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Above, Paul Toomey, Bob Smith and Carlo Deiulis work on clearing sidewalks and driveways on Tracy Drive. Left, Josephine and Sabrina Ramirez shovel snow near High Rock Terrace.

Carving a niche in the food economy

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

The city of Lynn has a great food economy with large companies such as Old Neighborhood, Traditional Breads, Side Kim Foods and Kettle Cuisine, not to mention numerous small eateries and small convenience stores that sell prepared foods influenced by Hispanic and Asian cultures.

One thing they all have in common is having to adhere to a state law requiring every place that prepares or serves food must be trained and Serve Safe certified. This law plays a huge part in making sure consumers are safe from having their food mis-

handled and consequently getting sick.

“The purpose behind all of this is food safety,” said Espenoza, who specializes in teaching the manager level course. “Per the 2013 Food Code every establishment has to have one Serve Safe certified person on duty in the building at all times. It’s also part of your requirements for a food permit.”

Carving a niche for himself in this field is Sergio M. Espenoza, a Lynn resident and 32-year-old native of Lima, Peru. He is also a self-described foodie who knows how important it is to understand each culture’s way of pre-

paring food.

He is a 2008 graduate of Johnson & Wales Culinary Arts School in Rhode Island where he studied food service management and event management. Unfortunately, at the time the economy was negatively impacting the events business. But an internship at the Newport Comedy series led him to more events and more ice carving. At Johnson & Wales Espenoza was a member of the “Chippers Club” – those with the gift of ice sculpture skills.

Soon after he moved to Lynn in 2009, he managed restaurants

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Arch Angels

St. Mary's prevails on pivotal shot call

By Cary Shuman

Jeff Newhall has led his St. Mary’s teams to two state titles, taken Marblehead to the brink of a third, won a tournament at Disney and several Boverinis, and produced a string of victories over the most elite programs in any division.

So when Newhall calls Tuesday’s night’s dramatic 53-52 victory over Bishop Fenwick “the next best victory we’ve ever had,” it means a lot.

The game immediately enters the category of instant classic. St. Mary’s and Fenwick are league and post-season rivals and their meetings of late have been

down-to-the-wire affairs. Both student bodies and fans turned out in large numbers to support their lady hoopsters.

There were many clutch baskets. Ashley Sullivan and Nicolette D’Itria (6 points) each had huge three-pointers, with Sullivan’s downtowner launching as the shot clock neared zero.

Pamela Gonzalez likely locked up All-Scholastic honors with a team-high 17-point performance. Olivia Matela (9 points on three 3-pointers) and Jannise Avellino (7 points) helped St. Mary’s bolt to a 12-0 advantage. Yirsy Queliz (6 points) showed that she’s

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Photo by Bob Marra/robertmarraphotography.com

St. Mary's assistant coach Jim Foley and players Pamela Gonzalez and Christina Nowicki erupt after officials ruled that Bishop Fenwick’s Sammi Gallant’s buzzer-beater shot was a two-pointer, not three, giving St. Mary’s a thrilling 53-52 win in Tuesday night’s Division 3 North semi-final game. The Spartans move on to face the Lynnfield/Amesbury winner in the sectional final at Tsongas Saturday.

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EDITORIAL

LET'S CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE IN STATE LAW TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The recent national news stories concerning a massage parlor in Jupiter, Fla., have brought to light what is nothing less than a national abomination: The trafficking of women that reaches into every corner of the United States.

The news stories about this 21st century version of human bondage have made it clear that huge numbers of women, mostly Asian, are being trafficked in a multi-billion dollar sex trade operation under the guise of legitimate massage parlors.

Here in Massachusetts, it is estimated that there are 200-300 of these illicit "business" entities -- almost one for every city and town in the Commonwealth. Just this past week, police in the well-to-do community of Norwell came upon one of these places (which was located in an otherwise-ordinary mall) and, upon executing a search warrant, discovered conditions almost identical to what authorities found in Jupiter.

There were mattresses on the floor and other indicia of living that made it clear that those who worked there also were residing on the premises as prisoners of the operators of this establishment.

How can this situation -- sex slavery in which women from all around the world are being trafficked in our hometowns -- exist so openly in America in 2019?

It seems to us there is a fairly simple solution to the problem that can be accomplished with a small change in the law, at least here in Massachusetts, which is as follows:

The signage on the front window of the Jupiter establishment lists the following services: "Massage therapy, facials, waxing, table showers", and this one: "Body treatments."

Massachusetts tightly regulates the massage therapy business pursuant to chapter 112, section 228, which requires massage therapists to receive training and obtain a license.

However, the last line of this statute exempts from the licensing requirements "those who use the terms 'bodywork', 'bodyworker', and 'bodywork therapist'."

It's as if the traffickers themselves wrote this loophole into the law. The women who were found in the Norwell establishment (who, similar to the women in Jupiter, were Chinese citizens and spoke no English) when the police conducted the raid identified themselves as "bodyworkers" and as such did not require any licensing requirements either from the state or local authorities. It's as if they did not exist.

