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GBL CHAMPIONS: The Lynn English girls basketball team is pictured after defeating Lynn Classical, 51-49, Tuesday night to capture the 2021-22 Greater Boston League title. Front row, from left, are Ararat Gebreyesus, captain Rosie Chheang, captain Makenzie Acevedo, Matty Laurino, and Arsema Gebreyesus. Back row, from left, assistant coach Lashaunda Hogan, Amara Flores, Jaeleigh Perry, head coach Travonne Berry-Rogers, Alisha Jean, Jari Perez, and assistant coach Angel Deleon.

Writing his success story

Classical grad Reid named communications director for Senator Crighton's Office

By Cary Shuman

Sean Reid grew up in Lynn and attended Callahan and Breed Schools and Lynn Classical High School, graduating in 2013.

During his senior year, Reid made a life-changing decision to enroll at North Shore Community College to reenergize his academic focus.

North Shore's liberal arts courses and inspiring faculty proved to be the perfect fit for Reid.

"I was pretty active at North Shore," said Reid. "I was on the Board of Trustees and participated in different clubs and organizations. I had a great academic and social experience at North Shore, and it worked out well for me."

Reid, 26, eventually moved on to Amherst College, one of the

most prestigious academic institutions in the nation. He selected Amherst, known as a Little Ivy, over Johns Hopkins University, another highly selective college. Amherst College is in western Massachusetts, geographically near UMass/Amherst, Smith College, Holyoke College, and Hampshire College. Reid studied Economics at Amherst.

In January, Reid was named director of communications for State Sen. Brendan Crighton's Office on Beacon Hill. Prior to joining the popular legislator's staff, Reid was a technology teacher at Lynn English High School and had worked as the organizing director for Jared Nicholson's successful campaign for mayor.

"Initially I thought I wanted to

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Creating A Buzz

Chheang's heroics lift English to GBL title

By Cary Shuman

The stakes were as high it gets in the regular season. A league championship was on the line as well as Lynn city bragging rights.

On one bench, you had the incredibly seasoned veteran coach Tom Sawyer, who has made Classical a perennial contender and state tournament qualifier. On the other bench was Travonne

Berry-Rogers, the phenomenal English and Merrimack College basketball player who was looking to bring his alma mater a GBL crown in his first season as head coach.

Adding intrigue on the Classical bench was assistant coach Shardaye Berry, who is the sister of Travonne Berry-Rogers and a former Lady Ram standout herself.

The senior captains, Reese Brinkler and Molly Mannion of Classical, and Makenzie Acevedo and Rosie Chheang of English, were hoping to lead their



Sean Reid, director of communications for the Office of State Sen. Brendan Crighton, is pictured at the State House on Beacon Hill.

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THE 1887 ELECTORAL COUNT ACT MUST BE AMENDED

Americans always have taken for granted the sanctity and integrity of our electoral system. For decades, we routinely have sent observers to countries where democracy is a new thing to ensure that those nations conducted their elections on the up-and-up, using our electoral system as a model.

America's democratic process, we have assumed, is the gold standard for democracies around the world. We never considered that our own democracy, the world's oldest, was anything but rock-solid.

However, the 2020 Presidential election upended all of those assumptions. It turns out that what we had thought were firmly-embedded procedures are not so clear, and could be subject to a wide range of interpretation.

This lack of clarity is thanks to an arcanelly-worded statute, known as the 1887 Electoral Count Act.

The Act was enacted by Congress in 1887, 10 years after the disputed 1876 presidential election, in which several states submitted competing slates of electors and a divided Congress was unable to resolve the deadlock for weeks. Though it took Congress more than 10 years to finally pass the act, the effort to clarify some of the ambiguities contained in the Constitution concerning the Electoral College only served to create deeper ambiguities.

Up until 2020, there never had been a serious challenge to the results of a presidential election. However, as we all know by now, former President Donald Trump, aided and abetted by a large number of members of Congress, attempted to use the lack of clarity in the Electoral Count Act to overturn the Electoral College results of five states.

Fortunately, Trump's shenanigans -- as usual -- were neither well-organized nor well-focused. Further, vice-president Mike Pence was not willing to be a participant in Trump's charade.

However, Trump's gambit brought to the attention of legal scholars and our elected officials the potential for unscrupulous -- and better-organized -- actors to wreak havoc with our democratic process. All of us have come to realize that the guard rails that we had thought existed to protect our democratic norms are nothing more than a chimera.

Amending the 1887 Electoral Count Act is a non-partisan issue. Future Democrats are equally as likely as future Republicans to try to exploit the weaknesses of the act to the detriment of our democracy.

