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Decision time - Harvard or Yale

By Cary Shuman



Lynn English valedictorian Fermin Perez chooses between Harvard and Yale.

Many contributors to his success

Fermin Perez stands tall as a personal success story with many supporters along the way: his mother, Claribel, who brought the family here from the Dominican Republic when he was a young boy; the faculty at Lynn English; and the Lynn English JROTC, led by Sgt. Major Kenneth Oswald. Fermin Perez has served as the ROTC's Cadet Commanding Officer.

And Fermin Perez also expressed his personal gratitude to Wilkins, his guidance counselor during his four years at English.

"Mr. Wilkins has definitely been there through everything," said Fermin Perez. "He's an amazing mentor and an amazing person in general. He's always someone who can give you great advice and guidance."

A product of the Lynn schools

Fermin Perez, whose nickname is "Eddy," was born in the Dominican Republic and came to the United States as a young boy with his mother, Claribel Perez. He also has an older sister, Erisbel, 21.

He attended Ingalls Elementary School and then moved on

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VIRTUAL CAMPAIGN



PRG Photo

Michael Satterwhite launched his Mayor Virtual Campaign Celebration from his headquarters on Lynnfield Street. See story and more photos on Page 12.

Two Lynn organizations receive Partnership Grants

Special to the Journal

The Essex National Heritage Commission (Essex Heritage), in keeping with its long tradition of supporting the region's unique cultural heritage, announced the 2021 Essex Heritage Partnership Grant Program recipients at the Commission's Spring Annual Meeting on April 22.

Two Lynn organizations, Beyond Walls Inc. and the North Shore Community Development Coalition, were among the recipients. Over the next year, the 12

grant recipients in total will be working to implement a diverse range of educational, interpretive, and preservation projects throughout Boston's North Shore and the Merrimack Valley. This year, Essex Heritage added "Access and Inclusion" as a fourth category, to assist in keeping our unique and amazing resources accessible to all.

"We recognize the importance of supporting local organizations

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Baker relaxes COVID-19 restrictions

Staff Report

On Tuesday, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that Massachusetts will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries effective May 10, and put plans in place for further reopening on May 29 and August 1.

The Administration continues to take steps to reopen the Commonwealth's economy with public health metrics continuing to trend in a positive direction. This includes drops in average daily COVID cases and hospitalizations. Massachusetts remains first in the nation for first vaccine doses and total doses administered

per capita, among states with more than 5 million people. The Administration will also relax the Face Coverings Order for some outdoor settings, effective this Friday, April 30.

•Face Coverings Order:

Effective April 30, the Face Coverings Order will be relaxed for some outdoor settings.

*Face coverings will only be required outside in public when it is not possible to socially distance, and at other times required by sector-specific guidance.

*Face coverings will still be required at all times in indoor public places. Face coverings will

also continue to be required at all times at events, whether held indoors or outdoors and whether held in a public space or private home, except for when eating or drinking.

*At smaller gatherings in private homes, face coverings are recommended but not required. The \$300 fine as an enforcement mechanism will be eliminated.

•Phase IV, Step 2 Industries and Gathering Changes:

On March 22, Massachusetts loosened capacity restrictions and advanced to Step 1 of Phase IV

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EDITORIAL

BIDEN'S CLIMATE CHANGE BILL: TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE?

President Joe Biden's ambitious proposal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. by 50 percent (from their 2005 levels) by 2030 marks a dramatic moment in the environmental movement.

Those of us old enough to remember the first Earth Day -- 51 years ago this past week -- know how difficult it can be to induce American consumers and businesses to adopt environmentally-friendly habits.

The first Earth Day was inspired by the images a few months before of Cleveland's Cuyahoga River catching fire when the chemical pollutants which industries poured into the river (which in turn streamed into Lake Erie) were ignited by a spark from the shore.

The shocking river fire and the Earth Day movement in turn led to the creation of the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the full support of then-President Richard M. Nixon, a Republican.

The EPA soon initiated policies that began to improve America's air and waterways, most notably with the elimination of lead in gasoline.

However, despite the tangible accomplishments of the EPA over the past 50 years, our air and water -- the essentials of life for all living things -- have remained as harmful to our health as ever.

A recent study by the American Lung Association concluded that almost 50 percent of all Americans still breathe polluted air.

The 1967 movie, *The Graduate*, predicted the rise of plastics ("Benjamin...I have one word for you: 'Plastics.' There is a great future in plastics.") in everyday life. But what the movie did not anticipate was that within a few decades, micro-plastics not only would contaminate the oceans around the world, but also would be found in every major organ in our bodies.

And of course, there is the matter of global warming, which soon is set to reach a point that will make life as we know it unsustainable in many parts of the world, including our own, where rising sea levels will inundate the Massachusetts coastline.

However, what is encouraging about President Biden's plans is that for the first time, major U.S. companies are supportive of policies that are good for the environment. Although we would like to think that they are doing so for the right reasons, the reality is that these companies realize that climate change will have a catastrophic effect on their business interests.

The U.S. military has warned for the past decade that climate change poses a major threat to our national security and now private industry finally has jumped on the bandwagon. According to an article in the *New York Times* last week, "Rising temperatures are likely to reduce global wealth significantly by 2050, as crop yields fall, disease spreads, and rising seas consume coastal cities...The effects of climate change can be expected to shave 11 percent to 14 percent off global economic output by 2050 compared with growth levels without climate change, according to a report from Swiss Re, one of the world's largest providers of insurance to other insurance companies."

