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Before the start of the Lynn Classical-Hamilton Wenham scrimmage in the Paul Duchane Memorial Basketball Jamboree, the Lynn Classical program presented flowers to Mrs. Roseanne Duchane. Pictured in the presentation ceremony are, from left, Lynn Classical head coach Tom Sawyer, Classical player Reese Brinkler, Mrs. Roseanne Duchane, Classical player Molly Mannion, and Classical coach Rob Smith.

The MVP of the Paul Duchane Jamboree was Coach Tom Sawyer

By Cary Shuman

There are certainties associated with the Lynn Classical High School girls basketball program. One is that Coach Tom Sawyer will have his team ready to play four quarters of inspired, end-to-basketball basketball from start to finish every game.

Others are the Lady Rams will be contenders year-in, year-out

and will be playing in the MIAA Tournament. The players will enjoy a great field trip experience to a women's college basketball game, conduct a free, pre-season instructional clinic for Lynn youths, and be treated to an amazing awards banquet. The Alumni Night game is also a perennial big event on the calendar.

And to kick the season off, Tom Sawyer will be running

one of the few remaining and most-anticipated jamborees in the region: the Paul Duchane Basketball Jamboree which is named in memory of the popular Lynn coach.

The Lynn Journal interviewed Coach Sawyer about the Jamboree that brought 18 teams to Lynn Classical Saturday for 16-minute

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APPRECIATION

Chief Hollow was one of Lynn's best

Special to the Journal

The City of Lynn lost one of our all-time best citizens with the recent passing of former long-time Police Chief John F. "Jack" Hollow, Sr.

Chief Hollow's life story was typical of so many of his generation who were born amidst the era of the Great Depression and who as children witnessed the sadness that engulfed the families who lost loved ones in World War II.

They did not take life for

granted and pursued the American Dream to its utmost, while at the same time devoting their lives to their families and communities.

Chief Hollow began his career in public service in 1966 as a reserve police officer and eventually became a full-time officer in 1969.

Chief Hollow's hard work and dedication both to the Lynn Police Dept. and its citizenry resulted in his steady progression

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St. Mary's Queliz receives offers from Division 1 college basketball programs

By Cary Shuman

St. Mary's junior Yirsy Queliz is everything you would want in an elite point guard: she can run the break, shoot the three, drive the lane, distribute the basketball, and play the tough defense.

Queliz showed just how great she can be in the Spartans' 59-37 victory over Pentucket in the season opener Friday night. Queliz scored 21 points and had 11 assists as St. Mary's defeated a perennial Division 2 powerhouse on the road in front of a large crowd.

Women's college basketball programs are taking notice of Queliz's talents. In fact, two Division 1 college basketball programs – Northeastern in Boston and Sacred Heart in Connecticut – have offered her scholarships. Other schools have Yirsy Queliz on their list of potential recruits.

St. Mary's head coach Jeffrey Newhall said the fact that his 5-foot-3-inch star is garnering big-time attention is not a surprise.

"Yirsy is obviously a gifted basketball player and I'm glad that she's being noticed by pro-



St. Mary's High School junior guard Yirsy Queliz, shown in action in the Paul Duchane Basketball Jamboree Saturday, has received Division 1 women's college basketball scholarship offers from Northeastern and Sacred Heart.

grams and coaches at the highest level," said Newhall.

A native of the Dominican Republic, Queliz is in her fourth season in the St. Mary's program. When she was a rising guard as a freshman in 2020, the Spartans won a state title [COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the state final, but the MIAA official-

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EDITORIAL

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING -- AND NEVER HAS THE NEED BEEN MORE URGENT

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." -- Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.

With Christmas fast approaching, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Despite the pandemic that has ravaged our nation in so many ways, most Americans actually are doing okay, if not extremely well. Sure, the pandemic has made life inconvenient and not as enjoyable as usual for everybody, but most of us are getting along just fine.

Those who are able to work from home have not suffered a loss of income. And for those among us who have any sort of investments, from real estate to the stock market to certain types of small businesses, the pandemic has been a boon.

However, the good economic news for the majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable minority of our fellow citizens, the effects of the pandemic represent an existential disaster.

Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially.

To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our history.

Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to the pandemic.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what has existed in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, actually is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called "warm glow" effect.

Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for donations to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunity to do so in the coming days to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate -- and there is no excuse for failing to do so.

GOP'S OPPOSITION TO RACHAEL ROLLINS

The unprecedented opposition, accompanied by unprecedented vitriol, by the Republican members of the U.S. Senate to the nomination of Suffolk County District Atty. Rachael Rollins for the position of U.S. Attorney for the Massachusetts district has laid bare their driven agenda.

Here is what Tom Cotton, the odious Arkansas Senator, said during a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee in opposing Ms. Rollins's nomination:

"Miss Rollins appears to measure success as a prosecutor not by how many victims and innocent people she protects, but rather by how many criminals she keeps from facing consequences. If she's confirmed as the US attorney, the cartels and the gangs that are fueling violence and death in our communities will be gleeful. Rachael Rollins wants to destroy the criminal justice system from within. That's not hyperbole."

