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## Nicholson, Cyr advance to Lynn mayoral final election in November

By Cary Shuman

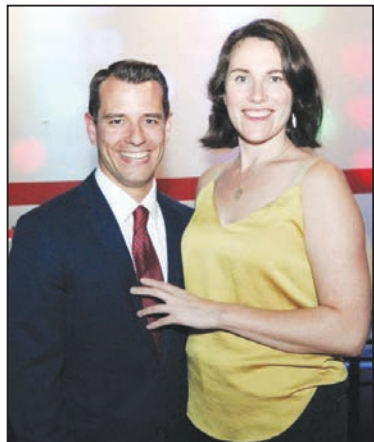
School Committee member Jared Nicholson and City Council President Darren Cyr advanced to the Lynn mayoral final election on Nov. 2 after their top-two finishes in the three-way preliminary election Tuesday.

Nicholson finished in first place with 3,220 votes. Cyr was second with 2,593 votes. School Committee member Michael Satterwhite was third with 2,286 votes.

Nicholson celebrated his ticket-topping effort with his supporters at Trio's on election night.

"I think we were able to really put together a strong team to help us get our message out there and talk to voters," said Nicholson. "The voters are excited about a future of Lynn that includes all of us, the whole community. I'm so grateful to everyone who helped put that coalition together so that we were able to reach so many people, and I'm even more excited for the opportunity to grow that team in the coming weeks."

Nicholson lauded Satterwhite



School Committee member and mayoral candidate Jared Nicholson and his wife, Katherine Rushfirth, are pictured at the post-election gathering at Trio's after Nicholson finished first in the mayoral preliminary election Tuesday.

for running a strong campaign. "Michael ran a really great campaign and has a really bright future in the city," said Nicholson.

At Rolly's Tavern in Wyoma Square, Cyr thanked his many supporters and pledged to continue to work hard in his campaign in the weeks leading up to the



City Council President and mayoral candidate Darren Cyr gives the thumbs-up sign to supporters after he had advanced to the final election in November.

Nov. 2 election.

"I thank all those who came out and supported my first city wide campaign, and I'm especially thankful to my supporters in Ward 3, who again gave me their endorsement," said Cyr. "The 14 percent who did vote have set the stage for November, and my challenge is to continue to work hard to persuade the November voters why my cam-

aign for Mayor gives our people a real choice. The city is at a crossroads, and the road taken will have a long-lasting and far-reaching impact in the future of our citizens."

Mayor Thomas McGee announced in March that he would not be a candidate for re-election to a second four-year term.

There were three contested ward races in which the two

candidates advanced to the final election.

In Ward 3, Coco Alinsug received 872 votes, while George Meimeteas received 475 votes. In Ward 2, Councillor Rick Starbard received 736 votes to finish ahead of Elizabeth Figueroa, who received 387 votes. In Ward 4, Councillor Richard Colucci received 410 votes to finish ahead of Natasha Megie-Maddrey, who received 313 votes.

The four incumbent at-large councillors claimed the top four spots in a field of seven candidates. Councillor-at-Large Brian LaPierre topped the ticket with 3,893 votes. Hong Net was second with 3,816 votes. Buzzy Barton was third with 3,584 votes

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## Amateur boxing is back at the Boys and Girls Club

By Cary Shuman

Lynn Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Brian Theirrien and Alexander Sepulveda of Private Jewels Fitness in Lynn are turning back the clock to a time when amateur boxing was king in Lynn.

Taking a page from legendary trainer Tony Pavone, who trained local boxers such as Alex Sepulveda and the late Danny Avery at the club, the two Lynn community leaders will be holding an amateur boxing tournament at the Lynn Boys and Girls Club gymnasium on Saturday, Sept.

18, beginning at 2 p.m.

There will be 20 USA New England-sanctioned amateur bouts. Lynn boxers Elvin Gonzales, Anderson Blanco, and Gabriel Mercedes Condori will compete in the tournament.

"This tournament is the beginning of the next road to the Olympics in 2024," said Sepulveda, noting that Lynn's Olympic boxer, Rashida Ellis, got her start in local tournaments.

Theirrien said many residents have spoken to him about the past boxing instructional programs that part of the activities at the club "and how many lives

were affected positively" by having a boxing program at the club.

Theirrien struck up a friendship with Sepulveda a year ago and they agreed that they wanted to bring boxing back to Lynn.

"We've been speaking about having a show at the Boys and Girls Club," said Theirrien. "I'd say it's about 20-plus years since there has been a boxing program at the Lynn Boys Girls Club. So I was really excited when Alex reached out to me to coordinate this event and bring in the best amateur boxers in the area and host it here at the Boys and Girls Club, and put it right back in the

gym where it started."