So we applaud President Joe Biden's dramatic pro-environment policies, which incorporate many aspects of the Green New Deal put forward by our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, in tandem with New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

And we are heartened that American business is fully on-board with the president's proposals.

Hopefully, the shift in our national policy will not be a case of too little, too late.

On the other hand, for those of us who celebrated the first Earth Day in 1970, we have to say, "Better late than never."

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He attended Ingalls Elementary School and then moved on to Marshall Middle School for grades 6-8. His academic talents flourished in the Lynn school system, receiving Principal's Awards and other academic honors.

"I had such a great experience in the elementary and middle schools," said Fermin Perez. "The principal [Molly Cohen] at Marshall Middle School was amazing. She's an incredible person and an incredible leader."

A resident of East Lynn, he chose to attend Lynn English School where he enjoyed his academic and extracurricular experience.

"The principals and vice principals at English were great to me," said Fermin Perez, who is a member of the National Honor Society. "Sgt. Major Kenneth Oswald and Master Sgt. Gerald Goncalo have been great leaders and mentors to me."

It was Fermin Perez's friend

and classmate, Tyler Generazo ("He's very accomplished, a great person and friend, and he'll be attending the United States Air Force Academy," noted Fermin Perez) who encouraged him to join Lynn English's highly successful ROTC program.

"It [ROTC] was absolutely life-changing, very impactful to me," said Fermin Perez. "It made me use my potential and be a leader and step out of my comfort zone, and it helped me build camaraderie with people, and do things I never thought possible."

During his career, English's JROTC team traveled to many states, including New York, Virginia, Florida, and Tennessee. The team won multiple national championships.

In addition to JROTC, Fermin is a member of Friends of Rachel's Club and La Vida Scholars.

The Decision

Fermin Perez began visiting

colleges during his sophomore year at English.

"I visited Harvard and Harvard Yard," he said.

He expects to make his Harvard versus Yale decision this weekend. He recalled the day he received his first acceptance notification from Harvard in December.

"I was through the roof, so excited," said Fermin Perez. "I said to my mother, 'Mom, I got into Harvard', and she looked at me like, 'Did you really? She almost didn't believe me. We were hugging and we were very happy. She's definitely proud of me.'"

He is not sure what his field of study will be at Harvard or Yale, but you get the sense that Erignacio "Eddy" Fermin Perez - a great student ambassador for the Lynn school district - may be choosing between Harvard and Yale again for law school or graduate school four years from now.

He's an outstanding young man with a bright future ahead.

Free COVID-19 testing at 800-810 Lynnway

Residents can receive a free COVID-19 test at the building located at 800-810 Lynnway, the former home of Building 19 and the flea market.

No appointments are necessary. The testing site is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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and we are proud that we are able to award twelve partnership grants again this year,” said Annie Harris, Essex Heritage CEO, “Over the 23-year life of the program we have provided grants to every community in Essex County – and we know that this seed money greatly impacts the region by leveraging more investments in the Essex National Heritage Area.”

Lynn’s 2021 Essex Heritage Partnership Grant Recipients:

Beyond Walls Inc. - In partnership with Lynn Public Schools, Beyond Walls’ “Taking the Classroom to the Streets” project will use culturally relevant public art as the foundation for cross-curricular learning and increased student engagement. Using large-scale works of public art in downtown Lynn as the foundation for an innovative, cross-curricular educational experience designed to engage students more deeply, this project provides youth and families with opportunities to connect art with history, identity, culture, and community as well as deepen civic engagement.

North Shore Community Development Coalition - NSCDC’s YouthBuild program will complete accessibility improvements for Lynn Museum/Lynn Arts including a wheelchair ramp and benches. NSCDC will connect this to a current accessibility curriculum that they are teaching YouthBuild students this Spring as well as to the community service model that is embedded in YouthBuild. As the majority of

YouthBuild students are from Lynn, this will also be a point of pride for participants to ‘give back’ to their community. Lynn Museum/LynnArts has a make-shift ramp currently, which needs to be replaced. To accompany the ramp, the students will also build two benches to make the area more welcoming.

About Essex Heritage and the Essex National Heritage Area

Essex Heritage is the non-profit organization that manages the Essex National Heritage Area by developing programs that enhance, preserve, and encourage recreation, education, conservation and interpretation projects on Boston’s North Shore and the Lower Merrimack River Valley. The Essex National Heritage Area comprises the 34 cities and towns of Essex County, MA. For more information, visit www.EssexHeritage.org or call (978) 740-0444.

About the Essex Heritage Partnership Grant Program

The Essex Heritage Partnership Grant Program is a matching grant program created to foster and support the stewardship activities of municipalities and organizations that share Essex Heritage’s mission to preserve and enhance the historic, cultural, and natural resources of the Essex National Heritage Area (Essex County). Impacting many in the region, the 23-year-old program has invested more than \$1.6 million in support of the region’s nationally significant heritage.

Nicholson for Mayor campaign holds listening session for Lynn businesses

Jared Nicholson, candidate for Mayor of Lynn, hosted a virtual listening session about supporting Lynn entrepreneurs last Friday April 23. He was joined by business owners, supporters, and potential voters for an engaging lunch hour discussion.

Jared is currently a member of the School Committee. His professional experience includes extensive work with small businesses. He is currently a law professor at Northeastern University, where he directs a clinic that provides free legal help to small businesses. Jared and his students provided free legal assistance

to Lynn small businesses struggling during the pandemic. Previously, Jared worked as a lawyer for startups at a law firm in Boston.

