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Martinez, North Shore Latino Business Association are honored at 10th anniversary gala Sept. 12

By Cary Shuman

Frances Martinez saw a need for greater representation and promotional opportunities for Latino-owned businesses. Martinez founded the North

Shore Latino Business Association in 2011. She became its first and only executive director, set up headquarters in Lynn – and the rest as they say, is history.

Hundreds of Latino and Non-Latino businesses are now

members of the powerhouse group, and at the 10th anniversary gala held Sept. 12 at the Danversport Yacht Club, they collectively said, “thank you, Frances,”

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Among the dignitaries congratulating Frances Martinez on the tenth anniversary of the North Shore Latino Business Association are Sheriff of Essex County Kevin Coppinger, Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee, State Rep. Dan Cahill, and Lynn Police Chief Chris Reddy. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

David Brown Jr. scores 5 TDs in St. Mary's rout of Bellingham

By Cary Shuman

St. Mary's High School junior David Brown Jr. has scored 30 points multiple times on the basketball court, which is an exceptional feat.

The Spartans' talented running back now has a 30-point game on the football field after reaching the end zone five times in a 62-14 rout of Bellingham High last Friday night.

Coach Sean Driscoll's Spartans took a two-hour bus ride from Lynn to Bellingham, which is located 20 minutes from Providence, R.I.

But the Spartans, after some pre-game exercises, were ready come kickoff time. Brown was the chief catalyst, putting the “special” in special teams with two long punt returns for touchdowns and three rushes for scores. With touchdowns being six points, Brown had the first 30-point effort of his football career.

Brown is handling multiple roles for the Spartans: running back/wide receiver, punter, punt returner, kickoff returner, and cornerback.

“David has been one of our go-to players,” said Coach Driscoll. “He's really turned into a good

two-way player this season. He's just an athlete, he makes plays.”

Senior quarterback Ally Barry is off to a strong start for the Spartans, who had defeated Cardinal Spellman in the season opener. Defensive end and tackle Tommy Falasca, tight end and defensive end Jack Marks, and running back Derek Coulanges have also played well in the two victories.

St. Mary's (2-0) will be tested by an undefeated Bishop Feehan team Friday in Attleboro. Catholic Central League rival Bishop Fenwick follows on the schedule for next weekend.



Darren Cyr



Jared Nicholson

Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce will host Mayoral Debate Breakfast

The Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce will hold a mayoral debate breakfast forum on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 8 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

City Council President Darren Cyr and School Committee member Jared Nicholson, the two candidates in the Nov. 2 mayoral final election, will appear at the forum whose main topics will focus on the needs and issues of the business community.

There is limited seating capacity for the breakfast, so GLCC officials are advising guests to register in advance.

Tickets are \$40 per person, which includes a plated breakfast by Rolly's Tavern In The Square.

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

FREE testing will be conducted at the building located at 800-810 Lynnway, the former home of Building 19 and the flea market.

No appointments necessary. The testing site is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

HEY YOU -- TAKE A HIKE!

For many New Englanders, fall is their favorite season. The warm days and crisp evenings serve as the perfect midpoint between the heat and humidity of summer and the chill of winter.

When you add in the spectacular colors of the foliage throughout our region, it is no wonder that the anticipation of autumn makes us feel alive and eager to enjoy the outdoors.

We've always found that this is the best time of year to take a daytime hike in the mountains in our region, whether it be in the Berkshires or in Vermont and New Hampshire. There is something about being in the outdoors, under a canopy of brightly-colored trees with the sound of a running stream, that soothes us both physically and spiritually in a way that is altogether lacking amidst the constant noise and congestion of our lives in the city.

So we urge all of our readers to make the time for themselves and their families to travel west or north over these next few weeks and go for a hike in the mountains.

A hike, particularly during this time of COVID-19, will be a reminder that the best things in life are free.

A SAD -- BUT PREDICTABLE -- OUTCOME

Amidst all of the big news stories during these past two weeks, perhaps the one that has grabbed the most attention from Americans of all ages involved the mysterious disappearance of 22 year-old Gabrielle Petito, the young woman who had been on a cross-country trek in a van with her 23 year-old fiance, Brian Laundrie.

When Laundrie returned home in early September without Petito, and with no explanation as to where she might be, it was obvious that Ms. Petito -- whose body was found this past Sunday in a camping area in Wyoming -- had become yet another tragic victim of domestic violence in this country.

Despite all of the strides we have made to combat domestic violence since the 1980s, the fact remains that a woman in this country is in more danger from an intimate partner than from any other source. Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime in the United States.

The cold, hard statistics paint a grim picture:

-- 1 in 4 women have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

-- 1 in 7 women have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime.

-- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%.

-- Women between the ages of 18-24 are most commonly abused by an intimate partner.

That last statistic fits the profile of the relationship between Ms. Petito and Mr. Laundrie.

