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LAWRENCE'S ANGUS MACPHERSON, TWO WARS AND FORTY YEARS OF NAVAL SERVICE!

John Cuddy

VALLEY PATRIOT HERO REPORTER

Lawrence's Angus MacPherson, better known as Mac, was originally from South Boston with fond memories of growing up there and especially of hanging out with his four brothers and many close friends on the corner of E and 5th streets. Sensing that the war was coming to America, Mac, like three of his four brothers and his friends, enlisted in the military. Mac had three brothers that served; two in the Army and one in the Navy during World War II. Fortunately, all three of his brothers and his soon to be brother-in-law survived the war.

When Mac showed up at the Navy's

Enlistment Center, to the Recruiter's and his dismay, he was under both the height and weight requirements. The recruiting officer rectified that by having Mac eat a lot of bananas and drink water, lots of water. Following that, the Recruiter asked him to step on the scale and told him to stand as tall as he could. His weight was now enough to enlist. The Recruiter then unexpectedly stepped on Mac's toes and when he jolted upward, he also met the height requirement and now was able to serve in the Navy. Mac joined the US Navy two days after his 18th birthday, on November 19, 1941. As fate would have it, this was just a couple of weeks before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Like many of his generation, Angus served in the Civilian Conservation Corp. (CCC's)

during the Great Depression.

Mac had originally enlisted in the Navy with intentions of becoming a Quartermaster. He began training to become a Quartermaster, one of the most mentally demanding of the enlisted ratings. On United States Naval and Coast Guard ships, the rating of Quartermaster is responsible for navigating the ship and maintaining navigation equipment, maps and charts. This is unlike the US Army Quartermasters who are responsible for transportation and logistics. On US Navy Submarines, an enlisted Electronic Technician navigates the sub.

So, after training as a Quartermaster, the US Navy, in dire need of Signalmen for the Amphibious Landings, directed Angus MacPherson to cross rate and become a Signalman. Mac could signal landing ships at ten words a minute with lights, and twenty words a minute with flags. He spent eight years on active duty and thirty-two years in the Navy Reserves. He retired from the US Navy after forty years of service as Signalman First Class. Every man or woman who has served in the US Military will tell you that the needs of the Unit, the Branch of Service and our Nation "always" come before your personal needs (or desires). His job was to communicate with our ships by signaling sighting of enemy ships or submarines from the shore. He served our nation as a Signalman during two wars, World War II and Korea.

Angus spent most of World War II supporting amphibious landings in the South



Pacific. Even now, he vividly remembers supporting the US Army's 32nd Infantry Division (the Red Arrows) in their assaults on New Guinea, Luzon, and the Southern Philippines. The 32nd logged a total of 654 days of combat during World War II, more than any other United States Army division. This group of men fought the Japanese early in the war and mopped up "holdouts" months after Japan surrendered. The unit was deactivated in 1946, following occupation duty in Japan.

Mac also fondly remembers Hollywood stars who flew to the battle zones in the South Pacific as part of the USO to boost

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Methuen Councilors Lie About Union St. Project

Last week, the Methuen City Council had the chance to beautify a collapsing piece of public property on Union St., costing city taxpayers absolutely nothing. The state was willing to pay the full cost of the project.

Instead of accepting the contract, however, two councilors harpooned the project, telling the public - and their fellow councilors - that this was "private property". They grandstanded, saying that they didn't understand why "we" were paying to beautify something that was "privately owned."

The fact is, the awning on Union St. at the old Train station is a historic site and not private property at all. The proposal before the council was not being paid for with "city" money.

A quick internet search shows that the Union St. property is owned by the state with a small portion being owned by the VFW.

Mike Gagliardi, head of the Laborer's Union Local 175 - which abuts the property - has been repairing the awning next to his building for years, and says he can

no longer justify spending more of his members' money for property they do not own.

In fact, Gagliardi actually pulled a permit to demolish the awnings, saying he just wanted to see the structure go.

But, Community Development Director Bill Buckley negotiated a great deal between the VFW, the State, and the Laborer's Union.

The deal included full state funding, landscaping, benches and public space for a park that Methuen residents could enjoy as part of the Rail Trail.

Yet, city councilors were more obsessed with the fact that former Mayor Sharon Pollard supported the project, than they were with the fact that it would benefit the people of Methuen.

They thought, and one of them even said after the meeting, that they 'really stuck it Pollard.'

But they didn't stick it to Pollard. Sharon Pollard loses nothing as the result of their vote. The people they really screwed were the taxpayers of Methuen, and the icing on the cake is that they don't even

care. Engaging in this kind of petty personal politics means that Methuen now has to give back the \$200K they got from the state at a time when the city doesn't have two pennies to rub together. It was stunning to watch.

What's worse, Methuen taxpayers not only lose the \$200K, they now have to pay the full cost to tear down the awning and renovate the property as it has recently been condemned and is a safety hazard.

Even more despicable is that the Methuen contractor - a small business owner - who was slated to do this project, has already gone out and purchased equipment and materials to do the work, banking on the fact that the state has already approved it and given the city \$200K.

Did any of these councilors care about the hardship they heaped upon this small Methuen business owner?

No.

As long as Sharon Pollard doesn't get what she wants, to hell with the taxpayers and the small business owner affected

by their vote. To them, this is perfectly acceptable.

Well, it's not.

It's totally unacceptable.

The council's engagement in petty personal politics takes away from their credibility and gives the public the impression that they are only there to get even with their political enemies, instead of advocating for Methuen taxpayers.

And for the most part, that's not the case. But, you would never know it if you tuned in to the council meeting last week for the first time and watched that vote.

The fact that some Methuen councilors have no problem lying to the public at open meetings should concern everyone.

It should also concern everyone that councilors have no problem shouting down and silencing the only councilor at the table who tries to call them out to correct their misinformation for the public (Jessica Finocchiaro).

They really do believe that if they silence Finocchiaro at the council table, the public will never find out the truth.

They were wrong. ◇

"Millennial Referendum on Marijuana Retail Stores in Lawrence"

Tomas G. Michel
VALLEY PATRIOT CONTRIBUTOR

The Lawrence Police Department made 755 drug related arrests in the community it serves, according to their annual report for 2018.

A statewide referendum swept through Massachusetts, which thanks to a consensus of 1.8 million voters, the recreational use of marijuana became legal. As a result of this update in the Massachusetts General Law, a new market automatically established itself as a collateral "benefit". Opening way for retail stores that want to sell Marijuana or CBD-oil-infused edibles, a break-through in the food industry and a threat to the illicit market. Yet in Lawrence, the City Council unanimously banned the new business model from developing inside the municipality, to the belief it would further affect the image of the community or its public relations. A decision that was ultimately made with religious bias, and leaders with third world country mentalities. A measure that was only possible thanks to the lack participation of the younger residents and voting members that such decisions will directly affect. In this fashion, leaving the decision-making power to only a demographic of the whole population that does not necessarily understand the best inter-

est of our microeconomic development, and we shall suffer the consequences of such arbitrariness.

Yet without a single pot shop opened in the city, in March of 2018, President Donald Trump accused the City of Lawrence of being a direct source of drugs conduit towards New Hampshire, during a speech at Manchester Community College. Even the 45th Commander-In-Chief of the nation, who has far more critical things to pay attention to, of national and international relevance, could tell that drugs are a common denominator in Lawrence; an ever present one, with several visible indicators that we cannot hide. None the less, us, the residents, instead of taking reasonable decisions on how to manage the opioid crisis with logic, allowing direct business competition to the underground market, rather act visceral, and want to cover the sun with one finger. We'd rather wage a war on drugs —Reagan-style— to the detriment of the Lawrence residents.

No surprise why even in Llana Barber's book *Latino City*, which studies the immigration and the urban crisis of Lawrence in the second half of the 20th century, one can find a Jeanne Scinto reference alluding to Lawrence as "the third world". I often catch myself referring to the city,

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Andres Gonzalez, Program Coordinator for the new Syringe Collection Program in Lowell, safely removes a needle that had been discarded in Armory Park. Photo courtesy of the Lowell Health Department.

New Syringe Collection Program in Lowell is Ready to Respond

Lowell, MA – The City of Lowell's Syringe Collection Program, housed under the Substance Abuse and Prevention Division within the Lowell Health Department, began on April 19th, 2019. The Syringe Collection Program was created as a means to educate the community on the importance of safe and proper sharps storage and disposal, and to respond to discarded needle pick-up requests within Lowell. Within the first 16 days of the program, over 950 discarded syringes were removed from the community.

Andres Gonzalez, the Lowell Health Department's Syringe Collection Program Coordinator, will be available to respond to discarded syringe pick-up requests between 9am to 5:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; between 9am to 8pm on Tuesdays; and 8am to 12pm on Fridays. To report a discarded syringe found in the community during the Syringe Collection Program's program hours, residents may call Andres directly at 978-674-1049. Residents will be asked to identify the address, specific location of the needle, and how many needles were found. While it may be helpful to leave a return call phone number in case more information is needed to locate the discarded syringe(s), the

service is confidential and anonymous.

For discarded needle pick-up requests outside of program hours, residents may continue to call the Lowell Police Department non-emergency line at 978-937-3200. The Lowell Police Department will report the request to Trinity EMS; it is asked that residents do not call Trinity EMS directly to report a discarded needle.

The Syringe Collection Program Coordinator is also building relationships with community organizations to identify locations that discarded needles are frequently found and proactively clean discarded needles from public spaces. The Syringe Collection Program Coordinator will coordinate educational activities surrounding safe needle storage and disposal, and be available to support community clean-up efforts.

The Syringe Collection Program Coordinator is also available to educate community organizations, neighborhood groups, schools, and youth-serving agencies regarding the importance of avoiding sharps (such as lancets, syringes, EpiPens, and pen and pump needles) used for medical necessity in homes and needles discarded in public spaces,

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COLUMBIA GAS OF MASSACHUSETTS RESTORATION CONTINUES IN THE GREATER LAWRENCE AREA

Over the next few months, you will continue to see a number of Columbia Gas team members in the community as we work to complete Phase II restoration efforts. We appreciate the community's continued patience as we conduct the remainder of our restoration work. We are working to restore our communities to where they were before September's event – and to regain trust from our customers and the communities we serve.

If you have not heard from us on any of the programs listed below and think Columbia Gas should be returning to your home or property for Phase II work, or have questions or need more information, please contact our customer care team.

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Through the Columbia Gas Equipment Repair Plan, customers may continue to contact us for their repair needs. For residential customers, we will be providing repairs free of charge until May 1, 2020 to boilers, furnaces, water heaters, ranges and dryers installed by our team or our subcontractors. For our commercial customers, appliances are warranted for one year from the date of installation.

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MARIJUANA: FROM 2

Al Kaprielian
VALLEY PATRIOT WEATHERMAN

Welcome to June and the start of hurricane season. Also June is the month of the summer solstice and the official start of the summer season. Recapping May, we saw some chilly cold days. There was even a taste of winter on May 12th, Mother’s Day. Rain occurred on Mother’s Day and with fairly cold air aloft we saw sleet mixing with the rain. It even snowed across western MA coating the ground making for more of a winter look rather than spring.

The reason for this was the jet stream was bringing chilly air down from Canada as low pressure tracked to our south. We did not see many really warm days during May which was unusual.

We did see a few days when the temperature reached into the 80s. On Monday May 20th, Boston hit 88 degrees. On Sunday May 26th Boston hit 89 degrees. This was only two days in May versus eleven last May 2018.

Memorial Day weekend finally brought warm temperatures and many people went to the beach despite the very cold ocean waters. The exception to the very warm weather on Memorial Day weekend was along the New England south coast Cape Cod & the Islands where it was a lot cooler due to the southwest winds blowing off the chilly ocean waters.

Temperatures on Memorial Day were warm however not as warm as the previous day. Temperatures reached into the upper 70s and low 80s on the holiday. After the holiday, rain and much cooler temperatures occurred with high temps. only in the 50s on May 29th. More rain occurred during the tail end of May.

Not only did we see some chilly days during May, there were also many days when rain occurred. Over the Mid-Atlantic region and many of the southern states a large upper level high pressure system off the SE US coast caused high temps. to rise into the 90s across the southern states. The northern jet stream was strong enough to suppress the upper level high pressure system from bringing the really hot weather into New England. Across the plain states there were lots of torna-

does which occurred just about every day during May. Tornadoes occur from severe thunderstorms.

With the jet stream over the area it separates hot humid air from cooler less humid air north of the jet stream. This clash of two different air masses can cause severe thunderstorms to develop which can lead to the formation of tornadoes. Tornadoes develop very quickly destroying homes, and buildings along with uprooting trees in a very short period of time. Widespread power outages occur as a result of tornadoes. The safest place to be during tornadoes is in a basement and if no basement getting as low to the ground as possible. Now with June here we can get very hot weather especially when the high pressure off the SE US coast known as the Bermuda High Pressure can expand far enough north into our area to bring very hot weather.

When this occurs, some tips for the hot weather, make sure you drink plenty of water and stay hydrated. Also wear light weight/light color clothing, shorts. Light colors absorb less heat from the sun versus darker color clothing. Also try and refrain from strenuous outdoor activities, example mowing the lawn.