During the listening session, Jared shared ideas about how Lynn can start planning for a recovery that is thoughtful, productive, and inclusive of the communities that were hit hardest by working with Lynn businesses. Participants also asked questions and shared ideas on this topic.

“This was a wonderful opportunity to connect and exchange ideas, even during a time when we can’t gather in large groups

in person,” said Jared. “Getting input directly from businesses owners and community members about how to recover fully and fairly is so important.”

“For years, I have witnessed Jared show up and put in the countless hours of work to help build our community and Lynn businesses, time and time again,” said Esther Summersett, owner of Divine Design by Hadassah, an interior design firm. “It is of no surprise that Jared is focusing on small businesses in his campaign for mayor and I enjoyed discussing ways we can do so in this listening session.”

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of the reopening plan. Since then, case rates dropped by 20%. The positivity rate has dropped to the lowest levels recorded since last summer.

Effective Monday, May 10:

*Large venues such as indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks currently open as part of Phase 4, Step 1 at 12% will be permitted to increase capacity to 25%.

*The Commonwealth will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries including amusement parks, theme parks and outdoor water parks that will be permitted to operate at a 50% capacity after submitting safety plans to the Department of Public Health.

*Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts after submitting safety plans to a local board of health or the DPH.

*Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high risk sports.

*Singing will also be permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues and other businesses.

Effective May 29:

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, gathering limits will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors for event venues, public settings and private settings.

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, additional Phase 4, Step 2 industries will be permitted to open including:

*Street festivals, parades and agricultural festivals, at 50% of their previous capacity and after submitting safety plans to the local board of health.

*Bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distilleries, will be subject to restaurant rules with seated service only, a 90 minute limit and no dance floors.

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, the restaurant guidance will be updated to eliminate the requirement that food be served with alcohol and to increase the maximum table size to

10.

Effective August 1:

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, remaining industries will be permitted to open including:

*Dance clubs, and nightclubs
*Saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms at fitness centers, health clubs and other facilities

*Indoor water parks
*Ball pits

*All industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries, with businesses encouraged to continue following best practices. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

*Depending on vaccine distribution and public health data, the Administration may consider re-evaluating the August 1 date. The Department of Public Health will also continue to issue guidance as needed, including guidance to still require masks indoors.

For more information, visit mass.gov/reopening.



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SJP Greenstein achieves All-American status at NHSCA Wrestling Nationals

By Cary Shuman

Dylan Greenstein launched his high school wrestling career in spectacular fashion.

The 15-year-old St. John's Prep freshman from Lynnfield took home All-American honors from the National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) Wrestling Nationals over the weekend in Virginia Beach, Va.

Competing against the USA's top wrestlers in the Nationals Freshman Division in the three-day competition, Greenstein advanced through his bracket to finish in the top eight, earning him "All-American" recognition and a plaque symbolic of his extraordinary achievement.

Interestingly, because the COVID-19 pandemic forced officials to move the high school wrestling season, Greenstein will not make his actual varsity wrestling debut

in Coach Manny Costa's powerful St. John's program until next week. But the seeds of future success were planted a year ago when Greenstein had a phenomenal 47-1 record for the St. John's Prep junior varsity team as an eighth grader vying against older, high-school age competitors.

Greenstein, son of Boston nightclub legend Randy Greenstein (of Big Night Entertainment Group) and Karen Greenstein, was asked to assess his achievement of receiving national All-American recognition as a freshman.

"It feels great," said Greenstein, who stands 5-foot-11 and weighs 195 pounds. "I know that I still have a lot of work to do because I'm more of a judo player but I'm looking forward to learning more about wrestling techniques. I know I have a lot more to learn."

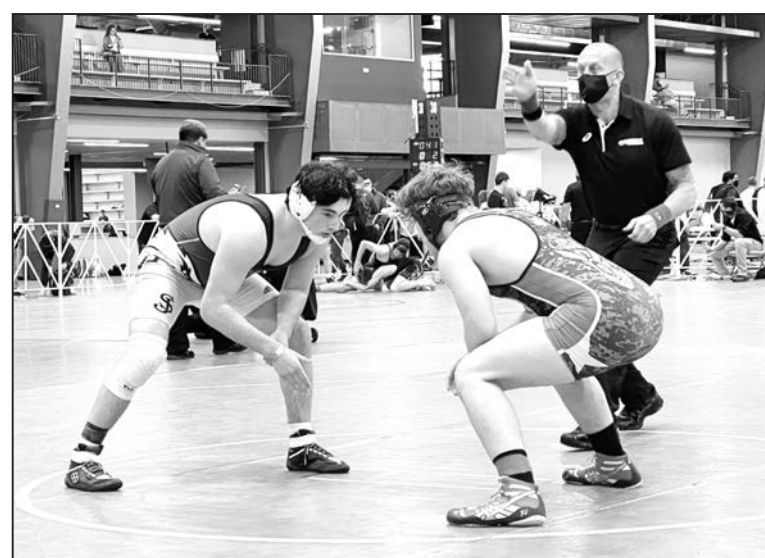
Greenstein credits the sport of judo, in which he has partic-

ipated for ten years, for laying the foundation to his noteworthy entrance in to wrestling. He's a four-time national judo champion while training under his well-known coach, former two-time Olympic bronze judo medalist Jimmy Pedro.

"When I was in the sixth grade, my dad helped me transition to wrestling," said Greenstein. "Initially I wasn't sure I wanted to do it because I was all-judo, but now I love the sport, so I'm excited."

