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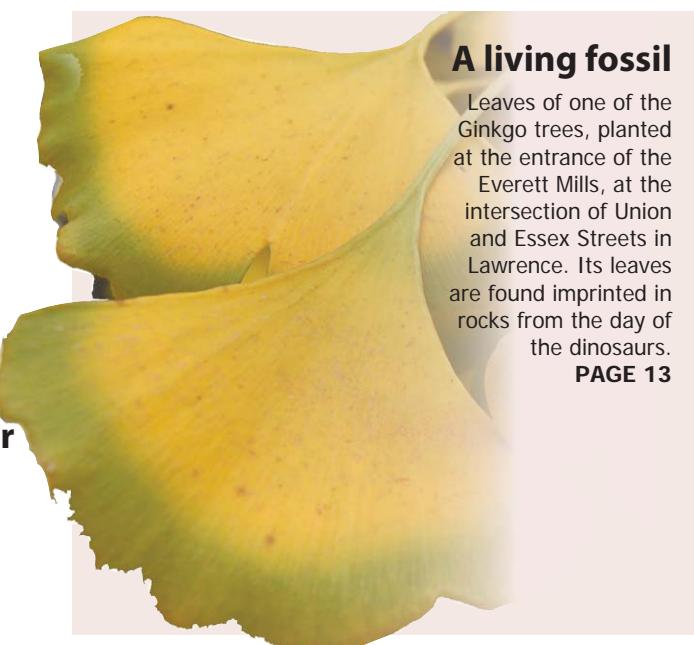


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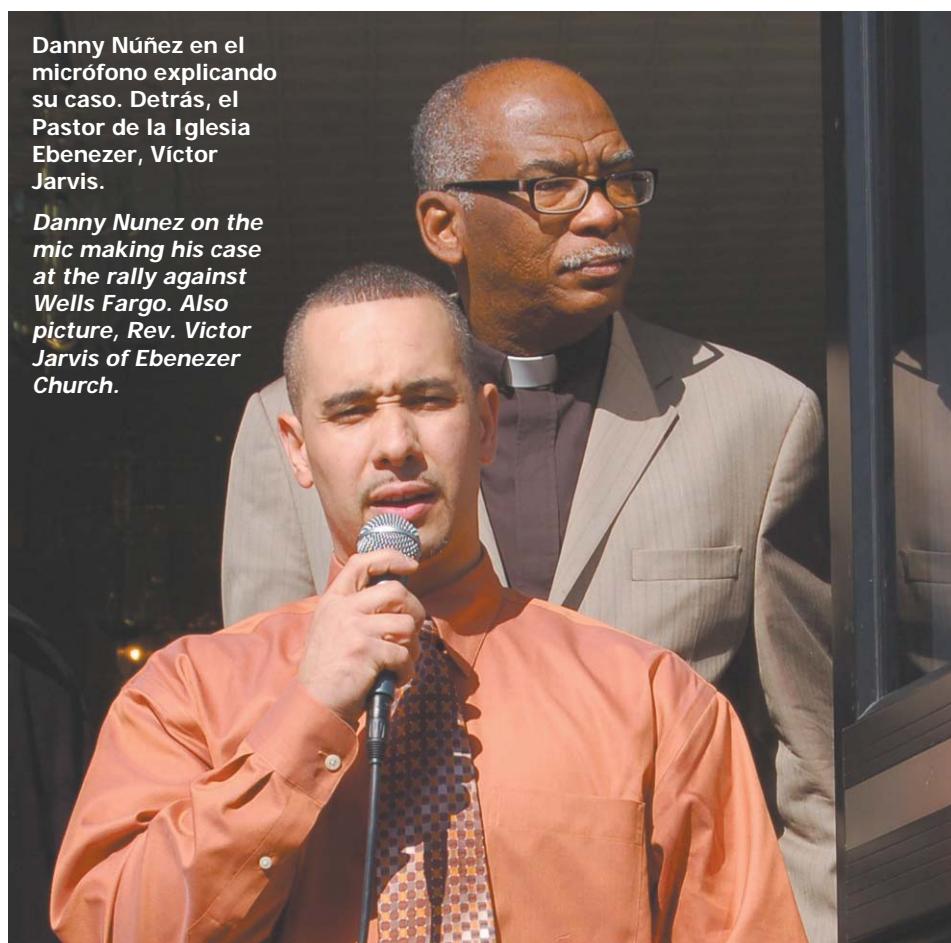
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MVP vs. Wells Fargo