As this is being written, the authorities are searching for Mr. Laundrie, who disappeared early last week, according to his family.

The tragic death of Gabrielle Petito is yet another sad reminder of the pervasiveness of domestic violence in this country, a problem for which there appears to be no end in sight in our society.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Lynn Journal encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. Items can also be faxed to 781-485-1403. We also encourage readers to e-mail news releases and photos to Cary@lynnjournal.com

Dr. Glenn Mollette

If you want a friend be a friend. There is never a guarantee. However, if you do not put anything into a friendship it's certain the friendship will never grow.

Keep in mind that friendships take time. The Bible says a man of too many friends will soon come to ruin," Proverbs 18:24. Why is this? Because too much time maintaining too many friends doesn't allow you the time you need to work your job, spend time with your family, do your school work, life work and take care of your business. If a person has ten or twenty friends to spend time with every week or even month, they will eventually neglect their family or careers.

The key is balance. Invest in people with your time and life and some of it will come back to you from others. Sometimes it won't this is why you have to be realistic in building your network of friends and relationships.

Many years ago, a prospective student called about enrolling in our school and asked, "If I enroll

in this school will I get anything out of it?" I said, "If you don't put anything into it, you won't get anything out of it. If you put a lot into it, then you'll get a lot out of it." The man enrolled and went on to become a President of a college.

Growing up I remember my relatives being hard workers. Some of them raised amazing gardens, while keeping their property clean and maintained. It took work but they took pride in their homes and how they lived their lives. They put a lot into where they lived and it showed.

If you put a lot into something it shows. Your marriage, job, children, career and your life in general. School work will reflect your effort. If you put money into an Individual Retirement Account or 401k or 403b every month your wealth will eventually grow and reflect your efforts. Social Security income checks reflect years worked and how much paid into the system.

However, anyone can put a lot into something without experiencing success. Businesses, marriages and careers have come short or even failed even though

people invested everything. Often there are other factors beyond our control that all the work and focus will not resolve or overcome. You can't control what other people may or may not do that impacts your life's work and ambitions.

With this said, we have to remember the principle of reaping and sowing. If you want a good garden. You have to sow and care for the garden. Neglecting the garden is a sure path to failure.

Important aspects to relationships, wealth, health, career success and more are focus and investing wisely. The more you sow, the more you will reap. You can't control all of life's circumstances and influencers but you can control what you do.

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GUEST OP-ED

Investment tax would harm our economy

By Charles P. Burke

As a businessman, property owner and real estate investor, I consult to and often partner with small real estate developers. With my more than twenty years of experience focused on the real estate industry, I am founder and president of the Massachusetts Academy of Real Estate, which licenses and provides continuing education to brokers and salespersons. Given what I know and have learned, now is not the time to inject instability in the real estate market, especially in light of the looming real estate crisis in China.

As policymakers, volatile variables make this a really poor time for initiatives which will create more instability. Unfortunately, some in the US Congress have decided to push such an initiative: an investment tax on

small businesses. The concept of a business investment tax (also called a tax on "carried interest")

has floated around for a while; its latest incarnation comes as

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Lynn Elections Chief Rowe denies mayoral candidate Satterwhite's request for a recount

By Cary Shuman

Lynn City Clerk and Elections Chief Janet Rowe has denied mayoral candidate Michael Satterwhite's request for a recount in the Sept. 14 preliminary mayoral election.

Satterwhite had finished in third place in the election with 2,286 votes. School Committee member Jared Nicholson took first place with 3,220 votes, while City Council President Darren Cyr was second with 2,593 votes, 307 votes ahead of Satterwhite. Nicholson and Cyr advanced to the final election on Nov. 2.

Rowe, in consultation with the City Solicitor's office wrote a letter to Satterwhite explaining her reasons for denying the request.

Following is the text of Ms. Rowe's Sept. 21 letter to Mr. Satterwhite:

Dear Mr. Satterwhite,

Yesterday you filed several recount petitions with the City Clerk's office. When my office receives these forms, among other responsibilities, I have to determine whether they are in apparent conformity with law. For the reasons stated below, the petition forms that you submitted are not in apparent conformity with law, and therefore insufficient to trigger a recount.

State law requires, when petitioning for a recount, that the signature of at least one registered voter be notarized from each ward in which a recount is sought. G.

L. c. 54, §135. I am informed that you personally completed the notarization portion of the filed recount petition forms yourself, in full view of my staff. You should be aware that notaries are prohibited by statute from notarizing any document in which the notary is named or has an interest, subject to limited exemptions not applicable here. G. L. c. 222, §16(a)(v). Moreover, my staff informed me that when you were notarizing signatures on the recount petitions, the voters whose signatures you were notarizing were not present in the Clerk's office. G. L. c. 222, §16(a)(i). Such notarizations are not consistent with law. Thus, the petition forms on which the notarizations appear are not in apparent conformity with G. L. c. 54, §135, and cannot be counted.

