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Cobbet Elementary School students, with their teacher Nancy Wilson (far right) join School Principal Peter Viselli, Program Specialist Tim Burt, Lynn DPW Associate Commissioner Lisa Nerich, and Mayor Jared Nicholson for an Arbor Day celebration photo adjacent to the new tree that was planted in front of the school.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION AT COBBET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mayor Jared Nicholson and the Lynn Department of Public Works joined students at the Cobbet Elementary School in celebrating Arbor Day with the planting of a tree in front of the school.



From left, are Dan Cannata of the Lynn DPW, Mike Griffin of the DCR, Dave Bresnahan of the DCR, Zachary Fouser of the DCR, and Saul Diaz Valera and Keith Watson of the Lynn DPW.

St. Mary's hockey star Anthony Palmer transfers to Avon Old Farms prep school

By Cary Shuman

Anthony Palmer Jr., the St. Mary's High School hockey team's phenomenal freshman goaltender this season, will enroll at Avon Old Farms School in Connecticut this fall.

In his first year for the Spartans' varsity, Palmer, 15, put together a superb season under head coach Mark Lee, posting a 1.45 goals against average and recording five shutouts. He was a Catholic Central League and Daily Item All-Star and the MVP of the Christie Serino Hockey Tournament.

Last summer, Palmer, who is 5 feet, 10 inches tall, caught the eye

of prep school and college coaches while playing goaltender at the USA National Development Camp. He is ranked as one of the top goaltenders in his age group in the nation and is being projected as a Division 1 college hockey prospect.

Alex Servideo, Anthony's mother, said that Avon officials had been in correspondence with her during the past few months, and she and her son visited the private, all-boys boarding school where tuition is \$72,000 per year.

"We went and looked at the school and we loved it," said Servideo. "They offered Anthony a

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Anthony Palmer was honored as the St. Mary's High School hockey team's Defensive Player of the Year at the awards banquet. Making the presentation were assistant coach Doug Surette, head coach Mark Lee, and assistant coach Matt Smith.

Happy Mother's Day Moms Day Drawings



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EDITORIAL

DESANTIS VS. DISNEY: THIS IS WHAT AN AUTOCRACY LOOKS LIKE

The ongoing battle that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has been waging against the Walt Disney Company not only demonstrates what a petty, vindictive, and mean-spirited little man he is, but also illustrates the danger that an autocratic ruler poses to our democracy.

The essence of the dispute, for those who may not be familiar with it, is this: The State of Florida granted special incentives to the Disney Company more than 50 years ago in order to entice Disney to turn what had been swampland in Central Florida into what has become a global behemoth, employing tens of thousands of Floridians and bringing literally billions of dollars into state coffers.

That Florida-Disney partnership was similar to what every state in the country has done over the past 60 years in order to encourage private development. Even Massachusetts, not exactly known as a business-friendly state, has had many programs that have provided tax breaks to private developers for large-scale projects.

In early 2022, former Disney CEO Bob Chapek took issue with a bill signed by DeSantis (the so-called Don't Say Gay law). Chapek did so in support of many of Disney's employees, who found the bill to be offensive.

In response, DeSantis simply could have said, "Disney is entitled to its opinion, but the voters and legislature agree with me," and that would have been the end of it. Instead, DeSantis has turned the disagreement into an all-out war on Disney, seeking to strip it of the special tax-status that has existed for almost six decades. He even went so far as to suggest that he would build a new state prison adjacent to Disney World.

There are two important things to note: First, DeSantis had been governor for four years (and an elected Florida official for more than a decade) and never once had suggested that the long standing Disney-Florida relationship should be changed. It was only when Disney expressed an opinion in opposition to his law that DeSantis took retaliatory action.

Second, similar partnerships exist with other corporate entities in Florida (most notably Universal Studios), yet DeSantis is not suggesting that those agreements be undone.

Ron DeSantis's war on Disney in an obvious attempt to show that he is just as much a "macho man" as Donald Trump in an effort to appeal to Trump's extreme voter base. But as we all know, men who constantly feel the need to prove their masculinity are incredibly insecure — and when these small-minded men are in positions of power, this makes them incredibly dangerous.

Ron DeSantis's actions against Disney have achieved the impossible — he makes Donald Trump look like a reasonable person. As DeSantis contemplates a run for president, his effort to silence the First Amendment rights of Disney and others serves as clear evidence of his unfitness to be President and a stark manifestation of the danger he would pose to our democracy.



