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DOMINICAN FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY



The Lynn Dominican community celebrated the 178th independence anniversary of the Dominican Republic with a flag-raising ceremony at Lynn City Hall with pride and jubilation. See Page 12 for more photos.

Kickboxing legends

Dick Kimber, Bobby Kimber honored at prestigious, national awards ceremony

By Cary Shuman

Dick Kimber is a three-time world kickboxing champion, a pioneer in the sport, and an example for Lynn youths that hard work and dedication to your craft can help you achieve goals that may seem impossible.

Kimber traveled to Atlantic City for the Action Martial Arts Magazine's Hall of Honors to accept yet another accolade in recognition of his amazing career.

Dick received the prestigious Hall of Honors award in person at the Jan. 29 ceremony at the

Tropicana Hotel. Dick's older brother, retired Lynn Fire Lt. Bob Kimber, was the recipient of the Outstanding Dedication to Martial Arts lifetime achievement award, but he was unable to attend the ceremony.

In his acceptance speech, Dick credited his family and former mentors.

"I thanked everyone for supporting me, especially my family, Grand Master Al Goldberg, who organized the event, and I expressed to everybody that you

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All smiles, Lynn's Kimber brothers, Bobby Kimber and Dick Kimber, display their prestigious awards from the Action Martial Arts Magazine's Mega Weekend event.

Early Riser

Vong, 22, assumes control of Mayor Nicholson's communications office

By Cary Shuman

By any description, the position of communications manager for a mayor is vital, especially in these times when people are used to receiving news directly and instantaneously.

When you're 22 years old and you're the communication man-

ager for the mayor of a city with close to 100,000 residents - well, it can be an eye-opening experience.

Valerie Vong is a Dean's List student and will graduate in May with honors from Clark University, a highly selective college located in Worcester.

Vong worked as an intern and then became digital media director on Jared Nicholson's

campaign for mayor in 2021. When Nicholson, who like Vong has some impressive academic credentials (Princeton, Harvard Law School) of his own, was elected mayor in November, Vong applied for a position in the Nicholson Administration and was hired to be communications manager for the Mayor's Office.

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Lynn Mayor Jared Nicholson and Communications Manager Valerie Vong are pictured in the Mayor's Office at City Hall.

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A TRAGIC AND DANGEROUS TIME

As we are writing this, the incredibly brave people and government leaders of Ukraine still are holding out against the despicable invaders from Russia.

It is clear that Vladimir Putin, the criminal Russian dictator, underestimated the resolve of the Ukrainian people and their armed forces. He also underestimated the united backlash from the rest of the world and the effects of the economic sanctions that are crippling Russia's economy.

On the other hand, he overestimated the power of his army, which clearly is not up to the task of overrunning a nation as large and as unified as Ukraine as quickly as he had expected.

However, we fear that as the Russians continue to pour military resources into Ukraine and undertake a military campaign that is targeting the civilian population with war-crime levels of bombardment, it is only a matter of time before the Russians take control of whatever will be left of Ukraine after Putin levels it, as he seems intent on doing.

Putin's barbaric invasion of Ukraine brought to mind a quote that often is applicable to dictatorial regimes such as Putin's: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men, even when they exercise influence and not authority, still more when you superadd the tendency or the certainty of corruption by authority."

Although what is happening in Ukraine, though it is being broadcast into our living rooms and on our computer screens 24/7, may seem a world away, we should not be lulled into thinking that we are safe from Putin's maniacal machinations.

The reports that the 69 year-old Putin, who apparently was not content with being the richest man in the world, has become mentally-unhinged is a cause for concern because the lessons of history teach us that the evil deeds of dictators know no bounds.

Here is a quote from a book that came out this week about another would-be dictator:

"He stopped listening to his advisers, became manic and unreasonable, and was off the rails. He surrounded himself with sycophants, including many whack jobs from outside the government, who fed him a steady diet of comforting but unsupported conspiracy theories."

This is a quote from a passage in the new book by former Attorney General William Barr describing the final days of Donald Trump's presidency.

But it seems equally-applicable to Putin, who has raised the spectre of using nuclear weapons to bolster his failing military campaign and who has the ability to wage cyber warfare upon us to an extent that we have not yet experienced. In the 1950s, Americans conducted Civil Defense drills, which included telling children to duck-and-cover under their desks at school. But in an era of cyber warfare, there will be no place for any of us to hide.

We pray for the poor people of Ukraine, whose lives are being shattered literally hour-by-hour.

But we also must be aware that the after-shocks of what is happening in Ukraine will have far-reaching consequences for the entire world, including us.

"CLIMATE CHANGE IS HARMING THE PLANET FASTER THAN WE CAN ADAPT, U.N. WARNS"

That was the headline in the New York Times this past Monday in its story on the report released by the United Nations regarding the ever-increasing damage that man-made pollution is causing to the environment.

The bottom line of the report is this: Unless we reverse direction immediately to limit the amount of greenhouse gases we are spewing into the atmosphere, the impact of climate change on our planet will be irreversible and will come so rapidly that we will have no ability to withstand the wildfires, floods, storms, and sea-level rise that are the inevitable consequences of climate change.

In short, life on our planet as we know it basically is doomed.

And it is going to happen much sooner rather than later.

GUEST OP-ED

How much is freedom worth?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

In America we pursue the occupation of our choice. That doesn't mean we always like our jobs but we can choose to pursue another career or several different careers. We can choose our state, community and house. That doesn't mean we can easily afford to live where we choose but we are free to pursue life in another neighborhood if we want to work toward such a move.

We change our lives if we have the desire and the will power. People make choices every day regarding health, habits and lifestyles. Some choose to develop themselves further and strive to be better while others may choose to do nothing.

You choose your house, your car, your clothes, and your hairstyle (if you have any). You choose what you will do on your days off from work or during your retirement years. You choose if you retire or if you just keep on working until the end.

Often, we may feel as if we don't have choices and that we are stuck in a rut. Chances are we made choices that put us there. We have to make tough choices to climb out of the rut. We can easily become disabled physically, financially and domestically which will significantly limit our choices. Because of health, money, and maybe even age, our choices are often very limited. Most of the time, even when

we have limitations, we can find freedom of choice.

