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ST. MARY'S GIRLS AND BOYS WIN MIAA SEMI-FINALS

The St. Mary's High School boys and girls basketball teams are heading to the MIAA state finals after winning their semifinal games Tuesday night in Woburn.

The St. Mary's boys team, led by head coach David Brown, will play Watertown Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Tsongas Center, Lowell.

The St. Mary's girls team, led by head coach Jeff Newhall, will play Rockland Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Tsongas Center in Lowell.



UNSTOPPABLE: Dave Brown Jr. looks for a path past Norton's Andrew Tetrault on the way to a pair of his 23 points that led the Spartans to an 87-49 demolition of Norton in the MIAA Division 3 semi-finals Tuesday night at Woburn High. St. Mary's plays Watertown Friday night for the State championship.



STOP RIGHT THERE: St. Mary's Niya Morgen not only led all scorers with 23, she put a defensive hold on Fenwick's Olivia Found, who had fifteen points in the first half and finished the night with 19. See pages 6 and 7 for more basketball photos.

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE



Lynn Parks and Recreation had its annual Father-Daughter Dance at the Knights of Columbus. See Page 5 for more photos.

Her star will shine forever

Lynn mourns the death of Franki Galeazzi

By Cary Shuman

The community is mourning the loss of one of Lynn's greatest all-time high school athletes, Francesca Simone "Franki" Galeazzi, who died on March 8, 2022. She was 25 years old.

Franki was the daughter of David Galeazzi and Sheila Belliveau. Franki had two outstanding role models in her older sisters, Briana Galeazzi, 31, and Gabriella Galeazzi, 28. Franki was lovingly protective of her younger brother, Nico, 19, who carried on the esteemed family tradition of scholastic and athletic excellence at Lynn Classical and is now a member of the Assumption College baseball team.

While Franki's athletic accomplishments put her at the very top of the Lynn sports mountain, Franki was also remembered as an exceptional person and teammate, who played the game with joy and intensity.

Tom Sawyer was Franki's coach in the Classical girls' basketball program.

"As a coach, Franki was exactly what you wanted on your team," said Sawyer. "She was a great student and a great athlete, but more importantly a great teammate who cared way more about the team, her teammates, and team success than her own. You never had to coach effort because she brought it every day, every practice, and every game. You never had to coach attitude because she always had it on point. You never had to coach focus because she was al-



Franki Galeazzi.

ways focused on the competitive task at hand.

"Franki Galeazzi is a Classical legend and a legendary person," concluded Sawyer.

Classical will name a hallway in Franki's memory

A tremendous crowd gathered at Solimine Funeral Home Sunday for a funeral service led by Deacon Richard Field.

Classical Assistant Principal and former softball coach Chris Warren delivered a beautiful remembrance of Franki Galeazzi, who was an All-Star shortstop in his successful program.

During his remarks at the service, Mr. Warren announced an extraordinary honor that has been accorded to Franki Galeazzi and her family: the naming of the athletic hallway at Lynn Classical as the Francesca Galeazzi Athletic

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EDITORIAL

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

As the ongoing tragedy in Ukraine, fueled by the barbarism of the war criminal Vladimir Putin, continues to unfold, it is apparent that in addition to underestimating the fierce and brave resistance of the Ukrainian people, Putin also failed to anticipate the resolve of free people around the world to rally in support of the Ukrainians.

Putin clearly had little respect for the West prior to launching his invasion. He believed that we would care more about maintaining our creature comforts and cushy lifestyle than we would about the fate of Ukraine. He assumed that as we watched the carnage from the comfort of our living rooms, our materialistic instincts would trump any sense of sympathy that we might have with the Ukrainian people and that we would not be willing to make sacrifices of any kind in order to support the Ukrainians in their fight against tyranny.

In short, Putin believed us to be soft, weak, narcissistic, and lacking empathy.

However, the newfound solidarity of free people and our leaders (with a few exceptions) around the world in our support of the Ukrainians has proven Putin to be hugely wrong.

Western businesses willingly have sacrificed billions of dollars and Western consumers are paying more for their energy -- and just about everything else -- because of our decision to back the Ukrainians with both military aid and unprecedented economic sanctions that are taking a great toll on the Russia war machine.

With dictators on the rise in Russia, China, No. Korea, and Saudi Arabia (where 81 persons were executed this past weekend), we have re-learned the lesson that the freedoms we enjoy are something that we cannot take for granted.

Thanks to Putin, Americans have found a cause that we all can agree upon -- the right of every person to be free.

The months ahead will not be easy -- though nowhere near as difficult as they will be for the Ukrainian people -- but Putin's barbarism has illuminated a valuable truth that we had ignored for the better part of the past century: Freedom isn't free.

ENJOY A HAPPY (AND SAFE) ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Amidst all of the sadness and tragedy in the world today, the arrival of St. Patrick's Day this Thursday (March 17) will provide a brief and welcome respite from the terrible news that we see on our televisions every day.

Although St. Patrick's Day ostensibly is a holiday with religious (Catholic) and ethnic (Irish) connotations, St. Patrick's Day has become a holiday for people of all nationalities -- a day when "everybody is Irish" -- to share camaraderie and good cheer.

This will be the first St. Patrick's Day in three years that we'll be able to celebrate the holiday collectively now that COVID restrictions are easing.

We wish all of our readers a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day.