GUEST OP-ED

Mother's Day and your time

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

You may have lost your mother early in life or never really knew your mother. My two sons were only 17 and 20 when their mother passed at the age of 49 from multiple sclerosis. Mother's Day is a tough day for them and many others around the world. This day may be very difficult for you.

My mother has also passed on but I remember her as one of the hardest working persons I've ever known. On Sunday and often during the week she loved getting dressed up and going to church. One of the greatest enjoyments of her life was singing in a gospel quartet with my dad and another lovely couple.

Eula Hinkle Mollette was just the best mom ever. Yes, I'm prejudiced of course.

Mom helped me with my homework. She washed and ironed my clothes. She put breakfast on the table for me every morning. She had something for me to eat every day when I came home from school.

She read to me when I was a child and took care of me when I was sick. During the summer we would carry water from our nearby creek to wash clothes. Typically, we caught rain water in large tubs to wash our clothes but summer months often brought dry weather. We had lunch together every day during the summer break. Usually, it was a homemade sandwich and sometimes a candy bar from Grandpa Hinkle's grocery store. I once wanted root beer and she said, "You won't like it." I debated that I would but I didn't. I was stuck with the root beer.

She never hesitated to set me straight with a peach tree limb across my back side.

If she were alive today, I would try to make up for all the things I didn't do or didn't consider doing. I always had good intentions for all the things I might try to do for mom and dad but they slipped from this life before I had the opportunity.

Missed opportunities happen often to most of us. We have good intentions but often we

don't have the ability to act on those intentions. I'm envious of those who are able to do a lot for their moms and dads and wish that I could have done more.

However, so often what we can do are the simplest things that mean so much. Today, I don't want my family to do anything for me but call me or visit me occasionally. A hug and some shared times are the most meaningful to me. Some good quality time is actually the best gift we can give to mom, dad or anyone.

Our time is fleeting for us all. To be generous with a visit, conversation and sharing of life is probably the most precious gift we can give.

Mother's Day is coming. Set aside your best gift — your time.

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spot to play hockey there, and we were excited about the opportunity.”

A great experience at St. Mary's High School

Alex Servideo said her son's four years at St. Mary's (he first enrolled as a sixth grader) were extraordinarily beneficial to his development as a student and an athlete.

“We absolutely loved St. Mary's,” said Servideo. “Anthony excelled there and made so many long-lasting friendships. We knew St. Mary's had a good hockey program, and it was awesome for Anthony to have the honor of playing hockey for Mark Lee. The school will always be a major contributing factor to Anthony's journey.”

Said Anthony Palmer Jr., “It was an amazing experience to be a student at St. Mary's. The coaches, especially Mark Lee, were tremendous. To be able to play hockey as a sixth grader, all the way up to my freshman year, - those three years playing JV hockey and practicing with the varsity helped me so much.”

Honored as St. Mary's Defensive Player of the Year

Mark Lee, who has stepped down as head coach after a Hall of Fame career, said at the awards banquet before presenting the team's Defensive Player of the Year Award to Palmer, “This award is not going to be a surprise to anybody. He's definitely a special type of talent - a lot of it is God-given. But when you have that God-given talent and the work ethic that this young man has, and the right attitude, his future is so bright.

“He's going to go on and do great things. We know that we're glad that he was here with us this year, and we want to recognize the guy who was amazing right to the very last period against



Anthony Palmer and his mother, Alex Servideo, pictured at the St. Mary's High School hockey team's awards banquet at the Nahant Country Club.

Catholic Memorial [in the State Tournament].”

Son of a Winthrop High and North Shore sports great

The name “Palmer” is well-known on the North Shore sports scene. Anthony Palmer Jr. is the son of the late Anthony Palmer Sr., arguably the greatest athlete in Winthrop High School history. Anthony Palmer Sr. is the only two-time recipient of the Daily Item Football Player of the Year Award, leading the Vikings to back-to-back appearances in the Super Bowl. He was also an All-Star goaltender and outfielder in the Vikings' athletic program. He is an inductee in the Winthrop High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

“Big Anthony [Anthony Palmer Sr.] went to all the games he could to support his son,” said Alex Servideo. “I know that Big Anthony would be as proud of his son as I am.”

