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# THE LYNN JOURNAL

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# Lynn English school community honors Thomas Strangie at retirement celebration

By Cary Shuman

Colleagues, friends, and family honored former Lynn English teacher and principal Thomas Strangie at a retirement celebration Tuesday at Spinelli's, Lynnfield.

After graduating from Lynn English in 1982 and attending Boston University, Strangie began as a substitute teacher at English while in college. He later served as a history teacher and vice principal before becoming principal in 2012. He was the graduation coordinator, year-book adviser, and a class adviser, among other unheralded roles, always seeking to give students opportunities to broaden and enjoy their educational experience at English.

Former Vice Principal Donna Hegan, who served in the school administration with Strangie, former Supt. of Schools Dr. Cathy Latham, who appointed Strangie as principal, and Sgt. Major Kenneth Oswald, leader of the JROTC program, all praised Strangie's excellent leadership of the school in their remarks.

Guidance counselor Matt Wilkins presented a heartwarming slide show chronicling Strangie's life as a student at English and his career at the school, using humor and wit to honor the beloved teacher and administrator. It was a brilliantly done tribute to Strangie and showcased the esteem in which he was held by his colleagues and the students at English

Hegan said to her former col-



Former Lynn English High School Principal Thomas Strangie and his proud family are pictured at the retirement celebration. Front row, from left, are Ramsay Johnson, Ivy Blais, and Melissa Frye. Back row, from left, are Mikaela Strangie, Michael Strangie, guest of honor Thomas Strangie, Jen McQuarrie, Marissa Strangie, and Jane Carritte. See Pages 4 and 5 for more photos.

league in her remarks, "You are a class act, a man of character and high standards, a moral compass for all of us, and my inspiration."

"Tom was so proud to be the principal of Lynn English High School," said Latham. "He gave his heart, his soul, and everything to that school. And I know for a fact that he is sorely and dearly

missed at the school."

Oswald thanked Strangie for his tremendous support of the Lynn English JROTC program. "I have served 25 years in the Marine Corps," said Oswald. "I have served with all kinds of officers who have been in combat.

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# St. Mary's football team beats Medway in state quarterfinals

By Cary Shuman

The St. Mary's High School football team defeated Medway, 40-14, in the Division 6 quarter-finals Friday night at Manning Field

St. Mary's (9-1) will play Abington (9-1) in the state semifinals Friday at Quincy High School, with the winner earning a berth in the Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium.

In their impressive win over Medway, the Spartans took control early and rushed for more than 350 yards.

David Brown Jr. surpassed the

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QB Ali Barry takes the ball and heads for a first down.



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# EDITORIAL

## PROGRESSIVES? NO --THEY ARE REGRESSIVES

There are a lot of reasons why the Democrats and President Joe Biden have plummeted in the polls and then absorbed a huge defeat across the country in the recent election.

As often is the case in politics, the party in charge gets the blame even if they arise from circumstances beyond its control.

Almost all of the issues that have been troubling Americans in the past few months are no fault of Biden and the Democrats. The ongoing pandemic, supply-chain snafus, labor shortages, inflation worries, weather-related crises, and soaring energy prices all either were inherited by Biden or are the result of unforeseen circumstances.

The Biden administration could have done better with the withdrawal from Afghanistan, but that too, was a circumstance he inherited and that spiraled out of control.

However, there is one aspect of the Biden Presidency and the Democratic control of Congress that is within their control. And that is their ability to get things done.

On August 10, a bipartisan vote of the Senate approved the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill. However, the bill sat for months in the House because of the efforts of a willful group of Democratic House members who held it hostage to their demands for the \$3.5 trillion Build Back Better legislation.

We would note that we fully have supported every aspect of the Build Back Better Plan, including the Green New Deal which we endorsed from the outset when it first was introduced by Senator Ed Markey and Rep. Alexaandra Ocasio Cortez in January of 2019.

In fact, we would support an even-larger bill in order to bring America into the 21st century.

However, the reality is that there are Democratic members of Congress who do not agree with all of the proposals in the Build Back Better Plan and who have been saying so for months.

Yet the so-called Progressives in the House refused to accept this reality. Democrats promised the voters that if they were put in charge, they'd get things done -- but the intransigence of the so-called Progressives served not only to undermine the Biden administration and Democrats in general, but also sank their own cause as well.

