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The Stuff of Legends

Classical basketball superstar Stu Primus recalls the Rams' march to greatness

By Cary Shuman



Basketball great Stu Primus (above) and his legendary Lynn Classical basketball teammates will be honored on June 11 at a celebration at the Lynn Museum.

NBA Draft and also played professionally in the USBL. Two of the 6-foot-3-inch Stuart Primus'

teammates in the USBL were 5-foot-6-inch Spud Webb and 7-foot-7-inch Manute Bol.

Primus was a phenomenal backcourtman on the 1979-80 Lynn Classical basketball team that many consider the greatest high school basketball team in Massachusetts history. One year later as a senior Primus was named the Boston Globe Player of the Year. The 1979-80 Lynn Classical quintet will be honored on June 11 at a celebration at the Lynn Museum.

One of the 1979-80 Rams' greatest achievements came after they won the Division 2 state championship with a perfect 25-0 record.

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Nicholson for Mayor campaign holds successful virtual kickoff

Special to the Journal

Jared Nicholson, candidate for Mayor of Lynn, hosted a virtual kickoff of his campaign for Mayor on Wednesday, May 12.

Speaking during the event in support of Jared's candidacy were Patti Capano, Rosa Feliz, and Jared's wife Katherine Rush-firth.

Patti Capano is a well-known leader in the city and a former School Committee member. Patti served in that capacity for twenty years and worked with Jared in her final term.

Patti provided a strong endorsement of Jared for Mayor based on their work together on the School Committee, "I find Jared to be able to be civil all the time. It's an aspect Jared has that separates him from most."

Rosa Feliz is a leader in the business community and in the Latino community. She owns Punta Cana Multiservices and serves as the Vice Chair of the North Shore Latino Business Association.

Speaking of Jared's track record with small businesses, Rosa said, "as a small business owner, I've seen Jared available to help in anyway. Before and during the pandemic, he has shown his commitment to this City. He will without a doubt be a great Mayor."

Katherine is Associate Chief Midwife at Massachusetts Gen-

eral Hospital and Jared's wife Katherine described Jared's work with clients over the years, from large international companies to small businesses here in Lynn, observing that "Jared has never lost sight of what actually affects people's day to day lives and what it means to be of service."

Jared presented his vision for Lynn's future. He also discussed his deep experience on school issues and his deep experience on city issues like housing and economic development from his work as a lawyer and a law professor at Northeastern University.

"I'm running for Mayor because I believe I have the skills and experience to provide leadership for inclusive growth. To both create opportunities for growth and to make those opportunities inclusive."

The evening concluded with an open question and answer session during which Jared addressed questions and concerns raised by Lynn voters.

Jean Michael Fana, the Nicholson for Mayor Campaign's Organizing Director, emceed the event and said, "We are thrilled with the terrific turnout and engagement that we had. This campaign is building strong momentum from our grassroots approach throughout the city and that came through clearly, even on Zoom!"

DARREN CYR KICKS OFF HIS CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR



Outside of his campaign headquarters on Andrew Street, Council President and candidate for Mayor of Lynn, Darren Cyr (3d from right) is shown with his team, Bill Trahant, Councillor Brian LaPierre, Councillor Fred Hogan, Councillor Rick Starbard, Joselyn Reynoso and Eric Dugan. See Page 8 for more photos.

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EDITORIAL

JOHN C. MIHOS

The recent passing of John C. Mihos removes from our midst one of the foremost residents of our community for the past 50 years.

Mr. Mihos was a Lynn guy through-and-through. A 1964 graduate of Lynn Classical, where he played football and basketball, he went on to Boston University, from where he received both his undergraduate and law degrees.

After starting his law career with the Mass. Attorney General, he soon opened his own office in his native city, where he practiced for 49 years, and served for the past 36 years as legal counsel to the Lynn School Committee, a length of service that was a testament to the high regard in which he was held by generations of our city's elected officials.

Mr. Mihos also was highly-active in civic affairs as a member of his church, St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, and the Friendly Knights of St. Patrick, who bestowed upon him their Randazzo-Solimine Community Service Award in 2013.

Mr. Mihos remained a steadfast Classical sports fan throughout his life and never was more proud than when his daughter, Christina, a member of the Lynn Classical Hall of Fame, helped engineer one of the greatest wins in Lynn softball history when she pitched the Lady Rams to a 1-0 victory over undefeated, No. 1 seed Reading in the 2003 State Tournament.

John Mihos was a charismatic figure in our community who loved his family, his city, and his church. He truly will be missed by all who knew this kind and generous man.

We know we join with all of our fellow residents in offering our condolences to his children, Charles J. "CJ" Mihos and Christina Mihos Granese, and his many family members.

