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English Royalty

The Bulldogs defeat Putnam, 64-57 to claim Division 1 state championship

By Cary Shuman

First they beat three of the best of the state's best basketball league, the Merrimack Valley. Then they ousted the best team in the south.

And finally they bested the best in the west in the central part of the state.

The Lynn English boys basketball team captured the Division 1 state basketball championship in an exciting 64-57 victory over Putnam Tech of Springfield Saturday at Holy Cross in Worcester.

It was a history-making achievement for Coach Antonio Anderson and the 2018-19 Bulldogs. The school last won the Class A Tech Tournament in 1939, that era's equivalent of a state title.

Following a familiar post-season script, the Bulldogs played excellent, unselfish team basketball, tenacious end-to-end defense while receiving outstanding contributions from several players.

Alonzo Linton was the unofficial MVP of this contest with 27 points and 12 rebounds. He

was 5-of-5 from the line, including four free throws in the fourth quarter.

Justin Fitzpatrick, a 6-foot-6-inch junior, showed he can hit the three-pointer and electrify an audience. He had a trio of treys and a crowd-pleasing alley-oop dunk courtesy of a Jack Rodriguez assist, for 11 points total.

"That play was amazing," said guard Jarnel Guzman.

"It was nice," said Antonio Anderson, who had some memorable dunks in his career. "It was nice. We've been telling Justin, if your man turns his back, go to the basket for a dive."

Rodriguez, a sophomore guard, had 10 points and consistently drove past Putnam defenders to set up high percentage shots

"Jack did a great job attacking the basket," said Guzman.

Mason Jean-Baptiste, a junior guard, had nine points and some big steals, leading the containment of Putnam's top guard, Taelon Martin.

Junior Jarnel Guzman, whose leadership in the backcourt and

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NO. 1: The Lynn English Bulldogs (and friends), celebrated as the 2019 Massachusetts Division 1 Boys Basketball Champions. It was the school's first state championship since 1939. PINBALL WIZARD: Jarnel Guzman bounces his way through three defenders as he drives the lane for two of his seven points during the state championship game last Saturday, March 16, in Worcester, where they won 64-57.



THE 'ZO' SHOW

Linton was brilliant in Bulldogs' run to the title

By Cary Shuman

He was simply awesome.

Alonzo Linton, Lynn English's 6-foot-5-inch senior, scored a game-high 27 points and had 12 rebounds to help the Bulldogs set down Putnam 64-57, in the Division 1 state championship game Saturday at the Hart Center on the campus of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

Linton was a force from start

to finish as the scoreboard backed up. He had seven points in the first quarter and eight in the fourth, including four clutch free throws (5-of-5 for the game). In the middle quarters, he had 12 points.

Included in the Zo Show was a dunk, a moment that drew a smile from the personable athlete when reporters asked him about it after the game.

"It feels really good to end the season this way with my team and

my coaches," Linton told reporters. "It means a lot. We all wanted at the beginning of the year to win a state championship."

Though he did most of his damage around the basket, turning Jarnel Guzman no-look passes into baskets, Linton is actually a guard himself.

"Jarnel finds me on the pick-and-roll during the game, but

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EDITORIAL

TRAGEDY, SADNESS IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is a beautiful country that seems far removed, both literally and figuratively, from the problems facing the rest of our troubled planet.

However, the tragic shootings at two mosques in New Zealand this past Friday have demonstrated that there is no place on earth that is immune from the forces of evil and hatred that are tearing apart the fabric of our societies.

As we are writing this, 50 persons have been confirmed dead, with another 31 injured, of whom nine are in critical condition, including a 4 year-old child.

The shootings are typical of the cowardly perpetrators of these deeds: They choose churches, mosques, and synagogues where their victims are unarmed and worshipping their God pursuant to their individual faith in a place where the victims feel most safe.

Are we getting to the point where every house of worship must hire armed guards in order to protect their congregants?

New Zealand's prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, was unequivocal in her resolve to take action in the wake of the tragedy. "Within 10 days of this horrific act of terrorism, we will have announced reforms that I believe will have made our community safer," Ms. Ardern said.

To be sure, there is no one action that any government can take to prevent this sort of tragedy from happening. Hatred and mental-illness always will exist.

However, common-sense measures can be undertaken regarding the sales and licensing of the sort of military arms that are responsible for these mass shootings.

While none of us can predict the future, we do not have to be Nostradamus to know that until we restrict the sale of these weapons of mass murder, they will occur again -- and again -- and again.



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GUEST OP-ED

Looking at women as heroes

By Christine Armstrong

March is Women's History month, and Friday, March 8 was International Women's Day. As I look back on the legacy of women in our country, I'm reminded of the vast number of accomplishments and achievements that women have made. In Massachusetts, alone, these five women stand out to me as heroes who fought their way to the top. Let's remember them, honor them, and keep moving forward!

Julia Child

Who can forget Cambridge's beloved Julia Child? She changed the world of food in America and made French food accessible to the home cook.

Before all that, Julia was a spy for the Americans during World War II. She worked for the Office of Strategic Services, a precursor to the CIA. There, she helped de-

velop shark repellent and at one point, was Chief of the OSS Registry during her time in China. Julia Child never backed down from a challenge, and throughout her life, she had the freedom to do what she loved.