For all of their posturing and demand-making, they have nothing nada -- zero -- to show for their efforts.

As we have said many times in this column, politics is the art of compromise. Or, as Kenny Rogers put it,

"You've got to know when to hold 'em,

Know when to fold 'em."

The Progressives' hubris served as a gift to the Republicans.

Instead of Progressing the country forward, their political gamesmanship has undermined Americans' faith in the democratic process and Regressed us back to the era before 2020.

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## GUEST OP-ED

# The Haiti kidnapped missionaries, consider the costs of such trips

By Glenn Mollette

The missionaries consisting of sixteen Americans and one Canadian kidnapped by the Haitian "400 Mawozo" gang October 16, is extremely scary. The gang has threatened to kill the humanitarian Christians if a million dollar per person ransom is not fulfilled. The group consists of men, women, children and an eight-month-old baby.

These missionaries have sacrificed their time and paid their own way to go to the poorest place in the Western hemisphere to try to spread God's love and save some souls. In turn, the missionaries are experiencing a nightmare like they've never imagined. They're imprisoned and being threatened with a bullet in the head.

Most of us will never get over seeing journalists being beheaded and tortured in Syria and Iraq by the barbaric Islamic extremist group called ISIL. Burning people alive and beheading others were too graphic and gruesome to ever be forgotten.

Why do journalists, missionaries and humanitarian aid workers go to such places to risk kidnapping, rape, torture and unimaginable deaths? There is always the belief that "it will not happen to me." Some might view such a trip as a vacation.

Years ago, I traveled to a third world country on a "missionary trip" with others thinking it would be a nice break. I've never worked so hard in my life.

Sadly, the 17 missionaries in Haiti are undergoing a cruel experience that may end with the cost of their very lives. What are they thinking now? What is going through the minds of the little children who traveled to a world to help others and spread God's

Haiti has been the site of years of humanitarian efforts. The United States and other countries have given billions of dollars to help Haiti. Sadly, hurricanes, political unrest, underdevelopment and extreme poverty have all made for a sad scenario.

How much money would the world have to give to Haiti to make life better for this nation? This is a question no one can answer because usually aid is a short-term solution. We spent a trillion dollars in Afghanistan and they aren't any better off to-

Good missionary people went to Haiti with good hearts for helping others in the name of God's love. They went to share a message they hoped would bring about change and better lives. They may now lose their lives.

Christians point to Jesus as the model for such missionary efforts. He came preaching and teaching in an effort to demonstrate and spread God's love and it cost him plenty - his life, executed in public on a cross.

There are some Christians today who, like Jesus, are willing to risk their lives for the sake of others. Did these men and

women literally go to Haiti taking their children with them truly believe they could be killed? Would they purposefully do this to their children? Who convinced these people that such a trip with small children was a good idea?

My goal here is to simply say, think about such trips to places like Haiti. Afghanistan, Iraq, Northern Nigeria and numerous others countries are not vacation spots. Foreign travel may sound exotic and adventurous but consider the possible cost.

Many missionaries and Christian workers have paid the ultimate price in order to spread the gospel of Christ. Only eternity will reveal what their selfless sacrifice has meant to those whose lives they impacted.

By chance, if you decide such an international trip is not for you, don't feel bad. Consider helping in an American inner city, Appalachia or maybe your own neighborhood. Service at home is needed across America.

Let's pray for the safety of these missionaries and for those negotiating their release. May God help them and all who may consider such endeavors.

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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## DRUM AND BUGLE JEANETTES REUNION

A reunion of talented musicians came together bringing a piece of Lynn's history to life. It may have been forgotten due to passing times from the 1960s and '70s, but it was this championship all girl drum and bugle marching band that put Lynn on the map for national competitions. These girls were nationally known as the Jeanettes from Lynn; they marched with precision without missing a beat.

The Jeanettes were formed in the early 1960s by St. Jean's Catholic Church. They competed in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) circuit. Manager Patricia Raymond led the Jeanettes into many competitions throughout the New England region. Practices were held inside St. Jean's annex located on Lyman Street either during the day or during the evening as chaperone Ann Marie Bartlett watched the

girl's practice.