GUEST OP-ED

Ukrainian and American pain – we must unplug from Russia and China

Dr. Glenn Mollette

America is no longer buying energy or vodka from Russia. Russians can no longer buy a McDonald's hamburger. They can't pay for their gasoline with a Visa, Mastercard or even an American Express card. One thousand Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants have ceased operations in Russia. How tough can life become?

For a better picture of a tough life watch some of the news clips played daily on most television stations. See what the Russians are doing each day to Ukraine. Hospitals are bombed. Babies are murdered. Cities no longer exist. Tens of thousands have been killed by the Russian army.

Speculations continue to be expressed among politicians and journalists that Russia may be guilty of war crimes. This seems like a bad joke. Russia has been guilty of war crimes from day one. They don't care who they kill or how they kill the innocent people of Ukraine. They will use any kind of bomb or chemical to accomplish President Vladimir Putin's evil whim to bring Ukraine under Russian rule. They will even accept weapons

from China.

Hopefully we will never buy another thing from Russia. In the meantime, the remnant still battling the Russian Army needs the full support of NATO in weapons, money and humanitarian aid. Sadly, for the thousands who have already been killed it's too little too late.

While we are unplugging trade with Russia we must act accordingly toward China. China is not our friend. Just like Russia, we have made China rich with billions of dollars in trade each year. Plus, America is in debt, over a trillion dollars, to China. Stores across America must put American businesses back to work by buying as many American made products as possible. China has been eyeing Taiwan the same way Russia has been eyeing Ukraine. If Russia successfully takes Ukraine and can survive the aftermath look for China to invade Taiwan. China will then control most of the chips made that runs our cars, phones and computers.

The next scenario is what happens to us when Russia and China combine their efforts toward the United States? Are we able to withstand an attack from Rus-

sia and China? It's more than we want to comprehend today. This is why we must become energy independent. Why not use our gas, oil and coal until we have the infrastructure in place to run electric cars?

In my local community of 250,000 people, I do not know of one electric car charging station. Local car dealers say it will be two to three years before they will have electric cars to sell. Most American communities are the same and we need time for the infrastructure to catch up. In the meantime, we should use the resources we have to run our country independently.

Gasoline prices and inflation are hurting America but consider what Russia is doing to Ukraine. Americans will survive the pain at the pump if America will go back to our own sources to supply our needs.

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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Hallway.
 “There will be a sign displayed on the entrance of that hallway,” Warren told the assemblage. “Inside the hallway there will be a plaque that describes her athletic accomplishments in the three sports at Lynn Classical and her incredible contributions to the community. The dedication will be all in, and it will be perfect, just like Franki would want it to be.”

Mr. Warren also noted a special gathering of high school teammates and coaches at the school Saturday, a tribute organized by Jess Perez.

“Listening to the stories and the smiles and the tears, I truly believe Franki had more impact in 25 years than most people could have in 80,” said Warren. “To see the outpouring of love and support was incredible. Jess Perez, I want to thank you for getting that together and having that idea and thought for her. And to Leah [Warren], for the video that went with it, I have no words.”

In closing, Mr. Warren said, “Over the past few days, the support for Franki and the support for each other is what Lynn and her Ram Fam is all about. For the amount of high school teammates (Saturday), to the incredible amount of support that we see here today to support the Galeazzi family – Franki, you touched so many lives in so many ways.”

“Personally, you made me a better coach and a better person. Your teammates became better players and better people. Franki was always the player and person who needed to learn from a mistake to always improve as a player. Look around this room, look around this entire building, learn one more final lesson from Franki: look at your friends, your family member, co-worker and make sure they’re alright. Don’t be afraid to ask. Don’t be afraid to tell a friend or co-worker or anyone that you love them. Don’t let her death be for nothing.”

“I love you Franki. I will miss you. Fly high.” said Mr. Warren. Tim Phelan, Franki Galeazzi’s

youth soccer coach, also spoke during the service, describing a togetherness among the Breakers team that was enhanced by her spirit and fun-loving manner.

“Franki loved the camaraderie of being part of a team. She loved to have fun and she loved people,” said Mr. Phelan. “She was very sensitive, caring, and kind, and thoughtful.”

One of the most beautiful and heartfelt tributes to Franki Galeazzi was composed by Daily Item reporter Allysha Dunnigan who wrote that “I had the privilege of playing soccer and softball with Franki, but also knew her growing up.

“Franki was a caring, compassionate, determined, supportive and kind human who spent a majority of her life helping others,” said Dunnigan in what was a masterfully written piece aptly titled, “An Appreciation, Remembering My Friend, Franki Galeazzi.”

Mr. Galeazzi expresses his gratitude to the community

David Galeazzi expressed his gratitude to the community and Lynn Classical High School for their kind expressions of support and sympathy to the Galeazzi family.

“Chris Warren and Tim Phelan gave two beautiful speeches,” said Mr. Galeazzi.

“I want to thank Brian Field, who so kindly assisted in the funeral service. Jess Perez put together an incredible gathering for Franki. Chris Warren’s wife, Leah, made a 24-minute video tribute that was absolutely unbelievable.

“The family is overwhelmed by the response to Franki’s passing. That honor of naming a hallway for Franki, it’s just an amazing tribute and we’re so thankful to everyone at Classical.”

Franki Galeazzi will be remembered as one of the best female athletes in Lynn Classical High School history.