Wait until the sun has set when it is not as hot. Also during hot weather check in with elderly people to make sure they are okay. Also do not leave your pets in the car with the windows closed during hot weather as the temperature in your car can be well over one hundred degrees. For workers who work outside in the summer make sure you drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks in the shade away from the hot sun.

Lastly we are now in hurricane season. Hurricanes form over very warm ocean waters where the temperature of these waters is over 80 degrees. Once a hurricane forms, it all depends how the jet stream is tracking which dictates where the hurricane will track. In next month’s article we will recap June weather and take a look at the hurricane season. The peak of hurricane season is mid-August into mid-September when the ocean waters are the hottest. In the meantime, enjoy the latter part of spring and stay safe!! ♦

as the Unincorporated Territory of the Dominican Republic—in the Commonwealth—. We already have the miscues on micro-economy policy, which certainly do not follow Thomas Jefferson’s separation of church and state nor the Lawrence residents’ best interest, so might as well make it official. We would just be missing the motorcycle taxis, transiting through Broadway Ave. and Essex St.

Heather Hannon, a businesswoman that is endeavoring in the legally new field of marijuana related edibles with her franchise of retail stores, Essex Apothecary, is going to open three branches in the near future. One of which will be established in the City of Lynn, scheduled to open for business in summer 2019. The two other locations are yet to be determined, which leaves the door open for an opportunity of investment nearby, after due process. Since “It is not money, but the volume of goods and services which determines whether a country is poverty stricken or prosperous” as Thomas Sowell would say in his books Basic Economics, we should organize to fight the illicit market, accurately, which currently affects the legally operating businesses that inject the local government tax revenues into its budget. Which raises the question, based on the city income per capita which is only 17,000 according to the U.S census Bureau, are we producing enough? Are we on a path to be sustainable and self-sufficient?

It would be ideal that the municipal government would find a way to compete in a systemic manner with the underground opioid market, that as far as I can observe in the Lawrence Police Department’s arrests statistics, and the regions newspaper headlines, has a notable supply-demand relationship.

There is an ongoing supply, because there is an ongoing demand, regardless of the one hundred and ten cameras installed in the traffic lights, despite the remarkable resources misused to buy drones for the local law enforcement officials, the opioid market will prevail. Without the right economic oriented approach to deter customers from its use off the grid—with effective incentives, on a reformative and not punitive scale. Ultimately, we do not need more policing against our colored families, friends and neighbors, just ask the creator and coach of the academic and athletic non-profit Sueños Basketball, that provides reformative guidance on youth at risk from our local school systems, “The district’s court system is inflexible with our minority children, whom need guidance and love instead of imprisonment” he states.

I invite my fellow younger generation of citizens of this country and residents of Lawrence, to develop sense of ownership of the community’s economic future and start making your voice heard. We do not need more inmates in the county jail, but rather jobs and a positive input towards the implementation of wealth development.

It is time that we put up a front to the New Jim Crow modus operandi that the establishment has engraved onto the local legislatives activities and we start creating our own empowerment through economic growth without outdated stigmas, subjective reasonings and biased ordinances. ♦



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CHANGES TO METHUEN'S CITY CHARTER

The Methuen City Council and the charter commission are considering changes to the city charter this year (the document that governs how the city operates). Some of the proposed changes being discussed are minor tweaks to the document to make city government more effective and accountable. But, some of the ideas being bantered about are destructive and it makes me wonder if the people of Methuen have learned nothing from Lawrence's failures. One suggestion is to have the school committee elected by district. If you want to know what destroyed the Lawrence public schools, it was the racial gerrymandering of school committee to be elected by district in order to pander to minorities. Another terrible idea being discussed in some circles is to return to Town Government and a Town Manager. Sure, Methuen ran better when it was a town and had a town form of government, but Methuen has double the population it had back then and with all the insane development going on in Methuen, the population is expected to continue to grow.

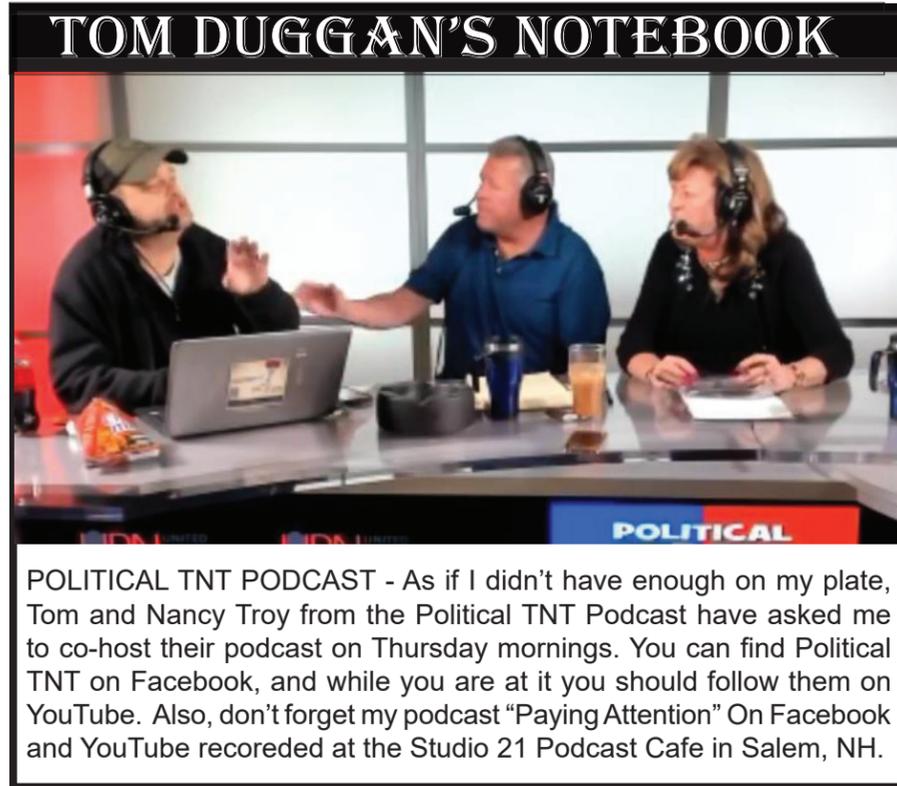
ONE CHANGE TO METHUEN'S CHARTER THAT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED

With all the discussions going on about changing Methuen's charter (the document that governs how city government operates) there is one issue that must be addressed. In 2013 we published an editorial entitled "Change Methuen Charter to Mandate Primary Elections." Nobody listened and Methuen still cancels their primaries if there are not enough candidates to eliminate for the general election.

Now Methuen officials are tinkering with the charter again, so I'd like to make my case one more time. Two years ago Jim Jajuga ran unopposed for mayor. Because there was only one candidate in the race during the September primary - and nobody would be eliminated - Methuen decided to simply cancel the primary. Here's why that's bad. Cancelling primaries is really an incumbent protection act. It protects insiders from competition. If Methuen held a primary anyway, even with only one candidate on the ballot, citizens could have mounted a write in campaign during the primary and given Jajuga (in this case) an opponent. "But, Tom," the disingenuous insiders tell me. "They can still mount a write in campaign in the November general election." Yes, that's true. But, in the November election, a write in candidate would not have their name on the ballot and would have to get more write-in votes than the person who is already on the ballot. That's simply impossible. The people of Methuen have a right to participate in their elections. They ought to have a right to challenge candidates who are running unopposed in a primary. Holding primary elections allows them to do that. "But, Tom," the disingenuous insiders whine. "Do you know how expensive it is to hold a primary? We could save \$50,000 or more by canceling the primary." Again I say, 'yes', you will save money. But what price do you put on democracy? If Methuen officials are serious about community engagement and voter participation in elections they should not be making it harder for those voters to actually participate. I should know, I got elected to the Lawrence School Committee in 1996 after mounting a write-in campaign in a primary. If I lived in Methuen I never would have had the opportunity to serve.

ONE MORE THING THAT MAKES LAWRENCE UNIQUE

Last month, Lawrence High School alum and local veteran Brian Mohica was the keynote speaker at the Lawrence High School Alumni Scholarship Banquet. He started off his speech with a message for the public-school graduates that he is inspired every day by his "lord and



TOM DUGGAN'S NOTEBOOK
POLITICAL TNT PODCAST - As if I didn't have enough on my plate, Tom and Nancy Troy from the Political TNT Podcast have asked me to co-host their podcast on Thursday mornings. You can find Political TNT on Facebook, and while you are at it you should follow them on YouTube. Also, don't forget my podcast "Paying Attention" On Facebook and YouTube recorded at the Studio 21 Podcast Cafe in Salem, NH.

savior Jesus Christ" to the applause of the audience. He also told the college-bound graduating seniors that the world owes you nothing. You have to work for it. Mohica told the students that just believing in your dream means nothing if you are not willing to sacrifice and work for it. I was floored. If Mohica gave this speech in a lily-white, left-wing authoritarian community like Andover he would be escorted off the stage and out of the building for simply mentioning God alone. What was even more amazing to me was that this graduating class of mostly liberal, minority students cheered his message. Good for him, and good for the administration of Lawrence High for not being left wing God haters by allowing him to give his talk uncensored in a public school.

DEMOCRATS SAY THEY SUPPORT ROE v. WADE, THEN RAIL AGAINST IT - NOBODY NOTICES

Regardless of where you stand on abortion this should trouble everyone, especially democrats.

Almost every single Democrat candidate running for president 'says' they support Roe v. Wade: the Supreme Court decision that made abortion a constitutional right in the first three months of pregnancy. But, while they say that in the first breath, in the very next breath they all say they believe in abortion on demand "up to birth", that partial birth abortion should be "a woman's choice".

Now how can both of those two statements be true? They can't. How can anyone say with a straight face that they support the Roe decision and then dismantle the basic foundation of Roe in the very next sentence, to the wild cheers of a pro-abortion audience. Even more troubling is that nobody noticed, not even those evil right wingers on Fox News. The fact is, either you support Roe or you do not. Apparently the Democrat candidates for president who pay lip service to the Roe decision and then say they support abortion up to birth ... do not. It makes you wonder what else they are saying they believe in... but really don't. If I was a liberal I'd be pretty troubled by that.

SPEAKING OF ABORTION

During the recent uptick in abortion discussions in the world of media and politics, several democrat candidates for president said that "banning abortions will not stop abortions".

They then go into the memorized talking points about back alley abortions and coat hangers. But, this is an odd position to take for any democrat given that every time there is a mass

shooting these very same democrats say that banning guns will stop mass shootings. How can that be? And how is it that this kind of hypocrisy is simply ignored by "journalists" and democrat party voters?

WARREN CONTINUES TO IGNORE HOMELESS IN LAWRENCE

Last year during the senate election I asked Carina Pappalardo - the head of the Daybreak homeless shelter in Lawrence - if she has ever received any help from, or even a phone call from Elizabeth Warren to find out what she needs as she struggles to service the poorest population (the homeless) in the poorest community in New England (Lawrence).

Pappalardo's answer was "no". Neither Warren nor anyone in her office has even picked up the phone to talk to the people at Daybreak to see what they could do to help. I was shocked. Warren campaigns on the backs of the poor people in Lawrence. She holds herself up as a champion for the poor and for minorities, yet she has never once visited, or even called Daybreak in Lawrence to see how she can help? I also asked Carrie Weiland of House of Mercy if she has ever heard from Warren or her office as they are struggling to provide counseling, transitional housing, and detox services to the homeless. Again, I was told "no, we have never heard from her".

Rather than just bash Warren for being a huge hypocrite (which she is), I wrote two editorials, talked about it on my podcast, and even approached some of her people to make them aware of the homeless situation in Lawrence in the hopes that Warren would actually DO something to help. "Even though I don't like the senator, if she showed up and helped, I would be the first one to give her credit for doing something," I said to one of Warren's people. "I won't even mention that she had to be badgered into it by yours truly. I will give her all the credit. I just want her to help the homeless in Lawrence."

Still, we hear the sound of crickets out of the Warren people and Warren herself as she flies all over the country trying to seize more political power in her bid to become president of the United States, where I am sure she will continue to ignore the plight of the addicted and the homeless. The fact is, Daybreak is one of only two wet shelters in the state. That means if a homeless person is drunk or high when it's 2 degrees

below zero outside, they will not turn them away like most other shelters do. Daybreak services 55 homeless people every night. They are always at capacity, because there are more than

200 homeless people sleeping outside in the city of LAWRENCE. Carina Pappalardo says she needs a few million dollars to build a new facility so she can adequately service that population and get them off the streets.

With all her connections, Senator Warren could make ONE phone call to one of her super-wealthy political donors and raise that money in under 10 minutes. That is, if she really cared about the poor, the addicted, and the homeless in the very city she launched her campaign for president. And I will say again - if she did that, she would be on page one of the Valley Patriot for doing so with no mention of how she had to be coerced into it. But she's not interested in helping poor people, she's not interested in helping opioid addicts, she's not interested in helping Lawrence, Massachusetts. She is only interested in seizing power. And that is the saddest part of all because, regardless of her flaws, Warren could make a major difference in the lives of these people with very little effort. Until now, she has shown no interest in doing so. Let's hope she changes her mind.