NFL AGENT SEAN STELLATO'S GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DRAFT NIGHT PARTY



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

National Football League agent Sean Stellato hosted his annual Golf Tournament and NFL Draft Night Party April 28 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel golf course and function room in Danvers. Stellato, a former Salem High quarterback, is pictured above with one of his clients, University of Illinois quarterback Tommy DeVito, who has signed a contract with the New York Giants. In the photo below, St. Mary's High School alumnus Jim Buckley (second from right) is pictured with the other members of the Northwestern Mutual team, Adam Bispham, Andrew Madison, and Martin Connolly, just before teeing off in the tournament.



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NORTH SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HONORS REGION'S TOP HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce honored the accomplishments of the top high school seniors in the region at its 2023 Honor Scholars Dinner May 10 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Danvers.

The annual awards program honors the outstanding students who rank academically in the top five percent of their graduating class.



Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School's Honor Scholars Award recipients from Lynn, Thomas Politano and Eleanor Show, with Director of Guidance Sandra Goldstein, a 1988 Lynn English alumna.



Lynn Classical High School's Honor Scholars Award recipients are pictured at the North Shore Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner Wednesday night in Danvers. Front row, from left, are Leilani Eth, Enma Lopez Ramos, Jocelyn Chase, Heidi Lopez Mendez, Shantal Williams, and Melanie Gutierrez Rivera. Back row, from left are Vice Principal Chris Warren, Kevin Whalen, Ryan Dugan, Brady Warren, Nick Costa, Ryan Dunn, Ethan Chevalier, Robert Desmond, Christian Spates, Sam Ohannesian, and Principal Amy Dunn.



Lynn Tech's Honor Scholars Award recipients, front row, from left, School Counselor Heather Toomey, Suda Telha, Autum Domey, Alan Barrios Robles, Krystian Callor, Mariela Corzo Rivera, Shirlie Arreaga, Yiomara Iraheta. Back row, from left, are Kaitlyn Spring, Jayden Patrick, and Guliani Acevedo.



Two of Lynn's outstanding families were on hand to celebrate the academic accomplishments of Lynn Classical seniors Delaney Dana and Brady Warren. Delaney is pictured with her parents, Derek Dana and Christen Dana. Brady is pictured with his parents, Leah Warren, and Lynn Classical Vice Principal Chris Warren.



Lynn English High School's Honor Scholars Award recipients, front row, from left, Miriam Crisman, Anuragh Mangar, Arsema Gebreyesus, Jaqueline Gonzalez Duarte, and Chloe Nguyen-Som. Back row, from left, are Gabriella Burke, Connor Buscemi Nowka, Madison Donahue, Timothy Donahue, Gisell Santos Landaverde, Leah Salazar Yparraigue, Victoria Samuel, and Vice Principal Garcia Dalzon.



St. Mary's High School's Honor Scholars Award recipients, front row, from left, Allie Fritz, Anna Fringuelli, Alexa Santa Cruz, and Olivia Egan. Back row, from left, Senior Class Advisor Mike Jalbert, Zachary Perry, Christopher Lutchman, Tara Powers, Madyson Silva, Yocilin Solis Lopez, Haleigh Newton, and Associate Head of School David Angeramo.

LORRAINE GATELY FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN EVENT

PAT GECOYA PHOTOS

A joyful vibrant Lorraine Gately with her son, Michael, by her side, helped kick off the campaign event at Old Tymes Restaurant. Lorraine, who is seeking her fifth term, was introduced by Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard. He stated, "Lorraine is one of the hardest workers on the School Committee; she does her job well and is extremely caring and compassionate. So many people like the job Lorraine does in her position."

During her tenure on the School Committee, Lorraine supported many positive accomplishments while serving. She knows the importance of a new Pickering Middle School project. Lorraine will advocate for the project to be back into the MA School Building Authority for MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education approval. During her first two terms Lorraine focused on Social Emotional Learning by instituting a SEL curriculum and adding Social Workers in schools.

Lorraine encouraged the Frederick Douglass Collegiate Academy so that students can earn college credit toward an associate degree. Other initiatives include Tony Seaford's No



Lorraine Gately's Campaign Staff – Kathy Collins, Patty Hale, and Marilyn Bonneau.

Ceilings after school program for student athletes, Tech Annex Discovery program, and working toward solutions to alleviate overcrowding schools. She was very involved in the hiring of Dr. Evonne Alvarez as Superintendent of Schools; she feels that Dr. Alvarez will move the school system onto a positive path toward improving student scores.