Additionally, the recount petition forms were not timely filed. General Laws c.54, §135 requires that recount petition forms be received "on or before five o'clock post meridian on the sixth day following a primary or preliminary election". My staff informs me that certain forms were not completed (as discussed above) and/or were completed and submitted at 5:05 PM.

Finally, the recount petitions indicate that concerns exist about provisional ballots not being counted and that certain absentee ballots were rejected (note that several of the recount petitions have no statement other than what the Secretary of the Common-

wealth prints on the form). No other complaints were raised. Support for this position is also found in the Letter to the Editor on why a recount was requested. See <https://www.itemlive.com/2021/09/20/letter-why-i-filed-for-a-recount/>. General Laws c.54, §135 requires that a recount petition specify: wherein they deem such records or copies thereof to be in error, or that challenged votes were cast by persons not entitled to vote therein, and that they believe a recount of the ballots cast in such ward, precinct or town will affect the nomination or election of one or more candidates voted for at such primary, preliminary election or election, specifying the office or will affect the decision of a question voted upon at such election,

specifying the question [emphasis added].

Here, the election results for the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes are as follows:

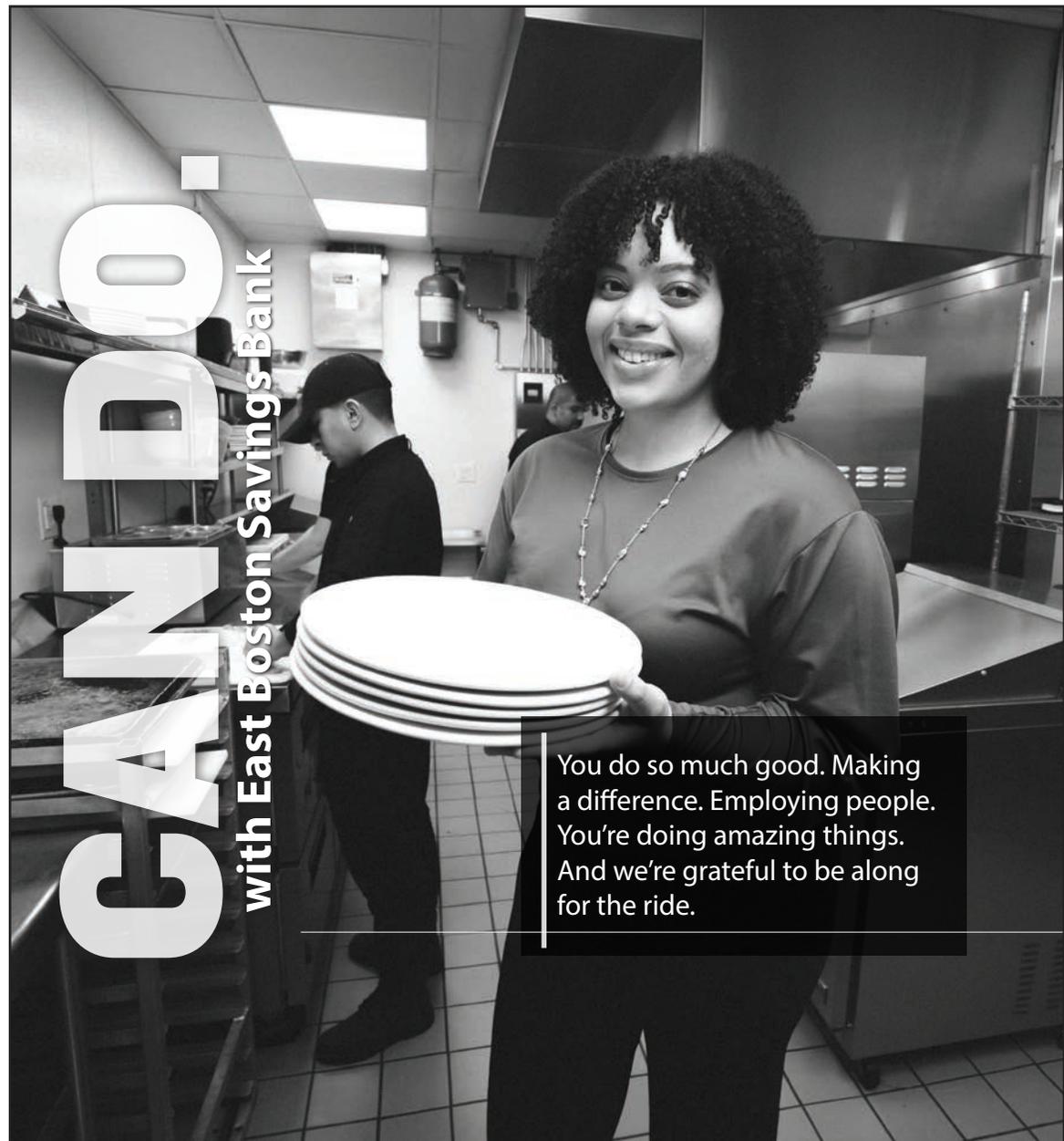
3,220, 2593 and 2288. There were no absentee ballots rejected as defective in connection with this election. There were 40 early voting by mail ballots that were rejected as defective. There was only one provisional ballot.