NORTH ANDOVER WELLNESS CENTER PROVIDING PROSTITUTION

On May 14th, acting on information received regarding possible illegal activity at the Natural Wellness Center, 483 Chickering Rd. North Andover, North Andover Detectives and FBI Lowell T.O.C.-West Task Force arrested Li Zhou, age 50, of Quincy, MA for solicitation. Natural Wellness Center advertises a variety of massage and spa services. On this date an undercover officer went to the spa and requested a massage. During the massage the undercover officer was offered a sex act for an additional fee, at which point backup officers entered the business and effected the arrest of Zhou.

MAYOR RIVERA A NO SHOW AT LAWRENCE HIGH ALUMNI DINNER

It's one thing to snub a Lawrence High senior at The Valley Patriot's annual Charity BASH when we give out scholarships, it's quite another to sub the entire graduating class of 2019 at the Lawrence High Alumni Scholarship Banquet. Yet, last week, as the alum of Lawrence High was digging deep to donate money to this year's graduating seniors, Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera was noticeably absent ... again.

DAVID BEAUREGARD A RISING STAR

When I first met Dave Beauregard, he was a wide eyed teen ager working as an intern for Methuen Mayor Bill Manzi. And, just like North Andover Selectman Phil DeCologero, he stayed active behind the scenes through his teen years and into his 20s. He worked for Bill Manzi and then for Manzi's rival Kathleen Corey Rahme. Yet, Dave did so without making any political enemies. Now, at 30 years old, the teenage kid we all remember is married with a new baby and is running for Methuen City Council At-Large. If he stays clear of partisan politics, and continues to steer away from the juvenile bickering that has overtaken Methuen politics, Dave will be a rising star with a very bright political future. At his kickoff fundraiser last month, Dave remained positive and highlighted the fact that he has no conflicts of interest like so many others do. For that reason alone he actually has a fighting chance to get on the council.

NORTH ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET KICKS OFF SEASON WITH HELP FOR VETERANS

NAMA's mission has always been to increase access to fresh, healthy, LOCAL goods. For our 2019 Season, the North Andover Farmers Market has worked with the North Andover Merchants Association to pilot a program to increase access

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FREDDIE SAYS

In a fight between Dan Rivera & Seth Moulten, I'm with Seth Moulten 7 days a week!

Freddie also Says EAT AT THE DAILY DOSE CAFE at PENTUCKET MEDICAL IN LAWRENCE 978-557-8601

for our local veterans living on limited incomes. This new program has given us a great excuse to invite you to join us at our Season Kick Off! On Thursday, June 13th friends will be gathering from 7pm - 9pm at the Wine ConneXtion for a wine tasting event and celebration. Located at 117 Main Street in North Andover, the Wine ConneXtion is right next our weekly market location. Tickets are limited to this event where guests will get a peek at our upcoming season, be treated to hors d'oeuvres from some of our market vendors, and each guest will be given a special gift. 100% of proceeds will go towards funding the Veterans Food Security Initiative. Hope you will join us!

GROVELAND SEEKS VOLUNTEER TO FILL BOARD POSITION

The Groveland Water and Sewer Department wants to remind residents that

there is a vacancy on the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. The Board of Water Commissioners is an independent board responsible for overseeing the Water and Sewer Department and acting as stewards of the town's water and sewer infrastructure. Members of the Board serve a three year elected term. Duties include placement of fountains and hydrants, regulating the use of water, establishing equitable pricing for water and sewer services, appropriating department revenue and department policy making. The Board is seeking an engaged resident who will commit their time to overseeing this important work, which is vital to maintaining the board's sovereign oversight of the department's operations. The board meets approximately once a month, typically on a Monday. Anyone interested in an appointment to the board is encouraged to contact Water and Sewer Department Office Manager Pat Rogers at 978-556-7220.

METHUEN COUNCILORS ON MCTV

If you are like me and you are a political nerd you probably watch public access TV in Methuen. Recently, cable access has been airing video of members of the Methuen City Council talking about ... well... themselves. This is an election year, and while I am sure this was well intended by the people at cable access, it gives incumbents an unfair advantage over lesser known political challengers who do not get the free airtime on cable access to introduce themselves to voters with prerecorded messages. I'd like to see these kind of public information snippets in every community, they are a good idea, just not in an election year.

THE MUELLER REPORT'S NEW STANDARD... GUILTY UNLESS WE CAN PROVE YOU INNOCENT

Like Donald Trump or hate him, the fact is we are all supposed to be innocent until proven guilty in this country when it comes to being charged with a crime by the government. But, last month Robert Mueller created a new standard, "Guilty unless we can prove you innocent". Mueller came out and announced that Trump was not being charged with conspiring as a traitor for Russia to steal the 2016 presidential campaign. He also did not charge Trump with "obstruction" of the crime that never occurred. He then fol-

lowed up, both in his written report and in his bizarre press conference by saying that he could not "exonerate" the president of obstruction. Remove Donald Trump from the equation and just imagine for a minute that YOU are being charged with a very serious crime like child molestation, rape, or murder. The prosecutors conduct an investigation against you, bring everything to a grand jury and the grand jury voted NOT to indict (formally charge) you with that crime. You have now been exonerated. But hold up ... the next day the prosecutor holds a press conference live on television for all the world to see, saying that while he could not find enough evidence to charge you with that very serious crime, he also could not say for sure you didn't do it ... despite the fact that not charging you with the crime does in fact, exonerate you. This is not only un-American its Anti-American. For three years we were told by democrats and their media mouthpieces that Trump was a traitor. He was a spy for Putin's Russia. He was going to be dragged out of the White House in cuffs any day now. And when that didn't happen, instead of apologizing to America for their lies and phony political narrative, they simply shift to a new narrative that Trump is guilty of obstructing the investigation. Let's get something clear. Critics of the president say that if Trump was not president he would be charged with obstruction but the law doesn't allow it. Pretending that's true for a minute (we know it's not because Bill Clinton was charged), that's like saying if smoking cigarettes was a crime, I'd have been arrested for breaking the law. But it's not. So, therefore I didn't. And neither did Trump. Fact is, George Bush pardoned several members of the Justice Department shortly before they were to testify against him and it wasn't called "obstruction of Justice because the president is in charge of the Justice Department. Trump could have fired Mueller. He could have ordered the Attorney General to stop the investigation and would have been well within his constitutional right to do so. Yet, he didn't and the liars on TV, including Mueller, continually use circular logic to pretend Trump obstructed justice in a lame attempt to cover up their own role in a fake witch hunt where they accused the president of the United States of being a traitor who stole the election from their anointed candidate Hillary Clinton.

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND AT BAKERS ISLAND LIGHT STATION

Seasonal tours of Bakers Island Light Station begin June 15th. SALEM, MA
On June 15, Father's Day weekend, Essex Heritage will kick-off the summer season with guided boat tours to Bakers Island Light Station. Upon landing, visitors can take a guided tour of the property, learn about its unique history, hike trails, play lawn games, have a picnic, or just relax and enjoy the view. Bakers Island Light Station is only accessible to the public on Essex Heritage's landing craft Naumkeag. Boat tours run from June 15 through September 2 (Labor Day).

Regular trips to Bakers Island Light Sta-

tion are at 10:30 AM on Friday, 10:30 AM & 2PM on Saturday and Sunday. All tours leave from the dock adjacent to the Salem Ferry Landing at 10 Blaney Street, just past The House of the Seven Gables. Free parking is available next to the dock.

Naumkeag is a large, open landing craft with a bow front that drops down so passengers can walk directly onto the stone beach (not landing at a dock). No private landings are allowed on the site at Bakers Island. Don't miss the boat! Tickets are available for purchase online at BakersIslandLight.org/day-tours and at the National Park Service's Regional Visitor Center (2 New Liberty St, Salem, MA).

WHIM RESTAURANT AT SMOLAK FARMS IN NORTH ANDOVER

New England's favorite outdoor dining experience is back for the summer celebrating its 9th season! Back by popular demand, Smolak Farms presents "Whim 2019" located at 315 South Bradford Street, North Andover, Massachusetts. Whim will take place every Wednesday evening starting June 12th, and continuing until August 28th, beginning at 5:30pm and will feature some of New England's best chefs!

"Whim is such an innovative concept that is really difficult to ignore. It is something that people talk about and get excited for because it is a one-of-a-kind experience that you're not going to find anywhere else. It is so easy to get wrapped up in the craziness of the city of Boston and I think people appreciate an evening away from it all. We're taking the best food in the city and bringing it to a more rustic and relaxed setting. Top that off with the fact that each dinner supports a great cause and you really can't beat it," said Michael Smolak, owner of Smolak Farms. Guests will experience a meal under the stars prepared by some of New England's most respected and praised chefs. Included in the \$85.00 ticket price is a multi-course dinner prepared by guest chefs on a "Whim" based on the freshest produce available from Smolak Farms. For more information on "Whim" or Smolak Farms, please visit www.smolakfarms.com. Tickets can be purchased directly via: <http://www.smolakfarms.com/whim-dinner-series>.

- 6/12: JK Food Group's Farm Dinner with Toro, Coppa, and Little Donkey
 - 6/19: Herb Lyceum/Puritan + Co., Chef Will Gilson
 - 6/26: Woodman's of Essex, Chef Ned Grieg
 - 7/10: Post 390, Chef Nick Deutmeyer
 - 7/17: The Smoke Shop, Chef Andy Husbands
 - 7/24: 110 Grill, Director of Culinary, Elliot Williams
 - 7/31: Harvest, Chef Tyler Kinnett
- \$85 per person (gratuity and tax not included). Visit smolakfarms.com to learn more and purchase tickets. Dress is casual. Beverages not included. Paired wines, beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Only one menu will be presented with no substitutions. Ticket is non-refundable. ◇

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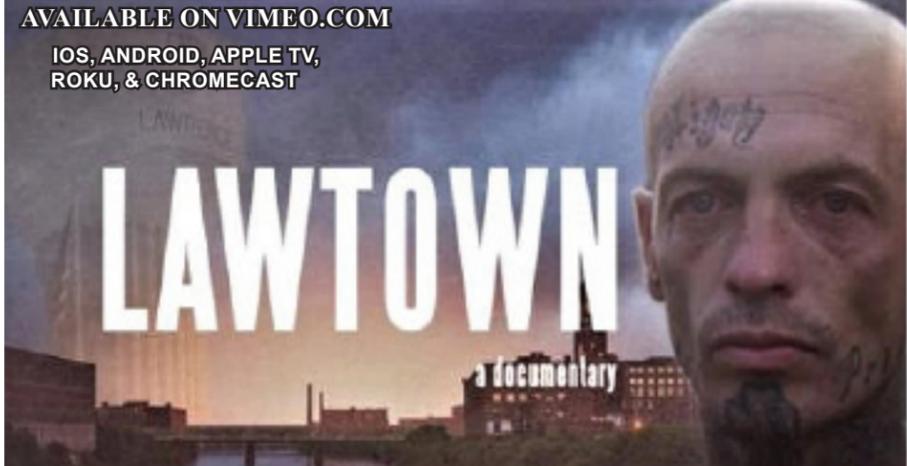
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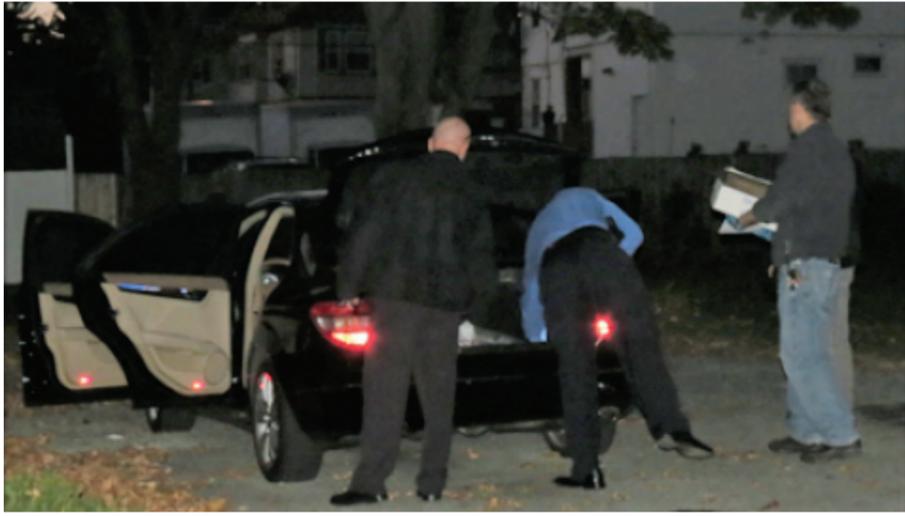
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U.S. Marshalls Arrest 140 During Five Month Operation in Lawrence

BOSTON – After a five month operation, dubbed “Operation Triple Beam,” 146 individuals, including dozens of fugitives and 52 alleged gang members, wanted for violent crimes have been arrested in and around the City of Lawrence.

Led by the U.S. Marshalls Massachusetts Fugitive Task Force, including the Lawrence Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police, Operation Triple Beam focused on violent offenders and gang members wanted for narcotics trafficking and other violent crimes. Since the Operation began on Jan. 1, 2019, 146 individuals who were wanted for various outstanding criminal offenses, including murder, narcotics trafficking, rape – including rape and sexual assault of children – kidnapping, and armed home invasions, have been arrested.

