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Lynn resident Khiry Todd (L) defeated Alex Duarte in a bout Friday night at Encore Boston Harbor in Everett.

## Excellence at Encore

### Todd is impressive in first-round knockout

By Cary Shuman

Lynn's Khiry Todd was the best-dressed fighter on the card and after a devastating first-

round knockout, you could say he had the best performance in the ring as well.

Todd, attired in gold-sequined trunks and jacket with an illustration of the High Rock Tower in the Lynn Highlands on the back, improved his record to 9-1 (7 KOs) with his victory over Alex Duarte in a welterweight bout before a large crowd at the Encore Boston Harbor resort/casino in Everett.

Todd, 28, also showed his sartorial splendor after the bout,

wearing a pin-striped suit for his interview session with the media.

Todd delivered a left-hook to his opponent's body that resulted in the first-round KO.

"It was like a Mickey Ward liver-shot," said Todd, a graduate of Lynn English. "I'm not paid by the round so I wanted to get him out of there."

Todd, nicknamed "TNT," was excited to see the large number of Lynn residents in the audience.

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## Rowe predicts large turnout for Ward 6 Council election

Staff Report

Lynn City Clerk and Elections Chief Janet Rowe is expecting a large turnout in Ward 6 for the preliminary election on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Candidates for school committee, councilor-at-large, and ward councilor are also on the ballot, but the only race in which candidates will be eliminated is the Ward 6 election.

Five candidates are seeking the two nominations for the Ward

6 seat and the right to advance to the final election on Nov. 2. Three candidates will be eliminated from the race on Tuesday.

Fred Hogan currently serves in the position after having been appointed to fill the vacancy created when former Ward 6 Councilor Peter Capano stepped down after beginning his term in January as the new state representative for the district. Hogan is

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## Local developer Patrick McGrath opens new condominium project

By Cary Shuman

Local developer Patrick McGrath of McGrath Realty recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of a 24-unit condominium project located at 693 Western Ave.

The new condominium project is expected to produce just over \$7 million in taxable revenue for the city of Lynn.

McGrath noted the local support throughout the project dura-

tion, singling out City Councilor Fred Hogan, stating, "Fred has always been supportive and responsive to the project needs and we are fortunate to have him as our Ward 6 councilor.

The new home ownership opportunity offers 20 two-bedroom condominiums and 4 one-bedroom condominiums. Each residence will feature Whirlpool appliances including a washer

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Local developer Patrick McGrath and Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan are pictured outside the new 24-unit condominium project located at 693 Western Ave.



## North Shore Nonprofit helps people find their path

Located in Lynn, Pathways, Inc. Adult Education and Training has helped thousands of students in hope of improving their lives.

“We’ve come to realize that not everybody is on a path to college, but everybody needs a path,” said Mary Ellen Doyle, an English teacher at Pathways.

Stepping inside the center, the feeling of community and warmth is palpable. When the staff see newcomers looking lost, they kindly direct them to the right room. Students gather around the coffee station, laughing and making jokes during their break. Staff members poke their heads in each other’s offices to offer friendly greetings.

The organization began just over 40 years ago in 1976 under the name Operation Bootstrap. Originally, the goal of the organization was to help court-involved youth find jobs, but the name changed in 2017 to Pathways, Inc. Adult Education and Training to align with its current mission: providing locals with pathways to educational and career goals.

Four hundred students studied at Pathways in the 2018-2019 school year attending English for Speakers of Other Languages classes, High School Equivalency Test classes, healthcare trainings, childcare trainings and more.

HiSET certificates cover an

entire wall inside Pathways’ center. In 2019, 45 students graduated, nearly four times the number of graduates in 2014. An additional nine students completed the ESOL program.

Pathways captured the No. 1 ranking as the most effective adult education program in Massachusetts according to the 2018 Measurable Skills Gain report conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The report shows the percentage difference between the goal percentage of students to acquire a skill and the actual percentage of students who acquired the skill. Pathways met 222 percent of its MSG target for Adult Basic Education services and 137 percent of its MSG target for ESOL services.

“Right now, everyone feels like we did it and now we need to do it again,” said Jessica Ortega, a Spanish HiSET teacher and former Pathways student. “Next year, almost all the same teachers will be in the same classes. I think this is a good signal because the teachers and the students are engaged in Pathways. Nobody left and nobody gave up.”

The majority of students are members of the local immigrant community, but a portion of them grew up on the North Shore. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 34.7 percent of Lynn residents classified as foreign-born in 2018, which is more than



Mario Muñoz laughs at a joke his classmate made in Pathway’s ESOL Level 2 class.

double the national average. The program includes students from over 30 countries speaking 18 different languages. The reasons these students came to the United States vary greatly.

“In the beginning, I was working in Guatemala with a company,” said Mario Muñoz, a Guatemalan ESOL student and local pastor. “I represent the company in Austin, Texas. Then, I go back and I have a problem with my family—severe violence, and then I bring my family here for safety.”

Luydmyla Kiryushyna, a Ukrainian ESOL student, came to the U.S. to join her son who had lived in the United States for 25 years before her arrival.

“My country today—no good. In United States, I very happy,” Kiryushyna said. “This is United States—have very good medicine; my country—no good medicine. Very help my husband, maybe die in Ukraine. He is very sick; have cancer. This is big problem. He go to Dana Farber in Boston—very good help.”

Difficulty in accessing healthcare poses a common problem abroad.

“Over here, you have money, you don’t have money—they take care of you, but over there if you don’t have money, they let you die,” said Maria Gomez, a Guatemalan ESOL student who wants to be a cosmetologist. “Over here, first it’s your health and then you pay for it, but over there, they say go home and wait to die.”

“Oh, wow,” whispered Daisy Rios, a Puerto Rican ESOL student who moved to the U.S. for her husband’s job, shocked at what her classmates have endured.