We urge both of our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, as well as our members of Congress, to join with Republican colleagues such as Maine Senator Susan Collins to amend the act expeditiously.

In view of the events that took place in the aftermath of the 2020 election, this is the most urgent business that Congress can undertake in order to preserve the viability of our democracy.

A SILVER LINING TO INFLATION

We saw a report on the news the other night about the effect that inflation is having on food prices thanks to supply chain issues that have arisen during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report highlighted that inflation is taking a bite (no pun intended) out of Americans' wallets because of higher prices for items such as bacon, snack foods, and soft drinks.

"That's a bad thing?" we thought to ourselves.

Americans are among the most obese and unhealthiest people in the world principally because we eat bad food -- and lots of it. The average American male today weighs 30 pounds more than the average male did 50 years ago and the average American woman today weighs as much as the average man did 50 years ago. The single-biggest risk factor -- after old age -- for a poor prognosis for a COVID-19 patient is being overweight.

In our view, if the direct and indirect effects of COVID-19 have the result of forcing Americans to cut back on our consumption of highly-processed and junk foods, then that would be at least one good thing to come out of the otherwise ongoing tragedy of the pandemic.



GUEST OP-ED

You can at least say howdy

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

"Howdy," was a common everyday word where I grew up. Raised on old Stidham, now known as Milo road in rural Appalachia, I spent a lot of time at my Grandpa and Grandma Hinkle's store. People came and went buying gasoline, sandwich meat, snacks or groceries for the week. There were cane bottom chairs in the store. Often people would sit and chat for a while.

Regardless of how many times during the week I walked down the road to that store, the opening salutation was typically, "howdy."

People were in and out of the Hinkle store doing business. A family member was often coming or going because my grandparents had raised ten children and there were many grandchildren who frequented the Hinkle business. Often, family members were buying a soda pop or just stopping in to say "howdy."

We grew up on Milo speaking to most everyone who came and went. When a car drove by, we usually waved even though we didn't always know them. At family or church gatherings we typically talked to everyone for a minute or two and shook hands or hugged a few people.

The only time I can remem-

ber our family being speechless was when fifteen or twenty of us were sitting on the porch and a man from New York City pulled up in an older car. My grandpa had received an advertisement in the mail about a great used car he could buy for \$500. He ordered the car to surprise my grandma and we were all really surprised when this man pulled in front of the store in an old beat up looking car. He had driven the car from New York City, which was a long drive on those roads back then. After being drop jaw

stunned silent for a few minutes, everyone loosened up and eventually started talking to the man who was just doing a job but now had to get back to New York. By this time, some of us were chuckling just a little. A couple of the family members took the guy over to Kermit, West Virginia to catch a Greyhound bus to begin his long journey back home.

A part of American culture has been hand shaking and embracing those we know. A part of

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go to law school," said Reid, who did paralegal work at two well-known Boston law firms, Mintz Levin and Wolf Greenfield. "I worked on some state and local campaigns. I was active on Councillor-at-Large Brian LaPiere's campaign in 2016."

Reid said he had known Sen. Crighton through the years in the Lynn community. "We had reconnected on the Nicholson for Mayor campaign. The senator was a big supporter and endorser of Nicholson. The timing was right after the campaign, and Sen. Crighton said he was look-

ing for someone for communications work and district work on his staff."

One of Reid's responsibilities will be assisting Crighton in the compilation of the legislative district's comprehensive newsletter, which has become the gold standard in state government.

The other members of Sen. Crighton's staff are Chief of Staff Taylor Trenchard and Legislative Aides Dulce Gonzalez and Luis Morales.

Looking back on his decision to enroll at North Shore, Reid offered, "I think I can be an ex-

ample for students who may not have dedicated themselves as much as they should have in high school. It's never really over - It's the beginning sometimes. I do want to say my roots at Classical didn't go away. It actually helped me through North Shore Community College. I still stay in touch with people I met at Classical like our principal, Gene Constantino, who is a good friend of mine. Everyone at Classical was supportive. It's why I serve on the board of the Classical alumni association."



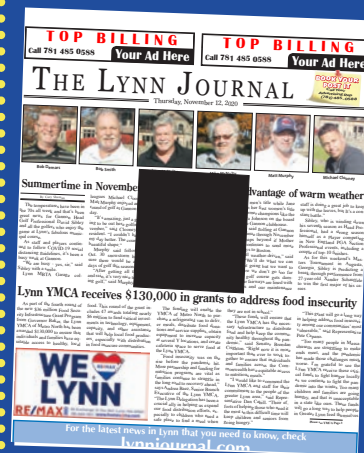
State Sen. Brendan Crighton (right) welcomes Sean Reid to his staff as the director of communications.