Cotton's last line -- "That's not hyperbole" -- ordinarily would be laughable, but unfortunately it is illustrative of the way that leading GOP politicians are gaslighting the country these days to appeal to the basest of their base.

Senator Cotton's sham statement also has put on full display the propensity among leading GOP politicians to bully women, and that is doubly so for women of color. We recall the vote by Mitch McConnell and the GOP-controlled Senate in 2017 that silenced Senator Elizabeth Warren during the confirmation hearing for Jeff Sessions as U.S. Attorney General when she read a letter (which already was part of the Congressional Record) by Coretta Scott King in 1986 about Sessions. Later, a male senator read the same letter -- but without a peep from McConnell.

These GOP politicians are like the "tough" guys who have no hesitancy to engage in road-rage behavior when the other driver is a woman, but they shrink from honking, gesticulating, etc. if the other driver is a male.

Rachael Rollins had the full support of both of our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Ms. Warren, as well as the endorsement of many others, including former governor William Weld (who served as the U.S. Attorney in Mass. in the 1980s), Wayne Budd (another former U.S. Attorney here), Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty, and Revere Police Chief David Callahan (both of whom work directly with the Suffolk D.A.'s office on a daily basis).

Despite the roadblocks thrown up by the GOP senators, the nomination of Rachael Rollins finally was approved, though only because of a tie-breaking vote by vice-president Kamala Harris.

We wish to congratulate Ms. Rollins upon her confirmation and we look forward to her tenure as our U.S. Attorney for the Massachusetts district.

GUEST OP-ED

Somehow, some way, may this be a Christmas worth remembering

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We had difficulties when we were growing up in Martin county, Kentucky but overall, we thought we were doing okay. President Lyndon Johnson came to Inez, Kentucky in 1964 to let us know we weren't doing very well. He began his campaign in our community and we became the poster child for American poverty. We hadn't really thought of ourselves as poor until we started hearing about ourselves in the news.

I had numerous friends who didn't get much for Christmas. Often it was one or two small gifts or nothing at all.

Several classmates at my elementary school in Tomahawk, Kentucky were fortunate if they had a coat to wear in the winter. Ragged looking shoes on a kid's feet during the winter was a common sight.

Several classmates came to school to wash their faces and hands in the boys' bathroom. The school lunch was the only decent meal some of the kids ate during the week.

It was a while before President Johnson's 1964 promises started helping our area. Even with the roll out of government assistance many families subsisted until the coal boom of the seventies which has almost died. Today our county is reinventing itself with agriculture, a service center to aid bitcoin mining, tourism and small businesses.

I don't remember every Christmas, but I remember one. My dad broke his back falling off a barn when I was a child. He was out of work for sever-

al months and in those days, we didn't have government safety nets to see us through tough financial times. Christmas came as usual and we did put up a tree. Our family gathered on Christmas Eve and we had food, fellowship and laughter. We always raised a garden and my parents stored food so it came in handy during tough times.

I expected nothing for Christmas that year because the heaviness of family financial pressure was obvious even as a child. Surprisingly, my mother handed me a small wrapped box that Christmas Eve and said Merry Christmas. I was shocked because I expected nothing that year. Opening the box, I found a watch that had numbers that glowed in the dark. It may have cost \$5 but it was priceless to me. I was thrilled and wore it every night to just look at the glowing numbers.

Dad was recuperating that Christmas. His temporary disability and our financial stress made life gloomy for us that year. Yet, here I am remembering that Christmas as one of the best of all. It was during that Christmas that I remember the presence of family. Mom and dad were alive. We had food to eat. We had a roof over our heads and our family had each other.

This may not be your best Christmas, but maybe, just maybe you can still have Christmas.

The empty chair is painful. Depression is real. Financial or other personal

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ly crowned all semifinal winners as state champions]. There were no state playoffs in 2021 after a 20-win season and All-Scholastic honors for Queliz and teammates Maiya Bergdorf and Nicolette D'Itria.

This season, Queliz is a leader of a potent team that includes starters, junior Niya Morgen, junior Kellyn Preira, seventh grader Bella Owumi, and senior Olivia Abbott.

Queliz is excited about her college offers from Division 1 schools.

"I feel great about it," said Queliz. "Coming from the Dominican Republic, I never expected opportunities like this when I began playing here."

Queliz started playing basketball at the age of four in a country known for its amazing baseball legacy and Red Sox superstars such as David Ortiz and Pedro Martinez.

"My father and my cousin brought me to the basketball court," recalled Queliz.

The daughter of Luis Queliz and Yelena Lora, Yirsy said she

After torrid start, Spartans take their game to the State of Florida

By Cary Shuman

The St. Mary's High School girls basketball team, already looking like one of the Bay State's best teams, will travel to Florida this week to take on the best in the Sunshine State.