In these classes, students find ways to get along despite cultural differences and genuinely enjoy learning together. In Germaine



Maria Gomez, left, and Luydmyla Kiryushyna, center, listen to their teacher Germaine Etienne explain irregular past tense verbs.

Etienne’s summer ESOL Level 2 class, Etienne tried to find patterns in verb endings conjugated in the past tense in the native languages of her students. Patterns in Spanish were very apparent; whereas, the Russian verbs Kiryushyna wrote on the board lacked a pattern. Kiryushyna and the whole class laughed as they struggled together with the Russian spelling and pronunciation.

“Sometimes there’s just a little something magic about the group and I would have to say the class I taught last year is one of the groups,” Doyle said. “They were just very supportive of each other, and they were different. They were from different countries, different languages but they really tried to befriend each other, become a cohesive group. I think that’s that magic thing that you always hope will be there, and sometimes it’s been more than others.”

The students are often working parents, so coming to class can be a challenge due to juggling other aspects of their lives.

“When I study, I just study like you. I didn’t work; I just went to university,” Ortega said. “In this case, it’s totally different. They prepare their kids in the morning, they go to work, they come to my room. They come tired, but they do the things they are supposed to do.”

Pathways differs from similar organizations because it offers advisers, assistance with finding and applying for jobs, and help with learning how to use computers.

“The teachers can do their job, but if one student does not show up, the adviser immediately call them and say, ‘What happened?’

Why you did not come to class?” Ortega said. “In that way, the students are more engaged because they come again because he has somebody who calls them and they say they have somebody to take care of me.”

Ortega can relate to her students because she, too, is an immigrant who took ESOL classes with Pathways. She came to the United States in 2016 from Venezuela and started taking classes soon thereafter. Ortega then volunteered in the class she teaches now, Spanish HiSET.

She originally studied biology education and has a master’s in wildlife management, but has found her calling.

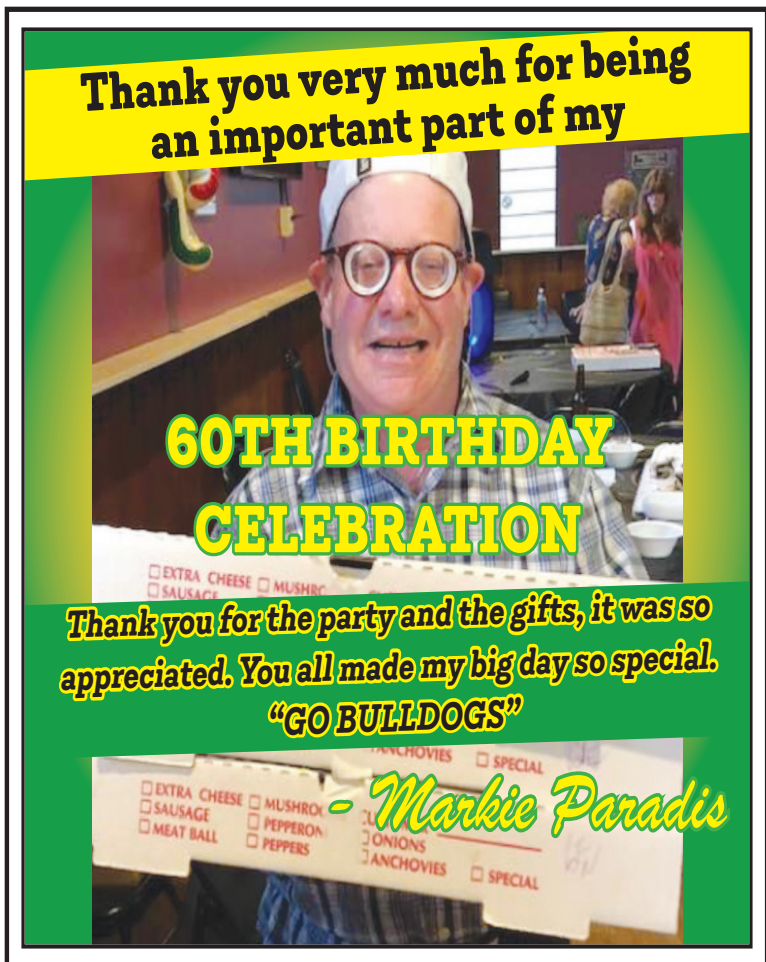
“[It is] better to pay attention to the things that students need,” she said. “In my case, it is English and the GED. Especially in Lynn, we have a lot of people from Spanish-speaking countries.”

Pathways’ success can be partially attributed to its active community that celebrates and supports all of its members. The students sign cards for birthdays, new babies, graduations, as well as thank-you notes for teachers and volunteers. The staff places donated work attire on racks for students to scour. Students and teachers bring in food to share on special occasions.

The biggest reason for Pathways success, however, is the students.

“They’re so happy to be here,” Doyle said. “They’re so eager to learn and appreciative of what we can offer them, what we do for them.”

Visit <https://www.pathways-lynn.org> to learn more about the organization.



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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES FORUM SET FOR SEPT. 18**

The Lynn Community Association, Inc. is pleased to present a series of candidate forums in anticipation of a highly contested election cycle for the city of Lynn this November. Starting with the School Committee on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019 at 7 p.m., at the Galleries at Lynn Arts, 25 Exchange Street at Central Square in Lynn. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.. Forum moderator is Cheryl Davis, LCA Board Member with Julianna Perry as the designated time keeper. The candidates will be asked questions culled from the Lynn community at-large.

“The LCA has been sponsoring debates of this kind going on for years,” said Coco Alinsug, Board Member of LCA and Candidates Forums Chair. “The format that seems to work best is to solicit questions from the general public via the Internet. Once we have an idea of the pressing issues on people’s minds, we’ll take what we think are the most penetrating questions and ask them of the candidates.”

