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Mayor Nicholson delivers his State of the City address

Mayor Jared Nicholson delivered his State of the City Address Tuesday inside the Council Chambers at Lynn City Hall.

"The state of the city is strong," said Nicholson. "The future of our city is bright. Both of those statements are true because of the strength of our people."

Council President Jay Walsh introduced Nicholson, stating that, "I can't think of a time where a mayor had given a speech for the State of the City Address from these Chambers. There have been a lot of great things that we've done here together, and we're going to continue to do them. And with that, I'd like to introduce the 59th mayor of the City of Lynn, Jared Nicholson."

Following is the text of Mayor Nicholson's State of the City Address:

"Thank you, Council President Walsh. Good evening Councilors, School Committee members, Legislators, Mayor McGee, Mayor Arrigo, Auditor DiZoglio,



Mayor Jared Nicholson and Rep. Jenny Armini shown during the State of the City Address Tuesday night at City Hall.

and guests.

This is my first State of the City address and I so appreciate you all being here.

Gracias a todos por estar aquí.

I want to especially thank my wife Katherine, my sons Henry and Benjamin, and my parents.

I'd also like to invite all of you to check out the North Shore Juneteenth event in the lobby

after this honoring Black excellence in our community.

I want to give a special thank

you to everyone who stepped in to help the residents who were displaced by the cold this weekend:

- Lynn Fire Department
- Lynn Police
- Lynn Housing Authority
- Cataldo Ambulance
- Public Health
- ISD
- Custodians
- LPS
- City Council
- City Solicitor
- Library
- Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- Concerned Citizens and North Shore Chabad
- Lynn Shelter Association

I'm glad that the timing of this speech allows me to publicly

thank you for stepping up without hesitation to help our residents in need.

Now for the state of the city.

The state of our city is strong. The future of our city is bright.

Both of those statements are true because of the strength of our people.

They're true even in the face of the many challenges we face.

They are true because we are 14 square miles teeming with determination to overcome those challenges.

Every day when I walk into my office, I see the more than 50 flags representing countries of origin of students in the Lynn Public Schools. I'm reminded

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GBL Champions!

Lynn Classical finishes a perfect 14-0 in league play

By Cary Shuman

Undefeated and undisputed.

Coach Tom Sawyer's Lynn Classical High School girls basketball team defeated Lynn English, 56-33, Tuesday to capture the Greater Boston League

championship.

Classical won all 14 of its GBL games while leading the league in all statistical offensive and defensive categories. Classical defeated English twice in league play and in the Boverini Tournament championship game

by a 50-35 score. English (11-6) gave Classical its toughest game of the season in an earlier GBL matchup won by Classical, 44-42.

Classical (17-0 overall) will

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LaPierre attends opening of WynnBet Sportsbook at Encore Boston Harbor

By Cary Shuman

Lynn Councilor-at-Large Brian LaPierre attended the grand



Lynn Councilor-at-Large Brian LaPierre holds his mobile device from which he was able to enter his sports wager and execute the transaction at one of the Encore Boston Harbor betting kiosks.

opening of the WynnBet Sportsbook on Jan. 31 at Encore Boston Harbor.

LaPierre was accompanied by his wife, former Lynn English High School softball great Kelly Curtin LaPierre for the official launch of legalized sports betting in Massachusetts.

During the festivities, the LaPierres interacted with several Boston sports celebrities who were in attendance for the momentous event.

"It's exciting to be here on a historic day for Massachusetts and Encore Boston Harbor with the launch of legalized sports betting," said Brian. "Sports betting has been a long time coming to our state, and it's going to bring

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GBL CHAMPIONS: The Lynn Classical High School girls basketball team captured the Greater Boston League championship for the 2022-23 season. Front row, from left, are Lauren Wilson, Savannah Tang, Maegan Baker, Lauren Hennessey, Kylee Mills, Kaleigh Bullock, and Ava Thurman. Back row, from left, are Coach Tom Sawyer, Coach Shardaye Berry, Keisha Perez, Nevaeh Eth, Linda Jallow, Akiyah Brown, Gigi Ramirez, Mea Papazoglou, Coach Alina Garrity, and Coach Rob Smith.

EDITORIAL

NO CHILD SHOULD LIVE IN DEEP POVERTY

We wish to voice our support for a bill sponsored by State Senator Sal DiDomenico, the Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate, that seeks to accelerate the timetable for lifting children in our state out of what is known as Deep Poverty.

The Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty would raise the maximum cash assistance grant by 25% per year until it reaches half of the federal poverty level. Families living below half the federal poverty level are considered to be in Deep Poverty. Under Senator DiDomenico's bill, grants would increase each year and would keep pace with inflation as the poverty level goes up.

Senator DiDomenico has been instrumental in leading the charge in the legislature to raise the grant levels three times for a total increase of 32% beginning in January, 2021.

According to the Massachusetts Budget & Policy Center, almost 80,000 children in our state live in Deep Poverty, a situation that not only is unconscionable in 2023, but that also is counterproductive to the future of our society.

We urge the legislature to pass this bill immediately to ensure that no child in our state lacks food, clothing, and the other basic necessities of life.