Theirrien, who has done a great job leading the newly ren-

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# EDITORIAL

## AMERICA SINCE 9/11: ONE STEP FORWARD, MANY STEPS BACK

Amidst the solemn ceremonies and remembrances this past weekend of the terrorist attack 20 years ago on 9/11, one thing is clear: America is far better protected from a similar act of terrorism than we were on 9/10/01.

To be sure, our higher level of protection has come at great cost, but we have had nothing close to a similar incident since that terrible day, unlike in other countries, especially France, where high-profile, coordinated attacks by known terrorist groups have killed dozens of innocent civilians.

But if we are to assess our country today vs. where we were 20 years ago, by almost every other measure our nation is worse off.

The 9/11 attack rightly spurred us to invade Afghanistan, from where Osama bin Laden was directing his terrorist organization. Our military took care of business in short order, destroying bin Laden's network. But our rapid and easy success led us to continue with our military occupation of Afghanistan for 20 years and undertake an invasion of Iraq, even though there was no connection between that country and 9/11.

Those two foolhardy, deceitful, and hubristic endeavors have had disastrous consequences that reverberate today.

In addition, newly-released documents have revealed that both wars essentially were nothing more than a money-grab both by special interest groups in this country and by corrupt government officials in those countries. The vast majority of the trillions of dollars we spent lined the pockets of corrupt individuals and groups both here and abroad.

If we examine our domestic situation since 9/11, drug overdose deaths in the U.S., which reached an all-time high of almost 90,000 in 2020, are six times greater today than they were in 2001. The simple arithmetic tells us that we presently are losing as many Americans to drug overdoses every 12 days as we lost on 9/11.

The average life-span of many American sub-groups, especially white males who are victims of the so-called deaths of despair, has decreased for the first time in more than a century, even without factoring in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Income inequality and the accumulation of obscene wealth by a small group of individuals already was a problem in 2001, but 20 years later, the unequal distribution of our national wealth into the hands of a few has accelerated many times over and continues unabated. Combined with the Supreme Court's 2010 decision in the Citizens United case, we are realizing that a democracy exists in name only when we have a stratification of wealth in our society that is the equivalent of a real-life Hunger Games.

Natural disasters were few and far between prior to 2001, but nine of the 10 costliest hurricanes in our history have occurred since 2005. Thanks to our refusal to acknowledge climate change and to take the necessary steps both to reduce its impact and prepare for its consequences, our nation (and the world) routinely has been ravaged by an ever-accelerating number of natural disasters that have far exceeded the cost of what we might have spent to reduce greenhouse emissions, the source of atmospheric warming.

Facebook, Twitter, and similar platforms did not exist in 2001, but today they dominate our informational and political landscape and chiefly are responsible for the spread of misinformation and disinformation, from both domestic and foreign sources, that have undermined both our democracy and our ability to fight COVID-19.

As for COVID-19, today we are losing 3000 of our fellow citizens -- the equivalent of those we lost on 9/11 -- every two days because of COVID-19, which in the past 18 months has claimed the lives of more than 660,000 Americans.

We have the ability to fight back against COVID-19 -- masks and vaccines are our readily-available weapons -- but with tens of millions of Americans failing to join in the battle, spurred on by disinformation on social media and dishonest politicians such as Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida, our tragic and horrific daily death toll is the best evidence that we are losing the war vs. COVID.

Lastly, if someone had predicted in 2001 that within 20 years, a right-wing mob, spurred on by social media, would have stormed the Capitol building in an attempt to stop the counting of the Electoral College -- in support of President Donald Trump -- the entire scenario would have been the stuff of a fictional satire in a humor magazine. (And probably would have been rejected for being outlandishly ridiculous.)

To those of the younger generation for whom 9/11 is not even a memory, we sadly report that by almost every metric, America today is in far worse shape than when the twin towers tragically were attacked 20 years ago.

So the question is this: If things have gotten this bad over the past 20 years, is there any hope that things will be better 20 years from now?

## GUEST OP-ED

### Worry rarely changes anything

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Life presents challenges to us all and most of us understand worry. There are enough ordeals along the way of life to cause each of us to worry our heads off. However, worry will never add another day to our lives. Worry will not smooth a wrinkle, dry a tear or eliminate disease, poverty. It will not keep someone from harm. Worry has never prevented bad news or bad things from happening.