In our view, the solution is straightforward: Require every person (including receptionists) who works in these establishments to obtain a permit (as opposed to a license) in order to work there. Such persons would be required to register at the local Board of Health where they would have to appear in person, produce a valid ID, and provide their place of residence in order to get their permit.

Routine spot checks by the local boards would ensure that everyone working there has a valid permit from the local authority. If anyone is found working there without a permit, the business would be ordered closed forthwith and the managers, as well as the owners, would be subject to arrest and criminal penalties for employing persons without permits.

In our view, this small change in Massachusetts law, if emulated across the country, could go a long way toward ending the human trafficking business that is a national disgrace.

GUEST OP-ED

National service makes local impact: AmeriCorps members are strengthening greater Boston communities

By Barbara Moffat and Emily Haber

In his inaugural address, President John F. Kennedy asked Americans what they could do for their country. Nearly 60 years later, thousands are answering that question by serving in AmeriCorps, a national service program administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Across Massachusetts, 2,400 AmeriCorps members are serving this year, addressing the Commonwealth's most pressing needs in the areas of education, health, workforce development, and the environment.

The week of March 10-16 is AmeriCorps Week, which celebrates the valuable contributions of the AmeriCorps members who pledge to "get things done" for America. In Massachusetts, AmeriCorps members are tutoring and mentoring at-risk youth pre-K through high school, expanding access to recovery and treatment services for those struggling with opioid addiction, preparing communities for natural disasters, teaching young people how to grow and cook nutritious foods, providing support services to refugees and immigrants, preserving and rehabilitating our forests and waters, and more.

Through several programs, 25 AmeriCorps members are serving in Lynn this year. The United Way of Mass Bay and Merrimack Valley's North Shore AmeriCorps Program has 15 members focused on reducing the school drop-out rate among English Language Learners. They are serving at Girls Inc. of

Lynn, The Children's Law Center of Massachusetts, and Metro North YMCA as well as five public schools: Marshall Middle School, Breed Middle School, Lynn Classical High School, Lynn English High School, and Lynn Vocational Technical Institute, among other sites. Through the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI), one AmeriCorps member is serving at the Lynn Police Department providing street-level outreach to combat the opioid epidemic. The Social Capital Inc. (SCI) AmeriCorps program has members serving at The Food Project, Lynn Food and Fitness Alliance, Family and Children's Services of Lynn, and Girls Inc. to enhance their youth programming and volunteer engagement.

"Whether it's serving a year in a pre-K classroom or on the trails in our state parks, our dedicated AmeriCorps members are making lasting change in cities and towns all across this great Commonwealth. They are meeting local needs, they are developing leadership skills, and for many, they will choose to stay in Massachusetts after their year of service and remain active and engaged citizens making a difference in our communities every day," said MSA CEO Emily Haber.

AmeriCorps members in Massachusetts may receive a modest living allowance, student loan deferment, health insurance, childcare, and professional development. Members who successfully complete their service receive an educational award of up to \$6,095 to help

pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay off student loans.

Since AmeriCorps began in 1994, more than 35,000 Massachusetts residents have served through the national service program, generating over \$1.13 billion in community impact. These AmeriCorps members have also earned \$63.2 million in education awards. Those interested in joining AmeriCorps can learn more at AmeriCorps.gov/join.

The Massachusetts Service Alliance, established in 1991, is a private, nonprofit organization that serves as the state commission on community service and volunteerism. MSA invests in community-based organizations and institutions that rely upon volunteers and people engaged in service. Through investing, convening, advocating, and building capacity, MSA develops and supports programs like AmeriCorps that incorporate service and volunteerism as effective strategies to address the most pressing needs in the Commonwealth. To learn more about MSA's role across the state, visit www.mass-service.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON DELEO'S GREENWORKS PROPOSAL

To the editor:

Speaker DeLeo's billion-dollar GreenWorks proposal could offer much-needed support to Winthrop, other coastal towns, and all the Commonwealth's communities as we face greater extremes of tides and weather. But as with any local distribution

of grants, the details will matter. Will GreenWorks primarily help towns shore up their own local resilience to climate change? Or will the grants support reductions in carbon emissions that will mitigate the larger problem? Unless we stop adding more greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, adaptation will inevitably fall short.

So Mr. Speaker, as your GreenWorks plan advances through

the House, why not also support the 100 percent Renewable Energy bill? Let's address our local needs but also make sure we are doing our part as global citizens to reduce our overall carbon emissions. Full carbon neutrality as quickly as possible is the only sensible response to this urgent problem.

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Waterfront report given to council

By Sue Woodcock

Dave Andrews of Brown, Richardson and Rowe gave a brief overview of the Lynn Waterfront Open Space Master Plan to the City Council last week.