Lofty accomplishments in wrestling are familiar in the Greenstein family. Dylan's father, Randy, was a standout wrestler at Lynnfield High School as was his uncle, Ricky, who won two MIAA state wrestling championships representing the LHS Pioneers.

Dylan, whose older brother, Brandon, attends Pingree and will be matriculating at Emerson College, aspires to wrestle at the collegiate level one day, but he is currently focused on his first varsity season at the Prep.



Dylan Greenstein (left) readies to square off against his opponent at the NHSCA Wrestling Nationals in Virginia Beach. A freshman at St. John's Prep in Danvers, Greenstein received All-American honors at the competition.

"I think we're going to have a really good team this season," said Dylan.

Nick Curley of Burlington, a senior at St. John's Prep and one of Dylan's teammates, won the overall NHSCA national title in the 113-pound weight division, giving the Danvers preparatory school

three All-Americans, which is likely an unprecedented achievement in the annals of local high school wrestling.

Tyler Knox also placed seventh and is an All American that goes to SJP.

With three All-Americans on its roster, the Prep will definitely be a "team to watch" in 2021.

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North Shore Navigators announce 2021 schedule for NECBL return

The North Shore Navigators have announced their schedule for the upcoming New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) season, featuring 21 home games at historic Fraser Field. NECBL Commissioner Sean McGrath and Navs President & General Manager Derek January made Thursday's announcement.

North Shore returns to its original summer collegiate home in the NECBL for the first time since 2011. The season and home opener is set for Friday, June 4 when the Vermont Mountaineers travel down from Montpelier to Lynn for a 6:35 p.m. first pitch.

Home games at Fraser throughout the summer of 2021 are scheduled to begin at 6:35 p.m. on Monday through Saturday nights and 4:05 p.m. on Sundays.

For the 2021 campaign, the 14 NECBL organizations will play a 42-game regular season exclusively within seven-team North and South Divisions. Slotted into the North Division, the Navs will play seven games each against Vermont, the Keene (N.H.) Swamp Bats, North Adams (Mass.) Stee-

pleCats, Sanford Mainers, Upper Valley Nighthawks (White River Junction, Vt.) and Winnepesaukee Muskrats (Laconia, N.H.).

North Shore's 21-game home slate includes four Friday, three Saturday and four Sunday contests including visits from Sanford and Winnepesaukee on Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4, respectively. As part of the balanced schedule, the Navs will play four of their seven contests against North Adams, Winnepesaukee and Upper Valley at home, while Keene, Sanford and Vermont come to Lynn three times each.

The 2021 NECBL All-Star Game will be held on Sunday, July 18 at Cardines Field in beautiful Newport, R.I. After that, the league's teams will play two final weeks of the regular season with hopes of qualifying for the 2021 NECBL Playoffs, of which the format will be announced at a later date.

The regular season is scheduled to end on Sunday, Aug. 1, with the following day left open for makeup games. The postseason will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

The Navs - a charter member of the New England League's inaugural season dating back to 1994 - rejoin the NECBL this summer after a nine-year hiatus. The Navigators began their NECBL tenure as a charter member based out of Middletown, Conn., where they won three consecutive NECBL championships as the Middletown Giants from 1997-99. Since then, no team has repeated that feat.

Following a three-year stint as the Holyoke (Mass.) Giants, the team relocated to the North Shore in 2008. The Navs qualified for the NECBL postseason in four straight seasons and won a fourth Fay Vincent Sr. Cup in 2010.

Season passes, which admit two people to each Navs home game, are now on sale for \$95.50 and can be purchased by clicking here. Contact Maggie Barden (maggie@nsnavs.com) for further ticket information or questions.

Stay up to date on the latest Navs news by visiting nsnavs.com and following the team on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

LYNN ENGLISH FALLS TO EVERETT IN SEASON OPENER

The Lynn English High School football team took a 6-0 lead on its first possession and gave Everett High a tough battle before the Crimson Tide eventually pulled away to a 42-12 decision in English's first football game on April 23, in the Greater Boston League.

Quarterback Jesse Maggs scored English's first-quarter touchdown on a 1-yard run. Angelo Person also rushed for a TD in the game.

Coach Chris Carroll's Bulldogs play at Revere Friday (6 p.m.) on Revere High Senior Night at Harry Della Russo Stadium. Revere defeated Lynn Classical, 18-0, in its season opener.



Joshua McDonald catches the pass from Jesse Maggs.



DJ Brathwaite was tough on defense, making tackles and breaking up passes.



DJ Brathwaite deflects a point after.



Shea Palmer stops a Tide run.



Jessie Maggs back to pass.



Kevin Pena breaks through a hole from his "O" Line for a big Lynn English gain.



The Offensive Line gave QB Jessie Maggs lots of tie to look for his targets.



Joshua McDonald wide open for a pass play.

CITY OF LYNN RECEIVES LED STREETLIGHT GRANT

Earth Day announcement takes place at Lynn Vocational Technical Institute. The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) partnered together to solve climate change with state municipalities. The City of Lynn received a Rapid LED Streetlight Conversion Program grant for the amount of \$263,247.00. This grant will benefit the city by reducing its electrical and maintenance costs.

Mayor McGee was very pleased to be in partnership with other communities to reduce streetlight cost with DOER and MAPC programs and support from the area legislators. As Mayor McGee stated, "Over the

last two years streetlight conversion was going on. There were challenges, but it benefitted the city. A city team effort from Andy Young and Michael Donovan of Inspectional Services and Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Lozzi brought this program to reality. They worked hard to have quality and energy efficient LED streetlights throughout the city."

