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THE LYNN JOURNAL

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Second round of grant funding will triple career skills training opportunities

Special to the Journal

The city of Lynn will receive a second round of funding from a state grant program designed to provide adult education classes in high-demand occupations.

After receiving \$200,000 from the Career Technical Initiative (CTI) in 2023, Lynn has been designated for \$490,000 this year, which will allow Lynn Tech to offer slots to 60 adults, three times as many as in the first cohort. The original grant funded 20 slots in automotive technology and welding.

The first cohort graduated on June 13, with 11 completing the welding course and seven in automotive tech.

With the additional funding,

Lynn Tech will offer 12 slots in both welding and auto tech starting in September, and 12 slots in those courses as well as 12 in plumbing starting in January 2025. The courses cover 200 hours and last approximately 15 weeks.

“We are excited to see this program expand after a successful start,” said Mayor Jared C. Nicholson. “Workforce development continues to be a priority and this grant allows us to provide critical training that will position people for good-paying jobs.”

The application process for the September classes started in early July. For the first cohort,

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MASS GREEN RETAIL CANNABIS DISPENSARY DONATES TO LANCE CORPORAL BRADLEY CAMPUS MEMORIAL



Jordan Avery (left), CEO and founder of Massachusetts Green Retail Cannabis Dispensary, 829 Boston Street, made a generous donation for new floral displays at the Lance Corporal Bradley J. Campus Memorial at the Clark Street Playground. Accepting the donation are Lisa Pressman, founder and president of Concerned Citizens of Lynn, Charlie Griffin, U.S. Marine Corps veteran and former Lynn police officer. Also pictured is Benny Sanquintin (right), director of operations at Massachusetts Green Retail.



The Comeau family, ready to begin their celebration of the Fourth of July at Gowdy Park. More photos on Pages 5, 6 and 7.

Gowdy Park Fourth of July celebration a big success

By Cary Shuman

It was a tale of two Todds on the Fourth of July at Gowdy Park.

Todd Bacon did a phenomenal job in his third year as the organizer of the festive event that drew its largest crowd in years.

And then there was Todd Angilly of Lynnfield, the well-known singer of the National Anthem

at Boston Bruins home games, making a special appearance arranged by Ward 1 Councilor Dr. Peter Meaney.

Angilly delivered an inspiring rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, launching the Fourth of July holiday that celebrates the birthday of the United States of America which was established on July 4, 1776. Angilly signed autographs and obliged photograph requests from the many Bruins fans in attendance.

Dr. Peter Meaney delivered remarks during the brief speaking program. “I just want to say I’m

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Sean Curry, Sheila Curry, RJ Curry, and Oliver Curry.

EDITORIAL

HURRICANE BERYL: A HARBINGER OF THINGS TO COME?

By now we've all become aware of Hurricane Beryl, which left a trail of death and destruction in its wake during the past week stretching from the Southern Caribbean to Texas as it set records for the strongest-ever hurricane -- a Category 5 -- this early in the season.

Beryl grew -- and maintained -- its ferocity thanks to the warmest-ever sea surface temperatures for June in the Atlantic. Warm ocean waters are the jet fuel for hurricanes and in the case of Beryl, provided the key ingredient for Beryl's rapid intensification and re-intensification as it traveled over thousands of miles of ocean.

Hurricane forecasters in April issued a forecast for an extremely active hurricane season and Beryl's record-setting run appears to be only a prelude to what may be in store for those of us who live along the coast in the coming months.

As we have noted in the past, there is no escape anywhere in the world from the effects of climate change. We can only hope that our little corner of the globe will luck out for another year and we'll escape the wrath of the worst that Mother Nature can throw at us.

READY TO TURN ON, TUNE IN, DROP OUT

As newspaper people, by necessity we're political junkies, whether at the local, state, or federal levels.

When it comes to national news, we try to read as much as we can from reputable news sources to learn as much as we can about the issues and the candidates.

So it's always been a bit of a surprise when we see polls indicating that public interest in the upcoming election is at an all-time low.

We realize that this is a result of many factors, chief among them that we have two candidates for president who are old enough to be the great-grandfathers of the youngest voters and that neither candidate provides inspiration to any of us. In addition, with their surrogates and spokespersons feeding us the same banal "spin" night after night, trying to convince us not to believe what we see and hear with our own eyes and ears, we all just want to tune out the mind-numbing noise.

We want the truth, but all we get is something far short from both sides.

We were listening to the Classic Rock station on our Sirius Radio the other day and the haunting sound of "For What It's Worth" by Buffalo Springfield came on. The song was written in the mid-'60s, but it's as timely today as it was then with lyrics perfectly capturing today's political climate:

There's battle lines being drawn
Nobody's right if everybody's wrong
Singing songs and they carrying signs
Mostly say, "Hooray for our side"

In the wake of the fiasco of the first presidential debate, even we are ready to throw in the towel -- we give up.

Or, to put it another way, in the famous words of advice espoused by Timothy Leary (the Harvard professor-turned-guru of psychedelic drugs) at the same time that For What It's Worth was playing on the airwaves, it just might be time to, "Turn on, tune in, drop out."

MBTA achieves historic labor agreements with entire workforce

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) has reached a landmark achievement by successfully negotiating agreements with all 28 of its affiliated labor unions, representing 16 collective bargaining agreements. This accomplishment, the first of its kind since 2009, was realized within 18 months of the Healey-Driscoll Administration taking office and under the leadership of MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng.

