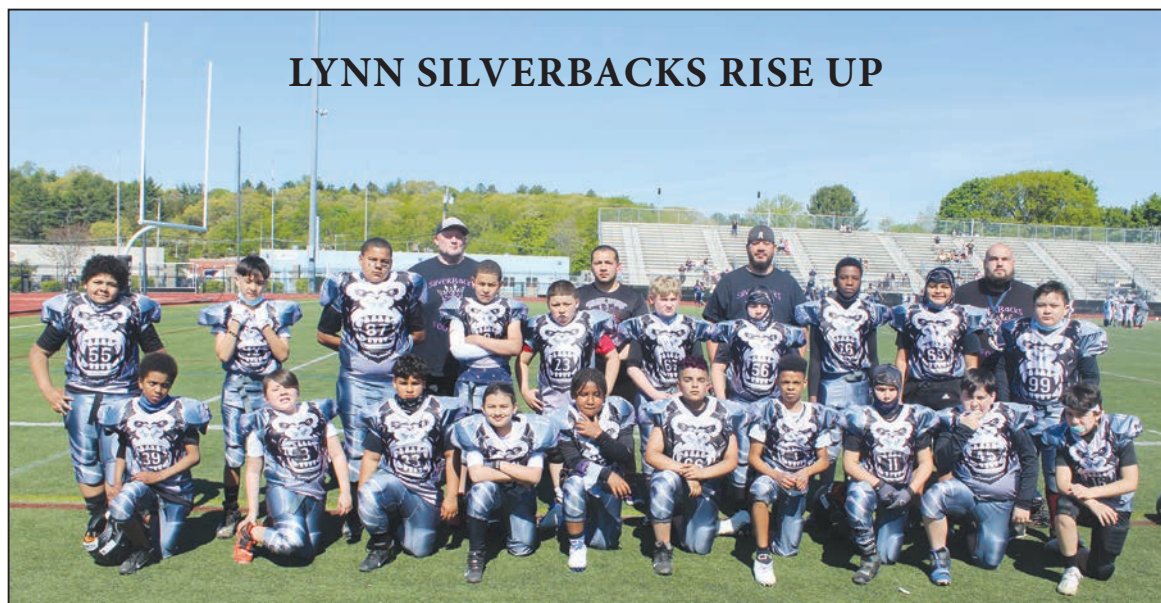


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LYNN SILVERBACKS RISE UP



The 10-Under Lynn Silverbacks football team, with head coach Pete Dow and assistant coaches Chris Ramirez, Angel Adames, and John Raye, are pictured before their final regular season game Saturday at Manning Field. Lynn will begin New England Youth Tackle League playoffs this weekend.

Local spring youth football teams head to playoffs

By Cary Shuman

The Lynn Silverbacks football organization will send its teams into the New England Youth Tackle Football League playoffs this weekend.

The Silverbacks, who field four tackle football teams (ages 8-14) and one flag football team (ages 6-and-under), completed regular season play last Saturday at Manning Field.

Lynn resident Joel Machado is the founder and president of the New England Youth Tackle Football League. John Raye, 35, is the president of Lynn Silverbacks Football.

More than 100 players are



Pop Warner Coach Dennis Rowe (left) and Pete Dow, coach of the Lynn Silverbacks 10-Under football team.

competing for the Lynn Silverbacks, according to Raye, who is also vice president of East Lynn Pop Warner.

“So far we’ve played Revere, Everett, Lawrence, Top Gun (regional team), and teams from western Massachusetts,” said Raye, a 2004 Lynn Tech graduate. “This is our third year in the league. Last year, we were unable to play because of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The New England Youth Tackle Football League season runs from March to June.

Raye said he was introduced to football coaching by East Lynn Bulldogs Pop Warner Coach Pete Dow, who coaches the Silverbacks 10-Under team. “When my son (Greg) started playing

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McGee announces appointment of Christopher P. Reddy as the City of Lynn Chief of Police

Special to the Journal

Mayor Thomas McGee is pleased to announce the hiring of Christopher P. Reddy as the new Chief of Police for the City of Lynn. Chris was selected from a list of several highly-qualified candidates who completed the required Civil Service Assessment Center in March of this year and applied for the position.

“Chris is a lifelong Lynn-er who clearly demonstrated throughout the entire hiring process that he has the necessary skills to lead the Lynn Police Department with the highest standards our City deserves,” said Mayor Thomas M. McGee. “He has a deep understanding of the Lynn community and the importance of racial equity in modern policing by having built strong relationships with many diverse groups and organizations during his time as a Lynn Police Officer. Chris is ready to meet the moment and lead the hardworking women and men of the Lynn Police Department through the current crossroads we are facing to bring the community together and approach this position with a commitment to equity and transparency. I want to thank each of the three exceptional candidates who applied for the promotion to be the Chief of Police. Your dedication and commitment to the City of Lynn was clearly evident throughout the entire process.



Christopher P. Reddy is the new chief of the Lynn Police Department.

My sincere appreciation to Deputy Chief Desmarais for stepping up to lead the Department over the last 10 months during an incredibly challenging time for our City, State and Country.”