Danny Núñez en el micrófono explicando su caso. Detrás, el Pastor de la Iglesia Ebenezer, Víctor Jarvis.

Danny Núñez on the mic making his case at the rally against Wells Fargo. Also picture, Rev. Victor Jarvis of Ebenezer Church.



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Miembros del clero y seglares de Merrimack Valley Project condujeron una demostración frente a la Iglesia Ebenezer en Lawrence con el objeto de poner presión a Wells Fargo para que negocie una reducción en la hipoteca de uno de sus miembros.

Danny Núñez, un propietario de Methuen es el centro de toda esta atención, pero no el único, de acuerdo a Lisa Vinikoor, vocera de MVP, ellos están trabajando para descubrir más.

De acuerdo con Núñez, el cual ha estado viviendo en una casa de dos familias situada en el 24 de Larchwood Rd. en Methuen por los últimos seis años, ha estado llamando a Wells Fargo, urgiéndolos a que trabajen con él de una manera justa modificando su préstamo y bajando el valor de la suma principal para que de esa forma sea igual que el valor de la casa. "Yo he tratado de trabajar un acuerdo con Wells Fargo pero me han negado la ayuda que necesito para permanecer en mi casa", dijo Núñez.

Núñez dijo que él compró la casa en

el 2003 y que ya no tiene el valor de la hipoteca que él debe. "Yo le debo al banco más de \$300,000 y la casa sólo vale la mitad de eso", dijo.

Núñez culpa a la recesión económica por sus problemas económicos. Él dijo que su esposa perdió su trabajo después que la compañía por la que trabajó por más de 10 años se mudó fuera del país y ella ha estado desempleada por más de un año.

El Sr. Núñez, padre de tres niños ha vivido en el Valle de Merrimack toda su vida. "He tratado durante los últimos nueve meses de encontrar una solución pero no he logrado nada con Wells Fargo", dijo el Sr. Núñez de su experiencia.

De acuerdo con Debora Blume del Departamento de Comunicaciones de Wells Fargo, "Los inversionistas que poseen el préstamo han revisado la aplicación y han decidido aprobar la modificación del préstamo", dijo. De acuerdo con Blume, ellos se han puesto en contacto con el Sr. Núñez y han llegado a un acuerdo.

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Tenemos que reformar la constitución de la ciudad

Tenemos que reformar la constitución de la ciudad; es algo que venimos oyendo por los últimos años y el próximo año es el año de la verdad. Si no lo hacemos entonces, nos va a tomar otros 10 años antes que cambios significantes puedan llevarse a cabo.

Después de las elecciones de este año, hay una gran posibilidad de que la composición del concilio cambie dramáticamente.

El distrito A mandará un recién electo concejal para reemplazar al veterano de 5 términos Patrick J. Blanchette.

Aunque los concejales incumbentes de los distritos B, C, D, y F están todos postulados para reelección, todos tienen populares oponentes dispuestos a disputarles sus puestos con la posibilidad de más de una sorpresa. Los cuatro son vulnerables y pudieran ser reemplazados.

Con el Concejal por el Distrito E, David Abdoo postulado para alcalde, definitivamente que va a ser reemplazado por un novicio/a.

Si los votantes votan el 3 de noviembre de la misma manera que lo hicieron en las primarias, va a haber por lo menos un nuevo concejal at-large. Otra veterana, Nilka Álvarez-Rodríguez no será una opción.