May he rest in peace.



GUEST OP-ED

Your house and building financial security

Dr. Glenn Mollette

As we approach Memorial Day, give thanks for our soldiers who gave and are giving sacrificially for our freedom.

One of the freedoms we enjoy is the freedom to own a house. The greatest asset of most people is the roof over their heads. Your house may be worth more than all of your cash, savings accounts and in some cases retirement funds combined.

If your house is paid for then congratulations to you. You have achieved a beautiful piece of the American dream. When I was 26 years old, I bought a house on a land contract. The house cost \$80,000. Interest rates were 17% back then and a man sold it to me for no money down and 10% interest rate. The rate then was good and it was good for him. He was using the sale to fund his retirement for 20 years at about \$800 per month. It was great for me because I didn't have a nickel to put down on the house. If you can buy a house this way then

more power to you and the seller. Talk to an attorney and make sure the title is clear and the contract is solid before you enter into the agreement. A couple of years later I moved and sold the house and cleared \$10,000. It worked out okay for me. The man got his balance owed plus interest.

You may not find a land contract deal and will have to go through a bank or other lender. The idea of entering into a 15, 20- or 30-year loan agreement is overwhelming. If you can handle a 15-year loan you will save tens of thousands of dollars. When you purchase a house on a 30-year loan the cost of the house depending on interest rates will almost double.

When you pay a few years on your house you develop equity. You could borrow against the house in case of an emergency. Once you have paid for your house it's yours and you have a place to live. In your golden years if you decide you don't want the hassle of taking care of property you can sell it and utilize the cash to rent or

buy something more economical. However, carefully assess if you really want to give up your space and be subjected to a landlord or rental association. You'll always be more independent in your own place if you can maintain what you have.

There are tax benefits to buying and owning property that you won't get when renting.

You will also come out better financially if you are planning on living at least five years in your house.

A man or woman's house is his or her castle. Invest in a place to live if and when you can and give thanks for a country where we have the freedom to build financial security.

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LETTER to the Editor

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROBLEM

To the Editor.

Rising housing costs remain one of the most pressing issues that We, as a Nation, State, Region and City presently face. Current home prices and rents are not sustainable for our City's working-class families. It is for this reason that I applaud the hard work and dedication of the members of Housing Lynn Steering Committee over the past 18 months in creating a Housing Production Plan for the City of Lynn.

It is undeniable that the COVID-19 pandemic necessarily limited the number of voices who could contribute to the creation of the Housing Plan. Between November, 2019 through the preparation of the initial draft of the Plan, only 586 persons participated in its formation. Even assuming that every individual only participated in one on-line forum, a mere .006% of the Lynn's residents provided input into the Plan. No Lynn City Council member was appointed to the Steering Committee and the Housing Plan indicates that no employees of the Lynn School Department, Lynn Law Department or any of Lynn's Financial Departments were consulted during the preparation of the Plan. Neither were any developers or investors, who would ultimately be required to finance much of the recommendations contained in the Housing Production Plan, included on the Steering Committee. It is for this reason that I, as Council President, requested all relevant municipal Department Head stakeholders, including the Superintendent of Schools, City Solicitor and Chief Financial Officer, review the Plan and submit written findings and recommendations to the full Lynn City Council.

No viable Housing Production Plan can realistically be considered without an in-depth analysis into the effect the Plan would have on our aging and overcrowded public school system. As a result of a limited commercial tax base, an older residential housing stock and lack of past commitment to our capital needs by our City officials, Lynn possesses the oldest school inventory in the Commonwealth. Cobbett Elementary constructed 1850; Aborn - 1897; Washington - 1900; Fallon - 1900; Brickett - 1911; Lincoln Thompson - 1913; Pickering; 1916; Sewall Anderson - 1920; Connery - 1928;

Harrington - 1930. Sadly, more than one third of a school buildings were constructed before F.D.R. was elected President.

Our overcrowded schools are literally splitting at the seams to a point we will require modular classrooms next year within the Lynn English High School Tracy Avenue Parking Lot. It is unacceptable that children we are preparing for college and to enter the workforce will be assigned to a modular classroom learning environment. On average, five hundred new school aged children enroll in our public schools on an annual basis. It is for this reason that it was disheartening to see that the Superintendent of Schools and Chief of Inspectional Services who are both responsible for providing sufficient classroom space for our children were not asked to play a major role in the creation of the Housing Production Plan. While the Plan envisions current Lynners will be given priority placement in newly constructed affordable housing units, I am aware of no plan to address who will be moving into the newly vacated Lynn units. Without a simultaneous plan to address our school overcrowding, our children will be significantly harmed.