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ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES LOCAL DEAN'S LIST

Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2021 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following Lynn students have met these requirements:

Victoria Adebajji, Interior Architecture, daughter of Ruth Omotosho

Taylor Darcy, Nursing, daughter of Gerry-Lynn Darcy and Brian Darcy

Alexis Ferraro, Nursing, daughter of Kimberly Ferraro and Michael Ferraro

Evelyn Figueroa, Business Management

Olga Hernandez, Biology/Biotechnology, daughter of Olga Garcia

Ryan Kelley, Computer Science, son of Heather Kelley and John Kelley

Michael Lam, Marketing, son of Ngo Lam and Hai Lam

Emeline LeJeune, Biology/Biotechnology, daughter of Paul Aten

Katherin Melenciano Lara, Business Management

Michelle Sencabaugh, Graphic Design, daughter of Judith Sencabaugh and Derek Sencabaugh

Karlye Slepoy, Interior Architecture, daughter of Valerie Slepoy and Mark Slepoy

Julia Steriti, Libl Studies/Education, daughter of Kristen Steriti and John Steriti

Endicott College offers doctorate, master's, bachelor's, and associate degree programs at its campus on the scenic coast of Beverly, Mass., with additional sites online and at U.S. and international locations. Endicott remains true to its founding principle of integrating professional and liberal arts education with internship opportunities across disciplines. For more, visit endicott.edu.

AQUINO NAMED TO HAMILTON COLLEGE FALL 2021 DEAN'S LIST

Ismael Aquino, of Lynn (01904), has been named to the

Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 2021 fall semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have carried throughout the semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an average of 3.5 or above.

Aquino, a senior majoring in Hispanic studies and psychology, is a graduate of Lynn Classical High School.

Originally founded in 1793 as the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, Hamilton College offers an open curriculum that gives students the freedom to shape their own liberal arts education within a research- and writing-intensive framework. Hamilton enrolls 1,850 students from 49 states and 46 countries. Additional information about the college can be found at www.hamilton.edu.

PELLETIER NAMED DEAN'S LIST AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Emma Pelletier of Lynn, excelled during the Fall 2021 semester, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, N.Y. that is the only school to ever host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012 and 2016). Our campus is a leafy oasis just a quick train ride away from New York City and all its cultural, recreational and professional opportunities. We offer small classes and personal attention, with the resources, technology and facilities of a large university. Students can choose from more than 165 undergraduate program options and 175 graduate program options in the liberal arts and sciences, education, health professions and human services, the Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs, the Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Hofstra University is a dynamic community of 11,000 students from around the world who are dedicated to civic engagement, academic excellence

and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers.

UELAND NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT ITHACA COLLEGE

Ithaca College student Annika Ueland of Lynn was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester.

Founded in 1892, Ithaca College is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice and performance. Home to some 6,500 students, the college offers more than 90 degree programs in its schools of Business, Communications, Humanities and Sciences, Health Sciences and Human Performance, and Music.

Students, faculty and staff at Ithaca College create an active, inclusive community anchored in a keen desire to make a difference in the local community and the broader world. The college is consistently ranked as one of the nation's top producers of Fulbright scholars, one of the most LGBTQ+ friendly schools in the country, and one of the top 10 colleges in the Northeast.

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY CONGRATULATES FALL 2021 DEAN LIST

Grace Couillard of Lynn and a Fairfield University student received Deans List Honors for the Fall 2021 semester.

In order to be placed on the Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2021 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students

qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Hieu Bui of Lynn

Olivia Langlois of Lynn

Ava Mantenuto of Lynn

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S DEAN'S LIST POSTED

The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2021 semester.

Kayla Magwood of Lynn (High Honors)

Danielle Baker of Lynn (Honors)

Caitlyn O'Shea of Lynn (High Honors)

Rita Masouras of Lynn (Honors)

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

The University of New Hampshire inspires innovation and transforms lives in our state, nation and world. More than 16,000 students from all 50 states and 71 countries engage with an award-winning faculty in top-ranked programs in business, engineering, law, health and human

services, liberal arts and the sciences across more than 200 programs of study. A Carnegie Classification R1 institution, UNH partners with NASA, NOAA, NSF and NIH, and received \$260 million in competitive external funding in FY21 to further explore and define the frontiers of land, sea and space.

STERITI NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Stephanie Steriti, of Lynn, a member of the class of 2024 majoring in Mechanical Engineering, was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2021 semester.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on open-ended problems for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real" said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C. Heinricher. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students."

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 17 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu.

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respective schools to a championship during what has been a challenging couple of years due to the pandemic.