Nuestro punto es que mientras estamos ganando sangre nueva, estamos perdiendo experiencia. Considerando las deficiencias de la Constitución actual de la Ciudad, el nuevo concilio va a necesitar de nuestra ayuda.

Los votantes tendremos que permanecer envueltos más allá del Día de Elecciones por el beneficio de nuestra ciudad. Todos debemos estar dispuestos a participar.

We need to update the city charter

We have been hearing that for the past several years and next year is the year of truth. If we don't do it then, it will take another 10 years before significant changes can take place.

After this year elections, there is a possibility that the composition of the council will change dramatically.

District A will send a new, recently elected city councilor to replace five-term veteran Patrick J. Blanchette.

Although incumbent councilors for Districts B, C, D and F are all running for reelection, they all have popular and strong candidates disputing their seats with a possibility of more than one upset. All four are vulnerable and could be replaced.

With District E Councilor David Abdoo running for mayor, definitely he will be replaced by a newcomer.

If voters cast their vote on November 3 the same way they did on the primary, there will be at least one new city councilor at-large. Another veteran, Nilka Alvarez-Rodriguez won't be an option.

Our point is that while we are gaining new blood, we will be losing experience. Considering the shortcomings of the actual City Charter, the new council is going to need help from us.

The voters will have to remain involved beyond Election Day for the betterment of our city. We should all be ready and willing to participate.

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Desde Mi Esquina

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Participación pública ante el Concilio

El martes, 20 de octubre fui ante el Concilio de Lawrence para quejarme de su flojera al ver todo lo que está pasando y ellos se sientan a mirar aceptando cualquier excusa que les den.

A medida que llegamos a la meta, otra vez vienen las elecciones y me enfada ver cómo los residentes de Lawrence siempre caen en la misma trampa.

¿Por qué hemos de preocuparnos en elegir a alguien para alguna posición si siempre ha de haber un grupo selecto al cargo de destruir la ciudad?

El Concilio siempre parece no tener ningún poder, pretende que no tiene autoridad o simplemente, se hacen los tontos mientras que el alcalde y ciertas personas en posiciones claves están arruinando la ciudad y manteniendo a sus amigos.

El Director de Presupuesto y Finanzas hace transferencias de dinero a su antojo y nadie chequea para ver de dónde vino y después vienen las sorpresas. A veces resulta cómico escuchar a la gente hablar de Mark Andrews y su magia encontrando dinero del aire.

Tenemos ordenanzas que no son respetadas. Si un residente va ante el

Concilio a quejarse, lo más que puede pasar es que el tema se posponga eternamente.

¿Cómo podemos decirles a nuestros jóvenes que no se metan en problemas cuando alguien despedido DOS VECES por usar drogas durante horas de trabajo recupera su empleo? En mi opinión, ilegalmente porque el contrato no fue una negociación de los abogados de la ciudad. Me pregunto si pueden tomar alguna acción legal contra los contratos que son firmados ilegalmente.

Los derechos civiles de los empleados municipales están siendo violados cuando son intimidados por apoyar al candidato contrario. Recientemente, Ruth McGrath recibió una oferta de \$8,000 de aumento en su salario con tal de que no formulara una queja contra Tom Schiavoni y Nora Carroll por insultarla después que su esposo hizo una contribución a la campaña de Patrick Blanchette.

Mi comentario pidiendo a los residentes de Lawrence que se queden en sus casas el Día de las Elecciones le llamó la atención a muchas personas pero aún pienso que esto es verdad: Hagan lo que hagan, nada va a cambiar.

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Usted Solo Sostiene el Mazo

POR FRANKIE BONET
Candidato al Comité Escolar de Lawrence

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No soy un miembro de comité escolar. Todavía, no. Pero como el comité escolar tendrá a un nuevo presidente así como varios miembros al llegar enero del 2010, yo quiero decir a quienquiera que sea el presidente, que sepa una cosa: Además de tener un voto usted sólo sostiene el mazo. Permite ampliar.