Coach Jeff Newhall's 2-0 Spartans will play First Baptist Academy in Naples Saturday, Gulf Coast High School Monday, and Seacrest Country Day School Tuesday. Gulf Coast is ranked No. 1 in southwestern Florida and No. 15 in the entire state.

"We're looking forward to our trip to Florida and seeing how we match up with their top teams," said Newhall.

St. Mary's has wins over Pentucket and Arlington Catholic to date and had an impressive performance against Billerica in the Paul Duchane Jamboree Saturday at Lynn Classical.

St. Mary's has enjoyed previous trips to Florida, notably the KSA Invitational at Disney World where the Spartans have come home with championships.

has worked hard to improve her skills. In addition to playing for St. Mary's, she is a member of the MCW Stars AAU basketball team.

Yirsy said she will not decide about college until her senior year. For now, Yirsy is focusing

on bringing more titles home to St. Mary's and being part of a vibrant school community.

"I love my school and my team," said Yirsy. "Mr. Newhall is a great coach and I'm glad he's my coach."

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difficulties may have disabled you. Millions have died from Covid-19. Thousands are suffering from horrific tornadoes and loss of life. Hurricanes have pounded us in the East and fires have incinerated our West. In the midst of all this inflation eats away at America's paychecks like an unchecked malignancy.

The message of Christmas is the story of peasant parents, enduring difficult travel, taxes to be

paid and no place to sleep but a barn and a cow's trough for their newborn baby. Somehow, they found strength in each other and in God who brought them and their baby through a very difficult time. We never forget their story and their plight, it's truly a Christmas worth remembering.

We are going to remember this Christmas, no doubt. Somehow, someday, with God's help and each other, may this be a Christ-

mas worth remembering.

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.

Lynn man sentenced to 15 years in prison

A Lynn man was sentenced in federal court in Boston for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine and possessing firearms.

David Oth, a/k/a "Baby Bouncer," a/k/a "BB," 32, was sentenced today by U.S. Senior District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf to 15 years in prison and six years of supervised release. On Aug. 5, 2021, Oth pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

Oth was a member of the Tiny Rascals Gangsters, a violent street gang with a presence in Lynn, Malden, Salem and Lowell. Oth and other gang members conspired for over a year to distribute methamphetamine and other drugs by transporting them to Maine, where they would yield a higher resale value. A search of Oth's residence in February 2021 resulted in the seizure of approximately three pounds of 100% pure methamphetamine and two firearms.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Divi-

sion; James Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Boston Field Division; Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; and Lynn Police Chief Christopher P. Reddy made the announcement. Assistance was provided by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maine; Maine Drug Enforcement Agency; Essex County, Middlesex County and Suffolk County District Attorney's Offices; Essex County and the Hancock County (Maine) Sheriff's Departments; and the Malden, Salem, Bangor (Maine), Portland (Maine) and Westbrook (Maine) Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Philip A. Mallard and Sarah Hoefle of Mendell's Organized Crime and Gang Unit prosecuted the case.

This effort is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF>.

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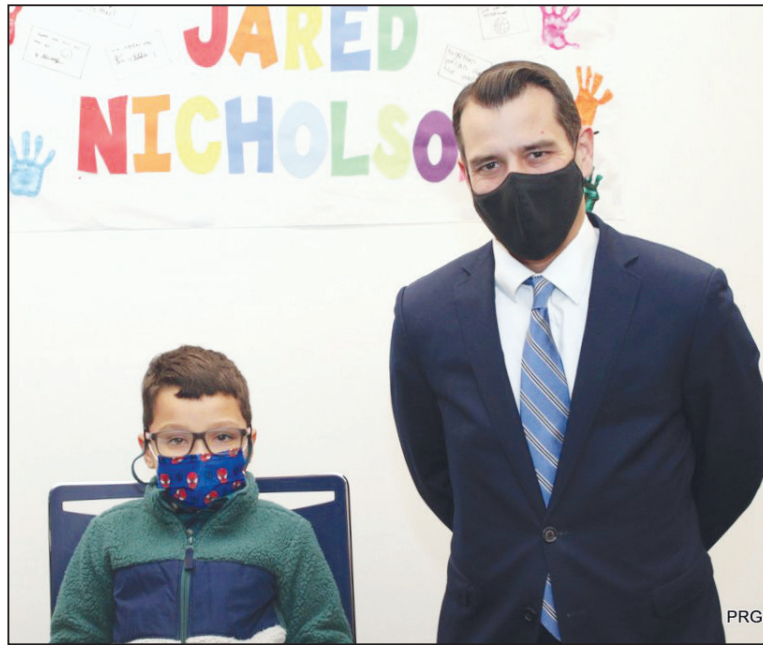
MEET AND GREET RECEPTION MAYOR-ELECT JARED NICHOLSON

Eighty-eight people registered for the Meet and Greet Reception at the Demakes Family YMCA. Everyone was excited and interested to meet the new Mayor-Elect and listen to his visions for Lynn as he fielded questions from the audience.