In the end, it was Chheang's buzzer-beating basket that was the difference as English edged Classical, 51-49, to capture the 2022 Greater Boston League championship at Classical.

With 8.2 seconds left, Chheang took the inbounds pass from Acevedo and dribbled the length of the court and banked in the shot for the game-winner as the horn sounded.

Chheang, who is right-handed and a very adept dribbler, appeared to use her left hand to direct the ball off the backboard.

"We had eight seconds left, so I knew I had to go, so I took it to the rack," said Chheang. "I was looking for the foul, but I just made the shot. It feels great to win a championship. This is my first time experiencing it. I couldn't have done it without my teammates. This is something I'll remember forever."

Berry-Rogers, whose team showed great composure after Classical put together a tremendous second-half comeback to take the lead, said he had confidence in Chheang's decision to take it all the way to the basket.

"Go for the bucket, go get a basket – with 8 seconds left you trust your big-time players to make big-time plays," said Berry-Rogers. "I trusted my captain [Chheang] all day, every day. I have the faith in her just like I would in myself if I were in that position."

Acevedo was excellent on defense, handling the 1-on-1 assignment of covering Classical's

talented junior guard Ava Thurman (15 points).

"It was difficult – she's a great player but I had to do what I had to do and try to stop her from getting the ball," said Acevedo. "It feels great to win a championship. Rosie and I never actually won a championship before, and this is a really great experience for both of us and all our teammates. I love my team so much. We worked really hard this season."

Acevedo said Coach Travonne Berry-Rogers was an excellent leader of the team who gave all the players confidence to succeed.

"He's an amazing coach," said Acevedo. "I really learned all of my basketball skills from him."

English junior Matty Laurino, a terrific long-ranger shooter, connected on four 3-pointers to finish with 14 points.

Berry-Rogers, who wore a special "Mom" emblazoned tribute towel on his coaching attire in memory of his mother, the late Lynn schoolteacher Lillian Berry-Rogers, said it was a total team effort that carried the Bulldogs, who had three starters foul out.

"That's what it comes down to," said Berry-Rogers. "Our motto was Just Us. We had people foul out and had to go deep into our bench. But that my philosophy from Day 1 when I got the head coaching job. Every player on our team is valuable. We prepare everybody for these types of moments. We set ourselves some big-time goals. I trusted my coaching ability, my coaching staff, and my players, and it was good to get this home."



Lynn English girls basketball head coach Travonne Berry-Rogers (right) and assistant coach Angel Deleon celebrate after English's buzzer-beating 51-49 victory that clinched the Greater Boston League championship.



Lynn Classical girls basketball varsity head coach Tom Sawyer and assistant varsity coach Shardaye Berry are pictured on the bench before the game.

Classical sophomore Lauren Wilson was outstanding in defeat with 11 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Lauren Hennessey hot four straight free throws at the height of Classical's third-quarter comeback. Akiyah Brown and Reese Brinkler helped Classical control

the backboards for most of the game. Delaney Dana and Molly Mannion also played well for the Rams.

"It was a great high school basketball game and great atmosphere," said Tom Sawyer. "Players from both schools were making big plays. They just

made one more shot than we did. I wish the outcome would have been different, but it is what it is. As I told the kids, we have a lot to still play for. We're in the state tournament and have four games left and we'll be back at practice tomorrow."

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most American religious gatherings has been shaking hands. One church I attended insisted on everybody hugging each other.

Covid-19 has impacted our world with death, sickness and business failures. The distancing for many of us continues to be tough. We wear our masks and seldom know who else is in the grocery store. We're fearful of going to the funeral home to honor and respect the deceased. Shaking hands or embracing anyone anywhere is typically totally unwelcome. Many holiday parties of large gatherings were fewer over the past holidays. People don't want to be sick and so the distancing continues.

We do have the telephone, so-

cial media and email which helps us at least stay connected.

However, please keep in mind, when you do recognize someone at the grocery or any public place you may not feel comfortable embracing or shaking hands, but you can still convey a greeting and kindness by at least saying "howdy."

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 Classical varsity head coach Tom Sawyer discusses strategy with his players during a timeout in Tuesday's showdown with Lynn English for the GBL championship.