“Operation Triple Beam is a nationwide initiative in which federal resources are deployed to help state and local law enforcement round up dangerous fugitives living in our most vulnerable communities,” said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. “Removing these fugitives, including alleged rapists, murderers, and drug traffickers, will make Lawrence and neighboring towns safer. Law-abiding residents of Lawrence should be able to live and work without fear. My thanks go to the U.S. Marshalls Service, the Lawrence Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police, for executing this highly successful operation. This kind of coordinated enforcement effort not only reduces criminal activity, but is a reminder that increased enforcement is here to stay, at least until drug trafficking and other crime drops significantly in Lawrence and surrounding regions.”

“Operation Triple Beam was a targeted enforcement initiative by the U.S. Marshalls Service to address violent crime, including guns, narcotics and gang violence in an effort to address violent crime in and around the City of Lawrence,” said United States Marshal John Gibbons for the District of Massachusetts. “Today’s announcement is the culmination of months of hard work and dedication to root out dangerous violent criminals and fugitives, bringing them to justice. We be-

lieve that these arrests will have a positive impact on the local community making the streets safer and improving the quality of life for the residents. We want to thank our partners in the Lawrence Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police for their cooperation and invaluable assistance.”

“Our Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section is an extremely active unit that, on a daily basis, tracks and arrests subjects of criminal warrants — to bring them to justice for their past violent crimes and to get them off Massachusetts streets before they can hurt another victim,” said Massachusetts State Police Colonel Kerry A. Gilpin. “Our unit frequently works with US Marshalls and local police in concerted efforts to locate and arrest dangerous criminals, and was happy to do so again as part of the highly successful Operation Triple Beam.”

“I can’t thank the United States Marshalls Service and the United States Attorney’s Office enough for their continued commitment here in Lawrence,” said Lawrence Police Chief Roy Vasque. “This latest extremely successful operation is yet another example of our strong partnership and our commitment to working together to make Lawrence safer. Let this be a strong message to all, that criminals will not take refuge here.”

The men and women arrested during this operation have been charged in both state and federal courts.

Operation Triple Beam is a national effort led by U.S. Marshalls Service Fugitive Task Forces around the country and aims at providing communities with immediate relief from gang-related violence by targeting fugitive gang members and the organizations responsible for committing violent crimes.

The Operation in Lawrence resulted in the seizure of eight pistols; one semi-automatic rifle; one 12-gauge shotgun; and more than two kilos of drugs, including cocaine, crack cocaine, fentanyl, heroin and marijuana.

U.S. Attorney Lelling; U.S. Marshal Gibbons; Colonel Gilpin; Chief Vasque; and Essex District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett made the announcement today. ◇

Dracut Republican Town Committee Marches into History

Brian Genest
DRACUT COLUMNIST

A new chapter in Dracut history can be added to the books. For the first time, the Dracut Republican Town Committee (DRTC) marched in the town’s Memorial Day parade this year. Spoiler alert, brought to you by the First Amendment: it won’t be the last.

Let’s face it... The town’s about-face, overriding the illegal ban by the town manager, helped put a face on a group of patriotic citizens who simply wanted to honor our fallen veterans, like everyone else in the town parade.

Twenty-two members, associates and friends of the DRTC carried American flags and marched respectfully behind a vehicle with our organization’s banner. We decided to join the parade this year in tribute to former President George H.W. Bush and John McCain, two great veterans America has lost since the last parade. Our participants ranged in age from 7 to 86. We’re veterans, laborers, professionals, farmers, union leaders and retirees from The Silent Generation to Generation Z. Supporters of our veterans—and freedom of speech to honor them—joined the DRTC from across town and from towns across the region, including Lowell, Andover and live-free-or-die New Hampshire.

Speaking of which, did you see and hear the crowd along the parade route?

“Look, it’s Sheila!” a waving woman in the crowd shouted as the DRTC’s patriotically-decorated pickup truck (American-made, of course) turned onto Pleasant Street at the beginning of the parade. It was a scene that was repeated over and over again along the 1.8-mile route as town citizens recognized Sheila Richardson.

Sheila is the founder of the DRTC, a former selectman and former Republican state committeewoman. She was riding shotgun, with DRTC Treasurer Chris Murphy behind the wheel. There couldn’t have been a more appropriate pilot and co-pilot combination for the occasion.

Sheila is a well-known and respected member of a storied family that’s well known for being in town since arriving on the first ship after the Mayflower, as the story goes. On a personal note, she’s also

a wonderful woman, a family friend for decades and one of my mentors.

You’ll never meet a woman who has worked as long or as hard to support her candidates, causes and country as Sheila Richardson.

Chris Murphy, like many town citizens, moved his family to Dracut nearly 15 years ago. Like many, Chris and his family are heavily involved in our community as business owners, public school students, volunteers and through a range of other activities. Unlike many, Chris is a true patriot who puts his country and our people first. Chris is a proud member of the Patriot Guard Riders, a Three Percenter and actively involved in many other organizations designed to preserve American rights, values and traditions. Whether it’s holding fundraisers to help veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or women with breast cancer, no one I know does more to help other people than Chris Murphy.

Last, but certainly not least, there was 12-year-old William. He marched with his grandfather, DRTC member Jeffrey Thurston, an Army veteran. With a smile as wide as Lakeview Avenue, this young man in a suit jacket and tie handed out most of the 500 hundred pocket Constitutions provided to parade-goers by the DRTC to honor veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedoms. Sheila Richardson, Chris Murphy and all of us can be sure that our Republic will endure, thanks to young Americans and future leaders like William.

To everyone who marched with us and to the thousands of our fellow citizens who enthusiastically cheered the DRTC’s efforts to support our veterans, whether you were our neighbors or strangers we’ve never met: thank you. Together, we made town history and our Founding Fathers, the nation’s first veterans, would be proud of our townspeople. May God bless you, our veterans and the United States of America.

See you next year.

Brian Genest is chairman of the Dracut Republican Town Committee and a member of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee representing the Second Essex & Middlesex District of Andover, Dracut, Lawrence and Tewksbury. ◇



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Former Essex Tech. Superintendent O'Connell Fined \$23K for Conflict of Interest

Daniel O'Connell, the former Superintendent-Director of the North Shore Technical High School and Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School districts, has admitted that he violated the conflict of interest law on multiple occasions by using his official position and public resources to benefit himself and his son, a North Shore and Essex Tech maintenance worker. O'Connell paid a \$23,000 civil penalty in a disposition agreement approved by the State Ethics Commission on May 16 and waived his right to contest the Commission's findings.

In the agreement, O'Connell admitted to violating the conflict of interest law by directing an Essex Tech subordinate to reinstate his expired \$20,000 stipend; by giving his son pay raises and increased opportunities to work overtime; by allowing his son to use an Essex Tech truck for his private business; by using his position as Superintendent-Director to pressure a plumbing supply company in a personal dispute; and by ordering school employees to use public worktime and an Essex Tech vehicle to deliver surplus bricks to his home.

O'Connell was Superintendent-Director of North Shore from 2010 until June 2014, when it merged with two other schools to form Essex Tech. During the merger O'Connell served as Superintendent-Director of both North Shore and Essex Tech, then he continued as Essex Tech Superintendent-Director until 2015. The Essex Tech School Committee authorized O'Connell to receive

a \$20,000 stipend until June 2014 for serving as Superintendent-Director of both schools. In October 2014, O'Connell directed the Essex Tech business manager to reinstate his stipend, retroactive to July 2014. By doing so, O'Connell used his public position for personal gain and violated the conflict of interest law.

O'Connell also unlawfully used his Superintendent-Director position in his private dispute with Salem Plumbing over more than \$1,200 worth of bathroom fixtures he had purchased for his home. Dissatisfied with the fixtures, O'Connell used his school email account to contact the company, which did business with Essex Tech, and requested free replacement fixtures in exchange for "continu[ing] our business partnership." Days later, when the company submitted a bid for an Essex Tech purchase, O'Connell, as Superintendent-Director, replied that he would not accept any of the company's bids until the private dispute was resolved. The company then replaced the fixtures free of charge.

In addition, because O'Connell did not first disclose his personal dispute with Salem Plumbing to the Essex Tech School Committee, he violated the conflict of interest law when he acted as Superintendent-Director on the company's bid for Essex Tech work, as his actions created the appearance that he would be unduly influenced by that dispute and act with bias in his actions as Superintendent-Director regarding the

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Why I'm Running for Methuen City Council At-Large

David "D.J." Beauregard
SPECIAL TO THE VALLEY PATRIOT

My name is D.J. Beauregard, and I am running to serve as one of three at-large members of the Methuen City Council. I was born and raised in Methuen, and I am a proud product of the Methuen Public Schools. My wife and I recently became new parents and first-time homeowners.

I have been passionate about making our community better and stronger since I was a kid. I volunteered with the Methuen Youth Corps and was a founding member of the Methuen High School Key Club. Today, I serve as a member of the Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project's Board of Directors. I have always challenged myself to do my part.

Although this is my first run for office, I

am no stranger to municipal government. I had the opportunity to work at City Hall as an intern with then-Mayor Bill Manzi from 2006 to 2007. However, I gained most of my experience in the private sector. After earning my MBA, I initially worked in the financial services industry. Because of that experience, I know how broader economic conditions can affect municipalities. I now work in the nonprofit sector and recently started my own business. I am an entrepreneur, and I understand the importance of making data-driven decisions.

I decided to run for office because I realize that Methuen has more than its fair share of challenges, but our city also has many opportunities and strengths. It is critical for our elected officials to collabo-

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State Legislature Funds Road Repairs, Combats Distracted Driving

Rep. Linda Dean Campbell
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

In May, the Legislature advanced two pieces of legislation to improve road safety in the Commonwealth. One authorizes the sale of state bonds to finance road improvement projects. The second prohibits the use of handheld electronic devices while driving.

The first bill, which has passed both the House and Senate, allocates \$200 million for improvements to municipally-owned roads and bridges under the state's Chapter 90 program. This program distributes state funds to cities and towns to reimburse eligible roadway infrastructure projects, including resurfacing, sidewalks, drainage, traffic control, and more. Municipalities decide how to use the funding and may use it for numerous small projects or save it for larger projects.

Another \$200 million is appropriated for state rail and transit projects as well as \$1.5 billion for federal highway projects, (80% of the latter will be reimbursed by the federal government). Haverhill currently has two federal road projects planned: the Bradford Rail Trail Extension near Route 125, slated to begin in the summer of 2020, and the Haverhill Intersection Reconstruction on Route 108, slated to begin in the fall of 2021. The cost of these projects totals about \$3 million.

This investment in road infrastructure will help to improve driving conditions, reduce traffic and commuting times, and spur economic development in our region.

The bill awaits a signature from Governor Baker to become law.

The second piece of legislation, which has passed the House, will reduce distracted driving by prohibiting the use of handheld devices, namely cell phones, while operating a motor vehicle. The bill allows devices to be used only in hands-free mode with voice communication. A single tap or swipe to activate voice communication is allowed, and devices can be used for navigation as long as they are mounted to the vehicle and only require a tap or swipe. There are exceptions for first responders and in cases of emergency.

The penalty for violating the law will be a fine of \$100 for a first offense, \$250 for a second offense, and \$500 for a third or subsequent offense. This year will be a grace period during which warnings will be issued for violations, and starting in 2020, fines will be issued. A violation of this law will NOT be a surchargeable offense that affects one's insurance.

The bill also directs the state to carry out a public awareness campaign about the law and the dangers of distracted driving. The bill must now pass the Senate and be signed by Governor Baker to become law. This is a very important step to reduce the many tragic accidents in our state caused by distracted driving.

State Representative Linda Dean Campbell represents the cities of Methuen and Haverhill in the State Legislature and serves as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. She can be reached at Linda.Campbell@mahouse.gov or (617) 722-2380. ♦

IN YOUR CORNER with SENATOR DIZOGLIO

My Work on This Year's Budget

Hello Valley Patriot Readers,

After a spirited week of debate, the Massachusetts State Senate has delivered a state budget for the 2020 Fiscal Year.

The budget will now go to Conference Committee, where members of the House and Senate will collaborate on combining their respective proposals into a final budget by the start of the new fiscal year in July.

During the Senate's budget week, I successfully advocated for the inclusion of several amendments I filed, some for organizations and programs specifically in the Merrimack Valley and others that will have a positive impact on residents across the Commonwealth.

Among the amendments I'm most proud of is one adopted into the Senate Budget for additional resources toward improvements at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Mill Brook Park in Haverhill. These funds will assist with renovations currently underway at the park, including hydroseeding and the installation of an ADA-compliant crosswalk.

In total, the City of Haverhill lost 13 men during the Vietnam War. It is because of Haverhill's ties to the war and the respect with which its citizens hold our military servicemen and women that I so strongly believed funding needed to be set aside in the budget for this important project.

Another two amendments I filed to the Senate Budget pertain to my proposed Merrimack River District Commission – one to create it and another to fund it. This commission will bring together stakeholders from all along the Merrimack River, who live here and care deeply about the river's health, to address issues around pollution, including discharge from combined sewer overflows (CSOs).

The commission will include representatives from state agencies and environmental groups and will advise the legislature and work to develop a plan to clean and maintain the river moving forward.

Earlier this year, I was pleased that we were able to receive funding from last year's Environmental Bond Bill for the purchase of an emergency generator at the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District's

pumping station in North Andover.

Those resources were secured so our communities would not have to endure a situation where raw, untreated sewage slipped into the Merrimack as the result of a long-term power outage. I believe the forming of this commission is just as important as the generator, for it will create a master plan to prevent and mitigate future accidents and hazards that could harm our river.