Having updated street lights provides an increase visualization and safety across the entire city. The ultimate result is an annual cost saving of \$300,000.00 for the City of Lynn. With new additional infrastructure investments within the city and working with the state, positive results are occurring.



State, Regional, and Local Officials - State Rep. Donald Wong, Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Lozzi, State Senator Brendan Crighton, MAPC Deputy Director Rebecca Davis, DOER Commissioner Patrick Woodcock, Mayor Thomas McGee, and State Rep. Peter Capano.



Mayor Thomas McGee with regional officials – MAPC Deputy Director Rebecca Davis and DOER Commission Patrick Woodcock.



Deputy Director Rebecca Davis of Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) tells how agencies worked together to solve climate issues.



Commissioner Patrick Woodcock of MA Department of Energy Resources (DOER) explained the importance to convert municipal streetlights across the Commonwealth.

Make a difference as a hospice volunteer

Staff Report

Care Dimensions, the largest hospice and palliative care provider to adults and children in Massachusetts, will hold online training classes for those interested in becoming volunteers for the nonprofit organization. Training will be held via Zoom June 1-24 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and June 7-30 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Ordinary people can make an extraordinary difference in the lives of our patients. Are you able to visit with a patient; listen to the patient's concerns and provide a supportive, comforting presence? Can you hold a hand or engage in a shared interest or hobby? Are you able to help with letter-writing or life review; read to a patient; play games with a patient or family member? No matter what your skills, talents or motivation, we have a volunteer opportunity for you!

As more of the population becomes vaccinated against COVID-19, our volunteers will resume in-person visits with patients in their homes and will



Advocate Support for Green Community Effects – State Rep. Peter Capano, State Senator Brendan Crighton, and State Rep. Donald Wong along with Lynn Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Lozzi attend the announcement of Lynn receiving the LED Streetlight Grant



Mayor Thomas McGee thanks MAPC and DOER and everyone else who worked together on the Streetlight Conversion grant for Lynn.

LYNN CLASSICAL RAMS LOSE TO REVERE PATRIOTS 18 — 0

Photos by Bob Marra

The Lynn Classical Rams were shut out by the Revere High School Patriots football team on April 24, at Manning Field in Lynn.



ROUGHED UP: Revere's Adetayo Atitebi is brought down by Marquese Avery.



WHO GOT IT? Revere receiver Jarrod Natola competes for a pass with Lynn Classical's Rj Faessler.



BROKEN UP: A pass intended for Revere's Dillon Day is broken up by Lynn Classical's Kyle Durant.



STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT: Revere's Mark Galvez has a grasp on the jersey of Lynn Classical receiver Kyle Durant.

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HOSPICE (from pg. 6)

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Carrie Berger joins North Shore Navigators as Marketing Consultant

Carrie Berger joins the North Shore Navigators for the 2021 season as a Marketing Consultant who will assist with sponsorships and advertising.

Berger has 10 years of experience working with small businesses in the areas of business development, marketing, sponsorships, and advertising.

"I am really excited to work with the North Shore Navigators this year, as they provide a family friendly, fun, and safe experience for all communities around Massachusetts," Berger said. "As

we all know, this year has been a difficult one for small businesses, and I am looking forward to working with the Navigators to provide marketing opportunities for businesses to promote their products and services."

Berger's Sport Marketing experience ranges from working in sport marketing firms to consulting with sports facilities and teams. She also teaches Sport Marketing and Management classes at Salem State University and Lasell University.

To learn more about partner-

ing with the North Shore Navigators this season, please email Carrie at carrie@cbcoachingandconsulting.com.

The Navigators are excited to return to the New England Collegiate Baseball League for the 2021 season, which will begin on Friday, June 4 at Lynn's historic Fraser Field. Stay up to date on the latest Navs news by visiting nsnavs.com and following the team on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Massachusetts State University system requiring students to be vaccinated against COVID-19

The Massachusetts State University system is joining a growing number of colleges and universities across the country and Commonwealth requiring students to be vaccinated against COVID-19 before they attend in-person classes this fall.

The Presidents of the nine universities in the system unanimously decided to require undergraduate and graduate students who are attending in-person classes, conducting research on campus, living in residence halls, or participating in campus life activities to become fully inoculated with an approved COVID-19 vaccine prior to the start of the

2021 academic year. The presidents expect that all employees will also be fully vaccinated prior to the start of the fall semester.

"Prior to the beginning of the fall semester and following state, federal and legal guidance, the Massachusetts State Universities will require all students to be fully immunized before returning to campus for the start of the fall semester," said Dr. James F. Birge, president of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and chair of the Massachusetts State University Council of Presidents. "Student safety and the safety of our communities remains at the forefront of our planning as we

prepare to return to in-person learning and campus life in the fall."

The Massachusetts State Universities have been leaders in the Stop the Spread Campaign and throughout the year have made COVID-19 testing and contact tracing a priority on our campuses. Since returning to campus last year, the nine state universities have operationalized a robust on-campus COVID testing and tracing system for students, staff and faculty, which successfully resulted in helping to identify and contain the COVID virus in our campus communities. The State Universities are committed to ending this pandemic with vigilance towards vaccinating our campus communities.

"We are sharing this information now to give students, their families and our employees ample time to make plans to be vaccinated prior to the start of the fall term," continued President Birge.

