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The MBTA will host a public meeting on Wednesday, November 2, at 6 PM at Lynn City Hall to discuss the Lynn Improvements Program. This program consists of providing a new, fully accessible platform, improved wayfinding, upgraded bridge structures, and increased overall system safety.

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The Lynn Knights of Columbus held their annual Italian Night on Saturday October 22. William Travascio received "The 2022 Italian - American of the Year Award". Shown left to right, Chairman Sal Tavernese, William Travascio, and Grand Knight Charlie Rowe.

Honored for Helping

Recognized at annual Glitter and Gold Fundraiser

The Glitter and Gold Gala fundraiser for the Lynn Boys and Girls Club was held at Danversport on October 19.

Four outstanding individuals were honored at the Annual Celebration. Executive Director Brian Theirrien said, "These four honorees have given their time, talents, and resources for the betterment of youth and to the communi-

ty of Lynn." Receiving recognition for their continuous work helping and developing Lynn's city youth were Sarah Bates, Lisa Nerich, Dr. Christina Colella, and Attorney Brendan Ward of Cherry Tree Legal Firm.

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EDITORIAL

THOSE 30 HOUSE DEMOCRATS: DID YOU SEND YOUR LETTER TO PUTIN TOO?

Earlier this week, a group of 30 House Democrats sent a letter to President Joe Biden urging him to seek a diplomatic solution with Russia to end the war in Ukraine.

"In conclusion, we urge you to make vigorous diplomatic efforts in support of a negotiated settlement and ceasefire, engage in direct talks with Russia, explore prospects for a new European security arrangement acceptable to all parties that will allow for a sovereign and independent Ukraine, and, in coordination with our Ukrainian partners, seek a rapid end to the conflict and reiterate this goal as America's chief priority."

Really? What planet are they living on?

There has been NO hint from Russian President Vladimir Putin that he is even remotely willing to negotiate an end to the war in Ukraine. To the contrary, he repeatedly has reaffirmed his commitment to "de-Nazify Ukraine," which is code for eliminating it from the map as a sovereign nation.

He continues to engage in nothing less than the genocide of the Ukrainian people, whether by directly murdering and raping innocent civilians and deporting women and children to Russia, or indirectly through the bombing of civilian housing, hospitals, and infrastructure.

Other world leaders have tried to talk to Putin, most notably presidents Macron of France and Erdogan of Turkey, but all to no avail. If Putin were willing to negotiate an end to the war, why would he be sending an additional 300,000 troops into Ukraine?

The letter from these 30 members of Congress has been applauded by one group in our country who call themselves CODEPINK, whose position on the war in Ukraine is as follows, "As a leading peace and anti-war organization, CODEPINK also asks that all members of Congress, regardless of political party, vote against future weapons and military dollars for Ukraine."

Essentially, organizations such as these are willing to give carte blanche to Putin to commit further atrocities in Ukraine. Theirs is precisely the sort of thinking that allowed Hitler to engage in his genocide that ultimately resulted in the Holocaust.

Just as it takes two to tango, so too, it takes two to negotiate at the peace table.

Until Putin gives some indication of being willing to end the war that he started, any hint of a lack of solidarity by our members of Congress with the Ukrainian people will serve only to prolong the war and encourage Putin to expand his aggression even more dangerously.

If these 30 Democrats are serious about ending the war in Ukraine (as opposed to just scoring points with random groups like CODEPINK), we assume that they also sent their letter to Putin.

We'll be eager to hear what he says to them.

ENJOY A HAPPY — AND SAFE — HALLOWEEN

With the Halloween holiday on Monday, and with many celebrating it over the weekend, we urge all of our readers to take part in the holiday festivities in a safe manner.

Motorists should be extra cautious — by which we mean drive VERY slowly — for the safety of children who will be trick-or-treating in our streets.

Adults also need to be extra careful when "celebrating." Halloween has become a huge excuse for an adult party night (not that there's anything wrong with that), but unfortunately, far too many will have too much to drink and then will drive.

We urge all party hosts to ensure that their guests are not inebriated. Parents have to be extra vigilant to make sure that their high school children and friends are not drinking or behaving in a rowdy manner.

We wish all of our readers a happy — and safe — Halloween.



GUEST OP-ED

Pay into Social Security now for later

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Halloween is coming but the real trick or treat may be November 8, the mid-term election. November 8 may feel more like Halloween this year than the traditional October date.