For nearly thirty years, the City of Lynn has expended tens of thousands of dollars engaging the services of consultants to produce development plans along the Waterfront and within the Central Business District. The City enacted zoning amendments to encourage significant mixed-use development in the Downtown and along the Lynnway to increase our stagnant and insufficient tax base. The City expended millions of dollars to relocate power lines that long provided a stranglehold on any real meaningful development along the approximate two plus miles of oceanfront property. Finally, after decades of patience and diligence, Lynn is seeing the burgeoning development envisioned by our experts, consultants and elected officials. Multiple mixed-use high rises in the downtown are under active construction. The North Harbor/former Beacon Chevrolet site is ready to open this summer after more than 40 years of serving as a vacant wasteland along the Atlantic Ocean.

These projects have resulted in millions of dollars in building permits and undoubtedly will provide our City with desperately needed tax dollars to as-

sist Lynn in replacing our aging and delapidated school facilities and repave our crumbling roadways. This additional tax revenue, along with the construction jobs created and new businesses opening to support new residential units, will provide City officials perhaps for the first time in fifty years, options to reduce our ever-rising property tax bills for our residents, whether they be homeowners paying the tax bill directly or tenants forced to pay these same taxes through ever-increasing rents.

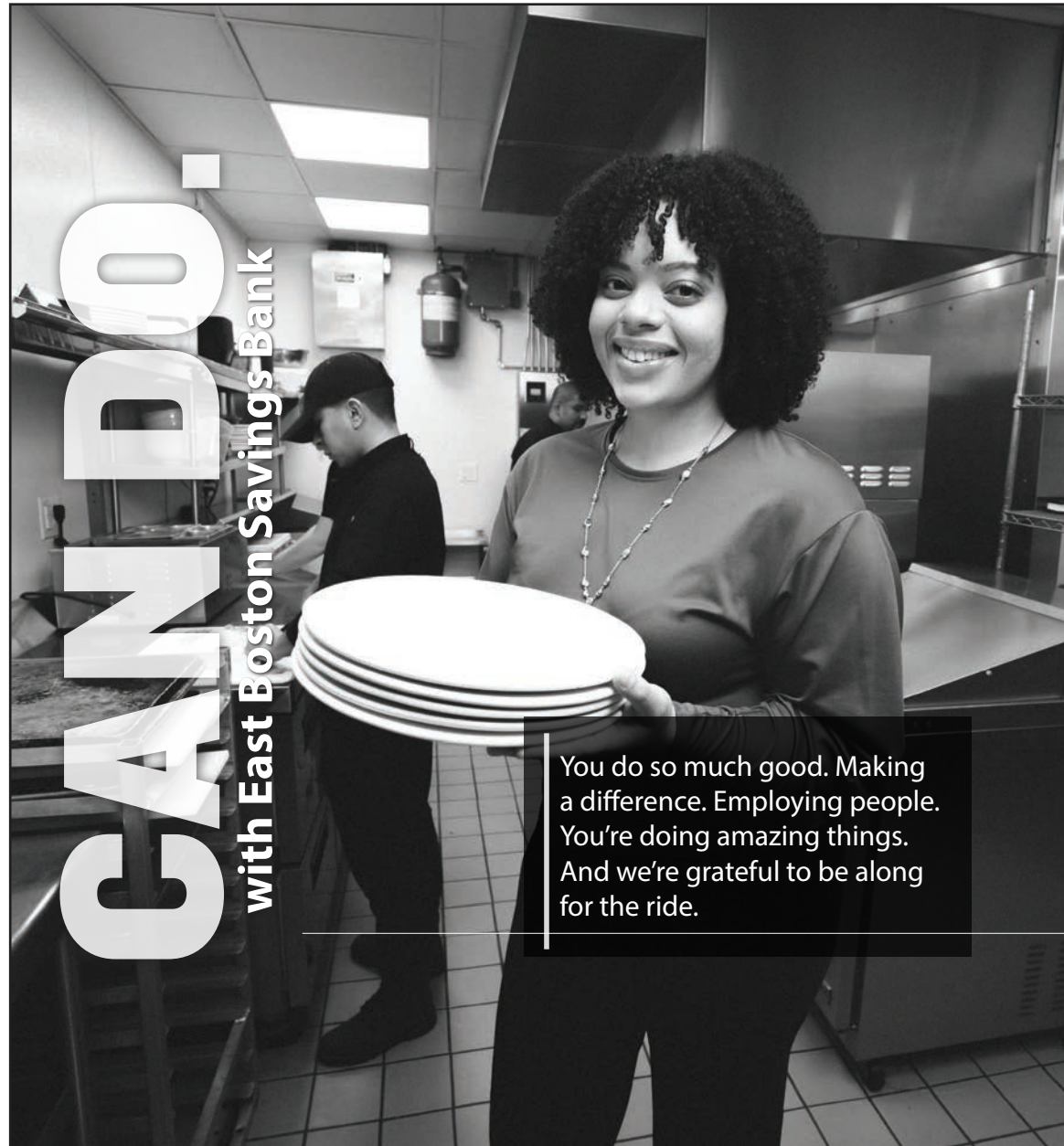
The four most recent projects currently being undertaken in Lynn required the City to provide no tax breaks to any developer and investor. Let's be clear - tax breaks to large developers necessarily mean that the tax burden