"The success of the MBTA depends on a well-trained, motivated and empowered workforce. That's why, from day one, our administration has been committed to partnering with labor to efficiently secure agreements that ensure workers receive competitive wages and benefits and strengthen our efforts to recruit and retain the best talent. I'm grateful to General Manager Eng and his team for their leadership, to our labor unions for their partnership, and to the men and women who keep the T moving forward for their hard work," said Governor Maura Healey.

Key Highlights: All agreements finalized within one year of negotiations, a significant improvement from previous multi-year processes.

Four-year terms for all 16 contracts, ensuring the longest period of labor stability since the 1980s. Enhanced wages and incentives to boost recruitment and retention efforts.

Built upon the historic pension agreement with the Carmen's Union (March 2023) and similar agreement with the Transit Police Association (Fall 2023).

The final agreement, ratified with the MBTA Plumbers in June 2024, completes a series of contracts modeled after the August 2023 agreement with the Boston Carmen's Union, ATU Local 589.

These agreements address long-standing labor concerns and aim to stabilize and expand the MBTA workforce.

"This is a significant step forward in creating the infrastructure and support that is needed for our workforce to implement

the current and future work of the MBTA. I am deeply grateful to everyone who worked to make this a reality and to ensure that our frontline workers have everything they need to provide quality services to residents and travelers," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt.

"The Healey-Driscoll Administration understood from the beginning that rebuilding our workforce was paramount to restoring the reliability of safe public transit. I'm thankful for the efforts across our organization that negotiated and settled these contracts with our labor partners in record time. These contracts provide a level of stability we haven't seen in decades," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "Union workers and the new hires we're eager to bring on are on the frontline of providing reliable safe service for many communities. I'm so proud to stand side by side with the MBTA workforce."

"It's awesome to hear that all the Union contracts at the MBTA are under agreement. It is a historical accomplishment and emphasizes how progress can be made when labor and management work together. We are very thankful for the Governor and

her team," said MBTA Board Director Robert Butler. Butler is also the President of the Northeast Regional Council of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART). He has served over 20 years as a Journeyman in Local 17, giving him a strong understanding of the needs of trade employees that he uses to advocate for worker's rights.

Workforce Development Initiatives:

Over 1,900 new hires since the beginning of the Healey-Driscoll Administration, including more than 1,600 in 2023 alone.

\$20 million investment from a supplemental budget to support hiring efforts and the Local 589 Agreement.

Comprehensive approach focusing on recruitment, retention, skills training, and leadership development.

Restructuring of senior leadership and improvement of frontline teams, safety protocols, engineering, and planning.

"Making these frontline MBTA jobs competitive like was done in the recent Local 589 contract and others that followed is important not just because

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Gov. Healey proclaims July 7-13 'Hurricane Preparedness Week'

Special to the Journal

Governor Maura Healey signed a proclamation declaring the week of July 7 to July 13, 2024, as "Hurricane Preparedness Week," to emphasize the importance of planning and preparing for hurricanes and other tropical systems, which most often impact Massachusetts during the months of August and September.

During the week-long initiative, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will focus on hurricane preparedness messaging and offer informational resources to individuals and municipalities on what can be done before, during, and after a tropical system impacts Massachusetts to protect life and property.

"During Hurricane Preparedness Week, I urge all residents to take stock of their emergency supplies and to plan and prepare ahead of peak hurricane season," said Governor Healey. "Near-record warm ocean temperatures are expected to fuel more frequent and intense tropical storms, meaning there may be increased likelihood for us in Massachusetts to experience a hurricane."

Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 to November 30 each year. This year, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasters at the Climate Prediction Center anticipate an above-normal 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season with 17 to 25 named storms.

"While areas along the coast

are more likely to sustain damage from hurricane hazards such as high winds and storm surge, we know from experience that tropical storms can impact areas across the state, both on the coast and inland," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll.

"If you live or work within an evacuation zone, now is the time to plan where you would go and how you would get there if a tropical system were to impact Massachusetts," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "Our state and local emergency management agencies regularly plan and train to respond to hurricanes and other severe weather hazards, and I encourage all residents and visitors in Massachusetts to do the same."

In advance of peak hurricane season, MEMA developed and published online hurricane safety tips and resources and distributed a multilingual hurricane preparedness toolkit to Emergency Management Directors throughout the Commonwealth to reach all individuals, including underserved and vulnerable populations. MEMA has also partnered with MassDOT and several regional transit authorities to place hurricane preparedness messaging on digital billboards and buses. MEMA continues to address hurricane preparedness, response, and recovery efforts through numerous coordination meetings, trainings and exercises, including annual training for local officials on Hurrevac – an online tool that assists emergency managers with evacuation

timing, decision, and technical support.

"We were fortunate last September when Hurricane Lee tracked offshore as it approached Massachusetts, but this once again highlighted the need for us to be prepared," said MEMA Director Dawn Brantley. "Every household should have an emergency kit and a plan inclusive of all members' needs and abilities."

How residents and visitors can prepare:

Know Your Evacuation Zone – Visit www.mass.gov/knowyourzone to learn if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone. If you live in an area that may flood and may need assistance evacuating, plan with family, neighbors, and friends who may be able to assist, and contact your local public safety officials to make them aware of your needs.

Make an Emergency Plan – A plan should address how your family would communicate, evacuate, and shelter in place if needed. Be sure to account for the needs of all your family members, including seniors, children, individuals with disabilities, and pets: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>. If you receive medical treatment or home health care services, work with your medical provider to determine how to maintain care and service if you are unable to leave your home or have to evacuate.