When Jared Nicholson became the new Mayor, the YMCA management team wanted to show their support for him. "This would be a great way of having a community Meet and Greet at the new "Y" for the residents and to see this new facility with Mayor Elect Jared Nicholson. We are all working toward the same direction for the city which will be a great partnership" said YMCA North CEO Kathleen Walsh. For the Lynn Y to be successful, it wants to have a good relationship with the city officials since it plays a major role within the Educational District.

During the question-and-answer period, Jared Nicholson spoke on highlighted topics concerning the city infrastructure, a ferry system into Boston, Blue Line extension, a clean environment, schools, and supporting small businesses.

His vision is to build Lynn into a first-rate city. People and businesses are beginning to see Lynn's potential. It has a magnificent ocean waterfront on one end of the city and a pristine wooded preserve reservation on the other side of the city. With Beacon Hill's supportive delegation and assistance from Congressman Moulton's office, Lynn will advance with Mayor-Elect Jared Nicholson's leadership.



Mathias Laurino was happy to meet Mayor-Elect Jared Nicholson.



St. Mary's Head of School John F. Dolan congratulates Mayor-Elect Jared Nicholson .



Mayor-Elect Nicholson share a moment with Lynn residents Jack and Jean Marie Minton.



Welcome Jared – Executive Director Andrea Baez, Mayor-Elect Jared Nicholson, and YMCA North CEO Kathleen Walsh.



Lynn voters meet Mayor Elect – Daniel Richard, Carolina Trujillo, Mayor-Elect Nicholson, Sandra Lopez, and Michelle Guzman



Mayor-Elect Jared Nicholson answer questions from the audience

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

St. Mary's celebrated the first ever lighting of the Christmas Tree at the Molloy Twomey Green. This was a joyous and festive time for the St. Mary's Choir and Sacred Heart School Scholars singing Christmas songs to a spirited audience of alumni, friends, and families as

all watched St. Mary's Dance Team perform. Bill Mosakowski and his wife, Janet, had the honor of lighting the Christmas Tree as he said, "Bring on the lights and Merry Christmas." Santa Claus made his appearance giving joy to everyone and wishing all a very Merry Christmas.



St. Mary's Choir Director Brandon Mayes conducts a Christmas song.



Julie, Sarah, Manarue, Madyson, and Krystin of the St. Mary's Dance Team with Santa Claus.



Enjoy the Christmas spirit – Lynn Fire Chief Stephen Archer, St. Mary's Administrator James Ridley, and MBTA Police Chief Kenneth Green.



Bill and Janet Mosakowski light the Christmas Tree.



St. Mary's Choir and Santa Claus with Bill and Janet Mosakowski, Dr. Betty Twomey, and Head of School Dr. John F. Dolan.



The St. Mary's Christmas Team – Head of School Dr. John F. Dolan, Lindsay Lockwood, Paul Price, Dr. Betty Twomey, St. Mary's Board Chair Bill Mosakowski, Janet Mosakowski, the Rev. Brian Flynn, AD Jeff Newhall, Communications Director Jamie Gigliotti, and Asst. Head of School David Angeramo.



Santa Claus greets Head of School Dr. John Dolan and Asst. Head of School David Angeramo.

Lynn English Drama Club to present play by Simon Stephens

The English Theater Collective, the drama club at Lynn English High School, is tackling an important work for their first show of the 2021-22 school year. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" is a play by Simon Stephens based on the book of the same name by Mark Haddon. It is the story of fifteen-year-old Christopher Boone, who has decided to investigate the killing of a neighbor's dog. In the process he discovers that the crime comes closer to home than the neighbor's house and his investigation sends him on a journey of which no one would have believed he was capable. Christopher is not just a curious teen. He is also autistic. Haddon's groundbreaking book, told from Christopher's point of view, was turned into an award-winning play. The story not only helps the audience understand how some autistic people experience the world, but it exemplifies the humanity of disabled people/youth and lets us see what people are capable of, given the drive and the support of a good teacher.

Young Christopher Boone has an unspecified form of autism

and attends a special school. He loves math and astronomy and science and excels in genius levels at them. But he is overwhelmed by the sensory input of the outside world. He cannot stand to be touched and when too much is happening around him, he shuts down completely. His teacher Siobhan has given him some strategies to cope, like counting the prime numbers. When he discovers that a neighbor's dog has been killed with a garden fork, he decides to indulge his love of mysteries and Sherlock Holmes and try to solve the murder. His mother has died and his father, a rough but loving man, tries to discourage Christopher from poking his nose into other people's business. But as he investigates he makes discovery after discovery that lead him eventually to take a trip into the chaotic outside world, from his town of Swindon eighty miles to the bustling city of London.