is shifted from the developer to Lynn homeowners and tenants. While these projects have commenced without a need for local tax breaks or incentives, there exists great uncertainty in the current Lynn residential rental market, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the past four years, I have had hundreds of conversations with developers where I have advocated for the inclusion of affordable housing in new construction in the Central Business. As a result of the unknown rental market for high rises residential units in Lynn, rising construction and material costs due to COVID and the uncertain post COVID Boston workplace world, developers simply cannot secure investors and financing to back affordable

projects in Lynn at this time. One recent national developer, after reviewing the anticipated construction costs and rental income in Lynn, requested a astronomical fifteen-year tax incentive agreement with the City with a commitment to merely five percent affordable housing units for those earning 80% of the average median income in Lynn.

The affordable housing issue is not just a Lynn problem, but a problem facing the Greater Boston area and Northeast region as a whole. It is undeniable that Lynn has risen to the challenge and presently offers more affordable housing than any neighboring, abutting municipality. Approximately 1 in 3 Lynn

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Baker files legislation to extend certain COVID-19 emergency measures

Staff Report

Governor Charlie Baker will file legislation to extend certain emergency measures currently in place via executive orders that are set to expire on June 15 when the State of Emergency will be rescinded, he reported on Tuesday.

Most restrictions, including limitations placed on businesses, will be rescinded effective May 29 as Massachusetts nears the goal of vaccinating four million residents.

This legislation proposes to extend measures providing for a temporary suspension of certain open meeting law requirements, special permits for expanded outside dining at restaurants, and billing protections for COVID-19 patients. When the State of Emergency ends, these

orders will expire, and temporarily extending these measures will allow for time to transition. Extending these measures, which were instituted by executive order, requires legislation.

To allow public bodies to safely meet during the pandemic and ensure public access to meetings, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order in March 2020 allowing these bodies to meet quorum requirements even if meetings were held remotely through electronic means as long as measures were taken to ensure the public with electronic access to the proceedings. The bill filed by Governor Baker Tuesday will extend these provisions related to the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law until September 1, 2021, which will allow additional time to consider possible permanent changes to the open meeting law

to provide for greater flexibility in conducting open meetings through reliance on electronic streaming and similar measures.

The bill will also grant municipalities authority to extend special permits for restaurants offering outdoor dining issued under the State of Emergency through November 29, 2021. Under an Executive Order issued in 2020, municipalities were permitted to use an expedited process to approve temporary permits for new or expanded outdoor dining and alcohol service. Without a legislative extension, special permits granted under the Governor's Order will expire 60 days after the end of the State of Emergency.

The legislation will also extend a protection adopted in an executive order that prohibits medical providers from billing patients who have received

COVID-related emergency and inpatient services for charges in excess of costs paid by their insurers. As filed, the protection would extend until January 1, 2022, at which time recently passed federal legislation that included protections for both emergency and non-emergency cases will become effective. Earlier this year, Governor Baker signed legislation establishing surprise billing protections for patients for non-emergency services.

"Massachusetts is leading the nation in the vaccination effort and that progress is enabling the Commonwealth to return to normal," said Governor Charlie Baker. "These temporary measures will help businesses and residents in this transition period, and I look forward to working on these and other issues in the week ahead with our partners in

the Legislature."

Last week, Governor Baker announced that on May 29, all industries will be permitted to open.

With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for masks in public and private transportation systems, hospitals and other facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

Before June 15, the administration plans to take additional steps that will permit the continuation of targeted public health measures beyond the end of the State of Emergency, including the mask requirements announced last week.

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Primus and teammates "Pancho" Bingham, Tony Thurman, Sandy McGee and Meryl Brown then marched into a sold-out Revere High School gymnasium and simply ran away from Division 1 state champion Cambridge Rindge and Latin while putting up close to 100 points in a victory over Patrick Ewing and Company. If that game were played today, it would have been broadcast live on ESPN.

The entire Classical Five, coached by Lou Falkoff and a young Tom Grassa, had played for the football team the previous fall, winning a Super Bowl.