Worry rarely changes anything except to make us tense. This usually results in sleep loss, nausea, ulcers and chest pain. Who needs any of these? Worry often leads to stress and too much stress is never reported as being good for us. Of course, just daily living creates some stress for us all. We have appointments, jobs, deadlines, life goals and commitments. Within these there are expectations that bring about daily stress.

Deep down gnawing worry, fretting and fear doesn't do us much good. When we are filled with worry and fear all the time it only makes our situation worse.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:25 to not worry about the needs of this life. "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" Yet, if we are honest, we've all worried about all the above and much more at different times in our lives.

Let's try to think more about caution and prevention and doing what we know to do.

For example, take the Covid-19 vaccina-

tion. It's free, and it might save your life and the lives of people you love. Why wouldn't you do it? This is called prevention. You still might get sick but it might save your life. Your family loves you and needs you. Surely, you care enough about them to get this vaccination.

I know people who haven't gotten the vaccination and I'm concerned. However, I'm encouraging them to go and get the shot. This is something I can do. I can talk to them, fuss and gripe. Lying awake all night worrying about it will not change anything.

Eat right, exercise, take your vitamins, go to the doctor regularly and do what your doctor says to do. Worrying about your health, will not make you healthy.

Stop worrying about money. Worrying about money will not make you richer. Go to work. Figure out some way to make a little if you are physically able. Don't throw your money away. Look for ways to save some. After this, don't sit around and worry, just be busy doing something and you won't have time to worry.

Eliminating worry is easier said than done. Pray, meditate, be physically and mentally active. Be creative and on the offense about whatever might be troubling you. Don't take life sitting down. Tackle what you can and trust everything to God.

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while Brian Field was fourth with 3,264 votes. Also advancing to the final election in November were Nicole McClain (2,655 votes), Joe Encarnacion (1,939), and Rhode Hyppolite (1,545).

Nine candidates for School Committee advanced to the final election. Incumbents Donna

Coppola (3,958 votes), Lorraine Gately (3,726) and Brian Castellanos (3,215) took the top three spots, followed by candidates Tiffany Magnolia (2,810), Lenin Pena (2,710), Sandra Lopez (2,492), Eric Dugan (2,360), Daniel Richard (2,095), and Posan Ung (1,706).

## Boxing CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ovated club in Lynn and guiding the membership through the challenging times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, said Saturday's show will be the first of many partnerships between Privates Jewels Fitness and the Lynn Boys and Girls Club.

In fact, Theirrien said that Sepulveda may be training some of his boxers at the club.

"Alex has his own beautiful gym in Lynn, but his program is getting so big, he's looking for other spaces, and the Boys and Girls Club seems like a perfect match for him and for us."

Theirrien said the event has already generated \$20,000 in sponsorships. The major sponsors are Old Neighborhood Foods, Meninno Construction, and Aura Dental Center of Lynn, and Primavera. Other sponsors are Jared Nicholson, Darren Cyr, Fred

Hogan, Rick Starbard, McGrath Enterprises, Punta Cana Travel, Workroom Designs, On Edge Performance, Cleo War, and Precision Hair Design.

"We have a lot of community leaders that are going to be a part of it," said Theirrien. "We feel boxing shows like this will help stimulate the Lynn economy and help restaurants and other local businesses."

Tickets for the boxing show will be \$25 for general admission and \$40 for the VIP section. Hamburgers, hot dogs chicken kabobs, and steak kabobs will be available at the concession stands. Souvenir T-shirts and sweatshirt will be available for purchases.

"There will be a lot of stuff going on, it will be a friendly atmosphere, and it's going to be a great time," said Theirrien.

## Baker activates National Guard for school transportation

Governor Charlie Baker activated the Massachusetts National Guard in response to requests from local communities for assistance with school transportation as the 2021-2022 school year gets underway in the Commonwealth. The Governor's order makes up to 250 personnel available. Beginning with training on Tuesday, 90 Guard members will prepare for service in Chelsea, Lawrence, Lowell, and Lynn.

These Guard personnel will be available to serve as drivers of school transport vans known

as 7D vehicles to address staffing shortages in certain districts.

As with any school transportation worker, all activated Guard personnel will complete vehicle training to ensure the safety of children and families. Drivers will meet all statutory requirements for 7D drivers. Throughout the mission, the Guard will comply with all health and safety measures.

The mission will not interfere with the Massachusetts National Guard's ability to respond to and assist in emergencies within the

Commonwealth.

The Massachusetts National Guard trains regularly with military, law enforcement, and civilian agencies to provide a broad spectrum of services in support of security, logistics, disaster relief, and other missions. The Guard has a proven track record of success supporting civilian authorities. Their frequent side-by-side training with state and local first responders makes them well-suited for a variety of missions.