LCA President Caroline Dally says the forums are just one way to educate and inform citizens of the choices they have before they go to the polls. “The more times we can get candidates on the record for what they stand for, the more we can hold them accountable to what they say they’re going to do.”

Questions can be submitted to the following addresses: Lynn Community Association, P.O. Box 856, Lynn, MA 01903 or, email cocoalinsug@yahoo.com, or message us at Lynn Community Association, Inc. or @LynnCommunity on Facebook. To be considered, questions must be addressable to all candidates and not directed to one candidate in particular. Questions will remain anonymous.

The mission of the Lynn Community Association is to promote pride and ownership in the Lynn community through beautification, education, recreation, and

neighborly relationships. LCA is very proud to partner the School Committee Forum with Galleries At Lynn Arts, commonly called GALA is an arts based collaborative that is in the process of becoming a Collaborative Non-profit Art Gallery. It is led by a small group of local artists and art organizers.

Other forums are scheduled on the following dates: At-Large Councilor forum on Wednesday, October 2, 7 p.m., at Masjid Alsalam Mosque (Mosque of Peace), 35 Lynnfield Street, Lynn, and the Ward Councilor Forum on Wednesday, October 16, 7 p.m., at the First Lutheran Church of Lynn, venue at First Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Lynn.

**NORTHEAST ARC 5K FOR INCLUSION ON SEPTEMBER 29**

Northeast Arc will sponsor the 5K for Inclusion on Sept. 29 at MarketStreet in Lynnfield. The road race will be part of a day that also includes a 1-mile walk and roll and a family funfest.

Festivities will run from 8:30 to 11 a.m. with the 5K and walk starting at 9 a.m. Registration is \$25 for the 5K and free for the 1-mile walk and roll.

To register, start a team or for more information, visit ne-arc.org/5k.

Northeast Arc, based in Danvers, serves more than 10,000 people in 190 Massachusetts cities and towns. Northeast Arc is the largest Arc in Massachusetts, and the second-largest of 700 nationwide.

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Broughton was among over 600 students who received degrees from 28 states. The top five

fields of study were Mechanical Engineering, Criminal Justice, Accounting, Pharmacy Studies, and Psychology.

Celebrating its Centennial in the year 2019, Western New England University is a private independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,974 students, including 2,629 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.



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# EDITORIAL

## ENJOY A SAFE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

It may be hard to believe, but the summer of 2019 is entering its final week as we approach the traditional Labor Day weekend.

"Time and tide wait for no man," said the poet. The calendar never lies and soon the summer of '19 will be just a memory. The college students already have returned to school and our public schools will open this week.

Although it would be nice if the temperatures were just a bit warmer, none of us really can complain about the gorgeous weather we have been enjoying these past few weeks (and the forecast for the weekend is for more of the same), with abundant sunshine and temperatures in the 70s and low 80s. And with ocean water temperatures locally in the 67-degree range, conditions have been ideal for a swim or a quick dip after work.

With the summer season winding down to just a few precious days, we fully understand the sentiments of those who might express the refrain, "If this is the last, let's make it a blast."

We certainly do not wish to rain on anyone's parade, so to speak, but we would be remiss if we did not urge our readers that if they intend to have a good time, they should do so safely, both for themselves and their loved ones.

Excessive drinking does not mix with anything -- whether it be boating, driving, water sports, hiking, bicycling, or just about any activity that requires some degree of coordination and observance of the rules of safety.

The newspapers and news reports will be full of tragic stories over the weekend of those who died or were seriously injured in accidents that could have been avoided had excessive drinking not been involved. We must do our part to ensure that none of our loved ones -- let alone ourselves -- are among those inevitable, sad statistics.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

## SCHOOL IS BACK -- DRIVE SAFELY

We're sure we're no different than all of our fellow commuters in expressing this sentiment: It's so nice when there are no school buses, crossing guards, and children in the streets during our morning commute.

We time the departure from our house to the minute each morning during the school year to make sure that we get ahead of the school buses in our neighborhood.

However, school is back this week -- and that means it is imperative that we readjust our driving behavior in the morning to take into account the return of schoolchildren, buses, crossing guards, and reduced speeds in school zones.

Safety always should be the number one concern of every operator of a motor vehicle at all times, but especially so when there are small children on our roads.

We urge all of our readers to be extra-vigilant while driving now that school is back in session -- none of us wants to be responsible for a tragedy.



HAPPY LABOR DAY, TAKE TIME OUT TO PLAY. SEPT. 2<sup>ND</sup>

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“That’s what it’s about – seeing Lynn people here supporting me,” said Todd. “I’m glad to represent the city.”

Todd was happy to fight at Encore in front of a crowd of 2,000 fans.

“It was a big honor to fight here,” said Todd. “The boxing fans really love coming to this venue. I’m happy to be here and I want to make this my home and fight here all the time. It’s not far from Lynn, maybe a 15-20 minute-ride.”

Todd talked about his boxing attire. “I wanted to wear something special for everyone from Lynn coming to Encore,” he said. “I grew up in the Highlands so I put the High Rock Tower on the back. And everybody from Adams Street, Rockaway Street, Jefferson Street – I represent all

of Lynn. But I have all different kinds of uniforms.”

Todd, who is the father of two children, had several members of his family in attendance. His friend, Akeen Brown, traveled all the way from North Carolina to be at the fight.

It was Curtis Todd who gave his son, the nickname “TNT” when Khiry was a 15-year-old amateur fighter.

“I’m very proud of my son,” said Curtis, a 1982 graduate of Lynn Classical High School, where he played basketball. “He loves his family and he works hard for them and just wants to make a better life for them.”

Khiry Todd’s ninth victory should move him up in the world boxing rankings and a world title shot in 2020 may be in the cards for Lynn’s stylish boxing star.



Mike Velazquez and Jack Bartlett supported James Perkins in his pro boxing debut.



