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Diehl Promises to Help DayBreak Shelter

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The Daybreak Shelter in Lawrence has never seen nor heard from Senator Elizabeth Warren in the 6 years she has been a senator, despite the fact that Warren holds herself up as a champion of the poor. Earlier this month, U.S. Senate candidate Geoff Diehl toured Daybreak and chided Warren for "ignoring the poorest of the poor" at Daybreak and committed to helping Daybreak get the funds they need if he is elected. Above are Carina Pappalardo, Director of the Gr. Lawrence Psychological Center which oversees the operations at Daybreak, and Geoff Diehl.

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VALLEY PATRIOTS OF THE MONTH

Henry Naruszewicz, 102 year old Veteran of George Patton's 3rd Army

John Cuddy

VALLEY PATRIOT HERO REPORTER

A breakfast and lunch with this month's hero is Henry Naruszewicz; his family also spelled their name as Narushof, and some family members used an Americanized spelling, Norris. I first had lunch on St Patrick's Day with Henry and his son in

law, U.S. Air Force Veteran Bill Flanagan at the Dracut American Legion, all three of us had some beer with heaping plates of corned beef and cabbage. Weeks later, I enjoyed an early morning breakfast with this 102-year-old Veteran of Patton's 3d Army; our meal started with Henry telling me a riveting story over eggs and coffee. We were later joined by fellow World

War II Vet Frank Polewarcz, of the 79th Infantry. Despite growing up a few miles apart, then fighting near each other in World War II, this breakfast at Shaw's in Dracut, Massachusetts was the first time the two men ever met.

The story goes, Henry and Albert Lopiano, a nineteen year old fellow soldier from Connecticut, were tasked with repairing a damaged M3 Sherman Tank behind the lines. When finished, the two soldiers were separated from their unit, the 276th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, XXII Corps, part of the famous 3rd Army that General George Patton commanded in Europe. Not wanting to be left behind in the rear, the two of them then went tearing across the countryside in the freshly repaired tank, unsupervised, to rejoin their unit on the front. With nineteen year old Albert driving, the younger man constantly turning back, and grinning at Henry, in his twenties, who was in the turret. According to Henry both soldiers were having a blast the entire time. They were too young to be scared, too young to be worried about American Army Officers, German Army snipers, mines, or the Nazi Waffen SS.

Most Veterans of the unit considered April 6, 1943 the first day in the history of the 276th, as the first Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers, also called NCO's, joined the unit that day. To form the unit, reserve, active and National Guard soldiers were moved around, mostly men from the rural American south. An interesting fact, one hundred



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paratrooper candidates were taken out of jump training, at Camp Toccoa, Georgia (site featured in the film "Band of Brothers") and re-assigned to the artillery. To civilians who never served in the U.S. Military, the concept of enlisting in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper and later being moved to the artillery, whether willingly or unwillingly, is hard to grasp. Recently I had the privilege of speaking to a young woman who joined the U.S. Navy as a cook, later deployed overseas, and was tasked mainly with searching Iraqi women

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EDITORIAL: SNHU DISGRACES POLICE AT GRADUATION

Last month Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan attended the SNHU (Southern New Hampshire University) graduation at the SNHU Center in Manchester NH to watch his daughter get her degree.

Upon entering the building he learned that a Boston Police Officer named Brian was attending the graduation in uniform to celebrate his girlfriend getting her degree.

But, college officials treated Officer Brian like a criminal, telling him he could not attend the graduation in uniform and with his gun because he was not officially on duty.

Duggan spoke to the officer who said that they first tried to deny him entry to the graduation and then told him that if he disassembled his weapon and put it somewhere off property they would then allow him entry even though he was in uniform.

This is the same SNHU that runs TV commercials pretending to care about our men and women in the military. The same SNHU that makes tons of money on those members of the military.

For his part, the Boston officer said he wasn't angry, just confused.

"We are the good guys," he told Duggan, not realizing Duggan was a member of the press.

"They made me take apart my weapon. What if something happens here today? We sign up for this job to help people, to protect people. If something happens today you'd think they would want another good guy with a gun to help out."

Instead, it's clear that SNHU officials would prefer he be a marked target in the crowd, in uniform with no weapon to defend himself if violence broke out.

This is nothing short of disgraceful and a slap in the face to all law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line every day to protect even the most morally confused among us like the faculty at SNHU.

What's worse, SNHU defended their actions on their Facebook page when Duggan posted a question about their actions.

Someone from SNHU confirmed that

they did indeed make the Boston officer leave and would only allow him back in without his gun citing that this was their "policy" ... as if somehow hiding behind a policy makes it ok.

The actions of the SNHU faculty is indicative of how clueless our over educated and morally confused ruling class has become.

With the uptick in school shootings and mass shootings you might think that those running SNHU's graduation would welcome as many cops with guns in the audience as they could get.

But they didn't.

Because, in their fake world of left wing sedition, the police are the enemy. Law abiding people with guns, especially police officers, are to be hated and reviled.

We have to wonder if the real problem at SNHU was that they saw a black man



with a gun and were so frightened that they felt it necessary to disarm him even though he was wearing a police uniform.

Shame on SNHU for letting their out of touch political views stand in the way of common sense and the safety of all those attending their graduation.

SPECIAL REPORTS FROM WHAV IN HAVERHILL



Murder, Shootings Tie Back 2 Years; Suspects Free Despite Gun Arrests

The arrest of a 27-year-old man for the murder of Nike Colon ties together a series of events and retaliations seemingly kicked off by the May 2016 shooting at Haverhill's Swasey Field.

Eddy Manuel Almonte was arrested late Tuesday night for Colon's murder during an unrelated motor vehicle stop in Winchester, VA. As WHAV first reported Wednesday, Almonte was among three arrested and charged during June 2016 with what was suspected to be "gang-related retaliation" for the earlier Swasey shooting. WHAV's review of gun-related arrests paints a picture of two rival gangs bearing responsibility for all or most of the shootings over the past two years.

Two people survived gunshot wounds at Swasey two years ago, while no injuries were reported after shots were fired by rival gang members on Temple Street. In the latter case, Almonte was originally charged with armed assault with intent to murder, discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building, unlawful possession of a firearm and obstructing a police investigation.

2 GANGS, 3 PEOPLE FREE DESPITE GUN-RELATED ARRESTS

WHAV has asked for court information detailing how Almonte ended up free to allegedly murder Colon. The answer was not available by news deadline.

Haverhill Police Chief Alan R. DeNaro and Mayor James J. Fiorentini addressed reporters at Swasey Field in 2016. Sixteen-year-old Martin Lewis was eventually indicted on two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon after the Swasey Field shooting.



Eddy Manuel Almonte was arrested for Nike Colon's murder during an unrelated motor vehicle stop in Winchester, Va.

However, as WHAV reported, he too was freed after his lawyer won a court motion to suppress his identity. Before Lewis was identified, Haverhill Police reported the arrest of a 16-year-old on two counts of assault to murder while armed, one count of carrying a firearm without a license, one count of carrying ammunition without a FID card and two counts of discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling.

Lewis, now 18, was arrested again this past April 3rd on gun-related charges. These included unlicensed possession of ammunition and large capacity firearms.

Besides Almonte, 18-year-old Juan Marte and 20-year-old Mario Acosta were charged with firearms-related crimes for the suspected Temple Street retaliatory strike. Both were charged with armed assault with intent to murder, discharging a

COLON: PAGE 6

Code of Silence - Not Courts - Frees Gun Suspects; Grand Jury Indicts One More

It was an unwritten code of silence, and not the courts, that is responsible for the release of at least three men implicated in Haverhill's recent spate of often deadly shootings.

The special investigative report by WHAV revealed ties between the recent shooting death of 20-year-old Nike Colon and shotgun violence at Swasey Field two years ago. The common element—in 2016 and now—was Colon's accused murderer Eddy Manuel Almonte. He had been charged in 2016 with gun crimes, but later released. WHAV listeners expressed concern that, but for his release, a killing might have been averted. It wasn't the criminal justice system that failed however, the District Attorney's office told WHAV Friday. Rather, witnesses backed out.

"The witnesses in this case were uncooperative and therefore the case was dismissed," said Carrie Kimball-Monahan, Essex County District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett's director of communications.

In what was then suspected by police to be a rival gang's response to two victims' non-fatal gunshot wounds at Swasey, Almonte, now 27, was arrested on firearms charges stemming from a Temple St. shooting just weeks later. He had been held on charges of armed assault with intent to murder, discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building, unlawful possession of a firearm and obstructing a police investigation.

Similarly, those arrested with gun crimes at Swasey went free. WHAV broke the story earlier this year that 16-year-old Martin Lewis was freed after his lawyer won a court motion to suppress his identity. Lewis was indicted on two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon after the Swasey shooting.

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Chief Addresses Recent Murders, Plummeting Crime Rate

Earlier this month, newly appointed Lawrence Police Chief Roy Vasque appeared on the Paying Attention Podcast (you can download it on Spotify, iHeartRadio, iTunes etc). We asked the chief how he is changing the way the police in Lawrence do their jobs.

"I think that the department is energized right now, it's up to me to make sure that that happens and I think if you have energized guys who want to go out to the job to get the results, I think that reflects in the numbers. Certainly we reorganized the department, took a look at everybody, we put more bodies on the street going from 3 to 9 community police officers as an example. We are trying to get guys to buy into a certain area and work that area and talk to the residents. We assigned one officer to be a liaison with the business community. They are spending the money here, they're trying to open businesses and we want them to have a voice."

I think right now the guys are feeling really good about what's going on, we are definitely moving forward with a lot of new technology, with cameras and we are looking to add a canine unit to help the city. Those canines are a huge tool and we miss them in Lawrence.

Looking at the numbers (at right) crime is down significantly in Lawrence - why is that?

It's a tremendous credit to the men and women of the PD working hard every day. I think a lot of those numbers are in reflection of seeing more bodies on the street, and people thinking twice about com-

mitting crimes. We have done a good job building relationships over the years with other law-enforcement agencies whether it is the state, federal, or the sheriff's department. That's always been a strategy of mine. Over the years I've built a lot of relationships with these guys in different departments and we have had a lot of great help from guys like Joe Solomon and Chuck Gray.

The drug unit makes a lot of arrests, obviously there's a lot more we could be doing and the more bodies that we throw at it, the better we can do with that.

Why is the aggravated assault statistic higher do you think?

What you're seeing there with aggravated assaults is that we have a lot of new officers who are basically going out and making arrests where before people wouldn't have been charged. Before, people would be sent on their way after a fight and now we are making arrests and

charging more people.

So certainly our crime numbers are looking really good except for commercial burglaries and aggravated assaults.

We've had a couple of cases where we are talking about commercial burglaries, we've had some homeless issues where we had one individual who hit seven locations on Essex Street. We ended up making the case, locking him up, and charging him with all of those but that was seven burglaries from one guy.

I think the most hardening thing for me

is, regardless of where our numbers are, our clearance numbers are really glaring. Sometimes we are triple the national average.

For commercial burglaries, the national average is 13%, last year we were at 40%. So, we have three times the national average. So, I think when those crimes happen the detectives on the department have been very good at following through with stuff not just writing it off and going on to the next call, I think people really invested in trying to investigate each crime and more and more people are being charged as a result.

By taking those people off the street they can't create more crime. As we all know small number of people do a large majority of the crimes in any community. We really have to get them off the street.

Question: the department just got new license plate readers in the cruisers. They scan every plate they drive-by and it will tell the officer if the person has a warrant, or if the car is not registered, or insured etc. Can you talk about that?

Talking to the other chiefs, we do have a little bit of difficulty with the plate readers technology-wise. We are working through those glitches but they do work. There are some bugs in the system but again, this is just another tool.

Say what you want about the mayor or the city council, but from my perspective they've been pretty great so far with fully funding the PD hiring more officers, I think Mayor Rivera, has hired a number of officers every year that he's been here and the city council has continued to give us the

	2017	2018	Change	% Change
Murder	6	2	-4	-66.7%
Rape	12	8	-4	-33.3%
Robbery	70	35	-35	-50%
Agg. Assault	146	177	31	21%
Res. Burg	54	40	-14	-26%
Comm. Burg	23	33	10	43%
Larc +250	199	81	-118	-59%
Auto Theft	187	103	-84	-45%
Total	697	479	-218	-31%

funding that we need and that's reflected in the crime numbers.

The more bodies we get on the street, the more arrests we're going to make and that drives the numbers down. You can't get into all of that community policing type stuff, and traffic units etc. if you don't have enough bodies to staff it. Now we are doing the things that the community has been clamoring for years, and that's lowering the numbers.

Talk about the recent murders and Lawrence?

In my experience, murders are not solved, other than the tragic one we just had, that quickly. A lot of times you have

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Keeping Schools Safe

Senator Katy Ives
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

School shootings are becoming too common an occurrence across the country. The discussion of gun control and mental health treatment has surfaced as possible solutions and safety drills are now as common as fire drills. During this surreal time, I've had the opportunity to learn about a new technology which can be utilized as one tool among many to strengthen school safety. Shooter detection systems can be installed in new schools and retro-fitted in current schools.

Shooter detection technology consists of a series of sensors, automated alerts through apps and cameras that provides police with the real-time location of a gunshot. Sensors are installed on walls, which can detect a gunshot via sound and light technology. Although, it does not prevent a shooting from occurring, it does provide instant location of the shooter. I was introduced to this technology through a bill filed by Senator Michael Rush that would mandate every new school built in the Commonwealth be equipped with this system. In fiscal year 2019 along with Senators Michael Rush and Bruce Tarr, I filed a budget amendment that would make this alert system available to all schools. With collaboration from Senator Sonia Chang Diaz we crafted an amendment that balanced the need for technology, as well as the need for prevention.

This amendment develops a school safety technical assistance team and a youth safety technical assistance team and grant program. The school safety team will provide schools with assistance on all

aspects of school safety and emergency management through enhancing facilities with items like classroom door locks, security cameras and active shooter detection and real-time threat alert systems. The youth safety team will provide assistance on all aspects of gun violence prevention and management through youth programming and wrap around services targeted to prevent violence. The grant program for each of these teams that will be available at a 50-50 match between the applying entity and the state.

The funding for these grant programs will come from two sources. Funding will come from fines associated with the trafficking of firearms and a portion of the cost of a FID card application and renewal. Currently, FID cards cost \$100, with the licensing authority retaining \$25 of the fee, \$25 of the fee is used for the Firearms Fingerprint Identity Verification Trust Fund and \$50 of the fee is deposited in the General Fund. Under this amendment, \$10 of that \$50 which otherwise goes into the state's general fund will be allocated to this grant program.

This is not a panacea, but rather an opportunity for schools to tap into funds that already exist to address the safety needs of their students. Now that this amendment was included in the final Senate budget, the amendment is part of the negotiations between the House of Representatives and Senate budget conferees as they craft the final version of the FY19 state budget. I will be advocating that this critical amendment be included in the final budget.

Senator O'Connor Ives can be contacted at: KATHLEEN.OCONNORIVES@MASENATE.GOV

"WEATHER 101" WITH AL!

Al Kaprielian
VALLEY PATRIOT WEATHERMAN

May temperatures were much warmer than April and averaged above normal. May was a dry month with not many days with a steady soaking rain. The upper level high pressure system off the east coast known as the Bermuda high finally started to strengthen and expand northward sending the jet stream to our north.

This put our region on the south side or warm side of the jet stream. After a chilly April, 90-degree temperatures returned during May. The trees responded to these warm temperatures and started to bloom. The lawns also started to turn green thanks to some rain. The big weather story in May was the intense flooding which occurred in Maryland during Memorial Day weekend. A backdoor cold front moved through our region and stalled across the Mid-Atlantic region. Remember, cold fronts usually move from west to east.

However, a backdoor cold front moves in from the north/northeast. Behind this backdoor cold front, we saw chilly temperatures on Sunday May 27th where high temperatures remained in the 50s. This chilly air moved into our region from eastern Canada. With the cold front stalled across the Mid-Atlantic region, this provided a focus for a clash of two different air masses.