However, during the late 1960s the Jeanettes transitioned onto a new path of competition. They relocated their meeting and practice sessions to a building in City Hall Square above a popular driving school. During other times outside practice sessions were held at Manning Bowl, at the Star Market parking lot off Market Street, and at a West Lynn General Electric parking

Pat Raymond later married Harvey Whitney bringing the Jeanettes up to new level of competition. Pat and Harvey were known as the dynamic duo providing the impetus for a new direction for the band. It was during this time the program took off traveling to Ohio, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, and New York.

Donations came from tag days, parental involvement, friends,

and businesses that helped with the transportation and lodging logistics, and equipment care for competitions.

Playing in a marching band taught these young girls the art of discipline, social relationships, and friendships. This type of involvement can be compared to a sport that requires commitment, responsibility, and most important, to listen and to learn. As Jeanette member Lisa Curtis said, "How great would it be for young children to have this type of structure building confidence and friendships as we experienced during our youth." The Jeanettes was an outstanding drum and bugle band that helped so many young girls and it is a part of the City of Lynn's rich history to be remembered and treasured.



Four types of Drum & Bugle Marching Bands – Ann Coakley (Saugus Socialites), Lisa Curtis (Jeanettes), Steve Spinelli (27 Lancers), and Cindy Young (Boston Crusaders).



Many thanks to Manager Pat Whitney and Chaperone Ann Marie Bartlett from Kathy Young and Lisa Curtis.



Jeanette's all Girl Drum & Bugle Corp: Debbie Macnair, Sharon Curtis, Ann Marie Bartlett, Pat Whitney, Kathy Young, Mary Dineen, Cathy Coakley, Lisa Curtis, and Cindy Young.



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and I will tell you it is has been a privilege for me to be under your command at Lynn English High School. The support that you gave me running the ROTC program, by far could not have literally made a program more successful."

Strangie received two, separate standing ovations from the assemblage that included his brother, Michael, and other members of the Strangie family.

"Nobody gets where they belong by themself – it takes everybody and it took all of you," Strangie said humbly. "I met great people, great teachers, and great colleagues and I learned a lot"

It was a night to remember for a man who excelled in his career, was respected and admired by all, and set the foundation to success for so many Lynn English students.

Lynn English teacher Angel Grullon, who graduated with Strangie in the Class of 1982, said, "He hasn't changed. His dedication to education was back then the same as it is now. He was an excellent student. Besides being an exceptional person, I consider him definitely as a friend and I look up to him for his dedication and the way he ran English. It was a tight ship, but what I liked most about him he did the best he could to follow the rules, and he did the right thing. I remember him doing the right thing always."



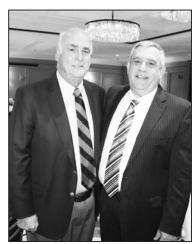
Thomas Strangie related some humorous anecdotes about Lynn English's international school trips and the experiences of trip chaperone and dedicated teacher Jane Baletsa.



Thomas Strangie acknowledges the standing ovation that he received in appreciation of his outstanding contributions to the Lynn English High School community.



Lynn English High School Director of Athletics Dick Newton thanked former Principal Thomas Strangie for his support of the athletic program that produced back-to-back Division 1 state boys basketball championships.



Former Supt. of Lynn Schools Nick Kostan and former Lynn English High School Principal Thomas Strangie, pictured at the retirement celebration Tuesday at Spinelli's, Lynnfield.



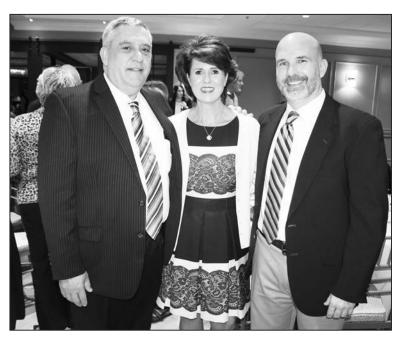
Matt Wilkins and Gayle Bastarache join in the standing ovation accorded to former Principal Thomas Strangie, at the retirement celebration.



Sgt. Major Kenneth Oswald presents "A True Bulldog" award to former Lynn English teacher, vice principal, and principal Thomas Strangie, recognizing his outstanding contributions to Lynn English during his 35-year career at the school.