Lorraine is thankful for all the support as she said, "I will continue to have the best interest of the students and represent the parents as well as the teachers' voices on the committee."



Ward 5/Council VP Dianna Chakoutis and Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan with Lorraine Gately (Center).



Attending Lorraine Gately's campaign event – At-Large Brian LaPierre, Former Ford Principal Dr. Claire Crane, LPS Superintendent Dr. Evonne Alvarez, Lorraine, Ward 5/Council VP Dianna Chakoutis and Ward 7/ Council President Jay Walsh.



Attending Kickoff campaign for Lorraine Gately – Ward 5 Coco Alinsug, Ward 1 Candidate Todd Bacon, Tony Dunn, Ward 4 Candidate Donna Coppola, At-Large Brian Field, School Committee Eric Dugan, Ward 2 Rick Starbard, and Ward 1 Candidate Michael Satterwhite.



Lorraine and her son, Michael Gately, with Ward 2 Candidate Elizabeth Figueroa, At-Large Nicole McClain & Hong Net, and Ward 4 Candidate Natasha Megie-Maddrey.



School Committee members and Candidates – Eric Dugan, Sean Reid, Tiffany Magnolia, Lenya Pena, Lorraine Gately, Brian Castellanos, Dan Richard, and Ward 2 Candidate Obed Matul.

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 SCHOOL COMMITTEE

DR. PETER MEANEY SEEKS WARD 1 SEAT

PAT GECOYA PHOTOS

Dr. Peter Meaney announced his candidacy for Ward 1. Peter is a very energetic, curious, and caring person who loves life according to Ward 1 resident Priscilla Gainey. She added by saying, "Peter takes every day head-on trying to help people; he volunteers at the Senior Center as a Dentist and participates in clean-up days at parks. He wants the best for all of us in Lynn and in Ward 1."

Speaking as well was Kevin Gainey who expressed the importance of running for political office as he said, "We need people who will listen, be accessible, and personally speak with people; that is critical. We need someone who can build coalitions and relationships within various departments throughout

City Hall. These are the qualities for an elected official." He continued to state, "This is how voters can advance issues that are important to us in Ward 1. We need to reach out and support Dr. Peter Meaney to be elected as Councilor of Ward 1."

Opening comments from Dr. Peter Meaney, as he explained his desire to run for Ward 1, "When someone asks me why I am running for City Council, since you are a Dentist and business owner, what are you thinking about." Peter replied to his supporters, "I am tired of waiting

around for someone else to do something when the opportunity is staring at me. The City of Lynn right now is at a turning point. We are a city on the verge of dramatic change. The only question one may ask oneself is whether the change will be positive or negative. I feel it can be positive and I will work extremely hard. I am all in for Lynn."

His concerns for Ward 1 involve: having some form of emergency services with the Lynnfield Firehouse, Gowdy Park new facelift, and improved parking around the schools.



Dr. Peter Meaney with his wife, Tara, and his children.



Nick Nikolopoulos and John Chipouras meet Dr. Peter Meaney.



City Officials at Dr. Meaney's kickoff event – At-Large Brian LaPierre, Ward 5/Council VP Dianna Chakoutis, Ward 4 Candidate Donna Coppola, and At-Large Brian Field.



Ward 1 Residents for Dr. Meaney – Helen and Roger Pilotte holding Madeline and Maya, Kevin and Priscilla Gainey, and Ed and Susan Calnan.



Attending Peter Meaney's reception – Sean Reid, Roger Garcia, Lenny Pena, and Chris Gomez.



Candidates for Office – Ward 4 Natasha Megie-Maddrey, At-large Jose Encarnacion, Dr. Meaney, Ward 2 Elizabeth Figueroa, and School Committee Daniel Richard.



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DR. PETE MEANEY

FOR LYNN CITY COUNCIL ★ WARD 1

"Working Harder For Ward 1"



BRIAN LAPIERRE CAMPAIGN FOR COUNCILOR AT-LARGE

PAT GECOYA PHOTOS

Seeking a fifth term as Councilor-at-Large, Brian LaPierre looks forward to making more improvements in the City of Lynn. He has continuously been very accessible and responsive to constituents.

Brian said, "As City Councilors, we have achieved much, by increasing city services, while holding the line on property taxes. We have experienced new revenue growth with the approval of a city meals tax and licensed eight new cannabis dispensaries across the city." Brian and the Council have made a long-term investment for senior citizens with a city owned and operated Lynn Senior Center.

