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LYNN CLASSICAL SPORTS GREAT ERIC MCGRATH ATTENDS FRANCIS OUIMET FUND ANNUAL BANQUET AT ENCORE

Former Lynn Classical and Trinity College superstar Eric McGrath was a guest at the Ouimet Fund's Annual Banquet honoring CBS sportscaster Jim Nantz. The event supported the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund that awards college scholarships to deserving students who have worked at Massachusetts golf courses. Pictured at the Ouimet Banquet, held at Encore Boston Harbor in Everett, are, (front row, from left) former NHL star, Mark Fayne, Bernie Lynch, Wayland legend Chris Doran, and Drew DeLorey. Back row, from left, are Harvard Hockey '11 Captain Chris Huxley, financial advisor and Port enthusiast John Cluney, Eric McGrath, New England Revolution Director of Soccer Operations and future Hall of Famer, Chris Tierney, Table host and Notre Dame alumnus William Maich, and former Georgetown baseball ace Mike "Hal" Halloran.

Crighton will run for re-election to State Senate

By Cary Shuman

Lynn's Brendan Crighton is a rising star in the Massachusetts State Senate, the esteemed governmental body that first met in 1780 and is part of the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Crighton is one of 40 state senators in the Commonwealth and represents the Third Essex District that includes the communities of Lynn, Nahant, Marblehead, Swampscott, Lynnfield, and Saugus. After serving as a Lynn city councillor and state representative, Crighton was elected to the State Senate in 2018, succeeding Thomas McGee, who had stepped down to become the Mayor of Lynn. Crighton announced Tuesday that he has pulled his nomination papers for re-election to the State

Senate in the 2022 election.

Crighton has been very effective in his role as state senator, helping Lynn secure many key state grants, most recently \$250,000 in funding for the Lynn Auditorium. Crighton worked with State Reps. Dan Cahill and Peter Capano to secure that funding from the Mass Cultural Council's Gaming Mitigation Grant.

Crighton has been appointed Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation. He will serve alongside State Representative William Straus, who is the House Chair of the Committee. The Vice Chairs of the committee are Sen. John Keenan and Rep. Marcos Devers, while Rep. Capano of Lynn and other legislators will serve on the committee

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Kelly's On the Beach!

Roast beef giant will set up shop in Florida

By Cary Shuman

If you're traveling to southwestern Florida, you will soon see the sign of a popular Revere Beach landmark that has served generations of roast beef sandwich connoisseurs.

Kelly's Roast Beef, the iconic restaurant that started on Revere Beach in 1951 and introduced the hot roast beef sandwich to America, will open a Kelly's restaurant in Sarasota, Florida this summer.

Kelly's Roast Beef Director Dean Murphy confirmed to the Revere Journal that Kelly's will open at the University Town Center Mall in Sarasota, the first of what is expected to be a succession of new Kelly's locations in the Sunshine State.

"My daughter drove by the site the other day and there was a sign, 'Kelly's Is Coming'," said Murphy.

The news of Kelly's impending arrival in Sarasota is being greeted with much excitement. Both the Sarasota Herald Tribune newspaper and Sarasota Magazine have featured Kelly's in stories. There are many former North Shore residents who live in southern Florida and are reportedly counting down the days to when they can enjoy a delicious Kelly's roast beef sandwich, its signature fried clams, and its rich and creamy clam chowder.

"Kelly's will have all its staple

food items at the Sarasota location," said Murphy.

Kelly's currently has locations in Revere, Medford, Saugus, and Danvers and a franchise at Logan Airport's Terminal B.

Like other food businesses, Kelly's has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic which limited dining at indoor restaurants, although the drive-thru windows in Saugus, Medford, and Danvers stayed open. With the pandemic finally turning the corner, a great summer of food and fun at Kelly's on Revere Beach - where the lines are long but worth the wait on beach days – is in the forecast.

Dean Murphy has been a part of the Kelly's family for decades, starting at the Revere Beach location

"I've been with the company for 47 years," said Murphy. "I was 17 years old when I started behind the counter at Kelly's on Revere Beach. And I'm still working my high school job. It's been a great ride."

Murphy said the company takes pride in Kelly's being the creator of the hot roast beef sandwich and it being the gold standard in the industry.

"Even Arby's gave us credit for having the first roast beef sandwich," said Murphy. "They wrote a book about their journey and acknowledged Kelly's for having the first roast beef sandwich."

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EDITORIAL

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW

As this is being written, a huge Russian Army is standing ready and poised, at the whim of Russian dictator Vladimir Putin, to invade the nation of Ukraine, potentially bringing death and devastation to Europe on a scale not seen since 1939 when Nazi Germany invaded Poland with a bliztkrieg.

As was the case in 1939, when authoritarian leaders in Germany, Italy, and Japan combined to form an Axis, Putin and his fellow dictator, Xi Jinping of China, are conspiring to set the world ablaze. Putin has Ukraine in his crosshairs and Xi likewise has his sights set on an invasion of Taiwan.

The big difference between now and then is that these dictators possess nuclear weapons, which makes an all-out war unthinkable.

That means that they can get away with pretty much anything. They know that the U.S., which is their only countervailing force, will be hesitant to engage them directly because of the threat of escalation into a nuclear conflict.

Another difference between now and then is that both Russia and China have the ability to wreak havoc throughout the world by means of cyber warfare. The world economy, including that of the U.S., is incredibly vulnerable to Russian and Chinese hacks.