No voter complaints were received by the City or the State before, during, and after the election concerning access to the polls. Even if the petition were valid and these issues were reviewed, adding 41 votes to the total of any one of the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes does not

affect the outcome of the election.

In summary, the recount petition forms are not in apparent conformity with the law, were received untimely, and allege a limited number of issues that would not affect the outcome of the preliminary election. Accordingly, this is to inform you that the results of the preliminary election are final.

In reaching this decision I consulted with the City Solicitor's Office; Michelle Tassinari, General Counsel, Election Division, Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth; and, Attorney Lauren F. Goldberg, Managing Attorney of K.P. Law, P.C., who is a former legal counsel to the Election Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.



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City of Lynn participates in Trails and Sails anniversary event

Trails and Sails is an event series of 10 days of FREE events supported by Essex National Heritage Area and sponsors that make Trails and Sails possible. The 100+ free events across Essex County are to bring awareness and appreciation for heritage resources around the county. The 'trails' to hence guided hikes, and 'sails' to include water excursions, has grown over the years to include tours of historic houses, lectures on Essex County history, walking tours of neighborhoods and demonstrations of cultural activities. This year, Trails and

Sails is celebrating its 20th Anniversary, and the organizations participating in this year's activities have organized some of the most unique and exciting events yet.

The city of Lynn is also participating in these festivities and has reserved the best for this week. We begin this Wednesday, 9/22/ at 6 p.m. with a virtual conversation with a special guest and talk about "Who was NOT included in the Women's Right to Vote Movement." Then on Friday, 9/24/ at 6 p.m. at Lynn Museum, "Final Fridays: Salsa at the Park" which begins with salsa lessons, demon-

strations, music and more. Or another option could be a walking tour "Lynn At Night" to enjoy a walk with the crisp breeze of the Fall in the meantime the lights of the streets light up downtown. The tour begins at 6:45 pm at the entrance of the Lynn Museum. The next day, Saturday, 9/25/ the agenda is busy with a day full of activities, options and places to go:

09 am - 5 pm: Grand Army of the Republic of Lynn Hall & Museum

10 am - 2 pm: Tiffany Windows of St Stephen's Memorial

Church

11 am - 1 pm: Shoe Making Demonstration with Sarah Guerin at the Lynn Museum

01 pm - 2:30: Walking Richard Fay's Estate

02 pm - 4 pm: The Black Women of the Suffrage Movement Exhibition & Talk

For the last day of Trails and Sails, Sunday, 9/26/, there will be a walking tour at 2 pm. "Mary Baker Eddy, the beginning of her journey" tour will meet at the corner of Market St and Oxford St and will take you through downtown towards Mary Baker's house

museum on Broad St. As you can see, there will be a lot of activities, options and places to go. Come and enjoy one of these events and participate in the 20th Anniversary of Trails and Sails. For tickets and more information about the events, please go to <https://trailsandsails.org> and search events by town.

Presented by Michelle Guzman, Founder and Tour guide of Lynn Walking Shoe Tours. You can reach Michelle at mguzmancommunityorganizer@gmail.com or in FB @LynnWalkingShoeTours.

The REAL Literacy Program kick off a campaign to bring 250 Little Free Libraries to Lynn

The REAL Program, in Lynn, MA is kicking off their 2021 campaign to bring 250 REAL Little Free Libraries to the city's neighborhoods this fall beginning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Kiley Park, Lynn on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The REAL (Reading and Educational Assistance for Learning) Program Executive Director, Jan Plourde, M.Ed, REAL students, families, board members, and volunteers will join Lynn Mayor, Thomas McGee and uniformed members of the Lynn English High School varsity sports teams in celebra-

tion of the installation of the first Little Free Library at Kiley Park.

The REAL Program caters to children's different styles of learning and needs by offering caring experienced volunteer teachers, multitudes of learning materials and books, and opportunities to learn about themselves, each other, and the world around them in indoor and outdoor classrooms and on field trips. Families and caregivers are offered ESL classes to support their children's educational success.

The U.S. is facing a literacy crisis in which our current gener-

ation is less literate than the previous generation. Studies show that a child who is not reading by the third grade is four times more likely to drop out of school.