Build an Emergency Kit – Build an emergency kit that will sustain your household for three

to five days without power. For tips on what to include, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>

Stay Informed – Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts and is encouraged to reach out to their local officials for preparedness and emergency information specific to their community, including available local emergency notification systems. The Commonwealth's 2-1-1 hotline is available 24x7 for non-emergency assistance and is available with translation in more than 150 languages and can be accessed via video relay services. To learn

more about additional ways to receive alerts and information, including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, and social and traditional news media, visit: www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts

MEMA will share preparedness and safety information throughout hurricane season. For more information, including interactive evacuation zone maps, multi-lingual social media toolkits and flyers, preparedness tips, videos, and more, visit MEMA's Hurricane Season Preparedness webpage.

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there were approximately 150 applications received in less than two weeks, according to David Gagner, director of cooperative education at Lynn Tech. MassHire, a state agency that offers those seeking employment a range of services, assists in vetting the applications, with Lynn Tech making the final decision on those who are accepted into the program.

"This helps us provide opportunities to people in the community who don't get to participate in the type of training we offer," Gagner said. "We're giving them the opportunity to get better jobs and take care of their families. It's a win for the community and a win for us."

Preparing for an interview and writing a resume are among the skills that are included in the training, Gagner said.

The CTI program is a signature program of the governor's Workforce Skills Cabinet (WSC), chaired by the secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, in collaboration with the executive offices of Education, Economic Development, and Health and Human Services.

The CTI grant program partners with vocational high schools to provide career training and technical skills to adults, especially unemployed and underemployed individuals from underserved populations.

The adults who complete the

courses earn certifications in their respective area of study as well as from the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), which will be beneficial in finding future employment.

"The goal is to help people get high-wage jobs and having certifications is key to that," Lynn Tech Principal Fred Gallo said.

The CTI program is administered by Commonwealth Corporation, a quasi-public state agency under the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) that administers EOLWD grant funding and fosters partnerships between industry, education, and workforce organizations.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LYNN STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

North Shore Community College President William Heine-man is pleased to announce that the individuals listed below from Lynn are recent graduates of the college:

Mouna Idrissi Aboulahjoul, Astrid Gabriela Acosta, Florida S. Addy, Briana Marcela Alvarez, Jon Paul Amirault, Keidy M. Bamaca Lopez, Shayonti Barua, Jasmine Bendeck, Bony Jimaga Biga, Adrianna Maria Bonilla, Arianna Maria Bonilla, Chad J Bowden, Ashley Braswell, David Francisco Brito, Michaela Anne Brunet, Tamara Rosario Campillo Lazcurain, Melissa Catano, Bethania Cedeno, Mhammed Chennef, Kosama Chhay, Elviana Closeville, Diane Colby, Maria Camila Cruz Arroyave, Jeremy Leonys Cuevas Tolentino, Derick Danh, Ashley Devaney, Vanessa Ezegha Diambong, Kwekalu Dohsoe, Ivan D'Oliveira, Gensly C. Dominguez, Mirabelle Mayou Amandine Edward, Moneara Ee, Shannon Lee Elmarzouki, Sugely Espinal, Nour Farhat, Anibelys Flores, Agnes Fonge, Tallulah M. Frederick, Clarisa Karina Garcia, James Edward Gaylord, Lusine Gevorgyan, Vishavdeep Singh Gill, Kevy A Gomez Maravilla, Griselda Gomez-Chavez, Layesvka Yibel Gonzales-Flores, Christian Gonzalez, Derianjelyz Gonzalez, Brandon Hak, Michelle Marie Harrison, Jeremy Hurtado, Samarah Marie Brunet, Ucheoma Iroha, Carl Enndy Jacques, Petrina J Johnson, Joe Blasius Junior, Bryan Kaeding, Lev Katkov, Calvin Kem, Jillan Khalaf, Malaika Khan, Jamie Erin Kidney, Shea Ellen Kidney, Sopharath Kim, Leon Kou, Naya Jade Laro, Danaika Laroche, Ashlee Moore, Jessica Lima, Kevin Daniel Lopez, Sandy Lopez-Martin, Elianny Luciano, Katherine Luna Garcia, Khalila India Lynch, Janet Magana Martinez, Anna Maksimova, Soveida Martinez, Gabriela Melean, Valentina Melean, Tarsi Paola Melenciano, Jennifer Melissa Merino, Navifer Morel, Alyssa Arlet Muise, Anthony Luis Muniz, Devon Murray, Sophonie Muscadin, Susan Mwangi, Rehema Nantongo, Bryant Newson, Thuan Nguyen, Madeline Nieves, Brendi Abigail Niz, Lizeth M. Nunez, Marjorie Valentina Nunez Gil, Nkeiruka H. Okeke, Ajoke Oladunjoye, Ajoke Banke Oladunjoye, Escarlays Ma-

ria Ortiz Amparo, Genney Patricia Palomares, Jefferlina Paris Ortiz, Zeke Pen, Melody Antonia Perez, Nadienka Perez, Vilma Edith Perez, Hannah Areeya Phy, Ericka Patricia Pojoy, Hamida Hamisi Dale, Ninous Qaryo, Rosemary Ramirez, Wilnide Raphael, Chanceline Remadji, Rodeline Rene, Bryan Reyes, Kiara Liz Robles, Uver J. Robles, Marina Rodriguez, Jaime F Rondinelli, Dannyelly Maraschi, Frederick A Santos Vargas, Mary Elizabeth Semper, James Stiros, Corinne Aurora Summers, Duriya Syeda, Kelsey Angela Taylor, Elizabeth M Tea, Josue Tema Chavez, Manerriza Thu, Kent Then, Cyriah Annette Thomas, Gianna E. Thomas, Angel Luis Tibrey Fana, Khadijah Todd, Olgapaulina Toledo, Stephner Tranchant, Gillian Trott, Favour C Umejiaku, Alejandra Valdiri, David Vanna, Monica Vanna, Leslie Shakira Vasquez, Rafael Esterlyn Velez Rodriguez, Dayan Villavicencio Rolffot, Donnell White, Kameliah Mae Wiley.