“Franki never attended a sports camp or a clinic or had a private lesson,” said Mr. Galeazzi. “That was pure athleticism. And as good as she was in sports, she was ten times better as a person.”

North Shore drug trafficking leader pleads guilty

A Lynn man was pleaded guilty today to operating a North Shore-based drug trafficking organization (DTO) that used multiple high-volume pill press machines to produce tens of thousands of fentanyl pills per hour to sell to street gangs for local distribution.

Vincent Caruso, 27, a/k/a “Fatz,” pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl, cocaine, marijuana and other controlled substances; one count of conspiracy to possess firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery (Hobbs Act robbery); and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering. U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper scheduled sentencing for June 30, 2022. Under the terms of the plea agreement, Caruso will be sentenced to at least 15 years.

Caruso was initially arrested and charged by complaint on June 30, 2021 along with co-conspirators Ernest Johnson, Laurie Caruso and Nicole Benton as part of Operation Street Sweepah: Guns and Butter, an investigation that began in 2020 in direct response to an increasing number of shootings in communities north of Boston committed by street gangs whose violence is fueled by drug distribution. Caruso was later indicted by a federal grand jury on Jan. 19, 2022. Benton and Laurie Caruso have each pleaded guilty to their roles in the DTO and are scheduled to be sentenced on Sept. 8, 2022, and June 29, 2022, respectively. Ernest Johnson has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial.

According to the charging documents, Caruso, a self-admitted Crip gang member, operated a large and sophisticated DTO with multiple subordinates that sold counterfeit prescription pills containing fentanyl to street gangs for further distribution on the North Shore. During the investigation, Caruso’s DTO was identified as a common supply source of counterfeit, pressed fentanyl pills and other controlled substances for several street gangs responsible for the uptick in violence. During today’s plea hearing, Caruso admitted that his DTO distributed over 30 kilograms of fentanyl, largely in the form of pressed fentanyl pills. At times during the conspiracy, Caruso manufactured his own fentanyl pills, and later, the DTO received multiple large deliveries of at least 50,000 pills.

In furtherance of his drug trafficking activities, Caruso possessed and used firearms and orchestrated violent offenses such as an armed robbery. Specifically, in March 2020, while on pretrial release for state fentanyl and firearm charges, Caruso orchestrated an armed robbery and home invasion in which two individuals robbed the occupants of an apartment of approximately \$18,000 and jewelry. In addition, while on state pretrial release Caruso sent photos and videos using social media that depicted him in possession of firearms and machine guns, large quantities of fentanyl that would be distributed by his organization, large amounts of cash and high-end jewelry. Caruso also conspired with others to conduct hundreds of thousands of dollars in transactions in order to launder illegal proceeds of the drug trafficking operation. Over a kilogram of pressed fentanyl and over a dozen firearms were recovered through various search warrants executed in this and related investigations.

The charge of conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl, cocaine, marijuana and other controlled substances provides for a sentence of at least 10 years and up to life in prison, at least five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of up to \$10 million. The charge of conspiring to possess firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking conspiracy involving a machine gun provides for a sentence of up to life in prison, five years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The charge of possessing firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime provides for a sentence of at least five years and up to life in prison, five years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The charge of conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery (Hobbs Act robbery) 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 charge

of conspiracy to commit money laundering provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$500,000 or twice the amount of money involved. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

First Assistant United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy: Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division; James Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Boston Division; and Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police made the announcement today. Assistance was provided by the Essex, Middlesex and Suffolk County District Attorneys’ Offices; Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk and Hancock (Maine) County Sheriffs’ Departments; U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Maine; Maine Drug Enforcement Agency; and the Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Danvers, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Salem, Saugus, Somerville, Revere, Bolton (Maine), Bangor (Maine), Portland (Maine) and Westbrook (Maine) Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorney Philip A. Mallard of the Organized Crime & Gang Unit is prosecuting the case.

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

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The remaining defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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Jenny Armini formally launches campaign for State Rep. for 8th Essex District

Community activist Jenny Armini announced her candidacy for state representative for the 8th Essex District. Citing her previous work in Massachusetts government, U.S. Congress, and her role as a local organizer, Armini pledged to leverage her unique experience to serve as an effective advocate for the people of Marblehead, Swampscott, and Lynn.

“I have seen firsthand the challenges facing our communities as we recover from a worldwide pandemic—from rising sea levels along our coast to rising costs of living,” said Armini. “We must

combat climate change with urgency, fight to protect women’s reproductive rights, and work to ensure that our schools and communities have the resources they need to support every child’s academic, social, and emotional well-being. I passionately believe in the power of bringing people together to solve tough problems. As our next state representative, I will do exactly that.”

A graduate of Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, Armini has diverse experience as a policy and communications expert. She began her career as

a senior legislative aide on Capitol Hill, focusing on education, health care, and reproductive and LGBTQ+ rights. She brought that experience with her to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, where she worked to strengthen the Commonwealth’s child support enforcement laws. Later, Jenny launched critical policy discussions on Beacon Hill as the head of communications for MassINC, the state’s leading nonpartisan think tank.

“Jenny is the leader this district needs in the State House,” said Erin Noonan, a Marblehead Selectman. “She’s smart, acces-

sible, and committed to our communities. Best of all, she works her heart out.”