Other important initiatives Brian and his fellow Councilors worked on together included having clean parks and playgrounds, a safer city, new surfaces for Manning and Fraser Fields. He and the Council carefully watched funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that lighten housing costs for citizens and supported a new Inclusionary Zone on long-term development investments.

Brian is excited about having new commercial and residential projects constructed and with the transformation of the Thurgood Marshall Middle School into affordable senior housing. He is also watchful about the Pickering

Middle School project.

"I would like to see these new projects occur during my fifth term in office," as Brian expressed. He then added, "I am proud and honored to continue to serve the city that I grew up, live in, raise my family in, and work closely with the Mayor and his Administration to take our great city to new heights."

Brian looks forward to his reelection campaign; he will be continually active, visible, and wants to meet Lynn citizens. He has a proven record representing the City of Lynn as Councilor-at-Large.



Essex County District Attorney Paul Tucker meets Councilor At-Large Brian LaPierre.



Lynn Democratic Committee member Agnes Ricko with Councilor A-Large Brian LaPierre.



The LaPierre Family – Kaylee Mallett, Jim & Donna Curtin with Owen, Dylan, Kelly, Brian, Carolyn, Rosanne, and Peter LaPierre.



Lynn Officials attending Brian's event – At-Large Hong Net, Ward 7/ Council President Jay Walsh, At-Large Brian LaPierre, Ward 2 Rick Starbard, Ward 5/Council VP Dianna Chakoutis, and At-Large Brian Field.



Candidates for School Committee with Brian LaPierre – Dan Richard, Brian Castellanos, Vice-Chair and Ward 4 Candidate Donna Coppola, Brian LaPierre, Lorraine Gately, Andrea Satterwhite, Sean Reid, Eric Dugan, and Lenny Pena.



Candidate for elected office with Brian – Roger Garcia, Judith Wilson, Natasha Megie-Maddrey, Brian LaPierre, and Elizabeth Figueroa.

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Brian LaPierre

LYNN AT-LARGE

Getting the Job Done for Everyone!

MAYOR JARED NICHOLSON SPRING RECEPTION

A large turnout of supporters attended Mayor Jared Nicholson's Spring Reception at Trio's Mexican Grill on Market Street. Mayor Nicholson sees a positive outlook for the city as he said, "There is so much to be excited about especially having a great team doing the work." He continued to say, "It is an honor to work on all the projects; I reach out and encourage each of you to continue your support for a better Lynn. We are making inclusion and transparency a two-way street; this is how we improve our ideas, proposals, and feedback to make Lynn a finer place."

Mayor Nicholson owes a depth of gratitude to everyone who contributes as he stated, "I ask that we all become involved so we can capitalize on the opportunities that we have in the city; we need everyone's help." Mayor Nicholson views the City of Lynn moving forward into a bright future.



Christine Pierce of Columbia Insurance with Dr. Geoff Pechinsky and Meaghen Hamill of Lynn Community Health Center.



MA Democratic Member James Smith, Mayor Nicholson, Atty. James Carrigan, and Educational District Joel Abramson.



Birgitta Damon, Jon Thibault, Margot Miksis, Lisa McFadden of LEO, and Danya Smith.



Attending Mayor Nicholson's Reception – Greg Bohenko, Joe Sheridan, Bob Maloney, and Mike Buckley.



Lynn Councilors – Council VP/Ward 5 Dianna Chakoutis, At-Large Brian LaPierre, Council President/Ward 7 Jay Walsh, Mayor Jared Nicholson, At-Large Hong Net, Ward 3 Coco Alinsug, and Ward 2 Rick Starbard.



Gathered at Mayor Jared Nicholson's Reception –Boys & Girls Club Director Brian Therrien, Salem Five Joe Scianatico, Jim Conners, Shannon Toner, Ted Smith – EDIC, and Steve Smith - LHA.

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USPS honors author and illustrator Tomie dePaola

The U.S. Postal Service celebrates children's book author and illustrator Tomie dePaola with the release of a Forever stamp. A dedication ceremony for the stamp was held May 5, at the Currier Museum of Art.

"There are many gifted children's book authors and illustrators, but Tomie dePaola's genius is unique in so many ways: He could communicate with — and without — words, and touch readers across cultures and generations," said Steve Monteith, chief customer and marketing officer, who was the dedicating official for the ceremony. "At the Postal Service, we feel great kinship in this idea. We help Americans of all backgrounds and generations stay connected, no matter where they are."