The bottom line is we live in America and we cherish our freedom. We should remember our history and the great sacrifices made by so many. We should never take for granted the unimaginable hardships endured by the early settlers and every generation that has fought wars and lost tens of thousands of men and women in wars to keep our sacred and blessed freedom.

In his 1961 State of the Union address, President John F. Kennedy reminded us that every generation of Americans has had to win its freedom. We will never stay free unless we are willing to fight and sacrifice to keep our freedom.

How much is freedom worth? The brave people of Ukraine and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy are showing the world what freedom is worth. Their lives. While many of the young and aged are exiting Ukraine, President Zelenskyy and thousands are risking their lives to keep Ukraine free from the aggression of Russia and the evil of Vladimir Putin. Putin is not our friend or a friend to the free world. His path to conquer Ukraine is an Adolph Hitler move. Destroying a city and attempting to conquer a nation while killing thousands in order to increase his domain is barbaric.

In the midst of all this, we are surely reminded that we must once again become energy in-

dependent. Russia is a supplier of 40% of the natural gas used by Germany and most of Europe. They and America must stop buying energy and anything else from Russia. We have made them a rich nation while sacrificing our own independence.

Watching as Ukraine's government hands out AK-47s and other guns surely reminds us of the importance of being able to protect ourselves. Keep your guns, stock up on your ammunition, and never vote for anyone who wants to edit our Second Amendment.

We must pray for Zelenskyy and the Ukraine people but we must also help them with whatever aid necessary to push Russia out. Keep in mind that Russia is only 55 miles from Alaska's closest port. Putin just might decide that Russia should have Alaska back. We bought Alaska fair and square in 1867 for \$7.2 million and we won't be handing it back.

How much is freedom worth? Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the people of Ukraine are demonstrating how much freedom is worth.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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Valerie Vong, communications manager for the Office of Mayor Jared Nicholson, reviews the day's schedule with the city's chief executive at City Hall.

What's it like to have such a key role in the day-to-day life of the city?

"It definitely gets a bit overwhelming, however, I feel very happy and proud, and I'm excited to be able to have such a large position assisting the city forward," said Vong.

Vong has several responsibilities in the Mayor's Office.

"I do press releases, I run the Mayor's social media, I make all the graphics, I do a lot of the communications stuff (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube)," summarized Vong.

A proud Lynn English graduate

A member of one of the first Cambodian families to settle in Lynn, Vong is a 2018 graduate of Lynn English High School where she was an inductee in the National Honor Society and president of numerous clubs. She is fluent in four languages, English, Khmer, Japanese and Korean.

Vong has been a remote, full-time college student at Clark for the last five semesters due to the pandemic.

"I definitely miss being on campus and interacting with my friends and professors," said Vong, who was nominated "Clarkie of the Week," which is an ongoing honor for students who have made outstanding contributions to the school commu-

nity.

She has a double major in English and Environmental Science with a concentration in Public Policy and Environmental Policy.

Vong is also a Fellow for AAWPI (Asian-American Women Political Initiative), an organization that highlights Asian-American women in politics, and an intern for MASSPIRG Students.

Vong's sister, Veronica, is a Lynn English graduate and currently a student at Brandeis University. Her brother, Kellsun, is a second grader in the Lynn school district.

Praise for Mayor Nicholson

Valerie Vong is thankful to Mayor Nicholson for hiring her to work in his Administration.

"I'm incredibly appreciative of everything that Mayor Nicholson has done for the city, even prior to being elected as mayor," said Vong. "He's such a role model to me every day throughout my pursuit of education and my career."

Noting Mayor Nicholson's connection to Harvard, Vong added, "It's kind of funny. I'm currently in the application process for graduate school, and one of them is going to be Harvard's Kennedy School, so I think it's really interesting because the Mayor went to Harvard as well."

Lynn woman pleads guilty to role in counterfeit pill trafficking organization

By John Lynds

A Lynn woman charged with trafficking 30 kilograms of fentanyl manufactured to resemble prescription pills pleaded guilty in federal court Monday.

Laurie Caruso, 51, of Lynn admitted to her role in a large-scale drug trafficking organization that manufactured and distributed hundreds of thousands of counterfeit Percocet pills containing fentanyl.

She was convicted on one count of conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess with intent to distribute fentanyl and other controlled substances. U.S. District Court Judge Nathaniel Gorton scheduled sentencing for June 29, 2022.

On June 30, 2021 Caruso was arrested and charged along with co-conspirators Vincent Caruso, Ernest Johnson and Nicole Benton and after a lengthy investigation was found to be part of a large drug trafficking organization (DTO). The organization was operated by her son, Vincent Caruso, a self-admitted

Crip gang member that included Johnson and Benton.

The DTO allegedly sold counterfeit prescription pills containing fentanyl – produced using multiple large pill presses capable of generating thousands of pills per hour – to street gangs for further distribution on the North Shore.

A single counterfeit fentanyl pill allegedly retails between \$10-\$20, thereby generating millions of dollars in retail sales.

According to court documents Caruso admitted to being a primary distributor for the DTO, which historically manufactured its own counterfeit fentanyl pills when it was based in Saugus.

The DTO later outsourced its manufacturing, and would receive deliveries of large quantities of fentanyl pills manufactured in Rhode Island. Once delivered, the DTO would repackage and distribute those pills for sale locally in communities North of Boston.

Caruso admitted to trafficking over 30 kilograms of fentanyl, sold in the form of hundreds of thousands of counterfeit Percocet

pills containing pressed fentanyl. As part of her plea agreement, Caruso also agreed to forfeit over \$100,000 in cash seized from the DTO that were the proceeds of drug trafficking.

On Sept. 30, 2021, Benton pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess with intent to distribute fentanyl and other controlled substances and to possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking conspiracy. Vincent Caruso and Johnson have pleaded not guilty. Vincent Caruso was recently indicted on Jan. 19, 2022, for his role in the conspiracy and faces additional charges.