## Yuleika Lluveres of Lynn elected NSCC Student Trustee

Yuleika Lluveres of Lynn has been chosen to represent North Shore Community College's student body on its Board of Trustees.

An asthma sufferer since the age of two, Lluveres is studying health science and plans to go into respiratory care to become a respiratory therapist so she can help others.

"I always knew what I wanted to do, but wanted to go to Salem State University, but my GPA was too low. When NSCC guidance counselors came to Lynn English to recruit, I applied, was accepted and now I feel like I am blooming like a flower. I had been a shy student, but coming to NSCC and getting involved in student life has really opened doors for me. Now my GPA is 3.5!" Lluveres said.

She first joined the National Leadership Society, became secretary, then ran and won the presidency. When the opportunity presented itself, she put her name on the ballot to be the student trustee.

"I'm pretty excited about what's to come. I never thought I would be in a role like this. I look forward to meeting my fellow trustees and more NSCC students. Working with the Student Government Association one of our first courses of action will be to conduct a student survey to get student input on what's important to them. Then I want to develop a calendar of goals to

address areas of interest.

"I would also like to get more Spanish speaking students involved in the college. I'd like

them to take advantage of the many opportunities the college offers so they can thrive and grow as I am," she added.

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Alexander Sepulveda (left), owner of Private Jewels Fitness, and Brian Theirrien, executive director of the Lynn Boys and Girls Club, will host an amateur boxing tournament this Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Lynn Boys and Girls Club gymnasium.

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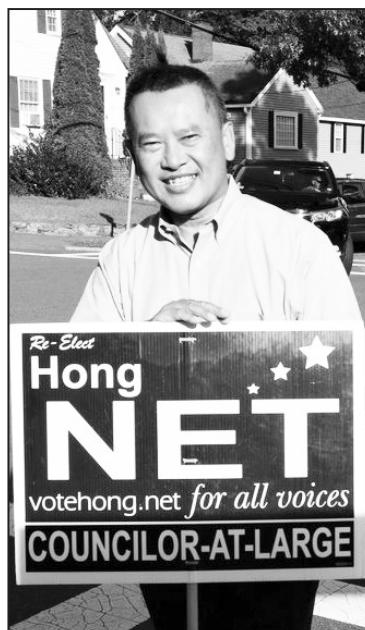
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# SIGN HOLDERS AROUND LYNN ON PRIMARY DAY



Supporters for Darren Cy, Dan Richard, and Nicole McClain.



Kirirath AJ Saing holds Hon Net sign.



Brian LaPierre with his sons Owen and Dylan and supporter Mark King.



Jim Farley and Terry Dugan.



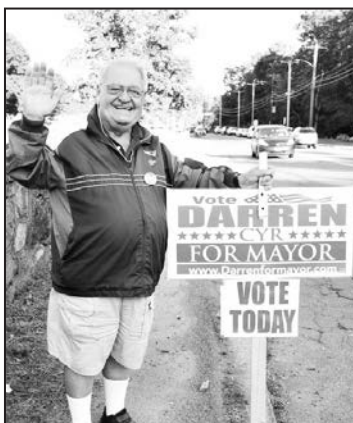
Mayor candidate Jared Nicholson with Carlos Rivera.



Supporters line the sidewalk for their candidates.



Ward 3 Candidate George Meimeteas with George, Bill, and Mike.



Patrick Coppola.



Coco Ward 3 Supporters - Mike Krol, Jill Oliver, Rowena Nocom and Sandy Anshewitz.



Lenny Peña with Triah and David Malphres and Sandy Anshewitz.



Councilor at Large Brian Field with his wife, Stefani and Lauren Bateman.



Mayoral Candidate Michael Satterwhite, Ebony White with Patrice and Dacia

# LYNN ENGLISH FOOTBALL VS. METHUEN HIGH SCHOOL

The Lynn English football team, under the direction of new head coach Mackenzie Charles, dropped a 48-22 decision to Methuen in the season opener

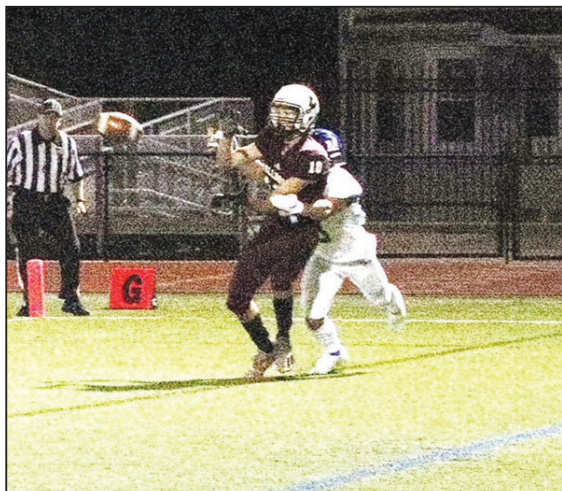
Saturday night at Manning Bowl. Wesley Chandler had a 30-yard touchdown run, a two-point conversion and caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from quarter-

back Jesse Maggs.

