Community Growers
 - Trustee for Everett Public Libraries
 - Advisory Board member for Everett High School's Business, Hospitality and Culinary Arts
 - Career and Technical Education Academy
- Families are the best partner for our public schools and the success of our students. I commit to the following:
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Samantha Lambert, candidate for School Committee At-Large.

the first generation of parents, guardians and teachers working to find the right way to guide them.

There is potential in every one of our students. We have amazing young people in our city and no one can convince me that they are not our greatest resource. I have met students that have overcome odds that I find formidable as an adult, but there is still work to be done.

Equity, accessibility and guidance for every student will make sure that all of our students are able to use the skills they have developed to fulfill their highest potential. On November 5, we have the opportunity to build on the many successes Everett schools have achieved and work to maximize our resources in the way that our families and students need.

I look forward to hearing what you have to say and can be reached at SamForEverett@gmail.com, by phone/text at 857-928-0536 or find me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SamForEverett. I humbly ask that you consider voting for #2 on the ballot, Samantha Lambert, on Nov. 5.

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It's unconscionable. I needed to say something. I was only surprised someone else didn't do it before me."

One point of hesitation Alzayer had, she said, was as she left home to place the cages, she worried about taking away the true meaning of the Ducklings from the original artist, Nancy Schon, who lives

on Beacon Hill.

However, like most of the comments, Schon reached out to Alzayer with very positive input – applauding her for making the artistic, and political, statement.

"She has reached out to me and gave me congratulations and thought it was brilliant," said Alzayer. "We may be col-

laborating in the future. She offered her support. These are Boston's babies and this is really happening to children on the border."

Alzayer said she was glad she could make the splash, even if for three hours, and said the passion inside her could not be restrained.

"I had to say it," she said.

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Congestion fees, managed lanes could hurt Everett if not implemented correctly

By Seth Daniel

City officials are digesting the state’s report on traffic and congestion that was released last week, and while Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he appreciates the state’s detailed look into such a pivotal issue, his administration also said that the devil will be in the details.

The long-awaited state report on traffic and congestion hit the public Thursday, and contained several conclusions that were good for Everett, and one – if not rolled out correctly – that could hurt the City’s efforts to get commuters off of Broadway.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he was happy to see the state trying to tackle the same issues that he is now focusing on 100 percent.

“I would like to thank Secretary Pollack and MassDOT for taking a critical look at the issue of crippling congestion in our region,” he said. “Our City knows first-hand the impacts it has on the ability of our residents to get to work, school or visit loved ones. Everett will continue to work collaboratively with MassDOT and the MBTA, as we have over the past three years, to improve existing bus services and roadway infrastructure as well as complete our goal of having gold standard Bus Rapid Transit on Route 99. We stand ready to do our part in addressing this critical issue and look forward to seeing more project-level specifics from the Secretary.”

Gov. Charlie Baker said the report will be used to make informed, data-driven decisions.

“Traffic and congestion are a nuisance for too many residents, and this report provides our administration with robust data to help us make informed decisions on how to build on our efforts to tackle the Commonwealth’s congestion issues,” said Baker, who directed MassDOT in August 2018 to begin a comprehensive analysis of when, where and why roadway congestion is worsening in Massachusetts. “From this report, we have identified several ways to address congestion

by expanding capacity on our transit system, adding more housing, and exploring managed lanes to help make people’s commutes be more reliable. We look forward to working with the Legislature, local government and the private sector to develop solutions to reduce the variability in people’s commutes.”

While none of the key corridors identified were in Everett, several were nearby, such as I-93 and two corridors in Revere. Many of Everett’s roads are also feeder roads to those that were identified in the report as the worst in the state.

A key finding that City Transportation Director Jay Monty felt was important was that the report asked municipalities to step up, such as Everett did three years ago to partner with the MBTA on the Transit Action Plan.

That, the report said, needed to happen more often.

“There is a sentiment in there that municipalities need to step up to the plate and own these changes,” he said. “However, there are also times when I hope the state will be responsive to municipalities. Sweetser Circle is an example here. The City would like to see several things done with bus priority and BRT there and it’s not in our jurisdiction. I hope they begin to step up in those situations with us.

“Clearly, though, we can’t sit and complain about these things for 20 years and wait for someone else to do something,” he continued. “That said, there is also a place for the state to step up as well.”

He said when such things happen, like in Everett, major changes happen without major expenditures.

“We did a lot of these existing measures without having to spend a lot of money,” he said. “A lot of it takes political will.”

Another part of the study that was music to Everett’s ears was the report had a key recommendation to “reinvent bus transit at both the MBTA and Regional Transit Authorities.”

DeMaria and his admin-

istration’s push to get Gold Standard Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Lower Broadway and Upper Broadway is exactly what that recommendation is focused on.

However, one thing that is concerning Monty is the idea of managed lanes, which is the biggest recommendation in the report and one that would institute a charge for commuters using certain lanes on the highways. The idea would be to get more people to use mass transit to avoid paying more fees, and to make it more equitable for urban areas like Everett to not have to deal with commuter congestion in their home towns.

While that sounds good, if the program is implemented wrongly, it could just mean more people cutting through Everett to avoid the charges.

“It really depends on how you do it,” Monty said. “The Tobin has a toll now. If you do this you can’t keep the existing toll structure. It doesn’t work for the charging. It has to be a zone. That’s the only fair way to do it. Otherwise, you’ll just see more people trying to cut through to avoid charges...If you do geographic boundaries it doesn’t matter what road you’re on if you go into the zone at peak times, you’re going to be charged.”

Monty did say he was happy to see that the emphasis is to provide an attractive mass transit system that is a real alternative to driving in from the suburbs.

“The incentive has to be that it’s too expensive to drive to what’s the alternative,” he said. “If you don’t back this up with transit infrastructure, you don’t do anything. If someone is driving into Boston and paying \$20 to park and a \$2 congestion charge, that’s not going to make them change. It has to be a big charge so people will look for the alternative.”

As the report notes, “A range of factors created today’s growing congestion problem. Only an equally wide range of actions by public and private players alike can fix it.”

NEWS BRIEFS

REGISTER FOR THE ANNUAL BOSTON MARATHON JIMMY FUND WALK

Registration is now open for the 2019 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai, which raises the most money of any single day walk in the country. Scheduled for Sunday, September 22, funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk will support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Details:

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Walkers are treated to refueling stations throughout the course as well as a celebration at the Copley Square Finish Line, complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

All walkers commit to raise a minimum of \$325, except for walkers 12 years old and younger whose fundraising commitment is \$125. There is also a Virtual Walker option for those unable to attend the event on September 22, who still want to support the cause.

The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$135 million in its 30-year history. When you donate to Dana-Farber’s Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, you are helping patients directly. Every dollar you donate and every step you take helps those in need. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor since 2002.

To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk), to support a walker, or to volunteer, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.com.

org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. Walkers who do not have a team to join, are more than welcome to contact the Jimmy Fund Walk to connect them with other Walkers in their area.

TRIANGLE, INC. RECEIVES \$100,000 FOR SCHOOL TO CAREER PROGRAMMING

Following Governor Baker’s signing and the finalization of the Commonwealth’s FY 2020 Budget, Triangle, Inc. is proud to announce it has received an additional \$100,000 in funding for its School-to-Career program, which supports students and recent graduates between 16 and 26-years-old in the Metro North and South Shore regions. The funds will help advance programs to help young adults plan their careers, expand their experience and skills to secure competitive employment, and live more independent lives. The allocation is part of \$5.4 million funding in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s budget dedicated to workforce development and employment service programming throughout the Commonwealth.