The charge of conspiracy to manufacture, distribute, and possess with intent to distribute, fentanyl provides for mandatory sentences of five or 10 years, and maximum penalties of up to 40 years or life in prison, depending on drug weight, up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of up to \$10 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district judge based on the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.



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VFW announces Massachusetts Voice of Democracy scholarship winner

Chance J. Bonfanti, a freshman in St. Mary's High School, Lynn, MA, was named the VFW Department of Massachusetts's first place winner and recipient of the Voice of Democracy Award in the 2021-2022 Youth Scholarship Program. VFW Witch City Post #1524 in Salem sponsored Chance. Last year, Chance (who lives in Peabody, MA) earned a third-place position in the VFW Department of Massachusetts Patriot's Pen entry.

"The Voice of Democracy competition provides high

school students with the opportunity to speak out on freedom and democracy," says VFW Department Commander Doug Wood. "The program has been popular and successful since its beginning in 1947, and we're proud to keep offering it to America's young people."

The Voice of Democracy is a worldwide audio-essay competition that requires entrants to write and record a three-to-five minute essay on a patriotic theme. "America: Where Do We Go From Here?" was this year's

theme.

Over 260 Massachusetts students participated in the competition this year. As one of fifty-four finalists worldwide, Chance will be entered at the national level for the first-place prize of a \$30,000 college scholarship.

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) started the Voice of Democracy Scholarship program in 1947. The VFW became a national sponsor in the late 1950s and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961. The competition

was created to provide students grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regard to democratic ideas and principles. Around 40,000 students participate in the competition each year and the VFW awards more than \$2 million in scholarships every year.

About the VFW: The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is the nation's largest and oldest major war veterans organization. Founded in 1899, the congressionally-chartered VFW is comprised entirely of eligible

veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. With more than 1.6 million VFW and Auxiliary members located in 6,200 Posts worldwide, the nonprofit veterans service organization is proud to proclaim "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS" than the VFW, which is dedicated to veterans' service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs. For more information or to join, visit our website at www.VFW.org.

Girls on the Run Greater Boston spring season registration now open

Girls on the Run (GOTR) Greater Boston's registration for the spring season is now open. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires girls in third through eighth grade to be joyful, healthy and confident. It is more than a running program.

"We are incredibly excited

to be launching our largest season ever, with over 1,000 local girls slated to participate," says Olivia Mathews, the Executive Director of GOTR Greater Boston. "Having heard from school administrators that Girls on the Run was truly needed for girls over the past two years due to the isolation of the pandemic, it is urgent that we reach out and engage

girls who may be reluctant to join and allow them to experience the transformational benefits of being part of a GOTR team."

Girls on the Run Greater Boston has inspired girls in Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Plymouth counties for 11 years and has impacted the lives of 8,500 local girls. This season, Girls on the Run will be offered at over 75

diverse locations throughout the area. The life-changing program has research-based lessons that use dynamic discussions and fun running games to teach life skills. The season will culminate with a 5K event on Saturday June 11th in Medford, Massachusetts, that brings together family, friends and community members to celebrate the girls' growth throughout

the season.

The Spring 2022 season will start the week of March 27th for most teams and the twice weekly meetings are generally held after school and outdoors, often led by a school's own teachers and community volunteers. A program fee includes an individual girl kit with a team shirt, water bottle,

Coalition calls for swift action on low-income fares

Staff Report

In the wake of the failure by the MBTA board to create a Low-Income Fare for MBTA

riders, a popular proposal that garnered overwhelming support in public testimony, the Public Transit Public Good Coalition calls for swift action on pro-

viding a Low-Income Fare for MBTA riders.

Despite long-standing calls from environmental justice communities, labor groups and others for a low-income fare, the MBTA has refused to advance the Low-Income Fare program, citing budgetary constraints. The Public Transit Public Good Coalition calls on the MBTA to use a portion of the \$500 million it recently reallocated for use on a range of one-time uses to fund a low-income fare pilot. We estimate a year-long pilot would cost \$42 million dollars.

"The idea of a Low-Income Fare began for a simple reason: folks were struggling to pay the cost of riding," said Collique Williams, an organizer with Public Transit Public Good Coalition, convened by Community Labor United, in his testimony to the Board. "The fare had gone up in 2012, in 2014, in 2016, and in 2019. People needed some help to pay the fare and some assurance that the spiraling costs would not continue. Then, in 2020, the pandemic hit, bringing new economic hardships and health risks. The power to bring riders relief lies here with this body."

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Baker-Polito announce small business relief program

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the launch of a new \$75 million grant program to support Massachusetts small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The new program is part of the plan to spend \$4 billion in American Rescue Plan funding that was signed into law by Governor Charlie Baker in December 2021. The new program is modeled after Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation's (MGCC) successful COVID-19 small business relief program. Under that effort, which became the biggest state-sponsored business relief program in the nation, MGCC oversaw the distribution of approximately \$705 million to over 15,000 small businesses across Massachusetts. Today's announcement was made at Luanda Restaurant and Lounge in Brockton, a family-owned business that received financial support through MGCC's prior COVID relief grant program.

"We have been proud to support small businesses in every corner of the Commonwealth through the MGCC small business program during the pandemic, but we know that some

challenges remain for many businesses," said Governor Charlie Baker. "With the launch of this new effort, we can build on MGCC's successful work and direct important federal funding to those businesses with the greatest need quickly and effectively."

"Restaurants like Luanda are fundamental to the character of our neighborhoods, main streets and downtowns in every city and town in Massachusetts," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "This new initiative will ensure that businesses that need help the most will be able to take advantage of additional opportunities."

The \$75 million will be focused on small businesses that employ between two and 50 people, with \$25 million directed toward businesses that did not qualify for previous MGCC grants because of a lack of revenue loss in 2020; and \$50 million directed to businesses that reach underserved markets and historically underrepresented groups, or are minority-, women-, or veteran-owned businesses, or are owned by individuals with disabilities or who identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community.

Under both categories, grants will range from \$10,000 to \$75,000, and will be capped at the lesser of \$75,000 or three months of operating expenses. Grant funding can be used for employee and benefit costs, mortgage interest, rent, utilities, and interest on debt.