Maggs also connected with Josh McDonald for a 30-yard touchdown pass.



Xander Silva drops back for a pass.



Tyler Rivadeneira grabs a pass for a 2 point conversion.



Tarell McDowell just scored another TD for the Dogs, and he ran in the 2 points as well.



Tarell McDowell breaks a tackle for a big gain.



Tyler Rivadeneira grabs a pass for a Bull Dog first down.



The Lynn English HS Marine JROTC presented the colors for the home opener last Friday evening.



The Bull Dogs Head Coach Tom Ryan



The water boys are ready for action at Manning Field.



Jp Muniz went deep into the endzone and caught a bomb for a Bull Dog TD.



The LEHS Varsity Cheerleaders with Head Coach Stephanie Cuevas and Asst. Coach Cassandra DeMille.

# LYNN CLASSICAL IN SOCCER ACTION AGAINST CHELSEA

Lynn Classical scored three second-half goals, including one a penalty kick, and relied on stingy defense to top Chelsea 4-1 in boys soccer Thursday, September 9 at Chelsea Stadium.



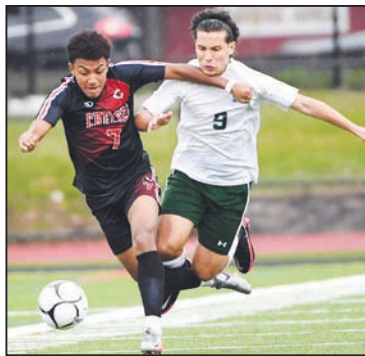
**MIDFIELD CHASE:** Lynn Classical's Ryan Doll and Chelsea's (6) have their eyes on the same thing—the ball.



**GETTING POSITION:** Jose Gomez Gomez gets low to fend off a Chelsea forward.



**THAT'S MY MAN:** Ryan Doll is all smiles as he greets Elzon Halimi after Halimi's goal gave Lynn Classical a 2-0 lead en route to a 4-1 win over Chelsea September 9 at Chelsea Stadium.



**DETERMINED EFFORT:** Chelsea's (7) holds off Lynn Classical's Gabriel Sarmento.



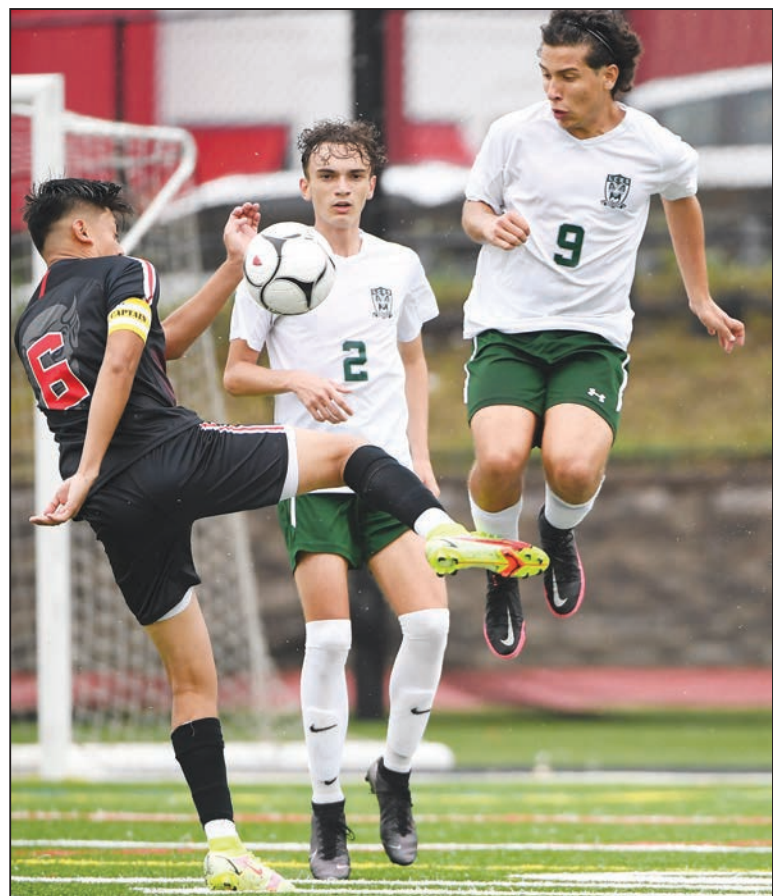
**STRIDE FOR STRIDE:** Lynn Classical's Ryan Doll and Chelsea's (51) are step for step in pursuit of a ball.