It's important to invest so you can pursue your interests, now, and in retirement. Julia lived life to the fullest; we should all take that as an example. Invest in your future and support what you love through careful financial planning. Think outside the box with philanthropic services and sustainable investments – the sky's the limit.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown

Bet this is a name you haven't heard before, but let me tell you, it's one you should know. Born in North Carolina, but raised in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Charlotte (Lottie) Hawkins Brown's parents made sure she had every educational oppor-

tunity available – a tough thing to achieve for a woman of color in the 1800s. She caught the attention of renowned educator Alice Freeman Palmer, and the rest, as they say, is history. Lottie later founded the Palmer Memorial Institute in North Carolina, providing top-notch educational opportunities to African-American children.

Consider building into your long-term financial plans, a savings portfolio for your dependent's educational opportunities – they might be the next Charlotte Hawkins Brown! A 529 college savings plan is a step you can take to give your children the gift of higher learning.

Louisa May Alcott, Author

Born to a poor family in Pennsylvania, Louisa moved to Boston, MA when she was two.

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Walsh settles in at Lynn YMCA

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

Kathleen Walsh has spent 27 years working for the YMCA and she is excited to usher in a 70,000 square-foot addition to the current Y property on Neptune Boulevard.

“Soon that pile of dirt will be turned into our new building,” said president and CEO of YMCA of Metro North, as she pointed out the window.

Walsh, who also has a service area covering Lynn, Nah-

ant, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham, Melrose, Lynnfield, and Peabody, is focused on getting the message out about the YMCA, how it fits into the community and the charity work the YMCA does.

While she has only been in her position for five weeks, her background with other YMCAs is a bonus and her enthusiasm is catching.

“Everybody knows that the Y is about youth development, healthy living and social re-

sponsibility, and I want to make sure that’s evident in everything we do,” Walsh said. “Ultimately, I want to raise money for our scholarship programs through our Annual Fund, that’s a big deal for all YMCAs.”

The scholarships allow for kids, families and adults to participate in the various programs. In the past year the Lynn YMCA has given out about \$1 million in services, predominantly to child-care and summer camp.

“Those are the areas that people really need help in and we’re able to do that by raising money,” Walsh said.

Also under Walsh’s eye is the construction of a new \$30 million Lynn YMCA adjacent to the current one. Site work began three



Kathleen Walsh.

months ago and is expected to be completed by spring 2020.

Before Walsh became president and CEO, she was the chief operating officer for the Y of Metro North at the Lynn YMCA,

so she is very familiar with the project and the need for it.

She was also with the Y of Greater Boston for 17 years she

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There, her father, an idealist, an abolitionist and an early supporter of women’s rights, founded a school where he planned to use his own teaching methods. The school failed, however, and the family’s financial difficulties continued. Eventually settling in Concord, MA, Louisa and her three sisters realized early on that they must find ways to support the family. Louisa took jobs teaching, sewing and housework, but soon she embraced her gift for writing, and at age 16 wrote her first book, *Flower Fables* – eventually published when she was 22 years old. By 1860, her stories and poems were being published in the *Atlantic Monthly*, and by the time she served as a nurse during the Civil War, her descriptive works entitled *Hospital Sketches* brought her considerable attention nationwide. Finally, in 1866, she wrote *Little Women* and from that point forward her family never suffered financially.

This Women’s History Month, let’s remember Louisa and all women who are the primary earners in their family; make a long-term investment in your retirement and lessen the load. Regularly evaluate the risk level in your portfolio versus potential reward to keep on track to reach your goals.

Lucy Stone, Abolitionist

Women have been making less than men for years – really.

Lucy Stone noticed this disparity all the way back in 1844. Working at Oberlin College while attending school there, she was paid less than her male counterparts for teaching and menial jobs, and forced to work twice as hard as a male student to pay the same costs. When she asked for a raise, the school de-

clined, and caused a strike they came to regret. After the ordeal, Lucy was hired back, and all of the women were paid the same as their male colleagues. Lucy went on to organize women’s rights activists and was a firm abolitionist. Honor Lucy’s memory by investing smartly in a portfolio – you can start small! The important thing is to protect your future.

Clara Barton

Oxford, Massachusetts was home to Clara Barton, a volunteer nurse during the Civil War. During a time of deep turmoil for our country, Clara stood up and cared for hundreds of soldiers suffering from wounds and serious illness. After the war, she established the American Red Cross, and was the organization’s first president.

Health care costs have been on the rise for years; it’s important to plan your finances so if something happens, you and your family are secure. Life is unpredictable; start a rainy-day fund to make sure you aren’t blindsided by unexpected expenses. Putting away a small amount each paycheck will help offset any future cost.

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Coach of the Year

Newton recognized Antonio Anderson's potential to be a state champion coach

By Cary Shuman

Who knew?

Who knew that Antonio Anderson, one of the greatest basketball players to ever come out of Lynn, would experience so much success, so fast as a high school basketball coach?

We knew his basketball future as a player, following a superb career under Tech coach Marvin Avery, was going to be grand. We were in the Anderson home when John Calipari came to Lynn to personally recruit Antonio to attend the University of Memphis.

Every pledge Calipari made to the Anderson family on that night, he delivered. Antonio would play in a highly competitive program, it would be fun, exciting and interesting, he would work hard on his basketball and in the classroom and receive his degree, and he'd be prepared to play at the next level or pursue a position in his area of study after his basketball career was over.

Antonio made it to the NBA and we surmise that Kevin Durant's toughest defender that year was 6-foot-6-inch Antonio Anderson during Oklahoma City Thunder practices.

Coming Home To Lynn

Anderson made some coaching stops in college (Franklin Pierce, Wheelock, and Salem State) before he was appointed the head coach at Lynn English.