Nearly 100,000 children and families in Lynn will benefit from the neighborhood libraries. Currently, there is only one public library in the city serving it's growing number of residents. Due to lack of funding, the library annexes were closed over a decade ago. Only 7 out of the city's 18 public elementary schools have dedicated school libraries. The REAL Program aims to have The Little Free Li-

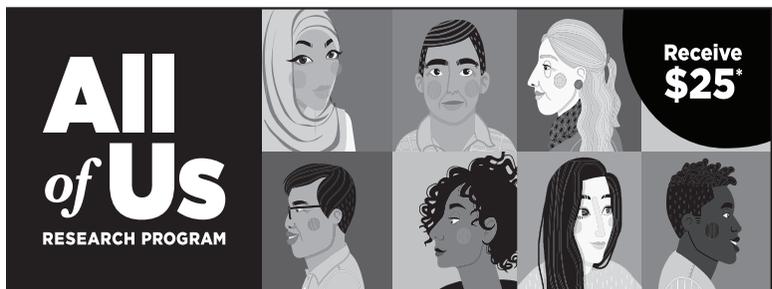
braries serve as miniature neighborhood libraries throughout the city.

The REAL Program volunteers will keep the libraries stocked primarily with books for early readers and those learning English as a second language. The REAL Program Executive Director, Jan Plourde invites local businesses, residents, and educators to build, paint, stock and sponsor the libraries. To help bring literacy to the Lynn community, contact Jan Plourde jan@therealprogram.org.

Image: Volunteers teamed up on Friday, August 6, 2021 at

The REAL (Reading and Educational Assistance for Learning) Program located at 17 Atlantic Street, Lynn, MA to begin building 250 Little Free Libraries to serve local residents as neighborhood libraries.

The REAL Program, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization 17 Atlantic Street • Lynn, MA 01902. The REAL (Reading and Educational Assistance for Learning) Program's mission is to improve literacy in Lynn, Massachusetts. Sponsors are Someone Else's Child and Breckinridge Capital Advisors.



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Lynn native successfully completes assignment aboard oldest commissioned warship afloat: USS Constitution

By Mass Communication Specialist
2nd Class Joshua Samoluk

A Lynn, Massachusetts, native, Petty Officer 2nd Class Joanna Medina, bid farewell to the officers and crew after completing a successful, two-year tour aboard USS Constitution, Sept. 16.

Duty aboard USS Constitution is one of the Navy's special programs, and all prospective crewmembers must meet a high standard of sustained excellence and interview to be selected for

the assignment.

"I will never forget the amazing people I've met while serving aboard," said Medina, who serves as a boatswain's mate.

Medina has served in the Navy for six years and her previous duty station was USS Rushmore.

Medina is a 2013 graduate of Lynn English High School.

USS Constitution, is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat, and played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855.

The active-duty sailors sta-

tioned aboard USS Constitution normally provide free tours and offer public visitation to more than 600,000 people each year as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history maritime heritage, and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence.

USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and captured or destroyed 33 enemy vessels.

The ship earned the nickname of Old Ironsides during the war of 1812 after British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship's wooden hull.

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LYNN ENGLISH FOOTBALL VS. METHUEN HIGH SCHOOL



Jesse Maggs drops back for a pass.



Shea Palmer grabs a pass for a 2 point conversion.



Wesley Chandler just scored another TD for the Dogs, and he ran in the 2 points as well.



Wesley Chandler breaks a tackle for a big gain.



Shea Palmer grabs a pass for a Bull Dog first down.



The Lynn English HS Marine JROTC presented the colors for the home opener last Friday evening.



The Bull Dogs Head Coach Mackenzi Charles.



The water boys are ready for action at Manning Field.



Josh McDonald went deep into the endzone and caught a bomb for a Bull Dog TD.



The LEHS Varsity Cheerleaders with Head Coach Stephanie Cuevas and Asst. Coach Cassandra DeMille.

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for all you've done to make the NSLBA the first-class, accessible organization it has become in the past decade.

During the awards program, Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee presented a citation to Martinez in recognition of the NSLBA's success in assisting and advancing Latino-businesses in Lynn and on the North Shore.

In a welcoming address that appeared in the souvenir program, Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt.

Gov. Karyn E. Polito commended the NSLBA as "a networking organization that offers members opportunities to build relationships with other business professionals, sharpen social skills, and increase the knowledge of business practices."

Frances Martinez received warm and prolonged applause as she accepted the citation from Mayor McGee. She deflected credit for the organization's success to a supportive board of di-

rectors that has been led for the past three years by Ariel Noesi..

Gov. Baker aptly summed up the NSLBA's stellar contribution

to the business community, stating, "Lieutenant Governor and I express our appreciation to the NSBLA for their leadership and

commitment to improving the lives of business professionals here in the Commonwealth."



Angela Pena, Diana Moreno, Jatna Battista, and Jessica Herrera.



Among the award recipients and presenters Alberto Calvo, Pablo de la Cruz, Ariel Noesi, Salem City Councilor Domingo Dominguez, and Rosa Feliz.