CHHIM GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Ackiara Chhim of Lynn received a bachelor of arts degree Magna Cum Laude from College of the Holy Cross.

Chhim is among 751 bachelor of arts degree recipients Holy Cross celebrated at its 178th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 24 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Dr. Laurie Leshin, director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and former president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute delivered this year's address to the Class of 2024 and received an honorary degree.

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,200 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

REGIS COLLEGE'S SPRING 2024 DEAN'S LIST

Regis College proudly announces the Spring 2024 Dean's

List.

To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Regis sophomores, juniors, seniors, and professional studies students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher; first-year students must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher. Additional criteria can be found in Regis' Academic Catalog.

The following students were recognized on the Spring 2024 Dean's List:

Trang Nguyen of Lynn
Dariana Noyola of Lynn
Julissa Paz of Lynn
Ambar Rodriguez of Lynn
Alisha Teixeira of Lynn

Regis College is a coed university 12 miles west of Boston in Weston, Mass. founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston nearly a century ago.

ORTIZ GRADUATES FROM MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY

Katelyne Ortiz of Lynn, has graduated from McKendree University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems.

The university is conferring 595 degrees in 2024 -- 20 doctoral, 181 master's, 376 bachelor's, nine specialist and eight associate degrees -- on students who completed their program requirements in December 2023, and are projected to complete their program requirements in May and July 2024. A total of 108 students graduated with Latin honors (pending final grades for the spring and summer terms): 33 summa cum laude, 46 magna cum laude and 29 cum laude. The McKendree University Class of 2024 hails from 30 states and 19 countries and territories. #McK2024

STUDENTS COMPETE ON THE GNAC CHAMPIONS REGIS COLLEGE MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

Congratulations to the students who competed on the Regis men's track and field team during the spring 2024 season. The team earned 2nd place in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the 2024 GNAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships hosted at Regis Stadium.

The following students competed:

Edward Power of Lynn, 2026
Ryan Sweeney of Lynn, 2027

STUDENTS COMPETE ON THE GNAC CHAMPIONS REGIS COLLEGE WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

Congratulations to the students who competed on the Regis women's track and field team during the spring 2024 season.

The team earned the title of Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Outdoor Track and Field Champions for the third time since 2018 at the 2024 GNAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships hosted at Regis Stadium.

The following students competed:

Jaylene Ortiz of Lynn, 2027
Ambar Rodriguez of Lynn, 2026

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF VERMONT ANNOUNCES 2024 GRADUATES

Rebekah Barbara Rosse-earned an associate degree at the Community College of Vermont (CCV) at CCV's 2024 Commencement on Saturday, June 1.

CCV is Vermont's second-largest college, serving more than 10,000 students each year. With 12 locations and extensive online learning options, our students don't have to travel far from their communities to access our degree and certificate programs, workforce, secondary and continuing education opportunities, and academic and veterans support services.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE RECOGNIZES DEAN'S LIST STUDENTS

Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for the 2024 Spring Semester.

Springfield College has named Brenden Brown from Lynn, to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 spring semester.

Brown has a primary major of Exercise Science / Applied ES.

Springfield College has named Dougie Clark from Lynn, MA to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 spring semester.

Clark has a primary major of Business Management.

LYNN RESIDENT INDUCTED INTO HONOR SOCIETY FOR FIRST-YEAR SUCCESS

Saint Anselm College student Timothy Donahue of Lynn, MA, a Nursing major in the class of 2027, has been accepted into Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honor society for first-year success, for the 2023-2024 academic year.

To be eligible for invitation, students must be enrolled full-time at an institution with an active chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta and have a 3.5 grade point average or higher in their first semester or first year.

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a nationally-ranked four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in the greater Boston region in southern New Hampshire, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, commitment to inclusiveness, a highly successful nursing program, and a legacy of community service.

PASTORELLO OF LYNN NAMED TO LASELL UNIVERSITY SPRING 2024 DEAN'S LIST

Sydney Pastorello, a Lasell University student from Lynn, was named to the Dean's List for their academic performance in the Spring 2024 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

QUINN GRADUATES FROM THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

Courtney Quinn of Lynn, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the College of Charleston.

Quinn was among the more than 1,450 students who received degrees.

Located in the heart of historic Charleston, South Carolina, the College of Charleston is a

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thrilled. This is the first time that I've gotten to speak in front of you folks as your ward councilor," said Meaney. "This is about as American as you can get. It's the Fourth of July. We're out here celebrating what it really means on this day. I just want to thank everyone for coming."

Meaney also acknowledged the efforts of main organizer Todd Bacon. "Let's give Todd Bacon a round of applause for all the hard work he does."

Bacon, who was joined in the event coordinating by his wife, Colleen Bacon, was overjoyed by the large turnout of families from the neighborhood.

"Last year we had to postpone it because of the rain, so it was an abbreviated event, but this year the sun is shining, and we have a lot of people here," said Bacon, noting the additional families from the Lynn Woods neighborhood in attendance.

Children enjoyed everything from food to facepainting to pony rides. Many children wore patriotic costumes as they marched in the annual parade, escorted by the Lynn Fire Department, with the assistance of the Lynn Police Department.