Make no mistake about it -- if the U.S. imposes the severe economic sanctions on Russia that are being promised by the Biden administration, the Russians will retaliate with a scale of cyber warfare that will make the hacks of last year look like child's play.

Another key difference between 1939 and today is that Russia plays a huge role in the world's energy markets. Although the Russian economy is only a fraction the size of California's, Russia serves as the major energy provider for Western Europe. A shutdown of the delivery of Russian natural gas and oil to Europe will drive energy prices skyrocketing beyond their already-high levels.

Our so-called allies in the Middle East, especially Saudi Arabia, could help out, but they're in bed with the Russians. Their decision to keep oil output artificially low is creating an energy crisis not seen since the Arab oil embargoes of the 1970s and early 1980s

In addition, U.S. oil producers have joined the Saudi-Russian oil-opoly by limiting energy production in this country, thereby keeping prices artificially high. If energy prices continue their upward trend, the Biden administration may have to order a nationalization of the oil industry to increase domestic output.

World history has shown that dictators do what dictators do. Putin, Xi, and MBS essentially are dictators for life and face no consequences for their policies and actions in their own countries. All three have cracked down brutally on political opponents and various ethnic groups that may pose even a remote threat to their regimes.

As they seek to expand their authoritarian regimes beyond their borders, world peace will be in peril.

Dark days lie ahead.

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We all face challenges

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Everyone will face insurmountable challenges in life. The price of longevity is heartache, opposition, failures, grief and life events that come out of nowhere. Life is filled with the death of loved ones, financial ups and downs, daily health challenges and world events that impact us whether we like them or not.

Russia is going to invade Ukraine. Most of us don't like Russia anyway but we have to sit here and watch what they are doing to someone else while it negatively affects our energy, financial stability, our military, and our everyday lives. We don't like it; we don't want it but we will be impacted by the evil decisions of Russia's leadership. Can you imagine how the people of Ukraine feel?

We despise what Covid-19 has done to all us. Mask wearing, vaccinations and the fear of gathering have tormented us. The loss of family and friends who went into Intensive Care Units and never came home haunts us. Can we begin to imagine how they felt as they struggled to breathe on respirators their last few days of life?

We have all faced news that a loved one was killed on the battlefield, or someone died suddenly of a heart attack, or received news of terminal cancer.

Typically, we ask why? We ask God, "Why has this happened?" or "Why me, God?" Often there is rarely a good answer. We can analyze and say, "This could have been prevented. Or, this is how he or she should have lived their lives." Sports fans making suggestions from their recliners while watching reruns always see how the play could have been run better.

Life is always in motion. We make decisions. We react to situations differently. We don't always do the right thing and emotions often overturn commonsense.

The reality is that we all face and walk through fires. Most of the time we're hopeful that everything will work out alright. Often, things do. Unfortunately, everything doesn't always work out alright. If we manage to survive, that's when we have to help others who are crushed in spirit, who can't see the light of day for the darkness in their lives.

Ukraine needs their allies or they will never be the same. It can't be all the United States. We can't save everyone and have proved it over and again from Afghanistan to Iraq to Vietnam.

There are always those around you who need your emotional and spiritual support. If nothing else, friendship and a word of kindness and support are always meaningful.

Most of the time, we feel as if we face our greatest challenges alone. A lonely place of desperation is a dark place to be.

Don't ever go there. Look to God. When money, friends, education, hospitals, doctors and the church can't fix what you are facing God can see you through. He never leaves us or forsakes us. His hand is strong and nothing can pull us out of his mighty

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 Auditorium awarded \$250,000 grant

State Sen. Brendan Crighton, Rep. Peter Capano, Rep. Dan Cahill announced that the Lynn Auditorium has been awarded \$250,000 from Mass Cultural Council's Gaming Mitigation

In this round of funding, 39 organizations will receive a total of \$3,675,000, with individual awards ranging from \$2,500 \$250,000. Grant amounts are based on a formula that considers the percentage of performances featuring touring artists, and the amount of fees paid to those art-

"The Lynn Auditorium has brought countless artists and performances to the heart of our city for decades," said Rep. Capano. "MCC's Gaming Mitigation Grant will help ensure that the auditorium can continue to attract superb talent for years to come.'

In recent years, smaller nonprofit venues, local arts organizations and municipal auditoriums have been priced out of booking live talent due to competition from larger resort-style casinos. The casinos have an advantage as they can afford to pay higher talent fees and offer better amenities and accommodations to the artists such as luxury housing.

This state grant program provides money to these smaller venues to help be competitive in booking touring artists and entertainment. It was established by the Legislature in the Expanded Gaming Act and is funded through casino revenues (2% of

"Having top-tier shows at the Lynn Auditorium is a key driver in enriching our downtown area and spurring economic activity," said Senator Crighton. "This funding will help us secure this premiere talent.".

Rep. Cahill said that arts and culture are a vital part of the

COVID-19 recovery. "This money will go a long way to support the city's effort to attract acts that will bring patrons to our restaurants," said Cahill.

Lynn Auditorium's Executive Director James Marsh thanked the legislature for including these provisions in the gaming law aimed at protecting mid-sized live entertainment venues like the Lynn Auditorium.

"We will certainly put these funds to good use and continue to secure topnotch talent here in Lynn," Marsh said.

The Lynn Auditorium already has some headline artists booked this year including artists Nelly and Pitbull.

"The Lynn Auditorium has provided a sense of community for years and has continuously been a place to celebrate and entertain. We are fortunate to have the auditorium and we want to ensure that we are utilizing the auditorium to the best of our abilities," said Mayor Nicholson. "This grant allows for further opportunities that will take Lynn to new heights."