**PROTECTING THE NET:** Goalkeeper Isaiah Diaz watches as a shot clears the goal.



**BALANCING ACT:** Jose Gomez Gomez keeps his balance as he gets past a Chelsea defender.



**AIR ATTACK:** Gabriel Sarmento (9) takes to the air to hold off Chelsea's (6) as Classical teammate Elzon Halimi looks on.



**IN THE HUNT:** Chelsea's (7) and Lynn Classical's Imer Payes chase a bouncing ball.

### GOLDFISH POND ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

Goldfish Pond Association (GPA) is one of the most dynamic community groups in the City of Lynn. Concerned neighbors in the 1980s took the initiative to preserve this urban hidden gem of Lafayette Park in the heart of Ward 3 from becoming an unpleasant sight. Throughout time residents planted flowers on the center island surrounded by the pond, maintained the landscape and pond as well as organizing an annual Flea Market Fun Day fundraiser. This season had over 50 vendors including political candidates supporting this benefit.

GPA President Trish Greene explained, "This is our yearly fundraising drive. All proceeds are reserved for maintenance and to beautify the park, especially planting flowers throughout the seasons."

Trish continued to say, "Whenever this fundraiser falls on

Nine-Eleven we have a ceremony to remember that day. At the base of the flagpole island is a memorial erected in 2002. The Lynn Fire and Police Departments respectfully lower the flag with a moment of silence."

This Park welcomes visitors to stroll the curbed walkway, to experience a relaxing moment along this magnificent beautiful open area, and to see wildlife of many bird species, turtles, and goldfish. This is an excellent example how local neighborhoods come together.

On October 2nd the GPA will have a rolling parade from Lynn City Hall to Goldfish Pond in a horse & carriage that simulates American Revolutionary War Hero Marquis De Lafayette's return in 1824 to have the park named after him. This is the 40th year celebration beautifying the Goldfish Pond and Lafayette Park.



On hand supporting the Goldfish Pond Association event – Ward 5 Councillor Dianna Chatkoutis and Councillor-at-Large Brian Field.



The family craft table – Marjorie and Moises laboy, Jocy and Lucas Ayala, and Aida and Kiana Solivera.



Jackson and Jah having a Goldfish Pond Boat Ride with Captain Bill.



Toe Knee Baloni "The Clown" with Eric and Tuele.



Lynn candidates supporting Goldfish Pond Fundraiser – Coco Alinsug, George Meimeteas, Natasha Megie Maddrey, Nicole McClain, Tiffany Magnolia, Lenny Pena, and Michael Satterwhite.



GPA President Trish Greene "Remembering 9-11" with Lynn Firefighters Mike O'Connor, Brad Ray, John Moloney, and Captain John Lynch with Lynn Police Chief Chris Reddy and Police Captain Dave Brown.



Musician Hayley Thompson-King offers her Bass Guitar toward the fundraiser.



Vendor Kathy Sisson selling "Hidden Treasures."



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The U.S. Postal Service is currently hiring for more than 40,000 seasonal positions as preparations continue for the 2021 winter holidays, the agency's peak season for mail and package deliveries. Seasonal opportunities include but are not limited to city and rural mail carriers, mail handlers and drivers. Job seekers can find and apply for open positions in their local community by visiting [usps.com/hiring](https://usps.com/hiring).

"Our entire organization is focused on delivering a successful holiday season. To make this happen, we need great people to join us to deliver for our local communities and our nation," said CEO and Postmaster General Louis DeJoy. "The Postal Service offers many opportunities for seasonal employment. For many, a seasonal role can be the start of an exciting career with the Postal Service."

In support of its holiday hiring effort, the Postal Service is hosting 58 hiring fairs in select cities across the country where potential employees for seasonal roles can immediately apply for opportunities. Pre-registration,

social distancing and face masks are required to attend a USPS Job Fair. To find or register to attend an upcoming job fair, visit [usps.com/hiring](https://usps.com/hiring).

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In addition to hiring, the Postal Service is preparing for the higher delivery demands of the 2021 holiday peak season by leasing millions of additional square feet of mail and package sortation facilities and installing new processing equipment to accommodate higher mail and package volumes.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund its operations.