“I want to offer my sincere appreciation to Mayor McGee for giving me the opportunity to serve this community, and the members of the Lynn Police Department, as the next Chief of Police,” said Christopher Reddy. “It has been my privilege to serve as a police officer in this community for the past 36 years and I am humbled and honored to have been selected for this important role. I’m excited to work with my brother and sister officers, as well as the Mayor, the City Council, and community stakeholders to move the Department

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Lynn’s Ellis selected to the USA Olympic Boxing Team

Special To The Journal

Lynn amateur boxer Rashida Ellis has been selected as a member of the USA Boxing Olympic Team and will compete in the Summer Olympic Games that begin July 23 in Tokyo.

Ellis, who has trained at the Private Jewels Fitness Club in Lynn, will compete in the women’s lightweight (132 pounds) division. Ellis won bronze at the 2019 Pan American Games and

she will be looking to win Team USA’s first women’s lightweight Olympic medal.

“Qualifying for the Olympics has been one of my deepest dreams,” said Ellis. “I never doubt my ability. I have stopped being afraid of what could go wrong and start being excited about what could go right. So, I embrace my mistakes and learn from them, as my mistakes have helped me improve and reach the Olympics. I don’t do easy; I make things happen. The hard

work and dedication with effort and determination, I can succeed.”

Rashida is the daughter of Ronald Ellis and Margaret Ellis. She is the sister of two professional boxers, welterweight “Speedy” Rashidi Ellis, and super middleweight Ronald Ellis.

The Tokyo Games were originally scheduled to be held in 2020, but were rescheduled for 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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EDITORIAL

WE DESERVE THIS GREAT WEATHER

With Massachusetts entering the reopening phase after 14 months of lockdowns, the arrival of the magnificent weather this week could not have been better-timed.

All of us have had to make sacrifices to varying degrees during the pandemic.

Many of our fellow citizens have suffered greatly, whether from the deaths of loved ones, the loss of livelihoods, or the lingering effects of long-COVID.

However, what has become clear throughout the pandemic is the power of the resiliency of the human spirit. This was evident as we were walking along a crowded Newbury St. in downtown Boston this past Saturday afternoon under sunny skies with temperatures near 80. Sidewalk restaurants were bustling, shops had customers, and people were just happy to be out-and-about.

We were reminded of the words of our mother after she'd been diagnosed with the breast cancer that eventually would overwhelm her: "Life is for the living," she would say.

The pandemic has served to remind us that our existence is both short and fragile. Hopefully, with the realization that our grasp on this earth at best is tenuous, we will have a greater appreciation of the simple things -- a sun-filled sky on a warm afternoon -- and endeavor to make the most of every day as we strive to make the world a better place not only for ourselves, but for those around us.

LIZ CHENEY IS A PROFILE IN COURAGE

We disagree with Liz Cheney on just about everything, political-ly-speaking.

We suspect that most of our readers also have felt the same way over the years.

But there is no denying that her principled stand in opposition to her party leaders and in defense of the Constitution would be worthy of a chapter in John F. Kennedy's Profiles in Courage.

Liz Cheney could have taken the easy way out and simply remained silent in the face of the efforts by a large segment of the Republican Party to undermine the electoral process that forms the bedrock of our democratic institutions.

But Liz Cheney knows what her fellow Republicans are up to -- and she wants no part of it.

Beyond the attempt by GOP members of Congress to whitewash the events that occurred on January 6, the election "reforms" that are being enacted by Republican-controlled state legislatures in many states are a blatant and coordinated effort to subvert the very essence of our democracy.

The combination of newly-imposed restrictions on meaningful access to the ballot that target minority communities and the new laws delegating to those very same legislatures the final determination of the vote amounts to this: They are rigging the outcome of the electoral process both before the voting and after the counting.

Liz Cheney is standing up for the most basic of American values -- and if our democracy is to survive the coming elections of 2022 and 2024, we will need many more like-minded officeholders to join her cause.

GUEST OP-ED

Graduation and your destination

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Families across America are celebrating high school and college graduations.

American young adults are now faced with going to work or pursuing more education. Employers across America are looking for workers. Colleges are looking for students. Will you spend \$25,000 to \$60,000 per year to go to school? Or, will you go to work and earn \$25,000 to \$60,000 or more?

Some of America's graduates will find jobs working for state or federal government entities. One acquaintance went to work for her state government and retired by the time she was 46. With a full state retirement benefit she started a part time business that seems to do well. She did not have one day of college education. She started out at an entry level job but worked hard, showed up and received several promotions that provided her with a good income and a very good government retirement.

A high school graduate can enlist into the military. He or she will start out on the bottom but show up and work hard every day and

have a retirement by the time they are 38 years old. It's only 50% of their salary but it's a respectable check which will provide them financial security for the rest of their lives.

If school teachers start teaching at the age of 23 many can retire by about 51 years old.

Retiring at 46 or 51 is seldom on the mind of someone 18 or even 23. Often, just finding an enjoyable job that is maintainable is the main goal. However, give some thought to the type of work you are pursuing. What kind of financial stability and security will it provide for you and when will it afford you retirement income?

You don't have to quit working at 46 or 50 just because you have obtained a monthly retirement check. There is a world of opportunities you can pursue. You can start a different career. You can work part time. Or, you can stay with the job you are doing. Or, just enjoy life.