The Amazing Pancho Bingham

Stu Primus had the utmost respect for all of his teammates during their time together in

Lynn. William "Pancho" Bingham, for example, was 6-foot-4, but there was no posting-up, back-to-the-basket for the amazing Bingham, who instead thrived as a point guard alongside Primus and Thurman in the three-guard backcourt. Bingham became a Boston Globe All-Scholastic First Team selection on his way to a full scholarship at Boston University where his coach was Rick Pitino. Bingham had reportedly outperformed Patrick Ewing in a pre-season Lynn Classical-Cambridge Rindge and Latin scrimmage and scored 25 versus Ewing in the Rams' win over Cambridge at Revere High. Had there been a three-point rule back then, there's no telling how many points Bingham, Primus, Thurman, Brown, and McGee would have scored.

Another point to consider is that back then, Classical was a three-year high school, with players competing in junior high and freshman basketball as ninth graders.

"The whole thing about that Classical team was we could all handle the ball," said Primus. "Pancho was the primary ball-handler and could shoot the lights out. But basically the ball came off the rim, someone grabbed the rebound and we went up the court and it worked out okay."

"And we could all dunk the basketball, though we used to give Pancho some grief about some of his dunks," jested Primus.

Tony Thurman became an All-American at BC

Like his Classical teammates, Tony Thurman was a Boston Globe All-Scholastic basketball player. Today his daughter, Ava, is a rising star for the Lynn Classical girls basketball program.

But it's football where Thurman became a superstar and an All-American defensive back at Boston College.

"Tony was our starting quarterback at Classical and I was the backup," recalled Primus, who started at outside linebacker and was the placekicker and punter. "Pancho was a tight end and middle linebacker. Sandy was one of the best athletes in football. He was a wide receiver, a kickoff and punt returner and a safety. Meryl was a receiver." Primus speaks reverentially

about Thurman's achievements in the BC football program.

"You know Tony was a consensus All-American at BC," said Primus. "He was also a Hall of Fame collegiately. He set the all-time interceptions record (12) for a single season that still stands today. And he was on the Bob Hope All-American football show."

Jeff Byrd recognized Primus' incredible potential

The stories never get old. Stu Primus personally recalled the tremendous guidance he received from long-time community leader Jeff Byrd who recognized Primus' basketball gifts early and brought the rising star to Salem as a 15-year-old so he could play against older, more experienced players.

"So I'm now playing in the Salem summer league against adults and in my first game, every time I take it to the basket and go up for a rebound, this player keeps elbowing me in the side," remembered Primus. "It was Tom Thibodeau (who is now the head coach of the NBA's New York Knickerbockers)."

Byrd also brought Primus to the Wayne Embry Basketball Camp where Stu had the opportunity to meet and compete against Celtics players and coaches. "He [Byrd] dropped me off the camp and I was looking for him and he left. I had two of my best weeks being at that camp. During my breaks from basketball there I would go sit and talk with peo-

ple. For two weeks, I had some great conversations about the Celtics and basketball with this gentleman who was courtside for the games. And then I realized I had been talking to Johnny Most (the long-time Celtics' radio voice) for two weeks."

Classical alum Hogan remembers the best

They are such legends that high school basketball fans from that era like Patrick Smith and Tony Palmieri and a then 10-year-old Fred Hogan only need their singular names - Stu, Pancho, Tony, Sandy, and Meryl - to elicit joyful memories of when Classical basketball games could not be missed and you had to get there early or you didn't get a seat.

"Those guys were like gods to me," recalled Hogan, now a member of the Lynn City Council. "Watching that team play basketball and watching Stu and the guys grow up in the Marian Gardens and looking up to them, it was like looking up to the basketball gods and football gods. Those Classical teams back then were unbelievable. It was crazy looking at them as a 10-year-old. And you know what's crazy, when you were four years old, you knew you were going to Lynn Classical. That's how it was. You knew what school you were going to before you hit age 12. To honor this team after 40 years is a great thing. They definitely deserve the recognition."

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residents presently receive some sort housing subsidies or assistance. All of my colleagues on the City Council recognize and appreciate the seriousness of the affordable housing crises in Lynn and the surrounding areas. I wish to ensure that any affordable housing plan does not have the unintended consequence of halting future investment in the City of Lynn. The skyline in Lynn had remained virtually unchanged since the Great Lynn Fire in 1981. Only recently, has the City seen developers and builders willing to invest

in Lynn. It is imperative that Lynn simultaneously addresses our affordable housing problem along with its desperate need to replace its 100-year-old plus public-school inventory. Only through improved educational opportunities will Lynn break its cycle of poverty and dependency upon social services. To that end, a careful thorough review process where all voices are heard is required.