All state universities will offer a traditional schedule of in-person classes in addition to online and hybrid options for both residential and commuter student populations. The nine campuses in the system are Bridgewater, Fitchburg, Framingham, Salem, Westfield and Worcester State Universities, Massachusetts College of Art & Design, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

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Supervisor \$17.00/hour

Clinic Instructor \$13.50/hour

* Must be 17 – 21 years old in order to apply. *

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Positions Available:

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* Must be 16 – 21 years old in order to apply. *

Applications are available at:
Lynn Department of Public Works, 250 Commercial Street,
and online at www.lynnma.gov

All applications must be returned to
Lynn Department of Public Works, 250 Commercial Street by
Friday, April 30, 2021

For further information, please contact Lisa Nerich at 781-268-8000 ext. 12

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Mayor Thomas M. McGee announces

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Lynn Youth Summer Jobs 2021

Summer Youth Workers

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- Lynn residents must submit resumes

All jobs start July 6, 2021 & end August 13, 2021

- Work consists of outdoor cleaning crews, clerical work in offices, landscaping, summer camp counselors.
- Current and proper COVID-19 guidelines need to be followed including wearing a mask and a work space which is properly social distanced from other employees.
- Maximum number of hours youth can work = 160 hours for the summer/26 hours per week @ 6 weeks.
- All workers are required to have direct deposit for payroll. If you do not have a bank account, you will be required to open one to receive your pay.
- If you are 16 and 17 you will be required to obtain a Worker's Permit from a Lynn public high school.

Applications available on April 26 at www.cityoflynnoced.net

Application & Resume Deadline: **Friday, May 28, 2021**

For further information, please contact Rich Avery at 781-586-6767

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Metro Credit Union receives certification for new safeguard checking account

Metro Credit Union, Massachusetts' largest state-chartered credit union, today introduced its Safeguard Checking account which is officially certified by the national Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE Fund) as meeting the Bank On National Account Standards (2021 - 2022). By creating this product, Metro is providing a safe, accessible, and affordable checking account that mitigates the risk of overdraft to its membership.

"The Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund is delighted to award its national Bank On account certification to Metro Credit Union's Safeguard Checking account," said Jonathan Mintz, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund. "Safeguard Checking offers members who are looking to improve their finances a useful mainstream banking product. Metro Credit Union's offering of this terrific account brings them into the forefront of national banking access efforts, and we thank them."

Metro created Safeguard

Checking in collaboration with Bank On Boston, where Metro Credit Union is one of 82 member organizations of the Bank On Boston Coalition. "The City of Boston is committed to equitable banking access for our residents," said Boston Mayor Kim Janey. "Key to that effort is ensuring that those in need of banking services have safe, reliable accounts to choose from, without worrying about overdraft fees. Thank you to Metro Credit Union for their partnership in this commitment and the creation of the new Safeguard Checking account."

Many households in Metro's Field of Membership do not have a checking or savings account and rely on costly check-cashing and other alternative financial services. For these residents, opening a safe, affordable and non-predatory checking account is an important step toward improving financial wellness. Safeguard Checking helps make that easier.

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- Metro iBanking - Free Online Banking
- Zelle - Free Person to Person Transfers
- Free Bill Pay
- Free Remote Deposit Capture
- Free Mobile Banking
- Free Automated Telephone Banking

"Metro is committed to providing our members with products and services that make them feel confident and secure in their banking decisions," said Robert Cashman, CEO and president, Metro Credit Union. "We're proud to offer this new checking account to our members to help those who need some help establishing their own financial stability. And to have it certified by CFE provides an additional layer of assurance to our members."

For more information about Metro Credit Union, please visit metrocu.org, or connect with us on LinkedIn.

OBITUARIES

Donna DiLeone

Of Lynn, formerly of Revere

Donna (Gentile) DiLeone of Lynn, formerly of Revere, passed away suddenly on April 23 at the age of 61.

Born in Boston on August 5, 1959 to Gina (Iacoviello) and the late John Gentile, she is survived by her loving partner John Ierardi of Lynn and her former spouse, Gennaro Dileone of Italy. She was the devoted mother of Vincent Dileone and his wife, Nichole and John Dileone, all of Revere; cherished grandmother of Jaidyn and Gemma and dear sister of Mary Jane Batchelder and her late husband, Robert; adored aunt of Ryan Batchelder and his wife, Cassie and Robert Batchelder.

A Visitation will be held at St. Anthony's Church, 250 Revere St, Revere on Monday, May 3 from 9 to 10 a.m. followed by



a 10 a.m. Mass. Capacity limits will be enforced. Masks and social distancing are required when entering the church. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com

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POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM

CHELSEA - The Chelsea Police Department and the MIT Center for Ethics and Transformative Leadership collaborated this past spring on a unique police training program looking to build empathy and compassion into implicit bias training programs.

Acting on an existing relationship with the MIT Center that was used to form the innovative Chelsea HUB model, both organizations brought the program to the Chelsea Police and three other departments for six weeks of training in how to add new tools to keep situations from escalating on the street – and to take police departments into more of a direction of community service and safeguarding.

The Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi, of MIT, ran the program – known as Transformative Cit-

izenship - and said it focuses on understanding how officers view their community, how the community views them and the pressures that mount on officers due to the dangers inherent in the job – and often times incorrect public perceptions of them.

The most recent cohort in Chelsea was the first to take place in the United States, and could potentially next go to Seattle. There were 33 officers from Chelsea and three other departments, and they had in-person and online meetings for two hours at a time.