Again, who knew that Antonio Anderson would be the perfect fit for the Lynn English boys basketball program?

Lynn Director of Athletics Dick Newton knew. There were outstanding candidates and Newton chose to hand the keys of Bulldogs Basketball to Anderson. He hoped English would become a top-

"When Antonio came in to present himself and told us what he wanted to do with the program, we were overly impressed,"

~ Dick Newton
English AD

er Division 1 program that would excel beyond the Northeastern Conference as it did when former coach Buzzy Barton took the Bulldogs to the state final in 2009.

Newton, a former athletic great himself in Lynn, provided excellent support and all the resources the program needed. Most importantly, he was there front and center for his coaches and the players at every step on this amazing journey. He was courtside with Principal Thomas Strangie at the Garden when the Bulldogs beat Newton North and at WPI when Anderson and his team defeated Putman and accomplished something that hadn't been done in 80 years: a Division 1 state basketball championship.

In fact, the entire English administration was in Worcester for the biggest game in school history. In addition to Strangie and Newton, Vice Principals Gary Molea, Jennifer Mancaniello and Heather Fabiano made the long trek on the last Saturday of the winter to be in the stands at Holy Cross.

Also at courtside: Supt. of Schools Dr. Patrick Tutwiler and his family. It was a return home for Tutwiler, who starred in basketball for the Division 1 Holy Cross Crusaders.

The Rise to Being No. 1

For Dick Newton, the state championship was the culmination of everything he had hoped for when he named Anderson as coach

and Anderson brought an excellent staff of assistants on board for this season in Alvin Abreu, Corey Bingham, Ryan Woumn, Dina Wavezwa, and Chris Cole (freshman)

Newton felt he had the right man for the job following his interview with Anderson. That interview was the first time he had ever met Anderson.

"When he came in to present himself and told us what he wanted to do with the program, we were overly impressed," recalled Newton.

And Newton liked what he saw of Anderson at the helm of the basketball program.

"He's a professional," related Newton. "He handles himself in a professional manner. He teaches the game of basketball. He handles adults and carries himself in the way that Mr. Strangie and I wanted a coach at Lynn English to carry himself. Because in basketball, the coach is on display the entire game."

Newton said winning a state championship takes a lot of components coming together.

"To win a state title, even if you have a really good team, there are a lot of variables," said Newton. "Of course, there's some luck involved, but most of it's hard work and putting the kids in the right frame of mind and playing as a team. And these kids came together and didn't care who scored the points."

"Antonio instilled that in them, that unselfishness to play hard and advance as one toward the object of it all: to win a state title."

And Antonio Anderson and the 2018-19 Bulldogs are the state champions, the undisputed No. 1-ranked school in all of Massachusetts.

coach for me," said Linton. "He believes in me a lot. He pushes us to the limit every single day and I thank him for that."

Junior guard Mason Jean-Baptiste said Linton's presence in the paint was a key to victory.

"No one can stop him - he's 6-6, big, strong, can finish at the rim," said Jean-Baptiste. "He makes the game so much easier. He knows how to use his body to get the ball. He knows how to use his body to finish. So once he gets the basketball, we know he's going to get a bucket."

Linton felt a big season was percolating as far back as last fall.

"To be honest, I knew we that we were going to be something special and that we could win the state championship back when we were playing fall league," said Linton. "We wanted to give back a championship to the city for all their support. Our school hadn't won a state championship in 80 years. So we said, 'let's make history' and that's what we did."

Linton said Anderson did a tremendous job motivating all the players all season.

"Coach Anderson was a great

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spent an additional 10 years with the YMCA overseeing Dorchester, Reading, Waltham and Ipswich.

"There will be a huge focus on the needs of Lynn," she said. "By that I mean aquatics and aquatics safety. That's a big deal in an urban environment and we want to make sure that no kid in Lynn ever doesn't have the skills to save their life when they're in the ocean, pond, or lake. We really own that as an organization"

Walsh also wants to make sure the kids and the families are living healthier. A concern with kids in Lynn is the obesity rate. Walsh said the YMCA wants to get kids more active. The new YMCA will also have a café and a teaching kitchen, for adults and kids to learn how to cook healthy meals.

In the new building there will also be a refreshed early learning center Y Academy preschool. The current school has 77 children in it and the new school will have space for 140 early learning students. Classrooms will have their own bathrooms, higher ceilings than the current YMCA, STEAM-focused technology centers and more.

The YMCA campus in Lynn will still utilize parts of the old building, such as the gymnasium. The new gymnasium will also have an indoor track (11 laps/mile) compared the current (19 laps/mile).

There will also be a large area called "Kid Zone". Here parents will be able to come in to work out and have free childcare for up to two-hours. There will also be three areas of water in the new YMCA, a splash pad, a four-lane lap pool, a teaching pool which is warmer and shallower.

"We will still have our six-lane pool here (in the old YMCA)," Walsh said.

"So the kids have a great experience and so do the parents and even grandparents," Walsh said. "We're really focusing on the whole family unit."

Walsh said there is also a good amount of community space available, three rooms total, and they encourage groups to use it. Just recently the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce used a gymnasium for a Transportation Forum.

"We'd like to be the hub of social service in Lynn," Walsh said.



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that style is really not my style," explained Linton. "I'm really a guard. But I'm one of the tallest on the team and Coach Anderson told me to get used to playing there, because we have Jack (Rodriguez), Jarnel (Guzman) and Mason (Jean-Baptiste) to bring the ball upcourt. So I switched roles."