Another amendment I was able to secure included funding toward a pilot program to notify swimmers and boaters of CSOs in the Merrimack.

With cities like Haverhill, Lawrence and Methuen all sitting

atop aging sewer systems, CSOs are a great concern here in the valley. So while the legislature works with local mayors to advance sewer infrastructure improvements, this program will use flagging and mobile app alerts to notify people using the river of potential CSOs.

On a different note, I was so pleased to see adopted into the budget an amendment I filed to fund another pilot program, one to provide a 24/7 transportation service for people in the Merrimack Valley looking to get a ride to a rehabilitation or detox center.

For people struggling with addiction, one of the greatest impediments to obtaining treatment is often a lack of transportation to a facility with an available bed. Leaders at the Merrimack Valley Project, a group of faith, labor and community leaders, which worked with me on the amendment, estimate they receive as many as 30 requests a month for rides to rehab and detox facilities from people in Lawrence and Lowell alone.

This funding will provide tremendous support for groups like the Merrimack Valley Project and help more people obtain the treatment they need to get new leases on life.

As always, I welcome any and all correspondence regarding bills and legislation I am working on. If you wish to contact me, please send an e-mail to Diana.DiZoglio@masenate.gov or call my office at (617) 722-1604 anytime.

Yours in service, Diana ♦



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Tom Duggan
May 16 at 7:12 PM

Since we take in THOUSANDS a day four is a pretty good number, wouldn't you say?



Facebook Censorship

Last month, I posted a story about four children who died in U.S. custody at the border since December.

Given all the misinformation and lack of logical thought on the subject, I injected my own opinion that having only four children die on the border in six months, was an amazingly low number given that thousands of illegal aliens are streaming across the border every single day.

One would think that with so many people coming here that number would be a lot higher just by virtue of the fact that so many people come here for better health care, and some are already sick, or have medical issues before they leave their home country.

It's not exactly a controversial position to hold, in fact, it's purely a matter of numbers. More children died in public schools last year than died in U.S. custody at the border.

A funny thing happened, however, within minutes of my seemingly innocuous post, Facebook banned me for 30 days claiming my post represented "hate speech." Just imagine!

Obviously, someone read my post and somehow interpreted it as "anti-immigrant" and reported me to Facebook.

What's worse, when I appealed to Facebook for a review of the ban, someone at Facebook looked at the post and determined that, YES ... it was hate speech, and informed me that the ban would remain in effect until June 18th. I was stunned. They also took down several posts because officials at Facebook didn't agree with my

political views. Take a look to the right.

It's one thing to censor online content which is racist or "threatening", but it's quite another to ban someone for simply questioning whether or not four children dying is a high or low number given the circumstances or because they disagree with someone's political views.

I was further stunned when I posted the screen capture above to Instagram complaining about the ban, only to have brainwashed liberals read into the post and interpreted it as my "celebrating the deaths of children". One such brainwashed snowflake was a Lawrence activist, Tennis Lilly, who stated that he disagreed with my post and that NO child should be dead. Somehow his brainwashed world view lead him to believe I disagreed with that.

So, now the standard for having a social media account is that you must not post anything that left-wing authoritarians disagree with, no matter what the subject, even if it's statistical analysis. If you do, you'll be silenced for daring to provoke free thought and discussion on-line.

For more than 200 years we feared that government censorship would mean the end of free speech and free thought. Who knew that the real enemies of freedom would come in the form of multinational tech. companies bent on destroying everything this country was founded on.

What we need is for our representatives in government to pass an internet user's Bill of Rights. But, since Facebook has paid them all off, don't hold your breath. ◇



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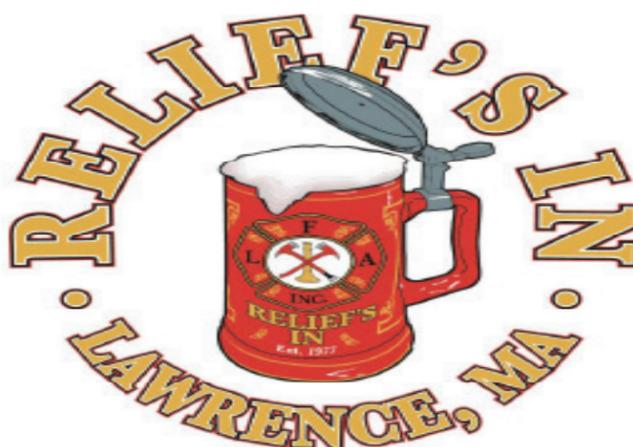
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F. H. Cann & Associates, Inc. (FHC), a national accounts receivable management (ARM) firm which employs approximately 400 in North Andover and 100 in the Greater Cincinnati area, selected Brandon Santell as their first recipient of a \$2,500 Scholarship at the Lawrence High School Alumni Scholarship Banquet. Brandon is an example of true determination and will be attending Assumption College in the Fall. Sheri Traficante-Cann, FHC's CEO is a 1985 Alum of LHS . FHC is a member of the Lawrence Exchange Club which serves the cities of Lawrence, North Andover and Andover, providing scholarships and community services in an effort to make the communities better places to live. Any 2020 LHS Seniors who would like to apply for next year's scholarship should see their guidance counselor for an application in the Fall which will be considered by the Lawrence Exchange Club Scholarship Committee for selection of the recipient in May 2020. ♦

Methuen Police Department Hosts Annual Pasta Supper for Seniors

The Methuen Police Department held its 10th annual senior pasta dinner last month. The dinner was free to Methuen seniors and was held at the city's Senior Center at 77 Lowell St.

The Methuen Police Patrolman's Association and the Methuen Police Superior Officer's Association sponsored the event and prepared ziti and meatballs for the meal, which was served with fresh bread that was donated from Piro's Bakery on Merrimack Street.

Piro's also donated two sheet cakes for dessert at the dinner.

Refreshments were also provided at the event.

"The annual Senior Supper is a great way for our department to connect with our senior residents and give back to our community," Chief Solomon said. "It's also a fun, happy event for everyone involved." Approximately 300 seniors attended the event. ♦



Senior Center Activities Director Sue Foster, left, and Officer Tom Torrisi at the 2019 Methuen Police Department's Senior Supper. (Courtesy Photo Methuen Police Department)



The Lawrence Elks club donated \$2,000 worth of food, coffee, drinks, kitchen utensils, plates etc. to the Daybreak homeless shelter in Lawrence. The donation was the result of a grant from the National Elks Foundation called the Gratitude Grant. Members of the Elks contacted Daybreak and asked them to make a list of items they needed to feed the homeless and showed up last week with three truckloads of goods. From left to right: Adam Matthews (front) Kelley Townsend, Robin Gazelian, James Alicon, Rick Restevo, Carina Pappalardo from Daybreak, Rich Kenney, Tracy Turner, Irene O'Callahan, Katie Darwin, Peter Ouelette, Mike Greenler, Andrea Howard. ♦



The Lawrence Puerto Rican Association gathered on Mother's Day for a Mother's Day Celebration at the Lawrence Firefighter's Relief's In



TMF FAMILY DINNERS RESUME IN LAWRENCE!

After being thrown out of the Buckley Garage in Lawrence by Mayor Dan Rivera, the kids from TMF (The Movement Family) have set up a new location once a week to serve a family style meal to the homeless in Lawrence at 2 South Broadway, on the south side of the Falls Bridge. Dinners are every Wednesday from 9-10pm. Volunteers from Tewksbury Detox and other organizations to help addicts get into rehab. To donate food for family dinner for the homeless, you can contact Tom Duggan at (978) 771-4091 ◊



Methuen State Rep. Linda Dean Campbell joined Vietnam Veterans during the Memorial Day Parade last month to show her support for our veterans. Linda is herself a veteran of the US Airforce. ◊



Lawrence High senior Rachel Hiraldo received a \$2,300 scholarship from the Valley Patriot's Anniversary BASH donors during last week's Lawrence High Alumni Association Dinner. Rachel, a member of the LHS JrROTC also received a copy of "Heroes in Our Midst, From the Pages of The Valley Patriot" a book honoring 134 local veterans. Pictured with Rachel are Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan and 82-year-old, U.S. Army Veteran Eugene Smith from Military Connections who donated \$1,200 to this scholarship. Eugene was also the recipient of the John Ratka Hero Veteran Award at this year's Charity BASH but left before we could announce his award. Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan presented him the award at the LHS Banquet. ◊



THE ULTIMATE PATRIOT?

Valley Patriot reader James Bowlin shows off his Valley Patriot T-Shirt and says that if his MAGA hat doesn't get him beat up, the T-Shirt definitely will. To order Valley Patriot T-Shirts, email valley patriot@aol.com. Small, medium, large, and extra-large shirts are \$16, XXL are \$21, and XXXL shirts are \$26. Money raised from the shirts go to the Valley Patriot's 1st Amendment legal defense fund. ◊



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rate in order to tackle the challenges and seize the opportunities, and I believe that I have the experience and skills necessary to help facilitate Methuen's growth.

I care deeply about supporting our public school system, addressing public safety issues, and helping our local business community by fostering responsible business development. As a taxpayer, I believe strongly in fiscal responsibility and understand the financial challenges faced by the many residents of our city who are on fixed incomes. I also have no conflicts of interest with our city, which will allow me to represent every constituent in Methuen without ever having to step away from the table.

For me, this is not just a campaign – it is a job interview. While I have my own ideas and concerns, I want to hear your ideas and concerns. As a member of the City Council, I will be working for you, but I also want to work with you. After all, the only way to move Methuen forward is by moving forward together.

I look forward to earning the trust of the people of Methuen, and I hope to receive one of your three votes to serve as a Councilor-at-Large.

To learn more about D.J. Beaugard and his campaign, visit www.DJBeaugard.com. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach him via email at djbeaugardma@gmail.com.

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and the protocol in reporting discarded needles.

In addition, the Lowell Health Department has been provided a sharps disposal kiosk by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Sharps that are placed in a biohazard sharps container, known as a "Red Box", or puncture proof container, such as a laundry detergent bottle, can be placed into the kiosk to be disposed of properly. The sharps disposal kiosk is for residential disposal only and cannot accommodate commercial disposal. The

sharps disposal kiosk is available for use during the Lowell Health Department's business hours: 8am to 5pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; 8am to 8pm on Tuesdays; and 8am to 12pm on Fridays. If participants do not have a puncture proof container, the Lowell Health Department will provide one free of charge.

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The Promises of God

Peter Larocque
RELIGION COLUMNIST

I am absolutely almost positive that many of you have heard the proverb, "Promises Made, Promises Kept". As I looked for the genesis of this saying, it is still up for debate who said it first! When we are talking about us humans I can understand the confusion. But when we speak of God, our Heavenly Father, all the talk is over because He is the original promise keeper! When God makes a promise, it is a done deal, you can count on it! The timing may not be exactly according to our wishes, but it will come to pass.

Let's read 2 Corinthians 1:20, "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." The "yea" means an emphatic yes and the "amen" means so be it, it's trustworthy! Something of great importance that we must recognize here is that all the promises of God are not contingent upon our behavior and the reason for this is because of "who" made the promise which in this case it is God! We must never contribute to God man's limitations, man's ability or inability to keep a promise.

Titus 1:2, tells us, "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;" Note that this doesn't say God will not or chooses not to lie, it very clearly states, God cannot lie! The answer to the universal question, "is there anything God cannot do?" The Answer is yes! God cannot lie!

Now, as far as "timing" attached to His promises, let's not forget that God knows what He is doing and the truth that He knows all! He knows all the whys and the wherefores, all the behind the scenes stuff that we are not privy to.

2 Peter 3:9, tells us, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." We just have to trust Him!

Now let's go back to 2 Corinthians 1:20, "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." The words "in him" refer to Jesus Christ, he is the one that makes the surety, meaning Jesus took on the responsibility, and the undertaking of performing the Father's will, Redeeming us from our sins which Ephesians 1:7 explains, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;" The

results of this is what we read in Hebrews 7:22, "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament." Along with Hebrews 8:6, "But now hath he [Jesus Christ] obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises." Because of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, we have a better testament, and a better covenant which results in better promises!

So, when we get to verses 21 & 22 of 2 Corinthians 1, we see the following, "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

What these verses are telling us according to (Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible: New Modern Edition, Electronic Database. Copyright © 1991 by Hendrickson Publishers, Inc.) "The veracity [the precision, exactness] of God, the mediation of Christ, and the operation of the Spirit, are all engaged that the promises shall be sure to all the seed, [all who believe] and the accomplishment of them shall be to the glory of God (v. 20) for the glory of his rich and sovereign grace, and never-failing truth and faithfulness."

So, all the Promises of God have the backing of Himself, Jesus Christ and The Holy Spirit! Now that's makes it SURE! For example, in Philippians 1:6, we read, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" The great things God has started in you and for you, He promises that he will see it through with you to completion!

Have you ever read Joshua chapter 23? You should, because here God makes himself know as the promise keeper to the Children of Israel as they are about to enter the promise land that he promised them. Joshua 23:5, "And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you." Joshua 23:9-10, "For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day. 10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you."

Wouldn't make sense to know what God has promised you? The only place you will find them is in the Bible. Do not

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BENEATH THE SURFACE

What's Wrong with In-Vitro Fertilization?