The students at LEHS have decided to take on this challenging work as part of their anti-racist/anti-discrimination manifesto implemented last year. The organization has made a pledge to

not only ensure that the members of the club reflect the impressive diversity of their school, but to present stories of underrepresented populations. The students see the stage as a platform for social and racial justice and want to give voice to the voiceless. This is the most challenging piece the students have ever worked on, incorporating more technical elements and technology than we have ever used before. With a cast of thirteen with many actors playing several roles and a lead actor who appears in every scene, the challenges are great. But the students are rising to the challenge, exhibiting dedication, determination, and emotional sensitivity...much the way Christopher does.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time will play at Lynn English High School, 50 Goodridge Street Lynn MA on January 14-15 and 21-22 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 cash only at the door. Students with ID are free. Covid safety protocols are in place with masks required indoors and seating spaced apart. Go to LEHSDrama.org for more information.

LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

ALEXA NOVA VARGAS RECEIVES FIRST TRIMESTER HONORS

Pingree School is proud to announce that Alexa Nova Vargas, of Lynn, has been placed on the Honor Roll for the first trimester of the 2021-2022 academic year.

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

This recognition acknowledges Alexa's commitment to learning, and we hope it serves as fur-

ther encouragement to continue this high level of performance.

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through the ranks, eventually leading to his becoming chief in 1987 at the age of 49, a position he held until his retirement in 2000, a tenure that marked him as the longest-serving Police Chief in the city's history.

We know we join with all of our fellow Lynn residents in offering our condolences to Mary, his beloved wife of 62 years, their children, and their large and extended family.

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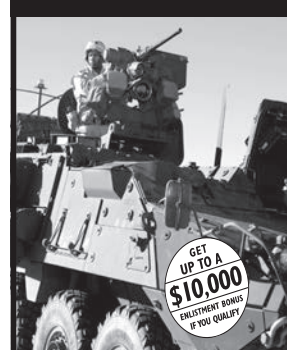
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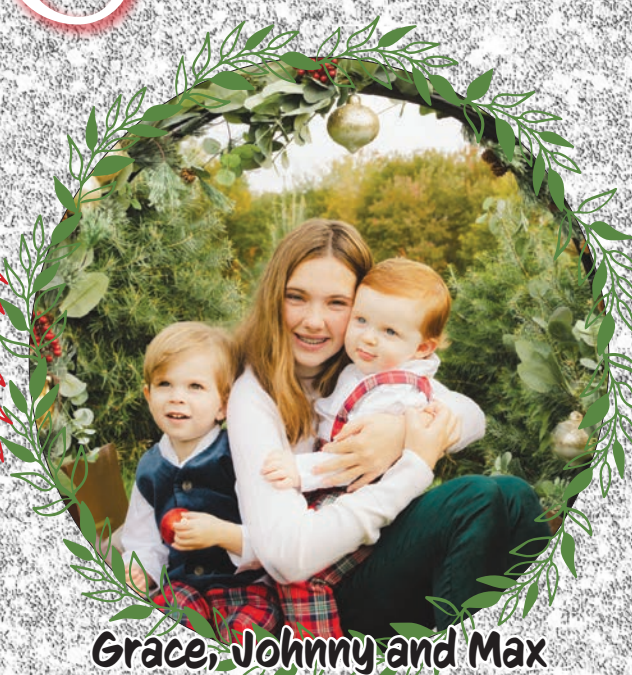


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Adeline, Andrew**

HOLIDAY GATHERING FOR WARD 7 COUNCILOR JAY WALSH

A very hard working, dedicated Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh met many supporters at his Holiday gathering. State Representative Peter Capano introduced Jay as he said, "Jay and I worked together on the Council and at Local 201. He cares about his work and about the city. Jay puts his heart and soul into everything he does. I believe Jay will develop good working relationships with Mayor elect Jared Nicholson, the Council, and do good things for the city."

The city has faced some challenging years dealing with Covid-19, providing a food bank for residents, and getting the city financially stable. Jay stated, "I look toward for the future of Lynn. We will have a great City Council team working together".

"City officials are going into next year feeling better; we want to send out one message to the city at a time. It will be important to do that and have more people involved."

As Jay continued to explain, "I see Lynn getting better and better each day. Even though, we all faced previous difficult times, some good things are happening for example, the Rail Trail Pathway. When people work together good things develop. This project connects neighborhoods and demonstrates how goals are achieved."

Ward 7 Councilor Walsh has the confidence to become the next Council President. He has the experience of being on the Council for three consecutive terms, a former VP of Local 201, and currently a local business owner. He is excited to see the city move ahead; he is humbled by his colleagues voting him into this new position. As the city moves into a new year, he sees development occurring, local park improvement plans evolving, and having a unified official city message. These are good positive signs for the City of Lynn.



The Walsh Family – Jayla, Jay, and Jill.



Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh spread the Holiday spirit to City Clerk Janet Rowe, and Kay Rowe.



Joining Jay Walsh at his Fundraiser – Steve Babbitt, Mayor Thomas McGee, and Lynn Personnel Director Drew Russo.



Mayor-Elect Jared Nicholson and Councillor-at-Large Hong Net with Jay, Laurie, and John Sr. Walsh.



Lynn Housing and Neighborhood Development staff – Director Charlie Gaeta, Carly McClain, Jay Walsh, and Jeff Weeden.