“We want to thank our elected officials, including House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Senate President Karen Spilka, and the co-sponsors of this budget amendment, Representative Daniel Ryan and Senator Sal DiDomenico for their work in securing this critical funding,” said Coleman Nee, CEO of Triangle, Inc. “These additional resources will advance the vital work of providing transition aged young adults with meaningful pathways for career and lifetime success, giving our participants a more independent future.”

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MBTA announces accelerated schedule for system upgrades, cuts project timelines

Staff Report

This week, the MBTA announced several planned system upgrade construction projects will be accelerated, shortening some timelines by as much as 11 months for certain projects.

System upgrade work to improve reliability for riders on the Green, Red, and Orange Lines that was previously scheduled to take place only during limited overnight hours will now take place during entire weekends, requiring shuttle service around certain stations, including on the Orange Line between Tufts Medical and Sullivan Square in October.

The accelerated work plans approved by the Fiscal and Management Control Board will deliver benefits to riders significantly faster and allow T crews to undertake multiple projects at the same time as opposed to performing projects one after the other during the limited overnight hours.

In June, the Baker-Polito Administration announced as part of the \$8 billion, five-year plan to modernize the MBTA, transportation officials would speed up planned work to improve the system faster. MBTA officials also announced they plan to undertake additional acceleration plans in the near future.

“Riders deserve a reliable, safe transportation system and while we understand this accelerated plan will be

inconvenient for some riders, we believe these temporary diversions are necessary to improve the system that has been neglected for decades,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “The MBTA will continue to evaluate upcoming planned projects for this fall and next year for additional opportunities to accelerate work where possible.”

Accelerated Projects:

- Orange Line: Downtown Crossing, Haymarket, and State Wayfinding and Station Improvements: The MBTA is replacing and adding new signage and cleaning, painting, and repairing stairs/tile within the station.
- The acceleration proj-

ect will condense the project timeline by 11 months through six new weekend diversions on the Orange Line in October and November 2019.

- The T will also now replace 2,250 feet of track and clean and paint within Chinatown Station.
- Six new weekend diversions will take place between Tufts Medical Center and Sullivan Square on October 5-6, October 12-13, October 19-20, October 26-27, November 2-3, and November 9-10.

Six new weekend closures on the Orange Line between Tufts Medical Center and the station.

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OUR GLORIOUS SUMMER DAYS

When we think of the “dog days of summer,” what comes to mind are the languid and sultry days of early to mid-August, when the heat and humidity combine to make for a stew that can make even the most summer-loving among us long for the drier and cooler days of the impending fall season.

They were immortalized in Nat King Cole’s song from the early 1960s about “those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.”

The dog days are as much a state of mind as they are a physical fact, a time when all of us, young and old, grab some R&R to regenerate our minds and bodies before resuming the grind of our daily routines post-Labor Day.

Everyone, it seems, is on vacation. European cities are famously empty in August, as are our East Coast cities from Boston to Washington.

However, this past weekend brought us a large amount of relief from the usual torpor that we associate with the dog days.

It was the kind of weather that we’d like to put into a bottle and open up in January: Sunny and warm, but not too hot, with just enough humidity to give it that summer-like feel without being oppressive.

It was perfect for anything and everything outdoors, whether you were in the city, on the beach, in the mountains, or on your boat (especially a sailboat, thanks to the strong breeze).

You just wanted to inhale it and melt into it, and wish that the day would last forever.

Everyone, it seemed, was happy at the end of the day. If it is true that our moods are determined by the amount of negative ions in the air, then this weekend’s atmosphere was fully-charged with them.

Our good luck is continuing because the weatherman is promising us another run of similar weather for later this week and through the weekend.

So let’s take them one, glorious day at a time -- and be thankful that we can enjoy these dog days of summer.

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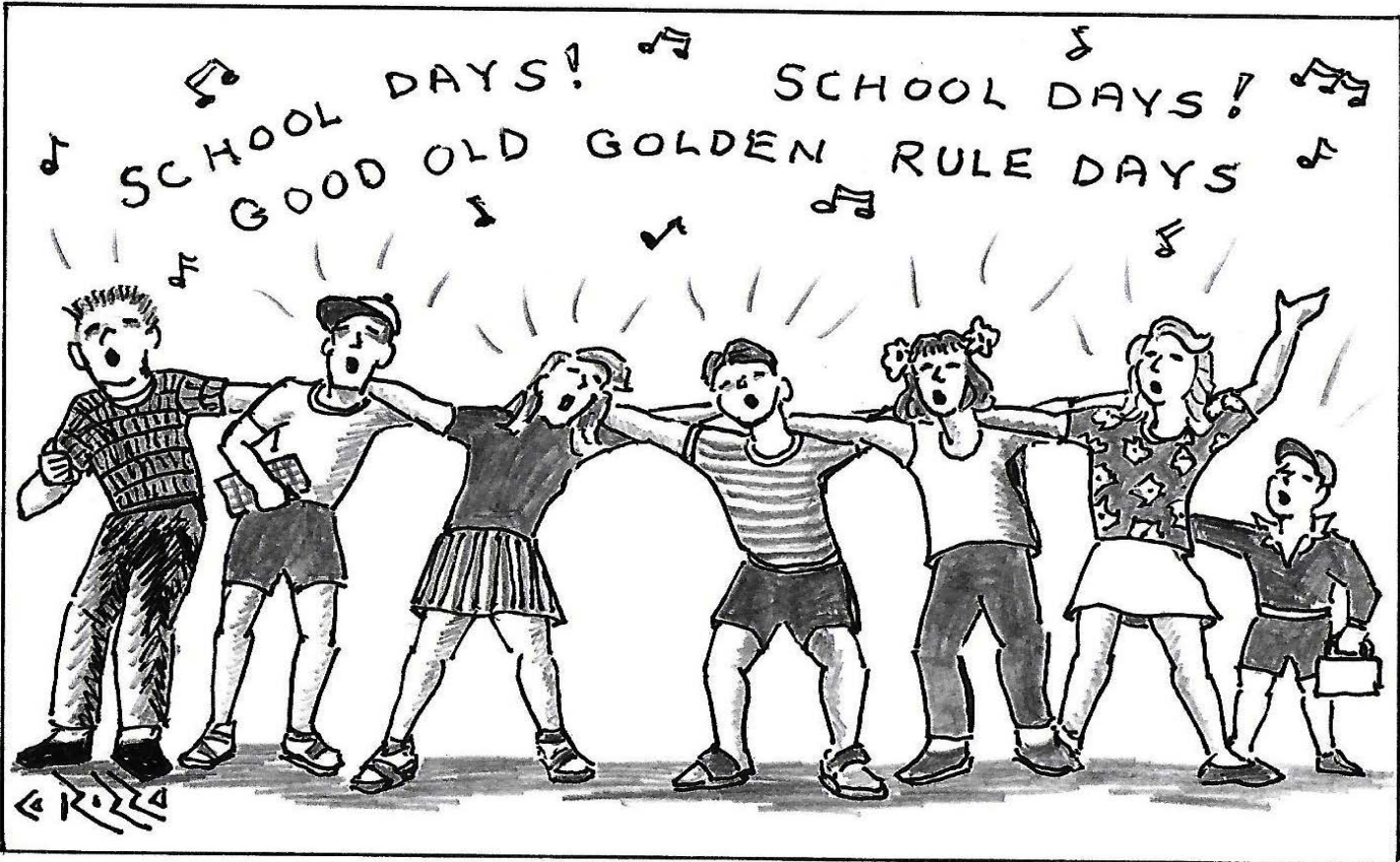
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WON'T BE LONG... WE'LL BE SINGING THIS SONG

Rep. McGonagle testifies to streamline housing production

State Rep. Joe McGonagle, who sponsored legislation to streamline housing production through abutter appeals reform, testified before the Joint Committee on the Judiciary to urge his colleagues to support H.3397 “An Act to Streamline Housing Production through Abutter Appeals Reform” and raise it for a vote.

