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Lynn's 'Pit Bull'

**Pro boxer James Perkins
wants the city in his corner**

By Cary Shuman

Lynn professional boxer James Perkins will return to the ring Saturday afternoon for a light heavyweight bout at the Castleton in Windham, N.H.

Perkins, 28, has a new nickname "Pit Bull" and a message for his Lynn fans: "I have a lot of love for the city. If it weren't for Lynn, I don't know if I would be doing this. I hope they'll continue to support me in my journey to be world champion."

Perkins attended Sewell Anderson Elementary School, Breed Middle School, and St. Mary's High School (Class of 2011). He is the son of Lisa Cadigan and has a brother, Johnny, 19, and a sister, Keiko, 18.

After earning a draw in his boxing debut in 2019 at the Encore Boston Harbor Casino in Everett, Perkins has won his last three fights to raise his record to 3-0-1.

And just as all of the boxing world has been affected by the pandemic, so, too, has Perkins' boxing career, so much so that the St. Mary's High School graduate had to travel to Mexico for two of his recent fights.



Lynn professional boxer James Perkins is pictured with his trainer, Joe Ricciardi (left), and his manager, Dennis Willcox (right), at the Broadway Boxing Club in Everett.

Perkins has been training daily at the Broadway Boxing Club in Everett under the direction of his trainer, Joe Ricciardi, and his manager, Dennis Willcox.

"I feel like I'm improving my boxing skills every day," said Perkins. "My trainer and manager do everything for me and I'm appreciative. I met Joe when I was 18 years old at a boxing gym (Bobby Tomasello Gym) in Saugus and he has been my trainer ever since. We moved to the Ev-

erett gym and I like the gym a lot.

Talking about being known as James "Pit Bull" Perkins, he said, "I have to live up to the name."

"When the fans are back in the stands, they'll know why they call him Pit Bull," said Willcox.

Perkins played ice hockey at St. Mary's High School for Hall of Fame coach Mark Lee.

"I had the most penalty minutes just about every year," said Perkins. "But overall hockey was a great experience and I learned so much from Coach Lee."

During the day, Perkins works for Advocate Healthcare in East Boston. Then it's off to training and sparring sessions at the Broadway Boxing Club as he continues his move up the ranks in the squared circle.

Perkins current goals are to win a New England title and an ABF (American Boxing Federation) title and then pursue a world championship.

"James is coming along very well," said Ricciardi. "He has the speed of a welterweight and he hits like a heavyweight."

Lynn boxing fans can watch Perkins' fight on the live broadcast at [Youtube.com/BostonBoxing/](https://www.youtube.com/BostonBoxing/).



Lynn's James Perkins (left) with his trainer, Joe Ricciardi, and fellow professional boxers, Greg Vendetti of Stoneham and Travis Gambardella of Revere, at the Broadway Boxing Club in Everett.

Lynn Tech's Lewis, Lopez Mejia featured on 'Good Morning America'

By Cary Shuman

Tuesday was an amazing day for two Lynn Vocational Technical Institute seniors as they and their school were featured on ABC-TV's 'Good Morning America' show.

Tech students Nyssa Lewis and Brian Lopez Mejia were interviewed live by GMA host Robin Roberts on SkillsUSA National Signing Day at which time Lewis and Lopez Mejia indicated that they would be beginning their careers in the skilled trade of carpentry following their graduation.

Also appearing on the GMA segment were Lynn Tech Principal Carissa Karakaedos, Lynn Tech SkillsUSA advisor Jason McCuish, and Lynn Tech carpentry teacher Ken Beaudet.

GMA is broadcast locally on WCVB-TV and the show averages 3.5 million viewers per day.

At the outset of the report, Roberts told viewers that "the

construction industry will need to hire 430,000 more workers in 2021 to meet the growing demand."

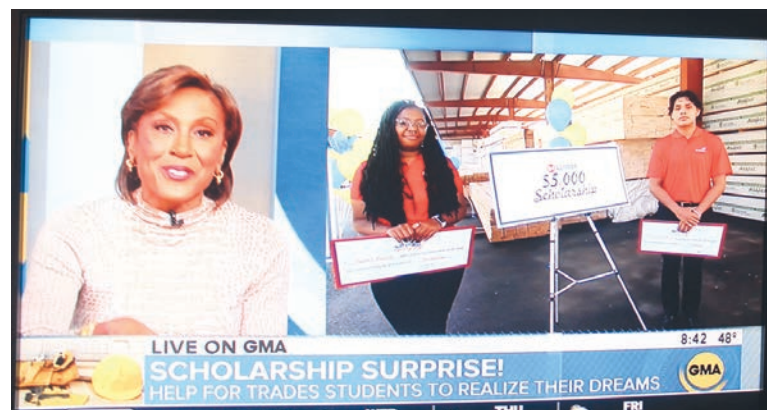
Beaudet said on the broadcast that there is a need for workers in many of the trades.