Other participants at the ceremony included Bruce McColl, director of engagement at the Currier Museum of Art; Dr. Susan Lynch, former first lady of New Hampshire and Currier Museum of Art board member; Judie dePaola Bobbi, sister of Tomie dePaola; Erin Fehlau,

WMUR-TV anchor; Jon Anderson, president and publisher of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; Sarah Mackenzie, founder of Read-Aloud Revival; and Kathleen McCaffery, English language arts consultant at the New Hampshire Department of Education.

DePaola (1934-2020) produced an extraordinarily varied body of work that encompasses folktales and legends, informational books, religious and holiday stories, and autobiographical tales. Deceptively simple, his stories contain layers of emotional meaning that appeal to readers of all ages.

DePaola is probably best known for the "Strega Nona" picture book series. Set in southern Italy, the gently humorous stories focus on Strega Nona, or "Grandma Witch," who uses magic to help with matters of the heart and to cure her neighbors' ills. Published in 1975, the first book in the series received a Caldecott Honor as one of the most distinguished picture books published that year.

The "Strega Nona" stories read like well-worn folktales, as do plenty of dePaola's other works. Some of his books retell legends that have shaped cultures around the world. Other stories are dePaola inventions. Many of his books emphasize family relationships and draw on dePaola's personal experience. "I've discovered," he once said, "that children most respond to books based on my own life."

Whatever the subject, dePaola's illustrations are instantly recognizable. Characterized by bright but muted tones and flat, two-dimensional perspectives, they offer a distinctive mix of Romanesque painting styles and traditional folk art. Objects that meant the most to dePaola — notably hearts and white birds — recur throughout his work.

In all his books, dePaola tried to convey three fundamental truths: Success depends on hard work, happiness relies on embracing one's true self, and love and kindness underscore all.

In 2011, the American Library Association awarded him



The Forever stamp honoring Tomie dePaola.

the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award (now the Children's Literature Legacy Award) for his "substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children."

DePaola died in Lebanon, NH, after complications from surgery following a fall. Following his death, the Currier Museum established the Tomie dePaola Art Education Fund to support art instruction for young people from all backgrounds. Counting more

than 100 pieces of art by dePaola in its permanent collection, the museum shares his long-held belief in the power of art to transform a child's life.

The stamp art features a detail from the cover of "Strega Nona." Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp with dePaola's original art. News of the Tomie dePaola stamp is being shared with the hashtag #TomiedePaolaStamp.

Mass. April revenue collections total \$4.782 billion

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that preliminary revenue collections for April totaled \$4.782 billion, \$2.163 billion or 31.2% less than actual collections in April 2022, and \$1.435 billion or 23.1% below benchmark. April 2023 revenue collections were impacted by the elective pass-through entity (PTE) excise. After adjusting for DOR's estimate of the net impact of PTE excise April 2023 collections are \$1.447 billion or 20.2% below actual collections in April 2022, and \$915 million or 13.8% less than benchmark.

FY2023 year-to-date collections through April totaled approximately \$32.317 billion, which is \$2.174 billion or 6.3% less than collections in the same period of FY2022, and \$1.171 billion or 3.5% below the updated year-to-date benchmark. After adjusting for DOR's estimate of the net impact of PTE excise, FY2023 year-to-date collections are \$406 million or 1.2% below actual collections in the same period of FY2022, and \$841 million or 2.5% less than the updated year-to-date benchmark.

"The decrease in April collections in comparison to April 2022 is primarily driven by a

decrease in non-withholding income tax," said Commissioner Snyder. "The decline in non-withholding income tax is mostly attributable to a decrease in capital gain tax collections and an increase in PTE members applying credits to reduce their tax payments."

Historically, April has been the single largest month for collections, ranking first of the twelve months in eight of the last ten years. There are two main causes for April's relative strength. First, the individual tax filing season reaches its peak. Payments made with returns are concentrated in April, while refunds are spread across February, March, and April. Second, the first income estimated payment installment for the current tax year is due in April.

Details:

- Income tax collections for April totaled \$3.125 billion, \$1.558 billion or 33.3% below benchmark, and \$2.129 billion or 40.5% less than April 2022.