Who knows what will happen. Georgia, Nevada and Pennsylvania all have Senate races that could tilt the balance of Congressional power depending on who is elected. All three races are going down to the wire. In probably each state it will most likely be the next day before a winner is determined — if not longer.

The 2022 midterm election is shaping up to be one for the history books.

According to a new analysis from pollster Echelon Insights, an estimated 125.6 million Americans are expected to turn out in November's midterm contests. Such a figure would shatter the record set in 2018's midterms, which saw 53.4% of the eligible voting-age population cast their ballots, according to the Census Bureau.

Already voters are starting to come out in full force: As of Tuesday, Oct. 18, at least 2.8 million people already cast their ballots in the midterms, according to the United States Elections Project. That includes the more than 131,000 Georgia voters who cast their ballots early on the first day of early voting on

Monday, Oct. 17, handily beating the previous first-day record for a midterm of 72,000, per state election official Gabriel Sterling. (Spectrum News NY)

Issues are driving Americans to the polls. Pewresearch.org found the following to be priority concerns of registered Americans. The numbers with each issue represent a percent of primary concern of those surveyed

Economy. 79, Healthcare 68, Supreme court appointments 64, The coronavirus outbreak 62,

Violent crime 59, Foreign policy 57, Gun policy 55, Race and ethnic inequality 52, Immigration 52, Economic inequality 49, Climate change 42, Abortion 40. Of course, you could conduct a poll in your community and the level of interest on any of these issues would probably be in a slightly different order. In almost every scenario the economy and inflation are paramount with voters. Inflation has knocked on ev-

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As Halloween creeps closer, NFPA urges public to keep fire safety in mind

Halloween is a boo-tiful time of year, full of spooky celebrations and activities, but it also presents some real and scary fire safety hazards. As the holiday nears, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is encouraging everyone to take simple precautions that can help ensure the holiday remains festively fun.

“As more people plan to celebrate the holiday this year, whether it be trick-or-treating or costume parties, we want everyone to know where potential fire risks exist so they can take the steps needed to minimize them,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

According to NFPA, an annual average of 770 home structure fires began with decorations between 2014 and 2019, resulting in one civilian fire death, 26 civilian fire injuries and \$13 million in direct property damage. More than two of every five (44 percent) of these fires occurred because the decorations were too close to a heat source, such as a candle or hot equipment.

NFPA offers these tips and guidelines for enjoying a fire-safe Halloween:

Decorations: Many common decorations like cornstalks, crepe paper, and dried flowers are very flammable. Keep these and similar decorations far away from any open flames or heat sources, like candles, heaters, and light bulbs.

Candles: Using candles as decoration can be risky if not done correctly. Keep them in a well-attended area out of the path of potential trick-or-treaters. Remind children of the dangers of open flames, and make sure they are always supervised when candles are lit. Extinguish candles before leaving an area.

Jack-o-lanterns: Glow sticks or electric candles are the safest choice when it comes to lighting up your jack-o-lantern, but if you choose to use a real candle, do so with extreme caution. Light a candle inside a jack-o-lantern using long fireplace matches or a utility lighter and keep it away from other decorations.

Costumes: Avoid fabric that billows or trails behind you, as

these can easily ignite. If you are making your own costume, avoid loosely woven fabrics like linen and cotton, which can be very flammable.

Visibility: Give children flashlights or glowsticks for lighting, these can even be incorporated into the costume. If your child

has a mask, ensure the eye holes are large enough for them to see clearly.

Smoke Alarms: This is a great time to make sure your smoke alarms are functional and up to date.

Exits: Exits are NOT an appropriate place for decorations.

When decorating, ensure that nothing is blocking any escape routes.

“With a little added awareness and planning, people can enjoy a fun-filled Halloween and stay fire-safe in the process,” said Carli.

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every American’s door and has not been satisfied by a treat. Inflation at the rate of 8.2 percent, has been one hungry monster that has devoured American paychecks and pushed seniors back into the workforce. Available part time jobs are now being sought by seniors who need the money.

A recent poll shows a dead heat between Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Republican candidate Adam Laxalt in the Nevada Senate race. In Pennsylvania, it’s Lt. Governor John Fetterman and R. Mehmet Oz who are now very close. In Georgia the Senate race has Raphael Warnock leading Herschel Walker but the Governor race be-

tween Governor Brian Kemp and Stacey Abrams remains close according to a Quinnipiac University Georgia poll.

Save some of your leftover Halloween candy for November 8. Have a bowl of popcorn for a real evening of trick or treat.