Lynn Deputy Superintendents of Schools, Kimberlee Powers (left) and Debra Ruggiero (right), are pictured with guest of honor Thomas Stranhie at the retirement celebration Tuesday at Spinelli's.



Lynn English Vice Principal Jennifer Mancaniello and Guidance Counselor Matt Wilkins congratulate their former colleague, Thomas Strangie, at his retirement celebration Tuesday at Spinelli's.



Retired Lynn English teachers. Charlie DeLuccia (left) and Peter Loomis (right) helped honor Thomas Strangie at his retirement celebration Tuesday at Spinelli's.

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James Keefe, Kellie Bonito, Thomas Strangie, Kathy Toups, and Mary Lou Cahalane.



Colleagues of former Lynn English teacher and administrator Thomas Strangie, pictured at the retirement celebration, from left, are Erik Hellmer, Scott Jaracz, Kerry King, Tim Harro, Kevin Driscoll, and Ed Cash.



The retirement celebration organizing committee table, front row, from left, are Liz Ciampa, Donna Hegan, and Gayle Bastarache; back row, from left, are Matt Wilkins, guest of honor Thomas Strangie, and Larry Lowe.



Representing the Lynn English High School World Department, Vice Principal Jennifer Mancaniello, Ana Beltre German, Dulce Reynoso, Cara Zubricki, Maria Perez, and Anna Karatzoglou, with former Principal Thomas Strangie.



Colleagues in the field of education, front row, from left, are Nicole Messinger, Judy Mishkin, Jen Mageary, and Shannon Conlon. Back row, from left, are Allison Mosho Hamilton, Anastasia Mower, former Lynn Classical Principal Gene Constantino, Fecteau-Leary School Principal Maura Durgin-Scully, and Lynn Classical Principal Amy Dunn.



LEHS teacher Henry Santiago, LEHS Vice Principal Heather Fabiano, guest of honor Thomas Strangie, and LEHS teacher Angel Grullon, who was Mr. Strangie's classmate in the LEHS Class of 1982.

## LYNN HONORS VETERANS AT LYNN COMMONS

Veterans Day was celebrated at the Frederick Douglass Bandstand inside the Lynn Commons. A beautiful autumn morning provided a refreshing moment for many veterans who were treated to a delicious breakfast before the Veterans Day Ceremony.

Director of Veteran Services Sgt. Michael Sweeney said, "This was an incredible turnout in Lynn honoring all who have worn the uniform and stood on the front lines for freedom." Sgt. Sweeney continued to say, "We are here today to thank all of our Veterans for their service to the country, and it has been a long time since we all gathered together."

The ceremony was very impressive and well-coordinated. Participating in the event included Lynn English MC-JROTC Honor Guards and Drill team, Lynn Public Schools All-City Marching Band played the Medley of Service Songs, 90-yearold Korean Veteran James Smith said the Pledge of Allegiance,

Taps played by Ury Matul and Jaslyn Cabrera, Lynn native Brian Landry performed outstandingly by singing the National Anthem and America, local officials served breakfast to the Veterans, and food prepared by George Markos of Brother's Deli.

Remembrances were nounced for Vietnam Veteran George Fitzhenry of the Lynn Veterans Council and Navy Veteran Richard Nadworny of the Polish League of American Veterans. Special recognition was to Air National Guard Veteran Da-

vid Solimine for his continuous involvement with veterans.

Mayor Thomas McGee expressed his sincere appreciation to all the veterans; he mentioned his dad, former MA Speaker of the House, who was a proud marine during WW II of the greatest generation and his grandfather who served in WW I.

Veterans Day is an important date to remember, to be thankful for our freedom that makes America great, and to all who served and continue to serve.



Roger Comeau (Navy), Officer Mike White escorted Lorrie Landry (WW II Veteran) and Gerry Waldron (Army).



Ward 6 Residents - Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan and State Rep. Peter Capano thank Ernie Pleasant for his service.



Vietnam Veterans - Joel Rock and Dan Parker.



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Lynn National Guard Recruiter Sesar Merino with Ret. Veteran Andrea Gayle-Bennett.



Lynn English MC-JROTC Color Guard display flags representing the Army, US Marine Corp, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.