There is a sacrifice to a lot of jobs. Many jobs may be fulfilling but often come up short on solid retirement plans. Pursue and enjoy what you do but you can't make a retirement plan happen out of thin air when you hit sixty. Keep

in mind you can save a little bit of money every month and it will grow. Be diligent about this every month and you'll eventually see results. Start now.

The career you went to school for may also allow you to retire at 55 if you want to. You may also train for a job that you will enjoy doing into your late sixties or even seventies or older. An acquaintance of mine is 82. He's been in the hotel business for many years and loves his work. Another friend was a college President until he was 78 and loved every minute of his work. One of my friends is a surgeon and is 72. He loves working every day.

Today is a good time to think about what you are doing and where it will take you. Consider what you want life to look like when you arrive at your destination.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist -- American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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MAPC awards \$400,000 in 'Accelerating Climate Resiliency' grants to 12 Boston-area projects

A local project was among the twelve recipients in Greater Boston that will soon receive state funds to work advancing local climate change resiliency. The grant is included in a new round of "Accelerating Climate Resiliency" funding that total \$400,000 was announced this week.

Grants range in size from \$12,000 to \$50,000 per project and are designed to drive long-term transformative change by investing in impactful, short-term local projects. This is the third round of funding distributed through the program, part of a partnership between The Barr Foundation and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) in Boston.

Grants awarded in this round will go to:

- Arlington: "Remembrance of Climate Futures" public art project
- Beverly: Community outreach campaign with Salem for retrofitting buildings
- Boston: Food Forest Coalition education campaign
- Braintree: Nature-based climate solutions in environmental justice communities
- Brookline: "Tech Buddies" program
- Chelsea: Social vulnerability assessment with Revere and Winthrop
- Marlborough: Tree planting initiative
- Medford: Conceptualization and community building for Equitable Resilience Hubs
- Revere: Creating a Regional Resiliency Working

Group with Everett, Lynn, Malden & Saugus

- Salem: Mack Park Farm and Food Forest
- Stoughton: Community pollinator gardens
- Stow: Building a climate resilience coalition within MAPC's Minuteman region, a group of 13 communities north-west of Boston.

Grant recipients will also participate in MAPC's Resilience Community of Practice, a peer-to-peer learning group that will bring together grantees regularly to discuss challenges and barriers to implementation, and share lessons learned for collective problem-solving.

"MAPC is so pleased to offer this third round of Accelerating Climate Resiliency grants to help cities and towns prepare their communities for climate change," said MAPC Deputy Director Rebecca Davis. "From installing green infrastructure to helping to address food insecurity and building multi-municipal climate coalitions, these communities are leading by example. Their collective efforts are advancing equity, creating best practices and models for others to adapt and adopt, and deepening our region's resilience to climate change."

"The City of Chelsea is extremely grateful to be working with MAPC again on an Accelerating Climate Resiliency Grant," said Chelsea City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. "This grant will provide a meaningful first step for the Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop North Suffolk Re-

gional Sustainability Office to begin assessing and analyzing the characteristics and needs of our most vulnerable Environmental Justice communities and will set forth actionable recommendations to allay the worst impacts spurred by climate change.

"Stoughton is very excited to have our project, 'Community Pollinator Gardens,' be chosen for the Accelerating Climate Resiliency Program grant," said Stoughton Executive Director of Human Services Janiece Bruce. "This will help make our town a healthier place to live by promoting cooperative work, education in land-use and nature-based solutions toward climate resiliency, with the side benefits of stress relieving, intergenerational activities."

"Barr's climate program is proud to support this effort to create more climate resilient communities. There is no one size fits all solution to the climate crisis. The projects funded reflect the diversity of strategies and approaches necessary to meet current and future challenges," said Kalila Barnett, Program Officer, Climate Resilience at the Barr Foundation.

For a full list of local grant award amounts, timelines, project descriptions and local partners, visit mapc.org/resource-library/accelerating-resiliency.

For more information and questions about the program, contact MAPC Senior Environmental Planner Van Du at vdu@mapc.org.

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forward in our common goal of promoting public safety for all."

Chris Reddy has been a Lynn Police Officer since 1985 and has most recently served as the Captain of Patrol since 2010. Among his main responsibilities he has served as the supervisor of a number of policing units including for patrol operations, E-911 and dispatch center, traffic enforcement and the community policing unit. His role also included being the Police

Department liaison for coordination with outside agencies, organizations and community groups coordinating for special events as well as the liaison to the City of Lynn Emergency Management Committee. He received his Bachelor's degree in business administration-management from UMASS Lowell and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College.

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football at the age of five, I was helping out as much as I could and trying to be a good parent and then I met Coach Pete and he asked me to come on board and he's taught me everything I know," said Raye, who works at JetBlue Airlines.

Dow, with Raye as defensive coordinator, has directed East

Lynn Pop Warner to three state championships. Dow's 10-Under Silverbacks team is a contender for the playoff championship.

"We've been practicing three days a week," said Dow. "The players are enjoying football in the spring and this helps get them ready for the fall season."



Coach Stephen Caisse and the Silverbacks 6-Under flag football team are pictured Saturday at Manning Field.

Dominican national sentenced for stealing government benefits

A Dominican national, formerly residing in Lynn, was sentenced in federal court in Boston for theft of government money and making a false statement on an application for Social Security benefits.