- Withholding tax collections for April totaled \$1.354 billion, \$13 million or 0.9% below benchmark, but \$75 million or 5.8% more than April 2022.

- Income tax estimated payments for April totaled \$297 mil-

lion, \$24 million or 8.6% above benchmark, but \$191 million or 39.2% less than April 2022.

- Income tax returns and bills for April totaled \$1.991 billion, \$1.589 billion or 44.4% below benchmark, and \$1.980 billion or 49.9% less than April 2022.

- Income tax cash refunds for April totaled \$517 million in outflows, \$20 million or 3.8% below benchmark, but \$32 million or 6.5% more than April 2022.

- Sales and use tax collections for April totaled \$757 million, \$17 million or 2.3% above benchmark, and \$22 million or 3.0% more than April 2022.

- Meals tax, a sub-set of sales and use tax, for April totaled \$103 million, \$3 million or 3.1% below benchmark, but \$5 million or 5.2% more than April 2022.

- Corporate and business tax collections for April totaled \$674 million, \$76 million or 12.6% above benchmark, but \$21 million or 3.0% less than April 2022.

- "All other tax" collections for April totaled \$225 million, \$31 million or 15.8% above benchmark, but \$36 million or 13.7% less than April 2022.

LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

MALDEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS FROM LYNN, MA ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL - THIRD QUARTER

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the third quarter of the 2022-2023 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: President's List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes.)

Malden Catholic Honors – First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)

Evelyn Luna
Helen Nguyen
Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)

Destiny Fotabong
Precious Kamara
Jovanny Vargas
Yolandy Vargas

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassa-

dors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renown universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Northeastern, Boston University and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

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By Penny & Ed Cherubino

What Do You Use?

One easy way to determine what you regularly use is to put a small piece of blue painter's tape on each item in your kitchen...

As you move some items to secondary storage, look for duplicates. Unless you collect wooden spoons, how many do you need?...

verize garlic on a cutting board, you can pass the device on to a newer cook.

All of us will have items we keep for sentimental reasons. We have an old tray Ed's parents used to serve his mother's pizza.

Rental Kitchen Lessons Over the years, we've experienced how little we need to cook in a rental kitchen. At times we had to make do with what was offered by the hosts.



Here are the often-used tools that won space in our stove-side utensil crock after a recent kitchen cleanout.

Recycle Unused Equipment

Some charitable organizations accept kitchen and household items in good condition. Locally you can contact Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries, The Salvation Army, and Boomerangs to see what they can use.

You could offer your extra equipment to a new household. We had a significant cleanout when a friend had two young relatives setting up their first apartments.

equipment from ours. It was satisfying to help a new generation of cooks and recycle what we weren't using.

The coming warm months are a great time to practice making meals with less. Try limiting yourself to a sharp knife and cutting board for most of your preparation.

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Maria I Perez et al Vs. Carol Hatch et al Re: Heirs and Devisees Of James F. Delaney WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our Superior Court by Maria I Perez wherein it is seeking to; Quiet title to property at 90 East Park Avenue, Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts pursuant to G.L.c. 240, section 6. WE COMMAND YOU if you intend to make any defense, that on 06/01/2023 or within such

further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court named above, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein. Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence. It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant

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GREATER LYNN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CASINO NIGHT AT KOWLOON

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce hosted a Casino Night April 27 at Kowloon, Saugus.

The guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and playing casino games including Blackjack and Roulette.



From left, Mark Skillman, Erica Epstein, Maria Ventura, Alicia Chan, Kera Warren, Eugene Vargus, and Vathy Ou.



The Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce leadership team, Membership Director Corie Currier, Executive Director Colin Codner, and Operations Manager Christine Neals, pictured at the GLCC Casino Night at Kowloon.



Representing the Lynn Neighborhood Health Center are Meaghen Hamill, Lisette Crime, and Kim Eng.



Enjoying the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce's Casino Night are, Daniel Richard, Julia Kennedy, AJ Capano, Sean Reid, and Kelsey Reid.



GLCC Chair Christine Pierce (third from right) welcomes the contingent from the Salem Five Bank, including Mike Maesano, Reggie Peral, Brenda Ortiz, Sean McCarthy, Shawn Ford, Dolly Moser, and Maryanne Ricupero.




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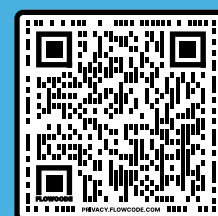


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