"The challenges faced by Massachusetts' small businesses during COVID have been enormous, but in my district and across the state I have seen so many entrepreneurs and innovators respond with incredible perseverance and grace. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and they deserve our support," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka. "Today's grants represent a choice by the Legislature to center small businesses in our effort for an equitable recovery. I am grateful to the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation for their work to distribute these funds to so many deserving businesses and I am thankful to all of the small businesses who have done so much for Massachusetts."

"I am pleased to hear that the small business grant program, created through the Legislature's

ARPA bill, is now accepting applications, and will soon be distributing these funds to our small businesses," said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano. "Delivering on the Legislature's intent to pass a bill truly focused on equity, a significant portion of the funds from the small business program will specifically target minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned small businesses, as well as small businesses that didn't receive previous grants during the pandemic. Small businesses are oftentimes the backbone of our communities and local economies, and I look forward to seeing these investments remain a priority for the House of Representatives moving forward."

"When help was needed the most during the pandemic, the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation scaled up a nation-leading program to support our small businesses and the families and entrepreneurs behind them," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. "I'm grateful to the MGCC team for once again stepping up to direct vital funding to the neighborhoods

and communities that continue to face challenges created by this unprecedented public health crisis."

"MGCC is pleased to be an instrument of recovery for the smallest of businesses throughout Massachusetts most affected by COVID-19 with these two new grants programs," said Lawrence Andrews, CEO and President of MGCC. "The Baker-Polito Administration and the Legislature recognize that certain communities have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, and the goal of this funding will bring relief and stability to additional businesses throughout the Commonwealth."

In addition to prioritizing applications from businesses that did not qualify for prior aid and businesses owned by individuals from historically underserved populations or operate in underserved markets, eligible businesses must currently be in operation and based in Massachusetts. Applicants must also demonstrate that business revenues for 2020 were between \$40,000 and \$2.5 million.

Learn more at [Empowering SmallBusiness.org](https://empowering-smallbusiness.org).

2022 Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival is planned

Staff Report

The Revere Beach Partnership, in coordination with the City of Revere and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, is excited to announce that it will be hosting the 18th Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival from July 22 to 24. After hosting a modified and scaled-back version in 2021, the event elements will return in full including the return of the Master Sand Sculpting Competition!

"The mission of the Revere

Beach Partnership is to preserve and enhance America's first public beach for the enjoyment of all. With this as our focus, we are committed to putting on a world-class event that invites visitors from all over the world and showcases the beauty of Revere Beach and all that Revere and its surroundings have to offer," said John Hamel, Chairman of the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival Committee.

The theme for this year's event will be "Wonders of the World" and will feature an event centerpiece highlighting the world's most famous land-

marks. The event will include its signature master sand sculpting competition featuring 15 master sand sculptors, three days of live entertainment, food trucks, specialty food vendors, exhibitors, amusement rides, as well as some special surprises that will be announced closer to the event!

"We are so excited to welcome everyone to Revere Beach for the 18th Annual International Sand Sculpting Festival," said Mayor Brian Arrigo. "As the first public beach in America, Revere Beach has always been a destination spot for visitors. We're thrilled to see that this year's festival will

have all the festivities as previous years - with live entertainment, fireworks, and access to enjoy food from local businesses, there will be something for everyone to enjoy."

The Revere Beach Partnership is excited to see everyone on the beach once again for this free, family-friendly event that has become a New England tradition. More details and announcements about the event will be made at a later date. For the most up-to-date information about the event, please visit our website www.rbissf.com or follow us on social media.

About The Revere Beach Partnership

Revere Beach Partnership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 2001.

The mission of the Revere Beach Partnership is to preserve and enhance America's first public beach for the enjoyment of all. The partnership is made up of a volunteer board that shares a love for Revere and Revere Beach. For more information, please visit www.reverebeachpartnership.com or www.rbissf.com.



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to everybody that you can accomplish anything you want if you dedicate yourself to whatever you want," said Kimber. "It's important to never give up."

Classical graduate began kickboxing career in 1977

Dick Kimber grew up in Curwin Circle in Lynn and he said there were a lot of obstacles that could've swayed him off his path.

"But I continued to stay strong and moved forward and I had a lot of role models that gave me that strength such as my older brother, Bob Kimber, my cousins Ralph Kimber Jr. and Jordan Berry, and my uncle, Raymond Armstead."

A 1973 Lynn Classical graduate, Kimber excelled as a tailback on a team captained by Dr. Dan Dill.

He had started training in the martial arts at the age of 10 and made the transition to competitive kickboxing in 1977. With his business partner, Lou Hopkins, Dick owned the operated East Coast Karate Academy in Lynn.

Dick had an extraordinary kickboxing career, winning a world title in the cruiserweight division in France, and two heavyweight division titles at the Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut.

Setting the foundation

It was Dick Kimber who helped set the foundation for the phenomenon that the sport has become today. Kimber was competing in pay-per-view events long before the UFC emerged as a multi-billion-dollar operation.

"I was going to try professional boxing, but I wanted this [kick-



Dick Kimber, three-time world kickboxing champion, holds his Hall of Honors Award that he received at the ceremony in Atlantic City.



Retired Lynn Fire Lieutenant Bobby Kimber displays his lifetime achievement awards in recognition of his refereeing career and dedication to the mixed martial arts.

boxing] to work and I wanted to be one of the pioneers to break this thing through, and hopefully it was going to blow up," said Kimber. "A lot of promoters and sponsors thought it might become popular back then, but I think we were held back because it was going to overtake boxing. So, a lot of times we were on ESPN at 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning, and who's going to watch kickboxing then? We

didn't get the big sponsors back then."

Kimber's brothers also thrived in the mixed martial arts. His youngest brother, Jimmy, was a heavyweight karate champion and an outstanding coach. His brother, Tommy, was a three-time, middleweight world kickboxing champion who was inducted into the Lynn Classical Hall of Fame in 2021. His

brother, Bobby, was a world-class kickboxing referee. One of Dick's students, his brother-in-law, Ed Sierra, is a Master in the Martial Arts.

Dick Kimber retired from kickboxing in 2000. He is the father of six children and resides in Berlin, N.H.