**Darren P. Cyr,
Council President,
Lynn City Council**

LEHS DRAMA CLUB CREATING WORK DESPITE COVID

The Lynn English High School drama club has been presenting a spring revue every year for over sixty years now. The current drama club, The English Theater Collective, was not about to let the pandemic stop them from continuing this tradition. With all the hardships and grief the pandemic brought, it did awaken in students a keen appreciation for the simple pleasure of going to school. In light of this, the club members decided it would be a good time to celebrate and appreciate the school and all the people who make it the special place that it is.

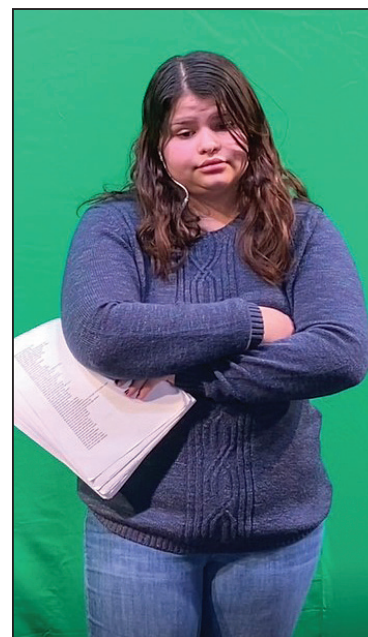
ETC presents "Bulldog Pride," a collection of scenes and songs that highlight what makes the school an important

presence in the lives of the people who go there. The scenes are personal experiences written by LEHS students and adapted for performance by the members of the club, stories that range in topic from dealing with anxiety to a public shooting. The songs are parodies of well-known songs that lampoon some of our teachers and administrators and feature the subjects of the spoofs themselves!

The show will be available on the English Theater Collective YouTube channel starting May 28. It will be free for any who want to see it, but donations to the club are encouraged and can be made on the club's website: LEHSDrama.org.



Senior Felix Kiene-Gualtieri chants "Black Lives Matter" at a city protest in the scene "BLM Protest."



Junior Marissa Pacheco as schoolteacher Miss Higgins lectures her kids about the importance of the MCAS.



Freshman Carlos Mejia is so happy to head to "Math Class," he has to sing his feelings.



Sophomore Turner White (L) and freshman Carlos Mejia hide from a park shooter in "Journey from Death."



Junior Grace Young is a sullen teen in the family story "Stepmom."



Sophomore Turner White gives us a little "Razzle Dazzle."



Junior Aaliyah Bonilla-Sanchez gets ready to bust a move in the musical number "Maniac."



EHS English Teacher Jen Mageary gives us her best Disney princess in the musical spoof "Jen."



Vice Principal Heather Fabiano demos a yoga pose in the musical number "Maniac."



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR OUR COUNTRY

Today we pause to honor those men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our freedoms.



State Representative
Dan Cahill
10th Essex District - Lynn

Lynn will hold Memorial Day virtual ceremony

Michael Sweeney, director of Lynn veterans' services, has announced that there will be a virtual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 31 that will be broadcast on Lynn Community Television.

The city will also hold a grave flagging ceremony today (Thursday) at the Pine Grove Cemetery.

The Knights of Columbus will hold a prayer service Monday, May 31 at noon on the Lynn Commons.

There is an ongoing Field of Flags for Lynn's Fallen display at the Pine Grove Cemetery Sunken Garden that will continue through Memorial Day



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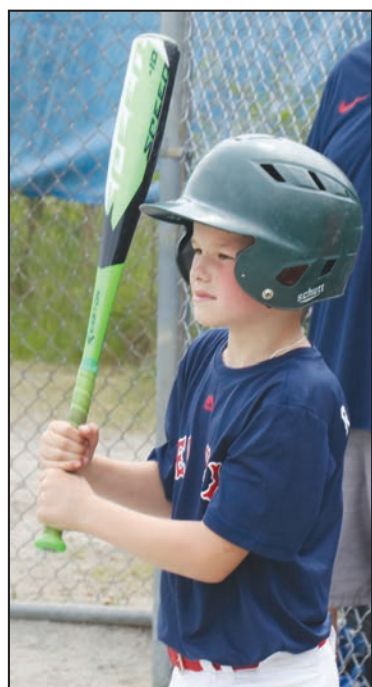


Una Voz Para Ti

WYOMA MINOR LEAGUE RED SOX HOST EAST LYNN WHITE SOX



Brian Benliza was the first batter for the visiting White Sox.



Jack Nardone in the batters box.

Last Saturday afternoon lots on moms and dads had the pleasure of watching their favorite player hit the ball field in Lynn's Charlie Reinfuss Field in Wyoma Square. The Minor League Red Sox and the White Sox clashed for a classic match-up, this time, everyone was a winner, it was a great day for baseball and the kids enjoyed every minute of it. 2021 is heading back to normal, in some ways, with still a ways to go, but in Lynn baseball is king.