Linton brought to the court the refuse-to-lose attitude that all of English's players had throughout the tournament.

"When I was in the game, it was like, 'I didn't make it here this far - I didn't work this hard to come here and lose,'" said Linton.

ALL-SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Pam Gonzalez concludes her outstanding basketball career at St. Mary's High School

By Cary Shuman

Pamela Gonzalez has been selected as an All-Scholastic, a much-deserved honor following her sensational senior season for the St. Mary's High School of Lynn girls basketball team.

Gonzalez, of Revere, led the Lady Spartans in to the Division 3 state championship game Saturday at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She scored 16 points and had 12 rebounds, but St. Mary's fell to Hoosac Valley, 66-49.

The 5-foot-10-inch senior was simply phenomenal in this year's MIAA Tournament, leading St. Mary's to wins over Watertown, Bishop Fenwick, Amesbury, and Archbishop Williams.

Gonzalez had 23 points in the

Spartans' thrilling 62-59 victory over two-time defending state champion Williams at the TD Garden. Gonzalez had a huge three-point play to tie the game in the final minutes and assisted on the game-winning three-pointer by teammate Olivia Matela with 5.7 seconds left.

On the final possession, Gonzalez helped deny an Archbishop Williams player from attempting the potential game-tying shot.

Gonzalez began her career at Revere High School and was a key member of Lianne O'Hara's contingent that won 18 consecutive games and became the top-ranked team in Massachusetts. Gonzalez transferred to St. Mary's where she netted her 1,000th career point and became the team's leading scorer and playmaker.

Gonzalez's versatility allowed her to alternate at guard and frontcourt positions this season, often finishing as her team's leading rebounder.

Gonzalez has turned down scholarship offers from Division 2 college programs, opting to focus on a future career in nursing. She is considering Boston College, Northeastern, Regis, and Emmanuel.

St. Mary's coach Jeff Newhall said Gonzalez has excelled not only as a basketball player but as a student and team leader as well.

"Pam's basketball success is well documented, but what people need to know is that she is a great person who is a tremendous student and focused on what she wants to do in the future," said Newhall.



St. Mary's seniors MaryEllen Riordan, Ashley Sullivan, Pamela Gonzalez and Ajhalae Acevedo join St. Mary's Coach Jeff Newhall in accepting the Division 3 state finalist trophy Saturday at Harrington Auditorium on the campus of Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

St. Mary's falls short to Hoosac Valley in state title game

By Cary Shuman

When the St. Mary's High School girls basketball team scored 20 points in the opening quarter against Hoosac Valley – twice as many points as Hoosac had allowed on average in the tournament – it appeared that head coach Jeff Newhall and his Lady Spartans were well on their way to a Division 3 state championship.

But Hoosac had its own 20-point, opening quarter and the Lady Hurricanes kept that offensive attack and high energy going the rest of the way, ultimately prevailing over St. Mary's, 66-49, Saturday at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

St. Mary's junior Jannise Avellino was one of the main contributors in the fast-paced first quarter, finishing with six points and seven rebounds for the day.

Senior guard Pamela Gonzalez also played well, completing her excellent basketball career with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Eighth grader Yirsy Queliz showed that the Spartans' future is bright, netting 12 points, including a spectacular reverse layup following a swift drive to the basket.

Hoosac (18-7), a regional

school located in Cheshire, simply shot the ball better from the outside, especially 1,000-point scorer Alexandria Mercier, who had a game-high 21 points. Early in the game, Mercier hit three free throws after being fouled while shooting a three-pointer. St. Mary's was assessed fouls on four of Hoosac's attempts beyond the arc.

Hoosac Coach Ron Wojcik said his defense was geared to stopping St. Mary's long-range shooters, including Olivia Matela, who had the game-winning 3-point shot (versus Williams) at the Garden, sophomore Nicolette D'Itria, junior Gabby Torres, who also excelled from downtown at the Garden, and Gonzalez, the Spartans' own 1,000-point scorer.

Wojcik said he had two scouts at the St. Mary's-Williams game at the Garden and they came away impressed with the Spartans' 10 three-pointers made in the game.

"You could tell they were a great 3-point shooting team and a great ballclub, so basically we were trying to stop the penetration in the lane, but stay at home on the 3-point shooters and then make Gonzalez work for everything inside," said Wojcik. "That was definitely our strategy."

"Gonzalez is a great player.

But we looked at it like, let's take away the drives, take away the 3s, and if Gonzalez does some damage inside, we'll give a little bit of that up."

Newhall said during the last six minutes of the second quarter and the first four minutes of the third, "we were being tentative and waiting for something to happen and I thought that's where the game got away."

St. Mary's (18-7) finishes another successful season with a Division 3 North sectional championship and a memorable victory over Archbishop Williams at the Garden, capped by the Matela Moment that will be remembered forever.

"I think this group is a tremendous group," said Newhall. "I'm most proud of them, proud of our basketball program. I think when you start talking about elite girls basketball programs in the state, I think the name, 'St. Mary's' is going to come out, whether we won or lost today. We've been to Florida, we've been to New Hampshire, we've been to the Cape – we just came up one step short. But it's a good day for Hoosac Valley. They deserve it. They've got good kids, at least one person who has overcome quite a bit, and I'm happy for them."

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interior passes to Linton were vital ingredients the entire tournament, finished with seven points and six assists.