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GUEST OP-ED

Tired of hearing about China? Stop the cash flow

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Do you get tired of hearing about China? Now we have floating surveillance balloons over our country. We are yet to know for sure what this is about but time will tell. China is probably scouting out the next land or business purchase. They may have come up with an easy way to determine which military bases have available adjacent land. It doesn't matter if it's for sale they can come up with enough money to buy the property. All they have to do is to keep piling up the money from everything they sell to the United States.

Alarms went off in Washington when the Fufeng Group, a Chinese agricultural company, bought 300 acres of land and set up a milling plant last spring in Grand Forks, N.D. The plant is a 20-minute drive from an Air Force base that, according to North Dakota Sen. John Hoeven, hosts a space mission that "will form the backbone of U.S. military communications across the globe." Source WSJ

Ten years ago Smithfield Foods was purchased by China's leading pork producer, Shuanghui International Holdings Ltd. (now called WH Group Ltd.), for \$4.72 billion.

Keep in mind China has 1.5 billion people. This requires a lot of people to feed. China would love to gain as much of our farmland as possible to gain more control of our food production. This is one area where China

really needs us. Our agricultural exports to them increased by over 27% from 2020 to 2021. They would need us if they can gain control of our farmland. It's also a plus for them if they can have it close to our military bases. This provides a two-fold benefit for them. In the middle of the cornfield, they can watch everything we are doing or even attempt to thwart what we are doing

The U.S. trade summary reveals the depth of our trade with China.

In 2021, U.S. exports to China were \$151.1 billion, a 21.4% (\$26.6 billion) increase from 2020; U.S. imports from China were \$506.4 billion, a 16.5% (\$71.6 billion) increase; and the trade deficit with China was \$355.3 billion, a 14.5% (\$45.0 billion) increase from \$310.3 billion in 2020.

China was the United States' third-largest trade partner in 2021.

In 2021, 8.6% of total U.S. exports of \$1.8 trillion were exported to China and 17.9% of total U.S. imports of \$2.8 trillion were imported from China.

Mechanical Appliances, Sound Recorders and TV sets were the most traded commodity sectors. In the last five years, U.S. exports of those commodities show an upward trend from \$25 billion in 2017 to \$36.1 billion in 2021. The percentages of imports of those commodities from China out of total imports from the World are impressive with 37.0% in 2017 and 29.3% in 2021.

In 2021, U.S. exports of Agri-

cultural Products to China continue to show an upward trend. In 2021, U.S. exports of Agriculture Products were \$31.6 billion, an increase of 27.5% (\$6.8 billion) from \$24.8 billion in 2020.

In 2021, China remained the major source of U.S. imports of Textile Products. In 2021, U.S. imports of \$50.3 billion of Textile Products from China constituted 32.6% of the total U.S. imports of Textile products.

Additionally, in 2021, China remained the major source of U.S. imports of Furniture, Bedding, Lamps, Toys, Games, Sports Equipment, Paint, and other Miscellaneous Manufactured Items. In 2021, the U.S. imports of \$68.5 billion of Miscellaneous Manufactured Items from China constituted 53.2% of total U.S. imports of those commodities. Source: Government info data

What can we do about China? Try to buy products not made in China. You have to shop but it's possible. Shrinking the cash flow to China is crucial to reducing their growing economic and military power. By all means, please do not sell them your land.

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NEWS BRIEFS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Looking for ways to celebrate and learn about Black history in the Mystic? Check out these opportunities and community events happening around the watershed:

- Explore the works of Medford Poet Laureate Terry E. Carter. We were excited to see Terry E. Carter, GreenRoots and environmental justice featured

in the newest installation at the Mystic Mural Project (pictured above) — a 22-year-long mural project near Blessing of the Bay in Somerville sponsored by the Somerville Arts Council and led by artist David Fichter.

- Learn more about the Royall House & Slave Quarters in Medford, MA: "As one of the only remaining freestanding quarters where enslaved people lived and worked in the North, the museum bears witness to their lives, to

the intertwined stories of wealth and bondage in pre-Revolutionary Massachusetts, and to the resistance and political and legal activism of enslaved and free Black people in the eighteenth century."

- Visit the Museum of Science's Black History Month celebration, spotlighting influential Black scientists and engineers — including local figures like Lewis

LYNN TECH SWIMMING TEAM WINS ANNUAL CITY MEET

Cary Shuman Photos



The Lynn Classical coaches and seniors, from left, Coach Charlie Rowe, Coach Jay Rowe, seniors Jayda Abreu, Ava Anderson, Victoria Marler, and Marcus Ryan, and Head Coach Denise Silva.



The Lynn English coaches and seniors, from left, Coach Michelle Kurkul, seniors Precious Akande, Jose Paz, Rachael Romano, Michael Callanan, Kylie Griffin, Miriam Crisman, and Ina Shabani, and Coach Brigid Houlihan.



The Lynn Tech coaches and seniors, from left, Head Coach John Hogan, seniors Rashaud Newhall, Joseph Amaro, Kailey Brown, Leana Lewis, Michael Monbleau, Colin Donovan, and Vincent Marino, and Coach Richard Bucko.