Rafael Bautista Abreu, 63, was sentenced by U.S. Senior District Court Judge George A. O'Toole Jr. to 18 months in prison and two years of supervised release. Bautista Abreu was also ordered to pay restitution of \$15,840 to MassHealth and of \$12,222 to the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance. Bautista Abreu will face deportation proceedings upon completion of his sentence.

In February 2021, Bautista Abreu pleaded guilty to two counts of theft of government money and one count of making a false statement on an application for Social Security benefits.

Bautista Abreu unlawfully used the identity of a U.S. citizen for at least 12 years, during which time he fraudulently received public assistance benefits to which he was not entitled. He stole approximately \$15,840 in MassHealth benefits from October 2008 to July 2016, and \$12,222 in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (previously known as Food Stamps) from September 2009 to July 2016. Additional-

ly, in July 2019, Bautista Abreu used the stolen identity when he applied for benefits with the Social Security Administration.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell; Tonya Perkins, Special Agent in Charge of the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, Boston Field Office; William S. Walker, Acting Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston; and Suzanne M. Bump, State Auditor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts made the announcement today. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Burzycki of Mendell's Major Crimes Unit prosecuted the case.



John Raye, president of the Lynn Silverbacks youth football organization, with his son, Silverbacks player Greg Raye, pictured Saturday at Manning Field.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CANDIDATE LENNY PENA HOLDS CLEANUP AT WARREN STREET PARK

By Cary Shuman

Lenny Pena, candidate for Lynn School Committee, joined volunteers in a clean-up effort at Warren Street Park Sunday.

“I started doing these park cleanups for the community about two months ago,” said Pena. “We started at Barry Park. We’ve done Magnolia Park. We’re going throughout the city

and we’re trying to keep the community safe after COVID-19 as children and families begin to visit the parks more often. I love Lynn and I want to give back to our neighborhoods.”

A lifelong Lynn resident, Pena, 49, and his wife, Magaly Pena, own a home on Ingalls Street. They have three children. Lenny is a graduate of Lynn English High School where he

played football for head coach Clark Crowley.

Pena has worked for the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission for eight years as a Class I operator. He is a volunteer at the De-makes Family YMCA in Lynn.

Ward 6 Councillor Fred Hogan and School Committee member Michael Satterwhite, a candidate for mayor, assisted in Sunday’s clean-up effort.



Lenny Pena, candidate for Lynn School Committee, teams up with his son, Yariel, to clean up Warren Park Sunday afternoon.



School Committee candidate Lenny Pena, Ward 6 Councillor Fred Hogan, School Committee member and mayoral candidate Michael Satterwhite, his daughter Aneya Sims, and her friend, Marissa Stone.



Ward 6 City Councillor Fred Hogan and School Committee candidate Lenny Pena are pictured during the cleanup on one of the basketball courts at Warren Street Park.



Shown at the cleanup event Sunday at Warren Street Park are, from left, Geovanni Pena, Antonio Gutierrez, Lenny Pena, Estelle Revelotis, Ward 6 Councillor Fred Hogan, John Hogan, and Bryan McAskill.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

PATANKAR GRADUATES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

Yeshshri Patankar, of Lynn, graduated from The University of Tampa on Saturday, May 8. Patankar graduated with a Master of Science - MS Degree in Exercise and Nutrition Science.

The virtual commencement ceremony included 1,781 undergraduate and graduate candidates. The ceremony included remarks by UT President Ronald Vaughn, James S. MacLeod, chair of UT's Board of Trustees, the deans of UT's four colleges and student challenge speakers. Additionally, each graduate received a personalized video commemorating their achievement.

The University of Tampa is a private, comprehensive university located on 110 acres on the riverfront in downtown Tampa. Known for academic excellence, personal attention and real-world experience in its undergraduate and graduate programs, the University serves approximately 10,000 students from 50 states and most of the world's 195 countries.

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY

Nearly 400 graduates received a bachelor's degree during Assumption University's 104th Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 9, at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester. Pulitzer Prize-winning and nationally syndicated Washington Post columnist George F. Will, Ph.D., delivered what he called the "last Assumption lecture for which you will be a captive audience" to the Class of 2021, in which he urged the graduates to live in the present while also imagining the past. The Class of 2021 is the first to graduate from Assumption University, which transitioned from Assumption College last year. Local students included:

Andrew Moccia, of Lynn
Emma Panacopoulos, of Lynn

LYNN CLASSICAL RAMS VARSITY BOYS SOCCER SENIOR NIGHT



Anthony Evelyn with his parents.



Kyle Chear with his mother and brother.



Tyler Dugan with his parents.

The seniors on the Lynn Classical High School boys soccer teams were honored in pre-game "Senior Night" ceremonies at Manning Field.

Classical boys soccer head

coach Eric Moreno thanked their graduating players for their outstanding contributions to their respective programs during their high school athletic careers.



Joseph Rosales with his family.



Mortada Al-Shiblawi with his family.

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coach Mike Schena thanked their graduating players for their outstanding contributions to their respective programs during their high school athletic careers.

Classical girls soccer head



Capt. Kitty Mannion with her parents, Mike and Marguerite, with sister/teammate Molly.