Ivy league pair signed to North Shore Navigators roster

The North Shore Navigators have added a pair of Massachusetts natives from familiar Ivy League programs to their roster for the New England Collegiate Baseball League's (NECBL) upcoming 2022 season.

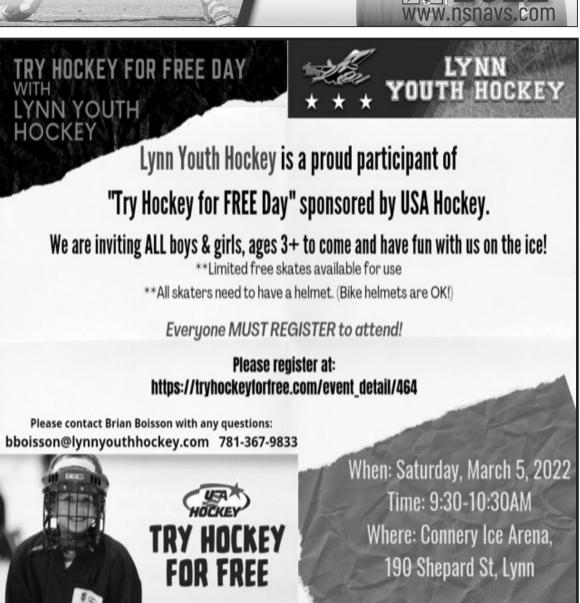
Infielder Connor Bertsch comes to the North Shore from Dartmouth College, where he is a current junior and started in two games at third base before his freshman season in 2020 was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The West Roxbury native spent the tail end of last

summer in the NECBL, hitting .343 with four RBI and four runs scored in 14 games for the Vermont Mountaineers. Bertsch was a two-time All-ISL ballplayer at St. Sebastian's School and also earned three varsity letters in both basketball and football.

Hailing from Foxboro, Reece Rappoli is set to make his collegiate debut as a Brown University sophomore after earning Hamptons Collegiate League All-Star honors with four home runs and 20 RBI last summer for the North Fork Ospreys. Rappoli, whose father played in the Boston Red Sox organization, played shortstop at Xaverian Brothers High School and took home all-state and all-star awards as a sophomore.

The Navs kick off their 15th summer of collegiate baseball on Tuesday, June 7 with the home opener at Fraser Field set for Thursday, June 9. Stay up to date on the latest Navs news by visiting nsnavs.com and following the team on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.





Crighton CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Former Joint Transportation Chair Joseph Boncore of Winthrop, who is now CEO of the Mass Biotechnology Council, was among the officials praising Crighton's appointment as chair.

"I can't say enough about Sen. Crighton and his commitment to transportation projects and growth in this region," said Boncore. "I think the Senate and the Commonwealth will both be well served with Brendan Crighton ascending to the Chair of Transportation. I think he has been such a good advocate for infrastructure projects around the Blue Line, creating access to transportation issues for the North Shore, especially his hometown of Lynn.

"But Brendan Crihgton also transcends state government. He has an incredible ability to navigate the federal government. With all the Build Back Better transportation and infrastructure funding that is out there, I think Sen. Crighton is going to help the Commonwealth grow its transportation options," concluded Boncore.

Crighton thanked Senate President Karen Spilka for appointing him as Joint Chair of the Transportation Committee.

"Thank you to President Spilka for entrusting me with this important responsibility. Transportation is at a pivotal moment as we try to reach our emission reduction goals, combat congestion that is returning to pre-pandemic levels and decide how to effectively utilize once in a generation infrastructure funding," said Senator Crighton. "I look forward to working with my colleagues in the legislature, local officials and community partners to build a 21st century transportation system that works for everyone."

Crighton also serves as Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Personnel and Administration and the Joint Committee on Revenue and is a member of four other committees: Intergovernmental Affairs, Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, and Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Crighton is a 2001 graduate of Lynn Classical High School where he was captain of the football team. He went on to play football at Colby College, where he received his Bachelor's degree in Government. He also holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Suffolk University.



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Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug debuts exciting monthly newsletter

By Cary Shuman

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Coco Alinsug is a community leader, the Ward 3 city councilor - and now the creator of the new Coco Alinsug Ward 3 newsletter.

Alinsug's monthly newsletter debuted this week and it's become an instant hit, drawing more than 500 subscribers, and growing. It's a newsy, informative, and uplifting edition that shines the spotlight on issues in Ward 3 and features stories about Ward 3 residents.

In the first edition, Alinsug writes about Precinct Captains, Sue Walker, John Hogan, Lisa



Coco Alinsug.

Prak, Sandra Corneau, and Bonnie Carr, and Ward 3 Youth Intern Abigail Rosario. Also featured in the newsletter is Ward 3 representative on the Citizens Advisory Board, Sandy Anshewitz.

There are plenty of photos and important information such as how to report a pothole in the

Alinsug said he is one of two Lynn city councilors who publish newsletters. "The first one was done by Rick Starbard of Ward 2," he said.

The Ward 3 councillor explained his reasons for launching the newsletter. "When I was running for office, the clamor of the people was that they want to be updated on things happening in the ward in a newsletter," he said. "Some residents don't have Facebook and wanted a newsletter available through email."

Alinsug said that the newsletter is also available to residents outside of Ward 3. "Anyone in the city of Lynn who wants to know more about Ward 3 can receive the newsletter."

The councilor has already begun plans for the next edition of the newsletter that will be emailed to subscribers during the last week of March.