"They need more young skilled labor – if you went and looked at job sites that are out there, I think almost every single company is actually looking for help," said Beaudet.

McCuish added, "There is not only one path to success, there are many. And one of the great paths to success for many of our students is that to walk right into the skilled workforce."

Lopez Mejia spoke about his childhood and his introduction to building things. "My mom, she's an immigrant so when she came here, she had to really start from the bottom and build her way up and I feel like that's motivated

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Robin Roberts, host of Good Morning America, interviews Lynn Tech students Nyssa Lewis and Brian Lopez Mejia live on Tuesday's show.



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EDITORIAL

THE BIDEN DEAL IS LONG OVERDUE

The ambitious proposal set forth by President Joe Biden last week in his speech to a joint session of Congress has elicited the usual negative response from the usual suspects.

However, those who oppose Biden's \$2 trillion plan to invest in America and its people display a total ignorance of history, specifically, the New Deal.

Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal policies raised the wrath of Republicans who, similar to Republicans today, claimed that the New Deal would cost too much and that it was tantamount to socialism.

But the reality of what the New Deal achieved dramatically transformed American life in countless ways and launched America onto its trajectory to becoming the greatest nation on earth. Among the highlights of the New Deal were:

-- The New Deal lifted millions of Americans out of poverty, especially older Americans via Social Security;

-- The New Deal gave power to labor unions, thereby leveling the playing field with corporate America and creating the great American Middle Class;

-- The New Deal enacted necessary government regulation that reined-in the excesses of Wall St. and the banks that had brought the Great Depression; and

-- The New Deal included much-needed investment in our infrastructure, including countless projects that still stand today in communities across the country.

The obvious benefits to the nation of the New Deal encouraged policy-makers to enact other programs of investment in America over the next to 40 more years under Democrats and Republicans alike, including the GI Bill (Truman), the national highway system (Eisenhower), Medicare (Johnson), and the Environmental Protection Agency (Nixon).

During this time frame, corporations paid their fair share of taxes, individual tax rates were much higher, and income-inequality was non-existent (by today's standards). America was the unquestioned leader of the world.

Today however, thanks to the shortsighted policies of the past 40 years (beginning with Reagan and abetted by Democrats) that have been highlighted by corporate welfare, excessive military spending, ever-increasing wealth and income inequality, and underinvestment in our people and our infrastructure, America has become the equivalent of a Third World country in many respects.

In short, America has gone from first to worst.

President Joe Biden's speech laid out a path to restore America to our former greatness.

To those who say that we cannot afford the Biden Deal, our response is simple: We can't afford not to.

GUEST OP-ED

Work on your Mother's Day memories

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Plan your telephone call to say hello to mom this Sunday. Better yet, if possible, make a visit with a card or even some flowers or maybe some brownies or a special treat. Moms deserve to be treated special. Take her out to lunch or dinner if possible. It doesn't have to be Sunday, maybe Saturday would work better. Tell mom what she means to you. Let her know that you love her and that you give thanks for all she has done for you. Let her know she was a good mother and that you are grateful for everything. Moms need to hear it and you'll be glad for everything you do for your mother.

However, you may not be so fortunate. My mother Eula Hinkle Mollette, passed away many years ago. My son's mother Karen Mollette passed away in 2002. The years go by quickly. For too many, Mother's Day can be a sad day because mom is no longer here. All you have is your many memories and too often memories are filled with mixed emotions. You remember what

was wonderful, but you may start thinking about all you wish you had done or could do if you had her today. If you have your mother today then celebrate in every way you can.

Sadly over 200,000 women are in prison or jail in the United States today. Eighty percent of these women have minor children. Mother's Day is a painful day for these women and their families.

Millions of children live with parents who are addicted to alcohol or drugs or both. These children are raised in sad environments where they have had to emotionally and often even financially help their parents. Often, these daily struggles make it difficult to celebrate the "picture perfect" day that is touted by the flower and card companies. They may go to buy a Mother's Day card but just cannot find one that really expresses how they feel. Many children have been raised in painful, abusive environments and Mother's Day is depressing because they can't conjure up that many good memories of mom. Many of these children want mom to be well and healthy.

They want to know that they are loved by mom. Unfortunately, there are so many adults who have mothers who could never turn their lives around. They are often exhausted from trying to make "Mom and family" work.

Mother's Day is our opportunity to try to do the right things again. Using words like, "I care, love, appreciate, thank you and any that express your heart's desire to be connected are worthwhile expressions. When you do the best you can do, you can at least look back and know that you tried.