Southerly winds with hot & humid air south of this front rode up and over north/northeast winds and much cooler air north of the stationary front. These two different air masses met and we call this convergence. When the air converges it then rises and cools to expansion. This results in condensation and copious amounts of rain. Due to this stalled front, the Mid-

Atlantic region saw dangerous flooding. In addition to this we had sub-tropical storm Alberto give heavy rains and winds to the Florida Panhandle and southeast U.S. Some of these strong winds caused trees to fall. Alberto never gained full tropical storm status and stayed sub-tropical. Now that it is June we are in hurricane season and will see more storms develop after Alberto. Hurricanes form over very warm ocean waters with temperatures above 80 degrees. These warm ocean waters give the hurricane the energy it needs to strengthen. When a hurricane hits land it weakens because it loses the energy from the very warm ocean waters.

Also, friction from land areas causes the winds to weaken, hence the strength of the hurricane decreases. Last season we saw some intense hurricanes one was Maria which caused major damage in Puerto Rico. Eight months have now passed since Maria hit and many people in Puerto Rico still do not have power. Hurricanes named Maria, Andrew and Katrina will not be used again. These names will be retired since they were major very intense hurricanes. It is likely we will see more intense hurricanes this season so now is the time to prepare. Time will tell how many intense hurricanes we see this season. Now that June is here we will see some of the longest days of the year so try and get outside and enjoy the long days.

The summer solstice will arrive later this month and when it does, summer will be officially here. With heat and humidity increasing this time of year remember to drink plenty of water and try to refrain from strenuous outdoor activities during the heat of the day. The last week of May

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Hollywood Movie on Lawrence Opioid Crisis in Post Production

Hollywood Film "LAWTOWN" Focuses on Lawrence's Opioid Crisis as a Microcosm for the Country

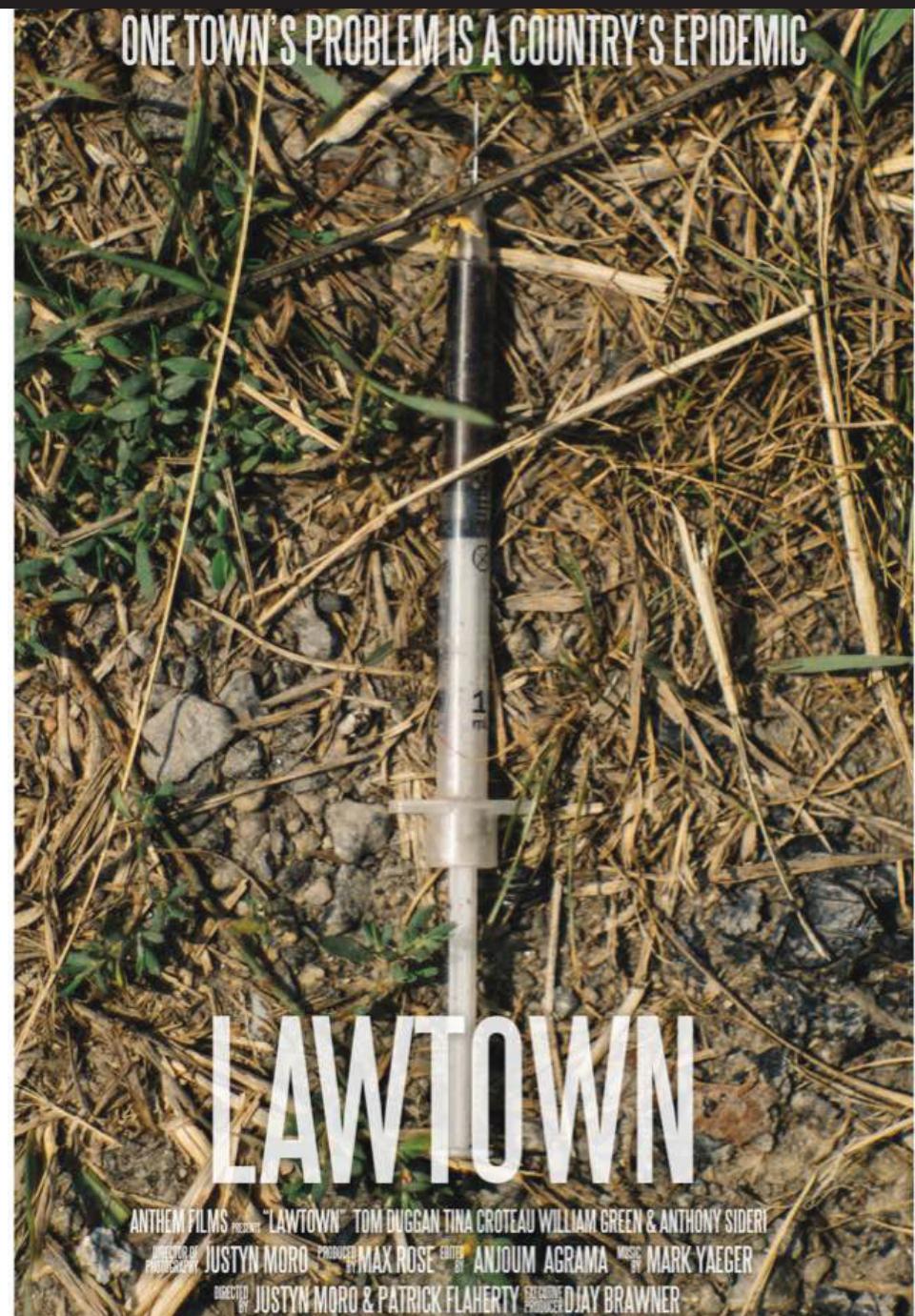
In December 2016, Justyn Moro, Patrick Flaherty, and Max Rose, alongside Anthem Films began producing a feature length film about the Heroin problem in Lawrence, MA. The team set out with an objective of finding a story amongst the chaos of the opioid problem in Lawrence. Justyn Moro spearheaded the creation of the documentary after having an emotional reaction over the death of a dear friend due to an overdose.

The film, LAWTOWN, was filmed over the course of the next year to tell the story of hope, redemption, and despair. Myself, Tom Duggan, and several others (Tina Croteau, William Green, and Anthony Sideri) became main characters of the film which is now in the final stages of post production.

A trailer and more details pertaining to the release of the film will be forthcoming.

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Diehl Tours Daybreak Shelter in Lawrence

“Warren has ignored the poorest of the poor here at Daybreak”



Paying Attention! WITH TOM DUGGAN

Last month we learned that United States Senator Elizabeth Warren – who is running for reelection – has never toured the Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Lawrence. She was elected in 2012 promising to care about the poor, but with Lawrence being one of the poorest communities in New England, and Daybreak servicing the poorest population in that community, you might think that Warren would have not only been to Daybreak but would be one of Daybreak’s biggest advocates.

She hasn’t and she’s not.

According to the people at Daybreak, Senator Warren has done nothing to help them get the funding they need to address the homeless population in Lawrence and she has never even called Daybreak to find out what programs they offer or what she can do to help.

So, it was no surprise earlier this month when Republican Geoff Diehl decided to take advantage of Warren’s lack of interest in helping the homeless in Lawrence.

Diehl toured the Daybreak Shelter because, he said, he wanted to find out what they deal with every day “with the poorest of the poor” and talk about their funding crisis that other elected officials have largely ignored for years.

“As for funding, what exactly do you need,” Diehl asked Carina Pappalardo who oversees Daybreak.

“Five to ten million for a new facility, and a few million more for operating costs.”

EDITORS NOTE: Daybreak is not a free-standing building; it is constructed with four trailers that have been welded together.

“We are at capacity every night servicing 50-55 guests and as you can see this is very tight quarters. The dorms are very small. We have very little room, and we have to have the guests eat in shifts because there isn’t even enough room in the eating area [for everyone to eat at once].”

“It’s the funding and it’s the building. I mean we can take a quick tour and you really don’t have to take too many steps to get a full tour of this space. It’s like you turn left and right, and do a full circle and you’ve seen it all. We have 35 men

in one dorm and 15 females in another, and there’s not a lot of room for the case management to happen. So, it’s the space that’s needed so that we can continue with the foundation of the shelter beds.”

Pappalardo said they also need a program for transitional living where they “can get a step up within our own agency and we can still support them through that case management. They need more independence living out on their own and having that dignity of having a home to call their own.”

The Valley Patriot asked Diehl after his tour of the shelter: *“Elizabeth Warren has never come here and the other politicians who do come to Daybreak come for a photo-op for their campaign and then they leave and don’t do anything to help. Why are you different?”*

“Well, I’ve been to Lawrence several times now, and this is the first time coming to Daybreak to tour the facility, but I promise you it will not be the last time I come here to Daybreak. That’s before the election, and even after the election. When I’m your next U.S. Senator I expect to be in Lawrence on a regular basis, monthly if not more than that. Look, we have to make sure we tackle the big problems that our state has and Lawrence has as a city. We can’t just put the bad news in the paper and walk away. We actually have to find the good news like what’s happening at Daybreak and promote it and make sure we expand these programs and that we can federally. That’s the kind of work that I want to do and it’s the kind of work I guarantee I will do once I become your next U.S. Senator.

VALLEY PATRIOT: *“Republicans are not exactly known for tackling the homeless issue, what made you want to do that.”*

“When I first got into office in 2010, one of the things I never expected to be a big problem was the foreclosure crisis with the economic meltdown of 2008-2009. I ended up getting involved with a lot of families that were losing their homes or on the verge of losing their homes. Home is where your dreams start. Home is where your family finds refuge



PHOTO: RICH RUSSELL

Carina Pappalardo Director of the Gr. Lawrence Psychological Center oversees the operations of the Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Lawrence, with Greg Davenport and Candidate for U.S. Senate Geoff Diehl

and you have the ability to start each day fresh and try to do what you want to accomplish in life. We have to make sure people who are homeless are first of all given immediate shelter and then find long term solution for them. It shouldn’t be a partisan issue. So, I’m going to be working for the folks here at Daybreak and facilities like it across the commonwealth for the long term.”

Diehl said that Senator Warren has been ignoring the “drug epidemic plaguing our communities”, adding that the drug epidemic is a crisis.

“There’s no other word than crisis to describe the misery, the loss and the devastation that is overwhelming our families due to the drug epidemic,” Diehl said.

“As your next senator, I will commit to fighting this epidemic every single day.”

Diehl unveiled his plan he called “HOPE” to tackle the opioid crisis.

“Plans matter, Elizabeth Warren has gone to Washington with no plan. What’s worse, she voted against a bill that won the support of other Democrats in the Massachusetts Delegation, ‘the 21st Century Cures Act’ that supplied Massachusetts with \$12M for treatment and prevention of opioid addiction.”

“She not only failed to vote for it but actively lobbied against it. Now I’ve done the hard work of listening and *paying attention*. As a U.S. Senator I will continue to be on the streets with law enforcement so that I can make informed and tough decisions to turn back the drug flow. Warren is not paying attention. Posting tweets and Facebook messages against the president is not a plan. Already as a state representative I have supported legislation that strengthens prescription drug traf-

ficking laws, increases beds for treatment, and supports screening to identify those at risk. Next, as your U.S. Senator I will continue that progress.”

Diehl promised to increase access to treatment “that has proven affective, timely, well-regulated and at a cost that is affordable to families to seek help.” he also said he will increase the number of in-state treatment and detox centers, not just in gateway cities, in order to keep families close by. He supports increased funding for walk in consultations “that can take advantage of moments of readiness, much like what goes on here at Daybreak.”

He also promised to support an increase in funding for opioid addiction clinics in our commonwealth and nationally. Seek funding for chronic pain management alternatives, aid physicians in not over prescribing opioids, and called for a maximum life-sentence for traffickers found with over 30 kilograms of opioid substances in their possession.

* Daybreak is one of only two homeless shelters in the state. But, they are not just a shelter. Daybreak offers financial counseling, helps people get disability, get into detox, and helps them get job training once they qualify. Daybreak also accepts guests who have no ID and will assist those who show up on their doorstep to get an ID if they don’t have one.

Daybreak is located at 19 Winter St., Lawrence and accepts donations. Each year Carina Pappalardo has to hold private fund raisers to keep Daybreak doors open because the money she receives from the state isn’t adequate and state officials are only paying lip service at election time but never really do anything to get them the real financial assistance they need.



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The mission was simple, get both sides to sit down with each other and discuss new ways to end gun violence that all sides could agree on. This was my initial feeling when the gun control group Moms Demand Action demanded to speak with me about this very issue, especially timely coming on the heels of the Parkland Florida shooting. The one hour meeting scheduled at Panera Bread quickly turned into two and a half hours of very productive talk.

Full disclosure, I'm a gun owner and strong supporter of Second Amendment rights, but I'm not a member of the NRA and I do not take donations from them. In fact I don't take any donations from any special interest groups as part of a promise I made when I first ran for office in 2012, believing, as most people do, that there is too much

money in politics. In short, I'm not beholden to any person or group.

It didn't take long to discover that there is actually some common ground with this group and most gun owners. As one MDA member said, "I don't want to take away guns from law abiding citizens, my friends and family members own guns, but there are some people that just shouldn't have them." I asked if they'd be willing to sit down with gun owners to further discuss the issue and this rather feisty group didn't even blink. "Bring it on! We'll talk about it any time."

A couple weeks later I was allowed to address the crowd at the March meeting for Georgetown Fish and Game where I'm a member. I made the outrageous suggestion that we as gun owners should be coming up with our own policies to address gun violence. "Do we as gun owners really want someone like Nikolas Cruz, the Parkland shooter, to own guns?" Not a single person,

gun owner or not, wanted that. So rather than wait for gun control groups to come up with laws to address this I suggested we come up with our own solutions. To that end I asked the fifty or so members in attendance if they'd be willing to sit down with MDA to discuss it; several signed up on the spot.

At around the same time I had the pleasure of attending an event with Conversation Cafe of Greater Newburyport, a group that does an excellent job of getting people to discuss various topics in a fun and respectful manner. The format involves a few words of introduction and a media presentation by Celeste Headlee, author of the book "We Need to Talk." The process was geared towards making us all better listeners, which I found would be helpful and productive in any meeting on a controversial subject. There were a lot of differences of opinions in that room, but the format made for very polite conversation and an agreement to disagree on certain subjects. At the end we all parted friends.

There was a similar result on a recent segment of 60 Minutes where Oprah put together a group of 14 people, seven of whom voted for Donald Trump and seven who did not. It made for very entertaining TV to watch this group disagree on just about everything the president has done in his first year in office. What made it most compelling was how this group became fairly close friends where they meet on a regular basis and chat with each other every day in a private Facebook chat group. Hmmmm.

In the background of all of this was a daily barrage of stories about high school students walking out of classes and marching in protest of gun violence. There was a lot of disagreement on the efficacy of such marches, on whether they were effective or useful in stopping mass shootings or even producing productive dialogue on the subject. I typically enjoy a good debate but this one often took

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Man with Fake ID Executed on Hampshire Street in Lawrence

Lawrence police were called to Hampshire and Alder Streets last week for a call of shots fired "one man down".

When police arrived at the scene they found a man in his 30s wearing red, face down on the sidewalk with at least six bullet wounds to the back.

Lawrence Police Sgt. Michael Simard did CPR chest compression on the victim but could not revive him. This is Lawrence's 3rd murder for 2018. Last year at this time Lawrence had 8 murders.

According to video of the shooting obtained by the Valley Patriot, the victim came out of a bodega on Hampshire and Alder Street after purchasing groceries. After he crossed Hampshire Street and headed towards the Arlington School, a man came running up from behind him and fired the shots into his back.

The shooter then ran to a black or blue Hyundai, Santa Fe with a black roof rack and five point rims where at least two other accomplices were waiting for him.

Police could not get a plate number on the car, but it was identified as having Pennsylvania license plates.

The District Attorney's Office, which micromanages local police on murder



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cases, has refused to give the public a press release with details on the crime as of the time we went to print.

The victim, later identified by family on Facebook as Juan Mejia was found with a wad of cash in his belt and a fake ID from the Dominican Republic. Police have not yet identified the killer or his accomplices.



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Methuen Firefighters Coco, Colvin Named 2018 EMS Award

Methuen Fire Chief Tim Sheehy and the Methuen Fire Department are proud to announce that Firefighters Anthony Coco and Ryan Colvin have been named 2018 recipients of the "EMS Stewards of the Community" award.