Paul Murano
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

We all know the reasons and motives couples seek procreative technologies when fertility seems to fail. But despite the good intentions, is it moral? Let us go beneath the surface to look at this question from various angles. The following are short elaborations: 3 moral underlying principles, 3 things that make it morally problematic, 3 related thoughts, and then 3 reasons why the conclusion is difficult for many to accept.

Three important underlying principles:

a) A child is a gift, not a right. Gifts are not to be coveted nor grasped in a way that one is willing to employ any means to attain them. Further, a child is a person to be loved, not an object to be demanded. All persons, including our children, are primarily God's, not ours.

b) The marital act may be assisted by technology, but never replaced. Persons are meant to be "begotten, not made" - that is begotten of the act of love-union. Every child has a right to be conceived of the act of love and raised by a family who accepts them from the hand of God.

c) The unitive and procreative ends of sexual love must never be separated intentionally. Doing violates the natural moral law. This inseparability principle renders acts intrinsically immoral that seek union while impeding procreation (as in contraception) and seek procreation without union (as in in-vitro fertilization). The flow of life between lover and beloved must never be impeded or perverted to the natural end of 'the two becoming one flesh' (Gen 2:24).

Three things that make In-vitro fertilization morally problematic:

1) Human embryos are created and destroyed in the in-vitro process. In order

that one embryo might be successfully implanted into a woman, several are usually killed and discarded, or are left in suspended animation cryogenically. Countless thousands of human beings in their embryonic stage of life are now frozen indefinitely within cryogenic freezers around the country.

2) Humans are made in God's image and are meant to be gotten of the act of love-union, not made or manufactured through the tools of a third party clinician in a Petri dish. In-vitro fertilization also bypasses the natural selection process of sperm cells by the female reproductive tract.

3) Children of in-vitro fertilization tend to feel as if they are "products of conception," a phrase commonly used by abortion advocates to depersonalize human beings.

Three related thoughts:

x) Eve violated principle #a above when she grasped at an apparent good after being warned by God. She rationalized it as being "good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom" (Gn 3:6). Her own limited judgment of the desired object overrode God's command and the truth of her own nature.

y) It is possible for God to create great good out of moral evil, as He has done throughout history. One could say God writes history with the crooked lines we give Him. In-vitro fertilization is an example of this. Children conceived through in-vitro fertilization are as good, dignified, equal, and loved by God as any other. However, as St. Paul clearly warns us, one may never do an evil so that good might come out of it (Rom 3:8).

z) The inseparability principle (#c above) is one of the most important, yet

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go by what people say about what God has promised! Many times, what people say God has promised, in the Bible God says he has not, and many times what people say God has not promised, God says in His word, he has!

Please, please read the Bible for yourself and claim the promises of God for yourself, they are yours for the taking! God loves it when you take Him at His Word!

Charles Spurgeon, an English Calvinist and Baptist Preacher of the 1800s said, "Every promise of Scripture is a writing of God, which may be pleaded before Him with this reasonable request, 'Do as Thou hast said.' The Heavenly Father will not break His Word to His own child."

Happy Hunting!!!
Love to all,
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TV TALK with BILL CUSHING



'Dead To Me'

Bill Cushing

VALLEY PATRIOT TV COLUMNIST

'Dead To Me' is one of Netflix newest binge worthy series. Created by comedian Liz Feldman and produced by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay, the dramedy follows two women, Jen played by Christina Applegate and Linda Cardellini.

Applegate plays Jen, a high-end real-estate broker whose husband has been killed in an unsolved hit-and-run some three months prior. While at a grief support group, Jen meets Judy (Cardellini) who is also there dealing with the grief of losing her fiancé to a heart attack. Judy is dealing with her grief, while Jen is more focused on getting revenge on the person who ran down her husband. Jen is defensive and doesn't know how to let other people help her. While Judy is much more optimistic, always looking for the bright side. The two balance each other out. The slow building friendship and bond shared between the two women is believable and strong. Both of them support one another and let the other express themselves without judgment.

Through a series of brief flashbacks over the course of the show, we see the losses that each of them had to endure, and get more light shed onto the mysterious backgrounds involving both of these characters and the events surrounding their grief.

The less you know about 'Dead to Me' the more effective the many twists and turns will be when you watch, so I won't give too many more details about the storyline. Let's just say that there is more than meets the eye to each of their stories, and the first episode ends on a shocker that sets up the rest of the season. In fact, each

30-minute episode ends on a cliffhanger, making it an easy series to binge-watch in a weekend.

The highlight of the series are the great performances by Cardellini, and especially Applegate who turns in some of the best work of her career. They are perfectly cast and work so well together showing such great chemistry. The realism and layers of the characters combined with the strength and talent of the actresses is a treat to watch.

Ed Asner and James Marsden are also both excellent in supporting performances.

The show can be very dark at times, but at other times it is also very witty and extremely funny. Much like another Netflix series, 'After Life,' which I reviewed a couple of months ago, 'Dead To Me' uses humor as a tool to deal with real issues such as grief, trauma, betrayal, resentment, loss, and rage. To the shows credit, they don't shy away from these subjects either, they embrace them.

'Dead to Me' is an extremely enjoyable watch.

A second season of the show has not yet been announced but it's virtually a sure thing.

All 10 episodes of season one of 'Dead to Me' are available to stream on Netflix.

If you have any questions about TV you can email me at BillsTVTalk@gmail.com. I will answer all of your questions and will feature some of the questions I receive in a future Mailbag column.

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ETHICS: FROM 9

company's business with Essex Tech.

O'Connell also violated the conflict of interest law when he used his Superintendent-Director position to benefit his son by twice raising his salary, letting him use an Essex Tech truck for his private business, and placing him in charge of snow removal at Essex Tech.

In addition, O'Connell unlawfully used public resources for his own benefit when he ordered Essex Tech employees to do private work for him. After a developer gave O'Connell surplus bricks at the former North Shore campus, O'Connell ordered Essex Tech workers to use a school-owned truck and public worktime to pick up the bricks and deliver them to his home.

The State Ethics Commission is

charged with civilly enforcing the conflict of interest law, G.L. c. 268A.

When at least three of the Commission's five members vote to find reasonable cause to believe a public employee has violated the law, they can also authorize adjudicatory proceedings to determine whether the violation occurred. The public employee then has the opportunity to enter into a public disposition agreement rather than exercising his or her right to a hearing.

The Commission encourages public employees to contact the Commission's Legal Division at 617-371-9500 for free advice if they have any questions regarding how the conflict of interest law may apply to them. ♦

OBITUARY: Michelle (DeLuca) Benedetti, 51

Haverhill – Michelle (DeLuca) Benedetti, 51, wife of Joseph A. Benedetti, passed away May 30, 2019 at High Pointe Hospice in Haverhill after a courageous battle with cancer. Her long fight didn't define her, however, nor did it slow her down. She made every moment count, right up to the last. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Methuen, she was the daughter of Robert J. and Olive M. (Robichaud) DeLuca of Haverhill. She attended St. Mary's High School and graduated in Class of 1986. Michelle obtained her Master's Degree from University of Massachusetts, Lowell. For 21 years she was employed with the State of Massachusetts in the Department of Children and Families as a Social Worker and Supervisor, working in the Haverhill Office since 2001. Michelle was hard working with strong principles and was devoted to her profession. She was always giving to others and her giving spirit transcended in her work and family life. Her work impacted the lives of countless people.

Michelle was an active woman, constantly challenging herself with CrossFit, distance running, and yoga. She also knew how to relax. You could often find her with her toes in the sand at the beach and a glass of wine at the ready. She had



a great sense of humor and was known for her sharp and quick wit. She loved life and lived for her family and her pets, especially her dog Zoe and cat Lola. A devoted wife, mother, daughter and sister she will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.

In addition to her loving husband Joseph, she is survived by her sons, Jonathan P. Basile and Ryan C. Basile, both of Haverhill; her step children, Alec P. Benedetti of Haverhill; Tatiana J. Benedetti of Somerville; Samantha H. Benedetti of Burlington, VT; her brothers, Kenneth C. DeLuca of Portsmouth, NH; Mark R. DeLuca and his partner Heidi Deschamps of Atkinson, NH; her uncle and aunt, Richard and Dolores Boettcher of North Andover, her cousins, Thomas and Jennifer Boettcher of Wakefield, April and William Winter of Ashburnham, nieces and nephews, Matthew, Jillian, Robert, Katherine, Samuel and Jessica DeLuca, and cousins Cassandra and Sidney Boettcher, and Maverick Winter and her former husband Paul Basile.

Donations may be made in Michelle's memory to Susan G. Komen New England, 2000 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 205, Auburndale, MA 02466 or www.komennewengland.org. Please visit Comeau Funeral Home on Facebook or www.comeaufuneral.com

REST IN PEACE FLO GOBEAU

Methuen - Flora (SanAntonio) Gibeau, 92, of Methuen passed away Monday, May 27, 2019, at her home.

Born in Lawrence on July 7, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Genevieve (Martone) SanAntonio.

Flora was raised and educated in the Lawrence Public School System. Upon meeting her husband, Harvey, after World War II, she focused on being a mother, homemaker, and her work. She worked as a troubleshooter at Modicon and Wang Laboratories. The door to her home was always open to everyone. Her home was a source of warmth and love to others, as she lovingly enjoyed entertaining family and friends. She also enjoyed spending time cultivating flowers and watching the birds. Flora cherished her Italian heritage, but most of all she loved being American. She had a great appreciation of the USA and was very patriotic. She honored all that served our nation, including her husband, and was very involved in her local DAV.

Flo was one of The Valley Patriot's biggest supporters. She never missed our annual charity BASH and was always on hand when we were in the community to honor our veterans. She and Harvey will be greatly missed. At last they are now together again. ♦



In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Flora's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project at support.woundedwarriorproject.org.

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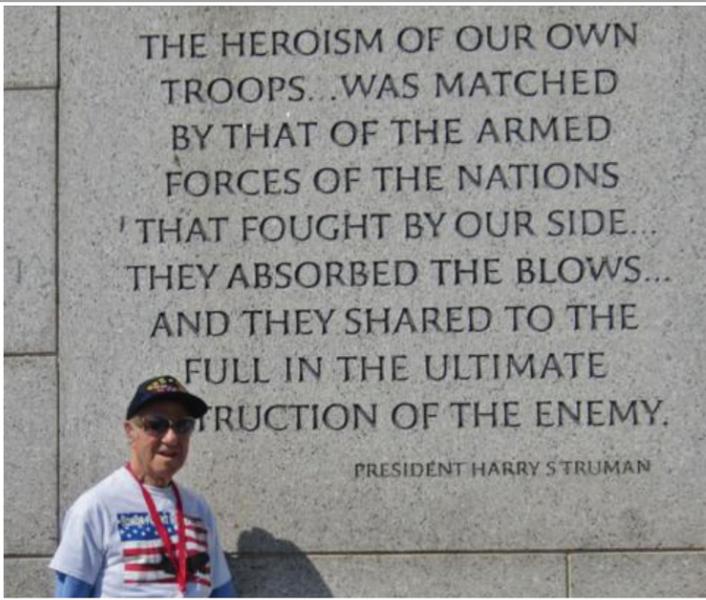
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HERO: FROM PAGE 1

the morale of the men and women. He easily recited their names; Bob Hope, Carol Landers, Marilyn Maxwell, Jack Benny, Tony Romano, Jerry Colonna, and ZaSu Pitts. Marilyn made such an impression on Mac that he named his second daughter after her!

Mac was an eyewitness to General of the Army Douglas MacArthur's landing at Leyte Gulf. MacArthur allegedly ordered the US Navy coxswain to lower the ramp on the landing craft fifty yards off the beach, so an AP photo could be taken of him wading ashore. Once ashore, he declared to the citizens of the Philippines, "I have returned!" CBS radio correspondent William J. Dunn recalled to later historians, that he heard a junior Naval Officer on the beach, who was serving as a "Beach master", tell the coxswain to drop the ramp so the General and his staff could wade ashore to where the men and women who had done the fighting were already waiting.

Mac, at age 19, met his wife, Marge, who was not quite 16 years old, in Savannah, Georgia. She was working as a civilian for the 8th Air Force as a parachute rigger when they met on November 15, 1942. At 95 years old, that date is still etched in Mac's memory. He was in Naval Training in Georgia when they met. Unfortunately, he was deployed a couple of

weeks later and asked this woman that he barely knew but had fallen in love with, to wait for him. To his surprise, she said, "yes!"

During his time overseas, they wrote letters to each other and due to secrecy demanded by the government, Marge had no idea where he was fighting or if he was receiving her letters on a regular basis. Mac was fighting the war in faraway lands just longing for the day that he would be able to return home and

marry his beloved Marge. Finally, the day came and Mac returned home to South Boston on January 5th, 1946. He brought beautiful bouquets of red roses; one for his mother and one for his bride-to-be. He had previously made arrangements for Marge to travel from Savannah, Georgia to Boston to stay with his mother until he made his way home. He sent money to Marge to make sure that his southern fiancé had plenty of warm clothes, most importantly a fur coat, to cope with the frigid temperatures which she had never experienced.