**SPECIAL GUEST LILY TOMLIN AT LGBTQ+ VIRTUAL DANCE ON OCTOBER 23**

Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition (MBCC) is hosting their 24th Annual LGBTQ+ Dance: Party for Prevention virtually on Saturday, October 23 from 6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. EST.

The event will feature a guest appearance from long-time environmental activist, actress, and comedian Lily Tomlin. In 2020, Ms. Tomlin was the recipient of the MBCC Environmental Activist Award in appreciation for her tireless dedication to making the world a better place. The event will also feature music with DJ Jodi Entertainment and dance lessons with Liz Nania, the founder and director of OUT to Dance. Club Cafe in Boston will help to facilitate this virtual event.

Cheryl Osimo, MBCC's Executive Director, says "We are grateful to all of the talented MBCC friends who will help us raise funds toward MBCC's focus on cancer prevention. Ultimately these individuals along with all MBCC dance supporters are helping us to make the world a better place for our children, grandchildren and future generations. We are honored and thrilled to have Lily Tomlin join us again for this special evening. We are constantly inspired by individuals, like Ms. Tomlin, who continuously spread positivity in many ways in the world."

Tickets to attend the virtual event for adults are on a sliding scale of \$15, \$30, or \$45. Tickets for students are \$10 for the virtual event.

Please note: Since MBCC is unable to hold the in-person event, all in-person tickets will be transferred to the virtual event. Refunds will not be issued.

All proceeds from this event will benefit MBCC's mission of breast cancer prevention.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Ann Marie Raffaele**  
Of Revere, formerly of East Boston

Ann Marie (Toscano) Raffaele of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away on September 11 at the age of 60.

Born in Boston on July 22, 1961 to Maryann (Barone) and the late Vincent Toscano, she was the wife of the late Carmen Raffaele, cherished mother of Christopher Raffaele and his wife, Rachel of Lynn and the late John Paul Raffaele; loving wife of 25 years to Alphonse Marano of Revere, adored grandmother of Christopher and Vincent Raffaele, dear sister of Karen Toscano of Pepperell and the late Vincent Toscano and beloved aunt to Kristina Pereira, James Toomey and the late Anthony Toomey. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and countless friends.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St,



Revere on Wednesday, September 22 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a 12 Noon Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere. Interment will be held privately for the immediate family. For guest book, please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com)

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# North Shore Music Theatre reopens with The performance of ‘Mamma Mia!’

It has been a long wait, but audiences can prepare to have the time of their life again at North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) when Bill Hanney brings back MAMMA MIA! for an Encore Performance to re-open the award-winning theatre which has been closed for 18 months due to the pandemic. MAMMA MIA! plays from Tuesday, October 5 thru Sunday October 17.

“I couldn’t be more thrilled to be reopening this historic theatre with a return of our 2018 production of Mamma Mia!. In 2020, we were only weeks away from opening the 65th Anniversary Season with this show when the pandemic forced us to close for more than 18 months. We are so thankful that we are able to reopen once again, and I am glad we will be reopening with such a fun and feel-good show. We all need that right now,” said Bill Hanney, NSMT owner and producer. “Once again, North Shore’s production will be directed and choreographed by our talented Producing Artistic Director, Kevin P. Hill. Having just closed a very successful run of this production at Theatre By The Sea, my venue in Rhode Island, I know that our audiences will not be disappointed.”

Audiences can expect to have the time of their life at MAM-

MA MIA! Sophie, a 20-year-old bride-to-be, is searching for her father, who she has never known. After reading her mother’s diary, she discovers there are three potential candidates, and unbeknownst to her mother, she invites each of them in hopes of having one of them walk her down the aisle. As the big day draws near, surprises abound for Donna with the arrival of old flames and old friends. MAMMA MIA! is packed with 22 of ABBA’s greatest hits, including “Dancing Queen,” “Super Trouper,” “Take A Chance on Me,” and “The Winner Takes It All.”

NSMT’s production of MAMMA MIA! will be led by Lexie Dorsett Sharp (Donna Sheridan), along with Tiffani Barbour (Rosie), and Merrill Peiffer (Tanya). Lexie Dorsett Sharp has been seen in national and international tours of School of Rock, Young Frankenstein, The Addams Family, and Elf the Musical Tiffani Barbour has appeared on television in “Veep,” “The Leftovers,” “Rabbit,” “Law and Order,” and “The Education of Max Bickford.” She has been seen on stage in New York in Hit the Wall, and Born Blue, and on tour in Mamma Mia! and Fame the Musical. Merrill Peiffer’s credits include the national tour of Mamma Mia! and regional productions of Hair-

spray, Beehive the ‘60s Musical, Matilda, The Who’s Tommy, and A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline.