Armini has also been a dedicated community leader, organizing local activists and channeling their energy into national results. In 2016, she co-founded ElectBlue, a grassroots political group dedicated to electing Democrats to the U.S. House and Senate in 2018. Armini brought together the community for political briefings, postcard nights, and fundraising events—contributing to the success of candidates around the country.

“Jenny sees a need in the

community and works incredibly hard to find a solution,” said Maureen Kay, who co-founded ElectBlue with Armini. “She consistently demonstrates the kind of leadership that pulls people together to create meaningful, local change.”

“Our communities are historic, yet dynamic—and full of promise, said Armini. “I will work tirelessly to be an accessible representative who puts the well-being and interests of every 8th Essex resident above all else.”

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SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR DISABILITY COMMISSION

Mayor Nicholson is seeking volunteer applicants interested in serving on the Disability Commission. The Disability Commission is tasked with advising and assisting the city with ensuring compliance with State and Federal laws and regulations that affect people with Disabilities. It is likewise tasked with coordinating and carrying out programs designed to address disability issues.



Applicants with knowledge and/or background related to disabilities and ADA compliance are strongly encouraged to apply!

Some examples include:

- Social Work
- Volunteering
- Aide
- Disabled Life Experience

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This Commission is being relaunched and will meet on the first Tuesday of every month, exact time to be determined*.

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April 14, 2022

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Baker issues citation for Gambling Disorder Screening Day

Governor Charlie Baker issued a citation recognizing Tuesday, March 8, 2022, as Gambling Disorder Screening Day in Massachusetts, praising the Division on Addiction at Cambridge Health Alliance for its “tireless efforts to spread awareness about Gambling Disorder throughout the Commonwealth.” Gambling Disorder leads to financial, emotional, social, occupational, and physical harms. It is a treatable mental health condition, yet many cases go undetected and untreated. Failure to detect gambling harm is due, in part, to limited screening for this problem. The Division on Addiction encourages all organizations and providers to participate in this annual event.

“We join Governor Baker in commending the Division on Addiction for establishing Gambling Disorder Screening Day,” said Assaad Sayah, MD, CEO of Cambridge Health Alliance. “Like many other behavioral health conditions, Gambling Disorder disproportionately impacts minoritized communities. Bringing much-needed attention to the need for routine screening for Gambling Disorder, and improving access to treatment through statewide professional development activities, will help alleviate these disparities in line with CHA’s mission to provide care to the people.”

Gambling Disorder Screening Day is in its ninth year. This international event has grown to include screeners and supporters from Cambridge Health Alliance, Massachusetts and New England, the United States, and

around the world. This year, Gambling Disorder Screening Day has over 50 confirmed supporters and event hosts. They range from college health centers, employee assistance and wellness programs, prevention-focused organizations, community-based mental health organizations, gambling operators, and academics and researchers. The Division on Addiction distributed 1,350 free pocket screening guides to 27 Screening Day hosts in 17 U.S. States.

Debi LaPlante, PhD, director of the Division on Addiction and associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, said, “We’re so proud that people have embraced Gambling Disorder Screening Day. What started as a small grassroots effort in 2014 has grown to an international event with more participants than we ever anticipated. We will continue to support this event for years to come and look forward to bringing more awareness to this issue. Our hope is that by helping people understand their own gambling, we’ll connect people to needed help and the path to recovery.”

Because of lack of awareness about the need for routine screening and persistent stigma against people experiencing Gambling Disorder and other expressions of addiction, rates of help seeking for Gambling Disorder are low. Routine gambling screening is especially helpful for individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorders and other mental health conditions, which commonly co-occur with Gambling Disorder.

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LYNN PARKS AND RECREATION HOLDS ANNUAL FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

Lynn Parks and Recreation had its annual Father-Daughter Dance at the Knights of Columbus. A lot of planning was involved to make this social a wonderful evening for the young ladies. They were either escorted to the dance by their fathers or grandfathers.

The girls were dressed in beautiful dresses, new shining shoes, and having adorable hair styles. Assistance DPW Commissioner Lisa Nehich who organized this event said, "This Father-Daughter Dance is for the parent and the child to get acquainted and to

have lots of fun. My staff set up a delicious cup cake and candy station, a father-daughter picture booth, a heart background for personal pictures, and a smorgasbord table that included veggies, dips, pizza, and other treats."

To learn more about upcoming events from Parks and Recreation about notices, news, and announcements, please visit the City of Lynn and Lynn School Department websites, local news' advertisements and Lynn Community TV to register for an event.



Grand-dad Albie and Hannah.



Papa Salvy with Fay giving a peace sign.



Eva and her dad, Jeff.



Robert with his daughter, Kailari.



Dan with Anabelle and Gwen.



Layla and Delilah with their dad, Justin.



Daughter Olivia with her dad, Jimmy.



Fathers and daughters at the cupcake and candy station.



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ST. MARY'S GIRLS WIN MIAA SEMI-FINALS 63-62 OVER BISHOP FENWICK

After a fourth-quarter 10-point lead vanished, the St. Mary's Spartans found just enough reserve to hold off Bishop Fenwick, 63-62, in the MIAA Division 3 semi-finals Tuesday night at Woburn High school. Junior Niya Morgen (23 points) calmly swished a pair of free throw shots with 8 seconds on the clock to send the Spartans to the Tsongas Center for this weekend's State Championship game against Rockland, victors over No. 1 seed Medway in Tuesday's other Division 3 semifinal.