Capt. Mary Collins with her parents, Billy and Maureen.



Capt. Jessica Page with her parents, Jim and Kim.



Capt. Hannah Guthrie with her parents, Wilson and Jessica.

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ST. JOHN'S PREP ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC HONORS

St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the third quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the Third Quarter 2020-2021.

- Lynn Headmaster's List
- William Bochnak '26
- Henri Gjoka '21
- Dominic Greaves '23
- Albert Hofeldt '23
- Willem Hofeldt '24
- Caleb Marsters '22
- Gabriel Mises '23
- George Nikolakopoulos '21
- Denzel Ovando '26
- Principal's List
- Craig Burton '24
- Mickey Kuleszka '27
- Nicholas Anthony Marino '23
- Anthony Smart '24

NOVA VARGAS RECEIVES TRIMESTER 2 HONORS

Pingree School is proud to announce that Alexa Nova Vargas of Lynn has been placed on the Honor Roll for the second trimester of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Honor Roll is calculated at the end of each trimester on the basis of the grades earned during that trimester only. Students in the top 10% of each class earn High Honors; students in the second 10% of each class earn Honors; students in the third 10% of each class are placed on the Head of School's List.

We hope this recognition acknowledges Alexa's commitment to learning and serves as further encouragement to continue this high level of performance.

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THE BULL DOGS OF LYNN ENGLISH HONOR THEIR SENIORS AT MANNING FIELD

The Lynn English Varsity Soccer Team played their last season home game last week against Classical. Prior to the start of the game the seniors were recognized for their accomplishments and dedication to the team and the program.



Showing their senior gifts, Joshua Chez, Luis Aleman and Captain Robyn Barrios.



Ryan Lima with his family.



Bull Dog seniors: Abner Barrera, Jeff Krishe, Kevin Chavez-Romero, and Adlane Hab. Back row: Ryan Lima, Capt. Robyn Barrios, Allen Pablo, Luis Aleman, Steven Regalado, Coach Kerry King, Yahir Hernandez, Joshua Chez, and Diego Gomez.



Captain Robyn Barrios with his family.

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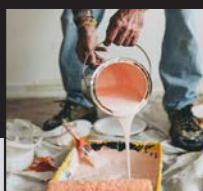
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LYNN CLASSICAL GIRLS SOCCER WIN GBL TITLE

The Lynn Classical High School girls soccer team, under the direction of head coach Mike Schena, defeated Revere, 1-0, to capture the Greater Boston League championship in the league's post-season tournament.

Freshman Lauren Wilson scored the game-winning goal for the Lady Rams. Goalkeeper Anna Flaherty backed a tremendous defensive effort that allowed the Rams to keep the Patriots and their 100-point career scorer Carolina Carvalho-Bettero off the scoreboard.

Classical was making their first appearance in the GBL after leaving the Northeastern Conference.



Jayda Mateo just misses a Ram scoring opportunity early in the game.



The deadly corner kick by Eliza Correnti



Hannah Guthrie heads of a pass in the Rams end.



Defensive teamwork led to a Rams victory, Ava Correnti covers a Patriot and Mary Collins waits for an opening to steal the ball.



Head Coach Mike Schena and Asst. Coach Shannon Magner are shown with the 2021 GBL Champions, the Lynn Classical Rams. The Rams beat the #1 ranked RHS Patriots at home 1-0.

Lynn Classical Five Celebration set for June 11 at Lynn Museum

Lynn Classical's 1979-80 boys basketball team, arguably one of the greatest high school teams in Massachusetts history, will be honored at a celebration on June 11 at the Lynn Museum.

The Rams, coached by Lou Falkoff, won the Division 2 state championship with a 25-0 record. In an exhibition game played

at Revere High School following the State Tournament, Classical defeated Patrick Ewing's Cambridge Rindge and Latin team, who had won the Division 1 state title.

The starting five players for that unforgettable team were William "Pancho" Bingham, Angelo "Tony" Thurman, James "Sandy" McGee, Stuart Primus, and Meryl Brown.

Bingham, Thurman, McGee, and Primus were 1,000-point scorers. Brown had more than 1,000 career rebounds.

The Journal spoke with Stu Primus about the upcoming celebration and will have that interview in next week's edition of the Lynn Journal.

Baker announces all COVID restrictions to be lifted May 29

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker announced updates to the state's re-opening plan and mask mandate on May 17, days after the CDC announced that masks are no longer required in most situations for those who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Massachusetts set a goal of vaccinating 4.1 million residents by the beginning of June, and "today, Massachusetts leads the nation in vaccinations and are on track to meet the goal we set for ourselves in September," Baker said.

Baker announced that beginning on May 29, "Massachusetts will lift all industry COVID restrictions and capacity limits," and the face covering order will also be rescinded.

A new face covering order will go into effect on May 29, consistent with the CDC's guidance, that will require everyone, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks "on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other

settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings," according to the state.

The State of Emergency will be lifted on June 15, Baker added.

Baker said that those who are unvaccinated are urged to continue wearing masks, and they should also go get vaccinated.