“My shots weren’t falling, but I had to get my teammates involved and I’m grateful for how the players gave it their all, and a big shoutout to Linton – he really came through,” said Guzman. “They couldn’t stop Alonzo down low. He was basically unstoppable.”

Senior guard Calvin Seng, he of the two clutch baskets against Central Catholic in the North sectional final, played some key minutes off the bench.

Putnam Coach William Shepard credited English for its superior all-around effort.

“We didn’t come up with the big stops and that’s a credit to Lynn English – their guard play was really good and he (Linton) was tough to defend,” said Shep-

ard.

Antonio Anderson said he was happy to bring a state championship back to Lynn.

“It feels good,” said Anderson. “We’re all Lynn people. It’s a good feeling to bring excitement to Lynn through sports.”

The former Memphis star said he watched film of the Putnam team and felt “we came in with a good game plan and the players executed.”

Anderson said Linton’s work near the basket was instrumental in the victory.

“Alonzo is a mismatch for anybody,” said Anderson. “For a big zone, he can go by you. Guard low, he can post you up. He creates havoc for people.”

Anderson thanked the Lynn community for its support.

“The crowd support was awesome. To see the community come out and show support like that, it’s huge. From the mayor (Thomas McGee) to the Superintendent (Dr. Patrick Tutwiler), to everybody, my family, my friends, it was huge.”

Guzman summed up the Bulldogs’ unforgettable march in to the English record books.

“Winning a state title is an amazing feeling,” he said.



SHOWING OFF THE HARDWARE: Coach Antonio Anderson, with Joshua Castillo (32) alongside, holds the championship trophy aloft.



GUT CHECK: Calvin Seng takes a forearm to the midsection as he defends Putnam’s Maickel DeJesus.



AIR FORCE: Justin Fitzpatrick (11) goes skyward to block a shot by Putnam’s Naishawn Jerrigan.



IT’S OVER!: The Lynn English bench leaps as the buzzer sounds on the Bulldogs’ 64-57 win for the State championship.

Congratulations to the Bulldogs

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ANOTHER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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BULLDOG BARK: Justin Fitzpatrick (11) and Jack Rodriguez (10) let out a victory roar as the clock ticked into the final minute after Fitzpatrick's alley-oop had secured a comfortable lead to send the Bulldogs on the way to a 64-57 win over Putnam Springfield to claim the Massachusetts Boys Division I basketball title, the program's first since 1939.



DRIVING FORCE: Lynn English forward Alonzo Linton was an irresistible force during the Division 1 State tournament. He scored 20 points and pulled in 8 rebounds in the Bulldogs semi-final win over Newton North, then turned in a masterful performance with 27 points and 12 rebounds against Putnam as he led Lynn English to the school's first state basketball championship in 80 years.



CHIN MUSIC: Alonzo Linton takes one on the chin—the ball, that is—as he rams his way between Putnam's Jason Green (21) and Cameron Foster (right).



HELPING HAND: Pictured below, Jack Rodriguez brushes aside the defensive effort of Putnam's Maikel DeJesus.



NOT THIS TIME: Jarnel Guzman finds a looming obstacle in the form of Putnam's Naishawn Jernigan.



LET IT GO: Alonzo Linton stays away from a ball that bounced out of bounds off a Putnam forward.

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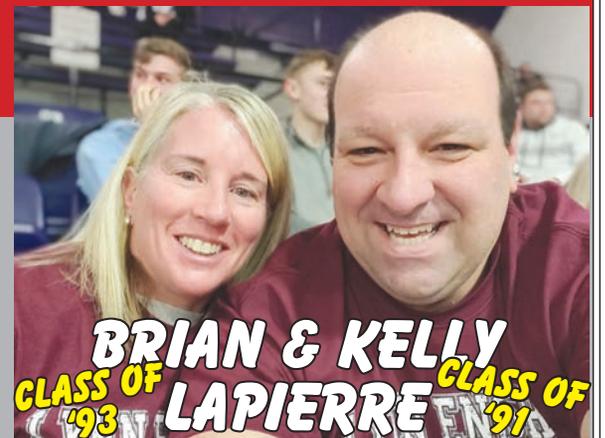


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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

ZBA APPROVES FORBES PARK PLAN

CHELSEA - The Forbes Park development proposal, with more than 500 residential units slated for the former industrial campus, has been approved by the City's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) after four years and two major re-designs.

The final iteration of the project includes 590 units of housing, with 60 percent of those units being condos for sale and 59 units being affordable to a range of incomes. There are also 1.6 parking spaces per unit, or 963 spaces. The project also boasts a major public access area to the waterfront of the Chelsea Creek and Mill Creek. The current project also has a very small amount of retail and office uses, with both totaling below 20,000 square-feet.

The project, though still very large, was scaled back from the developer's (YIHE Forbes of China) original proposal in 2015. That proposal featured skyscrapers about 21 stories tall and more than 1,000 units of housing accompanied by large office spaces and large hotels. It was rejected informally and the company eventually withdrew during a ZBA meeting that went past midnight.

The news of Tuesday's approval of the new plan was viewed with mixed emotions by most, including those who had come to support the project, including City Manager Tom Ambrosino.

"I'm happy with the project even though it's far from perfect," he said. "Given all the concessions made since they first showed up here, I think it's a workable project. There is lots of homeownership, with 60 percent being condos. This is the largest condo project in Chelsea for more than a decade if not longer. They also have really exciting plans for accessing the waterfront along the Chelsea Creek."