"There's a new Jamaican restaurant coming to Ward 3 and the owner expressed her support for my advocacy and my work in the community through the newsletter," said Alinsug. "I'm excited to welcome this business to Ward 3, and in the future, I'll be featuring other restaurants and other businesses."

Known for his many community service and grassroots projects, Alinsug is proud of his newsletter and grateful for the incredible response from his constituents.

"The newsletter is going to be engaging," said Alinsug. "My community and grassroots experiences are working now in my role as a city councillor, and I'm happy to provide an information source for residents of Ward 3 and city wide."

conspiracy MS-13 leader sentenced to 15 years in prison for RICO

A member of the violent MS-13 gang and leader of a local MS-13 clique was sentenced on Friday, Feb. 18, in federal court in Boston for RICO conspiracy.

Djavier Duggins, "Haze," 32, of Lynn, was sentenced by U.S. Senior District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf to 15 year in prison and three years of supervised release. In April 2021, Duggins pleaded guilty to racketeering, or RICO, conspiracy on behalf of MS-13.

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MS-13, or La Mara Salvatrucha, is a transnational street gang operating in Massachusetts and numerous other states, as well as countries such as El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. MS-13 gang members often commit acts of extreme violence against suspected rivals, those suspected of cooperating with law enforcement, and others who the gang views as a threat. The gang is also known for recruiting young members at local high schools,

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who are then groomed to commit violence in furtherance of the gang's mission. In recent years, dozens of MS-13 members have been convicted of RICO conspiracy and other serious felonies in the District of Massachusetts.

MS-13 is organized into "cliques" or branches operating in local territories. Duggins was a "homeboy," or full member of the MS-13 gang, and the leader of the "Sykos Locos Salvatrucha" (Sykos) clique of MS-13 for the better part of a decade. Achieving promotion to "homeboy" in MS-13 generally requires the commission of a significant act of violence, often including murder. As part of his leadership role, Duggins personally recruited, mentored and encouraged younger clique members to commit violence on behalf of MS-13.

The evidence in this case showed that Duggins had been a leader of MS-13 since approximately 2006 and was part of the core group of MS-13 members who helped build up the Sykos clique of MS-13 in Lynn. In 2012, Duggins and another member of the Sykos clique participated in an attempted murder during which Duggins stabbed a victim multiple times on a public street. For that crime, Duggins was prosecuted in state court for armed assault with intent to murder and other charges and was sentenced to 54 months in state prison.

The investigation revealed that after Duggins was released from state prison in 2016, he went back to associating with MS-13 and helped co-defendant Erick Lopez Flores recruit and mentor the next generation of the gang. For example, upon learning of a 2016 murder committed

by co-defendant Henri Salvador Gutierrez in East Boston, Duggins recruited Gutierrez to the Sykos clique and offered to promote him to a higher rank based on his prior violence.

Duggins remained a leader of the Sykos clique in the years following his release from state prison in 2016. During his leadership, members of the Sykos clique continued to engage in racketeering activity and violence on behalf of MS-13.

On July 30, 2018, six members of the Sykos clique participated in a horrific murder in Lynn where they lured a teenage victim to a playground pretending to be friendly with the unsuspecting victim. At the scene, the gang members surrounded the victim and repeatedly stabbed him to death. An autopsy revealed that the victim suffered at least 32 sharp force trauma wounds consistent with being stabbed repeatedly, along with blunt force injuries to the head.

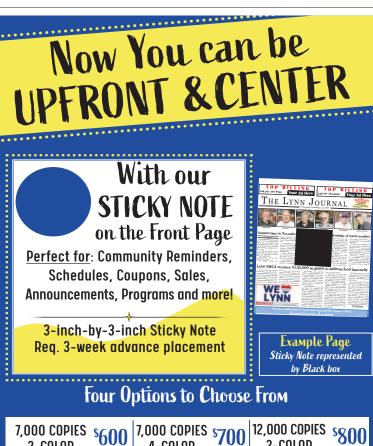
Although Duggins did not participate in the 2018 murder committed by other members of his clique, the Court noted Duggins' leadership role and his longstanding involvement in the gang as reasons to impose the 15-year sentence on Duggins.

Following an investigation in November 2018, Duggins was indicted along with five MS-13 members who participated in the July 2018 murder in Lynn. In a related case, the government charged a juvenile co-conspirator who was the sixth person involved in the Lynn murder. All six defendants indicted in this case, along with the juvenile charged in the related case, have pleaded guilty. Duggins is the fourth defendant to be sen-

tenced. On Feb. 16, 2022, Henri Salvador Gutierrez, a/k/a "Perverso," was sentenced to life in prison. On Feb. 14, 2022, Erick Lopez Flores, a/k/a "Mayimbu," was sentenced to 40 years in prison. On Feb. 15, 2022, Jonathan Tercero Yanes, a/k/a "Desalmado," was sentenced to 33 years in prison. Sentencing hearings for the two remaining co-defendants, Eliseo Vaquerano Canas, a/k/a "Peligroso" and Marlos Reyes, a/k/a "Silencio," have not yet been scheduled by the Court.

First Assistant United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division; Matthew B. Millhollin, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston; Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; Essex County District Attorney Jonathan W Blodgett; Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden; Acting Boston Police Commissioner Gregory Long; and Lynn Police Chief Christopher Reddy made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kunal Pasricha, Kaitlin O'Donnell and Philip Mallard of the Criminal Division 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 athttps://www.justice. gov/OCDETF.