Bobby Kimber honored for excellence, dedication

Bobby Kimber, 70, received dual recognition at the Hall of Honors event for his career as a kick boxing referee and his lifelong dedication to the sport. While his brother, Dick, made the trek to New Jersey for the awards program, Bobby opted out.

"I didn't attend because there was a big snowstorm, but my brother made it there," said Bobby.

There was a mutual respect among the four sons of Richard Kimber and Joan Kimber from their earliest days in Lynn.

"Dick was still in school when I went into the Air Force and to Vietnam," recalled Bobby. "It was just one of those things growing up in Curwin Circle, poor kids that did pretty well for themselves."

While brothers Dick and Tommy were three-time world champions, Bobby and Jimmy had distinguished careers in firefighting.

"They lit 'em up and we put 'em out," said Bobby.

Bobby retired as a Lynn fire lieutenant following a 32-year career. Jimmy just retired from the Peabody Fire Department.

Bobby was a kickboxing referee for 20 years. He never refereed one of Dick's fights, but he was in the ring when one of Dick's students, was fighting for the world lightweight title.

"Dick's fighter was holding his opponent, and I told Dick I'm going to take a point away from him," said Bobby. "The other corner was complaining, and I finally took a point away from Dick's fighter. Dick got up on the ropes, and I threatened to take another point away. Dick yelled to me, 'I'm going to kick your you know what', and I looked at him, and I said to Dick, 'Oh yeah, I'm telling Ma'." "Dick got down off the ropes, and the crowd went wild. They knew I wasn't taking anybody's stuff. I had taken a point away my brother's fighter."

Those days in the kickboxing arena are in the past, but the honors and acclaim keep coming for the legendary Kimber brothers.



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SEAPORT ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING IN LYNN

Officials from coastline communities met either live or virtually outlining their plans to improve waterfront properties for businesses and for tourism in their cities or townships. Lt. Governor Council Chairperson Karyn Polito opened the conference for the Seaport Economic Council at North Shore Community College in Lynn. She outlined grant programs available to communities and other economic activity funds for towns and cities serving coastal Massachusetts.

Lynn EDIC Executive Director Jim Cowdell explained the importance of the Blossom Street Extension Commuter ferry facility which was a three-phase project; it was a \$7.5 million investment through Federal, State, and EDIC funds. He continued to say, "We now have a master waterfront plan with a vision for major developments. The North Harbor site is almost completed with its

\$115 million project having 300 residential units".

The first investment on the waterfront was the commuter ferry project as Jim said, "We can make a strong argument for that investment from the state and federal government leading to private investments. Over 100 parking spaces and soon to be a new two-story building are in the plans. This will tie into ferry terminal activities".

Jim foresees the Lynn commuter ferry system is ready to take off, having had two previous ferry pilot programs that proved to be successful. Commuting time is only 29 minutes from Lynn into Boston. As he concluded, "Taking the ferry is a peaceful trip; this will help to decrease traffic congestion".

Lt. Polito thanked Council members for the incredibly good works and efforts and for joining this important meeting to im-



Lt. Governor Karyn Polito begins the Virtual Platform meeting with coastal town representatives.

prove the Massachusetts coastline.



Lynn Officials, Mayor Jared Nicholson, EDIC Director Jim Cowdell, EDIC Mary Jane Smalley, and Sean Reid from State Senator Crighton's office with Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and Vice Chair Ashley Stolba.



Lt. Governor Karyn Polito speaks with Gloucester Mayor Greg Verga through a Zoom call.

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East Cambridge Savings Bank and Patriot Community Bank announce merger

Staff Report

1854 Bancorp, the mutual holding company of East Cambridge Savings Bank, and Patriot Community Bank, a cooperative bank headquartered in Woburn, Massachusetts, have jointly announced that they have reached a definitive merger agreement in which 1854 Bancorp will acquire Patriot Community Bank for \$15.75 in cash per share.

Upon completion of the merger, East Cambridge Savings Bank will operate Patriot Community Bank's one office as a branch of East Cambridge Savings Bank. East Cambridge Savings Bank's proforma assets are expected to exceed \$1.5 billion and will operate a branch network of 11 banking centers.

East Cambridge Savings Bank President and CEO Gilda M. Nogueira stated, "We are pleased to announce this partnership. As local community banks, we are

committed to serving communities that we have long been a part of. Through this merger, we look forward to providing expanded banking services and convenience to consumers and small businesses that have long looked to Patriot Community Bank for their banking needs. Our organizations, with similar corporate cultures and values, credit our long-term success to the confidence and trust of the many local residents and businesses we serve. We are committed to continuing as a strong financial and community partner."

John O'Donnell, President and CEO of Patriot Community Bank, stated, "We are excited to partner with East Cambridge Savings Bank and I am confident that this merger will continue Patriot Community Bank's longstanding commitment to our customers, communities, and employees. East Cambridge Savings Bank has a 168-year

history of working with customers and businesses to help them grow and thrive which is exactly what Patriot Community Bank has strived to do since our founding. This partnership brings together two community-focused local banks that are dedicated to helping our customers, supporting employees, and serving our communities." Mr. O'Donnell will remain with East Cambridge Savings Bank as an Executive Vice President, Senior Commercial Lending Officer, following the completion of the merger.

The merger is subject to regulatory approval and the approval of the shareholders of Patriot Community Bank. The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of 2022.

Goodwin Procter LLP served as legal counsel to 1854 Bancorp and East Cambridge Savings Bank, and The Kafavian Group, Inc. served as financial advisor to 1854 Bancorp and East Cam-

bridge Savings Bank. Griffin Financial Group LLC served as financial advisor and provided a fairness opinion to Patriot Community Bank and K&L Gates LLP served as legal counsel to Patriot Community Bank.

1854 Bancorp is a mutual holding company and the parent company of East Cambridge Savings Bank. East Cambridge Savings Bank is a full-service mutually-held bank that is committed to be the preferred banking partner in the communities it serves. Established in 1854, the Bank strives to provide an exceptional customer experience and generous support for the community. Headquartered in Cambridge, the Bank has locations in Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Chelsea, Malden, Medford, Somerville, and Waltham, as well as an educational training facility at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. The Bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance

Corporation (FDIC), the Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF), and is an Equal Housing Lender. For more information about East Cambridge Savings Bank, please visit www.ecsb.com.