Meet The Event MVP

Todd Bacon grew up on Lynnfild Street and attended Lynn English High School, graduating



Fourth of July event coordinator Todd Bacon and special guest Todd Angilly. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

in 1983.

Bacon has owned Bacon Construction Company for 30 years. He and his wife, Colleen, have three children, Travis, Tyler, and Corinn.

Bacon offered candid remarks about his earlier Fourth of July family traditions in Lynn.

"Actually, we never came to Gowdy Park – I was a Lynn Woods guy so we would go to



The Wolf Pack of the Lynn Woods School showed its creativity with its Christmas in July-themed float.

the Lynn Woods celebration on the Fourth," said Bacon. "Three years ago, Estelle Dill approached me to take over the Gowdy Park event. It takes about six months to organize it. But when you see how much fun everyone is having today, it's very rewarding."

Bacon thanked Carrie Nicosia for her "amazing" fundraising efforts. "I also want to thank everybody who donated – Pennyworth's, all the volunteers in the ROTC, Mark McKenna, and the Lynn Journal for being here to cover the event."



Former Lynn Classical star athlete Justina Alicudo Gaeta, with her husband, Chris Gaeta, and children, Christian Gaeta and Mia Gaeta.



Elaine Marshall and John Marshall, with grandchildren, Kaylani Fleming and Kevin Fleming Jr.



Pat Gill (back row, center), with daughter, Danielle Moffett, son-in-law, Chris Moffett, and their children, Lucy Moffett, Mady Moffett, and Connor Moffett.



Frances Oliveira and Lucas Oliveira, Samantha Cilira and Wenderson Cilira, Shun Phat and Jordan Cilira.

GOWDY PARK FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION A BIG SUCCESS



Ava Mantho enjoys her visit with Penelope the Pony, accompanied by Jim Mantho, Alicia Mantho, and Makayla Mantho.



Special guest Todd Angilly, Councilor-at-Large Donald Castle, Attorney Rick Vitali, event organizers Todd Bacon and Colleen Bacon, Dr. Peter Meaney and his daughter, Maya, and School Committeeman Eric Dugan.



St. Mary's High School Athletic Director Jeff Newhall, with his wife, Colgate University Division 1 college swimmer Christine Newhall, and their children, Eva Newhall, Andrew Newhall, and Alex Newhall.



Todd Angilly, with Boston Bruins fans Catlyn Stille, Mackenzie Stille, and Zachary Stille at the Gowdy Park Fourth of July celebration.



The Lynn Fire and Lynn Police Departments provided a safe and secure event, including an exciting escort for the parade marchers into Gowdy Park. From left, are Lt. Shawn Seaman, Firefighter Donnell Bailey Jr., Firefighter Andrew Scanlon, Police Officer Mike Chakoutis, and Firefighter Jarred Dwyer.



Candlepin Bowling Hall of Fame inductee Joe Tavernese and the Tavernese family, pictured at the Fourth of July celebration at Gowdy Park.

GOWDY PARK FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION A BIG SUCCESS



School Committeeman Eric Dugan and Todd Angilly, who sang the National Anthem at the event.



Laurie Dumas, Stacia Wonoski, Elizabeth Dumas, and Nadia Wonoski.



Marianne Halas Fortier and Sean Fortier, with their son, Sean Fortier Jr., and Marianne's parents, Marijean Halas and Chelsea baseball great Paul Halas, ready to march in the Fourth of July Parade at Gowdy Park.



Irene Saranteas Crighton and daughter, Evelyn Crighton, Meghan Reddy-Guerrette and her daughter, Margaux Guerrette.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A HARD CURVE. AND A HOME RUN.

Carol Truncale's story isn't just about how she prevailed through a severe childhood case of scoliosis, or curvature of the spine. It's about what she did when she grew up. She became a nurse—a decision inspired by the support and dedication she received from her own medical team during her long years of treatment and successful recovery. Carol Truncale's story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know: don't give up, and remember to give back. If Carol's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



FRIENDS OF Lynn & Nahant Beach

Concert Updates: 

2024 RED ROCK PARK SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- July 18: Richie "Rich" & 24 Karat Funk
- July 25: Horizon & The Horns
- Aug 1: Shuffle Mode
- Aug 8: White Lightnin'
- Aug 15: 12:01 Blues Band
- Aug 23: **Movie Night: Elemental**

All concerts are from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm
** Aug 23rd movie starts at 8:00pm **

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VOLUNTEER YC, LYNN YC HOLD BLESSING OF THE FLEET

The Volunteer Yacht Club and the Lynn Yacht Club held their Blessing of the Fleet June 30, officially launching the new boating season with the wish of safety for all sailors.



Ward 1 Councillor Dr. Peter Meaney presents citations to LYC Commodore Vin Conte and Volunteer Yacht Club Commodore Jackie Eichel. Also pictured is Dick Parker (right).



Madeleine Herrick sang the National Anthem at the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony.



The memorial bell is rung to honor members of the yacht clubs who have passed away in the past year. Overseeing the memorial bell recognition ceremony were Volunteer Yacht Club Fleet Capt. Ed Herland and Lynn Yacht Club Fleet Captain Wesley Shoreys.



The Lynn English JROTC Color Guard proudly display the flags at the ceremony.



Carrying out the honors of raising the flag are Ray Labranthe, Sgt. First Class David Mangold, and LYC Fleet Captain Wesley Shoreys.



Volunteer Yacht Club Commodore Jackie Eichel and Volunteer Yacht Club Past Commodore Vinnie Camerlengo.