Since the plan was developed there have been several public meetings on it. The next will be the final public meeting, which will be held in late winter or early spring.

The Lynn Waterfront Open Space Master Plan to create public parks, plazas and continuous promenade along the waterfront. The project area runs from east of the Lynnway between the General Edwards Bridge and the Nahant Causeway. The project intends to increase public access to the water and

"Improvements to the Lynnway and the Carroll Parkway are essential to making the waterfront welcoming and accessible," Andrews said of the 305 acres involved.

Between this area are approximately 1.75 miles of coastline.

Andrews said they have been working on this for about a year and a half. City, State and DCR officials have all had a look at the report.

"This provides good public access to the waterfront where it currently does not exist," Andrews said. "It gives the city the chance to guide and shape it."

To date, there have been three public meeting and two walks of the site.

He noted that development in the area will take the course over several years. The development will also address areas of coastal erosion, woodlands and wetlands near the General Edwards Bridge and the deteriorating of seawalls.

"This is unique because this is an open space master plan," Andrews said. "This provides a new vision based on all this work that can be done in the waterfront area, the design and implementation of strategies."

Joseph Aiello to speak at the LACC Transportation Forum

On Tuesday, March 12, the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce (LACC) will host a Transportation Forum from 8-10 a.m. at the Lynn YMCA. Joseph Aiello, Chairman of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's Fiscal & Management Control Board will be the Keynote Speaker. The Transportation Forum will offer the business community with the opportunity to provide valuable input to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Lynn Transit Action Plan Study. Speakers, including, Senator Brendan Crighton, Mayor Thomas McGee and Aiello, will discuss transportation issues and their impact to the Greater Lynn Area. In addition, the business community will provide feedback through a round-table session.

"This forum provides a unique opportunity for the business community to impart a unified message about the need for improvements to our local transit system," said Colin Codner, Executive Director of the Lynn

Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It's great to have Joseph Aiello, the MBTA's Fiscal and Management Control Board's Chairman, join us for this important discussion. I am excited to work in partnership with the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce to discuss the transportation issues our City and region must confront," said Mayor Thomas M. McGee. "It is important that the Lynn business community's voice is heard advocating for solutions to the transportation challenges we face, and I hope this forum is the beginning of ongoing discussions with business leaders, elected officials and residents."

The Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce was established in 1913 and represents over 400 businesses. The LACC continues to advocate for the business community with the mission of enhancing the economic viability in the Greater Lynn Area.

Visit the LACC website for additional information and to register for the event: www.lynnareachamber.com

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and mentored with a company called HR Foods.

"They are the largest Serve Safe company in the New England area," Espenoza said, adding that he used to instruct the Spanish classes which eventually led to meeting Bud Khan, a mentor, and learning how to take eight-hour Serve Safe class and break it down to a four-hour class with a written test to follow. The test is now offered online.

When it comes to safe food, Espenoza temperature is the key. Any hot food has to be kept at 135 degrees and cold food has to be kept at 41 degrees or lower.

"That's a common thing for people not to realize," Espenoza said.

The other big issue is cross contamination, which he said can happen in so many ways. The biggest factor is hand washing and exciting the bathroom with a paper towel touching the door handle. He said in a well-constructed restaurant there will be a bathroom for employees only and one for the guests.

"And the fact that 50 wash their hands and 50 of people don't," Espenoza said. "That last step with the door handle is super critical."



Sergio M. Espenoza.





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Proposed 'T' hikes meet with outcry from commuters, elected officials

By Dan Murphy

A roomful of commuters and elected officials roundly rejected proposed MBTA fare hikes during a public meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the State Transportation Building in Boston.

Steve Poftak, general manager of the MBTA, outlined the increases, which would go into effect July 1 and raise fares an average of 6.3 percent system-wide.

Under the proposal, the cost of a local bus Charlie Card would increase to \$1.80 from \$1.70 while a subway Charlie Card would rise to \$2.40 from the current \$2.25. The monthly LinkPass, which provides unlimited bus and subway travel for one customer, would jump to \$90 from \$84.50, and a seven-day LinkPass would rise to \$22.50 from \$21.25.

The proposed fare increase would bring in \$32 million in additional revenue to help recoup losses against the budget shortfall of \$111 million projected for the next fiscal year.

The last hike came in July of 2016, which raised fares an average of 9.3 percent across the system, but since that time, the Legislature has passed a law limiting fare hikes to a maximum of 7 percent every two years.

After Poftak's opening remarks, City Councilor Michelle Wu presented T officials with a petition she circulated calling for

unlimited year-round passes for seniors and children, as well as a lower fare for the city's poorest residents, which had already garnered 2,700 signatures by the time the meeting commenced.

"This moment in history demands aggressive action against the threats of income inequality and climate change," Wu said. "Sustainable, affordable, reliable public transit is fundamental to providing Boston residents with the greatest access to jobs, schools, and opportunities beyond their home neighborhoods."