When Mom and our loved ones are no longer with us then all we have are our memories. If you have any time left to work on your Mother's Day memories you won't regret it in the years to come.

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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me to do the same,” said Lopez Mejia. “When I was younger, I loved building things and just seeing creations that I had in my mind come to life. And I feel carpentry is very similar to that and it’s like everything has meaning to it once it’s finally done.”

McCuish praised Lopez Mejia’s academic achievements at Tech, saying, “What makes Brian such a standout student is pretty much everything – he’s really emerged as an incredible leader.”

Lewis has been driven by her mission to help others, said Roberts.

“When I was younger I used to know a lot of homeless people in the streets and I always wanted to build a shelter for them,” said Lewis.

She expressed her gratitude to the Lynn Tech faculty and the carpentry program. “I didn’t know anything about carpentry. I didn’t know the wood, the dimensions, nothing. It was definitely a change for me, but it worked out and I loved it. Knowing that I’m doing something with a purpose just makes me want to do it even more.”

Karakaedos lauded Lewis for her drive and determination to excel.

“The first word that comes to mind for me with Nyssa is: “resilience,” said Karakaedos. “And Nyssa continues to move forward every single day.”

During the live segment, Lewis and Lopez Mejia signed their letters of intent for the SkillsUSA National Signing Day event.

“Congratulations to both of you,” Roberts told the students. She then asked Lewis what the moment meant to her.

“This moment really means everything to me,” said Lewis. “I’m closing my chapter in high school and I’m starting my career in carpentry.”



Lynn Tech Principal Carissa Karakaedos appears on Good Morning America Tuesday as GMA featured Tech students Nyssa Lewis and Brian Lopez Mejia signing their letters of intent to enter the field of carpentry upon graduation from the Lynn vocational high school located on Neptune Boulevard.

Lopez Mejia was asked about working in carpentry and the joy that it brings to him.

“The joy that it brings me, there are many reasons behind it,” said Lopez Mejia. “But I would say the main reason is that in carpentry, you’re able to build whatever is on your mind. You sketch it out on paper. You draw the dimensions and then you’re able to see it come to life with your hands and being able to work through it. So I feel just being able to see my creations come to life – that’s what brings joy to me, knowing that everything I build has a meaning behind it.”

Roberts then surprised the students with a presentation of \$5,000 scholarships from 84 Lumber. Each student will also receive an iPad and “the tools that you need to set you up for success.”

“That’s awesome,” said Lopez Mejia.

Yes, it was quite a day for Nyssa and Brian as they prepare to graduate from Lynn Tech, a school that has put them on a path to success in their careers.

(The information and quotes for this story were taken directly from the May 4 broadcast of ‘Good Morning America’).



Lynn Tech SkillsUSA Advisor Jason McCuish is pictured on Good Morning America Tuesday.

2021 LYNN LOCAL PRELIMINARY CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	ADDRESS	Zip	OFFICE DESIRED	PARTY	INCUMBENT?
Cyr, Darren P.	50 Morton Hill Avenue	01902	Mayor	D	Ward 3
Nicholson, Jared C.	19 Merrill Avenue	01902	Mayor	D	School
Satterwhite, Michael A.	41 Bridle Path Road	01904	Mayor	D	School
Barton, G. Buzzy	11 Brook Street	01902	Councilor At Large	D	Yes
Encarnacion, Jose M.	80 Sagamore Street, # 404	01902	Councilor At Large	D	No
Field, Brian M.	9 Lois Lane	01905	Councilor At Large	D	Yes
Hyppolite, Marven Rhode	18 Empire Street	01902	Councilor At Large	U	No
LaPierre, Brian P.	2 Rand Street	01904	Councilor At Large	D	Yes
McClain, Nicole	99 Eutaw Avenue	01902	Councilor At Large	D	No
Net, Hong L.	20 Holyoke Street	01905	Councilor At Large	D	Yes
Lozzi, Wayne A.	335 Den Quarry Road	01904	Ward 1 Councilor	D	Yes
Figueroa, Elizabeth	29 Hawthorne Street	01902	Ward 2 Councilor	D	No
Starbard, Richard B.	221 Verona Street	01904	Ward 2 Councilor	R	Yes
Alinsug, C. Coco	18 Merrill Avenue	01902	Ward 3 Councilor	D	No
Funez, Miguel	137 Eastern Avenue, apt. 207	01902	Ward 3 Councilor	D	No
Meimeteas, George	30 Kings Beach Road	01902	Ward 3 Councilor	D	No
Colucci, Richard C.	265 Ocean Street	01902	Ward 4 Councilor	D	Yes
Megie-Maddrey, Natasha S.	36 Beacon Hill Avenue	01902	Ward 4 Councilor	D	No
Chakoutis, Dianna	39 Thistle Street	01905	Ward 5 Councilor	D	Yes
Suarez, Sandra	103 Washington Street	01902	Ward 5 Councilor	D	No
Hogan, Sr., Fred William	17 Lagrange Terrace	01902	Ward 6 Councilor	D	Yes
Walsh, Jr., John Jay	16 Raddin Street	01905	Ward 7 Councilor	D	Yes
Castellanos, Brian K.	693 Western Avenue	01905	School Committee	D	Yes
Coppola, Donna M.	300 Lynn Shore Drive, # 700	01902	School Committee	D	Yes
Dugan, Eric C.	243 Cedar Brook Road	01904	School Committee	U	No
Ford, Jr., John E.	89 Woodman Street	01905	School Committee	D	Yes
Gately, Lorraine	123 Edgemere Road	01904	School Committee	D	Yes
Lopez, Sandra M.	24 June Lane	01902	School Committee	U	No
Magnolia, Tiffany Jean	16 Bowler Street	01904	School Committee	D	No
Mora, Rocio R.	119 Henry Avenue, # 1	01902	School Committee	D	No
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Lynn Fire Chief Archer speaks at Rotary Club meeting