Patriot Community Bank is an independent state co-operative chartered bank with consolidated assets of \$208 million as of December 31, 2021. Patriot Community Bank is a full-service community bank headquartered in Woburn, Massachusetts. Founded in 2006, Patriot Community Bank provides a full range of consumer and commercial deposit and lending products to the communities surrounding Woburn. The Bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF), and is an Equal Housing Lender. For more information about Patriot Community Bank, please visit www.patriotcb.com.

Grant application for Massachusetts veteran-serving organizations opens

The State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment, in partnership with the Division of Banks and the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, are now accepting applications for the 2022 round of Operation Money Wise grants. This funding supports Veteran-serving non-profit organizations, public agencies, and higher education institutions to improve pre-existing financial education programs or to create new ones aimed at increasing personal finance knowledge within the Military, Veteran, Family, and Survivor Community (MVFSC).

Funding is possible through a Division of Banks settlement over alleged unlawful lending practices and a total of \$75,000 has been committed to this year's grant program. Eligible organizations providing financial education programs to the MVFSC will be considered for awards of up to \$5,000. Since the inception of this program, over 6,600 members of the military community have been served with this

funding.

The grant requirements and application are available online at: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-operation-money-wise>. Applications will be accepted until Thurs., April 7, 2022 at 5 pm EST.

"Operation Money Wise empowers our veterans and their families to make informed financial decisions," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "With this funding, more servicemembers will have access to resources and tools that will help them improve their economic well-being."

"This grant opportunity is a significant way to help support the Massachusetts Veteran community. We're excited to provide the funding for this initiative again, especially at a time when this type of programming is so vital for Veterans and the groups that serve them," said Edward A. Palleschi, Undersecretary for the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, whose office oversees the Division of

Banks.

"We're proud to offer this grant again to help Veterans receive the information they need to improve their financial skillset. With funding available this year, we hope to reach more Veterans by facilitating innovative programs from Veteran-serving organizations throughout the state," said Mary Gallagher, Commissioner of Banks.

Over \$160,000 has been awarded since the inception of the financial literacy grant in 2016. Operation Money Wise is designed to empower the military community and their families in the Commonwealth through financial education. This grant opportunity allows organizations to use their knowledge and expertise to design or enhance a program that would best serve their community. Many of these workshops will include strategy sessions on basic budgeting, managing debt, preparing for retirement and decisions around money.

Spring garden talk planned

Join the Shirley-Eustis House Association and The Roxbury Historical Society for an online discussion about garden plants as cures for illness and preservers of wellness in early New England. Master Gardener Mary Lou O'Connor will share surprising facts about the history of some of our most common kitchen garden plants. She will also reveal how Native American knowledge and African traditions combined with European herbal treatments to make for a particularly American herbal medicine cabinet.

"Lots of people have heard how Cotton Mather learned about vaccinations from his enslaved man Onesimus. But that wasn't a one-time thing. At the local level in communities across New England, healers and housewives often shared their knowledge about herbal treatments with each other," says Mary Lou. "Kitchen garden plants like St. John's Wort and Comfrey, for example, had a long history of medicinal use in Europe and Africa. While Native Americans learned about these plants from colonists and enslaved Africans, they also shared their knowledge about indigenous American plants with the newcomers. One of the most famous examples is tobacco. We've been exploring these fascinating exchanges as we develop the gardens at Shirley Place."

The event is free, but a suggested donation of \$12 per participant would help defray costs. Proceeds benefit the Shirley-Eustis House Association. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/herbs-botanicals-and-wellness-in-colonial-new-england-tickets-260606821017?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> or contact the Shirley-Eustis House at director@shirleyeustishouse.org or call 617-442-2275 for more information.

The Shirley-Eustis House is a National Historic Landmark located at 33 Shirley Street in Roxbury, Massachusetts. The 1747 house, preserved at Shirley Place, is a relic of British rule in colonial North America, and one of only four colonial governors' mansions remaining in the United States. The Shirley-Eustis House Association preserves the site in order to explore the early history of our nation and the community of Roxbury. More information about guided tours, events and programs can be found on our website: www.shirleyeustishouse.org.

The Roxbury Historical Society researches Roxbury history from before the landing of Europeans to the present day. RHS works to preserve community memory by collecting oral histories and offering opportunities for community presentations and discussions.

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Paramedic Training School scholarship program for Massachusetts' EMTs announced

Staff Report

Transformative Healthcare announced a \$1,000,000 Paramedic Training School scholarship program to enable EMTs aspiring to become Paramedics access to state-of-the-art education at a fraction of the tuition expense. Over eighty (80) EMTs will receive scholarships to participate in the 2022 Paramedic training classes.

“In New England and throughout the United States, there is a significant shortage of Paramedics that are necessary to meet the emergency medical service needs of our communities,” said Thomas McEntee, CEO of Transformative Healthcare. “By establishing a \$1,000,000 scholarship program, Transformative Healthcare aims to proactively address New England’s Paramedic shortage by making access to state-of-the-art Paramedic education much more af-

fordable. Scholarship recipients in our 2022 Paramedic training classes will pay only \$1,500, an 83% discount to the \$13,000 tuition.”

While the EMS industry is characterized by a significant shortage of EMS professionals, demand for Paramedic and EMT professionals is projected to be amongst the fastest growing occupations in the United States. Demand for these professionals is projected to grow 6 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations[1].

Transformative Healthcare’s CoAEMPS[2] accredited Paramedic Training Program is the only educational program in Massachusetts to feature a range of state-of-the-art simulation technologies that vastly increase the efficacy of the learning experience. The technologies include Oculus Virtual Reality, Immersive Interactive’s immersive simulation technologies and spe-

cialized simulation mannequins by TraumaFx and LifeCast. Paramedic students experience highly realistic situations where they can train in real-life, virtual scenarios such as car crashes, burning buildings, , first-person shooter events and more. Moreover, students can treat mock patients where they experience high-tech mannequins that are bleeding, have broken bones, severe burns and more.