Lynn officials served breakfast - Hong Net, Dianna Chatkoutis, Lorraine Gately, Brian LaPierre, Coco Alinsug, Lenny Pena, and Fred Hogan.

## LYNN HONORS VETERANS AT LYNN COMMONS



Rick Jakious from Cong. Moulton's office greets Veteran Milton Laub and Brian Hanlon.



Director of Veterans Services Sgt. Michael Sweeney, Afghanistan Veteran, begins program to honor Lynn Veterans.



US Military Veterans - Mike Spivey, Ziggy Marcus, and Rick Breau - with Korean Veteran Jim Smith.



Lynn English MC-JROTC Honor Guard.



St. Mary's High School shows respect to the Veterans.



Lynn Official Supporting Veterans Day – Chris Gomez, State Rep. Peter Capano, Ward 7 Jay Walsh, State Rep. Donald Wong. State Rep. Dan Cahill, Essex County Sheriff Kevin Coppinger, State Senator Brendan Crighton, Mayor Tom McGee, Drew Russo, and Ward 2 Rick Starbard



Lynn Public Schools All-City Marching Band with Director Jeremy Witherell and Sgt. Michael Sweeney

# "Sounds of Christmas" concert returns to Revere

Music Director Robert Lehmann and The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra will return to St. Anthony's Church on Sunday, December 5 at 4 p.m. for the Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" concert, resuming a tradition that began in 1976 but was cancelled last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Covid precautions will be enforced at the Concert: all patrons must present a vaccination card or proof of a negative Covid test taken no more than 72 hours prior to the concert. "We want everyone to feel safe, for themselves and for others. " Everyone, including the musicians, will wear masks during the concert.

The concert is principally sponsored by Global Partners LP, Bocchino Insurance Agency, RCN, Comcast, and Action Emergency Services. Admission to the "Sounds of Christmas" Concert is free in exchange for a generous donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Revere Food Pantry.

"The concert has a long and proud relationship with our sponsors and the Revere Food Pantry," said Marra. "The Food Drive is a way that everyone can enlarge the sponsors' generosity. The need is great. Although the world is slowly getting back on track amid the pandemic, many people are still staggered by the economic hardship that has resulted from last

year's drastic restrictions."

The Concert is named in honor of life long Revere resident, violinist Robert A. Marra Sr., a 40-year Revere High teacher, concertmaster of the NSPO, and one of the concer originators 45 years ago who died in 2002. The concert program will feature a variety of popular holiday favorites and feature soprano Jean Danton, who has performed many times with the NSPO.

"We're obviously happy to be back," said NSPO president Robert Marra Jr. "The Orchestra played its first live concert since March of 2020 this past Sunday and it was both a relief and a thrill for everyone."



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The 4th Degree Honor Guard of the Father Druillette Assembly 390 respectfully honored Veterans with a celebrated MASS at St. Pius Church. Afterwards, a morning breakfast was served at the Knights of Columbus recognizing veterans for their service to the country. FN/PGK Charlie Rowe thanked the veterans for attending and distributed American Flag label pins to the veterans and guests. Veterans recognized: Mike Molligi, Basil Manias, Frank Harrington, Lynn English Master Sergeant, Bill Pryor, and Jerry Marziotti. Absent Veterans: Larry Donahue, Bob Dunne, Peter Brau, and Deacon John Hardy, Mark Natti.



Lynn English MC-JROTC students assisted with the program.



Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assembly honored Veterans.

# Post Offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving

There will be no regular mail delivery or retail services available on Thursday, Nov. 25, as postal employees across the commonwealth celebrate Thanksgiving. But our carriers will still be delivering Priority Express and other guaranteed next day services.

This holiday, the Postal Service is reminding customers to shop and ship early. Our online store is open 24/7 at usps.com and boasts plenty of gift-giving ideas from T-shirts to framed prints, toys and tote bags.

The 2020 holiday season was a record-setting year for the Postal Service. Specifically, 13

billion letters, cards and packages were processed and delivered under some of the most difficult circumstances we've faced in the past century

For the 2021 peak season — the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day — the Postal Service will deliver more mail and packages to homes than any other shipper. It's anticipated that between 850 million and 950 million packages will be delivered for the holidays. The total number of letters, cards and packages processed and delivered is estimated to be more than 12 billion.