State Rep. Adrian Madaro, who represents East Boston, read from a letter on behalf of the Boston Legislative Delegation urging the MBTA board of directors to hold off on fare hikes at this time.

"Public transportation is a vital resource for residents of Boston, and especially for low-income individuals, seniors and students who rely on MBTA service as

their primary means of transportation," the letter read in part. "We realize fares bring needed revenue to the operations of our public transportation system, but understanding how higher fares affect these vulnerable populations is essential to striking the right balance between funding and public accessibility to transportation services. We believe that there needs to be a more in-depth discussion with the MBTA about the background and reasoning for this proposal prior to the imposition of any fare increase."

James White, chairman of MBTA Accessibility Advisory Committee for the past 18 years, advised against raising fare until after planned improvements are made to the Red and Orange lines, including the replacement of both fleets by 2023.

In response to the MBTA's own projection that a fare hike would amount to a 1.3-percent loss in ridership, State Rep. Andy Vargas, who represents Haverhill, said, "At a time when we have increased ridership on the T, we should be doing every-

thing we can to encourage that."

State Rep. Tommy Vitolo, who represents Brookline, took to the podium with a can of Arizona Iced Tea in hand.

"It costs 99 cents, says it right on the can," he said. "It has cost 99 cents for 18 years. What the good people of Arizona Iced Tea figured out is if you don't improve the quality of the tea, you don't raise the prices," Vitolo said before drinking from the can as the audience applauded him.

The fare increase would put an even bigger burden on commuters living outside the city as illustrated by statements from Egan Millard, a 27-year-old Weymouth resident who works in Cambridge and currently pays \$217.75 for his monthly commuter rail and subway pass.

"I, and I'm sure most T riders, already feel we're paying too much for such abysmal service," Millard said "Commuter rail service is so infrequent I have to plan my entire day and sometimes week around it. I have lost, at this point, days of my life on the T that I can't get back."

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Zonta Club of Chelsea honors Jane M. Klausman Scholarship recipient

The Zonta Club of Chelsea, at their February monthly meeting, had the pleasure of honoring MIT attendee Carmel Appel Raskin, recipient of the Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. Zonta District 1 Governor Elizabeth Hart presented her with the Scholarship Certificate. The membership and many guests were there for this memorable evening. Invited guest were Chelsea School Committee member Rosemarie Carlisle, Everett Interim Superintendent of Schools Janice

Gauthier, Everett school teacher Josephine Penza and MGH Operations Specialist Maria Valles.

Upcoming Zonta Club Monthly Meeting: Thursday March 21 @ 6:00 pm @ The Doubletree Hotel in Chelsea

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Pictured (left to right), Zonta International Area 4 Director Barbara Anderson, JMK Women in Business Scholarship recipient Carmel Appel Raskin, District 1 Governor Elizabeth Hart, Zonta Club of Chelsea President Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy and Scholarship Chair Pamela Miller.

AG's office to host events across the state for National Consumer Protection Week

In celebration of the 21st annual National Consumer Protection Week, Attorney General Maura Healey announced a series of events designed to help empower and educate Massachusetts residents.

"The AG's Office advocates for consumers every day, arming them with the tools they need to make informed decisions and protect themselves from bad actors," said AG Healey. "This month, we will travel throughout the state to meet with consumers, teach them about their rights, and connect them with the resources we have available through our office."

During National Consumer Protection Week, the AG's Office will offer consumer education events across the state on topics ranging from consumer awareness, scams, senior consumer rights, and auto laws. A complete list of consumer protection events being held throughout March is available here.

Each year, the AG's Office provides direct assistance to thousands of consumers across Massachusetts. AG Healey's Consumer Advocacy & Response Division (CARD) directly assists consumers by answering questions, offering referrals to appropriate organizations or government agencies, working with businesses to resolve disputes, and providing information on other available services and community-based consumer programs.

In 2018, CARD worked on more than 34,000 cases, and either directly or through its partnerships with local consumer programs helped secured more than \$3.7 million in relief for consumers. Some examples of consumer assistance provided by

the AG's Office in 2018 include:

- Assisting an elderly consumer facing foreclosure. CARD staff successfully got the foreclosure date postponed and provided the consumer with time to apply for a loan modification.

- Helping to clear a consumer of a fraudulent wireless phone bill totaling nearly \$5,300. The consumer was contacted by the carrier for more than a year even though he repeatedly told them that he never had an account with them. With CARD's assistance, the carrier confirmed that the consumer did not owe the debt and corrected his credit.

- Assisting in getting an auto purchase rescinded after a consumer discovered within days of purchasing it that her car was a lemon. CARD contacted the finance company that originated the auto loan, and the company unwound the deal, offered to correct the consumer's credit report, and ceased doing business with the dealership.

- Coordinating the delivery of 100 gallons of oil, paid for by Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands Inc. and delivered by Guard Oil, to a senior without heat. Guard Oil also serviced the furnace at no charge.