In McGonagle’s leadership role as the Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing, he is actively exploring every policy solution to combat the Housing Crisis facing the Commonwealth. McGonagle’s bill is a simple, yet effective step to streamline housing production by helping to prevent frivolous litigation against development.

McGonagle’s bill would allow judges, in their discretion, to impose a bond requirement of up to \$15,000 on plaintiffs who file abutter appeal cases if the judge thinks the case lacks merit and is only being used to delay a housing development. By allowing judges to impose



McGonagle Testifies before the Joint Committee on the Judiciary in support of H.3397.

a bond, frivolous abutter appeals lawsuits would be discouraged, while still ensuring the right of abutters to bring legitimate concerns about a development to court.

“Over the years, we have seen how abutting neighbors with a ‘not in my backyard’ or NIMBY mentality negatively impact housing production

and development, especially developments with affordable units. These abutting neighbors often employ land use appeals as a tactic to prevent any new development,” McGonagle asserted during his testimony.

While there is no simple solution to solving the Housing Crisis, McGonagle

wholeheartedly believes that increasing the Commonwealth’s housing supply is paramount. During his testimony McGonagle revealed that over the past nine years the Metro Boston region has added 245,000 new jobs, while only permitting 71,600 housing units.

“At the present moment, the Commonwealth simply cannot afford to wait to create new housing units, especially low-income and senior units” McGonagle stressed to his colleagues.

McGonagle also emphasized that his bill does not discourage neighbors who have valid concerns about adjacent developments. As he testified, “this bill is not meant to dismiss the rights of abutters who want to bring legitimate concerns about a development to court. Instead, the intention of this bill is to dissuade frivolous lawsuits that are meant only to delay or stop a housing development.”

McGonagle’s bill currently awaits committee action.

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Sullivan Square Stations will take place in October and November 2019 to accelerate the pace of Orange Line improvement work. As with the Red Line’s broad limits in added weekend closures, the broad limits between Tufts Medical Center and Sullivan Square are necessary as these areas are “portal” access points for work crews to load in construction equipment and materials into the underground portions of the Orange Line. During these weekend shutdowns, alternate service will be provided with a robust communication plan in place to provide information to customers.

Work specific to improvements on the Orange Line levels at Downtown Crossing, Haymarket, and State Stations will take place during these six new weekends, including improvements to the condition and appearance of each station, upgraded wayfinding/signage, cleaning work, painting, and other needed repairs. The addition of these six weekend shutdowns allows the MBTA to complete work on the Orange Line level of these three stations almost a year earlier than previously planned.

MBTA crews and contractors will also remove and completely replace the pit track in closed Orange Line stations during these six weekend closures, which would not be accessible to work crews without a complete shutdown.

The Orange Line pit track in these areas is 30 to 40 years old and, while safe to travel over at reduced speeds, is also ready to be replaced. The broad closure limits on the Orange Line during these six added weekends in October and November 2019 also give the MBTA a valuable work window to perform repairs to platform edges, escalators, elevators, stairways, and fare equipment; perform track and power maintenance in the tunnels between stations, including the complete replacement of third rail insulators and third rail electrical connections; and perform tunnel debris clean-up work, reducing the risk of smoke and fire hazards.

- Green Line Intersection Upgrades: The MBTA is making 30 intersection upgrades on the B and C branches to mitigate the risk of service interruptions by replacing aged track.

- The acceleration plan condenses planned work by five months, by increasing the number of weekend diversions from 10 to 14 on these branches.

- This will help complete the project by December 2019 instead of May 2020.

- The T will now also replace 7,000 feet of track during the planned weekend diversions.

- Green Line D branch shutdowns are already scheduled for the weekends of September 14-15, September

21-22, September 28-29, October 5-6, October 12-13, October 26-27, November 2-3, November 9-10, November 16-17, November 23-24, December 7-8, December 14-15, December 21-22, and December 28-29.

- Three new weekend closures on the Green Line B branch will take place during the weekends of September 7-8, November 2-3, and November 23-24.

- One new weekend closure on the Green Line C branch will take place on October 26-27.

- Red Line: Park Street Wayfinding and Station Improvements: The MBTA is replacing and adding new wayfinding signage, adding 1,250 new lighting fixtures, and cleaning, painting, and repairing stairs/tile within the station.

- The acceleration plan condenses planned work by four months, by doing four new weekend diversions on the Red Line in November and December 2019.

- This will help complete the project by December 2019 instead of April 2020.

- The T will now also replace 900 feet of track and do tactile edge replacement on platforms during the diversions.

- Four new weekend diversions will take place between Kendall/MIT and Broadway on November 16-17, November 23-24, December 7-8, and December 14-15.

- Red Line: Downtown Crossing Wayfinding and Station Improvements: The MBTA is replacing and adding new wayfinding signage, and cleaning, painting, and repairing stairs/tile within the station.

- The acceleration plan condenses planned work by 11 months, by doing four new weekend diversions on the Red Line in November and December 2019.

- This will help complete the project by December 2019 instead of November 2020.

- The T will also replace 900 feet of track and do tactile edge replacement work on platforms during the diversions.

- Four new weekend diversions will take place between Kendall/MIT and Broadway on November 16-17, November 23-24, December 7-8, and December 14-15.

These projects will mitigate the risk of service interruptions, improve safety for passengers, improve on-time performance, increase accessibility, and improve the customer experience.

The MBTA is also in the process of preparing an aggressive schedule of shutdowns for the 2020 construction season that may include weekday shutdowns in addition to a greater frequency of weekend shutdowns. Details of this plan are anticipated to be released in fall 2019.

MWRA Advisory Board seeks to stop cable charge

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

The MWRA Advisory Board is calling upon state officials to protect ratepayers against a \$150 million charge to move a cross-harbor cable owned and operated by Eversource and its subsidiary Harbor Electric Energy Company (HEEC).

The sole customer for HEEC is the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA).

Due to a court order, MWRA ratepayers will be paying \$150 million over 30 years.

“This is the second time ratepayers will pay for a cable to Deer Island,” said Joseph Favaloro, executive director of the MWRA Advisory Board.

The first cable ran from K Street to the reserve channel to Deer Island. Now it will go past Conley Terminal across and deeper in the channel to Deer Island.

The cable runs and carries power from Boston to the MWRA treatment plant on

Deer Island. The cable needs to be buried 60 feet deeper because it is too close to where the proposed dredging would occur.

“I am outraged. Dredging of the harbor benefits MassPort. Through increased shipping and cruise ships traffic they will significantly increase revenue. It's not enough that the federal government is paying \$225 million for their project and that the Commonwealth is paying \$75 million - they needed to extort another \$8 million on the top of \$150 million from MWRA ratepayers through their negotiations with Eversource to mitigate their temporary inconvenience to dig a trench on the edge of Conley Terminal,” Favaloro said.

The \$350 million dredging project is already being paid for through taxpayer monies in federal grants, state bonds and through Massport. The project is to make the shipping lane deeper for bigger ships.

“Eversource/HEEC negotiates an \$8 million charge for the easement at Conley Terminal South Boston, a cost that is passed on to MWRA ratepayers,” explained Favaloro, “Eversource is responsible to their shareholders and therefore collects 9 percent on these negotiated costs to Massport.”

“The Advisory Board's calculations are misleading in that we negotiated in good faith a project financing structure with the MWRA that was both favorable to the customer and is less than half of our typical return on a project of this size,” said Priscilla Ress, Eversource spokesperson.

“We agreed to further lower the overall project costs by \$17.5 million representing a credit for the early retirement of the old cable. While the Advisory Board takes issue with an \$8 million payment to MassPort, it must be recognized that it is compensation for the continued use of MassPort property for the cable to serve Deer Island. It's also important to note, the construction of the new cable project has gone exceedingly well. It's expected to be completed ahead of schedule and on or below budget.”