This recognition honors outstanding commitment to patient care and citizens served. Coco and Colvin were selected from a field of nominations that came from physicians, nurses, and fellow EMS providers.

On April 2, Coco and Colvin joined fellow Methuen firefighters responding to a distress call from Pete Fisher. They found Pete's wife, Theresa, a pregnant woman,

unconscious, and worked with fellow first responders in saving the lives of her and her unborn child.

The "EMS Stewards of the Community" awards recognize those who carry out the noble work of caring for others with expertise, professionalism, and compassion.

The duo received their awards on Tuesday, May 22 in Quincy, MA. "We congratulate Anthony and Ryan for their dedicated service to the community," says Methuen Fire Chief Tim Sheehy. "We also thank the EMS Stewards of the Community Award Committee for recognizing their work."

COLON: FROM 2

firearm within 500 feet of a building and unlawful possession of a firearm. Acosta was also charged with unlawfully carrying a dangerous weapon, a machete.

SOURCES: COLON HAD BEEN TARGETED TWICE BEFORE

Source reports that Colon had survived two earlier murder attempts could not be verified, but police did say the gunman missed the intended victim of the Temple Street shooting. A vehicle near where the unidentified target was standing was struck. This past January, an unidentified 20-year-old Haverhill man was shot near 44 Portland St., but survived his wounds.

Despite his earlier arrest, Marte was also free when Haverhill and State Police arrested him last November in Haverhill with four others for illegal possession of a loaded Taurus .44 caliber revolver and a loaded 9mm Smith & Wesson semi-automatic handgun. Besides Marte, also arrested were 19-year-old Nestor Gonzalez, 22-year-old Carlos Rodriguez, 20-year-old

Lizmarie Lozada and a 17-year-old male.

In an address before Haverhill city councilors, Haverhill Police Chief Alan R. DeNaro last November began connecting the dots for the public.

"We arrested five subjects inside the vehicle. We also recovered two guns that we are currently running ballistic tests now on we believe may have been the guns involved in four of the last five shootings," DeNaro said.

At the time, the chief held out hope the arrests might halt the violence. "It was a huge arrest that we think is going to be significant as far as bringing this nonsense to an end, and quickly."

It is unclear if there is any connection with other shooting incidents, including the May 6th shotgun killing of 40-year-old Jeffrey Larkin of Haverhill. Larkin sustained a gunshot wound to the chest near Emerson and Grand Streets.

Allison Corneau contributed to this story.



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We had quite the discussion at this year's Methuen Exchange Club Taste of Methuen Event. We had four judges all of whom voted for the Fireside Restaurant's Pulled Pork Macaroni and Cheese. As the winner The Fireside will get a free ad in the next Valley Patriot. Voted Second Best Dish was The Greater Lawrence Technical School's Seafood Chowder and a TIE for third place between George's Bakery for their amazing grape leaves and Royal House of Roast Beef for their BBQ Roast Beef Sliders. Honorable mention goes to Mann Orchards for their delicious Apple Crisp!! Thank you to our judges this year, Meg Fraser, Mike LaFrance, and Carrie Weiland. I also judged the dishes.

QUICK ACTION - LAWRENCE TO GET K9 TO FIGHT CRIME

Just a week after Lawrence Police Chief Roy Vasque appeared on the Paying Attention Podcast where he talked about the importance of having canines assist in police investigations, we got the following press release from the Lawrence Police.

Mayor Dan Rivera and Chief Roy Vasque are pleased to announce that the Lawrence Police Department will be re-establishing the Department's K-9 Unit.

It is widely understood among Law Enforcement Professionals that the use of a K-9 Dog is an invaluable tool for Police Departments. Unfortunately, due to budgetary constraints all of the former Lawrence Police Department K-9s were retired from service. At the direction of Chief Roy Vasque, the Department applied for a grant on May 17th from the Stanton Foundation for the K-9 First Dog Program. Both Mayor Rivera and Chief Vasque are happy to announce that the Department was awarded the grant on May 29th. The \$25,000 grant will cover the cost of purchasing a dog, training costs, kennel facilities at the officer/handler's home, retrofitting a cruiser for the exclusive use of the K-9 unit, and food and veterinary care for the first three years of K-9 ownership. The process of selecting the Police Officer who will be the dog's handler, as well as the selection of the dog will begin immediately. The Stanton Foundation K-9 First Dog Program supports the creation of new K-9 Units in cities and towns in Massachusetts.

The Department will be applying for a similar grant to add a 2nd dog to the Unit in the very near future. "This effort will continue Chief Vasque's work to bring more tools to fight crime in Lawrence," Mayor Rivera said. "This K-9 unit will make the Lawrence Police Department more effective and more professional

TOM DUGGAN'S NOTEBOOK



Methuen Exchange Donates \$350 to Veterans Northeast Outreach, Don & Linda Campbell Kick in \$200 MORE!

Veterans Northeast Outreach in Haverhill provides housing and services to homeless veterans. Earlier this month the Methuen Exchange Club donated \$350, pictured above are Exchange Club President Jen Jones and Jack McLeod. Don (above inset) and Linda Dean Campbell (also members of the exchange) made that \$550 with a \$200 donation to VNOC, 100% of which, will go directly to homeless veterans.

another force multiplier."

MARIE SWEENEY THE HACK

Last month in the Notebook I mistakenly took Democrat political hack Marie Sweeney as one of the candidates who pulled papers for state rep before our friend Jim Miceli's body had even been waked. A mature, professional would have picked up the phone or sent an email detailing the mistake and of course I would have been happy to correct it... as I just did. Instead, Sweeney took to Facebook calling what she ADMITS she didn't read... "a hit piece" and attacked yours truly. This lead to all the zombie supporters of Ms. Sweeney to attack me in the comments section accusing me of being a "partisan Republi-

can". When I pointed out that I am neither partisan nor Republican and that I endorsed and worked for Democrats Suzanne Bump, Diana DiZoglio, Katy Ives, Marcos Devers etc. Ms. Sweeney deleted those comments. Weird huh? That a Democrat organizer would attack someone who campaigns for Democrats and remove information showing such so that her zombie supporters can continue to attack me as just another "partisan Republican". I say if you are going to act like a 7th grader and take to Facebook to attack someone over a mistake, you really

should make sure you, yourself, are not accusing someone of being something that they are not. I will say it again, however, any of those Democrats who pulled papers and



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went around getting signatures before Jim Miceli's body was even cold should never ever be elected to office. I don't care that the deadline fell within that time frame. There's the law and then there's just plain human decency. I knew Jim Miceli and he would never do such a thing while the current office holder had not even been laid to rest no matter what the election rules were. He cared about people. HE would have run a sticker campaign or found some other way to accomplish his objective. And for Ms. Sweeney to make excuses for her candidates who did this, all I can say Ma'am is you are what is wrong with politics in Massachusetts, putting politics before people.

METHUEN FIREFIGHTERS
DELIVER BREACHING BABY

On Saturday, June 2, 2018 on Harmony Lane, Methuen Firefighters Rick Talbot, Dave Broadhurst, and Ed Doerr on Engine 5 and Matt Coco and Cooper Brown on Ambulance 1 delivered a baby that was breached. The lower half of the baby was already out when E-5 arrived on scene about two minutes after a 911 call. E-5 crew were able to unstuck the baby's shoulder and deliver the top half of the baby. A-1 crew cut the cord. They suctioned the baby's mouth three times before the baby started to breathe. The baby boy was born at 1:11pm on 6/2/18. Mom Renee Dupuis and baby Brayden Joseph (6 pounds, 6 ounces, 19 inches) were transported to Lawrence General Hospital. Both are doing well. Chief Tim Sheehy said, "This was outstanding work by our firefighters. From their quick response to their ability to deliver the baby under extremely difficult circumstances. They arrived on scene just two minutes after the 911 call. The family also commented on the manner in which our crew created a calming atmosphere. We are proud of their terrific work."

COFFEE CANN CLOSING

As of June 15th the Coffee Cann on Merrimack Street in Lawrence will be closed for good. This will be a sad day for the Merrimack Valley as the Cann Family has contributed so much to this community and with the Coffee Cann brought us gourmet coffee, sandwiches and lunches that are fresh and second to none. Our congratulations to Frank and Sherry and the rest of the Cann family for running such a successful business for more than 10 years in Lawrence. We are sad to see you guys go but we know in our hearts that you will all continue to contribute to his community behind the scenes to make the Merrimack Valley a better place to live for all of us.

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JAJUGA ADMINISTRATION DESTROYS TAPES OF MEETING The Valley Patriot did a public records request for a copy of the audio tape of the Community Development Board's April 11th meeting after we were told that threats were made during the meeting and that the mayor's aide swore at board members multiple times. But, wouldn't you know it, that tape, a public record under MGL Ch 66, was erased for "space reasons" even though the board had not had another meeting where they needed to record over the tape from the last meeting. It has always been my understanding that these public records had to be maintained especially since there was litigation and controversy over the board's actions. We contacted the Secretary of State's Office shortly before we went to print but could not reach the person in charge of public records. We will update you all when we get an answer from them as to whether or not this violates the state's public records law. Aside from that I find it should not

go unnoticed by the public that a recording of public meeting was destroyed even though there was no actual need to do so. Therefore, if there is ever a question about what was actually said, agreed to, or not agreed to when the written record is reviewed (the minutes) there is no way whatsoever to go back and review the tape to resolve any such disputes. People of Methuen need to be paying closer attention to the actions of their public boards, especially now that we have all learned about strong arm tactics to get a development project that benefits the developer much more than the City of Methuen.

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Body of Lawrence Man Found in Lake Cochicewick is 22 Year Old Rosido Jara

North Andover Police with the cooperation of Massachusetts State Police and the Salem Police Dive Recovery Team have recovered the body of a 22 year old Lawrence man from Ecuador in Lake Cochicewick.

The young man went under the water last night while swimming with his friends and never re-surfaced. North Andover Police and Fire as well as Massachusetts State Police Air Wing and Dive Team, Salem, MA Police Dive Team searched the lake until about 10pm.

The search resumed this morning at 8am with North Andover Police and Fire,

Salem, MA Police Dive Team, Lawrence Police Boat and Massachusetts Environmental Police. The body was found at approximately 10:18 am. The body will be transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for autopsy.

The deceased's family was at the scene and positively identified him as Rosido Jara, 22, of Lawrence. Foul play is not suspected.

"As the warmer temperatures bring more people to the lake, we urge everyone to exercise extreme caution and not to swim in unguarded areas," North Andover Police Chief Charles Gray said.

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LAWRENCE CHESS CLUB

The Lawrence Chess Club is pleased to recognize several students for their efforts during the 2017 – 2018 academic

year. Students from the Oliver Partnership School, Darielys Cruz, Danerys Cruz and Carlos Gil were each acknowledged as Chess Player of Merit for their high caliber of play. PHOTO PAGE 14.

Ms. Diana Rosa received the Most Improved Chess Player award. Ms. Natalia Delgado earned the Chess Club's Most Outstanding Chess Player. They are students at Oliver Partnership School, also. Ms. Shelby Morales, from Notre Dame Cristo Rey was recognized with the prestigious Estephannie Estevez Memorial Blue & White Award for exemplary attitude, outstanding effort and unsurpassed support to the Lawrence Chess Club during the 2017 - 2018 academic year.

Ms. Estevez served previously as the Lawrence High School Chess Club president and was very instrumental in the formation and success of the Chess Club in Lawrence. As a result, the Blue & White award is named in her honor. Ms. Estephannie Estevez attended the Arlington School and graduated from Lawrence High School and the College of the Holy

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Hispanics Only in Lawrence's City Hall?

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It's budget season again. When Mayor Rivera and ex Alcalde Lantigua brag about "their" balanced budgets, they should be giving the credit to the Director of Budget and Finance, Mark Ianello, who has ultimate control of the budget. It is he who provides the balanced budget.

It's pretty clear that the state foisted Mr. Ianello on us and he is in charge of the money. I was at the council meeting shortly after the city received its state bailout and financial oversight. When then Mayor Lantigua brought Ianello before the council, turned to the audience and said something to the effect that he himself had personally spoken with Mr. Ianello, I knew that the city had no choice in the matter.

If you want to see how a mayor handles finances, go to the Office of Political and Campaign Finance and look at the number of audit letters the Rivera campaign has received. Mr. Ianello lets the mayors play around, hire their friends (and give them big raises), and bring the city to the brink of disaster, but it will not be a financial disaster.

If you need further proof that the opioid crisis doesn't bother the political establishment that much, one need only look at the recent actions of Judge Timothy Feeley. He released a heroin dealing, green card holding immigrant with no penalty because the judge didn't want to see him deported.

I'm still waiting for Mayor Rivera's statement expressing his outrage over this, as well as statements from Barbara L'Italien and Juana Matias. The fact that Judge Feeley let this purveyor of death go free and no politician in Lawrence seems to mind shows that immigrant heroin dealers are of more value to them than the lives of our children.



The City of Lawrence benefits from the drug trade. You would have to have your head in the sand to not realize that at least a few of the businesses in Lawrence got their start by laundering drug money. After one of the drug busts this spring, I searched the internet for information on their ringleader and got more hits for real estate transactions than in the police logs. No mortgages needed.

In Council news, the Ordinance Committee managed to meet three times in a row and then needed a well deserved rest, so cancelled their second meeting of May. Councilors Payano and De Pena were no shows for the second Budget and Finance Committee meeting in May, causing it to be cancelled due to lack of quorum. I'm sure they had good excuses.

Being qualified and bilingual is clearly not enough to merit you a position in this city. Many residents of the city are unhappy with the new choice for School Superintendent, Cynthia Paris. The choice of Ms. Paris, who is bilingual and has Hispanic roots, was decried because evidently she doesn't exhibit her ethnicity enough.

In Lawrence, you must not only be

MassDEP Fines Andover Trucking Company \$33K from Fuel Spill

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has fined Airfreight Express Corp. of Andover \$33,000 for failing to take actions to address a release of diesel fuel to the environment from one of its vehicles following a motor vehicle accident in 2016 and for failing to submit to MassDEP any of the required documents concerning the fuel spill.

On August 22, 2016 at 6:20 a.m., the Massachusetts State Police notified MassDEP that a sudden release of diesel fuel had occurred on Interstate 495 northbound at the Massachusetts Turnpike exit ramp. An estimated 100 gallons of diesel fuel leaked from a tractor-trailer unit owned and operated by Airfreight Express Corp. following a motor vehicle accident. The spill impacted the roadway and soil at the site.

The company is required to notify MassDEP within two hours of the spill, and failed to do so. The company was also responsible for hiring a cleanup contractor to address the spill, but indicated it

was unable to do so, and MassDEP hired a state contractor to complete the cleanup. Over the next 18 months, the company also missed a number of required deadlines to file reports with MassDEP concerning the spill, its classification, and its eventual assessment and final remediation status.

"Operators of commercial vehicles involved in motor vehicle accidents must take prompt action to address releases of fuel oils that are released to the environment," said Mary Jude Pigsley, director of MassDEP's Central Regional Office in Worcester. "This includes filing all necessary plans and documents to ensure proper cleanup of any spilled fuel or oils in the interest of public health, safety, welfare and the environment."

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

Hispanic, but must embrace your Hispanic culture. It must be the alpha and omega of your existence. The word "bilingual" in city job postings seems to be a code for "Hispanics Only". School Committee Vice Chair Marianela Rivera keeps complaining about how this choice by the oversight board, and the receivership itself, is a form of colonialism.

I searched the internet for the definition of colonialism. The first definition, which I assume must be politically correct, states that colonialism is "the policy or practice of acquiring full or partial political control

over another country, occupying it with settlers, and exploiting it economically." I'm not touching that one with a ten foot pole!

We had demonstrations supporting illegal immigrants in the city on May 1 and June 8. From the pictures I saw, hardly anyone went to either one. Our neighborhood planner Wendy Luzon was earning her taxpayer funded salary at both of the rallies. If you can't get a decent showing at an event in favor of illegal immigrants in Lawrence, you're in trouble.