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Happy Valentine's Day 2022



Happy Valentines Day MOM, I love you! from Jeremy



Happy Valentines Day to All of My family!!! Love Rosie



Happy Valentines Day to the best Daddy, Nana, Papa & Ita, we love you! Lorenzo and Owen



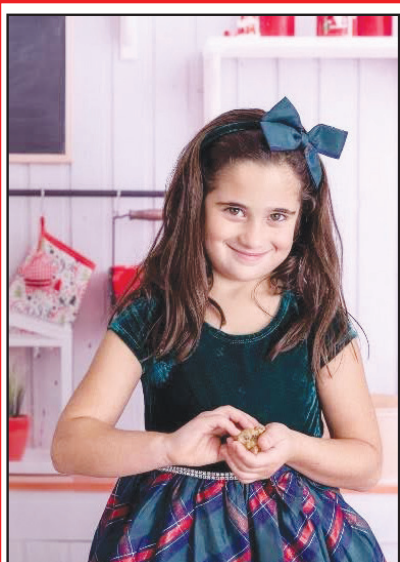
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Happy Valentine's Day to the Best Dog Dad ever! Love, Bella Mia & Stellina



Happy Valentine's Day! Julianna and Anthony Merlina



Happy Valentine's Day! Love You Mom - Abigail



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FULL COLOR RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The official Re-Opening of Full Color Signs & Graphics was held at its new location at 365 Chatham Street in Lynn. A Ribbon Cutting event was attended by many friends, local and state officials. This was a celebration for owners, Obed Matul and his wife, Maribel Ramirez, to showcase a new spacious office setup. Two special ribbon cutting formalities occurred from Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce (GLCC) and the North Shore Latino Business Association (NSLBA).

Wayne L. Shirk opened the ceremony with a prayer by saying, "Obed and Maribel may the glory of the Lord surround your business with this new beginning and success."

Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard presented a Council Citation to Full Color as he said, "I am here officially to welcome Obed as our newest Ward 2 resident. I am proud to be joined with my council colleagues – Ward 2 Fred Hogan, Ward 3 Coco Alinsug, and At Large Brian Field.

As Rick continued with his

presentation he noted, "The owners of Full Color are great members of our community. Every time the city has had a park clean-up or whatever is going on in this community Obed and Ma-

ribel are right there with all of us. All the hard work they put into their business will continue to grow. I am so proud of you and what you have accomplished in the City of Lynn; I wish you all

the success in your business." Obed Matul extended a deep appreciation to everyone, "I thank so many official representatives and friends for their support and being here today."



Ward 2 Rick Starbard with his Council colleagues – Ward 2 Coco Alinsug, Ward 5 Fred Hogan, and At Large Brian Field - presented the Lynn City Council Citation.



Frances Martinez began the NSLBA official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



Sean Reid representing Senator Crighton presented the MA Senate Citation.



Mayor Jared Nicholson presented the Mayor's Citation as GLCC Director Colin Codner and NSLBA Frances Martinez congratulated Obed and Maribel of Full Color.

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LECP HOSTS INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION KICKOFF EVENT

The Lynn Community Enrichment Program (LECP) hosted an information and registration kickoff event at Lynn Tech.

Michelle Guzman, LECP coordinator with Lynn Public Schools, said the new session will begin at Lynn Tech on March 1, with night classes in such areas as computer technology, public speaking, Spanish, cooking, yoga.

Guzman also announced that LECP will become a testing site for paraprofessional which can lead to state certification in that position.

Supt. of Schools Dr. Patrick Tutwiler expressed his support of LECP in a remote speaking appearance during the event.

Guzman said the cost of each class per session is \$65.



LCEP Coordinator Michelle Guzman and Jennifer Isaac of the Lynn Public Schools Family Engagement Welcome Center are pictured at the LCEP event at Lynn Tech.



LCEP Coordinator Michelle Guzman (right) and Yoga Classes Teacher Lisa Lynch are pictured at the event.



LCEP Coordinator Michelle Guzman was the leader of the speaking program at the event.



Dr. Patrick Tutwiler, superintendent of Lynn public schools, made a remote speaking appearance at the LCEP event.



Pictured at the Lynn Community Enrichment Program information and registration kickoff event are, from left, Lynn Tech Principal Fred Gallo, LCEP Coordinator Michelle Guzman, Sen. Brendan Crighton, School Committee member Dr. Tiffany Magnolia, State Rep. Peter Capano, State Rep. Dan Cahill, School Committee member Eric Dugan, School Committee member Lennin Pena, School Committee member Lorraine Gately, and Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan.

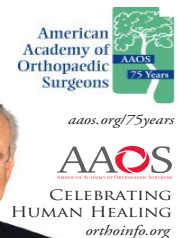
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For your furry Valentine

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Our first Westie, Sassy T. MacDougal, came home with us on Valentine's Day. Penny often called her "My Funny Valentine." Appropriate, since our dogs and cats are dear to our hearts and give us so many loving moments throughout the year.

With that in mind, we've been pondering what we might give our current Westie, Poppy, as a Valentine's gift in this time of staying close to home and limiting our experiences.