Behind the plate and the iron mask is catcher Nico Gallo.



On the mound for the Red Sox, James Scott.



Homeward bound is Braydon Nicosia as he crosses the plate for the Red Sox in the first inning.



Wyoma Minor League Red Sox, with coaches, Jeff Newhall, Mike Zukowski, Tony Nicosia and Chris Nardone.



The East Lynn White Sox, with coaches, Andy Lang and Randy Gallo.



White Sox pitcher, Jaelynn Santos.

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DARREN CYR KICKS OFF HIS CAMPAIGN FOR THE MAYOR'S SEAT IN NOVEMBER

Last Saturday morning Andrew Street in Lynn was filled with supporters for Council President Darren Cyr for Mayor of Lynn. The election will take place this November with current Mayor Tom McGee stepping down. A variety of sitting councillors and clergy were in attendance to support their friend and colleague for Mayor of Lynn.

Cyr was noted to be a hard worker, supporting all denominations of Lynn's population, seeing to the needs across the city, not just in his ward. Citing his tireless efforts during the pandemic to bring food and necessities to Lynn residents, and always willing to roll up his sleeves to help someone in need.

Cyr in his address to his supporters, stated Lynn must look to the future, more affordable housing, schools for the children and reconstruction of businesses to bring in more income and uplift Lynn to other community levels. Cyr continued to state he was tired of Lynn bearing the brunt of ridicule, he wants to bring to a higher level and improve life for Lynn residents.



Campaign volunteers for Darren Cyr for Mayor are shown with Candidate for Mayor of Lynn, Darren Cyr and Coco Alinsug. Cyr is supporting his friend Coco for his vacant seat in Ward 3 in the November election.



A strong family support for his next step in helping the citizens of Lynn, Darren Cyr is shown with his family, Christian and Dale Cyr, Deirdre Dorgan, Denise Carritte and Brian Corcoran.



Candidate for Mayor Darren Cyr is shown with business owners Lou Markakis, Bobby Rossetti and his campaign manager Joselyn Reynolds.



Candidate for Mayor of Lynn, Darren Cyr (left) is shown with clergy from around Lynn at his campaign kick-off Saturday morning, Pastors Edwardo Cacere, Alex Matul and Juan Gonzalez, and business owner Obed Matul.



Candidate for Mayor of Lynn, Darren Cyr is shown with his staff of supporters.



Lynn Council President and Candidate for Mayor in November, Darren Cyr addresses his supporters on Andrew Street Saturday morning.

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CHRISTOPHER P. REDDY OFFICIALLY NEW LYNN POLICE CHIEF

The official swearing-in ceremony for Lynn Police Chief Christopher P. Reddy took place at Lynn City Hall Auditorium with hundreds watching.

Police Chief Reddy thanked his colleagues for their support; he acknowledged Essex County Sheriff Kevin Coppinger as well as Deputy Chiefs Mike Vail and Lenny Desmarais for their tremendous leadership over this past year.

Chief Reddy commented on the importance of having a support system to help one through the difficult days. He continued

to say, "The foundation of the support system is our families. They share in our successes and vicariously carry our burdens. Without that acceptance, we as Officers cannot continue to do the good and the important work Police Officers must do every day."

He concluded by saying how grateful he is of the support from his family and his extended family of his brothers and sisters. He was deeply thankful for the encouragement provided to him throughout his 36 years as a Lynn Police Officer.



Christopher Reddy takes his oath as Deputy Chiefs Mike Vail and Lenny Desmarais watch.




Department Leadership: Deputy Chief - Michael Vail, Chief of Police - Christopher Reddy, and Deputy Chief - Leonard Desmarais.




Mayor McGee congratulates Police Chief Christopher Reddy.




The Reddy Family: Henriette Perkins, Kate Reddy, Chuck Reddy, Chief Reddy, Jen Reddy, and Cash Reddy.




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PHINIX KITCHEN AND LOUNGE GRAND OPENING

A quaint appearance and inviting lounge offers a variety of healthy International cuisines. This new restaurant located at 56 Central Square will capture one's appetite.

Owner Sam Pogosov was excited to expand his business into Lynn as he said, "We decided to come to Lynn three months ago because this area is beginning to grow. I saw a lot of creative activity with my partner, Chef Misha, who believed this is a good

place to invest and to open a second location outside of Metro-West."

According to Sam the era of the regular restaurant was affected this past year by Covid as he said, "Please don't think of this as a regular restaurant. We are creating something unique that will appeal to a wide variety of people in the community. Our main room was built as an art gallery that will show local artists works on a rotating basis; all

the tables and chairs are modular to accommodate the patrons. We have live entertainment, catering, and specialized culinary cooking classes."