Lynn School Committee members, Lorraine Gately, Donna Coppola, and Lenny Pena, with Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh.



Lynn City Councilors – Brian Field, Buzzy Barton, Jay Walsh, Fred Hogan, Dianna Chakoutis, Brian LaPierre, Richard Colucci, Rick Starbard, and Coco Alinsug.

Lynn English girls basketball unveils new motto: Just Us

By Cary Shuman

When Travonne Berry-Rogers played basketball at Lynn English High School and Merrimack College, he was a dynamic, crowd-pleasing player.

Berry-Rogers is now bringing that on-court energy to the Lynn English girls basketball program, carrying on the great work done by former coaches Mackenzie Charles and Fred Hogan.

Berry-Rogers has unveiled a new team motto for his first season as head coach: "JUST US". The players had the new motto on their warm-up jerseys at the Paul Duchane Jamboree Saturday.

The motto appears as one word as the letters "US" are highlighted inside the word "JUST".

Berry-Rogers explained the motto's significance in an interview following his team's scrimmage against Bishop Fenwick in the jamboree.

"That's our motto that we're living by this season," said Berry-Rogers. "The focal point on that is anything that happens on the outside that doesn't happen with us - we can't focus on it. If we win, we lose, it's just us. We can't blame it on anybody else. We're responsible for all the things that we do and that we're going to accomplish."

Lynn English opened its season Tuesday with an 85-11 win over Chelsea. Makenzie Acevedo led the way with 19 points. Amara Flores (12 points) and Maddy Laurino (11 points) also paced the Bulldogs in the rout of



Jaeleigh Perry of the Lynn English girls basketball team looks to drive to the basket during the scrimmage against Bishop Fenwick in the Paul Duchane Basketball Jamboree Saturday at Lynn Classical High School.

the host Red Devils.

"I think it looks really good in the GBL," said Berry-Rogers. "We're going to be alright. We're going to bring a lot of pressure to every single team that we play. We have a lot of talented players.

We're still building. We're still adapting to our new culture and our new system, but we're going to be just fine."

Berry-Rogers, who is in his seventh year as a coach (he was an assistant on the two-time Division 1 state champion Lynn English boys basketball team) is being assisted on the English bench by coaches Lashaunda Hogan, a former Lynn English basketball standout and daughter of Ward 6 Councillor Fred Hogan, and Angel DeLeon, who has several years of coaching experience in the English program.

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(one-half) scrimmages. Following are his responses:

Is it a challenge to get 18 teams to participate in the Jamboree? It really is not a challenge to get 18 teams to play in the Jamboree, especially given the date was on the second Saturday of the season which is a perfect spot to have the Jamboree with most teams opening their season the following Tuesday. Couple the good date with many teams that come back year after year and before you know it the field of teams is full.

Were you happy to see Mrs. Roseanne Duchane and Lynn Classical Principal Amy Dunn at the Jamboree? It was such a pleasure to see Mrs. Duchane in the stands as she has been for every year that I can remember. It was also great to see Lynn Classical Principal Mrs. Dunn in the stands as she is a big supporter of all the Classical teams, and we especially appreciate her support of the Classical girls basketball program.

Do the proceeds go to Paul Duchane Scholarships? The money raised at the Jamboree is used for scholarships to graduating Classical senior girls basketball players. We all know that every amount helps with the cost of college today, and we are happy to help out with the proceeds from the Jamboree.

Whom do you want to thank for assisting you in making the 2021 Paul Duchane Jamboree a success? There are so many that help put the Jamboree on that I'm afraid I will forget someone. Certainly Event Supervisors Classical AD Bill Devin and Assistant AD Cathy Ellis, the many referees who donate their time under the leadership of Bill Phillips



Junior guard Ava Thurman goes up for a two-point attempt in Lynn Classical's scrimmage against Hamilton Wenham in the Paul Duchane Jamboree.

this year, the Classical building staff who prepare the gym led by Robin Russo, all the high school coaches, ADs and teams that participated, ticket takers Mark Duchane and Ted Gaudreault, clock administrators Dick Ruth and Laurie Wentzell, security monitor Arnie Ellis, Trainer Jon Crocker, concession stand coordinators Lee Ann Baldini and Ruth Sawyer and my assistant coaches who pitch in to do whatever is needed, Rob Smith, Shardaye Berry and Alina Garrity. As you can see it takes several and I certainly hope I didn't forget anyone.

Do you intend to hold the Jamboree again next year? We absolutely intend on holding the Jamboree again next year which would be the 29th annual Paul Duchane Girls Basketball Jamboree. The Jamboree is such a great event on a number of levels, such as honoring the legacy of Mr. Duchane, raising funds for scholarships, and then the basketball on the court, so I hope it continues for many years to come.

Thank you, Coach Sawyer.



Lynn Classical's Delaney Dana is closely guarded by a Hamilton-Wenham player in the Paul Duchane Basketball Jamboree.