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TIDE IS ROLLING IN

Everett High School football team opens pre-season practice

By Cary Shuman

The Everett High School football team is set to begin pre-season workouts Friday in preparation for the 2019 opener on Sept. 6 against Springfield Central.

Theluxon Pierre returns for his second season as head coach of the Crimson Tide who were 10-1 last year, the only defeat coming at the hands of Central Catholic, 23-20, in the Division 1 North semifinals. Nick Mazzie, son of Everett Police Chief Steven Mazzie, kicked the winning field with 57 seconds left, ending Everett's bid for a second straight Super Bowl title. It will be forever known as "The Kick By Nick" in Central Catholic lore.

But Pierre and the Tide have moved on and their sights are squarely on the season opener, with the ultimate goal a trip to Gillette Stadium on the first Saturday in December.

"We'll be at Everett Stadium on Friday," reported Pierre, who was at Sacramone Park Monday signing up his son, Bryce, for the Crimson Tide Pop Warner season. "It's a new [high school] season, a new year. We're still hungry. We didn't accomplish our goals last year. It's time to go. The guys have been working hard all year. I've been licking my chops to see what we're cooking."

Everett will have pre-scrimmages at Thornton Academy in Maine on Aug. 24 and versus Haverhill on Aug. 31 (11 a.m.) at Everett Memorial Stadium.

Everett will be tested right way in the opener against Springfield Central, the reigning Division 3 state champion who has an 11-game winning streak. The Golden Eagles have their top players back from a team that rolled through its western Massachusetts schedule a year ago.

The Tide's other non-

league opponents are Xaverian, St. John's of Shrewsbury, and Brockton. Former GBL foes Medford, Somerville and Malden round out the regular season schedule.

"We're bringing back that old rivalry back again with Brockton," said Pierre. "We'll be playing them in Everett. Brockton is always good."

TIDE NOTEBOOK

Everett once again has one of the toughest non-league schedules in Massachusetts. Springfield Central and St. John's of Shrewsbury are the past two Super Bowl champions in Division 3. Xaverian is expected to contend for the Division 1 South title while Brockton is a long-time powerhouse.

Duke Doherty returns as Everett's starting quarterback. Doherty had an outstanding sophomore season throwing the ball to such superb receivers as Mike Sainristil, who is now playing for the University of Michigan. "You saw what he [Duke] did last year," said Pierre. "I told him, 'we have to clean up some things and let's get after it.'"

Everett has some other bonafide college football prospects in wide receiver Ishmael Zamor, safety and running back Sammy Lamothe, and defensive end Josiah Stewart.

Everett will have a large contingent of underclassmen in starting roles. "We're a young team – I don't know where all this hype is coming from," said Pierre. "It's funny. Everybody who has a young team, they say, 'they're going to have a down year.' 'We have a young team and everybody expects us to be all that. Can we have a young team and have a down year? Is that okay in Everett?'"

Asked about Everett's high ranking for the pre-season polls, Pierre responded, "What matters is where you're ranked in the end."



Crimson Tide Pop Warner U-8 Coach Chris Wade and his team are pictured at a practice Monday at Sacramone Park.

Crimson Tide Pop Warner teams begin practices

By Cary Shuman

This is where it all begins, the early foundation for the state's most successful high school football program.

These are the practice fields where such all-time greats as Gennaro Leo, the Nuzzo brothers, Frank and Matt, George Paone Jr., Jonathan DiBiao, former Everett High quarterback Jake Willcox, Michigan Man Mike Sainristil, and Lukas Denis (Tampa Bay Buccaneers) learned the game and went on to win schoolboy Super Bowls.

It's where the unsung heroes of President Brian Dimond's Crimson Tide Pop Warner organization, the legendary coaches such as Chucky Leo, George Paone Sr., Frank Cafarelli, and Peter Forte Sr., turn youths into champions on the field and off.

And the cheerleading program is also among the best in the Bay State, with no less than four teams qualifying for the National Championships in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. one year ago.

The football and cheerleading teams were practicing at beautiful Sacramone Park Monday and the mood was upbeat and optimistic under the bright sun.

Everett will field five football and cheerleading teams with more than 250 boys and girls competing this season.

The biggest change in Pop Warner football is the elimination of weight limits across the board. Football players will compete by age only in U-6, U-8, U-10, U-12, and U-14 divisions.

"There are no weight limits, no restrictions at all," said President Brian Dimond, who is in 29th season in Pop Warner football. "All of Pop Warner nationally has gone away from being age and weights based to just age. I like the new format."

The cheerleaders will participate on the traditional A,

B, C, D, E (and possibly) F teams. All teams will be eligible for the state playoffs and the national championships which are held at ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex in Florida.

Everett will open its regular season on Sunday, Sept. 8 in the American North Division of the 40-team Eastern Massachusetts Conference. Other teams in Everett's division are Somerville, East Lynn, West Lynn, Revere, Malden, Chelsea, and East Boston.

"This is the first week of [football] pads and the numbers look good," said Dimond. "We scrimmage Brockton on Saturday."

Football Coordinator Chucky Leo, who led Everett to an appearance in the National Pop Warner Super Bowl, expects the football teams to be playoff contenders.

"Things are looking very good," reported Leo. "Our top three teams (U-14, U-12, U-10) are very strong. I have a new head coach [Chris Wade] at the U-8 level who has been with us as an assistant and they have some skilled athletes at that level."

Wade played in the Everett High football program where he was a defensive end and offensive guard. Some of his linemates were Patrick McGrath, Danny Izzo, Ralph Faia, Doug Hanlon, and Dan McFarlane. Wade was a member of one Super Bowl championship team.

Leo likes the new age only format with no weight limits. "It gives more kids a chance to play," said Leo, who is beginning his 41st season of Pop Warner football in Everett, second in history to Peter Mangraviti, who had 45 seasons.

Leo said the organization is proud of Everett's incomparable football tradition.

"We're proud of that down here that all of our kids end up being starters and going on to college," said Leo. "That



Three key leaders of the Crimson Tide Pop Warner football and cheerleading organization, representing 90 years of combined experience in youth sports, from left, are Vice President Mike Vitukevich, Football Director Chucky Leo, and President Brian Dimond.

makes us feel great. We're happy with what we do. We think we do a real good job done here."

Dimond said that boys and girls can still register for the season nightly at Sacramone

Park. Interestingly, one of the parents registering his son for the program Monday was Everett High head football coach Theluxon Pierre, whose son, Bryce, will be playing for the Crimson Tide U-6 team.



Jacqui Bullens is pictured with her son, Colin, a player for the Crimson Tide Pop Warner U-8 team.



Everett High School head football coach Theluxon Pierre is pictured with his daughter, Thalia, and son, Bryce, Monday at Sacramone Park. Bryce will be playing football in the Crimson Tide Pop Warner organization this season.



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The Joint Committee for Children’s Healthcare’s commitment for a brighter, healthier future for all

On Friday, October 25, the Joint Committee for Children’s Healthcare in Everett (JCCHCE) will be hosting a special gala event at the Royal Sonesta to celebrate 25 years of keeping children and families healthy in Everett and more than 70 other communities.

The non-profit organization will be joined by clients, parents, educators, health and wellness experts, health and civic organizations, community members and national, state and local leaders, funders, staff, volunteers and many more to celebrate the work that has been done, but also to inspire to strive for a brighter, healthier future for all.

The JCCHCE has directly served and supported more than 225,000 people to gain access to Massachusetts Health Care. Below is a testimony from one individual that will forever be grateful for the work and commitment of the JCCHCE:

“We are writing to thank and support the JCCHCE. They were there for us in a true medical crisis. Because of the JCCHCE, my significant other can still walk. Today, that may sound dramatic, but it is absolutely true.