Steve Carroll and Ryan Barrows, at ringside for James Perkins' professional boxing debut at Encore Boston Harbor.

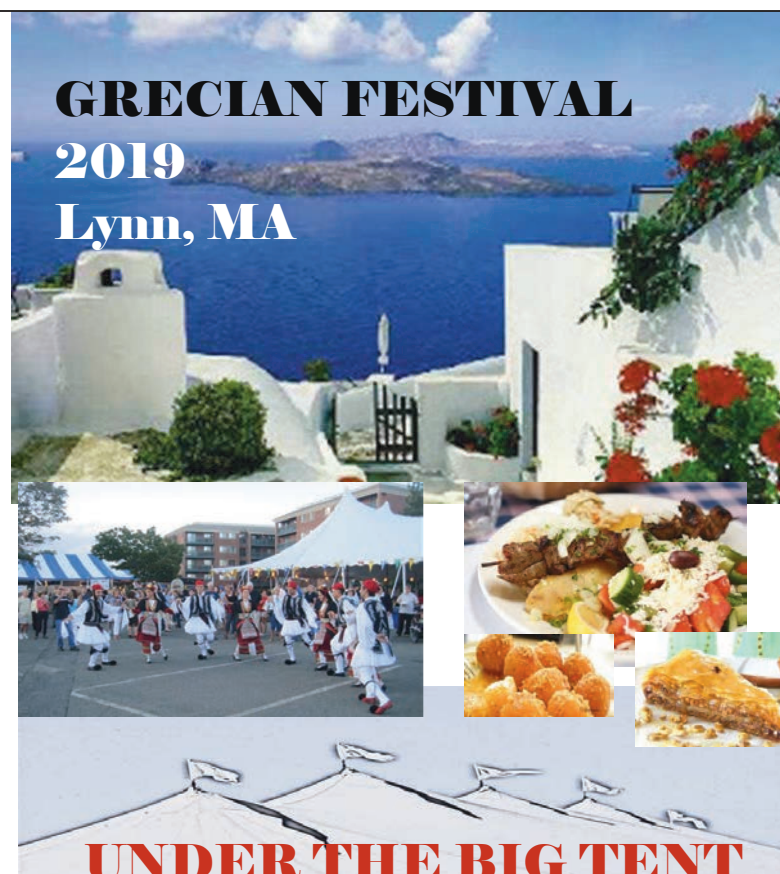


Lynn Councilor-at-Large Brian LaPierre, his wife, Kelly, their two children, Owen and Dylan, and his parents, Caroline and Peter LaPierre.



St. Mary's hockey coach Mark Lee, St. Mary's Trustee Michael Reddy, Matt Reddy, and Stephen Spencer join Lynn boxer James Perkins for a photo following his bout.

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# A special guest in the house

## Gov. Baker attends boxing show at Encore

By Cary Shuman

Encore Boston Harbor and Murphy's Boxing hosted their second show at the \$2.6 billion

casino resort and there were plenty of exciting bouts contested in front of another huge crowd of boxing fans.

NABF super featherweight

champion wrapped up the card with a sensational first-round knockout of Luis Castillo in the main event.

That show-ending perfor-



PHOTOS BY EMILY HARNEY AND KATY ROGERS

Abraham "Super" Nova (L) in the main event versus Luis Castillo (R).



Gov. Charlie Baker and First Lady, Lauren Baker, are pictured at the boxing show last Friday night at Encore Boston Harbor, the \$2.6 billion resort/casino located in Everett.

mance was preceded by Todd Angilly's stirring rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner." Angilly is the Boston Bruins' National Anthem singer but he has not been informed by Bruins officials yet that he will return in that role for the 2019-20 hockey season.

There was a very special guest in attendance at Encore as Gov. Charlie Baker and his wife, Lauren Baker, viewed some of the bouts after enjoying dinner at Fratelli Restaurant.

Baker, the nation's most popular governor, and his wife, had a viewpoint near the back of the large hall but it was difficult not to recognize the state's 6-foot-6-

inch chief executive.

Baker graciously posed for photos with fans, including former amateur boxing champion Calvin Brown and his wife, Sandra Brown. Calvin is a Chelsea city councillor.

"It's so great to see our governor here supporting the athletes and the sport of boxing and enjoying the show," said Brown.

Two of the boxers, James Perkins and Khiry Todd, hailed from Lynn, which is next door to Swampscott, home to Gov. Baker and Mrs. Baker.

"I didn't get a chance to talk to Gov. Baker, but it's an honor that he was here to see me fight," said Todd, who won his bout with a first-round knockout.

Baker, who played basketball at Needham High School and Harvard University, said he and his wife enjoyed a delicious dinner at Fratelli and then decided to attend the boxing show. The governor was impressed with Encore Boston Harbor, a five-star resort.

"The facility is enormous and impressive," said Baker. "And the cleanup along the Mystic River is amazing. To give the river back to the city of Everett is just such a big deal.

"And obviously there's a ton of people here," added Baker. "The restaurants seemed to be doing very well. And by the way, the traffic coming in [from Swampscott] wasn't that bad. So all things considered, it's a great way to spend a Friday night."

The boxers seemed to be in agreement that Encore has become the place to box in New England and to be seen by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Todd, who improved his record to 9-1, hopes to get another opportunity to re-

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# Perkins gets a draw in his pro boxing debut

By Cary Shuman

Lynn's James Perkins made his professional boxing debut at Encore Boston Harbor, recording a majority draw after a tough toe-to-toe battle with Boston's Aaron Trecell Smith, who also making his debut as a pro.

Perkins, whose nickname is "Pit Bull," landed several powerful shots throughout the four-round cruiserweight bout but Smith was able to respond to the barrage and land some good shots of his own.