The Catholic Central League rivalry between St. Mary's and Fenwick was in high pitch at the packed gym, as both schools turned out roaring student cheering sections. Both sides had

plenty to yell about as the teams battled up and down the court all night, the lead changing hands 15 times according to one count. The Spartans clung to a narrow lead for most of the first half and stretched to a 31-27 lead at the half, but the scoreboard read St. Mary's 45, Fenwick 43 as the fourth quarter started. Led by Morgen and junior guard Yirsy Queliz, St. Mary's opened up a 59-49 lead with just under four minutes left. But Fenwick answered with an 11-2 run that set up the game-ending drama. The second-seeded Spartans return to the State Championship game for the first time since 2019, as Covid 19 wiped out the championship tournaments in 2020 and 2021.



EYE OF THE TIGER: With 8 seconds on the clock and St. Mary's clinging to a one-point lead, Niya Morgen sank a pair of free throws to open a three-point lead that withstood Fenwick's last gasp as the Spartans 63-62 to advance to the State Division 3 championship game against Rockland this weekend.



LOOKING FOR OFFENSE: St. Mary's Kellyn Preira looks for a passing lane.



ANY WAY TO SCORE: St. Mary's Bella Owumi (11) is off balance as she gets off a third quarter shot over the Bishop Fenwick defense.



MAKING WAY: Yirsy Queliz is determined to make her way between Fenwick's Maria Orfanos (2) and Cecilia Kay (32).



FLOOR BATTLE: St. Mary's AJ Hyacinthe and Fenwick's Celia Kay vie for a loose ball.

STANDING TALL: Right, St. Mary's coach Jeff Newhall is surrounded by smiling faces as the Spartans leave the floor after a 63-62 win over Bishop Fenwick in the MIAA Division 3 semi-finals Tuesday night at Woburn High.



VOCAL SUPPORT: Left, the St. Mary's bench reacts to a Niya Morgen free throw with 8 seconds on the clock that gave St. Mary's a 63-60 lead.



JAMES O'SHEA

Candidate for District Attorney
of Essex County

**Congratulations, St. Mary's High School
Girls Basketball Team.**

**Good luck in the
State Championships**

ST. MARY'S BOYS WIN MIAA SEMI-FINALS 87-49 OVER NORTON

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

The Spartans made it clear right from the start: this was their game.

Running out to a 12-3 lead in the opening minutes, they stretched the margin to 48-21 by halftime, then cruised to a dominant 87-49 win in the MIAA Division 3 semifinals Tuesday night at Woburn High School. St. Mary's will play Watertown Friday night, 7:30, at the Tsongas Center for the state championship.

The Spartans were paced by Dave Brown Jr. (23 points) and Omri Merryman (16 points) and scored seemingly at will. Backed by a deafening cheering section of classmates who had just watched the St. Mary's girls knock off Bishop Fenwick in the girls semifinal match, the Spartans rode the emotional wave to leave no doubt that they were

the superior team on the court. Brown and Merryman were joined in the scoring column by

Henri Miraka (9), Ali Barry (7), Anthony D'Itria (6) and Nick Sacco (4).



NOW YOU SEE IT: St. Mary's Ali Barry fires off a pass as he streaks past Norton's Andrew McGillivray.



MAXIMUM EFFORT: Derik Coulanges extends himself past Norton's Andrew McGillivray.



FACE TIME: Omri Merryman hauls down a rebound in a crowd with teammate Dave Brown Jr. assisting.



IT'S MINE: Nick Sacco (5) rips down a rebound from Norton's Jake Ogilvie (14).



ENCED IN: St. Mary's Nick Sacco (5) and Anthony D'Itria (0) create a difficult path to the basket for Norton's Jonathan Inozil (3).



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Congratulations, St. Mary's High School Boys Basketball Team.

Good luck in the State Championships

NED SHINNICK IS FRIENDLY KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK IRISH MAN OF THE YEAR

Absent for two years because of Covid-19 restrictions, the Friendly Knights of St. Patrick had never lost a step to celebrate their 74th Annual Scholarship Dinner. People were so exuberant having the chance to cheerfully mix and mingle throughout the evening.

Chairman William McDonald was full of energy and excitement as he said, "I have loved the Friendly Knights St. Patrick's parties since I was a child. Tonight, I welcome all of you to our 74th annual function." He continued to say, "I can go around the room tonight and point out who lost a loved one, a dear friend or a brother Knight; however, I was taught a long-

time ago by Jack Barry we do not get up here to sing Irish funeral songs. We move on, forget about the pain for a little while; we are here tonight to have some laughter, reconnect friendships, and to enjoy a beverage."

Bill asked the audience to turn to page two of Friendly Knights' Ad Booklet. He noted, "One of our members had over 40 years in this organization. Tonight, it is dedicated in the memory of John Mihos. Please look at the shamrock that represents an Irish, Greek, and American Flag. We also have in memory our previous supporters as well - Ed Chip Clancy, Fred Cole, Gordon Cronin, Eric Neenan, Susanne Holland, and Renee Sonia. To me,

that is saying something about growing up in Lynn and being with the Friendly Knights of St. Patrick."