The Postal Service will ex-

pand Sunday delivery, beginning Nov. 28, to locations with high package volumes. USPS already delivers packages on Sundays in most major cities and expects to deliver more than 9.7 million packages each Sunday throughout the holiday season. Mail carriers will also deliver packages for an additional fee on Christmas Day in select locations.

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The Postal Service plans all year for the peak holiday season. This year's preparations include leasing 7.5 million square feet of additional space across more than 40 annexes to handle the increase in the number of packages

being mailed. The Postal Service

is also currently hiring for more than 40,000 seasonal positions to help process and deliver the mail.

Since April, the Postal Service has installed 97 of 112 new package sorting machines, reflecting the Postmaster General's "Delivering for America" plan's \$40 billion of planned investment over 10 years. Additionally, more than 50 machines that can sort large packages are expected to be up and running prior to December. The new machinery gives the Postal Service the capacity to process an additional 4.5 million packages each day.

# Become a foster or adoptive parent for Adoption Month

The Home for Little Wanderers announced that it has opened registration for a required education program for people interested in becoming adoptive or foster parents in recognition of Adoption Month. People interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents can apply to attend the free, 30-hour Massachusetts Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPP) education program from 5:30-8:30 PM every Monday and Friday starting on January 10, 2022 and ending on February 10, 2022.

In Massachusetts, there are over 2,800 children in foster care with a goal of adoption and over 1,200 of these children have no identified adoption resource such as a relative or foster parent.

"The child welfare system is not designed to raise children. We are here for support and healing when they need us, but children deserve to grow up in a warm, loving home," said Lesli Suggs. LICSW, President and CEO of The Home for Little Wanderers. "Children need to know that they have a permanent adult in their life to take care of them and to help them grow into well-rounded adults. Children who grow up without a permanent family and "age out" of the child welfare system are more likely to experience homelessness, substance abuse, and be involved in the criminal justice system. The love and support of a family can make all the difference."

The Home's adoption and foster programs provide all the necessary training, licensing, matching, and supportive services for families to adopt or foster. The Home encourages adoptive and foster parents from all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, socio-economic backgrounds and religions. Adoptive or foster parents can be couples or single individuals. Children come from a variety of backgrounds and many have experienced multiple types of maltreatment such as neglect or

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PPC, a category 2 slots fa-

cility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that total taxed amount, 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund. MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor, category 1 resort-casinos, are taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are allocated to several specific

state funds as determined by the gaming statute.

To date, the Commonwealth has collected approximately \$921 million in total taxes and assessments from PPC, MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.

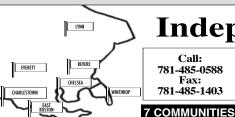


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Derek Coulanges also had a solid performance, rushing for close to 100 yards and scoring a touchdown.

St. Mary's head coach Sean Driscoll credited the offensive line for its superb effort against Medway. He noted the contributions of center Graham Richman,



Christopher Sazo brings down a Medway Mustang for a loss.



Michael Anderson kept the Mustangs deep with his kicks.



The Spartans got a close call for a first down, to keep their drive alive.

guards Tommy Falasca and Chris Sazo, tackles Kenson Justine and Martin Marange, and rotating lineman Kervantz Justine, who is Kenson's twin brother.

Defensively, the Spartans held Medway's standout running back Matt Childs under 100 yards rushing.

"We played extremely well, especially on the defensive side of the ball, stopping one of the better backs in their league," said Driscoll. "Our inside linebacker, Chris Sazo, had a career day for us. David Brown and Ali Barry

had interceptions."

Driscoll scouted Abington in the Green Wave's 34-0 victory over Sandwich in the quarterfinals.

"They do some really good stuff on offense – hopefully we can slow them down," said Driscoll. "They really dominated the game against Sandwich."

Rockland, a 37-34 winner over Winthrop, and Blackstone Valley, a 28-14 winner over No. 1 seed Stoneham, will play in the other state semifinal.



QB Ali Barry looks for his receiver, and gets plenty of time from his line.



A big pass from QB Barry to Nick Sacco in the endzone for another Spartan score in the first half.





Ali Barry helps David Brown up from the endzone, with the Referee's arms raised for the Spartan score.



The Spartans stand for the National Anthem.