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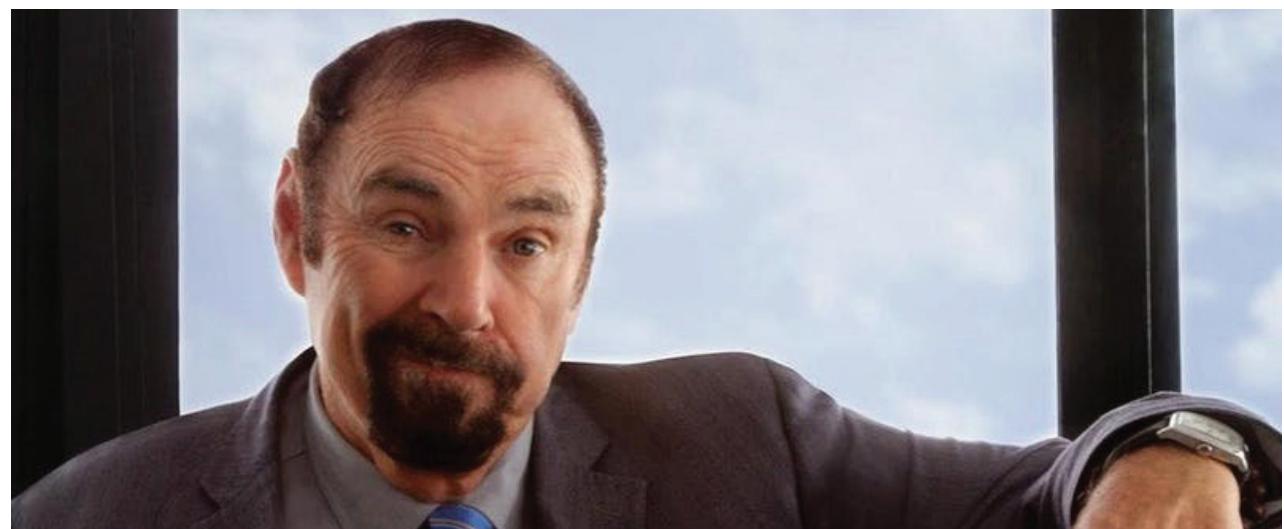
Steve has made a name for himself around the country with his stand up and his numerous movie appearances (Back To School, There is Something About Mary, Celtic Pride, Me Myself and Irene, Next Stop Wonderland, Southie, Bleed For This and more!)

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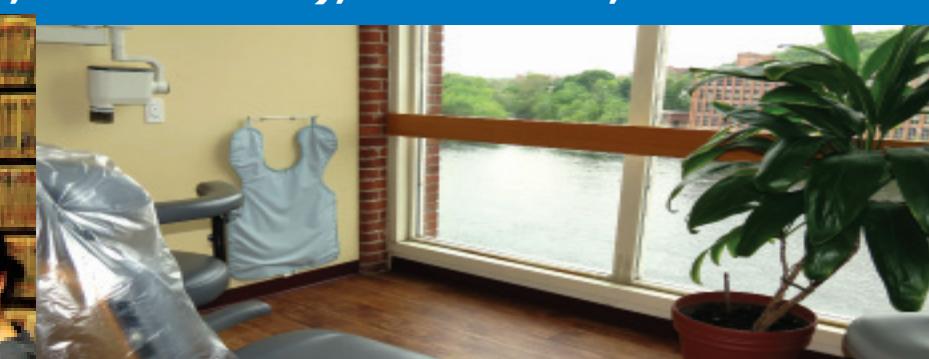
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Why Isn't Dracut Budgeting for Capital Expenses?

Brian Genest

VALLEY PATRIOT DRACUT COLUMNIST

Hold onto your wallets in Dracut, again. Town hall is trying to raise property taxes, again. New Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusions are being pushed, again.

The only thing less surprising than another attempt to get around Prop 2 ½ is that it took so long for it to happen. Sadly predictable. Every two or three years lately, Dracut property owners have to go through this special-election-to-raise-taxes crap.

This time, Town Manager Jim Duggan brought an article to June town meeting asking for a debt exclusion that combines \$4 million for a new fire station in Collinsville and \$950,000 for security in Dracut Public Schools.

Just about everything about this current proposal is wrong...

It was wrong to initially group these two items together. What reason, besides politics, could there possibly be for doing so? Voters have shown little interest in school department overrides in recent years; attaching additional school spending to the fire station was a blatantly obvious attempt to try to get it passed via piggyback, as it likely has little chance on its own. Thanks to Ray Leczynski, GOP candidate for State Rep in Dracut and Tyngborough, who led the charge at town meeting, the items have been split into two ballot questions and will be voted on separately during the state primary election September 4th.

It's the wrong time for more tax increases. Property taxes are high enough in town already. Residents are already paying additional taxes above the limits set by Prop 2 ½ as a result of debt exclusions that were passed for the new library, police station and \$60 million high school. Burdening property owners with even more new taxes right now is too much all at once.

It's the wrong way to pay for capital projects. The fact that Dracut needs a new fire station in Collinsville shouldn't be a surprise to anyone with eyesight. What should be surprising and alarming is the lack of capital planning in recent years to ensure projects like fire stations happen within the budget, instead of through additional tax increases.

In case you've lost track, this is the third time in six years that Dracut property owners are being asked to raise our own taxes. In 2013, a whopping 72% of voters said "no" to two Prop 2 ½ overrides -- \$2.9 million for schools and \$200,000 for police, fire and public works. In 2016, voters again rejected two Proposition 2 ½ overrides -- \$560,000 for additional police

officers and firefighters and \$550,000 to install wireless technology in the elementary and middle schools.

Operating expenses and capital projects should be part of the budget, not contingent on continual tax hikes. It's a bad way to do business. (An override should never be done for operating expenses; it's contrary to solid municipal budgeting practices!) The voters keep sending the same message, but it keeps falling on deaf ears at town hall.

Speaking of which, remember what happened when Dracut needed to build a new town hall? In 2006, taxpayers were told we had to override Prop 2 ½; there was absolutely no other way to pay for the project. The only problem, as you may have guessed, was the pesky voters; they rejected the \$9 million override. But, fear not; the town subsequently "found" the money in the budget. An Arlington Street miracle!

Know what else was "found" in the budget? A \$24,000 raise for the town manager last year, after a split 3-2 vote by the Board of Selectmen. Another Arlington Street miracle!

According to The (Lowell) Sun, Selectmen Chairwoman Alison Hughes said at the time that Duggan's performance warranted a large raise based on the impact he's having on the town financially. "Yes, it is a lot of money. But Mr. Duggan is a fiscally responsible town manager. He's brought in more money than we've seen in the last 30 years and we need to keep Mr. Duggan on."

Apparently, enough money hasn't been brought in for Dracut to stop trying to chip away at Prop 2 ½ and squeeze every last dime from town taxpayers.

I'm in favor of the new fire station. I'm in favor of school safety. I'm in favor of the money for both being "found" in the town's nearly \$80 million budget. Enough is enough! I'm holding out for yet another Arlington Street miracle.

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Prop 2 1/2 Override Not an Option for Methuen

D.J. Deeb

METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Methuen School Committee held a budget workshop meeting on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 to discuss the upcoming Fiscal Year 2019 budget. In April, the School Committee voted to request that the Mayor and School Committee approve a budget of \$82.5 million, a nearly 14% increase over last year's budget of \$72 million. This comes after years of not filling positions through attrition as enrollment numbers continue to climb and Special Education mandated costs continue to soar. I would have supported an increase in the budget, but 14% was just too high. At the same time, spending on other city departments continues to spiral out of control while the School Department remains underfunded. City leaders must demonstrate fiscal responsibility to help offset state-mandated school expenses.

City spending increases have averaged 3% annually for the last 10 years. In contrast, the School Department has increased only 2.2% annually over the past 10 years. The School Department has made numerous cuts while the City continues to add positions to the budget and give out huge raises. The Mayor suggested at the May 29th meeting that City officials may want to consider a Proposition 2.5 Override. I reject calls for a Proposition 2.5 override. Our residents cannot afford this. We need a fairer allocation of resources within our current budget. It's time for shared fiscal responsibility. Our schools should not have to face cuts every year while the City continues to add other positions to the budget.

Last year, in FY 2018, the School Department was the only major department in the City to reduce its operating budget.

It cut its operating expenses by 2 percent. In contrast, the Police Department saw an increase of 3.2 percent (9 percent in FY 2017), the Fire Department received an increase of 1.5 percent (9 percent in FY 2017), and the Department of Public Works (DPW) saw an increase of 5 percent (6.5 percent in FY 2017).

The number of students enrolled in Methuen Public Schools is climbing and the number of students in need of special services is also increasing significantly. The number of students with disabilities has increased from 15.3% in 2005 to almost 18% in 2018. The Mayor has proposed a \$76 million budget, but with rising enrollments, approximately \$78 million will be needed to level-fund services. This means no new positions will be added. Less than that amount means cutting services, imposing user fees, and layoffs of teachers and school personnel. If the schools had received 3% annual increases like other city departments over the past 5 years the FY 2019 budget would be \$78.7 million. In considering the Methuen Schools Budget, the following facts taken from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding Methuen Schools should be noted:

* Bottom 15% of districts for total per pupil expenditure

* Bottom 9% of districts for per pupil expenditure for administration

* Bottom 5% for per pupil expenditure for instructional materials, equipment, and technology

All things considered, the teachers and support staff are doing an excellent job educating and providing quality services to the students of Methuen Public Schools

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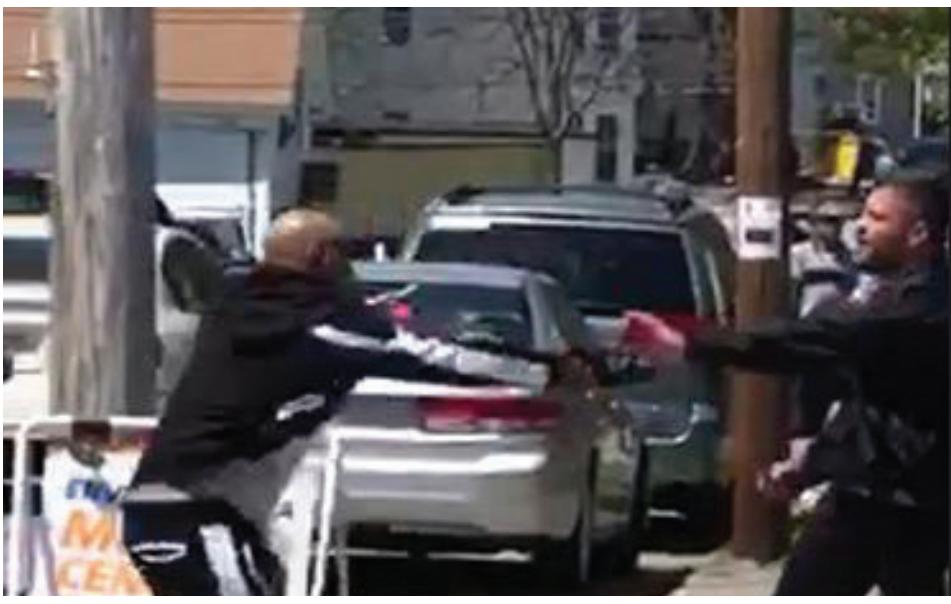
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Darlene Santos (middle) with her copy of The Valley Patriot and a copy of our book "Heroes in Our Midst" at the Lawrence High Alumni Scholarship Dinner. Santos walked away with \$3,465 in scholarship money as our Valley Patriot JrROTC scholarship winner from last March's Charity BASH! At right is Eugene Smith who established the scholarship for a JrROTC Student going into the military.

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BENEATH THE SURFACE

Community Flag Retirement Box

Donny Jarvis

VALLEY PATRIOT VETERAN COLUMNIST

In 2017 I started a volunteer group called Preserving Newbury, and last year we started a Community Flag Retirement Box which is located at the Byfield Fire Department. The high volume of flags the box continues to collect got me thinking - where are people replacing their flags? Why can't they do it right here at the same time when they retire their flag? (FYI - several thousand flags have been collected at this location since 2016).

I tossed around this thought to a few people and then the idea came up of taking an old newspaper vending machine and converting it into selling American Flags. So I reached out to the Daily News of Newburyport and explained to them the idea and within a few weeks they had an old newspaper box for the project.

Currently there is a bit of a learning curve that I am stuck on, and I'm hoping I can reach and connect with the right people to help and assist. These newspaper boxes were meant to accept change - I need to be able to have the ability to take payments larger than a few dollars and still have the ability to unlock the box. I have a few ideas on what a "P.O.S - Point of Sale" could look like for the box, but it's beyond my knowledge on how to make it work. If someone is interested in helping with this piece please let me know. There are some people who I've been suggested to connect with and am working on connecting with them, but I feel the more people working on this the better the suggestion.

In regards to where this vending machine will be placed, I have spoken with the Newbury Fire Chief about placing it next to the flag retirement box at Byfield Fire. He will be bringing the discussion before the board at the department for a vote and discussion. However, I would like to have and see more than one of those out in the community in highly



visible and trafficked locations. I've been eyeing possible locations in Newburyport, Amesbury, and Haverhill while I have been out driving around.

With regards to the flags, the cost, and the profits. I have been talking with the flag company I use to purchase the grave marker flags that go out for Memorial Day. What I am going for is American Flags that are full size (4' x 6' or 5' x 8'), embroidered, and packaged individually in boxes (which will allow them to be stacked in the vending machine respectfully). Yes, all the flags will be Made in America - just like the flags we place at the veteran graves in Newbury. We are currently looking

at purchasing our American flags from MassCOR - the flags would be made here, in Massachusetts, through a rehabilitation program offered by the Department of Corrections.

My goal is to keep the cost of the flags around the same price you would pay for them at the store. So it's fair and reasonable. All proceeds from the sales of the flags would go and support the care of veteran graves. We would only need to cover the cost of supplies as the work itself would be done by volunteers who have been properly taught and trained by the guidelines Preserving Newbury was taught from Historic Gravestone Services.

I am currently looking to partner up with a veteran organization (501c3) on this project and I have already started talking with an organization about this project. I feel this vending will be a great way to honor our veterans and our flag- the flag they once protected, now protects them and cares for them as they once cared for the flag. Each vending machine would be in honor and memory of a veteran killed in action.

If you are interested in helping make this vending machine, or you have ideas you would like to share pertaining to the vending machine, please feel free to contact me via email - donnie@preservingnewbury.com

Three Sacred Cows Attacked
Only One Pays the Price

Paul Murano

VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Recently we experienced an unusual coincidence through the mass media. Three sacred cows of the left – racial minorities, women, and homosexuals – have been publicly offended by three women breaking the unwritten laws of the Progressive Manifesto, which are fiercely guarded by the PC police. These verbal attacks came from Rosanne Barr (race), Samantha Bee (sex), and Joy Reid (homosexuality), all of whom have established themselves as heroes to the regressive ‘progressive’ movement – one as an actress, one as a comedienne, and the other as a political commentator. One of the three, however, more recently came out as a Trump supporter and lost all her credibility with them. How did our leftist establishment media respond to three insulting politically incorrect gaffs? Was it with objective fairness, consistency, and reason? Was it with equal compassion and forgiveness across the board? Absolutely not. One woman was immediately dumped from her network while the other two remain hosting their shows relatively unscathed.

The establishment media loudly applauded ABC’s move to dump Rosanne immediately; yet, there has been public support for the other two ladies. This response demands the question: Is racism worse than sexism or homophobia? (I hate that last word, since fear has nothing to do with being morally opposed to unnatural behaviors.) Is that what we should take from this? Is there a hierarchy of value with each of these groups? Or perhaps these questions are too reasonable as a response to the progressive establishment’s justice system.

Let’s first do a quick thought experiment. Suppose it was Bee or Reid that made the racist remark while the Trump supporter Rosanne made the vulgar sexist quip. Would Rosanne still have her show? Would the other two ladies be fired with their careers and reputations destroyed? The answer is pretty obvious. What conclusion, then, can we take from this? It seems to indicate that it’s not so important what a person says, but

rather who says it and against whom it is said. It seems, therefore, Samantha Bee of Comedy Central and Joy Reid of MSNBC got passes since they are still part of the Culture of death family, and, at least Bee’s remark was an attack against the right person – President Trump’s daughter.