Ambrosino said they also agreed to several affordable housing concessions. Of the required 59 units of affordable housing, the mix will include many different income ranges, including 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), 50 percent of the AMI and 30 percent of the AMI.

"That's really deeply affordable and it assures that actual families that live in Chelsea now will be able to afford to live in the complex. That was very important to the City," he said.

The developer also agreed to contribute \$300,000 to the four

schools at the Mary C. Burke Complex, which is about two blocks from the Forbes entrance.

That said, not everyone was happy with the news - and in particular was Councillor Joe Perlatonda, who represents the Mill Hill and Forbes area. He said the problem with the Forbes project is the same as it has always been, and that problem is the fact that there is one access point.

In the first iteration, City officials - including Ambrosino - had called for a bridge over the Chelsea Creek to Revere as a second access point to alleviate traffic in the neighborhood. However, this time around that was not made a requirement, and Perlatonda said he was not happy there was a concession made on that point.

"It's a shame that no one has thought about the concessions of the residents that live in our neighborhood," he said. "Right now, with cars parked on both sides of the street that go into the Forbes site, and what we have to go through every day. Try getting out of your driveway every day; try driving down the street when you have to dodge cars, and then add 963 parking spaces which is 1.6 cars per unit. But someone seems to forget about the cars they will have for each unit like the mother, father and kids that all have cars, not to mention the visitors or guests that will come with cars. Has anyone thought where to put the overflow of these cars? Our streets are already congested, and getting in and out will be so bad. This is just part of the nightmare."

GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni said they didn't believe the project was perfect, but felt there had been reasonable concessions made about their concerns.

"We had a number of concerns relating to the impacts on the neighborhood, and we feel that we have achieved some reasonable concessions from the developers," she said. "The number of affordable units, deeper levels of affordability and preference for Chelsea residents for those units - together with the mitigation for the adjacent neighborhood and the \$300,000 for the four schools at the Mary C. Burke Complex are all concessions that we are proud to have fought hard for... GreenRoots is committed to ongoing dialogue - and protest if necessary - to ensure the benefits are for everyone in the community, not just the lucky few who

will get to live at Forbes."

Ambrosino said the site is very large, and that did allow the developer to be able to build large numbers of units by right if they chose to do so and could meet the parking requirements. That, he said, would have cut the City and the neighborhood out of the planning completely. He felt it wasn't worth the risk to chance that.

"They could have gone in by right and built 450 units and 900 parking spots and got a building permit without any say from the City or the neighbors," he said.

The project has already cleared Major Site Plan at the Planning Board, but has many hurdles to clear at City Hall in reviewing plans before they can break ground.

It is believed that the developer plans to keep three of the smaller buildings on site and rehabilitate them. The rest of the project will be new construction.

LICENSING COMMISSION NEARING FINAL VOTE FOR MARIJUANA REGULATIONS

CHELSEA - With plans to host four recreational marijuana shops already at some phase of readiness in Chelsea, the Licensing Commission is nearing a final vote on regulations for special additional rules for those establishments.

On March 7, the Commission continued a public hearing on the regulations, focusing on the topics of application fees, locations of the pot shops, and security.

Commission Chair Mark Rossi said the Commission should be ready to take a final vote on the regulations at its meeting in early April.

The City is limited to four retail marijuana establishments.

Those shops will already be vetted heavily before they reach the Licensing Commission for final approval. Other approvals include a host agreement in place from the City and approved by the state's Cannabis Control Commission, as well as any necessary approvals from the City's Zoning and Planning Boards.

Rossi said the Licensing Commission will grant the retail pot shop licenses in much the same manner as it does for liquor licenses.

One of the questions raised by an early draft of the Licensing Commission regulations was

whether the Commission should limit the shops to one or two per voting district.

The City ordinance already limits the establishments to three zoning districts -- Industrial, Shopping Center, and Business Highway zones.

By the end of last week's hearing, there was general agreement among the commissioners that there would not be a restriction on how close the pot shops can be to one another.

City Councillor-At-Large Roy Avellaneda agreed that was the right move on the issue.

"I would oppose any sort of restriction on the number of feet from one place to another," he said. "We already have zoning in place in the city and we don't need to add another layer to that; we don't do it for other businesses."

The Commission also agreed on a \$500 application fee and \$5,000 yearly renewal fee for the marijuana businesses.

While there were some questions about the Commission's role in looking at security at the establishments, City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher noted that there are already strong security requirements from the state, and requirements are also written into the host agreements with the prospective businesses.

Commissioner Roseann Bongiovanni said she would still like to look at the host agreements to see how they address security before taking the final vote next month.

"I don't think security is going to be an issue," said Commissioner James Guido, adding it is more likely traffic that could cause some issues.

According to the proposed regulation, the Licensing Commission would not issue a license to anyone who has violated Licensing Commission rules and regulations in the past five years. All licenses are subject to zoning approval and state Cannabis Control Commission approval.

The operating hours for retail shops will be limited to 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and all signage will have to be approved by the City, according to Fisher.

STUDY SHOWS MALDEN RIVER SEDIMENTS SHOULD NOT PREVENT BOATING

EVERETT - After more than a year of information gathering and study of sediments in the

Malden River, the Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) recently announced that they have concluded the once-industrial River is safe for boating - including canoes, sculls and kayaks.

MyRWA released its report of the sediment studies this month and concluded that the Malden River, while containing sediments like lead, is not harmful for adults or young people to use for boating. That includes kayaking, canoeing and the Everett High Crew Team.