"We'll continue knocking on doors, making calls, setting up pop-up sites and doing everything we can to expand access to vaccines," Baker said. "We know this is harder to do in our hardest hit cities and towns. There's no question we've made tremendous progress, every one who works, lives or studies in Massachusetts has been or will be offered a vaccine at a time and place that is convenient for them...If you have not yet gotten vaccinated, please get vaccinated to protect yourself and your family."

Baker also said that individual towns and businesses are free to impose their own restrictions for things like mask wearing, and advised the public to respect those restrictions.

"We got this far because the people in Massachusetts followed the public health guidance

to keep everybody safe and we must continue to do our part to respect any rules and requirements that individual businesses or employers may choose to put in place," Baker said.

"The Commonwealth was tested..." Baker said, "but together, we all fought back, made changes as the fact on the ground changed and never, ever stopped moving forward."

He said the virus will continue to exist in the community but tools like vaccines, as well as science and the growing knowledge about the virus "allows us to get back to living our lives."

There are more than 975 vaccination locations in the state, and Massachusetts continues to be a leader in vaccination rates.

He added that recent studies show that fully vaccinated individuals are "very highly unlikely" to contract or transmit the virus.

"We've gotten to this point because we followed the science and the people in Massachusetts did the hard work and made the sacrifices," he said.

For more details about the re-opening plan, visit mass.gov/re-opening.

Fourth MS-13 member pleads guilty to 2018 Lynn murder

By John Lynds

A reputed MS-13 member pleaded guilty in federal court last week to racketeering conspiracy that included his participation in the 2018 murder of a Lynn teen.

Jonathan Tercero Yanes, a/k/a "Desalmado," 24, a national of El Salvador will be sentenced by U.S. Senior District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf on Sept. 15, 2021.

According to the Department of Justice, Tercero Yanes was indicted in 2018 following an investigation into the murder of a teenage boy whose body was found in a park in Lynn on Aug. 2, 2018. The injuries to the victim's body indicated that the victim had been stabbed dozens of times. As part of his plea, Tercero Yanes admitted that on or about July 30, 2018, he participated in that murder while a member of the MS-13 gang.

Tercero Yanes is the 4th defendant in this case to plead guilty and accept responsibility for his participation in the Lynn teen's murder.

In July 2020, Erick Lopez Flores, a/k/a "Mayimbu," 31, of Lynn, and Marlos Reyes, a/k/a "Silencio," 20, of Chelsea,

pleaded guilty in separate proceedings before Judge Wolf for their participation in the Lynn teen's murder.

In February 2021, Eliseo Vaquerano Canas, a/k/a "Peligroso," 21, an El Salvador national, also pleaded guilty to racketeering conspiracy charges for his involvement in the murder.

Tercero Yanes now faces a sentence of up to life in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Tercero Yanes will also be subject to deportation upon the completion of his sentence.

MS-13 is a transnational street gang operating in Lynn and numerous other cities across the U.S. The gang's international

influence spreads to El Salvador, where it was founded, Honduras and Guatemala. MS-13 members follow certain core rules and principles, including that members attack and attempt to kill members of rival gangs, and members do not act as informants or cooperate with law enforcement.

MS-13 is organized in Massachusetts and elsewhere in the form of so-called "cliques" or smaller groups that operate under the larger mantle of MS-13. Tercero Yanes was a member of the Sykos Locos Salvatrucha clique of MS-13. Achieving promotion in MS-13 generally requires the commission of a significant act of violence.

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Baseball as a Way of Life: For Matt Costanza, It's Been a Field of Dreams

Story and Photos by Bob Marra

Matt Costanza stepped into the left-hand hitter's batter's box, his American International College team trailing Adelphi, 6-0, in the second inning in a recent game at Bedard Field at AIC's Springfield campus. With two strikes, Costanza ripped a single to right off Adelphi starter Matt Luc.

It might not have seemed like much at the moment, but Costanza's hit keyed a minor rally. He came around to score to make it 6-1, a first step to the Yellow Jackets' determined 8-7 come-from-behind win over their NE10 rivals.

Persistent, steady, and focused. It's been that way for a lot of years for Costanza, who wrapped up his collegiate career on May 13 when the Yellow Jackets fell to Adelphi in the NE10 Division championship semi-finals. Having lost out on his senior season last year due to the pandemic, Costanza got to play a fifth year as an AIC graduate student majoring in physical therapy.

For the lifelong Revere resident, any day on the diamond is a day to enjoy baseball's nuance, competition, and teamwork. "I have always loved the team aspect of baseball," he said. "I think there are very few sports that rely on the whole team as much as baseball does. It's an entirely different strategy, where you can't just 'feed one guy the ball' or 'run out the clock.' You're forced to do your job, and trust your teammates will be doing theirs too."

It's the game's teamwork and camaraderie that has taken up permanent space in Costanza's soul. While he has enjoyed substantial statistical success as a player, he finds more value in the intangibles.

"There've been a lot of great moments on the field, but by far the most memorable are the ones off the field," he said. "Florida trips have to take the cake on memorable moments. Just hanging out with your best friends in great weather, sitting in the hot tub, hanging out in rooms, then playing games on some of the best fields we'll

ever see, are some of the things I'll never forget. It's cliché, but I'll remember the guys I've been with and the times we've had together much more than I'll remember our records and stats."