Like many men and women, his job did not offer the benefit of insurance. He did not have insurance when he was working as a landscaper. As he pulled a particularly difficult weed from the ground, one day, he felt a ping in his back. Within two minutes, he

was flat on his back, unable to walk. He was rushed to the emergency- room where he had an x-ray and was given pain medicine. However, this injury proved to be much more serious. It rendered him unable to walk at all, and the pain was unbearable for a man who never complained about pain. Clearly, he needed a specialist. A friend of mine, who worked for a very kind doctor, was willing to see him without insurance. He was now in a wheelchair I borrowed. This specialist consulted with two others, and they concurred that the original x-ray was misread. He needed immediate surgery, or he would never walk again. Additionally, the nerve pain would continue indefinitely due to the nerve damage. Thank God for friends and that kind doctor who was willing to see him without insurance.

That is when I turned to another very good friend, Jackie Coogan, founder of the JCCHCE, who immediately connected us with Nicole Graffam, Executive Director of the JCCHCE. Inevitably, due to the previous and this present injury, Nicole’s astute understanding of insurances, found that he was eligible for MASS Health all along. He could get this surgery immediately. We are forever grateful to Nicole for navigating the insurance system. We were running out of time.

To this day, I catch my breath when I remember the doctor’s words, “he may never

walk again without immediate surgery.” Also, there would be a lasting weakness and pain with the nerve damage.

He was days from never walking again. This story is a tribute to the JCCHCE, and the people who work so diligently for its success. We thank our dear friend, Jackie Coogan, who connected us with this organization which she founded and Nicole Graffam, Executive Director. We are forever grateful for their assistance. Please continue with us to support their mission and their outstanding, important assistance, work and mission.”

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State Police, Everett Police break up altercations at Encore Monday

Staff Report

The State Police and Everett Police forces assigned to the Encore Boston Harbor resort casino reported on Monday that they had to break up several disturbances at the casino between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. on Monday – charging four people, including three from Lynn.

Encore officials said police and their private security team responded to the incidents and quelled them in short order.

“Encore’s in-house security team, in collaboration with local police and the EBH state police unit, was able to quickly respond to and control the situation with no impact or disruption to other guests or operations,” read a statement from the resort.

The State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit at Encore-Boston Harbor, which includes Troopers and Everett Police Officers, as well as MSP and Everett patrols responding as backup and casino security, responded to several fights and disturbances early Monday after a large crowd exited a nightclub at closing time. Troopers and officers arrested two people,

took a third into protective custody, and will summons a fourth person.

According to police, several minutes after 2 a.m., Troopers and Officers assigned to the joint Gaming Enforcement Unit were assisting with crowd control as a large group of patrons exited a nightclub, Memoire, at closing. As a disturbance involving a large number of patrons erupted, GEU Troopers and Officers requested backup units; State Police-Medford and State Police-Revere patrols responded, as did Everett Police patrols and a State Police K9 unit.

One person, Shani Mohamed Abo, 29, of Everett, was arrested and charged with assault, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest after he became uncooperative and combative with a club security officer and responding police officers.

Then, at approximately 2:15 a.m., Troopers and Officers responded to a second fight involving a large group in the hotel’s main lobby. Troopers from the GEU and State Police-Medford located a Lynn man, who allegedly became involved in a verbal altercation with two women,

then pushed one of them and grabbed her cell phone from her hand and threw it across the lobby.

Further investigation revealed that the suspect allegedly inappropriately touched one of the women. The suspect, Herby Charmant, 25, of Lynn, was taken into custody and charged with indecent assault and battery, assault and battery, lewd and lascivious behavior, and disorderly conduct.

At approximately 2:23 a.m., Troopers responded to a third fight, this one the gaming floor. Troopers from State Police-Medford quelled the disturbance and dispersed a group of people. One person, a 26-year-old Lynn man, will be summonsed to court for an assault and battery charge.

Finally, at approximately 3 a.m., as multiple patrons involved in disturbances were being escorted off the property by State Police and Everett Police, police attention was drawn to one man who was highly intoxicated and continually yelling. That man, a 32-year-old Lynn resident, was taken into protective custody, but not charged.

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CITY OF EVERETT CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS

The City of Everett celebrated National Night Out with festivities at the Rec Center on Tuesday evening, Aug. 6. Everett residents had the opportunity to meet with members of the Everett Police Department while enjoying a cookout, raffles, and a K9 demonstration.



Marcella Booth was the winner of a new Barbie during National Night Out.



Jennellie Torres showed off her freshly painted unicorn.



Ileissa Ovalle, Jamila Xible, Jean Granick, and Amanda Bank were on hand from the Cambridge Health Alliance.



Councilor Rosa DiFlorio joined Patti Cheever and School Committee candidate Cynthia Sarnie.



Chief Steve Mazzie welcomed residents to National Night Out.



Kevin O'Donnell from Mayor Carlo DeMaria's office greeted constituents at National Night Out.



Phunk Phenomenon performed for Hip Hop for Hope in honor of Jared Connor.



Genevieve Lewis and her mother, Claudia, attended National Night Out at the Rec Center on Tuesday.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle joined Everett police for National Night Out.



Elected officials and candidates gathered at National Night Out to meet and greet residents.

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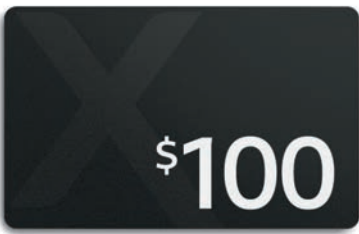
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL RECEIVES RFP FOR BUILDING

CHELSEA -City Manager Tom Ambrosino has forwarded a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) to the City Council for review and possible approval when the body reconvenes in late summer.

The Salvation Army building was taken by the City after it went vacant and seemingly had not viable plans. It is a key property in the City’s hopes to revitalize the downtown, and the RFP from Ambrosino has been long in the coming.

Now, the bones of that five-page RFP have become public and the vision is a mixed-use, affordable housing project with a retail component. Ambrosino has suggested that the City apply for zoning relief to build 16 units on top of the existing store. That, he suggested, would reduce the cost for any developer that wins designation for the site.

“I’m happy we are making some progress, and I hope to have an RFP ready for advertisement in the Fall,” he said.

The RFP explains that on the first floor, “the City envisions retail space that enlivens the streetscape, offers opportunities for small, locally owned businesses and entrepreneurs, and yields community benefits.”

The City is hoping that there could be new construction on top of the existing one-story store, with an affordable housing or mixed-income approach. The RFP encourages developers to be creating in helping to solve the City’s housing shortage and also bring life to what has been a troubled area for a long time.

“Projects shall aspire to increase the social and economic vitality of the central business district,” read the RFP. “Searching for an innovative, exciting project, the City desires an architecturally attractive and lively project that will result in positive, cascading effects throughout the central

business district, while providing an inviting and alluring atmosphere for residents and the community.”

The RFP calls for a robust community process from any developer that wins the right to develop the property.

Also, the sale price has been suggested to be somewhere around \$1.34 million, which was the appraised value in 2017.

An exciting process to complement the downtown initiatives are expected this fall.

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION PLANNED

CHELSEA - When do you know it’s almost time to go back to school?

When Yolanda Valles, parent liaison at the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex, announces the date of Chelsea’s annual Back to School Celebration.

“The Chelsea Public Schools is hosting this event on Thursday, Aug. 22 at the Williams School,” reported Valles about the 18th annual kickoff to the school year.

All Chelsea students and their families are invited to the celebration, which is free of charge. There will be amusements, including bouncy houses, face painting, hula hoops, and slime making. Also on tap are a disc jockey and live musical performances.