"One perspective we've all been working to understand is the abundance of caution by public officials about recommending the Malden River as a site for boating," said Andy Hrycyna, a watershed scientist for MyRWA. "I feel that was a reasonable stance given the evidence. People who knew the history know that 150 years of industrial waste poured into the Malden River... You can calculate out that risk (from sediments) and our stance is that risk is negligible. From a public policy standpoint we don't have to worry about the risks for boating because they are so negligible, so small."

That information was a revelation for local folks who have wanted to use the Malden River, but reputation or experience prevented them from using it confidently. Many were wary of the exposure to sediments at the bottom or sediments in the water, and what that might mean for those using the River frequently for boating.

The answer is there is no need to worry, which goes against most popular sentiments for generations.

"For decades, our waterfront has been walled off to the public because of its commercial and industrial uses," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "Last year we built over a mile of public walkways, a marina, restored a polluted harbor and shorelines. Now thanks to environmental testing by the Mystic River watershed we have shown our river and shorelines are safe for sculling, kayaking, and other recreational activities. It is a far cry from when my mother told me not to near the water, because it wasn't safe."

Hrycyna said the news is good news for those looking for boating opportunities, and those who have already been using it.

"We have an interest to see people committed to the

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River and this is only good news for that," he said. "It should also be reassuring to people who have been using the River already, like high school rowers and adult boaters...Before, we couldn't say with confidence it was safe. We had our opinions, but opinions can be wrong. This is a numerical way to address the question. We knew that's what we need to do. It's not so much that we're not surprised, but rather that we have a good public answer to this question now."

The study looked at nine locations along the Malden River, and researchers carefully gathered samples from the sediments over a period of time at those locations. They took the concentrations of those sediments, and then ran their models on a very conservative basis.

For example, their determination that the River is safe for boating assumes that one is getting in a boat by wading in the mud (rather than a dock), that every boating trip results in the boat capsizing, and that there is significant water ingested each time – among other such assumptions.

"Obviously, if you are getting into the water from a dock, you aren't wading in the muddy sediment, so that means it's only that much more safe for boating," he said.

Hrycyna said under the assumptions, they found that the sediment exposure levels all fell well under the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) levels and the more stringent Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) exposure levels.

He did say the sediments are different from bacteria levels in the water. MyRWA for the last two years has measured bacteria levels before and after rain events. Such events tend to bring overflows of raw sewage into the River, thus increasing bacteria levels for a few days in the water.

MyRWA has developed a flag system to let boaters know about the bacteria levels in the water, which is a different issue from historic pollutants trapped in River sediments.

DEVELOPER LOOKING TO BUILD ON MAIN STREET

EVERETT - A Saugus developer is looking to demolish one single-family home on Main Street and build three townhouses containing six units on

the property – which includes a vacant lot as well.

Amandeep Dillon has filed with the City to build the townhouses on 108-112 Main St., which currently contains a detached home at 112 Main St. and a vacant lot used for parking.

The project would combine the two parcels and build on both of them. The three townhouses would contain six units, each having three bedrooms. It would be four stories tall and would have two shared roof-decks. There will be 11 parking spaces, with six of them being located below the units on the first floor.

The project will go to the Board of Appeals for its March 18 meeting.

The developer will request variances for front yard depth, rear yard setbacks and parking. The zoning requires 12 parking spaces, and the project provides 11.

CLIPPERSHIP APARTMENTS TO BE RAZED

EAST BOSTON - The Clippership Apartments, a 20-unit, income-restricted complex owned by the Boston Housing Authority, could have had an overhaul 20 years ago when Maverick Gardens was being rehabbed under a federal Hope VI grant. However, residents opted not to be part of the Hope VI project even though the aging public housing development was in desperate need of a rehab.

In 2017 Winn Development Company, along with Lendlease Development, received Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approval to raze the 20 units of Section 8 housing and replace them with 52 units of housing.

The project also received Zoning Board approval last year and earlier this month was granted its building permits and construction will commence this spring.

Winn and Lendlease were designated by the BHA as the developer of the Clippership Apartments on Aug. 3, after a competitive solicitation process.

"The Developer proposes to transform this aging housing complex, which has no financial resources of its own, into a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-income, transit-oriented, residential development," wrote Winn President Jamie Fay in the letter filed with the BPDA. "Leveraging the opportunity of the

ongoing mixed-use development at Clippership Wharf, Lendlease is partnering with Winn to revitalize the aging housing complex and provide affordable units to meet and further the on-site Inclusionary Development Policy – both by replacing the dilapidated existing 20 rental units and by creating thirty new affordable and middle-income condominium units."

The letter to the BPDA added that the current complex serves as a residence for 20 families, all of whom will be promised the right to move into the new units.

"The Developer has spent several months engaging existing residents and seeking input on the proposed project with the support and assistance of the BHA," wrote Fay. "The original site design and program have been changed to be more respon-

sive to the neighborhood and existing residents' concerns, and we will continue to listen to neighborhood concerns throughout the review process. The Developer is committed to engaging the community and strongly believes that we can improve our proposal by listening to and responding to those who know the community best."

Winn and Lendlease plan to demolish the four two-story townhouses and construct two new three-story, wood-framed buildings. One building will contain approximately 22 affordable rental apartment residences, and the other will contain 30 mixed-income condominium residences. Apartments will include three- and four-bedrooms, and condominiums will include studio, one-, two- and three-bedrooms. Fourteen of those con-

dominiums will be designated affordable.