“This is the first time we are trying to create a model or pilot for a U.S. Police Force and maybe others too,” said Tenzin. “I do believe this is something that could help all of them. This is one of the most important set of tools they will have. It will prevent even simple things, when they escalate, they will have these tools and will be able to recall them to de-esca-

late situations very quickly. These are the things that play a role in the way officers discharge their duties every day.

“In the end, these are very dedicated individuals that are trying to shift the culture so communities have better experience with what the police do and police forces do more than just policing,” he continued.

Chief Brian Kyes said he was happy to lead the effort with MIT, and found it a valuable forum for peers to share their experiences.

“This unique partnership provides our Officers with valuable insight and a forum for shared experiences with peers from neighboring communities,” he said. “It also helps to expand their resource toolkit, something that is important especially when presented with complex situations. We are happy to be leading with MIT in this effort.”

Tenzin said confidence in policing in the U.S., both perceived and real, is putting additional stressors on the very people that are depended on for public safety. Often, police officers internalize the public criticism that erupts whenever there is an event where use of force is exercised, whether warranted or not. Many times, men and women who have made a pledge to protect fellow residents feel that the world is against them regardless of the outcome. This presents a real danger both in regards to mental health and also with any future interactions these officers may face in the future.

“The important aspect is many are drawn to policing by their desire to serve the community,” he said. “There’s a lot of frustration because...you’re only judged by the worst in your department. It only takes one or two bad instances for the community to pass judgment on those good officers in the department at the same time. They are only interested in doing good for the community and they’re frustrated because of internal environments and external perceptions.”

The program also touches on how officers internalize anxiety – the idea that they may not come home at the end of the day – and it also focuses on how officers view their community. A key aspect of the program is to help develop an emotional resiliency so they can have compassion and empathy on those they encounter – even in the most challenging circumstances.

“One thing they look at is the perception officers have of the community they are serving,” he said. “The second thing with that

is a focus on emotional resiliency. It is a high-pressure job at any given time. We give them another tool to help address situations with compassion and empathy.”

Transformative Citizenship aims to address these issues in a meaningful and impactful way by exploring the thought process and emotions these events can trigger. The focus of the program is to work through implicit biases in decision-making and to promote emotional resilience and trust both within the department and in the communities they work.

“I am extremely grateful to the Chelsea Police Department and the MIT Center for Ethics and Transformative Values for the opportunity to take part in this course and include more than two dozen officers from several PAARI-affiliated police departments,” said Allie Hunter, Executive Director of PAARI. “This program provided a unique and meaningful opportunity to enhance officers’ leadership skills, especially as they engage in public health and social service oriented community policing programs that support individuals with substance use and mental health disorders, as well as those experiencing homelessness.”

Tenzin added, “The work of police department is perhaps one of the most challenging and demanding for professionals. Our goal with this course is to further build and strengthen trust in communities where it may have eroded. That is critical to the safety and well-being of everyone.”

The next step is to create ongoing sessions for more police departments locally and throughout the U.S., using what was learned in Chelsea. In a period where the public is asking for the “re-imagining of police” this course offers opportunities for difficult conversations that can lead to solutions and not just volatile rhetoric, he said.

Anyone interested in learning more about Transformative Citizenship can contact Tenzin via e-mail at The Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values at MIT, info@thecenter.mit.edu.

Chief Kyes, Police Chiefs Association agree with verdict on Chauvin

Chief Brian Kyes, president of the Massachusetts Major City Police Chiefs Association, hasn’t always been totally in step with every police reform that has come down over the last year, but this week Kyes said he believed the jury got it right when it came to

the murder convictions against former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin.

Chauvin was convicted on Tuesday afternoon by a jury in Minnesota of second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter when he killed George Floyd while in the course of his duties as a police officer.

“The jury in the murder trial of former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin reached its verdict, finding him guilty of all three charges,” said the Chief in a statement. “As members of the Mass Major City Police Chiefs Association we strongly believe that not only was the defendant afforded due process as is required by our Constitution and in conformance with our system of justice, but that the honorable and informed jury absolutely got it right and that justice was served. We hope that the family of George Floyd finds some solace in this historic verdict.”

EAST BOSTON PROJECT RECEIVES FUNDING

EAST BOSTON. - Acting Boston Mayor Kim Janey proposed her administration’s recommended \$3.75 billion Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) operating budget and \$3.2 billion Fiscal Year 2022-2026 (FY22-FY26) Capital Plan. Janey said the budget focuses on providing the resources for the city’s continued robust public health response to COVID-19, making strategic investments in Boston’s neighborhoods and residents, and setting the stage for Boston’s equitable reopening, recovery and long-term renewal.

One of those investments highlighted in the budget is \$19 million for the final phase of the Boston Housing Authority’s Orient Heights Public Housing Development project.

Janey said she recognizes the importance of making sure that residents of all incomes are able to access quality, affordable and safe housing options that meet their needs, and this budget helps support additional affordable housing opportunities.

“Orient Heights has been a staple of the East Boston community for seven decades, and this investment will help to finish its redevelopment,” said Janey Tuesday. “This investment preserves a vital housing resource and will secure a better quality of life for hundreds of East Boston families for de-

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acades to come.”

Four years after kicking off the three-phase redevelopment of the Orient Heights Public Housing Development Trinity Financial began construction on Phase III of the project in January.

Like Phase I and Phase II, Phase III will tear down the old post World War II-era brick housing on Vallar Road and portions of Faywood Avenue and be replaced with 81 units of new public housing.

Eva Erlich, vice president of development for Trinity Financial said an additional 42 units would be modernized as part of Phase III.