Perkins, a 2011 graduate of St. Mary's High School, had a large contingent of Lynn fans in the audience, including St. Mary's Trustee Michael Reddy, his former hockey coach, Mark Lee, and hockey linemate Brendan Mageary. James's mother, Lisa Cadigan, was also at ringside.

Mageary was impressed by Perkins' boxing skills.

"James put on a great show," said Mageary, son of Lynn Police Chief Michael Mageary. "He had

a lot of support here and I thought he made a great debut. I played high school hockey with James and he's always been a great kid. A couple of years ago I watched one of his amateur fights and tonight I was glad to watch him in his pro debut."

Perkins received praise from boxing fans for his rugged debut in an exciting bout. One judge scored it 39-37 in his favor, while the other two judges had it 38-38, resulting in a draw for both fighter and respective 0-0-1 records.

"It was a hard fight," said Perkins, whose amateur record was 5-1 with two knockouts. "My opponent was tough. I felt I could have done better but it is what it is."

Perkins was a center iceman for Mark Lee's Spartans, helping to lead the team to the Division 1 state semifinals two years in a row.

Perkins' home gym is JR13 Boxing in Saugus. His trainer is Joey Riccardi.



Lynn's James Perkins battles Boston's Aaron Trecell Smith. The bout ended in a majority draw.

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# Lynn Tech football draws large turnout for 2019 team

By Cary Shuman

James Runner is beginning his tenth season as head coach of the Lynn Tech football team and the outlook is optimistic, meaning that the Tigers will likely be contending for conference and MIAA playoff titles.

Such has been the excellent tradition established during the James Runner Era. Last year the Tigers qualified for the playoffs and before falling to eventual Division 8 Super Bowl finalist Pope John, 24-6, in the second round. The Tigers finished with an 8-5 record.

The athletes at Tech have responded to Runner's exceptional leadership and his work in helping them move on to college and in to employment positions in the trades. Tech has 72 players participating in preseason practices at McManus Field.

"This is one of the largest turnouts since I've been here," said Runner. "I'm really excited. I think the addition of the eighth-grade academy is really going to be big for Lynn Tech football."

The Tigers lost their All-Con-

ference quarterback, David Barrios, to graduation. Barrios is now playing football at Tufts University.

"David has been here all summer long working out with us," said Barrios. "And Keone Gaskin is in his second year at Franklin Pierce as a starting halfback."

Seniors Luis Pineiro and Sebastian LeOrtiz are contending for the starting QB position. Regner Nival is also on the depth charts at quarterback. "It's a good competition for the position," said Runner.

The Tigers' top-rated running back is Haidar Bdaiwi, who returns from last year's backfield and will take on a leadership role in the Tech offense. Guy Morgan and quarterbacking candidate Nival will also be in the backfield.

The returning offensive linemen are Devin Lewis, Kenny Perez, Arthur Herrera, and Adam Cutone. Cutone, a 6-foot-2-inch, 301-pound offensive tackle, is the son of Adam Cutone, who was a star linebacker at Lynn English in his high school days.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### NEW SUPERINTENDENT IS READY

CHELSEA -The corner office in City Hall – and the head of the Chelsea Public Schools – will have a new look and some new ideas now that incoming Supt. Almi Abeyta has taken her place as the leader of the schools, ready to welcome faculty and students on Aug. 27 for their – and her – first day of school.

After a public process last spring, Abeyta was chosen by the School Committee after a close vote, but in deciding fashion, and she reported to work on Aug. 12. This week, with former Supt. Mary Bourque still on the job to help with the transition, Abeyta has been meeting with staff and learning all about Chelsea after having left her position this summer at Somerville High School.

“I’ve just been listening a lot so far – getting to know people,” she said. “It’s one thing to read about a district – a plan – but it’s a whole other thing to see it in action. What I was reading about online and hearing about in the interview process – now I’m seeing it play out and it’s refreshing to see there is alignment between the two. In education, there is theory in action and theory in use. I’m seeing both working together in Chelsea Public Schools.”

That was a refreshing take from the new leader of the schools as she accompanied Bourque around the district – meeting with teachers on Monday for professional development sessions at the Early Learning Center.

Abeyta comes to the district with a great deal of experience in and around Chelsea, living in Revere and having taught in leadership positions at East Boston and Somerville.

“This process was for me a long time coming,” she said in a recent interview. “I just couldn’t pass up Chelsea. I drove through Chelsea every day to Somerville from Revere. I really wanted to serve a community like Chelsea. When I saw it was open, I said I have to do this. I felt it was a perfect step for me professionally and personally...Having been in East Boston, Chelsea felt like home to me. It is me. It feels right and where I am supposed to be.”

Abeyta grew up mostly in New Mexico in a military family, having spent time in various places around the world before settling there. After attending public schools all her life, she

eventually made her way to the East Coast and went to graduate school at Harvard University. During that process, she had interned at the Donald McKay Elementary in Eastie. Intending to move on after that, she was heavily recruited by the Boston Public Schools (BPS) to take the principal job at the McKay – and she served there for four years before taking a role in the central administration of the BPS.

“I took the job because I fell in love with the people of East Boston, and I just really liked that neighborhood,” she said. “I was happy in Boston and everything I wanted to do professionally I was doing. Then I got a call out of the blue.”

That call came from Sante Fe, N.M., where her hometown was recruiting her to come back and be a key deputy superintendent during a transition time in the system.

That was a job she couldn’t pass up, she said, having wanted to be home for such a long time. However, Boston was calling her, and she soon accepted a job as deputy superintendent at the Somerville Public Schools – which is where she has been.

Abeyta has been a rising star in the education world in Boston and New Mexico for several years, but said she has not taken the step for superintendent before due to her family obligations. This year, her daughter graduated from school in New Mexico and is headed to Boston to go to college. Abeyta said she had never wanted to take on the demanding role of superintendent until her daughter was in college.

“To be superintendent, I feel like you have to be completely committed,” she said. “I always said I’d be ready for that step in my career when my daughter went to college and I was more of an empty-nester.”