By William Reilly

Lynn Fire Chief Stephen Archer recently joined the Rotary Club of Lynn for a Zoom presentation to the Club. He shared with the Club some facts about the Fire Department as well as some personal information. Chief Archer was appointed in January 2018; he joined the force in 1993 when he was 29 years old. A true Lynner all his life, he graduated from Lynn Vocational Technical Institute and is a graduate of Anna Maria College. He resides in Lynn with his wife and four children.

Archer told the Rotary Club that the department consists of 182 uniformed members, with an overall staff of about 200. The budget for FY 2021 is in the neighborhood of \$20 million. Falling under the department is the civilian-staffed dispatch center, which also dispatches for the Nahant and Swampscott Fire Departments.

The department is rated as a Class 3 department by the Insurance Services Offices which rates fire departments: Class 1 is the best, with 10 the worst.

One of Chief Archer's goals is to establish a Public Services building, (Fire and Police) near the waterfront in order to have services closer to the new apartments being constructed in that area. That plan would help improve Lynn's Class rating. The Class rating is one of the many

items factored into fire insurance premiums - the better the Class rating, the lower the premiums for homeowners. Archer would like to see a Public Services building because of the number of new apartments either under construction or in the late planning stages in that area. Those apartments could have more than 1,500 new Lynn residents.

Another of Chief Archer's goals is to attract more Lynners to the department in order to have the department better reflect the population of the City. Archer told the Rotary Club that a high percentage of the city's population is Hispanic, and it would be better for the city to have more Hispanic residents in the department. He felt that in order to attract more applicants to the department, recruiting needs to be done in the middle school grades. It is his intent to start to do that, perhaps having a "Career Day" presentation at the Boys & Girls Club where he is a Board member. This may get the students, and their parents to start thinking about a career in the department. Sometimes recruiting at the high school level is done after the students have decided on another path.

Archer also shared with the Rotary Club that the department is moving into the 21st century in that the department has been utilizing new technology, such as aerial drones, in fighting fires. Their use helps in deter-



Lynn Fire Chief Stephen Archer addresses the Lynn Rotary Club during a Zoom meeting. Rotary Club President William Reilly and members enjoyed Chief Archer's informative presentation about the Lynn Fire Department and its goals for the future.

mining whether or not a fire is being knocked down adequately, and they also help in identifying "hot-spots" without risking

firefighters' safety, among many other uses.

The members of the Rotary Club of Lynn enjoyed the Chief's

presentation.

William Reilly is the president of the Rotary Club of Lynn.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

PANACOPOULOS RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Assumption University honored 80 students with academic awards for excelling in their individual fields of study. The annual spring Honors Convocation is an opportunity to recognize students who have received one of the University's academic departmental honors, special awards, and Augustine Scholarships.

Emma Panacopoulos, Class of 2021, of Lynn, received the departmental award for criminology.

"The annual Honors Convocation recognizes Assump-

tion students who embody the Assumption mission through their academic excellence and a commitment to learning," said Greg Weiner, Ph.D., provost and academic vice president. "Receiving these awards is a noteworthy achievement for students engaged in a journey of Catholic liberal education that seeks to awaken in them a sense of wonder and purpose."

The departmental and special awards allow faculty to honor the most meritorious students in each of their primary programs of study while Augustine Scholarships are awarded to rising juniors and seniors whose academic achievement, leadership, character, and community service embody the Assumption mission.