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ISABELLA MED SPA HOLDS GRAND OPENING

Health and beauty treatments can increase one's wellbeing and give a refreshed feeling after a visit. A new spa has arrived in downtown Lynn named Isabella Med Spa located at 1 Market Street in Suite 310. It has an inviting atmosphere as the professional staff will guide you through a treatment session.

At the Grand Opening for Isabella Med Spa was Mayor Jared Nicholson presenting the City Citation, State Rep. Peter Capano with the State House Citation, State Senator Brendan Crighton presenting the Senate Citation, and Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chatkoukis extending the welcome mat and the Coun-

cil Citation. North Shore Latino Business Association Director Frances Martinez held the official Red Ribbon Cutting ceremony with CEO Ana De Los Santos, Dr. Jose Baez, family members, and staff specialists.

CEO Ana De Los Santos stated, "If one wants to feel the best, it is time to book a consultation with one of our specialists. One can choose from the various services offered such as, unwanted hair, wrinkle relaxer, remove age spots or sun damage, and bodily treatments. All of our services are FDA approved and are performed by highly trained medical professionals and nursing practitioners."



Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Isabella Med Spa with family, local officials, and staff.

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Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chatkoutis presented the City Council Citation to CEO Ana De Los Santos and to Joan Mariano.



State Representative Peter Capano and from State Rep Daniel Cahill's office expressed congratulations to Isabella Med Spa receiving a State House



Mayor Jared Nicholson presented the City Citation to Ana De Los Santos of Isabella Med Spa becoming a new Lynn business.



NSLBA Board of Directors - Diana Moreno, Obed Matul, Executive Director Frances Martinez, and Jose Encarnacion – assisted with the official opening of Isabella Med Spa.



Lynn EDIC Mary Jane Smalley, Ward 5 Diana Chatkoutis, NSLBA Board Dianna Moreno, and NSLBA Director Frances Martinez congratulated Isabella Med Spa Staff on Grand Opening.



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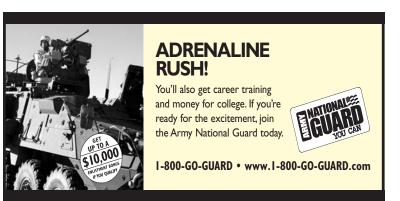
The Lynn Classical boys basketball team, under the direction of head coach Marvin Avery, defeated Revere High, 66-61 in a Greater Boston League game at the Roland Merullo Fieldhouse in Revere.



ON GUARD: Revere's (30) keeps Classical's Tyler Wilson in control.



SKY BALL: Jack D'Ambrosio takes to the air to snag a rebound from Classical's Nathan Reyes.





DEFENSE, TOO: Dom Boudreau led Revere scorers, but he also played strong defense, here guarding Classical's Almani Medina.



ONE THAT GOT AWAY: Alejandro Hincapie is stripped of the ball as he drives toward the basket.

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LYNN CLASSICAL 66-61 OVER REVERE IN HOOP ACTION



ONE ON ONE: James Clauto keeps control of the ball as he is guarded closely by Classical's Almani Medina.



MAKING HIS MOVE: Ramadan Barry (0) makes a move to the basket against Classical's Gursharan Sandhu.



SEEKING AN OUTLET: Revere's Vin Nichols and Classical's Tyler Wilson (2) and Nathan Reyes (12) vie for a loose ball.



GOING TO THE MAT: Revere's James Clauto goes to the floor to grab a loose ball from Classical's Nathan Reyes.



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DPW LON ELDRIDGE RETIREMENT PARTY

Lon Eldridge retired after 34 years of service with the Lynn Department of Public Works (DPW). He was known for his punctuality, hard work, and caring personality toward his fellow workers. In his years of service, Lon hardly missed a day which was a remarkable feat.

After years of working in the restaurant business Lon decided to change careers. March 8, 1988, he began working with the Lynn DPW. Throughout his time Lon learned various job assignments beginning at Pine Grove Cemetery then onto Parks and Recreation, and finally working within the street division. As he worked with street crews, he coordinated sidewalk and street repairs, posting signs, and at times, placing directional barricades or detours for traffic control. With his growing experience in the department, he later became General Foreman at the DPW.

Lon always looked forward to his job as he said, "I was never late in my 34 years of work. I realized the importance of this new career change. I am grateful to have the opportunity to work for the city; my previous work experience gave me a solid perspective of what I needed to do for employment and for my family."

Mayor Jared Nicholson presented the Official Citation from his office; he expressed his congratulations on Lon's tremendous accomplishments, commitment, and leadership working at the DPW. Council President Jay Walsh and Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chatkoukis gave the City Council Citation recognizing Lon's 34 years of service. Sean Reid from State Senator Brendan Crighton's office presented the MA Senate Citation.



Sean Reid from Senator Brendan Crighton's office presents a Senate Citation to Lon Eldridge upon his retirement.



Honoree Lon Eldridge with his wife, Susan, along with Assoc. Commissioner Lisa Nerich and DPW Retirees, Susan and Joe Downey.



Mayor Jared Nicholson congratulates Lon Eldridge for his 34 years of dedicated DPW service and to his retirement.



Council President Jay Walsh and Ward 5 Dianna Chatkoutis presented the Council Citation to Lon Eldridge as Mayor Nicholson and Susan Eldridge watched.



Paying tribute to Lon Eldridge was Wendy Prudencio and Mary Gokas from the Clerk Office.



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News Briefs

LYNN DEMOCRATS TO ELECT DELEGATES TO DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Registered Democrats in Lynn will hold a Caucus on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7PM to elect Delegates and Alternates to the 2022 Massachusetts State Convention. The Caucus will take place virtually. Democrats who wish to participate virtually may register via ZOOM.