Lynn Tech Director of Athletics Adolph Graciale and Lynn Classical Director of Athletics Bill Devin, pictured at the Lynn City Meet Monday at Tech.

Lynn Tech won the Lynn City Meet Monday, accumulating 150 points to outscore Lynn English (89) and Lynn Classical (79) in the annual intra-city swimming competition held at the Peter A. Sawin Natatorium at Tech.

Coach John Hogan's Tigers, who compete in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference, displayed strength and balance while besting their opponents from the Greater Boston League.

Zakariya Bidoudane was a top point-producer for Tech, winning two swimming events. Classical's Ava Anderson took first place in the diving event.



The coaches of the Lynn Tech, Lynn English, and Lynn Classical teams did a great job this season, advancing the great tradition of high school swimming in Lynn. From left, are John Hogan, Brigid Houlihan, Michelle Kurkul, Charlie Rowe, Kay Rowe, Denise Silva, Richard Bucko, and diving coach Donald McKenney.

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be looking to complete a perfect regular season with a non-league game versus Triton league and a home-and-home series with Saugus remaining on the schedule. Classical will compete in the MIAA Division 1 Tournament.

Coach Travonne Berry Rogers' Lynn English team, who defeated Classical on a last-second, coast-to-coast basket by Rosie Chheang in last year's championship game, will also advance to the MIAA Tournament.

Lynn Classical last completed an undefeated regular season in 2004 under Coach Gene Constantino.

Continuing its trademark approach, Lynn Classical showed its overall balance on offense in the GBL finale versus English.

Three players reached double

figures. Senior Ava Thurman led the way with 18 points. Sophomore Keisha Perez contributed 17 points. Senior Lauren Hennessey scored 10 points.

Thurman and Hennessey have been excellent, four-year varsity players for the Rams and are regarded as the GBL's best back-court duo. Perez has stepped up her overall game this season and become a dependable scorer, rebounder, and defender.

Sawyer, who is approaching the 200-victory milestone in his superb coaching career, said the keys to his team's success this season have been its game-by-game focus, its balance on offense, and its tenacious, court-length defense that has led to numerous baskets.

"I believe the keys to our sea-

son to this point have been our ability to focus on one game at a time, one game plan at a time, and execute that at both ends of the floor," said Sawyer. "Another key has been our balance which I would like to believe makes us more difficult to guard. Throughout our 17 games thus far each of our five starters has been the leading scorer in the game more than once during the season. I also believe we defend with purpose, and we have been scoring points in a variety of ways such as off defensive deflections or steals, off out-of-bounds plays, in transition after a defensive rebound, and in our halfcourt offense, both from our guards and our forwards."



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that there are people here from all over the world counting their blessings that they overcame so much to finally make it here. And they are counting on us to be there for them as new challenges await.

From Red Rock on Lynn Shore Drive beating back the Atlantic to the expanse of forest reaching for the skies in Lynn Woods, we are fortified by nature to address those challenges.

Foremost among those is making sure this city feels like the precious gem that it is for all of us, regardless of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, origin, or creed.

Housing

We took a meaningful step forward in the effort to make the City work for all of us with the City Council to adopt inclusionary zoning for the City, setting aside homes in new developments that Lynn residents can afford.

We doubled down on that effort by creating and funding an Affordable Housing Trust Fund to reach even further in addressing the need.

We have projects in motion that we will continue to push, from veterans housing at the Lynn Armory, to senior housing at the former Marshall Middle School site and the former Union Hospital site, to the conversion of an out-of-date rooming house into suitable living arrangements at the Hennessey House in our downtown.

And while we create all these opportunities for new housing that's affordable, we won't forget the need to address the old housing stock and needs of our existing residents. We will fund improvements, help protect renters, and fight the scourge of unsafe and substandard living conditions.

The need to address our cost

of living is clear and we have acquired the means to do so. 2023 will require the diligence, focus, determination, and collaboration necessary for implementation.

Jobs

The best long-term strategy to help people afford the cost of living is to help people find good-paying jobs.

We are enveloped by one of the most dynamic job-creating ecosystems in the world in Greater Boston's innovation economy. We're working hard to plug Lynn into that growth.

Our zoning overhaul last year helped prime several key sites for commercial and industrial growth. We've made inroads in the life sciences development community with our developer tour and platinum readiness designation from that industry.

We're keeping the momentum going with a major event March 8th with our Northeastern University partner BioConnects New England – a coalition seeking to open life sciences growth to populations historically excluded from the industry. This summit will connect dozens of local leaders with biotechnology companies to discuss next steps.

All of this planning and recruitment is exciting. But we need to be clear-eyed in our expectations that major investments take time and are subject to the fluctuations of whatever industry is growing (or not growing as the case may be).

That's why in all of this work, we can't just think about what properties might take off. We have to focus on our own people. If we're successful with workforce development, our residents benefit no matter when the investment finally comes to Lynn, because those jobs already exist in the region. Not to mention that our large and ambitious workforce is a big part of what



Councilor-at-Large Brian LaPierre and Mayor Jared Nicholson, pictured before the Mayor's State of the City Address Monday in the Council Chambers.

will attract employers when the investment is ready.