The officers of the Volunteer Yacht Club and Lynn Yacht Club are pictured at Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony.

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Pictured at the pre-event VIP gathering at the Lynn Yacht Club are Melinda Parker and granddaughter Amara Danek, Past Commodore Richard Parker, Lisa Parker, Rear Commodore Gardner Parker, and Chef Luis Faria.



Lynn Yacht Club Commodore Vin Conte and Volunteer Yacht Club Commodore Jackie Eichel, pictured at the Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony.



Enjoying the annual Blessing of the Fleet ceremony are Lisa Holey and Marc Holey, and their children, Colin Holey and Ava Holey.



Among the Lynn dignitaries in attendance at the Blessing of the Fleet are, from left, Ward 2 Councilor Obed Matul, Ward 1 Councilor Dr. Peter Meaney, the Rev. Brian Flynn, Luis Garcia of Sen. Brendan Crigh-ton's Office, Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug, School Committee Member Sean Reid, and Councilor-at-Large Donald Castle.



Essex County Marine Corps League Detachment 127, including Sgt. Major Kenneth Oswald, Bob Lennon, and Paul Gouthro.



Mayor Jared Nicholson presents citations at the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony.



The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War participate in the procession for the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony. From left, are Kevin Tucker, Charles Lewis, James Doran, and Dexter Bishop.

OBITUARIES

John “Jack” McDermott

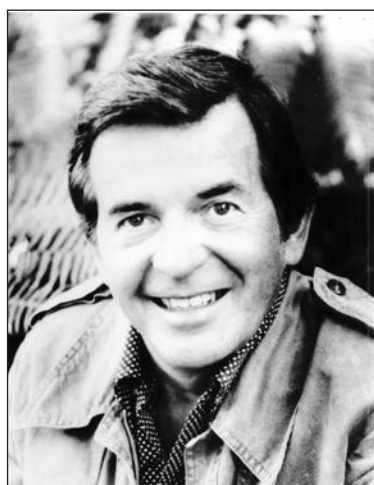
Well Known Radio, Movie and TV Personality

John “Jack” McDermott, 97, of Hollywood, FL passed away June 7, 2024.

Jack was a well-known local radio / tv personality, having spent 30 years in broadcasting, including radio station WKAT in Miami and before that, radio station WORL in Boston. He also hosted the ‘all night movies’ in the sixties on WPLG channel 10 in Miami. In 2012, he hosted two shows on Baltimore net radio worldwide, one with the legendary singer Connie Francis, the other show was “The Sinatra Legend.”

After graduating from college in the early fifties, he decided to go into radio. He was the first disc jockey in Boston to play rhythm and blues records, which later became known as rock ‘n roll. He co-wrote and produced a record by G-Cleff called “Ka Ding Dong”, which became a national hit at number 25 on the billboard charts.

Jack did many record hops in New England, where recording artists would come by to lip-sinc their record for the teenagers, that’s when he and his wife Beverly met a young Connie Francis and they have been dear friends since then. At one sock dance, they discovered a local performer and liked the song he wrote and performed. They had him record a demo and sent it to Dick Clark’s publishers. Dick liked it and changed the title to “Tallahassee Lassie” and it became a million seller. His name was Freddie Cannon and Beverly and Jack became his managers.



In 1957, Jack married Beverly. She was a championship barrel racer in the World Championship Rodeo in Madison Square Garden, where they had their honeymoon. At the same time, Jack was selected by NBC TV to host a bandstand type show like Dick Clark’s. But weeks later it was cancelled when Dick went national on ABC TV.

After moving to Hollywood, Florida in 1960, Jack went to work in radio and Beverly became one of the top casting directors in the country, casting movies like “Cocoon” for which she was nominated for an Artios award for her casting of the movie. Beverly cast over 200 movies and tv shows, some of which Jack appeared in as an actor.

Jack has had speaking roles in over 15 movies including “Cocoon”, “Airport 77” with Jimmy Stewart. “Final Countdown” with Kirk Douglas and Martin Sheen, “Absence of Malice” with Sally Field and Paul Newman and a feature role in “Funhouse.”

In 1989, he and Beverly produced the very successful comeback concert of their close friend, Connie Francis

at the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida. Connie had been away from the stage for six or seven years. From then on she did concerts all over the world. In the sixties, they were involved with promoting Judy Garland concerts at Miami Beach Convention Center following her Carnegie Hall concerts.

Jack co-produced the first “Miami Dolphin” team song in the 1970’s. He also spent 15 years working with the Broward Sheriff’s Office. He always closed his radio show with what Beverly had picked for him which was – “It’s nice to be important, but more important to be nice, put the coffee on Bev, I’ll be right home.”

Born in Lynn, he graduated from Swampscott High School and then joined the US Navy. After being honorably discharged, he attended Bryant College in Providence, Rhode Island, graduating with a BS/BA degree.

He is survived by his son, Richard McDermott of Charlotte, NC, sisters, Rita Doherty and Pat Bisenti of Massachusetts; , grandchildren: Sean Cunningham, Erik McDermott and Shane McDermott and great grandchildren: Connor, Colton, Donovan and Aria. Jack was pre-deceased by his beloved wife, Beverly and daughter, Cheryl Bloise.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Sunday, July 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. with a Celebration of Life service at 3 p.m. at Landmark Funeral Home. Inurnment with Military Honors will be Monday, July 8 at 2:30 p.m. at South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth,

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many of these jobs can provide a pathway to the middle class, but because the system absolutely needs to attract and retain experienced frontline workers in order to improve. We give the administration and the general manager credit for engaging with the frontline workforce through collective bargaining in a manner that is positive, productive, and respectful,” said Carmen’s Union Local 589 President Jim Evers.