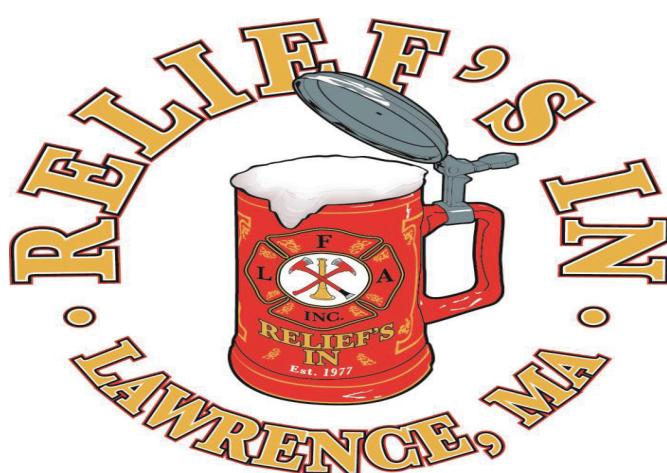
While all three ladies violated the rules of the Dictatorship of Relativism, only one paid the price. This proves what we all already knew, that the end justifies the means on this ‘progressive’ march toward oblivion. Morality is subjective and situational, rendering civilized behavior an archaic idea of the past. Consistency is a foreign concept since reason and logic have been rejected. What is important is power, and this power must be used to overthrow reality as it is, to replace it with what we declare it to be. This agenda begins with altering the language and continues with spreading the message, overtly and covertly, through the media and academia to mold a culture. Anyone getting in the way of this project – even if you were part of the family in the past – is mowed over.

Movements like this have popped up throughout history, and results have not been pretty. Whenever a people belligerently stand up to the Author of life and seek to dethrone Him by declaring reality to be as they desire it rather than what it actually is, only bad things happen. Any sane person can see the blatant hypocritical inconsistency in how the left has responded to these three women and their offensive remarks. In our post-sane era, however, this apparently does not matter.


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Bharani Padmanabhan, MD, PhD
MEDICAL CORRUPTION COLUMNIST

The U.S. FDA long ago approved medicines for the treatment of patients whose brains respond differently to pain medicines that work at the various opioid receptors in the brain.

As is evident, not all brains are the same and so responses to different medicines vary greatly. That is a normal everyday aspect of medical care.

The vast majority of people on earth will never become addicted to any pain medicine no matter how long they take them.

Around 5% of people however have brains that simply continue to demand those medicines even when there is no medical need for them. These people are unable to control their brains and need medical help to do so.

That 5% statistic has stayed remarkably stable over the years that the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration has been tracking it. The percentage of people who divert or abuse pain medicines prescribed to them by doctors has never gone above 5% over the past 10 years. Meaning 95% of patients prescribed pain medicines never ever have a problem.

There are no addictive substances on this earth, only addictive brains.

And the data is now overwhelming that those whose brains are different in this regard, and chronically seek heroin and other opiates, respond very well to the FDA-approved medicine available just for them, called buprenorphine (Suboxone).

Which brings us to detainees in county jails and convicts in both jails and prisons.

It is already recognized under Federal law that people with drug addiction are people who are disabled under the definitions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12102 and 28 C.F.R. § 35.108, and are covered by the ADA's protections against discrimination which also provides that health and drug rehabilitation services cannot be denied based on a person having engaged in illegal drug use. 42 U.S.C. § 12210(c).

Sheriff Coppinger and others are on record that a high percentage of both detainees and convicts are drug addicts within the meaning of the ADA. The statute excludes persons who are considered "casual drug users" and protects only those who have had trouble from the drug

and numerous relapses, meaning a chronic addiction.

As a matter of law, when jails and prisons issue blanket bans on detainees and convicts retaining access to buprenorphine treatment for their disability while an inmate, without conducting an individual analysis for each detainee or convict, they are in clear violation of the ADA.

Not providing buprenorphine to a drug addict is as much a violation of the ADA as refusing insulin to a diabetic or levodopa to someone with Parkinsonism or an anti-platelet agent to an inmate who has suffered a stroke.

This past week a county jail in Washington State has been sued under the ADA for just such an impermissible blanket ban. *Kortlever v. Whatcom County*, 2:18-cv-00823, WD Wa.

Blanket bans in jails are issued mostly on the basis of a moral claim (virtue signaling) or budgetary concerns. Neither will withstand scrutiny in Federal court under a recognized ADA discrimination claim.

Sheriff Coppinger would be well advised to demonstrate leadership and ensure both detainees and convicts in his county jail have full individual access under MassHealth to generic buprenorphine, properly prescribed by a doctor and monitored in-house by a nurse.

This would avoid having to defend an expensive class action lawsuit as well as remove the incentive for smuggling and related corrupt acts by his own staff.

Now that buprenorphine is even available as a once-monthly injection, there are no legitimate roadblocks to its use for inmates considered high-risk for daily use.

"Everyone who seeks treatment for opioid use disorder deserves the opportunity to be offered the treatment best suited to the needs of each individual patient, in combination with counseling and psychosocial support, as part of a comprehensive recovery plan," said FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, M.D.

Again, no policy that is a blanket ban shall survive scrutiny. The time for real leadership is now.

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House Passes DiZoglio Bill to Help Veterans with Cost of Emergency Medical Services

(BOSTON) – The Massachusetts House of Representatives has passed legislation sponsored by State Representative Diana DiZoglio (D-Methuen) to assist veterans in need of emergency medical assistance.

Currently, veterans in need of emergency medical attention who are not near a VA hospital are transported to the nearest non-VA hospital, where they do not necessarily receive the same coverage provided to those who are near a VA hospital. Depending on income, health care services are often covered in full by VA benefits at a VA hospital.

DiZoglio's legislation, House Bill 2765, An Act establishing emergency medical services for veterans, was included as part of a comprehensive veterans benefit bill passed by the House on May 23. The bill directs the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Department of Veterans' Services and the Center for Health Information and Analysis to conduct an investigation into the transportation of veterans in emergency medical situations to non-VA hospitals.

The study, which is to be completed by no later than March 2019, will determine reimbursement guidelines for ambulance services to non-VA hospitals and identify any gaps to insure proper continuity of care for veterans.

DiZoglio was inspired to file this legislation by Newbury resident Donald Jarvis, a disabled combat veteran.

"I am very grateful that Rep. DiZoglio is helping to lead the charge on this," said Jarvis. "This will impact every veteran in the Commonwealth, whether they served two years or 20 years in the military. When we are in an emergency, our veterans are there for us and now it is time for us to be there for them. We owe it to our veterans to have their backs when they need us most."

"This bill is so important to me because right now, no one can seem to agree on what it is exactly that America stands for," said Army veteran Sara Keefe. "It is a travesty and a disgrace to our country that we would even consider anything other than taking care of the very basic essential medical needs of those that were willing to sacrifice everything for the security and comfort of those that could not or would not do so themselves."

"One of the obstacles our veterans face is transportation," said Joseph Leblanc, District Director of Veterans Services for the Town of North Andover. "Even more daunting is transportation for veterans who are non-ambulatory, or wheel chair bound. There isn't much out there. The services that are in place are overtired and understaffed or very convoluted to access."

"All too often, veterans in need of emergency medical services find themselves saddled with huge medical costs because there are gaps in the current system. If you're a veteran and don't live near a VA hospital, you will most likely be transferred to the closest hospital if you have a medical emergency. If you were taken to a VA hospital, your emergency care would be covered by the VA. Unfortunately, emergency medical services provided to veterans at a non-VA hospital do not always end up being covered by the VA. There are gaps in the process and many have had to figure out how to pay out of pocket when they shouldn't have. We need to make sure that the system is fair and equitable for all of our heroes regardless of their zip code and how far away they live from a VA hospital. This measure will provide legislative solutions to make sure these gaps are filled, potentially saving many from unnecessary exorbitant emergency medical costs."

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IN THE GROOVE with Cindy Annis

George Harrison Part 1

Cindy Annis

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I hope you enjoyed the Ringo Starr column, last month. Let's see if we can pique your interest in moving deeper into the Beatles with George Harrison. George was born in Liverpool, England on February 25, 1943. His father was Harold Harrison. He did some bus conducting and was also a steward for the White Star Line. The "Titanic" was one of the White Star Line's ships. His mother was Louise. She was Irish Catholic and she was more or less, a stay at home mom. She worked in shops occasionally, and she taught ballroom dancing on many occasions, also. He had one sister named after her mother, and two brothers. Harold, and Peter. George was the youngest of the four kids.

Music was going to be the biggest part of Harrison's life. It started before he was born when his mother would listen to "Radio India" This might even be where Harrison first learned to love the sounds of tablas, and sitars. Louise thought this music would actually calm down the unborn, George. His mom wanted nothing more for her children than happiness. She learned early that George was into music.

George, like Ringo Starr, wasn't born into money. The family lived in what was called a terraced house. Not a lot of space and an outhouse, and the only source of heat was a small coal burning stove used to heat the whole place. However, it was on a dead-end street. They moved to a Council House. This was basically low-income housing. When George was five he went to Dovedale Primary school, which was the local elementary school. When he was about 9 years old, he took something called the Eleven-Plus Exam and he was allowed to attend the Liverpool Institute High School for Boys. He went there from 1954 to 1959. He took the music courses they offered, but he found them unfulfilling as they did not have any guitars in the courses.

George loved music and like everyone,

he had his favorites. Cab Calloway and Hoagy Carmichael had a lot of influence on the young George Harrison. As the 1950s came in, George added a couple more names to that playlist. Carl Perkins and Lonnie Donegan also helped shape him in music. There is the story of George having an epiphany early in 1956. While riding his bicycle in the neighborhood, he heard someone playing Elvis Presley's "Heart-Break Hotel," and this pointed him straight to Rock & Roll! He said that seeing Slim Whitman was the first time he had ever seen someone playing guitar. Even though his father was not so thrilled with George's pursuit of a music career, he bought George his first guitar. It was a Dutch Egmond acoustic guitar. He had a friend who taught George how to play a few songs. It didn't take long before George, his brother Peter, and a friend named Arthur Kelley started their own Skiffle group called The Rebels.

Remember that Liverpool Institute High School for Boys? I failed to mention a couple of things. First, George had to take the bus to get to school. And second, he met Paul McCartney on that bus as Paul was going to the same school. They had no problems getting along right away, as their interests and love of music was similar.

George joined the Beatles, when the Beatles were still called the Quarrymen. George and Paul McCartney were friends from school and Paul told his bandmate, John Lennon, about him. So, in March of 1958, George went to the Rory Storm's Morgue Club to audition for a spot with The Quarrymen. The audition went well, but John thought that George was a bit too young as he had just turned 15 years old. Wow! Can you imagine trying out for the Beatles at 15 years old!! Anyways, Paul set up another tryout. This time George would play a song called "Raunchy," on guitar. This audition was on the upper deck of a bus in Liverpool, running

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A Dose of Healthy Living Through Social Media

Rick Bellanti

VALLEY PATRIOT CONTRIBUTOR

In this new age of Social Media that surrounds us in our daily life with the likes Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram, it's a miracle that anyone gets any work done anymore. From the President of the United States with daily tweets to my twelve year old daughter posting cat videos on YouTube, it's now part of our daily lives. It's time we learn to embrace it and use it to our advantage.

I have used social media to my advantage many times (even taking online guitar lessons from YouTube). I have a health and wellness Facebook page (Getting Healthy with Rick Bellanti) as well as a Tumblr blog page where you can read all my past columns conveniently on one page. There is a wealth of information out there right at our fingertips 24/7, so no more waiting for libraries to open or pulling out the old dusty encyclopedias when researching.

Social media sites like Facebook can help you when you are starting a new diet / wellness program and being transparent and honest publicly will help keep you accountable and also get you the support from friends doing the same. Sometimes, the problem is that people around you do not support what you are trying to do. They don't understand because they are not having the same problems that you are having and everyone knows having a support system is crucial for changes in lifestyle and successful weight loss. It is very hard to do it on your own and stick to it but now you can visit Facebook pages with the same healthy interests you have and make friends with similar interests and goals as well. On days when

you feel overwhelmed as if your goals are impossible, your Internet weight loss community can help you.

Twitter can also be an effective tool in a weight loss program because of the increased access to information, accountability, and social support. Updates in real time that followers can comment on and re-tweet is very helpful when posting diet or workout tips that can help others. Studies have recently shown that people with stronger social media connections use these online relationships as an exchange of ideas, encouragement, accountability and motivation, showing greater weight loss and positive outcomes.

As you see your success happening, a healthier, slimmer or toner you, don't be afraid to share it with your followers. Post your before and after pictures, send out Instagram photos and get yourself out there to inspire others. It will also help to see your old self when you start to feel like you need motivation to keep going, just look back at your pictures to see how far you've come (and don't forget to celebrate your successes). When you post pictures of yourself on social media websites, your followers have a chance to congratulate you on your success, this can work as an incredible motivator for you because public recognition serves as a great motivating force in our society today.

I use my personal Facebook page to post things such as workout tips, before and after photos, healthy recipes and give helpful advice for those that reach out to me with questions. I have friends that I help coach from all over the U.S. as well as Canada, and as far away as New Zealand and Australia. Sometimes people

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through town. The rest is Beatles history. In writing about the Beatles as individuals you come up against a very unique problem. Just about everything these guys did as The Beatles is in part of everything they did "after the Beatles." Just the opposite holds true. Just about everything they did "after the Beatles" shows a certain amount of the Beatles in it. Whether it is in the music, the instrumentation, the lyrics, or the attitude. It came from the Beatles. I am going to try to finish George Harrison bypassing "a very short part of my life."



You can hear George's music when you listen to Cindy's Vinyl Vault. Remember, we play the best music ever recorded on vinyl. We're at 980 WCAP Radio every Sunday night at 10:00, Monday night at 11:00 and Wednesday night at 10:00, and remember folks, it's not how old it is, but how great it sounds!

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just need a little inspiration to help them along with their own wellness journeys. I try to surround myself with positive uplifting people and get inspired almost on a daily basis from the same people that say I inspire them.

So, post about signing up for a weight loss program or joining a gym. The people complaining that they don't want to see the healthy meal you just made or the selfie from the gym (from killing an intense workout), are the same people at home sitting on their couch, not being active. If they don't want to see it, they can

unfollow you, this is for you not them.

Adapting a new lifestyle or weight loss program is not an easy task to take on by yourself. Let your online community help you adjust to the new you and inspire you. There is no doubt that social media sites can help you live healthier and reach your weight loss goals and you just never know who you will inspire in return.

Rick Bellanti is a wellness columnist and is on a journey himself to lose 240lbs, and has lost 160lbs since the start of 2015. You can find Rick on Facebook at: Getting Healthy with Rick Bellanti



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TV TALK WITH BILL CUSHING



Bill's TV Talk Summer Preview

Bill Cushing
VALLEY PATRIOT TV COLUMNIST

There was a time, not long ago, when summer was just a vast wasteland for TV viewers. Reruns as far as the eye could see. Now with advent of streaming services and hundreds of channels, that is no longer the case. These days TV fans are lucky enough to have original programming year round. Here are some of the new and returning shows you should check out this summer.

Castle Rock (Hulu) – This new anthology series from J.J. Abrams is based on themes and characters from the universe of Stephen King. Andre Holland, Sissy Spacek, Bill Skarsgård, and Scott Glenn will star in this series that takes place in the spooky town of Castle Rock. Season 1 will center on a lawyer (Holland) who returns to his hometown to represent a man (Skarsgård) incarcerated in Shawshank Prison. Premieres July 25.

Dietland (AMC) – Based on the novel of the same name, this series takes us into the life of Plum Kettle (Joy Nash) who ghostwrites an advice column for Kitty Montgomery (Julianna Margulies), the editor of a New York teen magazine. The show is narrated by Plum as she sets out on a wildly complicated road to self-awakening. At the same time, everyone is buzzing over news reports about men, accused of sexual abuse and assault, who are disappearing and meeting untimely, violent deaths and Plum may unwittingly be involved. Premieres June 4.

Jack Ryan (Amazon) – This series based on Tom Clancy's CIA superstar, follows Ryan on his first mission as he uncovers a pattern in terrorist communication that launches him into the center of a dangerous gambit with a new breed of terrorism that threatens destruction on a global scale. John Krasinski (The Office) steps into the role previously played by Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford, Ben Affleck, and Chris Pine. Premieres August 31.