Metro Credit Union introduces cash management services

Metro Credit Union, Massachusetts' largest state-chartered credit union, today announced its newest product and service offerings for commercial-based members. Metro's Cash Management Services include wire transfer, remote deposit and digital banking functionality.

Metro's new suite of cash management services aims to allow businesses to conduct standard everyday transactions in a secure and convenient digital environment. Examples of the tools are:

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- Protects business with exposure limits and appropriate functionality

Remote Deposit Capture –

- Deposit checks at your business by using a desktop scanner

- Obtain faster access to deposited funds

- Maintain control through user access and deposit privileges

- Monitor deposit activity with full reporting capability

"We are excited to offer these business solutions to our members," said Robert Cashman, CEO and President. "As our commercial team grows and develops, these new tools are a terrific example of how Metro's infrastructure investments in 2020 are benefiting our membership in helping them run their businesses more effectively and efficiently."

Metro recently expanded its commercial team with the addition of Kevin Malone, SVP, Senior Commercial Lender, Kim Monahan, SVP, Senior Commercial Credit Officer, Dan Ruane, AVP, Commercial Deposits, along with Eric Gilliland and Jason Truong, both VP, Commercial Relationship Managers.

"With these new offerings, experienced team and existing loan programs, Metro's Commercial Division is poised to serve the needs of businesses in the communities that we serve and support," said Cashman.

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Metro Credit Union is the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, with \$2.3 billion in assets. Metro provides a full range of financial products to almost 200,000 members in Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Plymouth, Barnstable, Bristol and Worcester counties in Massachusetts, and Rockingham and Hillsborough counties in New Hampshire, as well as to employees of over 1,200 companies through its Metro@work program. Founded in 1926, Metro currently operates 14 branch offices in Boston, Burlington, Chelsea, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Melrose, Newton, Peabody, Salem, Tewksbury, and coming soon to West Roxbury and Reading. Metro is also a Juntos Avanzamos ("Together We Advance") designated credit union, an honor given to financial institutions for their commitment to serving and empowering Hispanic and immigrant consumers. Metro was recently named among the most charitable companies in Massachusetts by the Boston Business Journal. Learn more at MetroCU.org and connect with us on LinkedIn.

DARREN CYR WARD 6 CLEAN-UP DAY

On a sunny morning over two dozen volunteers cleaned up neighborhoods along Elmwood Avenue and the Neptune Street areas. Trash bags, rakes, shovels, and brooms were the tools for collecting debris along the streets and inside a playground. Trahan Roofing provided two large dumpsters and McGrath Enterprise made available a large front-end loader.

Mayoral Candidate Darren Cyr and Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan sponsored this clean-up project. Neighbors, students, and city officials participated in the cleaning job.

Ward 6 resident Chuck Self drove around picking up curbside debris and hauling it to a dumpster. He explained the concern for this cleanup as he stated, "There is a lot of debris floating around this area. I suggested this plan to Darren Cyr and Fred Hogan; each agreed earnestly to begin this cleanup. Residents were notified and they reached out to help. This is an effort to keep Lynn clean."

This spring cleanup is so important noted Elmwood Avenue resident Tracy Faulkner. She continued to say, "Too much trash is dropped off around here and it accumulates quickly. Some people may not have the transportation to the Commercial Street transfer station during city cleanup days; to have a dumpster nearby for the residents was thoughtful. This program was great and I am glad to see Darren Cyr here showing his concern. He has a lot of energy and he truly understands what is needed for the city."

Ward 6 resident Mary Petrillo who met Darren Cyr at the Lynn Salvation Army Food Distribution Center feels this cleanup was a great idea and she said, "Darren is a hard working individual. He has the perception of what is needed to be accomplished in the city. Darren listens, cares, and will do the right thing. I have confidence in him; he will be a great Mayor for the City of Lynn."



Lynn BLM mural organizers, Damianny Garrido and Carlos Prudercio, volunteered for clean-up. Both attend Lynn English and each will attend American University in Washington, D.C. in the fall.



Mayoral Candidate Darren Cyr and Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan drop litter into the McGrath Enterprise front-end loader.



Clean-up Committee – Lou Markakis, Mayor Candidate Darren Cyr, Campaign Treasurer Richard Parker, William Trahan of Trahan Roofing, and Jim Connors of McGrath Enterprise.



Ward 6 resident Mary Petrillo and Lynn Food Distribution volunteer supports Lynn Mayor Candidate Darren Cyr.



Neighborhood children volunteering for the clean-up.



City officials and organizers support clean-up – Ward 3 Candidate Coco Alinsug, Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh, Cyr Campaign Chairperson Joselyne Reynoso, Mayor candidate Darren Cyr, School Committee Lorraine Gately, and School Committee Candidate Lenny Pena.