The cast of MAMMA MIA! also features Al Bundonis (Bill Austin), David Elder (Sam Carmichael) and Jesse Sharp (Harry Bright) along with Sara Bartoszek (Sophie Sheridan) and Julio Rey (Sky) in their North Shore Music Theatre debuts. Al Bundonis has appeared in the U.S. Premiere of Whistle Down the Wind, and New York productions of Ragtime, Sessions, The Last Empress, and Tom Jones). David Elder has been seen on Broadway in the revival of 42nd Street, Kiss Me, Kate, Titanic, the Musical, Once Upon A Mattress (starring Sarah Jessica Parker,) Damn Yankees (starring Jerry Lewis), Beauty and the Beast, and Guys and Dolls (starring Nathan Lane and Faith Prince). Jesse Sharp has appeared in national tours of The Addams Family, Elf the Musical, and Grease, and was seen in NSMT’s 2019 production of The Bodyguard.

The cast of 22 also includes Jamie Askey, Morgan Blanchard (Eddie), Tyler Dema (Pepper), Briana Fallon, Danielle Gonzalez Quevedo, Yoni Haller, Michael Harmon, Masumi Iwai, Breia Kelley (Ali), Derek Luscutoff (Father Alexandrios), Sami Murphy (Lisa), Brett Pederson, Gra-

cie Phillips, and Jake Urban.

The creative team for MAMMA MIA! will be Kevin P. Hill (Director and Choreographer), Bob Bray (Music Director), Kyle Dixon (Scenic Design), Dana Pinkston (Costume Design), Jose Santiago (Lighting Design), Don Hanna (Sound Design), Stephen MacDonald (Production Stage Manager), Dakotah Wiley Horan (Assistant Stage Manager), Nathan Urdangen (Assistant Music Director), Kelly Baker (Costume Coordination) and Briana Fallon (Assistant Choreographer). MAMMA MIA! is produced for North Shore Music Theatre by Bill Hanney (Owner/Producer), Kevin P. Hill (Producing Artistic Director), and Matthew Chappell (Associate Producer / Casting Director).

Adhering to the most recent CDC recommendations and for the safety of our audiences, actors, and staff, COVID compliant masks (KN-95 is recommended) will be required to be worn by all patrons, regardless of vaccination status, while in the lobby and in the theatre along with all indoor public spaces. Masks can be adjusted while actively consuming food or beverages. Patrons are encouraged to get creative with their masks as there will be prizes awarded each night for standout creations. A full list

of COVID Safety measures can be found online at [www.nsmt.org/covid](http://www.nsmt.org/covid).

Tickets for MAMMA MIA! are priced starting from \$61 - \$86. Performances are October 5 - October 17, Tue - Thurs at 7:30 pm, Fri & Sat at 8 pm, matinees Wed, Sat and Sun at 2 pm. Kids 18 and under save 50% at all performances. \$25 Student Rush tickets are available. For tickets and information call (978) 232-7200, visit [www.nsmt.org](http://www.nsmt.org), or visit the box office in person at 54 Dunham Rd., Beverly, MA.

Additional free audience enrichment events:

Meet the Theatre: post-show audience discussion with the artists on October 12 after the 7:30 pm performance and October 16 after the 2 pm performance.

OUT at the North Shore, an evening for the LGBTQ+ Community with a post-show reception on October 14 after the 7:30 pm performance. OUT at the North Shore is sponsored by North Shore Pride.

North Shore Music Theatre will conclude the 2021 schedule with the 30th annual production of A Christmas Carol starring David Coffee (December 2 - December 23).

## Lynn man sentenced for drug conspiracy

A Lynn man was sentenced for his role in a drug trafficking conspiracy.

Patrick Dunn, 30, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Chief Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV to three years of supervised release. The government recommended a sentence of eight months in prison. On March 26, 2021, Dunn pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl and cocaine.

Dunn was charged as part of an investigation into a drug trafficking organization distributing large quantities of fentanyl, cocaine and other controlled substances in the greater Boston area. In September 2017, Dunn distributed cocaine and fentanyl to an undercover officer in Bos-

ton.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell; Brian D. Boyle, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Boston Field Division; James Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Boston Field Division; and Boston Police Acting Commissioner Gregory Long made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Corey Steinberg and John Mulcahy of Mendell’s Narcotics & Money Laundering Unit prosecuted the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The remaining defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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