Last year around this time, we submitted a grant application to do a workforce development plan. That plan has convened government, business, education, and labor leaders and is expected to be finished later this year. The group has already identified priority industries: manufacturing, construction, education, health care, life sciences, technology and clean energy.

Once we have the plan, we then have to implement the recommendations. This all takes time. But I want to point out that as a City, we are showing that we not only can write good plans, we can actually make them come to fruition. That's a testament to our ability to work together: The Council, City personnel, community partners. It took a couple years to write the Housing Production Plan, and it took a full year for us to be ready to implement inclusionary zoning. But we did it. That gives me real optimism that we can keep coalescing around good ideas that will help our residents and actually implement them by working collaboratively.

We're also working to make sure that the major growth that is happening in Lynn is a win for everyone: future inhabitants of the site, the City, the developer, the neighborhood, and the workers doing the construction. Start from the premise that we are a city that supports workers. Our streamlined development process includes a review by the chair of the wage theft committee to proactively help ensure observance of workers' rights.

Schools

Any conversation that we have about our future is based on our schools. I want to thank Dr. Tutwiler for his service to Lynn and now the Commonwealth as well as Superintendent Ruggiero for

leading us this year. I also want to welcome our next superintendent, Dr. Evonne Alvarez. This City can't wait to work with you.

If you know our schools, you know that great work happens in facilities that are lacking. Lacking space, lacking educational components, lacking needed capital investments.

We're going to continue our full court press to address this.

The Lynn Public Schools has had a lot of success reducing elementary class sizes, down to the low 20s. That has been the result of a lot of hard work and sacrifice by our educators. We recognize that and that's why we're working on a facilities master plan for the elementary level.

What we have learned so far is that if every elementary school had the educational spaces you would expect, we would need additional classroom space for more than 600 students. In other words, as it is we're short by the equivalent of an entire elementary school.

We have lots of work to do at the secondary level as well, and we are making progress. We've opened the Frederick Douglass Collegiate Academy on North Shore Community College's campus, a pioneering approach to giving LPS students the college experience at no cost to them and building on one of the most successful early college programs in the state.

We're adding modular classrooms at every level.

We hope to add a new Pickering Middle School by 2026.

But really tackling this issue will require help from the state to reform how school construction is financed. We are working hard on driving that issue on Beacon Hill with the leadership of our state delegation and in the months to come will need all of your help to support them in this work.

Another area of growth in

2023 will be Pre-K. Some of the work we are doing to find space is going to create much needed Pre-K classrooms. We are also thinking about our Pre-K approach in general.

Only 1 in 4 Lynn children is enrolled in a Pre-K program. Statewide, almost two-thirds of children are enrolled. This is a glaring disparity that surely affects our students' learning trajectory and one that we want to take on.

If we are going to be successful, we'll need to partner across sectors: public schools, private schools, nonprofit agencies, home-based centers. Through the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative, Lynn Public Schools has been successful in getting a grant to open another four pre-K classrooms with a nonprofit partner, Gregg House. We're going to continue to be creative and aggressive in finding space, supporting quality across the board, and emphasizing inclusion, particularly for pre-K students with disabilities.

Infrastructure

Mapping out the future requires a plan for how all of this should come together. That plan needs to be developed with community input at every step. That's the goal for Vision Lynn, the City's comprehensive plan, which should be ready this summer.

Vision Lynn has already identified three vision statements:

- Lynn will be a city where people feel safe and comfortable to live, work, learn, and play;

- Lynn will be a city where all community members have the housing, transportation access, social connections, and educational or economic opportunities to live a fulfilling life; and

- Lynn will be a city to be proud of, with strong, diverse, and connected communities that take care of our shared spaces, natural resources, and each other.

Vision Lynn will help us grow thoughtfully. Growth needs to help us solve problems, not create additional ones. So, we need to be deliberate about traffic. That's why we're investing hundreds of thousands of dollars to improve traffic signals, addressing the impact of increased traffic to cannabis stores with the City's cannabis funds, including dangerous intersections such as South and Summer, along Western Ave and Chestnut Street, and more.

We're also addressing traffic by redoing major roadways with



City Clerk Janet Rowe and Councilor-at-Large Hong Net, pictured at the Mayor's State of the City Address.