“Transformative Healthcare’s Center of Excellence Education Team is dedicated to accelerating the development of our team members, and other Massachusetts EMTs, seeking to advance their careers as Paramedics,” said Andy Defrias, Director of Training and Education. “Our team offers the most advanced training and education program, so our Paramedic students can deliver the most effective patient care”.

About Transformative Healthcare

Company Highlights
 • Leading medical transportation & logistics company in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine

- 1,500+ clinicians & professionals
- More than 150 years serving our communities
- 2,500+ facilities served
- Millions of patients served with exceptional care

Transformative Healthcare delivers cost efficient, high quality patient outcomes by optimizing how patients and data move through the healthcare system. We create customized partnerships for municipal 911 emergency response, inter-facility medical transportation, mobile patient testing, vaccine administration, remote patient monitoring and logistics services. Our proprietary software and analytics improve patient outcomes while reducing healthcare costs.

End-to-End COVID-19 Solutions at Scale

Transformative Healthcare launched mobile & onsite COVID-19 testing and vaccine administration services starting in April 2020 to serve major organizations in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. We proudly support the risk management & return-to-work strategies of state governments, municipalities skilled-nursing & assisted living facilities, private universities & colleges, and corporations.

Transformative Healthcare is proud to support the Commonwealth’s ‘Stop the Spread’ campaign and bring COVID-19 testing and vaccination programs to the most vulnerable populations. The company’s COVID-19 TRACR software platform (Test-Result-Authorize-Contact Trace-Report) has assisted Massachusetts to be at the forefront of pandemic management and response.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

POLIO.

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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MVES HOLDS FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SERIES

Mystic Valley Elder Services will present a FREE Virtual chronic disease self-management workshop series My Life; My Health, beginning Weds., March 16 to April 20, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Learn how to connect virtually thru a Zoom platform and take the class from the comfort of your home. You don't want chronic disease, pain or discomfort to limit the activities and life you enjoy.

The series is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition, such as arthritis, asthma, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, cancer, COPD, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, Parkinson's disease, or stroke. Topics will include managing and controlling pain, beginning (or improving) an exercise pro-

gram, handling stress and learning to relax, increasing energy, and eating for your health and wellbeing.

Class size is limited, so reserve your spot today. To register or if you have any questions about the program, contact Donna Covelle at dcovelle@mves.org or call 781-388-4867.

GOLDBERG ANNOUNCES INTERIM LOTTERY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announced that Michael Sweeney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts State Lottery, is departing from the agency for a new role outside of state government.

“I want to thank Michael for his countless contributions to the Massachusetts State Lottery over the last seven years, and am grateful for his prior service

at the State Treasurer’s Office,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “I wish him well in all his future endeavors.”

The Treasurer has appointed Mark William Bracken as interim Executive Director. Bracken is tasked with leading the strategic business operations of the Lottery and its five regional offices as the Treasurer begins the search for a permanent Executive Director.

Bracken has worked for the Massachusetts State Treasurer’s Office since 2011. He is currently an Assistant Treasurer and Director of the state’s Unclaimed Property Division. He attended St. Anselm College and Suffolk University Law School where he received his JD. Bracken has also served as the President of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators.

The Massachusetts State Lottery was created in 1972 to generate local aid revenues for the Commonwealth’s cities and towns. Since its inception, the Lottery has returned more than \$29 billion in net profit to the Commonwealth. For more information about the state Lottery, please visit www.masslottery.com.

MVES BELLYFUL OF LAUGHS SHOW APRIL 8

Mystic Valley Elder Services annual rendition of its comedy

show Bellyful of Laughs will be held on Fri., April 8, at Anthony’s of Malden, located at 105 Canal Street in Malden, and will feature the comedian talents of Steve Sweeney, Will Noonan and Jim Ruberti. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the comedy show starts at 8:00 pm. Tickets are now on sale for \$50 each, which includes the comedy show, a buffet dinner, dessert, cash bar, raffles and chance at a fabulous door prize. A table of 10 cost \$475. Proceeds benefit Mystic Valley Elder Services’ programs that keep elders independent and in their homes. Tickets are selling fast so please call our Development Office at 781-388-2316

Located in Malden, Mass., Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to elders, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992 and the NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990

The City of Lynn will hold a Public Hearing as part of the citizen's participation process under the above Acts and regulations hereunder; and the purpose of this Hearing is twofold:

a) to provide an overview of entitlement grants applications undertaken during the past year;

b) to allow public input with regard to the City's proposed Action Plan including the presentation of proposal applications and the solicitation of citizen comments on the development of community needs and funding activities.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Fiscal Year 2022 estimated entitlement grants appropriations are Community Development Block Grant (\$2,876,735) and Emergency Solutions Grant (\$211,174). These appropriations will be used to fund local housing and community development activities in the City's Fiscal Year 2023 and may include economic development activities, homeownership assistance, housing rehabilitation, public services, public facilities and improvements, acquisition, disposition, clearance and demolition, relocation, housing services, construction of housing, microenterprise assistance, technical assistance, rehabilitation and preservation, planning and management, design, etc.

The schedule for the Public Hearing is as follows: TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.

Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development - Community Room 10 Church Street, Lynn, Massachusetts

The Community Room at the Lynn Housing Authority is handicapped accessible and any individual needing a special accommodation for their handicapped condition must contact the Office of Community Development at (781) 581-6763 at least two weeks prior to the Public Hearing.

All residents of Lynn are invited to

attend to provide comments on the needs of the City and offer funding recommendations. Individuals wishing to offer public comment must register with staff prior to the start of public hearing that evening. All speakers will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to make their comments.

Individuals submitting formal proposal applications are asked to address the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) with a brief overview of their request. In order to allow sufficient time for the CAB to hear from all grant applicants, individual presentations will be limited to one person and may not exceed three minutes, followed by possible questions from the CAB. The hearing will be structured in two Sessions. Session One will consist of the individual grant presentations followed by Session Two allowing for general public comment. Again, all presentations in both sessions will be limited to a maximum of three minutes in order to provide sufficient time to hear all public comments.