Yellowstone (The Paramount Network) – Kevin Costner stars in his first regular TV series role as John Dutton, a widower who owns and operates a massive cattle ranch in Montana named Yellowstone. He runs the ranch with the help of his children and together they struggle to fight off the greedy politicians, developers, and

local Native tribes that want a piece of the Dutton family business. Premieres June 20 on The Paramount Network (formerly Spike TV).

Sharp Objects (HBO) – This series is adapted from the novel by Gillian Flynn, author of Gone Girl. It stars Amy Adams as a crime reporter who has just been released from a psychiatric hospital for years of self-harm. She returns to her hometown to investigate the murder of two young girls. Premieres July 8.

The Sinner (USA) – Bill Pullman returns as Detective Ambrose, this time investigating an 11-year-old boy who has murdered his parents. Carrie Coon (The Leftovers, Fargo) joins the cast. Jessica Biel will not return, but stays on as executive producer. Premieres August 1.

Goliath (Amazon) – Billy Bob Thornton returns as Billy McBride who, after winning a huge verdict in the Birns Tech case, is reluctantly pulled back into the law when his friend's 16-year-old son is arrested for a double homicide. Premieres June 15.

Trial & Error (NBC) – The legal comedy series returns for a second season. New York lawyer Josh Segal (Nicholas D'Agosto) is back and takes on his next big case. Defending the eccentric first lady of East Peck, Lavinia Peck-Foster (Kristin Chenoweth), known for her flamboyant outfits, large hats and hairless cat, and who suddenly finds herself accused of the bizarre murder of her beloved husband. Premieres July 19.

Also watch for: **Suits** (July 18, USA), **The Affair** (June 17, Showtime), **GLOW** (June 29, Netflix), **Luke Cage** (June 22, Netflix), **Snowfall** (July 19, FX)

There you go, those are some of the highlights of this summer's original slate of programming. There will be no shortage of things to watch when the weather gets hot. Enjoy, and as always, stay tuned!



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at U.S. Military check points in Iraq. She never cooked once the entire time she was in Iraq, never flipping a single pancake. During World War II, shortly after D-Day, June 6, 1944, and especially after the Battle of the Bulge, hundreds of clerks and cooks, found themselves reclassified as Infantrymen, and were quickly sent to Infantry units to replace killed, wounded, or captured soldiers.

Illustrating the sacrifice men and women make when enlisting in the military, in both wartime and peacetime, is an interesting story Henry told be at breakfast. Before the 276th even got to combat in Europe, seven of its members received the prestigious U.S. Army Soldier's Medal. This was for saving the lives of their fellow soldiers who nearly drowned when their Army truck got stuck in a swollen creek at Fort Campbell, Kentucky during training. The seven soldiers rescued twelve of the fourteen men trapped in the vehicle, one man drowned, another was able to save himself. After completing unit training mainly at Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Campbell, Kentucky, they moved to a staging base in New York, and were granted 12 hours leave in New York City, before departing for Europe on July 1, 1944.

On Friday August 25th, 1944, about two and a half months after D-Day, the Battalion went ashore at Utah Beach. A few weeks later on September 12, 1944, around noon, the unit fired its first ever "combat round" near Montot, France. 300 artillery rounds were fired on the Nazis that day, resulting in nearly 300 dead German soldiers and over 1,000 captured German soldiers. This is my fifth formal Veteran interview, and my fourth with a member of the Greatest Generation, all of them agree, that to a nineteen-year-old Nazi soldier, getting captured by the American Army in 1943, 1944, and especially in 1945 was better than winning the lottery. Nearly 100% of the German soldiers captured by the U.S. Army 1942-1945, survived the war. The same cannot be said for their comrades in the field, especially those fighting on the Eastern (or Russian) Front.

Veterans will joke among themselves, about rear echelon service, and front line service. Civilians who never served should not participate in discussions of this in service rivalry. The administrative officer, one of the most popular officers in the Battalion, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Dominick DiStasio, the S-1 or Personnel Officer, on November 25th, was talking with some troops when a German Artillery Round landed nearby, it exploded, and he was killed instantly. These men, mostly raised in the rural American south, were all young, and on the adventure of a lifetime. This casualty, one of many the unit experienced illustrates how dangerous war

zone service can be, despite what job you are assigned. Once in a bar full of servicemen in New Orleans, I overheard some college students teasing a young Air Force Airman about being "desk bound", almost immediately some U.S. Marines came to his aid, defending his service to our Nation, and his branch of service. Veterans can tease each other, but will defend every branch of the service if civilians join in.

With the end of the war in Europe in sight, in December the Battalion started firing leaflets at German villages. The practice giving German civilians some options, and some U.S. Army rules, that helped many survive the war. Rising U.S. Army casualties in the European Theater resulted in twenty-four of the Battalion's Soldiers being reclassified as Infantrymen, and shipped off to Infantry units on December 16th. This was just before the last German Offensive of the war, the "Battle of the Bulge".

On December 31st the Battalions total combat rounds was 41,203 artillery rounds fired from September to December of 1944. Fought in the Battle of the Bulge, crossed into Germany on February 20, 1945. The eighteen artillery pieces assigned to the Battalion, fired 90,000 rounds of 105-millimeter ammunition to secure Victory in Europe. When Germany finally surrendered Henry Naruszewicz, was in Austria with the rest of his Unit on May 8, 1945 VE-Day. According to Henry, first and foremost on everyone's minds was the upcoming invasion of Japan.

After 241 days in Europe, 224 of them in Combat, all Henry and his fellow soldiers could do was talk about Japan. I asked Henry point blank over breakfast, what he thought of President Harry Truman's decision to drop the atomic bomb, President Truman would get Henry's Vote if he ran today.

Discharged after the war along with his older brother Edward, a U.S. Marine, and his younger brother Harry, who one day was attending Lowell High, and a few months later, was piloting a B25 Mitchell Bomber in the Italian Theater of the War. He worked at the Arlington Mill in Lawrence, before and after the war, then embarked on a 31 year stint at 1400 Motors in Lowell, MA. This generation was equally loyal to their employer and their spouse, often staying in the same job, and with the same spouse for their entire adult lives. Henry Naruszewicz and his brothers, came home, got jobs, got married to Stella, Henry and his wife had a daughter Dorothy, and quietly lived their life, just like the rest of military Veterans of the "Greatest Generation". After the war, these men did not need any more excitement in their lives. Listening to him talk of tearing up the German roads in a M3 Tank that he just finished repairing was a wonderful way to have breakfast.

MA It's time to Vote Republican

John MacDonald
LOWELL COLUMNIST

Like thieves in the night State Senate progressive Democrats snuck in another midnight amendment to approve Massachusetts becoming a Sanctuary State. Progressive Democrats are pushing for Massachusetts to become a place that openly accepts illegal aliens, financially supports illegal aliens and openly violates federal law. Already Massachusetts spends \$2 Billion of our tax dollars per year on supporting illegal aliens. Progressive's have already secured and are spending \$2 Billion on housing, healthcare, food stamps and free in state college tuition for illegal aliens. What will the cost be now if the Massachusetts House approves this new effort? What will the cost be relative to our public safety? You know the answers.

Ask progressive (regressive) Democrats to explain to all legal immigrants and naturalized citizens why illegal aliens get a free ride? Ask why following the law, becoming self-reliant and paying taxes isn't something naturalized citizens should strive for? Ask them if they believe if anyone should be a citizen of the United States, because they certainly aren't showing it. You know they answers.

Progressive Democrats support the Millionaires Tax, which they project will raise \$1.9 Billion Dollars in new tax revenue. Connecticut did the same thing some time ago. Connecticut has experienced a loss in state revenue, a mass exodus of millionaires... oh, who by the way... are the people creating most of the jobs in Connecticut. Why would we do this? Where will this new-found money go? Will our communities see more money? Will we see our schools get properly funded? Will our bridges get fixed? Will the pot holes disappear? You know they answers.

Why not eliminate all funding for illegal alien benefits? \$2 Billion that we are already spending could be diverted to much

needed local aide, education and fixing those crumbling bridges that get ignored year after year. Progressive Democrats will not allow it... that's why it won't happen. Why? You know they answer.

Progressive Democrats voted themselves a 40% pay raise. \$18 million dollars per year. They gave themselves a pay raise and have swiftly rejected giving you... you the tax payer... not one tax free holiday weekend. They said yes to enriching themselves and said NO to helping you and Massachusetts business. Why? You know the answer.

What about a break on the state sales tax, which is 6.25% right now? There is going to be a ballot question that will ask Massachusetts voters if they want to reduce the state sales tax to 5%. Here's a surprise... Massachusetts progressive (REGRESSIVE) Democrats are against reducing the state sales tax. Why? The State of Massachusetts has unprecedented amounts of revenue (hey Progressive Democrats... that means you've never had so much money) and yet they want more. Why? You know they answer.

Massachusetts doesn't have a revenue problem. Massachusetts progressive Democrats have a spending problem! Why? You know they answer.

So, what can you do? The answer is simple, and you know what the answer is. Vote Republican. The reason all these ridiculous laws are getting passed and the reason progressive Democrats are so arrogant and dismissive of you... YOU the taxpayer... is because most voters have made it that way. You've voted for an unbalanced, lopsided state government. The overwhelming clear majority of elected officials are.... Democrats. The elected JFK Democrats are dead, dying or are transforming into progressive politicians to save their career. Career politicians? Yes, that's a discussion for another time.

Have you had enough yet? Here's the answer to the change you desire. What have you got to lose? VOTE REPUBLICAN!



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Writing this article was made much easier, with the sharp mind of Henry Naruszewicz, who at 102 years old, not only still enjoyed corned beef for lunch, and eggs for breakfast, and could recall events from 1944 like they happened yesterday. Observing what this man likes to eat, at 102 years old, has given me hope for a long life. Much of the articles details, facts, and figures, came from Sgt. Bruce Palmer's "The History of the 276th Armored Field Artillery Battalion" Second Edition, but Henry's memory of events

was invaluable.

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Rivers of Living Water (Part II)

Peter Larocque

PAYING ATTENTION COLUMNIST

Remember we read last month in part 1 what John the Baptist said in Matthew 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." The fulfillment of this revelation is found in Acts 2:1-4, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, [Heavy Breathing] and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

On this Day of Pentecost, The Apostles were all Baptized with the Holy Ghost, [Spirit]. My friends, this was the very first time that it became available for God's people to receive Salvation, Eternal Life, and become Born-Again! This is what Jesus was referring to in The Gospel of John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, [like himself] that he may abide with you forever;"

Many Christians today have a difficult time with the word FOREVER! Because of wrong teaching many believe that The Holy Spirit leaves you or is taken away from you immediately when you sin. But Jesus said very clearly that the Holy Spirit will abide or STAY with you forever! We give more Power to the first Adam; for instance we know that there is no action or good work that we can do to undo Adam's sin. But in one blink of an eye we can undo what Jesus; the second Adam did for us on the Cross! This wrong teaching leads to wrong believing which is ridiculous! The sin problem was fully taken care of on the cross by Jesus Christ! Jesus our substitute was forsaken so that we will never have to! Hebrews 13:5b clearly states, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Another reason for wrong believing by Christians today is not understanding the meaning of being baptized with the Holy Spirit!

Many Christian churches today still teach, promote and provide being baptized with water to their new converts which we have already read that it is no longer necessary to becoming a Born-Again Christian! There is nothing wrong with water but with the coming of the Greater Baptism of the Holy Spirit the lesser, water baptism is no longer necessary for salvation. Water baptism can still be a blessing today when used properly as a public demonstration and declaration that you are a follower of The Lord Jesus Christ!

On the day of Pentecost, in addition to being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to Speak in Tongues which is an outward manifestation or evidence of the gift which they just received from God on the inside!

Many Christians today, due to a lack of right teaching have little knowledge of what Speaking in Tongues is or what it is for or even if it is still available? Many believe it died off with the original Apostles. This type of wrong teaching which leads to wrong believing is why the Greatest Organization on earth today, The Church of Jesus Christ, is so weak and powerless in this world.

We read earlier that Jesus said that one of the signs which would follow those who would believe on Him would be that they would speak with New Tongues! We also read John 7:38-39, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) = [Meaning Crucified, Resurrected and Ascended].

Why is all this so important for the Christian Believer today? Well one of the big questions that I hear often asked is how can one know for sure that he or she is Born-Again or Saved? My answer is simple, I speak in Tongues!

None of us is perfect, for myself when I mess up and sin I immediately thank God for having forgiven me at the Cross and begin to speak in tongues which reminds me that I am still God's child saved by His Loving Grace!

You see my friends, getting filled with God's Holy Spirit means that you are going to heaven and all hell can't stop you from getting there! That's why Eternal Life is a gift from God which Romans 6:23 tells us, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Speaking in Tongues is also my assurance my guarantee and evidence of what God has put on the inside of me!

God foretold this in Isaiah 28:11-12, "For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear."

I believe without a doubt that God is referring to Speaking in Tongues here in Isaiah and that it will provide the rest and the refreshing that we will need to help live stress-free lives until Jesus Christ returns!

Our original question was, is there "More" after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven for the Christian Believer? The answer is, YES!!

Do you want to know the More? That is all up to you! If you do, start here, Romans 10:9, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Next open your mouth wide, take a deep breath and speak! Let it flow like Rivers of Living Waters!

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Robin's Kitty Corner

Myth and Misconceptions

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VALLEY PATRIOT KITTY COLUMNISTS

Despite their popularity as pets and their ubiquitous presence in the media, cats are probably one of the most misunderstood breed of animals. Myths surrounding these creatures abound, especially among those who are unfortunate enough to have never owned one.

One common misconception that seems to pervade is that cats are "mean". Some people think that when you adopt a cat you can expect a lot of scratching, biting, and hissing, and that cats basically just want to be left alone. As a long time cat owner, I can assure you that nothing could be further from the truth. Well of course your own cats are friendly, doubters are quick to point out, but what about those "other" cats. My answer to anyone that is unfamiliar with the true nature of the breed is to take a look around the cat adoption center at any animal shelter. Here are cats that have been displaced from their homes and now find themselves in a strange, unfamiliar, and stressful environment. Despite their fear and whatever trauma they have faced, these cats will often approach the public and are quick to offer up purrs and head butts in exchange for a pat on the head and a little attention.

If you have never had a cat purring on your lap while you binge watch your favorite Netflix show, or run to greet you at the end of a long day at work, or snuggle up next to you at bedtime, then you haven't experienced the true nature of the cat.

Another common myth that I see perpetuated in every children's book and cartoon is the cliché cat drinking milk out of a saucer. In truth, cats should not be fed milk. Most adult cats are actually lactose intolerant and therefore lack the enzyme that is necessary to digest milk. Feeding cats milk will lead to stomach cramping and diarrhea in most cats. I think this myth persists because kittens nurse from their Mothers when they are babies and they clearly like milk. But even kittens that are unable to access their own Mother's milk should not be fed cow's milk. Neonatal kittens without a Mother should be fed the kitten milk replacer called KMR if no nurs-



ing Queen is available. The best beverage for adult cats is actually water.

One of the more harmful myths about cats is that female cats should be allowed to have one litter of kittens before being spayed. This is actually completely false. The truth is that spaying your cat before having her first litter greatly reduces her risk of getting mammary, ovarian, and uterine cancer. Cats that are spayed before reaching sexual maturity will be healthier than those that are spayed later. In addition to the health risks, allowing your cat to have a litter of kittens is just another way to contribute to the problem of cat overpopulation. Millions of unwanted cats are killed in animal shelters every year because there are not enough homes for all of them. Many more are homeless and die cruel deaths in the streets. When you hand out your kittens to friends and family there is no guarantee that they will do the responsible thing and spay and neuter their pets. Neutering your pet before its first litter is good for its health and goes a long way in preventing overpopulation and homelessness.

I hope I have managed to dispel a few of the common myths surrounding this often misunderstood breed. And please remember, if a black cat crosses your path on your way home tonight, do not worry about having bad luck. It's only a myth.

Please contact Robin Desmet at Rob-injd@comcast.net for questions.