The Eastern Bank was well represented as Quincy Miller, vice chair and president, delivered his remarks virtually as one of the guest speakers. Adriana Moschella (third from right) is pictured with bank colleagues, Moncia, Jessika, Caro, Jorge, Alba, and Johanna, at the gala.



Thank you for the support, on to November!

Jared Nicholson

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Attorney Richard Vitali and Cathy Vitali.



Two outstanding community leaders and representatives of the North Shore Latino Business Association, Frances Martinez and Diana Moreno.



Councillor-at-Large Brien Field, his wife, Stefani Field, and Rosa Feliz.



Natasha and Tarik Megie Maddrey and Marco Ayala.



David Zeller, who was also celebrating his 75th birthday at the gala with Ginger Zeller.



School Committee member Jared Nicholson, candidate for mayor, with Wilkin Cabrera and Coral Cabrera.



NSLBA officer Diana Moreno of Metro Credit Union, Lauren Luna, event emcee and educational psychologist, and Alisha Pena.



Mayor Thomas McGee, with guests including Erika Bustamante, Diana Moreno, Saritin Rizzuto, Lauren Luna, Rosaria Ubiera-Minaya, and Camilo Moreno.

USA BOXING TOURNAMENT IN LYNN

Discipline, respect, and mental toughness all come into play when entering the boxing ring. The USA Boxing Association and Private Jewels Fitness of Lynn held a live boxing tournament for the New England Championship at the Lynn Boys & Girls Club. A packed house of fans watched youthful boxers displaying their skills as well as aiming to become future Olympians.

The New England Boxing program is the grassroots throughout the country. Boxers begin their journey into the sport with dedicated training sessions and scheduled bouts. Their goal is to achieve a spot in a national event that leads toward Olympic trial qualifications.

Owner and Trainer of Private Jewels Fitness in Lynn Alex Sepulveda is so excited about this event as he said, "This is an amazing day for the community and for aspiring young boxers. We have many boxers throughout New England; I am so happy this tournament is happening in our city."

Alex continued to say, "I want

to keep the Tony Pavone legacy going. He developed the Golden Gloves program at the Boys & Girls Club. He impacted so many people in a positive way, such as Peter Pedro, Gene Wiswall, Cookie Collela, Danny Avery, and many other great Lynn Golden Glove Champions.

The Private Jewels Fitness boxing program is more about education. To be involved in the program, participants need to have a 2.8 GPA or higher while in school, and hopefully, to become future leaders in our community according to Alex.

The boxing programs in New England is geared toward youth development. It builds character and confidence to face adversity. Boxing is not for everyone; it takes a certain kind of individual who has a strong will and desire. Many youths see boxing as a way out from a previous existence. Dean Fay of Central City Boxing said, "I teach these kids the skills conducive not only being a good boxer, but a productive member of society with integrity, learning perseverance, and determination to be successful in life."



Central City Boxing Club – Head Coach Dean Fay and Coach Stan Zimowski with Central City Boxing Team.



Lynn Fitness Jewels Boxers – Bare Knuckle Fighter Zackary Calmas, Anderson Blanco, 2021 USA Olympian Rashida Ellis, Elvin Gonzalez, Alexander Sepulveda Jr. and Owner and Coach Alex Sepulveda



Boys & Girls Club Admissions Table staff – Sasha Torres, Jarlene Fernandez, and Executive Director Brian Theirrien meets National Anthem singer Todd Angilly



USA Boxing Referee congratulates Brayden Futado for receiving the winning Trophy against Lance Bordeleau who earned a medal.



Intermediate 101-pound Division Match.

NEWS BRIEFS

NSCC STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED BY JAN. 2022

All employees and any students studying or coming to campus must be fully vaccinated by January 2022 President William Heineman announced today.

The decision was made unanimously by the Presidents of all the state's 15 community college.

"During the last eighteen months, the Massachusetts Community Colleges have prioritized the health and safety of our communities while also recognizing that many of our students have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. While a significant number of students, faculty, and staff are already vaccinated or are in the process of becoming vaccinated, the fifteen colleges are seeking to increase the health and safety of the learning and working environment in light of the ongoing public health concerns and current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)," it was noted in a joint statement.

Students who seek to register for courses that do not include any in-person component, and who do not plan to come on cam-

pus for any reason for the Spring 2022 semester, will not be required to provide documentation of vaccination.

The announcement comes amid a rise in the number of new cases of COVID-19 across the Commonwealth, the increased access and availability of vaccines, the Food & Drug Administration's full and pending approval of available vaccines, and CDC guidance that the COVID-19 vaccine has been proven to be extremely safe and highly effective at preventing infection, severe disease, hospitalization, and death, the requirement is aimed at ensuring the safest learning and working environment possible for the more than 135,000 students served by the community colleges each year.

"The Massachusetts Community Colleges are committed to ensuring vaccination status is not a barrier to students and will continue offering a range of virtual learning opportunities and services," Heineman said.