To their dismay, when Mac arrived home and he and Marge met with the Catholic priest to plan their long-awaited wedding, they were told that they would not be able to marry during Lent. After waiting three years to marry the girl of his dreams, Mac didn't want to wait a minute

longer. He asked the priest what it would take to rectify the situation and was told that \$25.00 and dispensation from the Pope might make it happen. Mac immediately took the \$25.00 from his pocket to get the process started. Shortly afterward, the Pope granted permission for Mac and Marge and all other returning servicemen to marry immediately.

The couple married 73 years ago, on March 24, 1946. Their family includes three daughters, one son, nine grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Mac now drives to Nevins Nursing home every day to sit with his beloved Marge for four hours or more.

Mac was recalled to active duty with the Navy and served aboard the USS Sparrow during the Korean War. The active duty part of his service to the country came to an end in June, 1954. Mac and Marge's active military years had sent them to Newport, RI, Charleston, SC and Staten Island, NY. The couple and their 4 children were finally able to settle in So. Lawrence, MA.

Like many others, Mac worked in a factory, Mead Packaging, where he mixed ink into huge vats of paper pulp. Following that, he worked for the state of MA as a firefighter at Harold Parker State Forest. He spent a lot of time in the fire towers there, on lookout duty for fires. He also had to help fight forest fires and brushfires. You may have seen him during one of the times he donned the Smokey the Bear costume at a parade or at a class about fire safety in the woods. He retired from Harold Parker in 1989.

A highlight of Mac's life was when he was a guest on Honor Flight #34 to Washington, DC on September 20, 2014, accompanied by his daughter, Marilyn. He and his fellow WWII and Korean War veterans were saluted and honored for their service over and over throughout that memorable day.

Honor Flight makes sure that every possible WWII veteran gets to see the magnificent memorial that is dedicated to

them.

The highlight of that day was when Mac got to thank and shake the hand of Senator Bob Dole, the man who was instrumental in getting the memorial built. He and his wife Elizabeth stayed at the entrance to the WWII Memorial on a very hot September afternoon thanking each veteran for his or her service. I think what made this interview more special than the others, is the way Angus illustrated how men and women of the US Army, US Navy, US Marine Corp, US Coast Guard, and US Army Air Corp depended on each other to win, and more importantly, survive. And how civilians working long hours in factories and farms, on the Homefront, such as his future wife packing parachutes, were just as important as infantryman to our Victory in World War II. America and our Allies beat the Axis powers on the battlefield and the United States beat them on the assembly line.

By the way, if you are ever in South Boston, go to the corner of E and 5th streets. There, you'll find a plaque dedicating that corner to William F. Sloan, Mac's best friend, who was killed during the Battle of the Bulge. Mac saw to it that even if he didn't come home, Sloan would always be remembered and honored.

This article was written with the help of Marilyn Abate, Angus's daughter and with much help from Angus MacPherson himself.

John Cuddy served in the US Navy's Construction Battalions (also known as the Seabees) after retiring from the Navy; he earned a BA in History and an MA in Economics from the University of Massachusetts on the Lowell Campus. He has been employed in Logistics at FedEx for the last 22 years. If you know a World War II Veteran who would like their story told, please email him at John.Cuddy@Yahoo.com. ♦



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North Andover Farmers Market Launches Veterans Program

"On May 21, 2019 at 1:00 pm, a Military Ceremony honoring the late Major Richard T. Kelley US Army (Ret.) was held on the street on which he was born, Dana Street, in South Lawrence.

The Ceremony honored Rick Kelley's extensive military and civilian accomplishments, both as a decorated soldier as well as an accomplished attorney. He served his country honorably in the military and the Greater Lawrence community as a respected attorney. Many friend's and family honored his

memory, last month, on Rick's birthday May 21st. An American Hero featured in March of 2018".

On June 14th, Flag Day and the US Army Birthday; "All citizens are invited to the Dracut American Legion for a Flag Retirement Ceremony, Friday June 14th, Flag Day and the US Army Birthday, please arrive at 6:30pm, Ceremony at 7pm. Free Family Event. Please bring worn Flags to be retired."

The Government is Responsible For Sky-High Drug Prices

Bharani Padmanabhan, MD, PhD
MEDICAL CORRUPTION COLUMNIST

Liberal Lion Ted Kennedy pushed through the 1980 Bayh-Dole Act and the 2009 Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act. The Bayh-Dole Act allowed private companies to make huge profits off discoveries paid for by the taxpayers, like the billions Novartis made from the Gleevec discovered by Oregon's public university.

Both laws made the federal government the watchdog that ensured "market exclusivity" for pharma companies.

Even though Ted was already suffering from brain cancer when he pushed through the 2009 act, his strong support for 12-14 years of "market exclusivity" came under criticism because it corruptly supported windfall profits for the Massachusetts biotech industry at the expense of the nation's patients.

These windfall profits are preserved through policing of the competition by the FDA at public expense. Prices immediately began their stratospheric rise and culminated in Novartis charging \$2 Million for its new 1-shot drug, Zolgensma. Gilead's \$84,000 for Sovaldi looks quaint now.

This week Wineinger, Topol et al published a study confirming that the government's grant of "market exclusivity" is responsible for the high prices.

Payers meanwhile looked for generic versions as if that was the solution. The push for generics resulted in procuring them from factories in China and India. This month a superb new book is out that reveals the utter fraud and perfidy in those factories and how they systematically lie to the FDA. You must read "Bottle of Lies" by Katherine Eban.

The author's attention to detail is as welcome as her commitment to the patients of our world. This book's details may be slandered but not denied. It does not pull any punches when it relates the events in numerous pharma plants all over the planet. It is evident that the author has lived the subject of her book for many years.

I was particularly pleased with the details regarding Dr. Dinesh Thakur's integrity and commitment to Vedic dharma principles, which led him to blowing

the whistle on Ranbaxy to the FDA and the US Attorney for Maryland, at grave physical risk to himself and his family.

Where this book does pull its punches however is when it comes to institutional corruption within the FDA.

That was most certainly a moral obligation that this book failed to fulfill despite clear indications of back-room shenanigans that allowed Ranbaxy to get a new drug application approved, allowed CEO Malvinder to escape criminal prosecution despite the smoking guns handed to the United States by Dr. Thakur, returning to giving the criminals 6-week's notice of FDA inspections (!!), and most terrifying of all, allowing the caught-in-the-act criminals to continue their fraud in other pharma companies, thereby spreading the muck to even previously-good companies like Mylan. FDA officials are exclusively and individually responsible for that terrible outcome, as is HHS Inspector General Daniel Levinson.

One must also question the motives of the US Attorney.... Rod Rosenstein, who let proven criminals walk despite ample evidence in hand to put them away for years, and killed a great opportunity to show the industry that fraud will no longer pay.

But for our Liberal Lion ensuring that the government polices "market exclusivity" for wealthy pharma and biotech companies, prices would not be this high and Americans would not be exposed to fraudulent drugs manufactured in China and India. Right now we cannot depend on any generics sold in the US. Or on intravenous Heparin either.

Ted Kennedy's "market exclusivity" clauses must be repealed. Laws must be passed that encourage manufacturing in the United States of cheaper generics as well. Only that will save American lives and money.



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The Hunger Games, Are You Really Hungry?

Rick Bellanti
HEALTH & WELLNESS COLUMNIST

As you find yourself on this new journey to a healthier you, you are on a new lifestyle change looking to get healthy and fit. You're cutting out certain foods that used to satisfy your cravings, sweets, like donuts and cookies and carbohydrate filled foods, like breads and pastas; you are now cutting calories and losing weight. But those in between meal hunger pains (or sometimes called hunger pangs) can be brutal and if it gets too bad, you may find yourself binging on the nearest food available (often nothing good for you).

So, what is a hunger pain?

Sometimes, when your stomach has been empty for a number of hours, your stomach muscles may start to contract (giving the hunger pains sensation we feel). It is a feeling of discomfort in the pit of your stomach, not a sharp pain, but a feeling of discomfort strong enough to notice. The stomach is a muscular organ that is capable of stretching and collapsing. When it's stretched by the foods we eat or water we drink, you tend to feel full. When it's been some time since you last ate or had a drink, your stomach may seem flatter and may contract, causing you to experience hunger pangs.

There are several reasons why we may experience stomach hunger pain from time to time. The most common is like we mentioned, lack of food or water, so a quick healthy snack or a glass of water may help the hunger pain sensation go away rather quickly. Another reason may be caused by your body being in a routine of eating certain large amounts of food or eating at specific times of day. You may also experience hunger pangs because you need to eat a diet higher in essential nutrients. While in most cases, hunger pains are simply the body's way of indicating it

is time to eat and drink, in other cases, the pain may be something more severe like a gastrointestinal disorder that is in the early stages, so if it continues you may want to talk to your doctor.

If you are just cutting calories by simply eating less, then your body will feel hungry and deprived more easily. So, it's more the type of calorie you are eating.

You want to eat foods that will make you feel fuller longer. Try eating foods with lots of water in them like dense fruits and vegetables, they will help you feel fuller on fewer calories and control your hunger. High-fiber foods not only provide volume but also take longer to digest, making you feel full longer on fewer calories.

So how do we keep these hunger pains away when we are trying to be healthy and follow a diet program, restricting food?

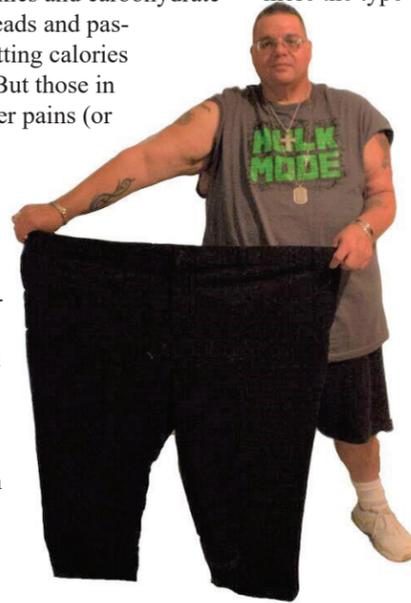
Here are a few suggestions: Try eating more

frequently throughout the day, cutting your portions in half, so you are still taking in the same amount of calories per day but less at each meal. Eating more lean protein, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables (most vegetables are very low in calories but high in volume or weight) which will help keep you fuller longer. Try eating more low-calorie foods with high fiber content.

Most importantly, drink plenty of water, we talk about this all the time. The hunger pains you are having could be a form of dehydration because you are not taking in the required amount of water. The easy rule to remember is to drink half your body weight in ounces daily.

Try these simple tips and continue to reach your health goals. The important thing is to fuel up regularly throughout the day to avoid these hunger pains, so you can stay on track.

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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difficult, moral principles for people to apprehend. This is for three reasons:

- i) Its truth and beauty are difficult for many human intellects to grasp without assistance.
- ii) Impeding or creating human life by replacing the marital act are often accompanied by strong self-centered motives.
- iii) We have been conditioned by a society that claims we have a right to do what we want with our bodies, even if attempting to usurp God's sovereign authority. Sin, which is very real and very deadly, is ignored.

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Sultana & Nurur Rahman, Sugalesini Subramaniam, \$315,000, 400B Brookside Dr Unit 400B
Robert J & Judith E Mack, Renzo & Kara Iturrino, \$860,000, 16 Wyncrest Cir
Janet Barnard Burkhard Tr & Mark David