In the event a resident is unable to attend and comment, he or she is invited to submit written comments (in the form of proposal applications and/or letters) to the above-mentioned address. Such written comments will be considered in the planning process and in the preparation of an application for Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant funds for Fiscal Year 2023. James M. Marsh Director Community Development Charles J. Gaeta Executive Director Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development

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La Ciudad de Lynn tendrá una Audiencia Pública como parte del proceso de participación de los ciudadanos bajo los Actas mencionadas y regulaciones a continuación; y el propósito de esta Audiencia es doble:

a) proveer un resumen de las ac-

tividades de las becas que fueron aceptada durante el año pasado; b) permitir ideas del público con respecto al Plan de Acción propuesto por la Ciudad, incluyendo el propuesto de presentar las aplicaciones y la solicitud de los comentarios del ciudadano en respecto a las necesidades del desarrollo de la comunidad y actividades financieras.

Las asignaciones de subvenciones de derecho estimadas del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) para el año fiscal 2022 son la Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (\$2,876,735) y la Subvención para Soluciones de Emergencia (\$211,174). Estas asignaciones se utilizarán para financiar actividades de desarrollo comunitario y de vivienda local en el año fiscal 2023 de la ciudad y pueden incluir actividades de desarrollo económico, asistencia para la propiedad de vivienda, rehabilitación de viviendas, servicios públicos, instalaciones públicas y mejoras, adquisición, disposición, limpieza y demolición, reubicación, servicios de vivienda, construcción de vivienda, asistencia a microempresas, asistencia técnica, rehabilitación y preservación, planificación y gestión, diseño, etc.

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MARTES 8 DE MARZO DEL 2022 - 6:00P.M.

Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development - Community Room 10 Church Street, Lynn, Massachusetts

El salón de la Comunidad en el Lynn Housing Authority tiene acceso para personas invalidas, si hay alguien necesita servicios especiales debe ponerse en contacto la Oficina del Desarrollo de la Comunidad (781-581-6763) por lo menos dos semanas antes de la Audiencia pública.

Todos los residentes de la ciudad de Lynn son invitados a asistir y proveer comentarios acerca de las necesidades de la Ciudad y ofrecer recomendaciones sobre los fondos. Individuales que desean ofrecer comentario público tienen que registrarse con el encargado antes de emesar la audiencia esa noche. Aquellos residentes que desean hablar tendran un maximo de tres minutos para hacer sus comentarios.

Individuales que sometan aplicaciones de propuesta formal

tienen que dirigirse al (Comite de Acesoria de Ciudadanos) Citizens Advisory Board con un resumen de su peticion. Para poder permitir suficiente tiempo para que el Comite de Acesoria de Ciudadanos pueda oír a todos los aplicantes aceptados, presentaciones individuales seran limitada a una persona y no puede exceder tres minutos, seguida por preguntas posible del Comite de Acesoria de Ciudadanos. La audiencia será estructurada en dos secciones. Primera Seccion consiste de las presentaciones de becas individuales seguida por Sección Dos aceptando comentarios del público general. Otra vez, todas presentaciones en ambas secciones seran limitada a un maximo de tres minutos para poder proporcionar suficiente tiempo para oír a todos los comentarios del público. En caso que un residente no pueda asistir y comentar, el o ella es invitado a someter comentarios por escrito (en forma de aplicacion de propuesta y/o cartas) a la direccion mencionada arriba. Esos comentarios por escrito seran considerado en el proceso de planificación y en la presentacion de una aplicacion para Community Development Block Grant y becas de Solucion de Emergencia para el Año Fiscal 2023.

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LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

MALDEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL FOR FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the first and second quarter of the 2021 - 2022 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: Headmaster's List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes) and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes.)

Malden Catholic Honors - QUARTER ONE

Headmaster's List (90 to 100 in all classes)

- Aidan Cole Kyra Lominy Brooke Langis Angie Mejia

First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)

- Jovanny Vargas Rylan Scaglione Yolandy Vargas Katie Erazo

Sabrina Armstrong Lilyanna Romero Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)

Ryan Sweeney Thomas Do

Javier Umana-Delcid Destiny Fotabong

Malden Catholic Honors - QUARTER TWO

Headmaster's List (90 to 100 in all classes)

- Kyra Lominy Brooke Langis Angie Mejia

First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)

- Jovanny Vargas Rylan Scaglione

- Ryan Sweeney Aidan Cole

- Yolandy Vargas Katie Erazo

- Sabrina Armstrong Lilyanna Romero

Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)

- Thomas Do Javier Umana-Delcid

- Destiny Fotabong Evelyn Luna

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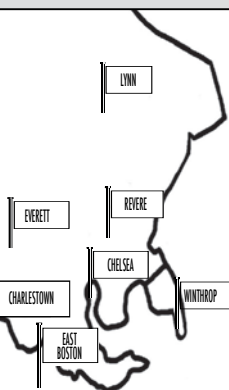
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A beautiful ceremonial presentation was held inside Lynn City Hall foyer. Over 100 Dominicans and local officials attended to pay tribute to Dominican Independence Day before the official flag raising,

School Committee member Lenny Pena showed joy and pride as he said, "This ceremony is very important to the Dominican citizens of Lynn. We are recognizing Independence Day that occurs on February 27th giving people freedom from France. Most important the people wanted freedom, democracy, and complete liberation. The island was divided into two separated countries – Haiti and Dominican Republic". Lenny continued to note, "We have many Dominican community leaders and residents in the city. It is important to acknowledge this national holiday. This is a great day for Dominican Americans to show pride at the flag raising ceremony".



Dominican Flag Committee – (Front): Elizabeth Figueroa, Sandra Lopez, Rosa Alvarado, Jose Encarnacion, and Yoleny Ynoa: (Back): Juan Gonzalez, Claire Holquin, School Committee Lennin Pena, and Manuel Espinosa.



Dominican students, Dayanara Cabrera and Yariel Tejada, received Academic Excellence Citations from Mayor Jared Nicholson, State Senator Brendan Crighton, State Reps Dan Cahill and Peter Capano.



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