Dr. Mary Bourque, superintendent of Chelsea public schools, will be attendance, as will administrators and teachers from all the local schools.

The event annually draws a tremendous crowd. Khelsea’s, Pollo Campero, and Kayem will be providing food for all the guests.

Assisting Valles in the coordination of the event are Krishell Orellana, ELC parent liaison, Marlene Garcia, middle schools parent liaison, Daniel Mojica, parent information center director,

and Jay Velez, Chelsea High School parent liaison.

Valles suggests that families consider walking or taking public transportation to the event as street parking is limited.

Mojica said that approximately 6,500 students will enroll in the Chelsea schools for the coming school year. He offered thanks to Dr. Bourque, who is retiring at the end of the year.

“Dr. Bourque has been fully supportive of the parent liaisons program,” said Mojica. “She has been 100 percent supportive of not only the liaisons but the back-to-school celebration and so has the entire central office.”

“I hope everyone can make it to our kickoff celebration,” concluded Valles, herself a proud product of the Chelsea schools.

MARKOS HONORED BY LYNN FIREFIGHTERS

LYNN - George Markos was unable to attend the Lynn Firefighters Local 739 Awards Banquet in April so the firefighters thoughtfully brought the award to him.

Lynn Fire Lt. Sean Martin, union president of Local 739, and his colleagues presented their 2019 “Community Member of the Year” Award to Markos in a special ceremony at his well-known Brothers Deli Restaurant on Market Street.

Martin spoke about why Markos was so deserving of this major award.

“George goes above and beyond for us and for the community and it’s just a fitting tribute to recognize his efforts and what he does for everybody,” said Martin. “George is a man who doesn’t look for accolades or seek recognition, but we want to let him know that we recognize what he does and we appreciate it.”

Martin said Local 739 holds its annual Firefighters Memorial Sunday Breakfast

CELEBRATING SUMMER



PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

Friends gathered in a circle for a color toss during the August 10 Color Party at the Whelan School – the annual end of summer celebration hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department.

at Brothers Deli.

“George and his staff have been hosting the breakfast as long as I have been a firefighter – for 16 years now,” said Martin. “We pay our respects to firefighters who have gone before us, and George is part of that tribute.”

Markos said he was humbled to receive the award from the firefighters’ union.

“I’m shocked because they do so much for people’s everyday lives in Lynn and I can’t believe I deserve an award like this,” said Markos, who was in Greece with his family when the awards banquet was held. “I give a little and they give me so much back.”

Lynn vocalist Amanda Mena happened to be at Brothers Deli during the award presentation. Mena praised Markos for his community service, stating,

“Mr. Markos is a great part of the community. I’m a student at St. Mary’s High School and many of us come here and it’s a great spot to be together and celebrate our community. Mr. Markos definitely deserves this prestigious award and I congratulate him.”

The “Community Member of the Year” Award is new to Local 739. The previous recipient was Mark Kennard of Project COPE in Lynn.

STILL REPAIRING DAMAGES BY DAMAGE

REVERE - Five years after Revere’s infamous tornado on the morning of July 28, 2014, the city is still making repairs. The EF-2 tornado had estimated peak winds of 100 to 120 mph. It cut a two-mile path in the Broadway area. A tree went through the high school, lines were down everywhere and streets were impassable. Many buildings were damaged, including ones owned by the city.

Overseeing all the tornado-related repairs is George Anzuoni, director of finance for the city. For the past five years Anzuoni and a small tornado committee have dealt with the insurance companies, contractors, piles of paperwork and more.

Anzuoni predicts it will take another year or two to make things right. The work has taken this long purely because of the process that the city had to go through. Compiling data and having the right paperwork took time to be done right.

“We documented every bit of damage,” he said.

At City Hall, the roof, which some say was lifted by

the wind, was repaired at a cost of \$1.3 million. The cupola and the clock tower were repaired. The clock is now an atomic clock, which sets itself and is accurate. At night the clock tower faces light up.

The City Hall project also included installing copper downspouts and new gutters.

“This gave us a chance to do a complete roof,” Anzuoni said.

Another area in City Hall that still has to repair is on the second floor where water leaked into the Council Chambers, the auditorium, and some smaller south-facing areas around windows. Since the walls are plaster they have to be scraped down and re-plastered properly.

“The storm’s full force hit the south side of the building. That’s how we knew the storm was coming,” Anzuoni said.

A number of offices on the second floor were also damaged. The second-floor damaged is being assessed by the city and its insurance companies at this time. Anzuoni said there may be other renovations in City Hall and some moving around of offices.

“The building shook,” he said. “It caused some problems with pipes and sewer lines. We’ve taken care of all that.”

In addition to City Hall, there were many other tornado repairs to municipal buildings.

“We’ve done a number of roofs,” he said. “We took care of City Hall last because the schools were most important.”

A new roof at the high school, another new roof at the senior center, the American Legion building, the central fire station and the Parks and Recreation roof.

All total, Anzuoni believes the final cost will be about \$6 million, all from insurance money.

ARRIGO LAUNCHES MOBILE CITY HALL

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo announced the official launch of Mobile City Hall, the City of Revere’s latest initiative to make interacting with city government more accessible and convenient for residents. Mobile City Hall, a retrofitted passenger van, will be in a different neighborhood each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-2 p.m. and will make house calls. With the support of Revere 311 staff, residents can pay city bills, apply for licenses and receive any service offered on Revere.org without having to visit City Hall.

“With the launch of our new and improved Revere.

org, and today with Mobile City Hall, we’re continuing to modernize and professionalize the way our residents can interact with their city government,” Mayor Arrigo said. “Revere residents deserve the very best in city services and we’re proud to now bring them directly to their neighborhoods and doorsteps.”

Mobile City Hall made its official debut at last week’s International Sand Sculpting Festival and Revere’s National Night Out on Aug. 6, and will be present at community events throughout the year. The Mobile City Hall schedule will be kept updated on Twitter @mobilecityhall, and at Revere.org/mobilecityhall.

Mobile City Hall can also be booked from 2-3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays to provide services to residents at their home. To book an appointment, residents can email mobilecityhall@revere.org with contact information, requested time and desired service.

LOCAL STORMS CAUSE MINOR DAMAGE

WINTHROP - On July 31, a thunder and lightning storms rolled through Winthrop in the afternoon and took some young sailors by surprise.

Coach Johnny Cataldo was at the Cottage Park Yacht Club with a group of young sailors age 7-13. They had been having a regatta in their N10 sailboats in the heat and decided it was getting too hot to stay out so they headed inside.

Cataldo said soon after going inside a dark cloud came over the high winds and rain. Then another burst of wind came, clocked at 73 mph at Logan Airport. All the N10 sailboats in the water flipped over, as did a couple on the dock. Cataldo said a couple of the larger sailboats also sustained some damage.

No one was hurt or injured. During the recent severe weather event, Winthrop experienced a significant number of downed trees, branches, and other debris throughout the town. DPW crews worked throughout the evening, Thursday, and Friday to clear debris.

The town is also offering a few tips for future storms.

- Do not approach or touch any downed wires; always assume that any wire is live. Contact National Grid at 1-800-465-1212 to immediately report the condition.

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OBITUARIES

Flora F. DiSabatino

Coast Guard veteran of World War II, known for her devotion to family and strong work ethic



Flora F. (Cirillo) DiSabatino passed away in her home on August 4 at the age of 96.

She was known for her devotion to her family, strong work ethic, and her desire to feed anyone who came within three yards of her home.

Flora was born Nov. 22, 1922 one of six children of Mary Salerno and Raymond Cirillo. Growing up in East Boston during the great depression taught Flora to be tough. Her family faced the hardship of the era and it taught them to be fierce and to cleave to each other. The experiences of the period gave her the devotion to family for which she was so well known.