- Working with a hotel chain to compensate consumers after a spa in one of their Boston locations closed abruptly. Consumers who filed complaints with the AG's Office received credits at the spa slated to replace the one that closed or at the hotel for a total value of \$6,158.

In addition to direct assistance, the AG's Office investigates and litigates violations of the state's consumer protection laws. In 2018, the AG's Office secured refunds for 20,000 consumers from Comcast, \$4 mil-

lion in relief from a national mortgage servicing company, \$450,000 in restitution and penalties from used auto dealership in Westport, and nearly \$50,000 for student borrowers from a student loan "debt relief" company that charged unnecessary and unlawful fees.

Consumers with problems are encouraged to contact CARD's consumer specialists at 617-727-8400 or file a complaint on the AG's website. The AG's Office also has an Elder Hotline at 888-243-5337, which operates as part of CARD and is staffed by trained specialists who are

knowledgeable about problems that are more common for older Massachusetts residents. The AG's Office also encourages student borrowers to contact the Student Loan Assistance Unit at 888-830-6277 for help.

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St. Mary's Olivia Matela drives on Bishop Fenwick's Finola Corcoran.



St. Mary's Ashley Sullivan (11) fights Bishop Fenwick's Olivia DiPietro for a rebound.

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In the end, Gabby Torres was the clutchiest of all, hitting four free throws in the final 31 seconds to provide the margin of victory. The Spartans made their free throws count, shooting 17-of-23 from the line.

The Spartans needed every one of Torres' tosses because Fenwick star Sammi Gallant (25 points) hit a basket that many thought was a game-tying three-pointer at the buzzer. But referee Julie Ruane was on top of the play, immediately signaling that the basket

was a two-pointer, setting off a Spartans' celebration.

"I really have to commend the officials," said Newhall. "People that question why there's three officials in the State Tournament, that's why. Because if there weren't a third person here, that has to be a three-pointer and we're still playing."

Sullivan closely defended Gallant on the last-second shot and Gonzalez helped out on the decisive play.

"I think [Ashley's] defense and Pam's little show from the

post [made a difference] from it being a three-pointer," said Newhall.

The St. Mary's coach expected another close game between two great rivals.

"I thought it would be four quarters or more," said Newhall. "It was heavyweight contest. It was back-and-forth. We just kept fighting. There were a lot of stories of resiliency in this game. Gabby hits those free throws under pressure. You can't coach that – you either have that in your veins or you don't. I thought Pam played pretty possessed all night. Ashley hit a big three. The kids were fired up because of what happened last year."

St. Mary's advances to the Division 3 North Sectional final Saturday at the Tsongas Center in Lowell.

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St. Mary's Pam Gonzalez, who led the Spartans with 17 points, was a key on defense as well, here guarding Bishop Fenwick's Olivia DiPietro.



St. Mary's Nicolette D'Itria evades the defensive effort of Bishop Fenwick's Sammi Gallant.



St. Mary's Pam Gonzalez breaks away from the pack on her way to leading the Spartans with 17 points in their 53-52 win over Bishop Fenwick Tuesday night.

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Gabby Torres delivers with the game on the line

By Cary Shuman

This is why you take thousands of shots in the off-season and scores of free throws at most every practice.

It's the scenario you imagine when you're shooting free throws alone in the backyard or an empty gym.

But you cannot duplicate the real-life, real-time situation that Gabby Torres faced in the final 31 seconds of the St. Mary's-Fenwick game Tuesday night at Woburn High School.

With the game and the season hanging in the balance, Torres swished four free throws to give St. Mary's an electrifying 53-52 victory over Bishop Fenwick and a spot in the North sectional final Saturday at the Tsongas Center.

Head Coach Jeff Newhall understood the stakes involved in Gabby's trips to the line. Having paced the sidelines for virtually the entire game, Newhall took a seat at the far end of the Spartans' bench to watch the drama unfold.

"I had to – that was my good luck seat at the end of the



Gabby Torres

bench," related Newhall.

Torres already had a fantastic moment versus Fenwick earlier in the season when she hit a late three-pointer to give St. Mary's a 62-58 win in overtime.

But this likely topped that for the talented junior who wants the basketball in her hands at crunch time.

"It just came down to it – if it wasn't for Yirsy [Queliz], who made that pass when she was trapped in the corner, I would never have gotten the chance to

go to the line," said Torres. "We practice free throws every day in practice all the time."

She admitted that there were some anxious moments as she stepped to the line.

"I was very nervous, but I overcame that and we came out on top," said Torres.

She was true to the routine that she uses at the line.

"I take four dribbles. I turn the ball and I shoot it," she explained.

Torres said she was proud of

her teammates' execution in the final quarter.

"The key ingredient was that we all hustled until it was over and we kept fighting, and that's what we did," she said. "It feels great to do this for the team. I love my teammates and we're really happy."