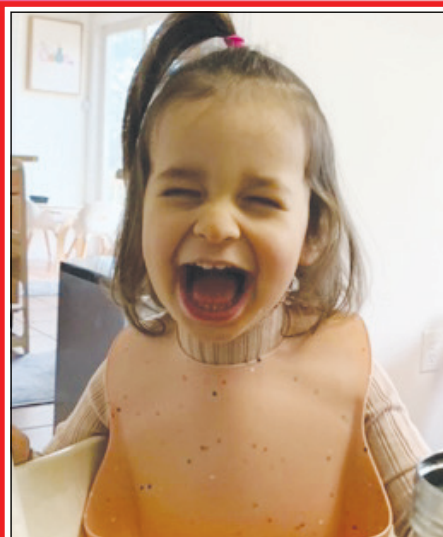
Happy Valentine's Day



Happy Valentines to our Nana Michelle & papa Ternullo!
Love Olivia & Elliana



Happy Valentines Day
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Happy Valentine's Day
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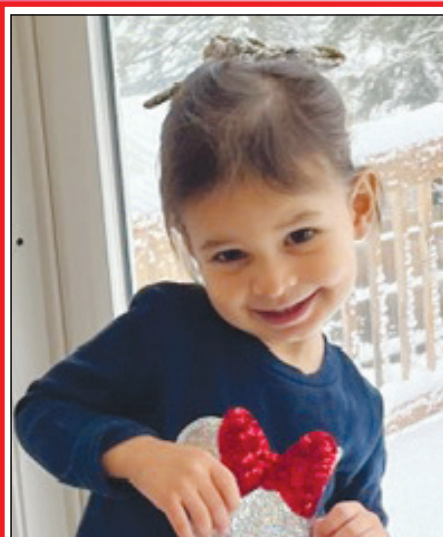
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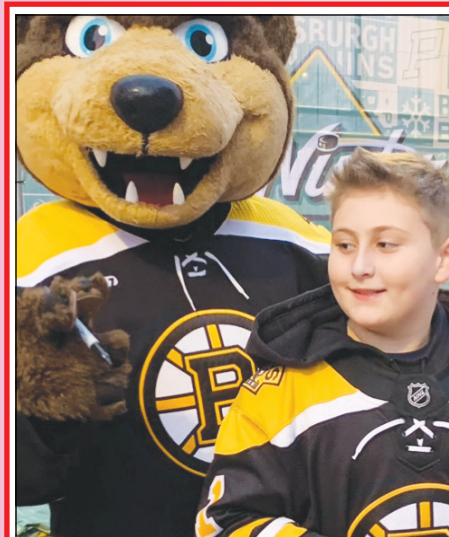
My first Valentine's Day .. to
Nonna and Nonno! I love you,
Gianni Luisi



Happy Valentine's Day! Love,
hugs, and kisses, Julianna &
Anthony Merlina



Happy Valentine's Day Luna



Happy Valentine's Day Mikey



Happy Valentine's Day

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VICTORIA TAX AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AT NEW LOCATION

Cary Shuman photos

Mayor Jared Nicholson, City Councilors Fred Hogan and Coco Alinsug, and North Shore Latino Business Association President Frances Martinez, joined business owner Melia Perez and family for the special event.

Victoria Tax and Professional Services, Inc., held a fifth anniversary celebration and grand opening at its new offices located at 888 Western Ave., Lynn.



Melia Perez, owner of Victoria Tax and Professional Services Inc., cuts the ribbon at the grand opening and fifth anniversary celebration of her business which is located at 888 Western Ave., Lynn.



Mayor Jared Nicholson presents an Official Citation of the Mayor's Office to Melia Perez, congratulating her on the fifth anniversary of her business in Lynn. Also pictured are Melia's husband, Eyden Lopez, daughter, Darleen, and son, Jayben.



The staff at Victoria Tax and Professional Services, Stephanie Osorio, Leslie Gomez, Melia Perez, business owner, Lissy Rodriguez, Silsa Lopez and Cristina McNutt.



Melia Perez, business owner, with her husband, Edyen Lopez, and their children, Jayben and Darleen.



Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, Ircania Valera (NSLBA Board of Director), Frances Martinez (NSLBA President, Founder, and CEO), Melia Perez (Owner), José M. Encarnación (NSLBA Board of Director), David Zeller (NSLBA Board of Director), and Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug.



Mayor Jared Nicholson and North Shore Latino Business Association President Frances Martinez congratulate Melia Perez on the fifth anniversary of her business at its new location at 888 Western Ave., Lynn.



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PETER BARRY, MICHAEL ALIFERIS HONORED ON THEIR RETIREMENT FROM THE LYNN DPW

By Cary Shuman

Longtime Lynn Department

of Public Works employees Peter Barry and Michael Aliferis were honored during a retirement cele-

bration held Jan. 26 at Old Tyme Italian Cuisine.

Mayor Jared Nicholson and City Council President Jay Walsh presented Citations to the honorees during the speaking program.

“On behalf of the City, I want to let everyone know how proud and grateful we are to Mike and Peter for their service over the years,” said Nicholson. “To have done it for decades is a testament to your service and dedication, and your love for our community, and we want you to know your community loves you back. We wish you many more years of enjoyment in retirement.”

Barry worked for 35 years in the Lynn DPW in several capac-

ities.

“It’s been a great run. I’m going to miss it and my colleagues, especially,” said Barry, who has twin sons, two stepdaughters, and five grandchildren.

Aliferis worked for 36 years in the Lynn DPW, becoming an assistant superintendent in the cemetery division. “I was 26 years

old when I started as a temporary employee,” recalled Aliferis, a 1979 graduate of Lynn Classical. “I did about six months as a temporary and I got hired permanently in March of 1987.”

Aliferis and his wife, Janice, have three daughters and one granddaughter.



State Rep. Dan Cahill (right) presents House of Representatives Citations to Michael Aliferis and Peter Barry at their retirement celebration at Old Tyme Italian Cuisine.



Peter Barry and School Committee member Lennin Pena.



Mayor Jared Nicholson presents special Citations to Peter Barry and Michael Aliferis, congratulating them on their retirement and thanking them for their many years of outstanding work in the Lynn Department of Public Works. Also pictured (left) is DPW Associate Commissioner Lisa Nerich.