Team Darren Cyr volunteers ready to begin neighborhood clean-up.

LYNN ENGLISH FOOTBALL FALLS TO REVERE

The Lynn English High School football team fell to Revere High, 38-22, Friday night at Harry Della Russo Stadium.

English quarterback Jesse Maggs rushed for two touchdowns and also threw a touch-

down pass to DJ Braithwaite. Anthony Timmons rushed for 101 yards.

Lynn English will play Lynn Classical Friday night in the annual Thanksgiving game that was rescheduled due to the pandemic.



AKING HIM DOWN: DJ Braithwaite (11) takes down Revere's Billy Byrne-Ginepra.



A WALL OF SUPPORT: Lynn English runner Anthony Timmons (9) has a wall of blockers in front of him, from left Greg Gomez (72), Cristian Difo (74), Nolan Mulcahy (53), Tommy Em (77) and Shea Palmer (10).



STAYING STRONG: Lynn English senior Deirian Arias bumps fists with one of his coaches as he is loaded into an ambulance after he suffered a serious leg injury during the Bulldogs 38-22 loss at Revere last Friday night.



PULLING AWAY: Lynn English Anthony Timmons tries to escape a Revere tackler.

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WE'RE IN: Ryan Dewan gives the signal after a Lynn English touchdown led to an 8-8 tie during the first quarter.

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DOUBLE TROUBLE: Lynn English defenders Dennis Davison (8) and Shea Palmer (10) team up to take down Revere tight end Dillon Day.



FINDING A PATH: Lynn English senior DJ Braithwaite finds some running room.



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Mayoral candidate Cyr announces Joselyne Reynoso as campaign manager

Darren Cyr (D), 61, of Lynn has announced that Joselyne Reynoso also of Lynn will serve as his campaign manager for the upcoming Mayoral Race in the City of Lynn. Reynoso, 21, was born in Beverly and is a proud graduate of Lynn Classical High School. Joselyne is currently pursuing her Political Science degree at UMass Boston. Her parents are originally from Guatemala but emigrated to the United States, like tens of millions of Americans before them, seeking better educational and economic opportunities. Reynoso's parents are now proud homeowners in Lynn.

Reynoso has served a volunteer for the Global Embassy of Activists for Peace where she advocated and educated on the topics of human rights, environmental justice and human values. Joselyne is the Vice-President of Youth Without Borders of Lynn. Working with President and Founder, Dulce Gonzalez, they created a strategy plan of youth



Joselyne Reynoso.

volunteerism before and during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these efforts included organizing food drives, collecting donations to SkillsUSA of Lynn and assisting non-English speaking Lynners with their SNAP, unemployment and P-EBT applications. The organization also

helped connect residents to local resources. Through a grassroots campaign, Youth Without Borders of Lynn also collected financial contributions that were then given to families of Lynn during the pandemic. During some of the most challenging times of the initial COVID outbreak, Reynoso stepped up and volunteered at The Salvation Army, My Brother's Table and participated in other efforts. Joselyne has also worked for the Guatemalan Consulate as an interpreter and served hundreds of families in Lynn through this role.

"Joselyne brings a bright, young new voice to the table," said Cyr, "I trust that Joselyne's combined experience, talent and background will be a tremendous asset to my campaign and she will serve as living proof and example that millennials and centennials should continue embracing and developing their talents in the political world. I look forward to working alongside her in the next several months and after

I am hopefully elected Mayor of the City of Lynn."

"I am proud of my heritage and am fluent in both Spanish and English," said Reynoso, "I have grown up in Lynn, my parents own a home in Lynn and my siblings also received their education in this City. Lynn is my home. While speaking with Darren, I learned that he and I seek the same things for Lynn. We both want our hometown to thrive, be more inclusive and have better reflection of the people of Lynn through inclusivity. When he asked me to jump on board, I said: "Absolutely." I believe that Darren is a candidate that not only is willing to listen but to show he means what he says by putting a woman of color at the head of his campaign team."

"I am looking forward to the leadership that Joselyne brings to the table to supplement and augment Darren's years of community and governmental experience. Lynn is a city that has

over 45% of Latino residents and I believe this is a better reflection of the population during election season," said Juan Gonzalez, long-time Lynn resident who received the "Lynn City Pride Award" by the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce for his continuous leadership and community advocacy.