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U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Visits Whittier Tech for Memorial Day Presentation

HAVERHILL -- As Whittier Tech students prepare for Memorial Day weekend, they were reminded of the significance of the holiday at a presentation this week led by retired U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Mike Devin -- a speaker for the Massachusetts Fallen Heroes program.

A nonprofit organization, Massachusetts Fallen Heroes honors soldiers from the state who have been killed in combat and supports their Gold Star families. Since 9/11, 286 soldiers from Massachusetts have lost their lives, including five from Haverhill and one graduate from Whittier Tech, Evan O'Neill, who died at age 19 in 2003, fighting in Afghanistan.

Principal Chris Laganas welcomed students and staff to the assembly in the gymnasium on Monday, May 21. Whittier's chorus sang, "The Star Spangled Banner" and a moving video leading up to Devin's speech showed Gold Star family members talking about their loved ones and the recognition they deserve.

"Amid the barbecues, take a moment to reflect upon those who sacrificed their lives for our country," Devin told students. "Take a moment to look up and think about Pvt. First Class Evan O'Neill who sat in this same gym."

Gathered together on the bleachers, more than half of Whittier's 1,300 students raised their hands when asked if they had a family member who has served in the military. "If your family member made it home, they were lucky," Devin

said.

As part of his presentation to Whittier, Devin shared how he enlisted in the Marine Corps after college when he saw members honor his dad at his funeral.

"It was a sense of camaraderie I wanted to be part of," he said.

The day before he shipped out to Afghanistan, he received news that one of his close friends had stepped on a roadside bomb and lost both of his legs. He was dispatched to the same location, and eventually stepped on an improvised explosive device himself, but luckily it did not detonate.

He spent a year in Afghanistan training Afghan soldiers, followed by four years in Mexico where he trained infantry to fight the drug cartels.

After the assembly, students said they appreciated the overall message and several approached Devin to shake his hand.

"I thought it was nice the way he mentioned Evan O'Neill, and how he told us to enjoy the day, but thank everyone we see who served, to just say thank you for their service," said freshman Keily Martinez, of Haverhill. "I also liked hearing how the Gold Star families support each other."

Members of Whittier's Student Government, led by advisers James Donahue, Jr. and Andrew Cherouvis, brought the Massachusetts Fallen Heroes program to Whittier.

Lawrence Firefighters Local 146 Endorse Vega for Registry of Deeds

Unions are Unanimous for Alexcy Vega

The Lawrence Firefighters Union Local 146 voted unanimously to endorse Alexcy "Alex" Vega for Northern Essex Registry of Deeds at their union meeting last night. This is the third unanimous major endorsement for Alex Vega.

Last month, Vega was endorsed by the Laborers' International Union of North America Building Wreckers Local #1421 and the United Puerto Rican Political Action Committee (UPR-PAC).

"I am honored to have gained the support of the Lawrence Firefighters Union,

the Building Wrecker's and the UPR-PAC, but their support tells me something specific" said Alex Vega.

"Their support tells me that change is needed in the Registry of Deeds. Our unions, just like our citizens, have been underrepresented for far too long. I will work hard every day to ensure our community knows all of the resources and tools available to them while working to make the Office of the Registrar a 21st century office- and I plan to do it full time, not in between errands."

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a bad turn, pitting groups against each other and causing them to be more entrenched rather than more open to solutions. You could see this play out in the anonymous postings that often follow news stories where posters from around the country or world can spout off anonymously, typically leading to name calling and personal attacks. But I found it even more disheartening when a local Facebook page had a bit of this among locals who were using their real names, actual neighbors pitted against neighbors. Among the arguments for and against student walkouts one poster wryly suggested that rather than walking out of class these students should be meeting with their elected officials to discuss ways they think can reduce gun violence. Hmmmm again.

Pentucket High School ended up having an assembly instead of a walkout where students spoke about gun violence and several of them decided to form a group that meets once a week to focus on ideas about it. I learned this because four of those students attended the roundtable discussion I finally got around to arranging at Flatbread in Georgetown where MDA members broke bread with gun owners for our first roundtable discussion. There were a lot of strong feelings in that room but good pizza has a way of keeping people in a good mood. I did my best to steer the language toward actual solutions to gun violence rather than opinions on guns. The mission had also changed a bit. In addition to getting both sides to meet and talk to each other I wanted the young students to see what it looks like when adults act like adults and work together towards a common goal like reducing gun violence.

The gun owners discussed the ineffectiveness of more limitations on their rights, like limiting how many guns they can own, or how many rounds allowed in a magazine. But they did open up about things like better mental health screening and treatment, and maybe better security at school buildings. We brought up the subject of school bullying, not only because it may play a part in school shootings but because it causes lasting harm. As the conversations continued it became apparent that a working group meeting on a regular basis would not only produce excellent solutions to gun violence, but would be helpful in breaking down the walls between those who disagree on the issue and creating much needed dialogue. The students attending would not only see an effective way of solving problems, they would also be part of the solution.

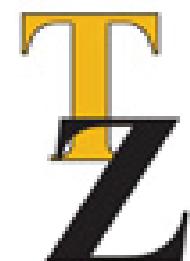
Toward the end Ray, a gun owner and NRA certified gun safety instructor, spoke directly to Rebecca, an MDA member, and even invited her to take some gun safety classes with him. "I don't agree with your opinion on guns Rebecca, but I respect it. And when I see you in public I'm going to say hi, because you're my friend and I respect you."

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Community Unites for Isaiah 58 NH's 5th Annual Charity Benefit...

Western Rockingham County residents will once again gather in support of Isaiah 58 New Hampshire's mission to provide food, clothing and shelter for the homeless and housing insecurity on Friday, September 7, 2018. We need your help to reach our goals this year!

Four years ago Isaiah 58 NH was launched with a mission to provide housing, support services, and life skills training to those in need in the area. Isaiah 58 NH desires to acquire and rehabilitate more housing units that it will own and operate, as well as lease additional apartments which it will manage in order to provide affordable housing for families. Isaiah 58 NH's primary focus area is Western Rockingham County, an area with a lack of homeless shelters and affordable housing.

This year more than ever we really need to pull together and gain new support. We have had a number of fire victims in need of assistance, and our general clients in need have increased dramatically in 2018 so far. With your help, we are hoping to be able to continue to support the folks that we do today with housing and services, increase the hours of Isaiah's Place (a Cafe style drop-in/meeting place where community can meet and anyone can come in for coffee/tea and light refreshments and relaxation, located on Rt 111 in Hampstead), and to continue to expand the operation of our Donation and Distribution Center (in Salem) where free clothing, housewares, and furniture items

are offered to anyone in need.

We hope you can join us at our Fifth Annual Charity Benefit! The evening will include dinner, cash bar, music, panel discussion, silent auction, and time to mingle with guests and each other. The highlight of the evening is the presentation of the "Sheriff Michael Downing Humanitarian Award for Community Service" to a local individual, who has demonstrated outstanding humanitarian service to the community.

We are also looking for businesses and individuals to provide sponsorship (ranging from \$250 to \$5,000), and items for our silent auction also. Please contact Carrie Wieland for details – (603) 234-1982 or carrie@itlmicroworks.com. As a sponsor you'll receive public recognition at the event, and sponsors will be listed on printed and electronic materials given to other attendees and the press. You will be standing with local and statewide leaders as an example of service in your community.

The Fifth Annual Charity Benefit of Isaiah 58 NH is at Atkinson Resort and Country Club on September 7, 2018 from 6:30pm to 10:30pm. Tickets to attend are \$60.00 and can be purchased online at www.Isaiah58nh.com or you can make checks payable to Isaiah 58 NH, and mail to Isaiah 58 NH, 472 Route 111, C4, Hampstead, NH 03841. Isaiah 58 NH is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Thank you in advance for your support!

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 Sat, Jun 30th - 7:30 PM: The Eagles Experience: The Premier Eagles Tribute Show
 Wed, Jul 4th - 4 PM: Fourth of July Celebration with Joppa Flats
 Fri, Jul 6th - 7 PM: DJ Doo Wop Dance Party with Ralphie B
 Sat, Jul 7th - 7:30 PM: Joshua Tree Band: Premier U2 Music Tribute
 Fri, Jul 13th - 7 PM: DJ Doo Wop Dance Party with Ralphie B
 Sat, Jul 14th - 7:30 PM: James Montgomery Band
HAMPTON BEACH SEA SHELL FREE NIGHTLY CONCERTS
 7 - 8PM and 8:30-9:30PM:
 Wed, June 13th: The Reminisants Thurs, June 14th: Angela West – Country
 Fri, June 15th: The Visitors – Country and Rock
 Sat, June 16th: The Continentals
 Sun, June 17th: Throwback to the 60's
 Mon, June 18th: What's Next
 Tues, June 19th: Bobby G – Singer
 Wed, June 20th: The Reminisants Thurs, June 21st: Timmy Brown and the Black Diamond Band – Country
 Fri, June 22nd: Brandy – Jazz
 Sat, June 23rd: ON TAP BAND Sun,

June 24th: Revolver Mon, June 25h: The Reminisants – Oldies

Tues, June 26th: Seacoast Wind Ensemble

Wed, June 27th: The Continentals
 Thurs, June 28th: Houston Bernard – Country

Fri, June 29th: The Old Bastards – Classic Rock

Sat, June 30th: Living on a Bad Name – Bon Jovi Tribute

Sun, July 1st: Overdrive – Rock
 Mon, July 2nd: The Reminisants

Tues, July 3rd: HELP – Beatles Tribute Band

Wed, July 4th: The Continentals
 Thurs, July 5th: The Darren Bessette Band – Country

Fri, July 6th: The 39th Army Band for 2018

Sat, July 7th: Soulmate – Soul, Motown, R&B, Funk, Disco

July 8th-12th: *Country Music Week *

Sunday, July 8: 12-2:30 PM: Mychael David - 3:30-6 PM: Country Roads
 6-7 PM: Line Dance Instruction with Nashville Line Dance Instructor "Michelle Jackson White"

7-8 PM: Angela West and Showdown
 8-8:30 PM: Break
 8:30-9:30 PM: Angela West and Showdown

Mon., July 9th: 12-2:30 PM: Kevin White

3:30-6 PM: Rory Scott
 6-7 PM: Line Dance Instruction with Nashville Line Dance Instructor "Michelle Jackson White"

7-8 PM: Angela West and Showdown
 8-8:30 PM: Break
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 Mon., July 9th: 12-2:30 PM: Kevin White
 3:30-6 PM: Rory Scott
 6-7 PM: Line Dance Instruction with Nashville Line Dance Instructor "Michelle Jackson White"



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7-8 PM: Kevin White's Tribute to Garth Brooks

Tues., July 10th:

12-2:30 PM: Kevin White

3:30-6 PM: Annie Brobst

6-7 PM: Line Dance Instruction with Nashville Line Dance Instructor "Michelle Jackson White"

7-8 PM Tribute to Kenny Chesney

Wednesday, July 11th:

12-2:30 PM: Darren Bessette

3:30-6 PM: Rory Scott

6-7 PM: Line Dance Instruction with Nashville Line Dance Instructor "Michelle Jackson White"

7-8 PM: Ayla Brown

TH., July 12th:

12-2:30 PM: Timmy Brown

3:30-6 PM AJ Gatio

6-7 PM: Line Dance Instruction with Nashville Line Dance Instructor "Michelle Jackson White"

7-8 PM: Jillian Cardarelli

8:30-9:30 PM: William Michael Morgan

HAMPTON BEACH, N.H. EVENTS:

June 13th – 9:30 PM: Fireworks between B and C Streets

June 14th -18th: Annual Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Classic
 (All Day: Thurs, Fri, Sat) On the beach near the stage

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June 16th – 9:30 PM: Fireworks *SPECIAL SHOOT* between B and C Streets

June 20th – 9:30 PM: Fireworks 9:30 pm between B and C Streets

June 23th – Spike U Volleyball Tournament
 (All Day: Sat.) Ocean Blvd., Hampton, NH on the beach

June 27th - 9:30 pm: Fireworks between B and C Streets

June 30th New England Volleyball
 (All Day: Sat.) 170 Ocean Blvd., - on the beach

July 4th - 9:30 PM: Fireworks *SPECIAL SHOOT* between B and C Streets

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to put a case together, the officers and detectives do a great job and the DAs office and the Massachusetts State Police that are assigned to the homicides as well. Those things take a long time to put together. I just had a talk with a bunch of schoolchildren and it was along the same lines that they think because crimes are solved in an hour on TV, with all the technology and this other stuff. I think TV does a disservice to our police function in that capacity where people think it's that easy to solve a crime. They think you just go to a computer in the back room plug in the information you get a hit 10 minutes later and the case is over. It just doesn't work that way.

I will say this in reference to our first murder of this year, we are moving in the right direction, the guys know what they are doing. We are making progress and we are going in the right direction. I am confident in a good outcome on that case.

QUESTION: we published a Video of a guy getting shot on Arlington and Lawrence Street. I know you've issued an arrest warrant for that guy I have not heard that you guys have caught him, can you give us an update?

I don't believe at this point he has been arrested. I know he has been identified we believe he went to another state which is very common, these guys take off and think that if they flee from one area of the country to another we're not gonna find them. We have put that information out nationwide and we are asking for the public's help if anyone has information. That incident was not a random incident. There's history there between the individuals which is what led to that altercation.

Question: The stabbing murder that just happened, from everybody that I spoke to, this was a very bloody scene. Talk about what your guys have to go through from seeing stuff like that.

Lawrence is a busy place. They see a lot of things and that certainly weighs on you as the years go on in your career. It's not easy to go from incident to incident and serious incident to serious incident, whether we are talking something involving a child being abused or a murder, in this case, the domestic murder. It weighs heavily on them. We have to watch for that and hope that we can de-escalate the way the officer feels, get them some help if they think they need some. There's a program where they can go talk to somebody without worrying about losing their job. The unions are both very active in coming to us when an officer needs some assistance and we will get them that assistance. Every person is different, and everyone reacts to scenarios differently. I may feel very differently about a scene than someone else does. So we monitor each other, we look out for each other.

Before John Romero was chief I could go over to an officer at the scene and ask him what happened and he would just tell me on the record. Can we go back to the way it used to be?

No.

Every situation is different. If we are talking about a homicide we have to be very careful about what we say in that situation. We don't want an officer making comments on the scene to someone because a defense attorney is going to use that against us while we are trying to make the case. If you are talking about a car accident, that's a different story. What



we are trying to do is, if someone calls in the station and I'm not there, I will tell the officer in charge, yes you can tell them X,



Y, and Z, but we have to be very careful about each situation and who is saying what to whom. You can't just let people fly off the cuff.

Social media-wise we have tried to put out more information than we ever have and in the last four months, in terms of giving credit to the officers involved, I do that more by naming them when they make a good arrest.

Social media is very effective in letting people know what we are doing and that we are solving these problems. To that point, for the first time ever we put together all the statistics from last year on-line, the good, bad, or ugly. It's all out there, it's transparent. So, you can go in there and find out everything that the PD did last year on-line. We put it on the website, we tweet it out, we put it on Facebook, you can look at everything if you click on the link you can look at everything from noise calls to arrests, what the school officers are doing, and what our goals are. I'm trying to be as transparent as we can.

QUESTION: If you had a magic wand and you could convince the legislature, or the mayor or the council to give you something that you guys could really use to make fighting crime in Lawrence better, for you what would it be?

If you want to take the number of cops off the table, I think the one big thing that the police officers deserve and need in the community quite frankly is a new station. That place is horrible. That will make the officers feel good about what they are doing for their job and the public.

It makes them a more professional department. The ideal station is a place where there can be a community room that the community can use for themselves and they can interact with us coming and going. That's the one thing that I would ask for if I could.

QUESTION: Why does the DA continue to mislead people and say that releasing booking photos is illegal? Is that true?

In the last couple of weeks we've been trying to get some clarification, but I will say this, there are obviously certain times when you definitely should not be able to get a booking photo because there may be some identification issues. Let's say we have a guy that robs somebody and so-and-so is picking him out of a lineup, they consider it prejudicing the case if we have already put his picture out in the news. I would love to plaster people's pictures out there and in some cases we can, when we're talking about prostitution and Johns that we really want to get a message out that if you do this kind of thing in Lawrence we are going to blast your picture out.