Phase III will also include the construction of a centrally located park for residents, the demolition of the existing community center and the expansion of open space.

The \$51.6 million Phase II portion of the project wrapped up last summer on Vallar Road. There, crews demolished 87 old units in four buildings and constructed 88 replacement state-funded public housing units in two townhouse buildings and one mid-rise building. Phase II also included improvements to the existing infrastructure and open spaces. Phase II leveraged \$10 million in proceeds from the sale of the Winthrop Square Garage, as well as \$1.83 million in Inclusionary Development Policy Funds, secured from the Davis Companies' 99 Sumner Street development in East Boston.

Phase III is part of the larger effort to transform the 331-unit of BHA owned public housing development that was originally built in 1951. Trinity completed Phase I of the project in 2018 where 90 units of public housing were replaced with 120 units of public housing both in townhouse and apartment-style buildings.

“Orient Heights has come a long way in the four years since we first broke ground for phase one. Hundreds of BHA families have seen their quality of life improve as they’ve settled into newer, more modern homes,” said BHA Administrator Kate Bennett Tuesday. “I want to thank Mayor Janey for her commitment to helping us finish what we’ve started and complete this critical work for our residents and for the neighborhood at large.”

In January 2015, the BHA selected the development team of Trinity Financial and East Boston Community Development Corp. to work with BHA and Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD) and finalize a redevelopment strategy for

the site. This development team secured financing to implement the redevelopment, and will own and manage the buildings post-redevelopment.

LEGAL EXPENSES ARE IN RANGE

EVERETT - One week after some members of the City Council questioned the outside legal fees paid for the tax valuation case that took place for several years between the City and Exelon Power Plant, members of several City Departments said the expenditures since 2017 are not out of the ordinary. There is a need often to get attorneys specializing in unique areas of the law as many surrounding community cities have done, said City Solicitor Colleen Mejia. She also said that the notion that her department doesn't work or farms out all of the legal issues is not correct.

“It is absolutely not true that we’re farming out all the legal work,” she said. “We work all day every day – as well as nights and week-ends. Virtually every department head in the City calls us at night and on weekends. This isn’t a 9 to 5 job. We use outside legal services to supplement and help us resolve issues we need help with. We don’t know all the aspects of the law and sometimes legal research doesn’t give you all the answers. I don’t want it to be thought by residents and taxpayers that we just sit around and do no work.”

City CFO Eric Demas said there has been a tremendous amount of change going on in the City over the last several years, and much of it has revolved around very specialized sections of the law like the power plant and the casino.

“I don’t think it’s out of line with what you might see in other communities,” he said. “Between the casino and the change in assessments, there’s been a tremendous amount of activity going on in the last five years as the City continues to grow and flourish. We have to make sure we’re doing everything we can to protect the residents.”

As that has happened, Mejia said it has been smarter to use outside legal services rather than to hire new staff and have to pay benefits and a pension.

“I think it has been very responsible not to hire more employees and not have more unfunded liabilities with pensions and insurance and salaries,” she

said. “It doesn’t make sense. If you average out all the costs we spend, it’s still less expensive (than hiring someone).”

Both Demas and Mejia also pointed out that some fees paid to the City’s outside counsel – KP Law – actually isn’t paid by taxpayers. KP Law usually has an outside attorney present at most Zoning Board and Planning Board meetings, but some of that expense is picked up by developers.

Using the 53G accounts that can be charged to larger developers for transportation, engineering and legal services, the City is able to be reimbursed by developer dollars through those accounts for part of the KP Law fees.

Communications Chief Deanna Devaney, who is also an attorney, said in her experience working at other cities and towns, Everett outside legal fees are well-within the usual range.

“This is a common practice using outside law firms,” she said. “If we compared to other cities and towns outside Everett, I would say it’s more than comparable...I believe Everett is very reasonable as to what they have for outside legal fees.”

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MICHAEL SATTERWHITE LAUNCHES VIRTUAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF



Brother Melvin Jr. and Rosanna Fernandez join Michael Satterwhite on his Virtual Campaign webcast for Mayor.

Lynn Mayoral candidate Michael Satterwhite kicked off his Virtual Campaign Launch Celebration at his headquarters located on Lynnfield Street. Family and associates gathered together to support Michael for his upcoming campaign.

Melvin Satterwhite Jr. expressed his warm feeling about his brother running for Mayor as he said, "Everything Michael had done in his career was fair and very transparent. Michael will listen and address any issue properly. He has integrity and values his family; he will do the same for the families in the City of Lynn."

According to Beth Battles-Wall, Michael is an amazing and dependable person who really cares. Her husband, Tom Wall, said, "Michael is a hard worker, self-made, and well organized. He has done so much helping the community and I know he will do a great job being Mayor."

The supporters at this campaign launch know that Michael will be there for the people of Lynn – A Voice for You.



Michael speaks with his father, Melvin Satterwhite, Sr. and his Step-Mother Eileen during the Virtual webcast.



Supporters for Michael: Thomas and Lori Weddleton with candidate for School Committee Lenny Pena.



A time with Michael: Nicole Thibodeau with her children, Lochla, Dexon, and Zolana with Beth and Tom Battle-Wall.



The Satterwhite Family – (L-R): Calvin Cox, Melvin Satterwhite Sr, Aneyah Sims, Andrea Satterwhite, Melvin Satterwhite Jr., Rosanna Frenandez, Arianna Satterwhite, Michael Satterwhite, Melvin Satterwhite III, Anaiya Satterwhite, and Eileen Satterwhite.

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