Coming into the district – and able to keep a pretty good conversation in Spanish – Abeyta said she feels like she can take the system to the next level.

“I see a district where there are already systems and structures in place,” she said. “People are working hard on instruction. There is so much energy. That’s exciting and attracted me when I applied. It was a great place where I didn’t have to go in and rebuild. That’s a gift...There are a lot of good things happening already. My role is to build on those great things and take them to the next level. That next step

### A ROYAL SHOW



PHOTOS BY MATT FRANK

The United Kingdom’s Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team – known as the Red Arrows – performed an incredible high-flying show over Boston and Chelsea on Monday morning just before lunch. Streaming red, white, and blue behind them, they tore across the sky over the Mystic/Tobin Bridge and then back over Boston. The 10-minute show was one of 20 such performances over cities in the U.S. and Canada.



will depend on what I hear and see in the data. I will take that next step with the community.”

School starts in Chelsea on Weds., Aug. 27, for students across the school system.

### BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION SET

CHELSEA - The City Election ballot for November has been set for City Council and School Committee, and it features several intriguing races – and one blockbuster Preliminary Election on Sept. 24 in District 2.

The City Clerk’s Office has concluded the certification process this month, and one of the most interesting outcomes is a Preliminary Election for District 2.

Three good candidates have filed signatures for the Powderhorn Hill district, and the campaigns will begin to take shape immediately.

Incumbent Councilor Luis Tejada has filed his signatures, and he will once again face challenger Olivia Ann Walsh – an attorney who lives at the Soldiers’ Home and ran against Tejada two years ago.

The interesting new candidate is Melinda Vega Maldonado, who is the daughter of Chelsea Collaborative Director Gladys Vega and the wife of a Chelsea Police officer.

Those three in the race are all very well-known in the City and will hustle for votes around the district. The outcome will leave only the top two vote getters to square off in November.

The at-large Council race will also be interesting, but will not come up for a vote until November.

Council President Damali Vidot and incumbent councilors Roy Avellaneda and Leo Robinson will be on the ballot.

Challenging them will be License Commission Chair Mark Rossi – who ran for a district seat last time out – and Chris Winam, a newcomer on the scene with deep Chelsea roots.

District 1 Council features a vacant seat with the bowing out of Councilor Bob Bishop. Running for the empty seat are Planning Board member Todd Taylor, and Economic Development Board member Rick Pantano. Both are very well-known in the city and are very active in City affairs. It will be a close race to

the end.

In District 4, it seemed like Councilor Joe Perlatonda wasn’t going to have an opponent, but late in the process Naomi Zabot successfully turned in her Nomination Papers – and so Mill Hill will have a race on its hands too.

Councilor Judith Garcia in District 5 has had several contests over her tenure, and this time won’t be different, as she will face Jason Benetti from the waterfront area.

Councilors Enio Lopez (District 3), Giovanni Recupero (District 6), Yamir Rodriguez (District 7) and Calvin Brown (District 8) will have no opponent on the ballot.

#### •SCHOOL COMMITTEE

There is no Preliminary Election in the School Committee, but there will be one to watch when it comes to the at-large race, where there is no incumbent due to School Committeeman Frank DePatto choosing not to run again.

That leaves Shawn O’Regan, a former School Committeeman, who is making another run and said he is ready to challenge the system after having watched it



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work previously.

The other candidate for the at-large seat is Roberto Jimenez Rivera, who grew up in Puerto Rico and came to the mainland to attend the University of Michigan. He and his wife, Sarah, recently moved to Chelsea, and he works as an admission's officer at a local university.

A race in District 1 will also be interesting as long-time School Committeewoman Rosemarie Carlisle will face James O'Regan. Both have deep roots in Chelsea and the votes will be close.

The only other race is in District 7 where incumbent Kelly Garcia will face former School Committeeman Charles Klaunder.

Incumbents Jeannette Velez (District 2), Marisol Santiago (District 3), Lucia Henriquez (District 4), Henry Wilson (District 5), Ana Hernandez (District 6), and Yessenia Alfaro-Alvarez (District 8) will have no opponents on the ballot.

### VILLAGE FEST ON SEPT. 14

EVERETT - The 5th annual Village Fest will feature headliners 'The Wailers' and 'Fastball' this coming Sept. 14 in the Village, from 3-9 p.m.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced the acts this week in preparation for what has become the City's signature event of the summer - amongst several high-powered events put on.

DeMaria noted that this was the fifth year of Village Fest, as the City moved the festival five years ago. Previously, it was known as City Fest and was in Everett Square.

The Wailers feature several original members of the legendary reggae band that had the late Bob Marley as its front man. Now, the band tours nationally and plays the catalog of hits from the good ol' days. They previously played Village Fest a few years back.

The second headlining act is Fastball, a top band from the late 1990s hailing from Austin, Texas. While they still feature popular songs, their album 'All the Pain Money Can Buy' featured several Top 10 songs, including their most popular song, 'The Way.'

The Main Stage will be sponsored by Encore Boston Harbor and the Craft Brewers Guild, and its entire lineup will feature:

- Xander Nelson Band, 3 p.m.
- JEdwards, 4 p.m.

- Whiskey 6, 5 p.m.
- Tim Charron Band, 6 p.m.
- Fastball, 7 pm.
- The Wailers, 8 p.m.

The B Stage will be sponsored by Suffolk Construction and will feature:

- Hal Holiday and the Tones, 3:30 p.m.
- The Local Scruff, 4:30 p.m.
- Angelena Hightower and the Unit, 5:30 p.m.
- Leary, 6:45 p.m.

As always the breweries (Night Shift, Bone Up and Down the Road) and Short Path Distillery will be contributing to the fun in their home district as well.