Newhall said the four free throws were not the only Gabby Torres big-time contribution.

"She hit that three-pointer that beat Fenwick at the buzzer, so

she's been a thorn in their side this year," said Newhall. "But what goes really unnoticed is that when Jannise [Avelino] fouled out, Gabby went in and covered Annie Murphy and she didn't give up a point. Annie is taller, but Gabby was physical and moved her away from the basket. So you could make the argument that Gabby was kind of the key at both ends of the court down the stretch."



St. Mary's Alyssa Grossi looks for some help as she is cornered between Bishop Fenwick's Sammi Galant (5) and Annie Murphy (44).



St. Mary's Yirsy Queliz makes her way through a crowd on the way to the basket.

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LYNN CHARGERS FOOTBALL BANQUET END ZONE CELEBRATION

The Lynn Chargers football program held its annual awards banquet at Prince of Pizza. This is a terrific youth program that has three divisions along with a cheerleading squad. Coaches teach the principles of sportsmanship and the fundamentals of the game. Parental involvement played a key aspect in the organization's success. All the players and cheerleaders were awarded medals for their respect to the rules of the game and their team spirit.

Incoming President Peter Marino along with his coaches and Board of Directors look forward to next season. Past President Brian Lozzi who served for nine consecutive years will remain in contact with the program in another capacity. Congratulations for a great season!



Titans Football Coaches with a record of (7-1) – (Seated): Line Coach Roosevelt, Books; (Standing): Head Coach Abel Cuevas, Defensive Coach Brian Berry, and Offensive Coach Jose Quintana.



Lynn Chargers Mothers – (Seated): Tatiana Rivera and Marjorie Laboy; (Back): Karina Quintana, Jessica Valentin, and Vanessa Morales.



Wyoma Little League President Dan Veillieux with his daughter, Isabella, who is a cheerleader and his son, DJ, and wife, Tabatha.



Lynn Chargers Board of Directors: Greg Krochmal, Majorie Laboy, Jennifer George, Oliver George, President Peter Marino, Amanda Palmer, Jen Furlong, Daisy Krochmal, Past President Brian Lozzi.



Lynn Chargers Gladiators from Grade 7 and 8 received their team medals



Lynn Chargers 8 Full Seasons Award to Vincent Marino who played from Grade 1 to Grade 8 – Mother Carole Molignano, Giana Marino, Father Peter Marino, Vincent, and Brian Lozzi.



Coach Tony Timmons of the Lynn Chargers Crusaders with his two sons, Joe and Mikey.



Incoming President of the Lynn Chargers Peter Marino with immediate Past President Brian



Coach Jose Peratta with his son, Josiah.



A Charger Family (Seated): Meelad Kirk, Amanda Kirk, and Makai Kirk; (Standing): Jacob Villar, Jr. Villar, Jennifer Mmeere.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

HIGH RENTS DRIVING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS

CHELSEA - Supt. Mary Bourque said that for the first time in decades, more students are leaving the Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) than are coming in – an exodus of students that seems to be heading mostly to Lynn.

“We’ve always had more students coming in from certain communities than students leaving Chelsea for those communities,” said Bourque this week. “Since July, we’re seeing the inverse. We have more going out to the four communities of Lynn, Revere, Everett and Boston...A few years ago, we were seeing an influx of students from outside of the country. We’re seeing the reverse. We’re not seeing that influx from out of the country, and we’re actually seeing the exodus of our families more to the North Shore communities. The movement is more to the North Shore. I think it’s linked to housing and affordability.”

According to CPS data, from July 1, 2019 through Feb. 14 - 257 Chelsea students left for other communities in Massachusetts. Of the 257, the largest pattern saw 29 going to Boston; 35 going to Everett; 44 going to Lynn; and 34 going to Revere. Those are places that, historically, Bourque said usually leak more students to Chelsea than Chelsea loses to them. That trend has changed now.

The root cause could come for multiple reasons, but Bourque said she firmly believes it all comes down to the drastic rise in rents and housing costs in Chelsea.

“I do believe it’s the rising rental properties around the community,” she said. “Right now, Chelsea is experiencing it just like, if not more so, than other communities. We’re losing many, many families. I’m seeing documents of many, many families going to Lynn in particular. Lynn seems to be the most popular destination for families being able to find rental properties. Secondarily, they are going to Revere, Everett and Boston.”

Bourque, who has studied student mobility in depth during her career, said many studies have indicated over the years that student population is a bellwether for the changes that are coming to a community.

In Chelsea, she said she believes this latest trend in student population could be sounding an alarm for the community to

try to take action.

“This is definitely something we have to pay attention to,” she said. “The demographics in our schools are telling of what is coming to the community at-large. We’re the canary in the coal mine for community shift. I see it as a positive though because we can look at it and get out in front so we can be prepared to meet the needs of that shift.

A consequence of that loss is that the CPS budget is likely going to shrink due to the smaller enrollments.