The 2021 baseball season was a reprieve after COVID-19 sabotaged his senior season last year. In March of 2020, the Yellow Jackets scurried home from their annual Florida trip as the pandemic surged, then sat idle as the season fell victim to the myriad cancellations that shut down the state—and the country—for months.

Maybe that made this season a bit more special. In a strange season where players were masked and the stands bereft of fans, the lanky Costanza (6 feet, 165 pounds), who pitched and played second or first base, maintained his spot among the Yellow Jacket leaders with a .275 average and continued to distinguish himself in the AIC program. The team finished 12-19 overall, 10-11 in the NE10.

So 2021 turned out to be a year of collegiate baseball that might not have been, a coda to a notable career. Just 23, he's been swinging a bat for as long as he can remember, and he's been good at it.

After helping lead his St. Mary's of Lynn high school team to a Division 3 State Championship as a junior in 2015, followed by a dash to the regional quarterfinals in 2016, Costanza stepped into a prominent role on the collegiate level, starting 31 games as an AIC freshman in 2017 and batting a solid .265. He recalls some personal doubts as he upped his game to the college level. "I was physically outmatched by my teammates in almost every aspect of the game," he said, but he stuck with it with the help of his coach Nick Callini.

"He was not a starter when he arrived on campus," said Callini, "but Matt continually worked hard and was ready when he was afforded the opportunity to start."

That was the beginning. "He never looked back from

that point and immediately became an impact player," noted Callini.

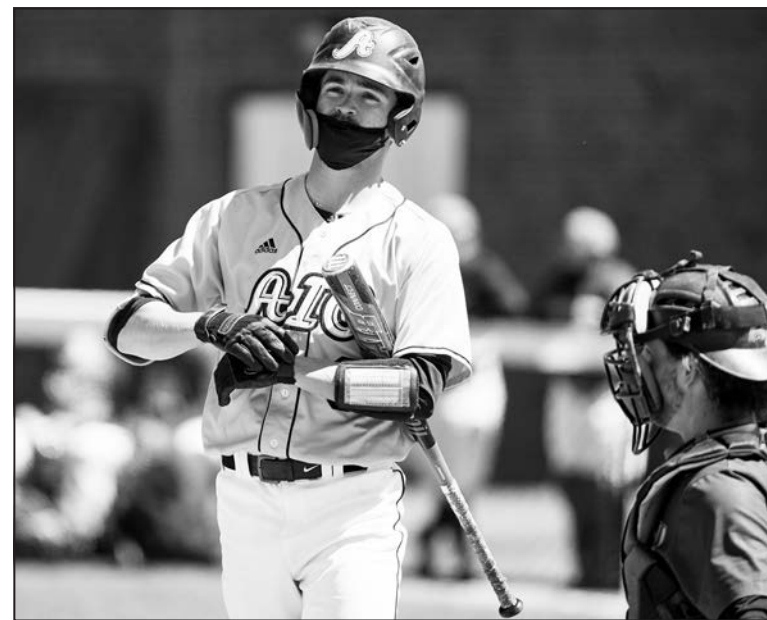
Costanza's breakout year came in 2018 when, as a sophomore, he batted a team-high .329, led the pitching staff with a 2.97 ERA, and was selected to the first-team All-East Region team by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. He also picked up first-team All East Division 2 and NE10 All Conference Honors while being recognized as the AIC Athletic Department's Second Year Student-Athlete of the Year. Matt's season included an 11-game hitting streak during which he batted a torrid .422.

Though his batting stats dipped during his junior year, Costanza started all 43 games for the Yellow Jackets while also running up a 3-3 record with a 3.16 ERA on the mound in the competitive NE10. "There's never an easy win in this conference, because it's just that good. We've beaten teams in our conference that are nationally ranked, and we've lost to teams that were playing their back up players that day."

Costanza's love for the game is deep-rooted, with grit and determination his trademarks all along. He started out as a toddler, playing "low minor" league for youngsters, but started to come into his own in junior high.

"In all honesty, it wasn't until around junior high where I noticed that I was a little better than the players around me. I was always small and didn't have any stats or skills that would blow you out of the water, but I was always able to compete and hold my own against the bigger, older players I was with. I think my consistency was my biggest selling point," he commented.

He credits his father, Reverend Dr. Craig Costanza, as his greatest influence in the game. "My dad has to be the top of the list. When we were young, he did anything and everything to make my brother Alex and me the best baseball



Matt Costanza completed his baseball career at American International College on May 13 after the pandemic granted him an extra year of eligibility. Costanza, a graduate student majoring in physical therapy, starred at St. Mary's of Lynn before enrolling at AIC.

players we could be," Matt noted. "Not just your classic 'catch in the backyard' either; more like making a hitting tunnel in our garage with fishing net and a squishy ball machine, or erecting a batting cage in our backyard, or taking us out to a field to hit before a game."

Matt added, "He taught us the discipline and the positive attitude it took to make it far in the game, and I'll always cherish that time together."

Costanza also singled out Peter Soteropoulos, his hitting and pitching coach for the last seven years, and Callini, his coach at AIC.

From Callini's perspective, Costanza was a boon to the AIC program. "I could go on and on about what he did for us from a baseball perspective, but it is what he did as a person that not only transformed our program, but AIC as an institution as well. He is your consummate leader, consistent, hard working, reliable, positive and loyal," Callini commented. "He earned the respect of everyone and anyone he interacted with. There will never be another Matt Costanza."