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OUTGOING MEMBERS HONORED

CHELSEA - Last week's School Committee meeting was the last for members Marisol Santiago and Rosemarie Carlisle.

During the meeting, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta (virtually) presented plaques to the two members for their service to the School Committee and the community.

"We wanted to say thank you to Marisol for (her) service to our Chelsea community and undying commitment to our schools," said Abeyta. "We are so grateful and we just wanted to publicly say thank you."

Carlisle is retiring from the School Committee after 27 years of service.

"We are so incredibly grateful and I know you have seen many superintendents and leadership teams come and go, and I am so fortunate I got the opportunity to work with you and you will be missed," said Abeyta.

Committee member Jeanette Velez said Carlisle is a force that's kept the School Committee on its toes.

"I wish you all the best and we will truly miss you," said Velez.

Velez also praised Santiago for being thorough and asking the questions that needed to be asked during the meetings.

Committee Chair Kelly Garcia thanked Carlisle for being a mentor.

"I knew I could always count on you to hear me out and express my concerns, and you reassured me," said Garcia. "You trusted me like I was your daughter, and I will forever miss that feeling."

Garcia also praised Santiago for her service.

"I aspire to ask as many questions as you," she said. "You are always thinking of the things that we should be thinking about that should be on the forefront of our brains."

Abeyta also presented a plaque to Garcia for her service as the committee's chair over the past year.

"We thank you so much for your commitment to the community of Chelsea and to the Chelsea public schools and the work we've done in the middle of a pandemic," said Abeyta. "Thank you for your leadership, and we are so grateful."

WYNN DEVELOPMENT PROPOSES ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX

EVERETT - Wynn Development DBA East Broadway LLC, has announced that the company has filed plans with the City of Everett for a mixed-use development project along Lower Broadway, located across from Encore Boston Harbor. The initial phase of the project will introduce a two-story restaurant and retail space at approximately 20,000 square feet, an 1,800-seat event venue with pre-function space, and a 2,310-space parking garage to serve the new venues.

A key element to the project is a 475-foot high fully enclosed pedestrian bridge over Lower Broadway; the footbridge will be accessible at all times to the public via elevator and stairs on both sides of Broadway and will include moving walkways to assist those with mobility difficulties. Among the benefits of this infrastructure enhancement are pedestrian safety, improved traffic flow, and greater site accessibility. Currently, the long walk and light signals needed for pedestrian crossing are impacting traffic in the area.

"Wynn Development looks forward to feedback from the City of Everett and to collaborating with the community as we plan for the first phase of our proposed entertainment district. This project will further deliver on our promise to create jobs, increase economic impact, and generate revenue for the City of Everett, its residents, and the region," said Chris Gordon, President of Wynn Development. "Over time, the restaurants, shops, entertainment venue, and the beautiful public pedestrian bridge created by this proposed development will continue the transformation of Lower Broadway into an exciting destination and a welcoming entryway into Everett."

"The development plan proposed by Wynn Development supports the vision and goals Everett has laid out in our Lower Broadway District Urban Renewal Plan, which are to further transform Lower Broadway into an inviting and vibrant place that will create jobs and generate revenue for the city and the people



Pine Hillers – (Row 1 L-R): Mary Mannion Jules, Maria McGee, Michelle Mannion, Lacie and Carlos Cassarano, Shery McGee, Alex Conroy, & Rhonda Mitchell; (Row 2 L-R) Carl and Joyce Erikson, Lisa O'Keefe, Tom Mannion, Jerry and Robin Burke, Russ and Ann Smith, Jamie Kelly, Shawn McGee, Scott Mitchell, Donny Conroy, Tom McGee, Dick Burke, Melisa and Glenn Christy.

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email with the next dinner gathering, as well as our annual golf weekend down the cape with the guys "The Grun Run " or a ski weekend in North Conway with the guys and gals "The Shawn Run".

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of Everett," said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "The addition of the pedestrian bridge as part of the proposed plan will increase safety for Everett residents and all pedestrians and will serve as a gateway to a revitalized Lower Broadway District and a new future for Everett."

The site for the proposed development is located on land purchased by Wynn Development along the east side of Broadway between Dexter and Mystic Streets and will be in the Lower Broadway Economic Development District. The project will contribute to transforming the district from an industrial area into a mixed-use neighborhood that supports access to the waterfront. In addition, a generously landscaped sidewalk protected by street trees will both improve the pedestrian experience and accommodate changes for the future implementation of Broadway Complete Streets.

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Encore Boston Harbor is a luxury resort destination featuring a 210,000 square foot casino, 671 hotel rooms, an ultra-premium spa, specialty retail, 16 dining and lounge venues, and approximately 71,000 square feet of state-of-the-art ballroom and meeting spaces. Situated on the waterfront along the Mystic Riv-

er in Everett, Massachusetts, the resort has created a six-acre public park and Harborwalk along the shoreline. It is the largest private, single-phase development in the history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Wynn Macau is a luxury hotel and casino resort located in the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China with two luxury hotel towers with a total of 1,010 spacious rooms and suites, approximately 252,000 square feet of casino space, 12 food and beverage outlets, approximately 31,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, approximately 59,000 square feet of retail space, and recreation and leisure facilities including two opulent spas, a salon and a rotunda show.