LYNN MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

A Lynn man was sentenced for illegally possessing ammunition as a previously convicted felon.

Paul Votano, 38, was sentenced by U.S. Senior District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf to 78 months in prison and three years of supervised release. On May 13, 2021, Votano pleaded guilty to one count of being a felon in possession of ammunition.

In September 2019, Votano arranged the sale of a Romarm Cuguir, AK-47 rifle and over 300 rounds ammunition with a cooperating witness. Following the sale, agents observed Votano carry the ammunition and store it in a vehicle. Due to prior felony convictions, Votano is prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell and James Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Boston Field Division made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Philip A. Mallard of Mendell's Organized Crime and Gang Unit prosecuted the case.

This prosecution is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. The Department of Justice reinvigorated PSN in

2017 as part of the Department's renewed focus on targeting violent criminals, directing all U.S. Attorney's Offices to work in partnership with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and the local community to develop effective, locally-based strategies to reduce violent crime.

SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES BACHELOR OF LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR

This fall, Salem State University is launching a new, flexible academic major in liberal studies. The new major, which provides an interdisciplinary curriculum, is responsive to many student needs and allows for a degree completion option at Salem State. It will benefit traditional, transfer and adult learners looking to develop knowledge across a variety of academic areas and grow as creative and critical thinkers. The major is primarily designed to meet the needs of learners with some prior college credits or students who have changed majors and are seeking a pathway to integrate what they have learned and graduate on time. The major is offered by Salem State's interdisciplinary studies department.

"As a department committed to equity and access, we are excited to add a major that will allow students to maximize prior coursework, creating a robust degree path designed to ease the journey to graduation for students who may have switched majors or taken courses in mul-

iple academic areas," said Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello, chairperson of the interdisciplinary studies department. "In the liberal studies major, students build 21st century skills of integration and synthesis across areas of academic inquiry, preparing them to succeed in a global world as they meet their personal and educational goals."

The liberal studies major requires students to complete a foundational interdisciplinary studies methods and research course, complete a capstone research project and work with a faculty advisor to cluster their additional courses around two or three academic areas or themes drawing on courses throughout the university.

"We look forward to teaching and mentoring students along their journeys to personal and professional success," said Duclos-Orsello. "Our aim is to build creative and critical thinkers suited to lead and make change, with justice at the center in all sectors."

In addition to liberal studies the university's interdisciplinary studies department offers a major in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in American studies, peace and conflict studies, and a robust self-designed option.

For more information about the liberal studies major or Salem State's department of interdisciplinary studies, please visit salemstate.edu/interdisciplinarystudies or contact Chair Duclos-Orsello at educlosorsello@salemstate.edu or 978.542.6354.

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a bill introduced concurrently in the Senate and the House of Representatives by Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) (and numbered S. 781 and H.R. 1735, Acts of 2019-2020, respectively).

If passed, the investments targeted would become rarer – and that would prove unfortunate for many small businesses, who rely on partnership investments as an alternative to interest-bearing loans. Almost 14,000 businesses rely on this type of arrangement to increase cash flow and while minimizing debt.

In my scope of real estate activity, this type of financial arrangement is common. The flexibility offered by partnerships helps finance projects great and small, and is often critical to get a project off the ground or even over the finish line. By the time a construction crew breaks ground on a building, a developer may have spent five

years and hundreds of thousands of dollars in early development, from design to environmental impact studies to zoning permit applications. Financing through partnerships (again, rather than through high-interest loans) gives a developer a chance to infuse needed cash into the project and establish creative ways to pay back investors (through revenue sharing agreements as well as long-term equity that comes back when a development is sold). The bill Congress is considering would affect these types of real estate project partnerships all across America.

Investments are a key element for many development projects, but are especially necessary for projects like affordable housing construction, where the eventual monetary returns are lower. Given the fluctuations in the housing markets over the past couple of years (and the last year in particular), the need for affordable

housing has never been more acute. Raising business investment taxes now would discourage the investment these projects need. That means less affordable housing available at a time when housing prices are climbing. And it means further instability in business and residential real estate markets at a time when stability and certainty are needed.

If Congress passes a business investment tax – whether through S. 781/H.R. 1735 or in any other form – they would indeed do great harm to our economy – harm that we simply cannot afford.

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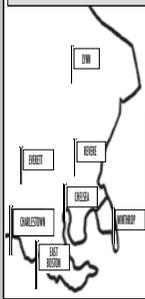
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Baker-Polito administration announces \$15M in support for the Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program

Building on investments to address food insecurity among Massachusetts residents, the Baker-Polito Administration last week announced it has made available \$15 million in funding through a second round of its Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program. The funding will enable the Administration to continue to implement the recommendations of the Food Security Task Force, which was convened last year by the Massachusetts COVID-19 Command Center in response to increased demands for food assistance.