“We already have an issue with the Foundation Budget at the state level being broken, and it still needs to be fixed,” she said. “We still need to advocate for that. At the same time, we have a confounding situation where we’re losing student enrollment that results in a natural decrease in staffing and resources due to that lower student enrollment. The challenge will be keeping those two budgetary issues separate and not allowing them to blend together. They are two different issues.”

Bourque said the situation reminds her of what Somerville Public Schools went through some years ago as it gentrified on the back of Cambridge’s successes. At one point, she said she recalled they had somewhere around 6,000 students enrolled in the public schools, but as that City changed, the numbers dwindled down to around 4,000. She said Chelsea should fight to keep that from happening here.

Looking for a wave from Venezuela, Brazil

Chelsea has always had a reputation and a practice of having open arms to refugees and new immigrant populations.

Now, as new immigrant families seem to be migrating a bit towards the North Shore, Supt. Mary Bourque said they are keeping an eye on Brazil and Venezuela as potential sources of incoming students.

Bourque said immigrant groups from crisis areas of the world typically begin showing up in Chelsea schools about 10 to 15 months after the crisis in their countries.

With the recent political upheaval in Venezuela with its leadership, she said the federal government is considering giving Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Venezuelans. That, she said, could result in more students arriving from that country soon.

“It will be interesting to wait and see if we get an influx from Venezuela,” she said. “It usually happens 15 to 18 months after a crisis. We’ll watch to see if this summer enrollments begin to come in from that country.”

In Brazil, she said a down economy has already brought a trickling of new Brazilian students to the district.

CITY MANAGER OUTLINES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CHELSEA - Fresh off of a new contract, City Manager Tom Ambrosino gave an enthusiastic opening to city council meeting during his State of the City Address, where he talked about Chelsea’s accomplishments in 2018, as well as its goals for 2019.

“I feel confident in saying that the state of our City of Chelsea is very good indeed,” he started.

Among the achievements of the past year, Ambrosino noted that the City ended 2018 with an excess of \$28 million in its coffers.

“There’s not another city our size in the entire Commonwealth with that level of reserves,” he said. “That is a testament to the shrewd financial planning of City Council.”

In 2018, Chelsea was also one

of only 35 cities in the country to be awarded a Bloomberg Challenge grant for its vision to reduce crime with preventative care.

“Because of that award, our model of predicting harm and then engaging in cross-sector collaboration to address the harm got national attention,” said Ambrosino. “It’s gaining interest and it has people seeking to replicate that, not just in Massachusetts, but outside as well.”

Ambrosino cited the City’s increased development in 2018, such as the construction of two new hotels and the multi-million dollar expansion of a pharmaceutical company. He also mentioned the \$10 million grant by the state to reconstruct Broadway from City Hall to the Revere Line, as well as a \$3 million federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to renovate Chelsea’s waterfront, one of the largest grants given by the EDA to any municipality in the country in 2018, and one of the only grants issued in Massachusetts.

“We kept our promises to our residents in 2018 by doing good services,” Ambrosino reflected. “I think we can achieve the same level of success in 2019 if we have the same level of collaboration from City Council.”

In terms of goals for 2019, Am-

broso highlighted the effort to renovate the downtown Chelsea area, building on the foundational work done in 2018.

“We added police, social services, more lighting, decorative banners, public art,” he said. “We’ve created an atmosphere and foundation for success, so what we need to do now is finalize the work that remains.”

Ambrosino outlined four areas of improvement for downtown Chelsea: finalizing the design for the infrastructure improvements for one-way schemes, adopting the necessary zoning permissions to improve the facade of the corridor, offering a rich array of cultural and artistic activities, and submitting a request for proposal (RFP) for the redevelopment of the former Salvation Army site.

The City Manager threw his support behind the Forbes Proposal, which is up before the City Board of Appeals next month for the redevelopment of the Chelsea waterfront, claiming that it will include affordable condominiums for Chelsea residents looking to become homeowners.

Ambrosino also mentioned the planned infrastructure and capital improvements for 2019,

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including work to the Chelsea Greenway, the Chelsea Garden Cemetery and Veterans' Field. This would all be in the context of a master plan, the first of its kind in Chelsea since the 1970s.

The City Manager emphasized the importance of investing in affordable housing as well as in education, specifically for grants to allow high-achieving, low-income high school students in Chelsea to attend Bunker Hill Community College free of charge.

"This idea of public funding for education beyond just high school is gaining momentum in this nation," he said. "We can feel

a sense of pride that Chelsea is in the forefront of that movement."

FORESTEIRE LEAVES HOUSING AUTHORITY

EVERETT - With the charges against former Supt. Fred Foresteire leveled last week, new attention immediately was brought to his service on the Everett Housing Authority (EHA) board, and news traveled fast that Foresteire quietly had resigned from that seat recently.

In a letter dated Feb. 13, Foresteire indicated he would resign from the Board effective Feb. 15.