“Under the new general manager and the Healey-Driscoll administration, a lot of trust has been restored among the workforce and we absolutely give them credit for making essential investments in the frontline workforce through a professional and respectful collective bargaining approach,” said IAM District 15 Assistant Directing Business Representative and Chairperson of the MBTA Coalition of Unions Mike Vartabedian.

“The Massachusetts AFL-CIO represents thousands of union members who work at the MBTA, as well as thousands of union members who rely on the MBTA to get to work. We appreciate that the Healey-Driscoll Administration understands the critical role that public transportation plays in the lives of working people, and how important it is to respect and listen to the hardworking union members who make our public transportation system run,” said MA AFL-CIO President Chrissy Lynch.

These agreements and workforce initiatives mark a turning point for the MBTA, setting the stage for improved service reliability and system modernization. As the MBTA moves

forward with a stabilized workforce, it is now better positioned than ever before to meet the evolving transportation needs of the Greater Boston area.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) opened America’s first subway tunnel in 1897, pioneering public transportation in the United States. Today, the MBTA is one of the largest public transit systems in the country, operating an extensive network of subway, bus, commuter rail, ferry, and paratransit services across 176 cities and towns. The MBTA is undergoing a transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety and excellence, modernizing infrastructure, and improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on, while supporting the region’s economic vitality. Through initiatives like the unprecedented Track Improvement Program and the Bus Network Redesign and Rail Vision, the MBTA aims to connect communities and improve riders’ daily experiences and trips. For questions or assistance, customers are encouraged to contact the MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact mmeeddiiaarreellaattiiioonnss@mmbbtttaa.ccoomm. For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit MBTA.com or follow @MBTA on social media.

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LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST FOR SPRING 2024 SEMESTER

Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. This semester there were a total of 645 students from 21 states and 4 countries.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following Lynn students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire:

Timothy Donahue, Nursing, 2027

Rylan Scaglione, Biology BS, 2027

PINALES OF LYNN MAKES SPRING 2024 DEAN'S LIST

Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean's List for the spring 2024

semester, in which more than 1,200 students were recognized for maintaining high GPAs.

Among them is full-time student Yeinmy Pinales of Lynn, a junior who majors in Criminology.

To qualify for Dean's List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they've accumulated 15 or more credits of letter-graded coursework with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE CELEBRATES 2024 GRADUATES

American International College (AIC) held its 139th commencement ceremony on May 11 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, celebrating more than 600 graduates in the Class of 2024.

Founded in 1885, American International College (AIC) is a private, co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield, Massachusetts, comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity, and opportunity for its students and the community.

PERRY NAMED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD'S DEAN'S LIST

The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that Julian-

na Perry of Lynn has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes students achieving superior academic standing. The requirement, with some exceptions, is a grade point average of at least 3.0 and no grade below C.

HARKNESS NAMED TO SIENA COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S LIST FOR SPRING 2024 SEMESTER

Emma Harkness was named to the Siena College President's List for the Spring 2024 Semester. Harkness is from Lynn.

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

DEAN COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SPRING 2024 DEAN'S LIST

Dean College is pleased to announce the students who have earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. These students have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Cristopher Correa of Lynn
Emily Terrien of Lynn
Ava Perry of Lynn

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

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Public Notice of a 401 Water Quality Application

Project Title: MWRA Section 56 Water Pipeline Replacement Project
Project Location: Revere and Lynn, Massachusetts
Proponent: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA)
Description of Activity: This project involves replacement of a section of the MWRA's existing Section 56 water pipeline, which helps supply water to portions of Lynn, Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Peabody, Revere, Saugus,

and Swampscott. This critical pipeline had previously provided redundancy for the MWRA Northern High Service Zone prior to 2018, when a section crossing the Saugus River via the General Edwards Bridge was removed due to severe corrosion. Without this segment of the Section 56 water main, the Northern High Service Zone has been without redundancy and thus vulnerable to failure. MWRA's Section 56 Water Pipeline Replacement Project will ensure water system redundancy and reliability for residents and businesses in these communities, which is crucial to protecting public and environmental health. Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) will be used to install the water pipeline in the ground under the water at the mouth of Saugus River, from

points in Lynn and Revere. HDD is a trenchless method of installing underground utilities particularly suited for installing pipeline beneath obstructions and minimizing surface impacts. A hole is drilled in a relatively shallow arc within which the pipe is subsequently inserted. Additional pipeline will be installed in existing roadways and paved areas in Lynn and Revere using open-cut methods to connect the underwater portion of the replacement pipeline to MWRA's existing Section 56 pipeline alignment, located in Route 1A. There is a 21-day public commenting period for the project. The last day to comment on the project is August 2, 2024. All persons wishing to comment should address their comments to David Wong of the MassDEP Boston Water

Quality Certification program at David.W.Wong@Mass.Gov. Any ten persons of the Commonwealth, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that has submitted written comments may also appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Point of Contact for Additional Information: Name: Brian Kubaska Email: brian.kubaska@mwra.com Telephone: (617) 305-5797

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Pain alerts

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Part of our job as pet guardians is to tune into the signals that might mean our furry family member is in pain. Animals have evolved to hide pain since it would show weakness to other animals. Therefore, we must react to the slightest changes in a dog or cat's behavior.

bling, shaking, or twitching. Some animals will change their body stance, tilt their heads, or have one ear down if hurting.