### BNY MELLON CONSOLIDATES SPACE

EVERETT - The BNY Mellon company on Santilli Highway in Everett has consolidated its space in its Everett building, leaving more than 100,000 square-foot of office space available on the top floor.

The company is not reducing its workforce in Everett or changing any operations. A spokesperson said they are simply consolidating the space they've been using, which has left a great deal of space no longer necessary.

"At BNY Mellon we continually optimize our real estate footprint to ensure we are operating efficiently while continuing to deliver for our clients," said Madelyn McHugh, a spokesperson for the company.

The owner of the building is Gilbane of Providence, and they said they are happy to still have BNY Mellon in the Everett building, and are looking to find another great tenant for 140,000 square-feet of office space on the top floor.

They are using Cushman and Wakefield to help market the newly vacant space.

"It's my understanding BNY Mellon will be shrinking their footprint in that building, but they plan on staying in place in the building," said Wes Cotter, a spokesman for Gilbane. "We're thrilled to hear they will remain a tenant. It's a great building and we look forward to finding a second great tenant for the other part of the building."

### MADARO HONORED BY PIERS PARK SAILING PROGRAM

EAST BOSTON - State Rep. Adrian Madaro, who as a youth learned how to sail in Boston Harbor through the Piers Park

Sailing Center's (PPSC) summer program, was honored by the PPSC board, staff and youth on Monday afternoon for his support and advocacy for the program.

Madaro filed legislation in the state budget that was signed by Gov. Charlie Baker earlier this month to expand the PPSC summer program so the sailing center can serve an additional 100 youths in 2020.

"It's hard to believe that years ago, Rep. Adrian Madaro was a youth sailor in the program," said PPSC Board Vice Chair Mary Cole. "We are here today to thank him for helping the sailing center every step of the way. When we had some financial issues a few years back he guided us, he put us in touch with people who could help and keep the program alive. Now we are alive and thriving and much of that is thanks to Rep. Madaro."

PPSC board member Steve Kirk followed Cole and thanked Madaro for his years of support.

"We had a great Eastie Pride Day with over 300 people out on our boats," said Kirk. "This is in part due Madaro's support for the program. This Sailing Center is something that helps make the community vibrant and I want to thank Rep. Madaro for his support."

PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo credited Madaro for helping to keep the Sailing Center afloat during a recent dire fiscal crisis.

After accepting the award Madaro addressed the crowd of PPSC staff and youth sailors.

"This is a particularly special honor because just a few short years ago I was at PPSC enjoying my summer as an East Boston resident attending this summer program," said Madaro. "It is so special and such an honor for me that I'm in a position to work with the PPSC board and staff to make sure this organization stays afloat, continues to be strong and continues to give youth in East Boston the same opportunities I had. We have to make sure we keep this thing going and I'll do my work at the State House but I need all of you to spread the word about this awesome program."

### WOMAN FOUND TO BE INCOMPETENT

EAST BOSTON - The East Boston woman who was arrested for stabbing a Boston EMT and possibly trashing Sacred Heart Church last month was found to be incompetent to stand trial.

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachel Rollins' office made the announcement last Friday that Julie Tejada, 31, East Boston will instead be held without bail

and admitted into a mental health treatment facility.

According to the D.A.'s office, Tejada's lawyer and the commonwealth both agreed with doctors that drafted the accused's competency report.

Tejada will be treated at the Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital.

Tejada, 31, of Eastie appeared in Boston Municipal Court on single counts of assault with intent to murder and assault on a public employee and two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous chemical.

Assistant District Attorney Jessica Erickson told the court that the victim, an on-duty EMT, was rendering assistance to the defendant when the defendant allegedly stabbed the victim multiple times. Prosecutors said that the defendant then used pepper spray on the stabbing victim and a second EMT who was driving the emergency vehicle that came to her aid.

The stabbing victim was rushed to Massachusetts General Hospital, where she underwent emergency surgery. The second victim was also treated and ultimately released.

Boston Police located the defendant inside the ambulance in the area of 24 New Chardon St.

The Monday before the stabbing, the Boston Police Civil Rights Unit launched a probe after a woman smashed a window and defaced the doors at Sacred Heart Church.

After Tejada's arrest, Boston Police sources said she was considered a suspect in the Sacred Heart vandalism.

Boston EMS released a statement Friday afternoon saying the EMTs involved in the attack are still recovering at home and have not yet returned to work.

"As a result of today's hearing, we hope Ms. Tejada will receive the treatment that she needs. It is assuring to know that for the time being Ms. Tejada will not pose a public safety risk," the statement read.

Tejada is due back in court on March 4, 2020.

### STUDYING BIKE LANES IN WITHROP

WINTHROP - The Town Council approved a feasibility study last week for painting a bike lane on Veterans Road.

Supporters say that installing a bike lane along Veterans Road connects a huge portion of the town, and also connects Lewis Lake, the center of the town and the beach. There is a huge safety increase when you use bike lanes, supporters contend.

"This is about making Winthrop a great place to get around," said Julia Wallerice, chair of the

Transportation Advisory Committee. "It's not about turning Winthrop into Somerville or Cambridge. It's about pulling together past studies and moving forward."

Chris Aiello, urged support of the study and said it's a safety issue and quality of life.

As for covering the cost of striping the bike lane, Wallerice said there are grants and kick starters that can be used. "There are people in the community that really want to so this go forward. To make Winthrop a better version of what it already is."

### GRIMES NEW PRINCIPAL AT CUMMINGS SCHOOL

WINTHROP - After serving as the interim principal for one year, Norah Grimes has taken on the role of Principal of the Arthur T. Cummings School, effective July 1. From 2012 to 2018, Grimes held the position of Assistant Principal of the Gorman Fort Banks (GFB) Elementary school. She has spent several years working as a reading specialist and as a Consultant Teacher of reading. During her time as the assistant principal of the GFB School, Grimes was the Transition Liaison for the construction of the new middle/high school as well as the Supervisor of Attendance for Winthrop Public Schools.