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This year's Convention will be a hybrid convention, with in-person proceedings taking place alongside virtual participation options. It will be held on June 3 and June 4 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Delegates from across the state will come together to endorse candidates for statewide office ahead of the September Democratic Primary.

The MassDems are closely monitoring changes in public health guidance and will update plans accordingly.

The Caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Lynn. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 years old by February 4, 2022 will be allowed to participate and run as a Delegate or Alternate.

The number of delegate's eligible for election is as follows: Ward 1: (8); Ward 2: (7); Ward 3: (8); Ward 4: (6); Ward 5: (7); Ward 6: (6); Ward 7: (8). Four alternates per each ward also will be elected.

Candidates for Delegate and Alternate must be present at the virtual Caucus and consent to nomination.

Youth (age 16 to 35), people with disabilities, people of color, and members of the LGBTQ+community not elected as delegates or alternates are encouraged to apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or by visiting massdems.org/convention by 5:00 PM, April 9.

For information on the Caucus and / or to become involved with the Lynn Democratic City Committee (LDCC), please contact Chair Agnes Ricko at 781-599-9347

ROCKLAND TRUST LAUNCHES ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Rockland Trust announced the launch of its 2022 Scholarship Program for students who are enrolling in a part-time or fulltime undergraduate study for the first time at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year (2022-2023). Rockland Trust has expanded the program to provide up to sixteen \$3,000 renewable scholarships. This year scholarships will be renewable up to three years or until a bachelor's degree is earned.

Rockland Trust has opened the program to high school graduates and GED recipients in addition to current high school seniors. Applications will be considered based on financial need, academic performance, participation in school and community activities, work experience, a statement of career and educational goals and objectives, and unusual personal or family circumstances. Applicants must reside in one of the following counties to be eligible: Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Middlesex, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, or Worcester in Massachusetts or Providence County in Rhode Is-

"Rockland Trust is delighted to enhance our annual scholar-ship program to reach additional students throughout the communities we serve," said Christopher Oddleifson, Chief Executive Officer at Rockland Trust. "With the renewable benefit of the program, we look forward to building a more meaningful relationship with the scholar-ship recipients throughout their post-secondary education as they prepare for their future."

Rockland Trust Scholarship applications will be available online at RocklandTrust.com/scholarship, beginning Tuesday, February 15th. To learn more about Rockland Trust's scholarship application, guidelines, and eligibility criteria, please visit RocklandTrust.com/Scholarship.

11TH LARRY MCINTIRE IAABO BOARD 130 CLASSIC SET FOR FEB. 20-21

The 11th Larry McIntire IAA-BO Board 130 Classic will be played Feb. 20-21, 2022 at Marblehead High School.

The tournament, which is named for the late Big East referee and longtime assigner for several high school leagues and the MIAA North sectional tournament, moves to Marblehead after being played at Beverly, North Andover, St. John's Prep and Central Catholic.

The Marblehead High girls team will take on Peabody in the nightcap Sunday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. The Bishop Fenwick girls play Fenway High School in the first round on Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Marblehead boys team plays Bishop Fenwick in the first round Sunday at 4:15 p.m. Gloucester will play Masconomet at 2:30 p.m.

On Monday, Feb. 20, the girls and boys consolation games will be played at 1 and 2:30 p.m., respectively, followed by the championship games at 4:15 and 6 p.m.

Thanks to donations that were made in McIntire's memory when he passed away in 2020, this year the tournament will double its scholarship commitment, with two boys players and two girls players receiving a \$1,000 scholarship.

Since its inception in 2011, the tournament has raised more than \$35,000 for scholarships and Officials vs. Cancer, an American Cancer Society initiative that started in 2008 and has raised more than \$2 million.

The schedule is as follows: Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022

1 p.m. – Bishop Fenwick vs. Fenway girls

2:30 p.m. – Gloucester vs. Masconomet boys

4:15 p.m. – Marblehead vs. Bishop Fenwick boys

6 p.m. – Marblehead vs. Peabody girls

Monday, Feb. 21, 2022 1 p.m. – Girls consolation

2:30 p.m. – Boys consolation

4:15 p.m. – Girls championship

6 p.m. – Boys championship

PRIM Board to vote against directors at high-polluting portfolio companies

The Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management (PRIM) Board, which oversees the state's \$104.1 billion pension fund, voted unanimously in favor to approve new proxy voting guidelines proposed by State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. These guidelines are designed to allow the state pension fund to vote against directors at companies that are not aligned with the Paris Climate Agreement and Climate Action 100+.

The action comes as part of Treasurer Goldberg and PRIM's commitment to build and implement a comprehensive ESG framework with the proxy goals of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and/or establishing a plan to achieve "net zero" emissions by 2050.

"This vote not only benefits our retirees and taxpayers with its positive environmental outcomes, but has significant potential to increase our bottom line." said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, who Chairs the PRIM Board. "It is a more active approach toward achieving our financial goals while having a productive long-term impact on our changing climate."

Over the past 10 years, PRIM has achieved an investment gain of \$70.6 billion – exceeding the benchmark return by \$12 billion over that time. In 2020, PRIM became the first founding member of the MIT Sloan School of Management's Aggregate Confusion Project, a research consortium with the goal of improving ESG measurement.