IOU Jar

Since we try to remain hopeful that one day we may be able to do some of the "normal" things that Poppy adores, we've created an IOU Jar. The first promise we added is an extended stay in Provincetown, where dogs are welcome on the beach, in shops, and even on restaurant patios.

If we draw that IOU before we feel it is safe to travel (even to that nearby destination), we'll plan a day trip for a beach walk for the next suitable weather day. In winter, dogs are allowed on many beaches where they are prohibited after April 1st.

Fun IOUs

Many of the IOUs are for simple things that make Poppy's life better. If one of us owes her for a nice long relaxing cuddle, we

can reach into the jar and perhaps reward her with 15-minutes of bonus play with her favorite squeaky lizard. We also have promise slips for a nice massage, a gentle brushing, or a few minutes of helping her look out the window to watch the world go by. (Poppy seems to enjoy it when Ed does this with her.)

A walk with a friend might only take a few moments for you to arrange but would be an excellent experience for both of you. If there are dogs that your beast seems to enjoy, send a text and arrange a date to walk together.

Opportunities for focused attention are important for some dogs and cats. This might be a solo walk for your dog or a walk with the whole family. It could also be a time to learn a new trick or behavior. Many animals enjoy the praise, and most love the occasional small treats that are part of the process.

Sit and think about experiences and moments your dog or cat seems to love. Write a few on a slip of paper, fold it, and pop it into a jar. You could make multiples for "one extra treat," "a small piece of cheese," or "favorite scratch."

Care IOUs

We often put off things that may not be joyous to Poppy but make her life better without her knowing it. You can add tasks



After she gives one of us a nice relaxing cuddle, we can reward Poppy with something from her IOU jar.

like checking nails, making appointments for a check-up, grooming, or ordering supplies she needs.

New Experience IOUs

There are many organized activities and classes that might return to in-person options in the months ahead. These include

yoga with dogs (also known as Doga when you start searching), agility training, flyball, nose work for scent hounds, or groundwork for terriers. You can start making good on these promises by studying the activity online and perhaps a bit of practice with some of the training foundations your companion will need.

We hear so often that experiences are the best gift of all. With an IOU jar, you can replace that new toy or treat with something that will make your companion feel the love behind the gift.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

National Burn Awareness Week 2022 is now underway

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey announced that National Burn Awareness Week started on Sunday, providing an opportunity to promote awareness of burn safety strategies – especially in homes with children.

"Scalds from hot liquids have been the leading form of serious burn injuries in Massachusetts for as long as we've been tracking burn data, and young children are injured most often," State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. "Kids under 5 suffered half of all reported scald injuries statewide in 2021."

"A home fire is a devastating event," said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. "To prevent burn injuries in the kitchen and throughout the home, it's important for families to talk about fire safety with children and have access to safety equipment like smoke alarms throughout the home."

This year's Burn Awareness Week theme is "Burning Issues in the Kitchen." According to data from the Massachusetts Burn Injury Reporting System (M-BIRS), hot cooking liquids such as boiling water, grease, and oil caused more scald burns than all other sources combined, and they represent the leading cause of all burn injuries. Children under 5 last year suffered nearly five times more of these scalds than the next leading age group.

Young children are also at disproportionate risk of injury from hot food and drinks. Although children under 5 represent about 6% of Massachusetts' population, they suffered 82% of hot beverage scalds and 53% of hot food scalds in 2021.

Kitchen Burn Safety Tips

• Very young children love to explore their environment. They can be kept away from hot stoves, pots, and pans with

a safety gate, highchair, or playpen. Older children should be taught that the stove is a "No Kid Zone" and to stay three giant steps away from it.

• Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking. Loose-fitting sleeves can catch fire if they come into contact with burners. There were five reported clothing ignitions while cooking in 2021.

• Keep hot food and drinks away from the edges of counters and tabletops. Using placemats instead of a tablecloth can reduce the risk of hot food and drinks being pulled over the edge.

• Never hold or carry a child while you have a hot drink in your hand. A wiggling baby can cause a spill that burns you or your precious cargo. If you're on the move with hot coffee or tea, consider a travel mug if there are children underfoot.

• Keep matches and lighters

out of reach from your child. Help children understand that matches and lighters are tools, not toys.

• Make sure the hot water from your tap is at 120°F or lower. At 150°F, third-degree burns can occur in less than 2 seconds. To test your tap, run your hot water for a minute and then check the temperature with a kitchen thermometer; if it's above 120°F, lower the setting on your water heater until the temperature is low enough. When replacing your water heater, consider installing a thermostatic mixing valve that will limit the output temperature to 120°F.