Wynn Palace is a luxury integrated resort in Macau. Designed as a floral-themed destination, it boasts 1,706 exquisite rooms, suites and villas, approximately 424,000 square feet of casino space, 14 food and beverage outlets, approximately 37,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, approximately 106,000 square feet of designer retail, SkyCabs that traverse an eight-acre Performance Lake, an extensive collection of rare art, a lush spa, salon and recreation and leisure facilities.

Traffic Study for East Broadway Development

Improving public safety along Lower Broadway

- Wynn Development is proposing to build a 425-foot long, 50-foot high, enclosed, climate controlled pedestrian bridge that would be accessible to the public 24-hours from the sidewalks on either side of Broadway. This ADA accessible bridge would cross Lower Broadway between Mystic and Dexter Streets.

- Currently, pedestrians must use a crosswalk to walk across this section of Broadway, which is a major thoroughfare serving Everett and through-traffic in the region. The proposed addition of the pedestrian bridge will allow people with a diversity of abilities to cross this wide street above the road safely, calmly, and at their leisure rather than having to cross the wide stretch of Lower Broadway at street-level.

- The proposed bridge would meet the needs of pedestrians by being open 24-hours and having elevator access, moving walkways (like those in airports), and being enclosed with heating and cooling. The bridge would be

monitored for safety, maintained, and decorated by Wynn Development.

Enhancing Traffic Flow on Broadway and Adjacent Roads

- The proposed pedestrian bridge will significantly enhance the traffic flow on Broadway by removing the need for the long-cycle crosswalk and light signals and the time waiting for pedestrians to cross that can cause backups.

- The AECOM traffic study commissioned by Wynn Development shows that the proposed pedestrian bridge will not only mitigate any increased traffic generated in the future by the proposed entertainment venue and restaurant, it will also improve the current rate of traffic flow and reduce traffic in adjacent intersections by increasing their car capacity ability by 29%.

- The proposed bridge and elimination of the crosswalk signal and people crossing would mitigate traffic flow issues created by the entertainment venue and restaurants. The AECOM traffic study projects the following changes to Broadway traffic during commute times:

- o Morning commute 7-9 am: range from 15 -22 additional cars
- o Evening commute 5-6 pm 120 additional cars

- Additionally, Wynn Development is proposing adding new turning lanes on Broadway and on Dexter Street that would serve the proposed parking garage, which would move cars generated by the restaurant or entertainment venue out of the traffic flowing on Broadway.

Enriching the Streetscape of Lower Broadway

- The proposed pedestrian bridge, designed by Elkus Manfredi, will be a beautiful and highly functional part of the streetscape of Lower Broadway with its access points being welcoming and attractive parts of the sidewalks and contribute to the City of Everett's current efforts to making the city more pedestrian-friendly.

- Wynn Development is proposing generous landscaping and attractive hardscaping at the development site that will make Lower Broadway a more inviting, exciting, and beautiful public space for residents of Everett and visitors.

- Wynn Development is also proposing the widening of Dexter Street (off Broadway) which will improve both the appearance and traffic flow on that street.

OBITUARIES

Thomas Donahue National Grid retiree

Thomas D. Donahue, 66, of Lynn passed away at home on November 30 surrounded by his loving family.

Tom was born in Boston on December 23, 1954, grew up in Winthrop and graduated from Winthrop High School in 1972. He went on to attend Mass Maritime Academy graduating in 1976. After graduation, he started his career in the Merchant Marines where he worked as an engineer on oil tankers. In 1985, Tom went to work for Mass Electric (now National Grid), retiring in 2018 after a 36 year career.

In addition to his work, Tom enjoyed spending time with his family. He especially loved fishing, camping and boating with his two boys.

Tom was preceded in death by his mother, Anne Donahue, his father, Robert Donahue and his brother, Paul Donahue. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Diane Andros Donahue and his sons, Thomas Donahue Jr. and James Donahue. He also leaves behind his siblings: Linda Donahue, Robert Donahue Jr., Ann Donahue, Sean Donahue,



Carol Benson and her husband, Harry, Maureen DelSolio and her husband, John, Mary Page and her husband, Chris, as well as many nieces nephews and friends.

Services were held on December 4 at Solimine Funeral Home, 426 Broadway, Lynn. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tom's name can be made to Care Dimensions Hospice 75 Sylvan St. Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923.

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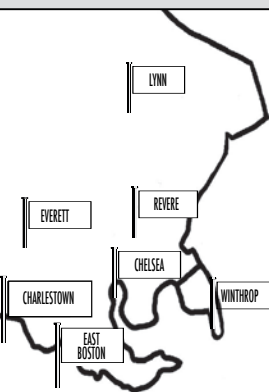
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