The end of the 2021 collegiate season signaled an end to Costanza's college career, but not his playing days. He's signed up to play with the East Boston Expos of the Intercity League this summer. Next year, the younger son of Libby and Craig Costanza will be choosing his career path as a Doctor of Physical Therapy. "I

don't know exactly what avenue I want to take in PT, as I'm slowly learning there's a lot of different ways I could take it. Ideally someday I would like to work with athletes in sports injury rehabilitation."

As new paths unfold, baseball will always be part of Matt's persona. "I know in general, I hear the game is 'too long' and people lose interest in watching the whole game. I feel that comes from people who don't know the game well enough, who don't understand all the behind the scenes going on in every pitch and every at bat. I think for those of us that know and love the game, it will never lose popularity."

To youngsters who are just learning the feel of a bat handle and a fielder's glove, Costanza has some pretty basic advice: "Work on the intangible aspects of the game," he notes. "After meeting and playing with hundreds of different athletes, the ones that stuck out to me were the ones that were good teammates and played the game hard. Work hard at doing things the right way; run out groundballs, stay after practice to pick up equipment, jog on and off the field, and put your teammates before yourself. Be a leader. That's what's going to get you noticed, much more than any statistic will."

It's good advice that has served Matt Costanza, the baseball player, quite well. It's advice that likely will translate to a successful career in physical therapy, as well.

Agganis All-Star games will be played in 2021

After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Agganis All-Star Games will be played in 2021.

“We are very pleased to get the games back on the schedule,” said Agganis Games Director Paul Halloran. “Cancelling them last year was unavoidable, but it was our strong desire to not miss a second year.”

The Agganis Foundation board of trustees approved moving forward and Halloran worked with Rich Avery, who oversees Manning and Fraser fields, and Lynn Classical Athletic Director Bill Devin, to put together the schedule.

Agganis Week will begin on Sunday, June 20, with the opening ceremony at Manning Field, followed by the softball/baseball doubleheader at Fraser and the girls and boys soccer and girls and boys lacrosse games at Manning. The girls and boys basketball games will be held at Classical on Monday, June 21, with the football game set for Manning Field on Wednesday, June 23.

“We have always wanted to experiment with playing multiple games on the same day and

this seemed like the logical year to try it,” Halloran said. “Limiting the number of days we bring people in is probably not a bad idea and we will see how the concept is received. What better way to spend part of Father’s Day than watching your daughter or son compete against the top players in the area.”

The Agganis All-Star Games and the opening ceremony will follow all local, state and federal guidelines with regard to COVID protocols.

“We are very fortunate to work with Rich Avery and his crew,” Halloran said. “They have been staging events at the facilities for a while now and they are the best at what they do. We are extremely confident we can run our events in a manner that is safe for players, coaches, officials and fans.”

Agganis Foundation President Andrew Demakes said bringing back the games this year was a priority for trustees.

“We believe the Agganis All-Star events play an important role in Lynn and the region,” Demakes said. “As we watched high schools work extremely hard this

2021 Agganis All-Star Games			
Sunday, June 20	Opening Ceremony	Manning Field	9 a.m.
Sunday, June 20	All-Star Girls Lacrosse Game	Manning Field	11 a.m.
Sunday, June 20	All-Star Softball Game	Fraser Field	Noon
Sunday, June 20	All-Star Boys Lacrosse Game	Manning Field	1 p.m.
Sunday, June 20	All-Star Baseball Game	Fraser Field	2 p.m.
Sunday, June 20	All-Star Girls Soccer Game	Manning Field	3:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 20	All-Star Boys Soccer Game	Manning Field	5:30 p.m.
Monday, June 21	All-Star Girls Basketball Game	Lynn Classical	5:30 p.m.
Monday, June 21	All-Star Boys Basketball Game	Lynn Classical	7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 23	All-Star Football Game	Manning Field	6:30 p.m.

year to provide opportunities for student-athletes to complete, we wanted to do everything possible to stage our games. We are grateful for the cooperation of the City in these efforts.”

Because the final decision to play was confirmed only last week, the timeline to put together the games is extremely tight. Halloran is reaching to athletic

directors and coaches to nominate seniors for the various games. A selection process that usually covers a few months will have to be completed in a few weeks.

“We need the cooperation of the ADs and coaches in order to pull this off,” Halloran said. “We want to make sure that no deserving player is left out.”

Nominations of senior all-stars can be sent to agganisfoundation1955@gmail.com by May 23. It is important that the sport is included in the subject line of the email. Only nominations from coaches and athletic directors will be considered.

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Coach Brian Vaughan's Rams finished their first season in the Greater Boston League with a 1-3 record. With several talent-

ed underclassmen returning, the Rams should be a playoff contender in the 2021 fall football season.



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Ram's QB Brian Vaughan takes the snap from center and get some good pass blocking from his "O' Line.



The Rams senior cheerleaders were recognized for their dedication to the team at Manning Field last Friday night before the game vs. the Crimson Tide of Everett. Head Coach Alicia Boisson with her seniors, from left; Andry Vasquez, Ashley Taylor, Monica Sonvo and Cate Hines.

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