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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Honored

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Ty Law was the guest speaker. Master of Ceremonies, State Representative Daniel Cahill, was entertaining and kept the program moving smoothly. Michael Chambers and Nicole Pirro of Chambers Auction Service provided an exciting bidding auction for the audience. Lynn English High School JR-ROTC served

as Honor Guards and the Boys & Girls Club Dance Team delightfully performed to the audience's pleasure.

The evening was a success as guests and friends contributed to raise funds for the Boys & Girls Club of Lynn.



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ANDREA CAMPBELL FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL VISITS LYNN

Story and photos by Patrick R. Gecoya

Having a campaign swing into Lynn after crisscrossing cities and towns in Massachusetts on a warm and sunny Saturday before the November election was candidate Andrea Campbell for Attorney General.

Supporters of Campbell greeted her the Marshall Middle School on October 15.

A large group of supporters were on hand to welcome Andrea. Her candidacy is to “fight for justice and opportunity for all of the people in Massachusetts”.

Eighth Essex District State Representative Jenny Armini who is excited to begin her new position said, “Andrea will bring compassion and purpose along with her professional skills to the Attorney General’s office.”

“Facts matter and this gives us an opportunity to get the word out about Andrea, not misinformation. We will continue door knocking and canvassing in the community,” according to State Senator Brendan Crighton.

Mayor Jared Nicholson expressed to all the supporters that we have an amazing candidate with us; it is such an honor to have Andrea Campbell in our city. Mayor Nicholson said, “We have so much positive momentum in Lynn of what we are doing. We need the support of statewide elected officials who understand who we are and where we are going. There is a need for equity statewide and the need to build opportunity. Andrea Campbell is that candidate.”

Andrea Campbell stated, “I am honored to be back in Lynn; my campaign had a hard fought primary and we are not taking anything or anyone for granted. We will continue to make residents know that government is responsive to their needs. We need to have leadership in all the offices.” She continued to say, “I am concerned about all of the people and the wellbeing of our children.”

Andrea Campbell as Attorney General will fight for “consumer and worker protection, public and corporate accountability, safe children and communities, and reproductive justice.”

Andrea has a positive message about what the Attorney General’s office can do. She will bring people together; she wants to demonstrate what her campaign is about and what Massachusetts will stand for.



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COMING TO LYNN

Tufo will go “Beyond The Music” in his new theatrical production

By Cary Shuman

From playing multiple musical instruments, singing and songwriting to authoring children’s books, Winthrop’s Ralph Tufo has earned a reputation as an entertainer par excellence.

In his current project, Tufo is serving as the playwright, director, and songwriter for his musical, “Beyond The Blues,” that will hit the stage Nov. 11-13 at the Washington Street Baptist Church in Lynn. The event is a fundraiser for the church’s food pantry.

Tufo said his inspiration for the musical was his prior self-written blues songs “that had a story to them.”

Tufo wanted to connect those stories and he wrote the play in which the characters “will talk about the origins of the songs and how music has helped them to overcome difficulties in life.”

Tufo’s own band, The Squeezebox Stompers, will appear in the musical as The Blue Blazers. “We’ll be playing the music and the cast members will be singing the songs and doing the monologues,” said Tufo.

Tufo, 72, sets the play in a bar

in the Brickyard section of Lynn, where he grew up on South Street. “My mother worked at a laundry in the Brickyard. I have a lot of fond memories of that area,” said Tufo. “I attended Connery School, before my family moved to East Lynn and I graduated Lynn English High School (Class of 1967).”

Tufo is excited to bring his production to Lynn.

“I’m really happy with our cast,” said Tufo, who held his auditions in Winthrop for the play.

“We have assembled a cast of talented actors from throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island.”

Tufo has previously produced, “The Katrina Roadhouse,” a musical about Hurricane Katrina that was performed at the Winthrop School For Performing Arts, and “I’d Rather Be Lucky Than Good,” a farcical comedy about golf, also staged in Winthrop. He has also written short plays for regional festivals and venues. (Tickets for Beyond the Blues are on sale at Eventbrite.com and will also be sold at the door at each performance).



In the top photo is shown the cast of Ralph Tufo’s musical, “Beyond The Blues,” during a rehearsal, from left, Bill Porter, Kevin Groppe, Reggie Joseph, Peter Murphy, Jen Antocci, Aliyah Harris, Ben Warren, and Ralph Tufo.



In the photo to the left is shown “Beyond The Blues” musical production, from left, sound and lighting engineer Dave Simmons, playwright and director Ralph Tufo, and producer and stage manager Bill Porter.

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