Burkhard Tr & Burkhard Realty Trust, Parag Mukhopadhyay & Pooja Arora, \$745,000, 10 Greybirch Rd
Jeanne M & Jeffrey M Dennis, Kevin G & Christina L Cunniff, \$742K, 9 Belle Haven Dr
Laura A Kohr, Steven Reid, \$410,000, 15 Boston Rd
Michael S & Jennifer Hart, Christina Moseley, \$290,000, 354 North Main St Unit 310
Anthony D Silvestro & Lana Luciano/ Lana Silvestro, David C & Laura A McBride, \$229,900, 100.5 Main St Unit R
Pensco Trust Co, Chunsheng Song & Yuanlin Dong, \$190,000, A3 Colonial Dr Unit 7
Sang Don & Misook Paik, Mahesh & Zankhna Patel, \$950,000, 7 Whittemore Ter
Peter J Morris, Mark W & Gabrielle E O'Brien, \$449,900, 53 Brookfield Rd
Debra Demetra Gildea & Brian Gildea, Andrew Kirwan & Samantha J Miller, \$340,000, 55 Dufton Rd
Todd Pietrasiak, Mary Jo Mahan, \$330,000, 250 North Main St Unit 3
Paul Sherba & Jeffrey Sholes, Scott & Caroline Hansen, \$1,650,000, 6 High Meadow Rd
Frank Tammaro Jr Tr & 26 Woburn Street Realty Trust, Jonathan D & Lauren R Dffenbach, \$699,900, 26 Woburn St
Peter A & Linda L Benjamin, Kelly A McGinley & Joseph Matara, \$925,000, 19 Sugarbush Ln
Joseph T & Nicole F Barbagallo, Kent & Maria J Wong/Maria Jennifer Wong, \$800,000, 1 Rindge Rd
Dean L & Mary Beth Mola, Ryan & Margaret Olivastri, \$770,000, 14 Acropolis Cir
Seth H & Marci Jo Lerner Trs & Lerner Family Realty Trust, David S Rainen & Kimberly Butler Rainen, \$759,900, 75 Argilla Rd
Matthew & Amanda Strong, Dongchul Kang, \$700,000, 9 Torr St
John Caveney & Jacob J Arnold, Timothy P & Gina Jones, \$660,000, 2 West Knoll Rd
MacIntire Family Realty Trust & Barbara L MacIntire Tr, Wade A & Susan S Easley, \$610,000, 4 Buchan Rd
Pamela J Garavano, Steven & Cheryl H Sotirakos, \$585,000, 7 Ayer St
David S Rainen & Kimberly A Butler-Rainen, Jarod Presterone, \$474K, 5 Alderbrook Rd
Yanchong Zheng, Usman Fazli & Sara Dar, \$436,900, 18 Dale St Unit 3C
Anne W Donlan & Paul Marad & Michael Donlan Est, Oneida Aquino, \$425,000, 32 Sutherland St
Travis R & Sara Ianetta/Sara Duplisea, Lisa Wong, \$315,000, 49 Lupine Rd Unit 12
Christopher & Mary Lewis Chiodo, Richard C & Heather C Dodge, \$855,000, 21 Shipman Rd
Flynn Realty Trust & John B & Alice M Flynn Trs, Boris A Svirchuk, \$575,000, 3 Tamys Ln
Marie A & Andrew P Brown Trs & Marie A Brown Revocable Living Trust, Laurence W Gibson III & Jac-Lyn Gibson, \$854,000, 1 Shawnee Cir
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McLellan, \$750,000, 109 Woburn St
Black Sun Investments LLC, Uyen Le-Kong, \$700,000, 450 South Main St
Cadence Capital Group LLC, Douglas J & Toby Emerzian, \$685,000, 3 Archer Ln
Wayne D & Susan L Nader, Jieyu Peter Chen & Ruie Zhang, \$675,000, 55 Andover St
Samuel P & Susan McLellan, Andrew Kevion Campbell & James Michael Stuart, \$625,000, 5 Chester St
Todd A & Sharon C Pattison, Richard Licciardi, \$161,000, 354 North Main St Unit 302
Mark & Christine Barsanti, Timothy P Martin & Lindsey J Sansone, \$778,000, 19 Wolcott Ave
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Brett W Cox Tr & Cox Irrevocable Trust, John B Cervone IV & Kristy Partlow, \$654,000, 363 Salem St
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Dorothea Leblanc & Edward C Ferragamo Jr & Mary Alva & Marie Letellier & Janice M Ferragamo/Janice Ferragamo, Matthew & Amanda Strong, \$300,000, 88 Andover St
Thomas F Caffrey & Rita S Martin Est, Muxuan Kang & Xiaoni Wu, \$230,000, 247 North Main St Unit 11
Somerset Properties LLC, Scott C Hunt, \$170,000, B4 Colonial Dr Unit 9
Mark Menezes, Ellien & Christopher Cunniffe, \$130,000, 10 Colonial Dr Unit 10B-4
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B G Peck Company Inc, 9Th Act LLC, \$2,900,000, 50 Shepard St
Almeidas Property LLC, Jose Batista, \$651,500, 195-199, 203 South Union St
Jesus Trejo, Josefina Del Rosario De Deleon, \$470,000, 78-80 Park St
Dulce Espejo & Augusto Mejia, Laura M Ferreira & Sander J Vargas, \$429,900, 15-17 Wesley St
Yelmis A Hiraldo, Raul G Torres, \$353,000, 41 Atkinson St
Edward J & Janice R Doucette Trs & J & E Doucette Realty Trust, Zoila Disla, \$330,000, 201 Olive Ave
Joseph Shelzi Tr & 30-32 Washington Street Trust, Joel E Reynoso Perez, \$329,000, 30-32 Washington St
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Chloe LLC, Pavel & Yuli Khaykin, \$70,000, 21 Bellevue St Unit 1
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Uninion Milford Homes LLC, Ines M Armando & Victor Jaime Villa, \$175,000, 134 Union St
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Israel & Safiely M Franco, Roberto A Morales Jr & Lileisi Soto, \$362,200, 9 Orange Ave
Yohanny Cespedes, Oscar Mahecha Diaz, \$486,000, 154-156 Farnham St
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Oscar Torres & Rachele Bustos, Ileana Ramos & Edwin Reyes Colon, \$309,000, 215 Ferry St
Scott Williams, Erik Garcia, \$460,255, 6-8 Chester St
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Billy J Marte, Eufemio Flete, \$395,000, 57 King St
Jose E & Juana A Bencosme, Leonardo Lopez, \$353,000, 196 East Haverhill St
Thu Truong 2013 Trust & Sui V Thu Tr & Muoi Truong Tr, Nelson Santana, \$430,000, 503 Lowell St
Junior Peralta & Eliana Y Valdez Guzman, Juan Carlos Obando Molina, \$355,000, 32 Hoffman Ave
RJM LLC, Karielis Guardiola & Brian L Cabrera, \$350,000, 8 Nelson St
Antonio A Ramos, Yinet A Pena Gil & Seferina Gil Rodriguez, \$345,000, 147-149 Oxford St
Idalio Guzman & Yudith Margarita Caraballo, Yahaira Ortiz & Cornelio Lausell, \$470,000, 121-123 Easton St
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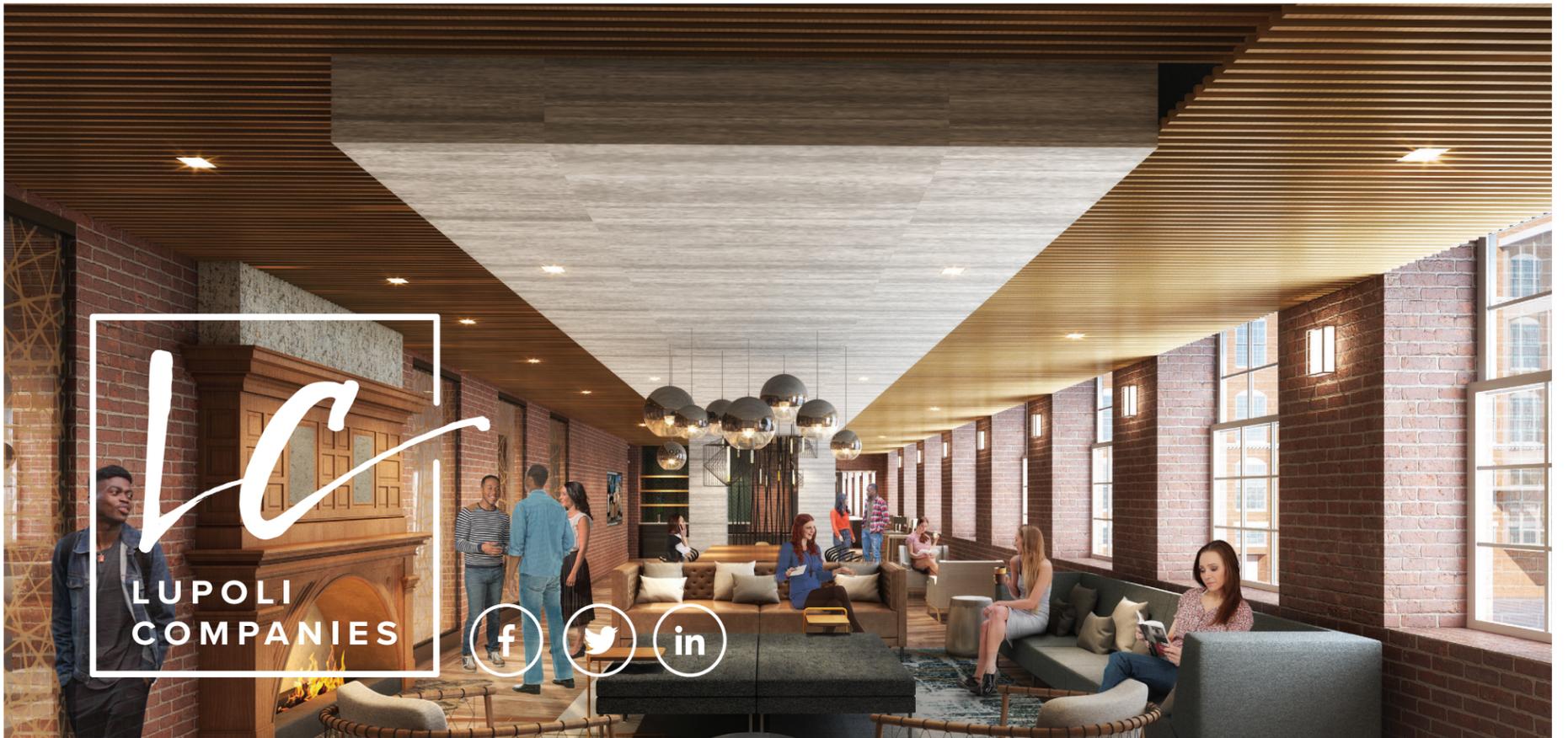
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 Maple Park Reserve LLC, Jose Pina, \$609,900, 2 Mariah Dr
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 George L Martin Est & Maureen LaRivee, Fatima Hussaini, \$305,000, 1073 Riverside Dr
 F Philip & Theresa A Falco, Mariel S Fenton, \$359,000, 146 Butternut Ln
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 Karen A & James E Hanley, Rachel Francois, \$500,000, 14 Buttonwood Dr
 Candida DeJesus/Candida Arias, Ali Rafiq, \$389,900, 192 Lowell St
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 Shirley D Kalil, Justice L Kent, \$293,000, 16 Clayton Ave
 Bormin Development LLC, Erick I Hernandez-Lopez, \$493,000, 5 Walnut St
 Judie M Parker/Judie Marie Polcari, Edwin Rivera & Zenaida Roman, \$425,000, 10 Carrie Ave
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 Wilmington Trust N A Tr, Felix Gomez, \$209,900, 9 Newton Ave
 Justin & Allison Boleski/Allison Workman, Mohamed Elbakkali & Siham Ben-Hamza, \$320,000, 37 Piedmont St
 Claire Joan Bamford, Melissa Lugo, \$285,000, 21 Madison St
 Dan & Adrienne Ostler, Karim Hassouna & Katherine Debs, \$367,000, 401 Forest St
 Christopher D Call, Fernando Colon, \$220,000, 1 Bentley Cir Unit 14
 Kevin L & Janet M Dunn/Janet M Zuffanti, Lillian Mastrotrilli, \$553,900, 124 Sherwood Dr Unit 237
 Michael J & Valerie Andren, Matthew I & Keri P Jennings, \$456,900, 22 Hideaway Ln
 Jeffrey S & Cheryl A Laurenza, Eddie R & Kelly A Raposo, \$470,000, 23 Bridgham St
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 Gerard A & Karen I O'Rourke, Solanyi Figueroa Reyes, \$418K, 161-163 Warwick St
 George Salas, Jhan Carlos Hidalgo Almonte & Aida Iris Perez Baez, \$399,500, 43 Spruce
 Nicholas E Krupica Tr & Lynn La Ferla Family Trust, Gabriel Lopez, \$365,000, 164 Maple St

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 Atlantic Realty Trust & Kenneth Knight Tr, NSER Property Holding LLC, \$380,000, 468 Merrimack St Unit B
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 Alfred Deberardinis III & Lisa M Turgeon, Eric H & Carol V Thidemann, \$329,000, 3 Combination St
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 Joseph M & Kristen M Clarke, Richard Gorham, \$455,000, 20 Cabot Rd
 Thomas E Vines, Kirsten Peterson, \$290,000, 148 Main St Unit C239
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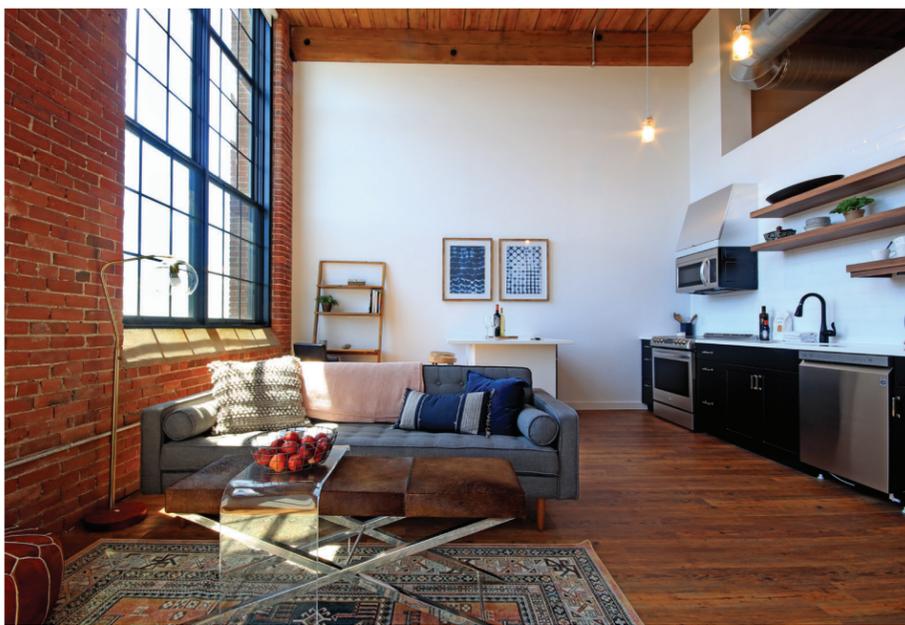
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