Grimes has big plans for the upcoming school year and is looking forward to welcoming a new group of students in grades three through five. With the help of her colleagues, Grimes plans on reinstating "team teaching," in grade five. This model of teaching consists of each grade-five teacher leading two content areas. Students will change classrooms and be assigned a homeroom, similar to the schedule that a middle school student would have. Students will then change classes for different subjects such as math and social studies.

"There are many advantages to this model, primarily that it allows us to focus on teacher strengths and greater student outcomes," said Grimes. "Also, having only two subject areas to cover instead of four provides for a greater level of expertise for the teachers." Grimes believes that the partnership with families, teachers, and students is crucial for learning, growth, and student achievement. While serving as principal, she hopes to witness meaningful collaboration among teachers and elevate expectations that create a positive school culture and responsibility.



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Defensive Coordinator Jason McCuish has seven returning starters ready to power the Tigers' defense. Winnisoda Mar is a starting defensive tackle and looms as a force for the Tigers. Cornerback Edwin Gonzalez and safety Victor Bellamah will lead the defensive backfield.

"Victor played alongside David Barrios at safety last year and he's basically a coach on the field," said Runner.

The Tigers were set to scrimmage Boston English Tuesday at Manning Field.

"The last four years we've been an MIAA playoff team and we want to continue that reign and try to make it back again," said Runner.

Tech hosts Greater Lowell in the season opener on Sept. 6 at Manning Field.



TECH COACHING STAFF: The Lynn Tech football coaching staff, from left, trainer Maurisa Olieri, assistant coaches Lou Rollins, Marcus Taylor, and Jason McCuish, head coach James Runner III, and assistant coaches Alan Bercy, Michael Stellato, Maurice Cordy, and Brian McAskil.



SENIOR CLASS: Lynn Tech's seniors are pictured at a practice at McManus Field. Front row, from left, are Haidar Bdaiwi, Arthur Herrera, Kenny Perez, Victor Bellamah, and Devin Lewis. Back row, from left, are Luis Pineiro, Edwin Gonzalez, Alex Akara, Guy Morgan, Miguel Soto, Winnisoda Mar, Julian Peralta, Carol Mateo, Sebastian LeOrtiz, and Iranis Julio.

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seeking to continue his service as Ward 6 councilor.

The other candidates in the race are Donald Castle, Cinda Danh, David Ellis, and Jimmy Gonzalez.

The candidates conducted vigorous campaigns during the spring and summer, knocking on doors and trying to reach out to the 6,000 registered voters who live in the four precincts of the ward.

"I think it's going to be a really good turnout there (Ward 6) because there are so many options, really," said Rowe. "Ward 6 goes up to Pine Hill, too, so it's a pretty diverse ward."

The eight candidates for school committee, seven candidates for councilor-at-large, and all the ward candidates will all move on to the final election.

The only current ward councilor running unopposed is Rick Starbard, who represents Ward 2 on the City Council.

The polls will be open throughout the city from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

- The list of candidates are: Councilor At Large Buzzy G. Barton Jose M. Encamacion Brian M. Field Joel Hyppolite Brian P. LaPierre Hong L. Net Lennin Ernesto Pena Councilor Ward 1 Wayne A. Lozzi William F. O'Shea, III Councilor Ward 2 Richard B. Starbard Councilor Ward 3 Darren P. Cyr George C. Meimeteas

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### LYNN REPUBLICAN CITY COMMITTEE HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC

A splendid summer afternoon as the Lynn Republican City Committee held its annual picnic for the membership. on Saturday at the home of John Krol. An array of delicious food and desserts were offered at the gathering.

Chairman and host John Krol explained with enthusiasm having the ninth annual cookout and live auction for the members as he stated, "The Lynn Republican City Committee annual backyard picnic is always a great time among the membership. Every year we have more people joining this event. It is very important for us to learn more about our democracy and to have our citizens become more involved in the political process".

Guest Speakers included Vice-Chairman Richard Wood announcing his candidacy for the 3rd Essex State Committee position, Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard gave an update on city improvements, and Former Mayor Judy Kennedy spoke of becoming more aware of our local and national concerns.



LRCC members attending the Annual Picnic.



Enjoying the picnic – Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard, GOP State Committee Woman Amy Carnevale, Former Lynn Mayor Judy Kennedy, and LRCC Chairman John Krol.



Family Affair – Michael Krol and LRCC Chairman John Krol with their mother, Norma.



Lynn resident Estelle Revelotis meet GOP Cookout guest speakers, Richard Wood and Rick Starbard.



Guest Speakers Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard and Vice-Chairman Richard Wood joined with Joseph Carritte.



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# LYNN POLICE OFFICERS TAKE CEREMONIAL OATH A STARTING NINE

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Lynn Police Chief Michael Mageary extended his congratulations to the new Officers and said, "You worked very hard for six months at the Police Academy; you received a lot training and met the requirements. Now you will put forth what you have learned into reality. I wish all of you the best of luck; I look forward to working all of you; and I wish each of you a safe and successful career in law enforcement".

By taking the oath, each Officer affirms support for the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



Nine new Lynn Police Officers – (Front): Sean Coppinger, Rachel McInerney, Kalene Kouch, and Dante Vinciarelli; (Back) Matthew Ruggiero, Jose Almonte, Jonathan Mills, Brendan Slepoy, and Joseph Plessas.



Officer Dante Vinciarelli with his mother, Denise, his father, Anthony, and sister, Antonia.



Officer Jonathan Mills with his family – Michelle, Barry, Joanna, and Nicole.




Mayor Thomas McGee meets Rolly Hayes and Beth Mooney, Officer Mills' aunt.



Officer Rachel McInerney with her sister, Amy Grishman, and her father and mother, Thomas and Candace.



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