But there are certain cases where the DA would prefer us not to do that because they don't want to give the defense any sort of loophole to get the judge to throw an ID out. We are trying to work with them to get some more clarification on that stuff but it's not really cut and dry.

If it was up to me I would plaster everybody's picture out there. I think there's something to be said about shaming people, but we are working to clarify that, we should have an answer for you shortly."

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SUMMER FROM 24

July 8 Thunderbirds Volleyball

(All Day: Sunday) Ocean Blvd., - on the beach - July 8th – 12: NEW! "Country By The Coast"- Country Music Week

12 pm - 9 pm Ocean Blvd, at Seashell Stage

July 9th – 8 PM: Mon. Night Movies On The Beach across from the Playground Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HamptonNHBeach/>

July 11th- 9:30 PM: Fireworks between B and C Streets

GREATER NEWBURYPORT EVENTS:

June 16th, 2018:

10AM: Fourth Annual "Let's Go Outside"- Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

2 PM: A Jack in the Beanstalk Panto! Theater in the Open

4 PM: 7th Annual Flag Day 5K

5 PM: NAA-17th Annual Party & Art Auction - A Night in Bangkok

7 PM: The Actors Studio-An Evening of Intuitive Readings with Michael Gerrish

June 17th - 2 PM: A Jack in the Beanstalk Panto! Theater in the Open

June 18th - 12:15 PM: 29th Annual Golf Tournament

June 21st, 2018 - 3 PM: Newburyport Public Library- Teens End of School Ice Cream Sundae Party - 8 PM: The Actors Studio-The Stand, or Sal is Dead

June 22nd, 2018 - 8 PM: The Actors Studio-The Stand, or Sal is Dead

June 23rd, 2018 - 10 AM: The Byfield Music & Arts Festival

11AM: Newburyport Art Walk 2018

2 PM: A Jack in the Beanstalk Panto! Theater in the Open

8 PM: The Actors Studio-The Stand, or Sal is Dead

June 24, 2018 - 2 PM: The Actors Studio-The Stand, or Sal is Dead

2 PM: A Jack in the Beanstalk Panto! Theater in the Open

7 PM: The Actors Studio-The Stand, or Sal is Dead

June 28th, 2018 - 10 AM: Amesbury Days- Kids Day in the Park

5:30PM: Amesbury Days- Chamber of Commerce Block Party

June 29th - 2:30PM: Newburyport Public Library- Uno Tournament

June 30th - 10 AM: Amesbury Days- Scavenger Hunt

July 1st - 9 AM: Amesbury Days- Carriageway Car Show

July 2nd - 7:30 PM: Amesbury Days- Studio Two Beatles Tribute

July 3rd - 5 PM: Amesbury Days- Kids Night in the Millyard

July 4th - 7 PM: Amesbury Days -Fireworks & Music

July 7th, 2018

3:30 PM: American Rythm & Roots Festival - Hosted by Newburyport Parks

4 PM: Medea- Theater in the Open

July 8th, 2018

4 PM: Medea- Theater in the Open

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ended with high pressure and sunshine with daytime high temperatures in the 80s. Next month we will recap the weather in June and see if we get many days of sun and temperatures in the 80s like the weather that occurred in the last week

of May. Also we will take a look to see if any hurricanes occurred in June. Peak hurricane season runs from mid-August to mid-September because this is when the ocean water temperatures are the hottest. Stay safe and enjoy the rest of spring and the start of summer later this month.



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without user fees and bus fees. Not many surrounding districts can brag about the latter. Let's keep it that way since our property values are largely determined by the desirability of our schools.

Methuen certainly does not have a problem generating revenue from property taxes. In FY 2014, \$71,289,005 was seen. In FY 2015, the City raised \$75,096,643. Finally, in FY 2016, the last year for which data is fully available, the City generated \$79,380,338. This amounts to an increase of 5.4 percent and 5.7 percent respectively. These are the results of rising property values and assessments.

Many homeowners have been rightly complaining about the increases to their residential property tax bills. In Methuen, the residential tax rate was lowered to \$14.27 per \$1,000 assessed value for 2018 from \$14.65 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2017, but the average value of a single-family home increased by 6 percent. The average homeowner can expect to pay over \$150 more per year in taxes. This increase is much higher for many who have homes valued at over \$220,000. A Proposition 2.5 override would adversely impact many seniors, new families, and low-income residents.

There is much to be disappointed about in the Mayor's proposed FY 2019 budget for the City. First off, there are an abundance of raises for city workers contained in the budget proposal. Spending on Police and Fire departments are out of control. The Mayor's proposed budget gives the Fire Department a new position of Municipal Communications Officer at over \$65,000 per year. This is just another waste of taxpayer dollars just like the two current social media coordinators for the Police Department that are costing taxpayers over \$140,000 per year. Worse yet, the Mayor's budget creates two new added positions for the Mayor's Office, an Executive Assistant to the Mayor at a cost of \$112,500 per year, and an Administrative Assistant to the Mayor at a cost of \$56,100 per year. The Mayor currently has

a chief of staff, executive secretary, and head clerk. How many positions do we really need?

In my February and March columns, I outlined many suggestions for cuts in City spending. Last year, the City filled 13 non-civil service municipal positions, hired 10 new firefighters and 3 reserve firefighters, hired 3 new police officers and 9 reserve officers. There were 23 new hires in FY 2016 and 26 new hires in FY 2017. The School Department has been very conservative over the last 5 years. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the rest of the City. I suggested a freeze on all new city positions until the budget spending is brought under control two years ago and I repeat that call today.

I urge Mayor Jim Jajuga and the members of the Methuen City Council to do better! It is time to stop kicking the can down the road. The Mayor's budget in its current June 1st form should be rejected by the City Council. We need a fairer allocation of resources within our current budget. It's time for shared sacrifice and fiscal responsibility. Our schools should not have to face cuts every year while the City continues to add other positions to the budget. City leaders must demonstrate fiscal responsibility to help offset state-mandated school expenses. It is time to provide adequate funding for our schools using our current revenue sources. A Proposition 2.5 override is not an option.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Project File No. 608946

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Haverhill Street (Route 110) at Ames Street Intersection Improvements project in the City of Lawrence, MA.

WHERE: Lawrence Office of Planning & Development Conference Room
225 Essex Street, 3rd Floor
Lawrence, MA 01840

WHEN: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 7PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed intersection improvement project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project extends on Haverhill Street from Holton Street to Shawmut Street and includes the installation of a fully-actuated traffic signal; striping of an exclusive left-turn lane for the Haverhill Street westbound approach; striping of a 5-foot bike lane on Haverhill Street westbound; reconstructed cement concrete sidewalks with accessible curb ramps; sidewalk bump-outs on the Ames Street northbound approach; drainage system upgrades; pavement rehabilitation; and new pavement markings and signage.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City of Lawrence is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing/meeting.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing/meeting shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Roadway Project Management, Project File No. 608946. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the hearing.

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Carberry Given Good Neighbor Award

Deb Carberry, a Realtor at RE/MAX Partners in Andover, was presented with the Good Neighbor Awards by the Northeast Association of Realtors (NEAR), which represents more than 1,600 Realtors and 200 Business Partner members in the Merrimack and Nashoba valleys as well as southern New Hampshire. The award recognizes a local Realtor who makes extraordinary commitments to improving the quality of life in their communities. Nominees are considered for the award based on their personal impact on the community through volunteer work. The award was presented at the recent NEAR Annual Awards Gala, held at the Andover Country Club on Thursday, May 3 and attended by more than 450 members and guests.

Carberry has been a member of the Northeast Association of Realtors since 1999. She served as Co-chair of the Association's Community Service Committee in 2017. She was selected as this year's award recipient for her Someone Cares Package Party. What began as a small gathering of friends in her home has evolved into a full-day annual event. Hundreds of volunteers gather on the second Sunday of November, now known to many as the Someone Cares Package Party day. The care packages, which include items such as hand sanitizer, socks, lip balm, toiletries, wash clothes, flashlights, and handwarmers, are packed, loaded on a truck, and distributed to Lazarus House, DayBreak Shelter, BlanketMe, and local schools. Some packages are kept by volunteers to be delivered to the homeless and others are sent to soldiers overseas.



This year's event will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018. More information can be found on the project's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SCPParty or contacting Deb at 978-697-1558.

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Cross in Worcester.

The Lawrence Chess Club is supported by the Lawrence Rotary Club, MFA LLP, Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, The Smeltzer Family, Mr. James Coleman, Div. 8 Ancient Order of Hibernians, Leadership Solutions, Hayes Tavern & Margaret O'Connor, Realtor. Ms. Jacqueline De La Cruz serves as the Chess Club facilitator. Special thanks to Lawrence Library Dir. Jessica Valentin for providing space for the Chess Club to meet and play chess.

5K EVENT

The Greenway 5k (GW5K) is an annual event hosted by Groundwork Lawrence to promote health, fitness and open spaces. This event aims to support members of the community in their efforts to lead healthier lifestyles and encourage walking and running on our 3.5 mile Spicket River Greenway. The GW5K course provides runners with an opportunity to take in some of the most breathtaking views the City of Lawrence has to offer.

HAVERHILL FARMER'S MARKET

Haverhill, MA, June 1, 2018: The Haverhill Farmers Market returns for its 40th season on Saturday June 23, 2018, at its new location at 51 Merrimack Street, in front of the Goecke Parking Deck. Open each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the market runs through October 27, selling an expanded selection of farm-fresh fruits, herbs, eggs, vegetables, delicious baked goods, hummus, local wine, honey, fresh breads, handmade soaps, doggie treats, ice cream and much more. The market will also feature an assortment of live music, food demonstrations, and kids' activities.

"The original market was established in 1978 and we are excited to celebrate its 40th year in operation at our larger, more

visible location, which now has electricity, customer seating, and new tents," says Jeff Grassie, market organizer. "The colorful new mural/banner gives the market a real sense of place."

Team Haverhill organizers are also partnering with numerous Haverhill groups this season, including Greater Haverhill Foundation, Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, Haverhill Economic Development Department, Creative Haverhill, City Councilman Tim Jordan, Mass Development and Fishbrook Designs.

Thank you for supporting the Haverhill Farmers Market for 40 years – and join in the fun at the grand opening on June 23rd!

For more information please visit www.teamhaverhill.org/projects/community/haverhill-farmers-market/, find us on Facebook/haverhillfarmersmarket, or email us at haverhillfarmersmarket@teamhaverhill.org.

The Haverhill Farmers Market is a community project of Team Haverhill.

METHUEN ACTRESS TO PERFORM IN NOISES OFF!

Called "the funniest farce ever written", Noises Off! is an ingenious play-within-a-play following the onstage and backstage exploits of a company of actors appearing in a dreadful bedroom farce called Nothing On – complete with mistaken identities, infidelities, scantily clad ladies, slamming doors, and of course, sardines. Onstage and offstage collide into one scandalously silly, fabulously funny nervous breakdown. Methuen actress Jude Jennings will perform the roles of Dotty Otley and Mrs. Clackett in this hilarious comedy later this month.

Recently Miss Jennings played the same

role in Acting Out's production of Noises Off! Past roles with Spotlight Playhouse include Sarah in The Man Who Came to Dinner and Diana in Lend Me a Tenor. With Acting Out, roles include Mona in Drop Dead, Phyllis in Fat Men in Skirts, Sister Barbara in Lafferty's Wake, Mother in Subject to Change, Mrs. Maxwell in Kidnapping Kraze and Mrs. TeeVee in Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.

Spotlight Playhouse will perform Noises Off! at The Pike School 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover, MA on June 22, 23, 29, 30 at 7:00 pm and June 23 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 for General Admission, \$18 for Members/Seniors, \$15 for groups of ten or more and can be purchased on Eventbrite, by emailing tickets@spotlightplayhouse.org or by calling 617-470-2175.

Spotlight Playhouse provides professional quality theatre, educational endeavors, creative outlets and an artistic voice for the community within an inclusive environment.

CITY OF LOWELL LAUNCHES CROWDFUNDING EFFORT TO TRANSFORM KEROUAC PARK

The City of Lowell launched a \$50,000 crowdfunding effort to transform Kerouac Park. The effort will make it a Downtown space to relax, play, mingle, laugh, gather, and celebrate Lowell.

The City seeks to raise \$25,000 from residents, businesses, and all other friends of Lowell. If successful, MassDevelopment will contribute \$25,000 more under its Commonwealth Places program. To learn more: www.patronicity.com/KerouacPark

Dedicated in 1988, the park honors famed novelist, poet, and Lowell native Jack Kerouac, who came to define the Beat Generation. Today, the park has benches, trees, walking paths, and a memorial with excerpts from Kerouac's works. Unfortunately, it has suffered from a lack of investment. This new effort signals that this park can and should once again be a thriving part of Downtown.

The City is working with many partners on a plan to make the park a more welcoming and exciting place for all. Planned changes include fresh landscaping, new seating, outdoor play equipment, a stage, and more. A pop-up storefront will empower local entrepreneurs to test their business ideas. Successful entrepreneurs may then seek a future brick-and-mortar operation in Lowell.

MORE KIDS BOOKS AT METHUEN YMCA THANKS TO METHUEN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

CEO James Brouder and Operations Manager Jo-Ann Conlon of Methuen Federal Credit Union (MFCU) visited the Methuen Branch YMCA recently with over 300 new and gently used children's books donated by MFCU members and others in the community during the second annual "Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader!" children's book drive. The project, held in conjunction with the Cooperative Credit Union Association's community outreach commitment, was also endorsed by the Methuen Exchange Club. This year's book drive more than doubled last year's results, according to Brouder. "We were extremely pleased that so many of our members and neighbors stepped up to help," he said. "We wish they could have seen for themselves how excited the children at the Y were when they saw the new books we brought for their Little Free Library. There were smiles all around!"



To m Duggan is publisher of The Valley Patriot, the book "Heroes in Our Midst", a former Lawrence School Committee member, and hosts the Paying Attention! Podcast which can be downloaded on iTunes, iHeartRadio, Spotify, and PodBean. You can email your comments to valleypatriot@aol.com.



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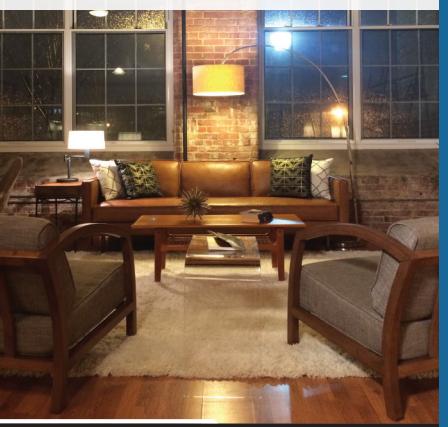
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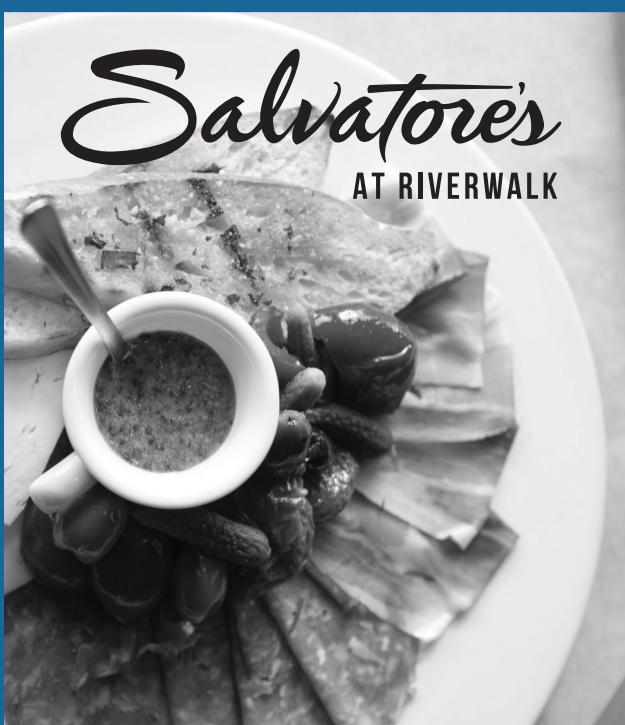
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