As a child of the depression, Flora understood the value of hard work and independence. She pursued her education beyond that which was expected of a woman in that time and trained to be a secretary. She continued to work even after her marriage, long before it was fashionable to do so. She worked for many private businesses and later for Everett School system at both the Parlin School and the Everett High School. Later, she worked at the Office of Veterans Affairs at Everett City Hall. Even after retirement, she worked as a teacher's aide.

Fiercely patriotic, she took her duty to her country seriously and served in the Coast Guard during World War II. She and her unit patrolled Boston Harbor and on the shooting range Flora proved to be an excellent shot. She earned a certification in marksmanship and both her daughter and granddaughter inherited her talent.

Flora's life changed forever one night at a community dance. A man named Charles DiSabatino saw her standing across the room in her gray dress and asked her to dance. Though somewhat alarmed by his boldness, she nevertheless took his hand. She held that hand for the next 75 years, marrying him at the age of 20 and only being parted from him by his death, just four months prior to hers.

Flora's brother Anthony and her sister Emma were born with a rare disability, causing them to require care all their lives. While Flora's entire family initially cared for them together, the task fell more and more to her as her other sisters passed or moved away. She loved and cared



for her brother and sister all their lives and ensured that they had safe and comfortable living arrangements as well as access to the medical care they needed.

Similarly, as her own mother grew older, her care fell to Flora. Flora never saw this as a burden, but rather as a time to deepen and reinforce the strong bond that she shared with her mother. Her love and care proved to be an excellent support because her mother lived in her own home until she passed at the age of 101.

Flora and her husband were very social people. They were avid square dancers and many Everett social clubs could count Flora and Charlie as their regulars. She loved to feed her friends and family, and between her and her husband, everyone left her home stuffed.

Flora is survived by her three loving children: Charles A. DiSabatino Jr., MD, and his wife, Nancy Olson, MD of Hamden, CT, Michael DiSabatino, Esq. of Everett and Susan Fox, RN and her husband, Patrick of Granby, CT. She was the proud grandmother of Kathleen and Brendan Fox, sister of the late Anthony Cirillo, Rosalie Santoro, Virginia Hohenstein, Emma Cirillo and Irene Zuckerman and is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral arrangements were by the Salvatore Rocco and Sons Funeral Home, Everett. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Flora and Charlie DiSabatino were the rock of their family. Their three children are proud to credit the support of their parents as the foundation on which they built their accomplishments. "There were no strangers at their table, They'd give you all they had to give. Met with kindness, offered comfort, theirs was a life well lived."

For more information: 1-877-71-ROCCO or rocco-funeralhomes.com

Denise Risi

Of Peabody, formerly of Everett

Denise L. Anzalone Lucreziano Risi of Peabody, formerly of Everett, died on Aug. 3 surrounded by her loving family. She was 54 years old.

The beloved wife of Vincent "Vinny" Risi with whom she shared two years of marriage, she was the loving mother of Regina Lucreziano Esq. and Tori Lucreziano, step-mother to Trista Birch and her husband, Francis, and Sarah Risi and her partner, Dakota; daughter of Clara L. Anzalone Medeiros and the late Anthony Anzalone and his surviving wife, Sandra; sister of Marie Ellard and her husband, Kevin, Donna Lento and her husband, Joe, Michelle Mongeon and her partner, Jill, Anthony Anzalone and his wife, Jen, Jackie Landry and her husband, Michael and the late James Mongeon and step-sister of Anthony Medeiros III, Warren Medeiros and Leigh Bernard. She is also survived by step-grandchildren: Billy, Jason and Eric Birch. She was the former wife of An-



thony Lucreziano and is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral arrangements were by the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main Street, Everett. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Denise's memory may be made to the North East Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave, Salem, MA 01970.

For more information: 1-877-71-ROCCO or rocco-funeralhomes.com.

CHURCH News

Grace Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all.

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News and Notes

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Rose Mary LaRossa

Of Everett

Rose Mary (Pizzi) LaRossa of Everett entered into eternal rest at home on Wednesday, Aug. 7. She was 97 years old.

Born in Weymouth and an Everett resident for most of her life, she was the beloved wife of the late Joseph A. LaRossa, dear and devoted mother of Claire F. Merenda and her husband, Michael of Durham, NH, Martin LaRossa and his wife, Barbara of Everett and Edward LaRossa and his wife, Jenny of Southington, CT. Rose was predeceased by 16 siblings. She was the loving grandmother of Michael Merenda, Jr. and his wife, Ruth, Christopher Merenda and his wife, Tammy, Holly Carman and her husband, Al, Bethany Lowe and her husband, Brian, Jesse LaRossa and his wife, Mayra, Cassie LaRossa and Nikki LaRossa and loving great-grandmother of Willy Merenda, Opal Merenda,



Ja'Quan Merenda, Da'Jaun Merenda, Angelo Merenda and Juliet Rose Lowe.

Funeral arrangements were by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett. Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery, Everett. Contributions in Rose's memory to the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843 would be sincerely appreciated.

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

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

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

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

We are on the Internet

<http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org>

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Other times by appointment.

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

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Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Cannon
Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

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

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Each Thurs-

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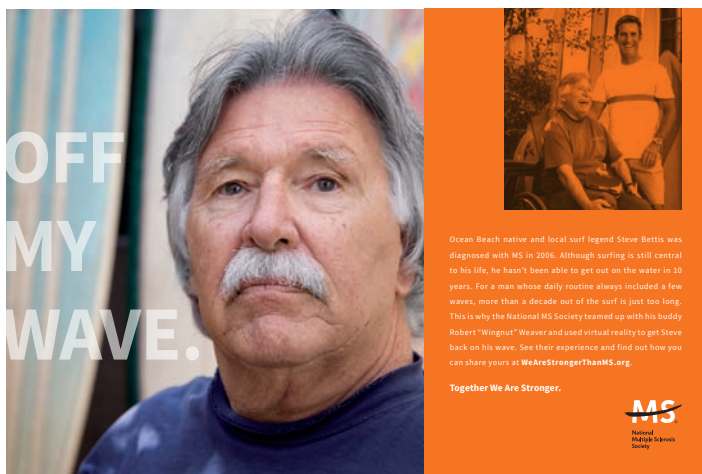
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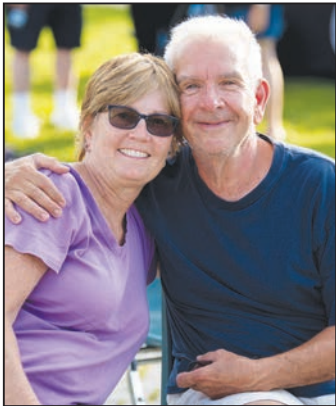
EVERETT HOSTS LIVE MUSIC FROM “ROUTE 1” AT WEHNER PARK EVENT

The City of Everett hosted the debut of live music from “Route 1” at Wehner Park on Friday evening, Aug. 9, as part of the summer concert series. Attendees enjoyed light refreshments, dancing, and singing along to the band.

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS



Mason Baldacchino showed off his dance moves.



Patti and Thomas Rogers enjoyed listening to live music.



Jimmy McLaughlin and Camron Matthews having some summer fun.



Joy Spinali enjoyed clapping and dancing.



Candidate Stephanie Martins, Crystal Skeritt, Candidate Dan Skeritt, Dolores Lattanzi, and Candidate Al Lattanzi greeted James and Nora McGourty.



Debbie Barrett-Cutulle and Dolores Sacco danced outside of the gazebo in Wehner Park.

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Claudy Sylvain and his Iguana enjoyed listening to the music by the Wehner Park fountain.



Bob Bailot and Robert Myers.



Jackie Marcheletta clapped along to familiar tunes performed by Route 1.



Artie Cutulle played the drums during the Route 1 debut.