Michael Aliferis, with his wife, Janice Aliferis, daughters Erin Fuller and Laura Aliferis, and granddaughter Maddy Fuller (left), at the retirement celebration.



Honoree Michael Aliferis and City Council President Jay Walsh.



Representing State Sen. Brendan Crighton’s Office, Legislative Aide Luis Garcia-Robles presents Mass. Senate Citations to Peter Barry and Michael Aliferis at the retirement celebration at Old Tyme Italian Cuisine.



Peter Barry with his sons Peter Barry Jr. and Chris Barry, his stepdaughter, Amanda Wheaton, and grandson, Kevin Daugherty.



Lynn City Council President Jay Walsh (center) presents Council Citations to Peter Barry and Michael Aliferis. Also representing the City Council are Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chakoutis (left) and Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug (right).

LYNN CLASSICAL HONORS JOHN HOFFMAN WITH 'HOFFMAN'S PERCH' IN GYMNASIUM



Hoffman's Perch, a plaque commemorating John Hoffman's place high above the floor, where he broadcasted Lynn High School basketball for over 40 years, will be hung in the Lynn Classical High School Gym. Classical Director of Athletics Bill Devin (right) made the presentation to John Hoffman (left).



Referee Hal Geary congratulates John Hoffman on his 40 years as a cable TV broadcaster in Lynn.



Lynn Classical boys basketball coach Marvin Avery congratulates John Hoffman on his 40 years as a cable tv broadcaster in Lynn.



John Hoffman was presented a plaque for his 40 years of dedication to Lynn High School basketball. Shown with John Hoffman representing Lynn English are Head Coach Alvin Abreu, Captains Gloire Kabongo and Tyrese Kemembin. Representing Lynn Classical are AD William Devin, Captains Dontae Rucker, Ethan Chevalier, Thomas Walsh, Brady Warren and Head Coach Marvin Avery.

Winter Socks and Scarfs Drive

What to Donate:
New, **unopened** packages of socks, scarfs, hats, gloves

Where:
Lynn City Hall - Health Resource Center
1 City Hall Square
Room 103

When:
All winter long, during City Hall hours

The Lynn Public Health Division will be hosting a socks and scarfs drive all winter long.

We are asking our community to donate new, unopened: socks, scarfs, hats, gloves, or any winter clothing items.

These items will be distributed to our community members that are in need.

News Briefs CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Howard Latimer (1848 –1928), the inventor, electrical engineer, and patent draftsman born in Chelsea, MA.

- Follow the West Medford Community Center as they share Medford's Black history and uplift Black entrepreneurs, creators, and artists.
- Check out the Chelsea Black Community's great series of events and community activities throughout Black History Month!

NATIONAL GRID OFFERS SAVINGS INITIATIVE

National Grid is proud to serve a diverse community of Massachusetts residents and provide bill help solutions during challenging economic times. Through the company's Winter Customer Savings Initiative, nearly 60,000 customers have enrolled in the company's discount program, which provides eligible customers with 25-32 percent savings on their utility bills. An addition-

al 12,000 customers have signed up for bill management programs since the program was launched in September 2022.

Spanish and Chinese speaking customers can now find the resources they need in their favored language through the Winter Customer Saving Initiative web page at ngrid.com/heretohelp.

National Grid remains committed to providing customers a variety of energy-saving tips and billing options to help offset the increases in this winter's energy prices. Customers in need of billing assistance or additional support can visit ngrid.com/heretohelp to learn more.

Spanish Translation
National Grid se enorgullece de prestar servicio a una comunidad diversa de residentes de Massachusetts y brindar soluciones de ayuda con las facturas durante tiempos difíciles a nivel económico. A través de la iniciativa de ahorro para clientes durante el invierno de la empresa, casi 60 000 clientes se han

inscrito en el programa de descuento de la empresa, que ofrece a los clientes elegibles un ahorro del 25 al 32 % en sus facturas de servicios públicos. Otros 12 000 clientes se han inscrito en programas de gestión de facturas desde que el programa se puso en marcha en septiembre de 2022.

Los clientes que hablan español y chino ahora pueden encontrar los recursos que necesitan en su idioma favorito a través de la página web de la iniciativa de ahorro para clientes durante el invierno en ngrid.com/heretohelp.

National Grid mantiene su compromiso de proporcionar a los clientes una variedad de consejos para ahorrar energía y opciones de facturación para ayudar a compensar los aumentos en los precios de la energía de este invierno. Los clientes que necesitan asistencia con la facturación o ayuda adicional pueden visitar ngrid.com/heretohelp para obtener más información.

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state and federal funds, from Blossom Street to Lynnfield Street, including major arteries like Western Ave and Essex Street. We're tracking more than \$100 million dollars of state and federal funds to fix our roads.

We're using \$16 million of ARPA funds to overhaul major parks throughout the city to give people suitable places to stay healthy in mind and body. We'll be seeking community input on design ideas for Kiley, Keaney, Lynn Woods, Gallagher, Breed and McManus Field in the coming weeks. That will complement other parks projects in progress, such as the planned waterfront park on the Lynnway, the pickleball courts at Clark Park, and the coming rehabilitation of the fountain on Lynn Commons.