"Today's votes help keep PRIM out in front of major ESG trends in the industry," said Michael G. Trotsky, CFA, Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer of MassPRIM. "The new committee will build on the work we have been doing with our partners in the MIT Sloan School's Aggregate Confusion Project to become more impactful; to use the power of PRIM to advocate for important change."

Grassroots organizations, pension funds, and other investors have been working collaboratively with the Treasurer's office to develop policies where shareholders vote against company directors that are the most significant drivers of climate change. Additionally, the development of an investment approach that pursues an environmental, social, and corporate gov-

ernance (ESG) frameworks into investment decision making will not only have better impacts on our world but better corporate outcomes resulting in greater returns.

The Board also voted to create an ESG Committee comprised of industry experts. This first-in-the-nation initiative will help to leverage the Fund to be a force that promotes worker safety, fosters diversity, fights against climate change, while still maintaining – and even increasing – returns.

"These voting guidelines are a great move for Massachusetts and other state treasurers and comptrollers should follow suit," said Mary Cerulli, Founder of Boston based Climate Finance Action. "We know that Treasurer Goldberg's ESG committee will address the entire portfolio and she will work successfully with other large investors to improve and align the climate transition plans of high-emitting companies."

"We applaud the leadership of Treasurer Goldberg and today's actions by the PRIM Board," said Mindy Lubber, CEO and President of Ceres. "Companies and their directors have been put on notice by many of their shareholders that if they fail to address climate change risks and implement climate practices and policies that will help bring about a transition to a net zero emissions economy, those shareholders will hold them accountable. Following the historic 2021 U.S. proxy season, directors now know they might be replaced if they are not doing their jobs in mitigating climate-related risks and capturing opportunities in the net zero transition."

The proxy voting guidelines do not restrict or determine which companies the pension fund invests in. Instead, they allow the fund to use its power as a shareholder to advocate for policies that advance effective corporate governance and ensure sustained value for the fund, fostering long-term growth for its investments.

In prior years, the Treasurer proposed, and the PRIM Board unanimously approved a series of reforms, which, in addition to targeting climate change, also focused on renewable energy, human rights standards, executive pay, LGBTQ rights, board diversity and wage equality, and limiting the number of boards a director may sit on.

THE SACCO FAMILY SPORTS TRADTION CONTINUES



David Sacco, one of East Boston's greatest all-time athletes and past recipient of the East Boston Athletic Board's Athlete of the Year Award, was on hand as his son, Nick Sacco, a junior at St. Mary's High School in Lynn, received his 2021 state championship baseball ring at halftime of the Mount Pleasant-St. Mary's basketball game. Nick is a 6-foot-4-inch forward for the Spartans, who are 23-1 and preparing for the State Tournament. David Sacco is the all-time leading basketball scorer at Pope John High XXIII School in Everett with 1,331 career points.

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House passes driver's license bill

In an unprecedented effort to increase safety on the roads, the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed legislation that will allow applicants who are unable to prove lawful presence in the United States to apply for a Massachusetts driver's license.

Under this legislation, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) will not inquire about immigration status when processing an application for a Massachusetts driver's license or registration, solely basing the issuance of driver's licenses to residents who provide required documents to prove their identity, pass the corresponding driver tests, and meet all other eligibility criteria.

"I'm proud of the significant step that the House took today towards bringing all drivers under the same licensing and insurance standards, regardless of immigration status," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "In addition to increasing safety on our roads for all drivers, this legislation recognizes the essential role our immigrant neighbors play in our society and economy by ensuring that everyone has access to a driver's license. I thank Chair Straus, Chair Michlewitz, the bill's sponsors, and all my colleagues in the House, as well as countless supporters, immigration and labor advocates, and law enforcement officials for their tireless work to ensure its

"In line with the 16 other states that have passed laws offering standard licenses to those providing secure identification documents, this carefully crafted public safety legislation will mean that all drivers using our roads are identifiable, competent and insured," said Representative William M. Straus (D-Mattapoisett), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation

"I'm extremely grateful for the tireless advocacy that led to this pivotal moment. I also want to thank Speaker Mariano, Chair Michlewitz, Chair Straus, and the House for their leadership on this important issue," said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. "All Boston and Massachusetts adults deserve access to driver's licenses regardless of immigration status. I support the Family Mobility Act because it will make all of us safer."

"We cannot overstate our joy, pride and gratitude for today's historic vote in the Massachusetts House of Representatives," said the leaders of the organizations that co-chair the Driving Families Forward Coalition, Brazilian Worker Center Executive Director Lenita Reason and 32BJ SEIU Vice President Roxana Rivera. "We extend our deepest thanks to Speaker Mariano for his clear support in moving the bill through the legislative process, and we also thank the bill's four lead sponsors, dozens of cosponsors and many thousands of individual supporters. Today, all of them have helped move our state toward safer roads, stronger public security, better public health, and a more robust economy, while also taking a step toward transforming the lives of immigrants and their families across the Commonwealth.'

"Immigrants without tus are essential workers and card-carrying, dues-paying union members. Moreover, they are our neighbors, friends, and family and an integral part of our economy and community. With overwhelming support from law enforcement, this bill will provide greater public safety and allow workers to obtain and keep good paying jobs, all while making facets of everyday life that many of us take for granted, like getting kids to school, a reality. We commend Speaker Mariano and the entire Massachusetts House for voting to pass this important legislation that will result in safer roads for all Massachusetts residents," said Steven A. Tolman, President, MA AFL-CIO.