Foresteire has been on the

EHA board as the governor's appointment for some time, and has served for many governors, including Gov. Charlie Baker.

In conversations earlier this year, upon learning of the allegations against Foresteire, the Independent Inquired of Foresteire's EHA seat. The governor's office at the time said they have heard of the investigations into Foresteire, but they cannot unilaterally remove Foresteire.

"Gov. Baker believes there be should zero tolerance for sexual harassment, especially in our schools, and the administration supports a full and thorough investigation of the matter in a

timely fashion," said Brendan Moss of the governor's office.

The legal process for removing someone from a local Housing Authority board calls for several steps before one can be removed. The responsibility for getting the process started and removing members lies with the City Council and the mayor.

They are empowered to "make and receive . . . written charges against any member of a housing or redevelopment authority in such city or town appointed by the department [of housing and community development]," read the state law.

If there are written charges,

it lies upon the mayor and City Council to refer those charges, which now exist in the Foresteire case, to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), as well as the governor's office.

The law says the standard for which a member must adhere to include: "inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office."

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Mary Ellen McDonald

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Mary Ellen (Langevain) McDonald passed away peacefully at home on March 1 and joined her beloved husband, Robert William McDonald, in Eternal Rest.

Mary was born to Esther (Harrington) and Clarence (Charles) Langevain in Lynn in 1942. She was raised on the little island of Nahant outside of Boston where she enjoyed a memory-filled postwar childhood of the fifties. Her brother, Larry, fondly called her 'Sis' and the nickname was used by all.

She embarked upon a nursing career at the Lynn Hospital School of Nursing in 1963 where she met her lifelong friends, Julia (Kilroy) Hoinoski and Mary Joyce.

She married her teenage sweetheart 'Bobby' March 6, 1965 and set off on an adventure as an Air Force wife. The couple made homes in Arizona, Massachusetts, and Florida before settling in Connecticut. They were blessed with five children in rapid succession, including surprise twins to complete the set.

Mary was a Girl Scout her entire life. As an adult she gave generously of her time as a troop leader, cookie chairman, service unit chairman, and her favorite role as a diversity educator in the Green Circle program. Her service was recognized by the Archdioceses of Hartford with the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

award. She also gave her time as a den mother for her son Ed's Cub Scout pack.

Throughout her life, Mary had a love of sewing shared by her daughter Jane. She often made her own clothing as a young woman and enjoyed the art of heirloom sewing. She was an extremely talented seamstress and she volunteered her sewing to the Felician Sisters Convent. She crafted habits worn by the sisters for an audience with His Holiness St. John Paul II.

Mary is survived by a son, Edward McDonald, and four daughters; Ellen Gallegos and husband, Jerry of New Mexico, Jane Bessette of Massachusetts, Jeanne Louks and her husband, Shane of South Carolina and Janet DeGreenia and her husband, Timothy of Connecticut.

She said she wanted to give her children wings, she just didn't know how far they would

fly!

Mary is also survived by her brother, Charles Lawrence (Larry) Langevain, her beloved grandchildren; Sarah, Nichole, Megan, Krysta, Kandra, Kyle, Victoria, Timothy, and Tyler, and great-granddaughter, Rowan and well as many dear nieces and nephews. She enjoyed a special and close relationship with her McDonald family.

She was predeceased by her husband, both her parents, sister-in-law Donna (Hudson) Langevain, and her beloved godmother, Mary Lane (Sweetie) Bradshaw. She will finally return home to rest in Nahant, so dear to her heart.

Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family on Wednesday, March 6 from 4 pm to 7 pm at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd., Enfield, Connecticut. A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary will be celebrated on Thursday, March 7 at 10 a.m. at Holy Family Church, 23 Simon Rd., Enfield. Please meet at the church. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions in memory of Mary may be made to the Girl Scouts of Connecticut at www.gsofct.org or Fund Development, Girl Scouts of Connecticut, 340 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106 For online expressions of sympathy or directions please visit www.leetestevens.com

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CLASSICAL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Lynn Classical boys basketball team completed a successful season with a trip to the MIAA State Tournament. The

Rams, under the direction of Head Coach Jasper Grassa, defeated Medford, 63-46, in the first round of the Division 1

North Sectionals before being ousted by Lowell, 76-61 in the quarterfinals. Classical finished with a 15-7 record.

Jim Valente photos



Malik Anderson (#5) goes up for the put back and two points after grabbing an offensive rebound versus the Medford Mustangs.



Classical's Dyrrell Rucker (#1) lays it up after a steal and breakaway with only one man to beat.



Classical's Keith Ridley goes up for two, in double coverage by the Mustangs.



Ram's guard Jeff Barbosa dips his shoulder and heads toward the basket under tight guard by a Medford defender.



Jeff Hill takes an opportunity to drain a 3-point shot from the corner in Classical's game against the Mustangs of Medford in the first round of the State tournament.



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