Treating Burns and Scalds

• Remove victims from danger and call 911.

• Run burns under cool water. Do not put butter, grease, or ointment on a burn.

• Flush chemical burns continuously.

• Remove watches or jewelry from a burned area.

• If possible, remove clothing from a burned area. If the clothing sticks to the skin, leave it in place and cut away the rest of the fabric.

• Cover a burn with a clean sheet or towel.

Massachusetts law requires hospitals and health care providers to report any burn injury that extends over 5% or more of the victim's body to the State Fire Marshal's office. For 36 years, this data has been compiled through the Massachusetts Burn Injury Reporting System (M-BIRS), which was launched as a tool to identify arsonists who injured themselves while setting fires. Today, M-BIRS is also used to help fire and health officials understand burn hazards that can be mitigated through public education, regulation, or intervention strategies.

Moulton, Markey and Warren urge GE to commit to workers at Lynn manufacturing facilities

Congressman Seth Moulton, Senator Edward J. Markey, and Senator Elizabeth Warren sent a letter to General Electric (GE) Aviation urging the company to invest in workers, preserve jobs at its Lynn manufacturing plant, and abandon plans to outsource work from its Lynn facilities. The lawmakers' letter follows a January 2022 transfer of work announcement delivered to IUE-CWA Local 201 that proposes to offload positions from the Lynn site over the next 18 months to other facilities, including those overseas. The lawmakers' letter outlines the compelling strategic, economic, and moral imperative to double down on American manufacturing of critical defense infrastructure.

"Lynn workers have led the way in innovative manufacturing for our country since General Electric's inception. Now, as GE Aviation charts its path forward on its own, we implore you to make an investment in these workers. It is a commitment that they have earned and one that is in the strategic and economic interests of our nation," Moulton, Markey, and Warren wrote in a letter to GE Aviation President and CEO John Slattery.

In their letter, Moulton, Markey and Warren urged GE Aviation to make three major commitments:

- 1) Return offshored work on the T-700 engine back to Lynn and build the T-901 engine in the U.S.;
- 2) Establish more "brilliant factories" stateside and substantially invest in the Lynn facility; and
- 3) Invest in the American workforce to make American products.

"As a first step and a sign of good faith, we ask that GE immediately rescind the transfer of work announcement delivered to

IUE-CWA Local 201 on Friday, January 14, 2022, and preserve in Lynn the positions that GE proposes to offload over the next 18 months to other facilities, including those overseas. Doing so would not only keep work in Lynn, but also demonstrate a commitment by GE to keep manufacturing in the United States and invest in the future of the American workforce," Moulton, Markey, and Warren wrote.

Full text of the letter is below.

Mr. John Slattery
President and CEO
GE Aviation

1 Neumann Way
Cincinnati, OH 45215

Dear Mr. Slattery,

For over a century, America has invested in the future of General Electric (GE). Now, as GE navigates the company's division into separate aviation, healthcare and energy businesses, it is time for GE Aviation to carefully consider how best to invest in the future of America. GE stated that this transition will result in "greater focus, tailored capital allocation, and strategic flexibility to drive long-term growth and value for customers, investors, and employees." We believe that there is a compelling strategic, economic and moral imperative, as part of this transition, to double down on American manufacturing of critical defense infrastructure.

GE has always been able to rely on a highly skilled American manufacturing workforce. In 1941, the U.S. Army Air Corps selected GE's plant in Lynn, Massachusetts to build America's first jet engine. Six months later, GE Lynn succeeded in producing the General Electric I-A, the first working jet engine ever manufactured in the United States. Today, GE's American workforce manufactures some of the most advanced military and

commercial jet engines in the world. This includes the combat-tested T-700 engine, which is used in Blackhawk, Chinook, Super Hornet helicopters, as well as the sophisticated CF34 engine used in Boeing and Bombardier commercial aircraft.

We have consistently supported GE Aviation's efforts to compete for, and ultimately secure, the U.S. Army's Improved Turbine Engine Program (ITEP) contract. This resulted in \$315 million in new investments for GE Aviation this year alone and over \$1 billion since the inception of ITEP. A key recommendation of the bipartisan 2020 Future of Defense Task Force Report is that the United States must "re-establish its domestic manufacturing and supply chain capability, which is both an economic driver and a national security imperative." The report goes on to state that "a lack of domestic manufacturing capability and access to reliable supply chains is among our greatest national security and economic vulnerabilities."

Accordingly, we ask that GE Aviation make three commitments going forward:

Build the T-901 in the United States and return T-700 work to Lynn that has been sent abroad.