In the building that will contain the 20 low-income rental units there will be a community room and ground-floor retail space. There will also be 19 surface parking spaces and 50 bicycle storage spaces located on site for residents

Winn and Lendlease are currently permitted to build a waterfront development project at Clippership Wharf directly behind the Clippership Apartments. That \$225 million project will include 492 studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units, a small cafe and restaurant, a fitness center, a lounge and club facility, a canoe/kayak rental facility, a water taxi dock, and a possible mooring field for sailing.

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Marylee Burke

Former Lynn Assistant Personnel Director

Marylee (Hughes) Burke of Rochester died March 16 peacefully at home surrounded by her family after a long illness. She was 59 years old.

She was the beloved wife of CDR Stephen V. Burke, USN (Ret).

Born in Everett, daughter of Anita P. (Bigley) Hughes of Wakefield and the late Joseph W. Hughes, she was raised in Lynn and graduated from St. Mary's High School. She lived in San Diego, CA and Springfield, VA while her husband served in the U.S. Navy before moving to Rochester, MA in 2004 to raise their family.

She was formerly employed as assistant personnel director for the City of Lynn and was later an administrative assistant at Tabor Academy.

Marylee always showed love and care to everybody she ever knew or met. A dedicated member of her family and the local community, her positive personality and comforting presence was contagious to everybody around her. She loved singing to begin her mornings and she loved listening to her favorite songs of the 60s, 70s, and 80s on Oldies 103.3 radio. Her natural ability to bring a smile to anyone's face was admirable and reflective of her caring soul. Her loving presence will be sorely missed.

Survivors include her husband; her mother; a son, Stephen J. Burke of Rochester; a daughter, Erin P. Burke of Rochester; a sister, JoAnn Gallant and her husband, Paul of North Reading; two brothers, Paul Hughes and his wife, Lisa of Rochester and Joseph Hughes, Jr. of Lynn; her



lifelong friend, Mary Calnan of Lynnfield and numerous nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 22 at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church. Visiting hours will be Thursday, March 21 from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. Private burial will be in the Massachusetts National Cemetery at a later date.

We wish to acknowledge the wonderful team at Mass General Hospital, including Dr. Aditya Bardia, and to support advances in metastatic breast cancer research. In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Marylee may be made online at www.giving.massgeneral.org (note "in memory of Marylee Burke" in the tribute section) or via check to MGH (note "in memory of Marylee Burke" in the memo line). Checks may be sent to MGH Development Office, Attn: Megan Daniels, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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Getting the word out about wage theft

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

Quite simply, wage theft happens when someone does work and is not paid for it.

“Immigrants are easy targets, most don’t realize it’s a crime,” said Kathleen Santora, a member of the recently appointed to the Lynn Wage Theft Taskforce and a union painter representing the Painters Union District Council 35 Local 939. “But wage theft can happen to anyone in any industry.”

“We have a very strong ordinance in Lynn, it has some teeth in it and can actually do something,” Santora said. Having a taskforce in place also makes a difference.

The Wage Theft Taskforce, comprised of one (1) designee submitted by the Lynn City Council, one (1) designee submitted by the Mayor, one (1) representative chosen by the Lynn City Council from a list provided by the North Shore Labor Council, one (1) representative chosen by the Lynn City Council from a list provided by the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce, one (1) representative chosen by the Lynn City Council from a list provided by the North Shore Latino Business Association, one (1) representative chosen by the Lynn City Council from a list provided by the North Shore Building Trades Council, one (1) representative chosen by the Lynn City Council from a list provided by the Lynn Worker Center, and one (1) representative from the Lynn community chosen by the Lynn City Council from a list provided by New Lynn Coalition. Members of the Wage Theft Advisory Committee may be reappointed annually and must be appointed no later than the second meeting of the new year.

The wage ordinance was passed by the Lynn City Council in March 2018 after it was offered as a motion by then City Councilor and now State Representative Peter Capano.

“A business owner has the opportunity to do the right thing and pay up. Then they can continue doing business as usual with a bond to cover paying the employee for a year or it can end up in the attorney general’s office,” said Santora, who is a leading advocate for the building trades. She was nominated to the committee by the North Shore Labor Council.

A recent report from the attorney general’s office showed that \$10 million interest and penalties in charged in fiscal year 2018 and



Kathleen Santora.

241 job sites were visited in investigations.

Just a month ago an Ipswich construction company and its owners were cited \$580,611 in restitution and penalties for violations of state wage and hour laws, according to Attorney General Maura Healey. The AG’s office issued six citations against ERA Equipment LLC and its owners, Kristen and Angelo Ciardiello, for a range of wage theft violations including failing to pay overtime and the prevailing wage.

“The taskforce job to oversee Lynn so we can help bring cases to the Attorney General’s office if they occur,” Santora said. “We hope none occur. Hopefully the ordinance will get people to do the right thing.”

Santora added that wage theft does affect everybody. It can be anything from people not being paid to or not being allowed to take lunch breaks, not being paid overtime, people working differential shifts and not getting the money, any way in which somebody is entitled to wages and they are not being delivered. People paying in cash are also violating the wage theft laws.

“It’s rampant, it’s in every industry – from the lowest worker to union construction sometimes, not paying overtime, is unacceptable, or a contractor may short someone on their hours,” Santora said.

Santora stressed that wage theft hurts not only the person whose wages are being stolen but it hurts honest business people who are being undercut by people who are not playing fair.

“Every taxpayer is affected by this because money is being lost,” Santora said.

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