Some parks will be redone. All of them will be cleaner. We bought more than 30 compacting trash bins to help the DPW and residents help us keep those parks clean.

Our equipment fleet is being upgraded as well:

- new heavy trucks for DPW
- new engines and pumpers for the Fire Department
- new cruisers for the Police, and
- a new van for Public Health.

These are smart fiscal investments to support the essential services that the City provides.

Our state delegation is pushing for transit infrastructure, and we are closer than we have been in years to the ferry getting re-established.

We have created a plan to clean up King's Beach, working with a coalition of stakeholders in the region and across different levels of government and sectors and we're now working on identifying ways to fund it.

We are tackling projects to address climate change. We realize that our position on the water is both a blessing and a challenge to deal with rising sea levels and flooding, which we are doing through mitigation projects like the one at Barry Park. We also know that our City's infrastructure must keep pace with the need for change, which is why we are working with the state to bring electric vehicle charging stations to Lynn.

These projects take time and we want to keep residents in-

formed. A digital infrastructure project that will come to fruition this year will help us do that – a new City website that will do justice to the importance of our work and our residents and businesses' ability to access it.

Peace

Our hopes for the future depend on Lynn being a place where people feel safe and like they belong. That is not a given, it's something we have to work for.

We have taken major strides in creating an independent, unarmed crisis response team, an idea put forward by the Lynn Racial Justice Coalition, to address mental health needs in the City and systemic racism. We should be ready to launch an initial version of this new team later this year. Our partnership with Eliot will allow us to launch a truly pioneering effort that we'll push to hold accountable to our goals of racial justice and cultural competence.

We continue to support the recovery community and tackle the opioid crisis. Our Opioid Working Group, which we are soon launching, will help direct our efforts in allocating state funds we've received to support that work.

Every day and night, the Lynn Police Department is out working to keep us safe, from fentanyl, from illegal guns, from any number of threats. They are also working to build connections in the community through programs like the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative and the Central Business District bike unit and their own skillset and capabilities through trainings and partnerships, such as the Behavioral Health Intervention Program. The LPD has successfully hired a new analyst through a grant that will help us track and plan how that work is going in the coming year.

Our safety is also the mission of the Lynn Fire Department. The new year coincided with a new leader there, and I'm very grateful for Chief Archer's many years of distinguished service and am excited to work with Chief Sullivan and the whole Lynn Fire Department on their next chapter of keeping us safe.

A feeling of belonging requires

being seen and heard. That's one of the reasons why language access is so important to our Administration. We are thrilled to welcome a new language access coordinator, who will be guiding us through the hard but necessary transition to City Hall becoming a building that serves a truly multilingual society.

The initiatives I have highlighted tonight represent an ambitious agenda for positive change. For it to actually improve the lives of our residents, the change needs to be lasting, it needs to be sustainable. That's why it's so important that we uphold our commitment to fiscal discipline throughout this work.

I also want to recognize that providing excellent services to our residents is paramount in all of this work. I'm here because the people elected me to do a job. Every resident has needs that they rely on the City for. We need to deliver in those moments to fulfill our obligations, recognize when we fall short, and think about how to do better. That's truly a team effort from everyone who works for the City, and I'm so grateful for all that you do every day.

You may know that I wres-



Councilor-at-Large Buzzy Barton, Council President Jay Walsh, and Rep. Dan Cahill.

tled in high school and college. As Council President Walsh can attest because he stopped by last summer, I still wrestle at my annual beach wrestling tournament. Nothing marks the passing of time like the additional time it takes for me to recover from that event each year.

Being mayor can sometimes feel like one of the most challenging parts of wrestling – it's just you out there. Like when I'm up here at this podium, there's no one else coming to save me. But one of the things that I love about wrestling, is that while it might look like you're by yourself out there, your team is really out

there with you. They're the ones who pushed you all week to prepare, who pick you up after the match, who drive you to be the best you can be.

We have a great team in the City of Lynn. My staff in the Mayor's Office, everyone that works for the City, who serves on our boards and commissions, my fellow elected officials, really anyone who cares about this community and our future together.

Thank you for a strong and successful first year together. Let's have another one in 2023.

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

HARKNESS NAMED TO SIENA COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S LIST

Emma Harkness was named to the Siena College President's List for the Fall 2022 Semester. Emma is from Lynn.

The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

Founded in 1937, Siena College is a private, Catholic Franciscan, residential, liberal arts college with a student body of about 3,000. Siena College offers 36 degree programs, 80+ minors and certificate programs, and professional curricula in teacher preparation/education, pre-medical, pre-law and social work. A student-to-faculty ratio

of 11-to-1, average class size of 21, rigorous academics, Division I athletics, intramural sports and widespread service and advocacy experiences nurture each student's personal growth while providing the education of a lifetime.

HOLY CROSS ANNOUNCES FALL 2022 DEAN'S LIST

College of the Holy Cross congratulates the following students who were named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year.