Infrastructure that is critical to our national defense should not be vulnerable to private sector supply chain disruptions or strategic political interference. Understandably, GE Aviation often commits to completing the work for foreign countries in those countries. The same should be the case with fulfilling obligations to the U.S. government. Despite this, we understand that T-700 work for the U.S. military is currently being done in Romania and Korea. This work should be brought back to the United States wherever possible, and GE

Aviation should make a public commitment, backed by a clear plan, to building the new T-901 engines in the United States.

Establish more "Brilliant Factories" stateside.

GE's Lynn, Massachusetts facility deserves to become a "brilliant factory" with substantial investment from GE Aviation. Our understanding is GE Aviation has committed to invest around \$30 million at the Lynn facility. While this is a promising start, GE is investing over \$200 million to create brilliant factories in other locations. Lynn has a storied history, skilled workforce, a well-established training pipeline, space on-site, and links to freight networks and large markets that would make it a sound investment for GE Aviation.

Invest in an American workforce to make American products.

The American manufacturing workforce is rapidly aging, with many GE Aviation workers reaching retirement age in the next few years. At the same time, GE Aviation is seeking waivers from the Buy American Act to meet existing contract obligations. In order to meet the contract obligations for the T-700 and T-901 engines, GE must move aggressively to hire and train American workers to do this work. In Lynn, however, our understanding is that although GE has committed to hiring 75-

100 salaried positions, it has presented no clear training or hiring strategy for bargaining unit direct and indirect labor positions. Recent investment by the GE Foundation and Commonwealth of Massachusetts has established a strong foundation; however, a robust plan to scale up programs like this is needed to ensure that current and future obligations to the U.S. government can be met with a highly-skilled American workforce.

As a first step and a sign of good faith, we ask that GE immediately rescind the transfer of work announcement delivered to IUE-CWA Local 201 on Friday, January 14, 2022, and preserve in Lynn the positions that GE proposes to offload over the next 18 months to other facilities, including those overseas. Doing so would not only keep work in Lynn, but also demonstrate a commitment by GE to keep manufacturing in the United States and invest in the future of the American workforce.

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deported in May 2014.

The charge of illegal reentry provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The defendant will be subject to deportation upon completion of any sentence imposed. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins and Todd M.

Lyons, Field Office Director, Boston, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Enforcement and Removal Operations in Boston made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth G. Shine of Rollins' Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

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SALVADORAN NATIONAL INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL REENTRY

A Salvadoran national residing in Lynn was indicted today by a federal grand jury in Boston for illegally reentering the United States after deportation.

Inmar Samuel Aguiluz-Palacios, 29, was indicted on one count of illegal reentry.

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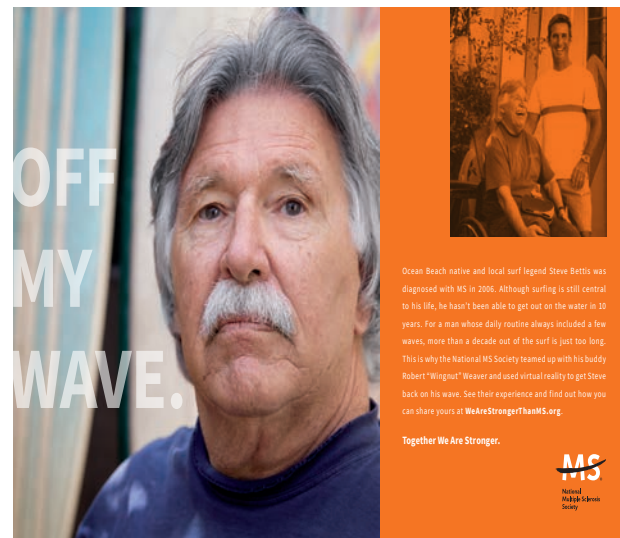
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BOB MARRA PHOTOS

The Lynn English Bulldogs kept their place atop the Greater Boston League with a narrow 38-37 win over Revere Thursday, January 27 at Revere High. The game hinged on Revere's final possession in the closing seconds of play after the Patriots battled back from a six-point deficit in the final minute.



EYES ON YOU: Lynn English freshman Amara Flores concentrates on defending Revere's Haley Belloise.



POINTS IN SIGHT: Lynn English sophomore Alisha Jean (11) eyes a pair of points as she dives past Revere's Carolina Bettero (10) and Belma Velic (33).



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: Jaeleigh Perry defends against Revere's Haley Belloise, forcing an errant shot as the clock ran out and preserving the Bulldog's 38-37 win at Revere's Roland Merullo Fieldhouse on Thursday, January 27.



MAKING A MOVE: Lynn English Captain Makenzie Acevedo makes a move past Revere's Bella Stamatopoulos.



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