"I want to thank all those legislators, law enforcement leaders, immigration advocates and public health officials who worked tirelessly to advance this bill through today's historic vote in the House," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "Efforts on this issue date back to my time as a state representative. Then, as now, it was clear that this bill would improve public safety and public health. While I was supportive of this concept 20 years ago, it was the rigorous identification requirements in the final version of this bill that strengthened it further and made today's vote possible. I applaud Speaker Mariano for bringing it to the floor and the individuals who lent their stories and voices to this important cause."

To apply for a standard driver's license, applicants will need to provide at least two documents to prove their identity and date of birth. All documents written in a foreign language must be accompanied by a certified translation to English:

- Document #1: valid unexpired foreign passport or valid unexpired consular ID
- Document #2: valid US driver's license, birth certificate, valid foreign national ID card, valid foreign driver's license, ora marriage certificate or divorce decree

Residents who cannot prove lawful presence in the United States would remain ineligible for a "REAL ID" which requires documentation of U.S. citizenship or lawful status as a matter of federal law. To protect applicants' privacy, the legislation also prohibits the RMV from disclosing any information about applicants for and holders of a standard driver's license except as authorized by regulations promulgated by the Attorney General.

"An Act relative to work and family mobility" (H.4461) passed the House of Representatives 120-36. It now goes to the Senate for their consideration.

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Boston Symphony violinist Lucia Lin headlines North Shore Philharmonic Winter Concert

Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist Lucia Lin will play the Jean Sibelius Violin Concerto No. 1 as the featured soloist highlighting the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra Winter Concert on Sunday, February 27. Music Director Robert Lehmann will raise his baton to start the concert at 3:00 p.m. at Swampscott High School auditorium.

The concert program will open with Michail Glika's "Overture to "Russian and Ludmilla" and conclude with Carl Nielsen's Symphony No. 1.

Tickets can be purchased in advance on the Orchestra's website, www.nspo.org or at Swampscott High on the day of the concert for \$30. \$25 for seniors and students. Chil-dren 12 and under are admitted free.

Violinist Lucia Lin joined the Boston Symphony Orchestra in

1985 and has enjoyed a stel-lar career as soloist, chamber musician, and recording artist. She debuted at age 11 when she performed Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Since then, she has won numerous competitions, including the 1990 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. She has appeared with the Boston Pops, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra, the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, and the Festival Orchestra in Graz, Austria. She has served as the BSO's as-sistant concertmaster and also has held concertmaster roles with the Milwaukee Sym-phony Orchestra and London Symphony Orchestra. She previously appeared with the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in 2015.

Danish Composer Carl Nielsen wrote his first Symphony in 1891-92 and dedicated the work to his wife, renowned sculptor Anne Marie Carl-Nielsen. The work is known for its distinctively "Danish" flavors and Nielsen's personal style.

Out of concern for the health and safety of all musicians and audience members, the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra requires all patrons attending the concert present proof of a Covid-19 vaccination, or proof of a negative Covid-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to the concert. Home tests are not accepted. Patrons will be required to wear masks and socially distance in the auditorium.

For more information about the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra, visit nspo.org.



Violinist Lucia Lin.

LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

MIESES NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT BATES

Abraham Mieses of Lynn, was named to the dean's list at Bates College for the fall semester ending in December 2021. This is a distinction earned by students whose grade point average is 3.92 or higher.

Mieses, the son of Jose O. Mieses and Rosario E. Fresco, is a 2019 graduate of St. John's Preparatory School. He is majoring in neuroscience and mathematics at Bates.

Located in Lewiston, Maine, Bates is internationally recognized as a leading liberal arts college, attracting 2,000 students from across the U.S. and around the world. Since 1855, Bates has been dedicated to educating the whole person through creative and rigorous scholarship in a collaborative residential community. Committed to opportunity and excellence, Bates has always admitted students without regard to gender, race, religion, or national origin. Cultivating intellectual discovery and informed civic action, Bates prepares leaders sustained by a love of learning and zeal for responsible stewardship of the wider world.

LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

The following local residents were named to Clark University's Fall Dean's List:

Savior B. Watts, of Lynn, was named to second honors.

Seth Joseph Bird, of Lynn, was named to first honors.

James A. Claffey, of Lynn, was named to second honors.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow's most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

MISHEL AWARDED **DEGREE FROM MIAMI UNIVERSITY**

Mishel of Lynn, was among students from Miami University who received degrees during the fall commencement Dec 10,

Mishel graduated with a Master of Arts degree, majoring in Biology.

The most recent complete candidates for graduation lists are always available for downloading at commencement, dean's and president's lists.

Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding undergraduate institutions, Miami University is a public university located in Oxford, Ohio. With a student body of nearly 19,000, Miami effectively combines a wide range of strong academic programs with faculty who love to teach and the personal attention ordinarily found only at much smaller institutions.

POSTE INITIATED INTO OMICRON **DELTA KAPPA**

Jocelyn Poste, a native of Lynn, was recently initiated into the Union College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. The Society welcomed 265 new initiates from 9 universities during January 2022.

Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Omicron Delta Kappa Society, the National Leadership Honor Society, was founded in Lexington, Virginia, on December 3, 1914. A group of 15 students and faculty members established the Society to recognize and encourage leadership at the collegiate level. The founders established the ODK Idea-the concept that individuals representing all phases of collegiate life should collaborate with faculty and others to support the campus and community. ODK's mission is to honor and develop leaders; encourage collaboration among students, faculty, staff, and alumni; and promote ODK's leadership values of collaboration, inclusivity, integrity, scholarship, and service on college and university campuses throughout North America. The Society's national headquarters are located in Lexington, Virginia.