The Phinix concept is to prepare food in the morning for pre-orders, for walk-ins, and for

delivery. During the afternoon the Phinix becomes a private space for functions or volunteer space for community needs. Chef Misha has four decades of cooking experience; he welcomes all to try out their exciting nutritious dishes.

Mayor McGee extends his congratulations to the Phinix Kitchen and Lounge in recognition of this Grand Opening and best wishes for continuous success in the city.



Mayor Thomas McGee presents the City of Lynn Citation to Chef Mike Rakhunov and Owner Sam Pogosov.



Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce Official Ribbon Cutting as Mayor Thomas McGee and GLCC Executive Director Colin Codner hold ribbon cut by Chef Misha.

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Stu Primus pays tribute to sports reporter Bob Keaney

By Cary Shuman

lengthy illness.

"I enjoyed Mr. Keaney covering our teams," said Primus. "Every time I talked to him it was enlightening. He knew so much about Lynn sports. He was so enthusiastic about his sports writing career and he would light up when he talked to us. It was great for him to write about Classical. Mr. Keaney had a great perspective on what we were, who we were, and what we needed to do to move forth. So he had that foresight that was needed for us."

Stuart Primus has sports stories and photos from the (Lynn) Daily Item and Lynn Sunday Post that fill multiple scrapbooks.

One of the sportswriters covering the spectacular careers of Primus and his Lynn Classical teammates during the glory years was Robert A. "Bob" Keaney, sport editor of the Lynn Sunday Post. Primus paid tribute to Mr. Keaney, who passed away on May 15 after a

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School Committee member Brian Castellanos (center) with student Ambassadors – Lynn Classical Sailor Brinkler and Lynn Tech Brian Lopez.

Brian Castellanos Scholarship Marathon

School Committee member Brian Castellanos will run a 26.2 marathon scholarship fundraiser for the Class of 2021. He ran last year with the idea to raise funds helping Class 2020 for financial assistance to attend college.

This past year seniors were tremendously impacted from the pandemic. Students had to take remote learning classes since their junior year and into their senior year. It was challenging for students to remain focused in order to achieve their goals.

Lynn Classical senior, Sailor Brinkler, who will attend UMass Lowell in the fall to study Biology, saw the opportunity to be part of this Scholarship challenge. She realized how important it is to give back to the city, to raise some money, and help her fellow classmates. She said, "Brian is giving us the inspiration and dedication to be part of this program; it is teaching us to help others in need."

Skill USA member of Lynn Tech, Brian Lopez became interested in the program as another way for his community service initiatives. He saw an open spot on the Ambassador team as he said,

"I wanted to help the Covid-19 Redemption Scholarship program, since many seniors sadly lost a lot from the pandemic. This is a great way for me to give back."

Genetically Resilient is the name of this year's marathon fundraiser. Brian explained how he selected the name as he explained, "Vicki Breedy formed Genetically Resilient to be available for anyone who needs some form of encouragement, not to give up, but to say, "I'm still here". Brian continues to note, "The pandemic presented so many challenges in students' lives. It has been compelling to hear stories of students who lost so much. This is my token of what I can do as a School Committee member and being a product of the Lynn Public schools; I want to make a difference."

The fundraiser has been good. When there is a need, Lynn people and businesses show-up contributing to this charitable event. Brian summed it up by saying, "When I see a problem, I want to solve it."

You can donate at gofundme.com: 26.2 run for Lynn Class of 2021#Covid19 Redemption or http://gofund.me/74474cd3

LYNN ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lynn Rotary Club presented five scholarships to Lynn students. Chairman Ray Bastarache announced the winners of its prestigious Thomas P. Maloney & Robert A. Hastings Memorial Scholarships. Receiving the awards were Matthew San-

chez and Noah Hammerschmitt of Lynn Classical, Samantha Parker and Kevin Biv of Lynn English, and Thanayri R. Ortiz of KIPP Academy.

Scholarship Chairman Bastarache said, "These students were learning remotely since the third

quarter of their junior year. They managed to remain laser focus and continued to excel both in and out of the classroom. What these students have done was incredible!"



Scholarship Recipients - (L-R): Thanayri R. Ortiz, Samantha Parker, Kevin Biv, and Noah Hammerschmitt; (Back) Rotarian Scholarship Committee - Jeffrey Weeden, Jean-Marie Minton, Ray Bastarache, and Richard Ruth.



Samantha Parker, Lynn English National Honor Student, will attend Northeastern University to study Biology. Her GPA is a 4.5 and she had taken 10 Advanced Placement classes. (L-R) Mother Lisa Parker, Samantha, Father Gardner Parker with Peg and Rev. Bill Simpson

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