Two distinguished recipients were honored at the Friendly

Knights of St. Patrick event. Becoming the 2022 Irish Man of the Year was Ned Shinnick former Lynn Police officer and a Bagpipe player with the Irish Police Band. Receiving the Randazzo-Solimine Community Service

Award was George Sonia owner of Lancelot Janitorial & Paper Products. Each recipient continues to support many local charities in Lynn.



Chairman William McDonald, Ned Shinnick, George Sonia, and Mayor Jared Nicholson.



Sonia Family - (L-R): Michael Sonia, Tyler Frahllich, George and Stephanie Sonia, and Erica and Daniel Richard.



The Reddy Family - Joan and Brian Kolodziej, Matt and Felicia Reddy, Andrea Reddy, Patty Laura, Mike and Tom Reddy.



State Representatives Paul Tucker and Peter Capano with State Senator Brendan Crighton congratulated Ned Shinnick and George Sonia.



Mayor Jared Nicholson with David Solimine presented the Randazzo-Solimine Community Service Award to Stephanie and George Sonia.



Irish Man of the Year Ned Shinnick and family with Irish American Police Band of Pipes and Drums.

NEWS BRIEFS

MASSPORT CELEBRATES WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is celebrating Women in Construction Week and honoring the contributions of the women who have been involved in Massport's construction projects. This week, pictures of some of the women who work in the Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs (CPEA) Department, which manages all construction projects at Massport, are on display throughout the terminals at Boston Logan International Airport.

"We thank the women of Massport for their hard work and dedication in all of our initiatives," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Our goal at Massport is to embed diversity, equity, and inclusion into our organizational DNA. Celebrating Women in Construction Week is just one way we celebrate diversity and encourage more women to work in construction, architecture, engineering, and other related fields."

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, women comprise only 11% of all the people working in construction and 27% of all people who provide architectural, engineering, and related services in 2021. By comparison, Massport's CPEA Department,

which manages all Massport construction projects--from the planning phase and design, to construction and maintenance, is comprised of nearly 40% women.

"I'm proud to say that a diverse group of women are part of the decision-making process in every construction project at Massport," said Dr. Luciana Burdi, the first female Director of the CPEA Department. "A diversity of thought is important as we build world-class facilities that serve diverse people."

Women in Construction Week was started by the National Association of Women in Construction in 1998 to raise awareness and celebrate the work of women in the construction industry across the country.

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

This March, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) joins the Administration for Community Living and senior nutrition service providers across the country to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the national Senior Nutrition Program.

Since 1972, the Senior Nutrition Program has supported nutrition services for older adults. Funded by the Older Americans

Act, local senior nutrition programs serve as hubs for older adults (60 and older) to access nutritious meals and other vital services that strengthen social connections and promote health and well-being.

"Senior nutrition is now more important than ever," says Angie Fitzgerald, Director of Nutrition Services at MVES. "Each year in the U.S., up to half of adults age 65 and older are at risk of malnutrition, and more than 10 million face hunger. In communities throughout the U.S. - including our communities - older adults sometimes lack access to the high-quality, nutritious food they need to remain healthy and independent."

As part of the Senior Nutrition Program network, MVES' Nutrition Services Program, including Meals on Wheels, helps older adults in our community by promoting healthy eating, decreasing social isolation, and improving health. "Our program also provides connections to home and community-based services that can support independence and overall well-being. We deliver 3,000 meals a day to our 11 communities and have 15 meal sites," says Fitzgerald.

"My favorite dish is the Boulet (Haitian Meatballs). It reminds me of my childhood and how my mom used to make them. I am excited whenever they are on the menu!" says Meals on Wheels

consumer Marie Gabrielle Gattereau.

For 50 years, senior nutrition services have helped create healthy, strong communities where all members can flourish regardless of their age. That is why MVES proudly recognizes this milestone anniversary of the national Senior Nutrition Program and its tremendous impact on the health and well-being of older adults in our community. Together, we look forward to another 50 years and beyond!

Learn more about our nutrition program and services by contacting us at 781-324-7705 or visiting mves.org.

WARMER WEATHER WARNING: BE MINDFUL OF OUTDOOR SMOKING HAZARDS

With a week of warmer weather in the forecast, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is asking residents to be mindful of the fire hazards when smoking outdoors.

"We've got some nice weather in the forecast this week, and after a long winter everyone wants to spend a little more time outdoors," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "If you still smoke, please be mindful of the fire hazards when you step out to smoke on a stairway, porch, or balcony."

Fires often start when smokers

drop butts in planters or near the side of buildings, where dried vegetation, mulch, or debris can catch fire. They can also start when cigarettes are ground out on railings, steps, or floors, allowing embers to drift and ignite flammable materials. In a densely built neighborhood, that fire can quickly spread to other buildings and put many people at risk.

"There are no smoke alarms on the outside of the house, so an exterior fire can grow to a dangerous size before anyone is aware of it," State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. "There's no safe way to smoke, but if you must smoke then do it responsibly. Use a sturdy ashtray with water or sand and put it out, all the way, every time."

The Department of Fire Services created a series of video and audio clips to promote the proper disposal of smoking materials on porches and balconies. They are available in English and Spanish for fire departments, fire educators, social service providers, and state or municipal agencies to use free of charge. Visit the DFS YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/DFSOSFM and view the Smoking Fire Safety playlist.