Siya Aneja enjoyed dancing around the fountain at Wehner Park.




Kevin Strahan, Charlie C., and Benny DeSantis cheered on Route 1 from across the street.



Route 1 performed in Everett for the first time on Friday night, fronted by Steven DiResta.

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Getting Out
LA CAGE AUX FOLLES

By Sheila Barth

Sexy, long-legged dancers garbed in glittering regalia stroll and strut around in the glitzy opening number of Reagle Music Theatre of Greater Boston's production of "La Cage aux Folles," musically declaring "We are what we are."

Looks are, indeed, deceptive. The glamorous Cagelles, song-and-dance ensemble, are all guys, performing at the glitzy drag club in St. Tropez on the French Riviera. Directed and choreographed by veteran Susan Chebookjian, it's impossible to distinguish these males from females, until they doff splendidly-coiffed wigs.

The play explores homosexuality, cross dressing, transgendered people and performers when Americans frowned on them, but Europeans accepted and celebrated them.

From the time Harvey Fierstein's multi-award winning, two-act, eyebrow-raising musical comedy, (music and lyrics by Tony and Grammy award winner Jerry Herman).



PHOTO BY HERB PHILPOTT

JT Turner portraying Georges and James Darrah as Albin make melodic music in Reagle Theatre of Greater Boston's 'La Cage aux Folles'

originally appeared on Broadway in 1983 the musical, based on the play by Jean Poiriet, with book by four-time Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein skyrocketed successfully, on stage and film. The 1996 movie, "The Bird Cage," starring Robin Williams, Nathan Lane, and Gene Hackman (an American-themed remake of Poiriet's 1978 French-Italian film, "La Cage aux Folles"), increased its popularity.

Nicely accompanied by

Music Director Dan Rodriguez and Reagle's instrumentalists, the talented ensemble, main characters Georges and Albin, triumphantly punctuate their freedom to be who they are, as the duo overtly displays their affection like a longtime, loyal couple, in song "The Best of Times".

Portraying gay club proprietor Georges, Boston-area/North Shore favorite J.T. Turner affably emcees the show, introducing featured

performers, including ZaZa, heralded toast of the town, cross-dressing, greatest female impersonating performer of all time. Offstage, the glittery musical mistress is Albin, Georges longtime effeminate lover, whom Broadway star James Darrah portrays with aplomb. As club headliner Zaza, Derrah's flamboyance, affectation, nuance, and petulance are spot-on.

Together, veteran stage-screen actor Darrah, a native of Waltham, and Turner, of Ipswich, warmly display the couple's love, affection and admiration for each other, especially in duets "With You on My Arm" and "Song on the Sand".

The plot is fun, too. Georges' 24-year-old straight son, Jean-Michel arrives home with a startling announcement- he intends to marry Anne, (Lily Steven), ironically the daughter of M. Dindon (Rich Allegretto), a pompous, self-righteous, anti-homosexual deputy official, who's determined to run "degenerates" out of town. Holier-than-thou Dindon, Anne, and Dindon's suppressed wife, Marie, (com-

BOX OFFICE

Renowned director-choreographer helms Reagle Music Theatre of Greater Boston's two-act production and cast of 26, through August 18, Robinson Theatre, 617 Lexington St., Waltham: Thursday, Sunday, 2 p.m., Friday, Saturday, 7 p.m. \$25-\$69. senior, student, groups of 10 discounts; student rush, with college ID, an hour before curtain, 50 percent off. 781-891-5600, reaglemusictheatre.org.

ically played by Maureen Brennan) are staying overnight at Georges' place, so Jean-Michel says Albin must leave during the Dindons' stay.

Jean-Michel rushes around, removing Albin's clothing from closets and the couple's sensual decorations. Jean-Michel also wants to tone down Jacob, the couple's house servant who cross-dresses as a French maid and wants desperately to be in the club's Cagelles line-up. Benz Athakanrunpan of Bangkok, Thailand, Boston Conservatory at Berklee MFA graduate, is overzealous as Jacob.

Albin is deeply wounded, and Georges feels Albin's pain, telling Jean-Michel (Jonathan Acorn) in his moving solo to "Look Over There," at

Albin, who lovingly raised the boy throughout the years, in lieu of his errant mother .

Georges devises a plan to pass Albin off as Jean-Michel's uncle and coaches Albin on how to look, walk, and talk like a man, in song, "Masculinity". Trading Albin's boas, scarves and high heels for a suit and tie, Albin's transformation is eye-catching as he strides around, like a John Wayne caricature.

However, Albin's plan to instead portray the young man's absentee mother, succeeds.

While the first act drags at times (no pun intended), with long ensemble stage numbers, the second act picks up the pace, ending with a rousing finale.

AROUND THE CITY

CLOCK TOWER GALLERY EXHIBITION

The Clock Tower Gallery hosts art exhibits August 23-September 14, from May Pat McNally and Ruth Mary Molina, kicking off with an opening reception Friday, Aug. 23, 7-9 p.m., 45 Pauline St., Winthrop. Gallery is open Saturdays, Sundays, 2-4. winthropculturalcouncil.org.

NOT FADE AWAY

it was a dark day when the music died - in a sense- but Austin Price, who portrayed Johnny Cash at Greater Boston Stage Company's production of "Million Dollar Quartet"- returns with his band, Not Fade Away, celebrating the music of Buddy Holley, Ritchie Valens, the big Bopper, Bill Haley, the Beach Boys, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lewis,

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NEVERDARK SERIES

As part of Gloucester Stage Company's Neverdark Series, the theater presents Laurel Ollstein's "They Promised Hr the Moon," the true story of aviator Jerrie Cobb, Aug. 13, at 7:30 p.m., and

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CHELSEA SOLDIERS' HOME COOKOUT A GREAT SUMMER DAY

The Chelsea Soldiers' Home hosted a cookout for its residents on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 4. Residents mingled with one another while enjoying food fresh from the grill.

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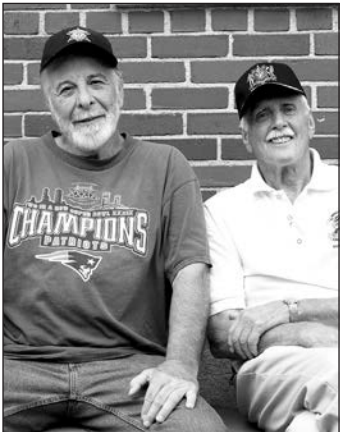
Manny Mello and Frank Mendonca grilled meat throughout the afternoon.



Rose and Joe Fasci enjoyed lunch.



City Council President Damali Vidot joined State Rep. Dan Ryan.



Aaron Zwicker and Don Phillips.



Egan Bert, Frank Ells, and Joe Ensko.



Attorney Olivia Walsh, a resident of the Soldiers' Home, mingled with State Rep. Dan Ryan



Councillors Joe Perlatonda and Leo Robinson.



Music was performed throughout the cookout by the Soldiers' Home band.



Michael Tango and Anthony Mafale.



John Dulong and Peter D.

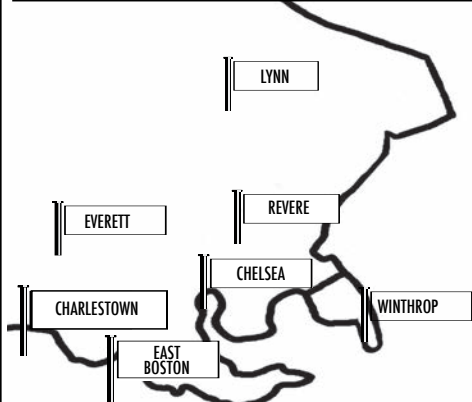


The Pizzarella family: Steven, Rich, Pat, and Joann enjoyed an afternoon at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home BBQ.



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