Reynoso has 5 siblings and an in-law, all of whom grew up in Lynn. Her brother Oscar is a graduate of Lynn Classical High School and is now an electrician, Gabriela, her sister-in-law, is pursuing her Nursing Degree at Salem State University, while Patricia is a student at North Shore Community College pursuing her Business Degree. Her brother Juan is now a licensed plumber. Adam, a father of 2 most recently started his own construction company. Joselyne's youngest sibling, Hernan, is a current student at Lynn Vocational Technical Institute, a member of the Lynn SkillsUSA Program and in the HVAC program.

TULIP TREE PLANTED AT INGALLS SCHOOL

Ingalls Elementary School students planted a Tulip tree. This new green area was designed by Forgione Landscaping and EZ Landscaping repaired sprinkler lines for irrigation.

Principal Irene Cowdell was so impressed with the beautification of the front area of the school. She explained, "This is an Arbor Day celebration for the children to have this Tulip tree planting at their school. It changed the face of the school. This area will give shade, comfort, and a sense of calmness for the students to enjoy. The students will see how the tree will grow for years to come."

This was an incredible partnership for a neighborhood school. City of Lynn Department of Public Works, Inspectional Services, and local business all came together for this tree project. This is a wonderful gift and this shows how the community spirit is still alive, noted Principal Cowdell.



Ingalls Elementary School students - Daniel, Rossie and Aisha - completed the covering and watering of the Tulip tree.



Beginning the Tree planting preparation: Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, Principal Irene Cowdell, Daniel, Rossie, and Aisha.

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Donna Clarke

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Donna M. Clarke, 77, of Naples, FL, passed away on April 21 at her daughter's home with her family by her side.

Born in Lynn on June 15, 1943, Donna loved and was loved by her family and friends. She was the loving spouse for 54 years of the late John D. Clarke Sr. They were high school sweethearts. She was a dedicated and loving mother to her son, John D. Clarke Jr, her daughter Kelly (Clarke) DeLeo and her husband, Anthony R. DeLeo Jr. She loved and adored her four grandchildren: Ashley, Anthony and Alex DeLeo and Britnay Clarke and she absolutely loved her great-granddaughter, Aubrey.

A graduate of Lynn English High School. Donna had a great passion for golf and spending time at the beach, as well as spending time with her family and friends. She loved her Stonebridge family and community. Donna loved shopping, especially for her great-granddaughter, Aubrey.

She was a successful business owner of Clarke Industrial Sales in Lynn. You could find Donna easily chatting and making friends in the Dunkin Donuts line as well as enjoying a little road trip to the Casino from time to time. She was grateful for her many years of friendships all the way from Massachusetts to her Stonebridge community. She



gave back to the community in many ways including participating in the Relay for Life Cancer Charity Walks put on by the American Cancer Society.

She was very thankful and grateful that she could spend the final weeks of her life surrounded by her family on a daily basis. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers you may send donations to the American Cancer Society or suncoast-hospicefoundation.org.

A small memorial gathering will be held at the Stonebridge CC Veranda, with social distancing, at a later date.

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State officials launch summer learning programs and organizations

The Baker-Polito Administration last week announced the establishment of summer learning opportunities and the availability of more than \$70 million in funding for school districts and community organizations to offer summer learning and recreational programs that will help students, who have been impacted by a year of remote and hybrid learning, grow academically and socially.

Students at every grade level will have opportunities to take part in a mix of academic and recreational programs offered at schools, after-school providers, community colleges and recreation sites. Gov. Charlie Baker, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, Education Secretary James Peyser and Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley made the announcement while visiting Galvin Middle School in Canton, where school

officials are planning to boost learning opportunities for students this summer.

All middle schools in the Commonwealth were required to return to full time in-person learning this week. Elementary schools returned on April 5, and high schools will be required to return by May 17.

"Our administration has long maintained that children are best served academically, socially and emotionally when learning in-person and in the classroom," said Governor Baker. "After a challenging school year for students, teachers and staff, the focus must now shift to recouping any learning loss experienced remotely to ensure that our children are equipped for success in the classroom and beyond."

•Acceleration Academies

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will help school districts

launch Acceleration Academies, which allow students to learn and build skills working intensively on one subject in small, hands-on learning environments with excellent teachers.

Students benefit from small class sizes, longer uninterrupted instructional blocks, individualized attention, project-based lessons and teacher flexibility for learning time. The Baker-Polito Administration will commit up to \$25 million in grants for districts to operate Acceleration Academies using federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Response (ESSER) discretionary funds. This will be a multi-year program that the Department anticipates will impact more than 50,000 students statewide each year.

Acceleration Academies will include:

*Early Literacy Academies for incoming kindergarteners, rising first and second graders; and

*Math Acceleration Academies for rising third and fourth graders, as well as eighth and 10th graders.