"Of all the smoking safety steps you can take, the most effective one is to quit," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "You'll enjoy many more years of fresh air."

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Inc. filed a Tier Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Marc E. Brochu, LSP, Coneco Engineers & Scientists, Incorporated, 4 First Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, 02324, (508) 697-3191. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-36731 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at the MassDEP Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts, 01887, (978)694-3200. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

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ABCD calls for additional fuel aid funds

As home heating oil reaches an unprecedented high of \$6 per gallon, a whopping 120,000-plus Massachusetts households receiving fuel assistance have used up their benefits.

These tens of thousands of families with young children, seniors and others are scrambling to keep their homes warm as relentless March cold continues to hit Massachusetts.

One working single mother served by ABCD said she called home from the office to tell her son to turn off the heat. "He said 'You mean turn it down, mom?' and I replied 'NO, TURN IT OFF. We are out of benefits and can't afford an oil delivery.'"

At a cost of \$6 per gallon, it takes \$1,650 to fill an oil tank, a fill-up that lasts less than a month.

"America's low-income families are in full-blown economic crisis," said John J. Drew, President/CEO, Action for Boston Community Development. "They are striving to fill their gas tanks to get to work and buy food and other necessities at soaring prices. These are our most vulnerable residents. They need and deserve help NOW. Here in the Northeast it stays cold through April."

Drew said he and all providers and recipients are grateful for the increased fuel assistance provided this year through the federal Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP),

but given the current world-wide economic crisis, immediate additional federal help is needed.

The spike in heating costs followed President Biden's March 7 banning of Russian oil imports.

Drew is also hopeful that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will provide heating assistance in the supplemental state budget now in process, thanking Representative Kevin Honan and House Ways & Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz for supporting an amendment requesting \$50 million in fuel assistance. That amendment was reduced to \$5 million in the House and is now in the Senate with hopes of passage at the \$50 million level.

Immediate fuel assistance funding will be life-saving for oil and propane heat customers who are out of benefits as well as prevent shut off for electric and gas customers. The winter moratorium on shut offs for utility customers ends April 1.

Eligible households most in need currently receive \$1,650 in fuel assistance benefits through the Low-income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) program, an increase from last year intended to help combat the rise in energy costs. But no one anticipated the current sky-rocketing costs that are putting our most vulnerable families at terrible risk.

Apply now! There is funding for new applicants. Boston-area residents can apply by

calling ABCD Fuel Assistance at 617-357-6012. Those living in the Mystic Valley region can call 781-322-6284. Help with applications is also available at all ABCD neighborhood centers. A new online system for first-time fuel assistance applicants can be accessed at toapply.org/MassLIHEAP. Go to bostonabcd.org/heat for detailed information, including a listing of neighborhood centers with contact information.

The 2022 federal poverty level for a family of four is \$26,500 in earnings annually or \$12,880 for a single person. To keep struggling families and elders from falling through the cracks, help with fuel costs is also available to those slightly above poverty level. For example, a family of four earning \$78,751 or a single person with an income of \$40,951 may currently qualify for \$989 in fuel assistance.

Donations gratefully accepted ABCD is grateful for any private donations to the ABCD WINTER FUND which will be used to help those in fuel assistance emergencies after using up their allocation. Your generous gift can save a household from hypothermia, stop a family from turning to dangerous heating substitutes, prevent sickness, and dramatically improve the quality of life. If you'd like to donate to the ABCD Winter Fund, please call 617-348-6559, email give@bostonabcd.org or visit bostonabcd.org/give.

Officials announce March programs at Belle Isle Marsh

Officials for the North Region Coastal District of the Belle Isle Marsh Reservation Department of Conservation and Recreation announce the following programs in March.

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines: Mass.gov/COVID.

Dress for the weather including possible ice or mud on the ground. Boots are recommended. For more information call (781) 656-1485 or email matthew.nash@mass.gov

The DCR's Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, is located at 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston

An Oasis for Birds
Saturdays, March 19 7:30-8:30am

We will search on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy ter-

rain for Snowy Owls and other raptors, native sparrows, finches and waterfowl at this Birding Hotspot & MA State Park.

Expect to move to different locations by car or bicycle. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Binoculars recommended.

Co-sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club and the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Note that this program meets every month of the year on the first and third Saturday of the month except when occurring on State or National Holidays.

The Sky Dance of the Timberdoodle

Tuesday, March 22 6:30-7:30 pm

Come witness a special live performance of one of the most remarkable courtship rituals in the natural world of the male American Woodcock, aka "Timberdoodle."

This odd-looking shorebird struts, sings and sky dances for his prospective mate in a performance that you won't want to miss! If you have a flashlight, you may bring it for our short walk back after viewing. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Binoculars recommended.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Acting DCR Commissioner Stephanie Cooper, the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our commonwealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources.

To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission releases February 2022 Gross Gaming Revenue

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission reported today that the month of February 2022 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor generated approximately \$86 million in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR).

PPC, a category 2 slots facility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that total taxed amount, 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund. MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor, category 1 resort-casinos, are taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are allocated to several specific state funds as determined by the gaming statute.

To date, the Commonwealth has collected approximately \$1.018 billion in total taxes and assessments from PPC, MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.

"My colleagues at the MGC and I are pleased to highlight this milestone. When the legislature passed the expanded gaming act

in 2011, they envisioned a regulated gaming industry in the Commonwealth that would serve as an economic driver while promoting responsible play," said MGC Chair Cathy Judd-Stein.