Aaron Bernardez of Lynn, member of the class of 2023

Matthew Bushway of Lynn, member of the class of 2026

Lauren Casey of Lynn, member of the class of 2023

Ackiaara Chhim of Lynn, member of the class of 2024

Meghan Hazard of Lynn, member of the class of 2023

Jackson Wang of Lynn, member of the class of 2026

To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

About Holy Cross
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military service personnel and their families at more than 180 locations in more than 20 countries. More than half of the university's students are active-duty military personnel, their families, members of the National Guard and veterans.

RESIDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

The following Lynn students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

The students are:
Christian Alquinta
Cormac Collins
Anna Flaherty
Amy Hatfield

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EARNS DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS

Gina Marie Sylvia Trites, of Lynn, earned a(n) Master of Business Administration in from University of Maryland Global Campus in fall 2022.

Trites was one of more than 7,600 students worldwide who earned degrees from UMGC in the fall. Graduates came from all 50 states, five U.S. territories, and 18 countries.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary, University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) was established in 1947 to serve adults in the workforce. Today, UMGC enrolls some 90,000 students annually, offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs, as well as certificates in more than 125 fully online, hybrid and face-to-face programs and specializations.

UMGC has a long history of innovation in reaching students where they are, including as a pioneer of internet instruction, piloting its first online classes in 1994. The university has received numerous awards for its groundbreaking work in developing fully online degree programs, including in high-demand fields such as cybersecurity, business, data analytics, health care and education.

UMGC now offers classes to

son. Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

MANNION NAMED DEAN'S LIST AT UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Kathleen Mannion has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at the University of Vermont. Mannion from Lynn is majoring in Environmental Studies.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

About UVM
Since 1791, the University of Vermont has worked to move humankind forward. Committed to both research and teaching, UVM professors -- world-class researchers, scholars, and artists -- bring their discoveries into the classroom and their students into the field. Located in Burlington, Vermont, one of the nation's most vibrant small cities and top college towns, UVM top 100 national research university educating over 14,000 undergraduate students, graduate students, certificate and non-degree students, and M.D. students in the Larner College of Medicine.

MENDEZ EARNS DEAN'S AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Sophia Mendez, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2024, has earned the spring 2022 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence.

Mendez is a Psychological Science major and a graduate of , from Lynn (01905).

Students who receive a term grade point average of 3.3 or higher while completing at least three courses earn the spring 2022 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence.

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OBITUARIES

Eleni "Helen" Mazareas

She lived her life for others
and will be greatly missed



Eleni "Helen" (Tsouleas) Mazareas of Lynn died peacefully at age 95 on Tuesday, January 31 in Lynn. She was the wife of the late Kostas G. Mazareas. Born and raised in Neochori, Greece, she immigrated to the United States in 1955 and has been a resident of Lynn since that time.

Eleni worked for Sylvania and Phillips Lighting in Lynn, retiring in 1990. Steadfast in her faith, she was an active member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Lynn. She was also a longtime member of the St. George Ladies Philoptochos Society, where she relished the opportunity to engage in fellowship and philanthropic service to her community.

An avid gardener, Eleni was gifted in her ability to consistently tend to and cultivate a bountiful harvest of vegetables in her backyard. Not only was she a master of her garden, but of her kitchen as well. Always incorporating the fruit of her labor into her flavorful— and well-guarded— Greek recipes, Eleni would have fasolakia, yemista, baked melanzana and moussaka ready to deliver to a loved one's house.

A master baker as well, her treasured kourabiedes and koulourakia were tucked into her dessert jar on her kitchen table, beckoning her guests to try one.

Eleni had an incredible command over her craft needles and over her vintage Singer sewing machine. Whether mending clothes or gift giving, Eleni was quick with her knitting and crochet needles, producing sweaters, scarves and bedspreads. Most notably, she created beau-

tiful and meticulous doilies that adorned her couches, tables, and home.

She was devoted to her family above all else and will be remembered as a wonderful mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. Eleni will also be remembered for her wonderful generosity. She lived her life for others and will be greatly missed.

Eleni is survived by her son, George Mazareas, his wife, Cynthia Tanner Mazareas and her granddaughter, Eleni Mazareas, all of Nahant; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members.

Her funeral was held at George Greek Orthodox Church, 54 S. Common St., Lynn. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery. Those who prefer may make donations to St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 54 S. Common St., Lynn, MA0 0902.

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Bonnie's honor was held at The Marina at the Wharf in Revere on January 22nd. Bonnie has been a long-time member of the Zonta

Club. She and her husband, Ron are relocating to San Diego. We all wish them the best on their move!



Seated left to right: Janice Sikorski, Bonnie Fishman, Mary Jane O'Neill; Standing left to right: Pam Miller, Georgia Green, Liz Fama, Christine DePrizio, Janice Tatarka, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, and Barbara Lawlor.

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Lynn Councilor-at-Large Brian LaPierre and his wife, Kelly Curtin LaPierre, greet sports caster Sean McDonough at the grand opening of the WynnBet Sportsbook at Encore Boston Harbor.



Lynn City Councilor Brian LaPierre and his wife, Kelly Curtin LaPierre, greet former New England Patriots star Ty Law at the grand opening of the WynnBet Sportsbook, marking the official launch of legalized sports betting in Massachusetts.

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