You can also do a quick home exam of body temperature, pulse rate, and respiration per minute to help you decide if a quick trip to an emergency vet, making an appointment, or watching and waiting a few days is the best response.

Behavioral Pain Signals

An animal in pain can be grumpy, just as you can be if you're in pain. Aggression can be a sign of pain. If that's the case, you should know how to use a muzzle or make one before you handle your dog or cat.

Whimpering or growling can be audible symptoms of pain. Restlessness may mean the animal can't find a way to be comfortable. Cats are more apt to hide when in pain.

Any break in house training or appetite needs investigation to learn if there is a medical cause. Unexplained weight gain

Body Signals

Your pet may try to hide its pain from you, but its body may give it away with drooling, trem-

or weight loss is essential to note and gives you a reason to weigh your pet on a regular schedule.

Decreased self-grooming can be an essential change to note in

cats. On the other hand, licking or increased grooming of a specific spot calls for examination.

Another body signal is a decrease in activity. If your dog is sleeping more, reluctant to walk with you, or not interested in playing, you should watch for additional alerts.

Specific Alerts

A change in appetite might mean a dental problem that makes eating hurt. If you brush your dog's teeth, note any changes or sore spots that might need veterinary care.

Both dental and ear issues can cause dogs to rub their faces to relieve the pain. With ear infections, they might shake their head more than usual. However, if it is an excruciating ear infection, they might not be able to shake at all.

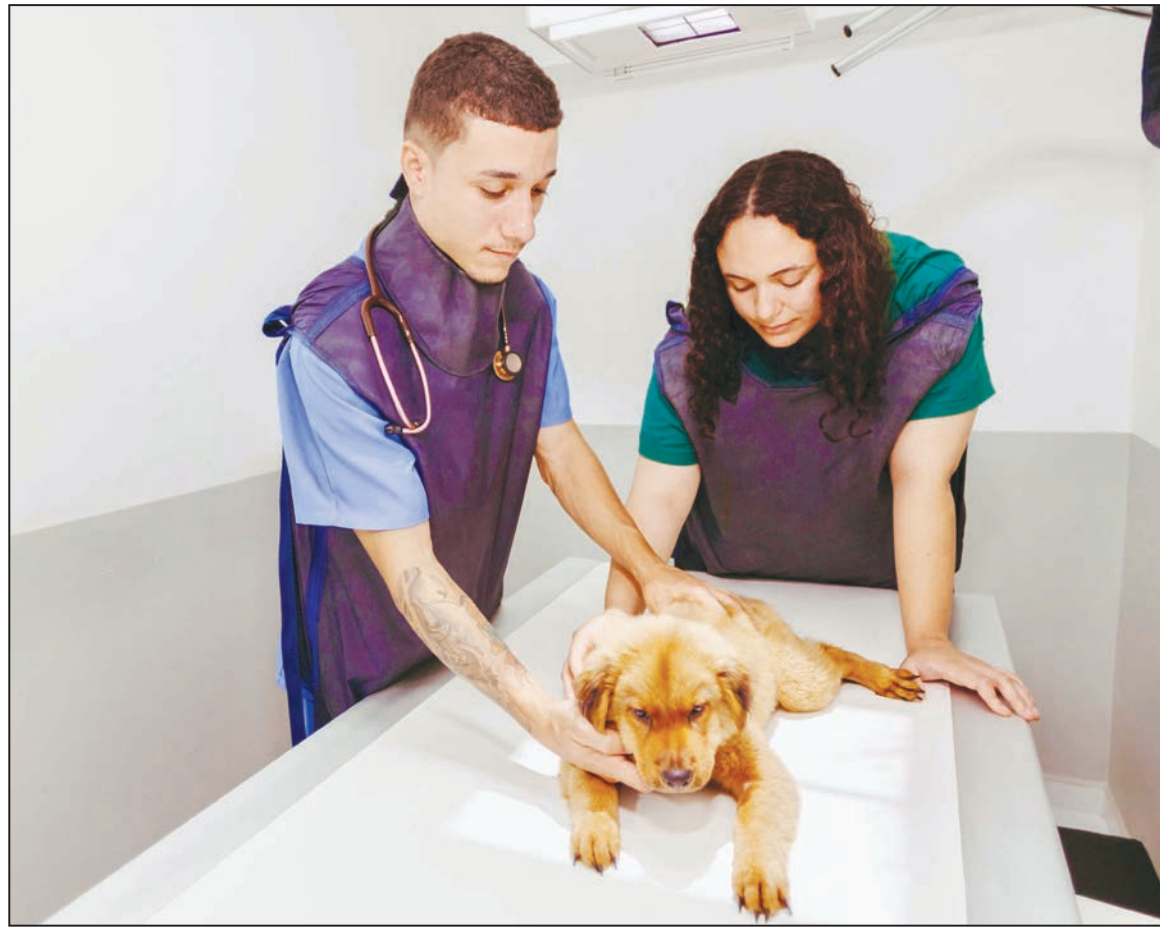
You Know Your Pet Best!

There is nothing wrong with following your sense that something is off, even when you can't point to a specific item.

It's important to note that some pain, such as arthritis, doesn't always make its presence known in a dramatic way. It can start small and gradually increase over time, making long-term observation and care crucial for our pets' well-being.

Our tip for this may be right in your hand. Set a reminder to take routine videos of your pet walking, climbing stairs, or playing. Not only will these give you and your veterinarian comparisons, but they will also provide lovely memories of your pet at various life stages.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.



To confirm the source of the pain, a visit to the veterinarian for an X-ray or other test may be needed.

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