•Summer School Matching Grants

DESE will also offer summer school matching grants, up to \$15 million in federal ESSER funds, for school districts to offer four-to-six-week, in-person programs with a mix of in-person academic and recreational activ-

ities. The Department is making these funds available to schools to enhance or expand their existing summer programs while also including mental health services and additional supports for students with individualized education plans and English learners.

•Summer Acceleration to College

High school graduates from the Class of 2021 will be able to participate in Summer Acceleration to College, a new program that provides recent graduates access to credit-bearing math and English courses at no cost to them as they prepare for college.

Fourteen community colleges in the Commonwealth will participate in this program, expected to be funded at \$1 million.

•Summer Step Up

The Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) will support school districts to offer Summer Step Up, a new program aimed at giving extra support to young learners entering school in the fall.

Young children, who have had limited in-school experiences due to the pandemic, will be able to take part in summer learning opportunities developed in conjunction with community partners to help prepare them for school. With pre-school and kindergarten enrollments down over the last year, Summer Step Up is an opportunity to engage young learners and accelerate learning

while smoothing the transition to in-person learning for young children to provide them a stronger foundation for academic success. The Administration will commit up to \$10 million to this program.

In addition to these programs the Baker-Polito Administration will:

•Provide early literacy tutoring grants this summer and during the 2021-22 school year, funded at \$10 million.

•Launch a new K-8 Math Acceleration program to help teachers increase student learning over the summer and throughout the school year.

•Expand the Biggest Winner Math Challenge – which was piloted last summer – to serve approximately 2,500 gifted math students, costing approximately \$2.5 million.

•Offer college courses over the summer for rising high school juniors and seniors who are enrolled in approved Early College programs, costing approximately \$1 million.

•Help camps and community organizations expand educational enrichment as part of their existing summer programs by making at least \$3 million in funding available.

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MassDOT exit renumbering work taking place on I-93

Staff Report

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The work on Interstate 93, between Boston and Methuen, is expected to follow the schedule

below:

•Work between old exit 13 to exit 27 (Southeast Expressway between Dorchester and the Tip O'Neill Tunnel) will begin on Sunday, May 2.

•Work between old exit 28 to exit 48 (between Boston/Somerville and Methuen) will begin on Sunday, May 9.

Exit numbers 1 through 12 will remain the same exit numbers as they are already consistent with the existing mile markers.

Sign installation operations on Interstate 95 were completed on Thursday, April 22. The work along this corridor was broken up into four construction segments that took approximately

eight weeks to complete.

All work is weather dependent and construction dates may be adjusted as conditions warrant.

MassDOT's Statewide Exit Renumbering Project is converting all exit numbers on roadways, per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements. Interstates and major roadways in Massachusetts previously utilized a sequential exit numbering method.

For information on the scheduled installations, visit: <https://newmassexits.com/#it-schedule>. If needed, a GIS shapefile with the specific numbering information is available on Massachusetts' GeoDOT site.

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Successful sale of Green and Sustainability Bonds

Staff Report

The State Treasurer's Office officials announced that the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the Trust) has successfully completed the sale of approximately \$351.4 million in two series of new money Green and Sustainability Bonds. The Sustainability Bonds were the first such issuance from the Trust and the first in the nation for a state revolving fund. Additionally, it was the Trust's sixth Green Bond issuance. The sale achieved a true interest cost of 2.099% with maturities ranging from 2022-2041.

The Series 23A Green Bonds and Series 23B Sustainability Bonds (AAA/Aaa/AAA) sold to retail investors on April 28 with an institutional investor order period on April 29. The sale saw strong participation, with \$687 million in orders including five new investors and four ESG funds. Strong Massachusetts retail investor participation generated \$93 million of orders.

"This sale illustrates the strong investor demand for municipal bonds with positive environmental and social impact," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, Chair of the Trust. "The Clean Water Trust team is

leading the nation in the state revolving fund municipal markets. First, with their groundbreaking green bonds, and now with this sustainability bond issuance. We will continue to stress the importance of utilizing these opportunities in support of our local communities and our environment."

The proceeds from the sale will finance projects that are selected based on criteria that identify the most relevant public health and environmental related projects while adhering to the standards of the federal Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Series 23A Bonds are designated by the Trust as "Green Bonds" and are expected to provide environmental benefits.

The Series 23B Bonds are designated by the Trust as "Sustainability Bonds" and are expected to provide both envi-

ronmental and social benefits. The bond proceeds will finance projects in communities identified as the most disadvantaged, based upon affordability criteria developed by the Trust and support additional reductions in interest rates, mitigating the construction costs of these critical infrastructure projects. The criteria apply an Adjusted Per Capita Income ("APCI") formula based on per capita income, employment rate, and population change. The communities selected are those with an APCI metric lower than sixty percent of the Commonwealth's APCI.

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