“Addressing food security issues remains a high priority of our Administration to help ensure all residents have fresh, healthy produce readily available to them,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “By working with dedicated partners, we will continue to strengthen the food distribution supply chain and address more needs throughout the Commonwealth.”

“This round of grants from the Food Security Grant program will further expand on our efforts to provide greater access to locally harvested and produced food products,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “With higher numbers of people experiencing food insecurity, we continue to take significant strides in ensuring fresh, locally sourced food remains widely available to the residents of Massachusetts.”

The Administration opened the funding opportunity on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 and is currently accepting applications for funding. In this round, the program is focused on addressing access to fresh food by improving and strengthening the resiliency of the Commonwealth’s food system and expanding the distribution of locally grown and sourced products to vulnerable communities. The Request for Responses for project proposals is available here, and is open until October

31, 2021.

The Administration launched the Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program last year as part of a \$56 million investment to combat food insecurity for Massachusetts families and individuals. In addition to expanding access to healthy local food, the program seeks to ensure farmers, fishermen and other local food producers are better connected to a strong, resilient food system to help mitigate future food supply disruption. Last year’s program dedicated over \$35.5 million to hundreds of projects to address food insecurity across the Commonwealth.

“The Baker-Polito Administration continues to dedicate critical resources to address food insecurity and ensure that residents across the Commonwealth are able to access fresh, local food,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Kathleen Theoharides. “Building on recent investments with this additional funding will further strengthen the Commonwealth’s food distribution network, invest in local farms and fishermen and women to areas of food insecurity and build a more resilient food system.”

“The Baker-Polito Administration has been addressing increased food insecurity for families as a result of the public health emergency, building on

and strengthening the infrastructure in place, and leveraging existing nutrition resources like SNAP and WIC,” said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders. “The \$15 million in additional funds will further strengthen the food system in Massachusetts, increasing access to local, healthy food, particularly among communities hardest-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Eligible grantees include entities that are part of the Massachusetts local food system, including production, processing and distribution, the emergency food distribution network, community and food organizations, school meal programming, urban farms and community gardens, non-profits, and other organizations involved in ensuring that everyone in the Commonwealth has access to fresh, healthy foods. Applications for the second round of the Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program are due Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Eligible proposals include, but are not limited to, projects seeking to:

- Increase the resiliency of the overall food system in the Commonwealth;
- Increase capacity for food storage;
- Increase capacity of local food distribution partners;
- Increase capacity of the emer-

gency food network;

- Increase capacity of food production by purchasing food processing equipment; and,
- Offer innovative solutions for urban farming.

Eligible grantees include entities that are part of the Massachusetts local food system including production, processing and distribution, the emergency food distribution network, Buy Local, community and food organizations, school meal programming, urban farms and community gardens, non-profits, and organizations that provide business planning, technical assistance and information technology services.

The first round of the Food Insecurity Infrastructure Grant Program was announced in May 2020 as part of a \$56 million investment by the Baker-Polito Administration to combat urgent food insecurity for some Massachusetts families and individuals as a result of COVID-19. The Administration also announced a \$5 million increase for the Healthy Incentives Program to meet increased demand for local produce and to increase access points that process SNAP and HIP benefits, \$12 million for the provision of 25,000 family food boxes per week through a regional food supply system, and \$3 million in funding as an immediate relief valve to food banks.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

IRAHETA ENROLLS AT NICHOLS COLLEGE

Nichols College has welcomed the newest members of our herd!

Tatiana Iraheta, of Lynn has enrolled at Nichols College as a member of the class of 2025.

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LYNN CLASSICAL IN SOCCER ACTION AGAINST CHELSEA

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

A powerful Lynn Classical team proved too much for Revere as the Rams topped the Patriots 6-0 in girls soccer Tuesday, September 14 at Manning Field in Lynn.



WINDING UP: Lynn Classical's Jayda Matco winds up for a shot as Revere's Angela Huynh defends.



THAT'S TWO: Teammates surround Lynn Classical freshman Gianna Parker (17) after her second goal gave the Rams a 2-0 lead en route to a 6-0 win over Revere Tuesday, September 14 at Manning Field.



I GOT IT: Freshman Tatiana Lazo gets position on Revere's Angela Huynh.



LET'S DO THE TWIST: It appears that Lynn Classical co-captain Molly Mannion is dancing the Twist as she puts a move on a Revere defender.



GETTING AN ANGLE: Lynn Classical's Amanda Tucker tries to gain position on Revere's Nahomy Galvez Martinez.



A STEP AHEAD: Lynn Classical's Ava Thurman moves ahead of Revere's Ericka Mejia and heads up the sideline.



DUEL: Lynn Classical's Kenzie McLaren and Revere's Ericka Mejia are in a battle for the ball.



CHANGE OF DIRECTION: Lynn Classical's Ava Thurman (11) and Revere's Nahomy Galvez Martinez reverse direction to chase a loose ball.