"Just over 11 years since this law was signed, the Commonwealth has collected over \$1 billion in total taxes and assessments from casinos operating in Massachusetts. This revenue has and continues to benefit the Massachusetts economy by bolstering local aid, funding transportation and infrastructure projects, ensuring essential community mitigation initiatives are backed, and that the health and safety of the industry and those who engage with it are a top priority.

"This is a marker of the success of the law and the commitment of our licensees, my fellow commissioners past and present, the MGC staff, and residents of the Commonwealth to a safe and vibrant gaming industry in Massachusetts."



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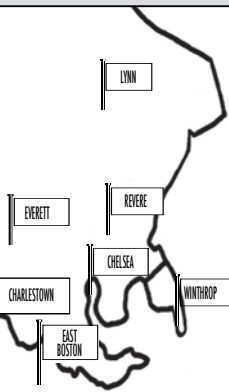
FEBRUARY 2022		GROSS GAMING REVENUE		TAXES
MGM SPRINGFIELD SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	TABLE	\$4,220,007.75		
	SLOTS	\$15,711,906.08		
	TOTAL	\$19,931,913.83		\$4,982,978.46
ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	TABLE	\$23,688,641.56		
	SLOTS	\$31,054,019.69		
	TOTAL	\$54,742,661.25		\$13,685,665.31
PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO SUBJECT TO 49% TAXES	SLOTS	\$10,950,511.23		
	TOTAL	\$10,950,511.23		\$5,365,750.50
	TOTAL TAXES			\$24,034,394.27

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Lynn native serves aboard floating airport USS Carl Vinson

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist Jeffery Tilghman Williams, Navy Office of Community Outreach

Airman Joshua Hartman, a native of Lynn, Massachusetts, serves the U.S. Navy aboard one of the world's largest warships, the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson.

Hartman joined the Navy one year ago. Today, Hartman serves as an aviation boatswain's mate (handling).

"I was inspired to join the military by family members who had previously served," said Hartman. "I was also looking for new experiences."

Growing up in Lynn, Hartman attended Lynn Classical High School and graduated in 2010. Today, Hartman relies upon skills and values similar to those found in Lynn to succeed in the military.

"I have applied the mindset of pushing forward through adversity to my Navy career, which I adopted from my upbringing," said Hartman. "Working hard and staying focused is critical to accomplishing your goals in life."

Aircraft carriers provide unique capabilities and survivability. They are a powerful exhibition of the American Navy's legacy of innovation, technological evolution, and maritime dominance, according to Navy officials.

USS Carl Vinson, like each of the Navy's aircraft carriers, is designed for a 50-year service life. When the air wing is embarked, the ship carries more than 70 attack fighter jets, helicopters and other aircraft, all of which take off from and land aboard the carrier at sea. With more than 5,000 sailors serving aboard, Carl Vinson is a self-contained mobile airport.

Aircraft carriers are often the first response to a global crisis because of their ability to operate freely in international waters anywhere on the world's oceans. Carrier strike groups have the unique advantage of mobility,



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Airman Joshua Hartman serves the U.S. Navy aboard one of the world's largest warships.

making them far more strategically advantageous than fixed-site bases. No other weapon system can deploy and operate forward with a full-sized, nuclear-powered aircraft carrier's speed, endurance, agility, and the combat capability of its air wing.

The Carl Vinson and its crew recently returned to San Diego following an eight-month deployment to U.S. 3rd and 7th Fleets areas of operation.

"At the heart of every ship, whether ashore or at sea, are the Sailors that make up the crew and carry out the Navy's missions with precision and dedication,"

said Capt. P. Scott Miller, commanding officer of Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson. "The Vinson Sailors recently demonstrated this in our execution of a highly successful 7th Fleet deployment and continue this legacy of excellence at home in San Diego."

During the USS Carl Vinson's most recent deployment the ship was underway for 262 days, conducting dual carrier operations and multinational exercises, including maritime security operations and integrated training between surface and air units.

USS Carl Vinson was the first aircraft carrier to deploy with a combination of fourth and fifth-generation platforms within Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 2 that represent the "Air Wing of the Future," including the F-35C Lightning IIs and the CMV-22B Ospreys.

Since USS Langley's commissioning 100 years ago, the nation's aircraft carriers, such as USS Carl Vinson, and embarked carrier air wings have projected power, sustained sea control, bolstered deterrence, provided humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and maintained enduring commitments worldwide.

"The aircraft carrier is our U.S. Navy's centerpiece, our flagship, and a constant reminder to the rest of the world of our enduring maritime presence and influence," said Rear Arm. James

P. Downey, USN, Program Executive Officer (PEO) Aircraft Carriers. "These ships touch every part of our Navy's mission to project power, ensure sea control, and deter our adversaries."

With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95 percent of the world's international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity and security of the United States is directly linked to a strong and ready Navy.

Hartman and the sailors he serves with have many oppor-

tunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

"My biggest accomplishment to date was completing my recent deployment," said Hartman. "It involved working long hours and being away from my wife and kids, which was tough."

As Hartman and other sailors continue to train and perform missions, they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

"Serving in the Navy means being a part of something bigger than myself," added Hartman. "I am a part of a team committed to excellence."

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