He leído el comunicado de prensa oficial del candidato David Abdoo que dice, "el siguiente alcalde debe escoger al nuevo superintendente y trabajará con la comunidad para seleccionar a una persona ..."

Aquí está una revelación para ese candidato. Usted es sólo un voto. Deje de engañar a los votantes con el pensamiento que usted tiene el poder de escoger al siguiente Superintendente de LPS. El próximo líder administrativo de nuestro distrito escolar será elegido por el comité escolar. Esto significa que el comité elige y no es solamente el alcalde. Respete al comité (comité escolar) y diga que si es elegido, usted trabajará con el comité escolar para traer a un nuevo superintendente.

También he oído rumores de los votantes que el Candidato Willy Lantigua tiene ya a alguien alineado para la posición del Superintendente de LPS. Déjeme decir que tanto el miembro del Comité Escolar Reyes, al igual que yo, le hemos preguntado al Representante Lantigua la misma pregunta y terminó siendo que son rumores. He visto y he oido al Representante Lantigua declarar a la prensa, cuando le hacen tal pregunta, que cuando sea elegido a servir que él tendrá un voto en el comité escolar. También lo he oido declarando esto mismo a través de la radio a la audiencia. Eso es respetar a sus colegas.

Pero, por si acaso, déjeme decirle que estoy en espera de ser miembro de comité escolar y con el presidente así junto a mis

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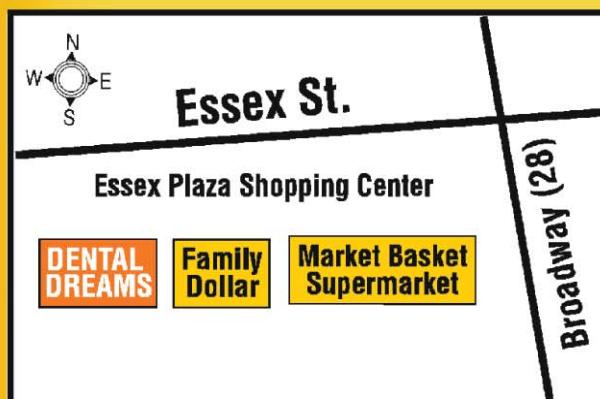
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Lantigua le debe a Lawrence su presencia en el Debate

Hay cosas que no son opcionales en nuestra sociedad. ¿Se imaginan ustedes ir a buscar un trabajo y cuando le preguntan por su curriculum o resume ustedes opten por no enseñarlo? ¿Es opcional enseñar una receta antes de comprar un medicamento en la farmacia? ¿Está a su discreción presentar la tesis universitaria antes de graduarse? ¿Puedes elegir cómo y cuándo hacer sus pagos de tus facturas todos los meses? ¿Es opcional para el perro tener un rabo? ¡NO!

Hay cosas que se sobre entienden. Cuando se trata de una campaña política para ser alcalde de cualquier ciudad, se espera que todos los candidatos sepan que hay un día, tal vez más, en los que tiene que ir bien vestido a hablar delante de la gente y los medios de comunicación sobre sus planes y aspiraciones. El Representante

Lantigua piensa que esto es opcional.

Yo comprendo de la forma como funciona la política y sabremos el 4 de noviembre si la estrategia del candidato Lantigua fue buena. Lo que pasa es que no se trata de su forma de pensar o de su conveniencia, se trata de seguir las normas. Si mi memoria no me falla, los candidatos que mejor se presentaron en los últimos debates para alcalde en la Ciudad de Lawrence no fueron los que ganaron. ¿Recuerdan lo bien que lo hizo Ralph Carrero? El perdió las primarias. ¿Recuerdan que bien lo hizo Marcos Devers ante el incumbente Sullivan? Sullivan ganó de forma abrumadora de todas formas. En ambos casos, tanto Carrero como Devers eran considerados por muchos los más preparados, educados y calificados para ser alcaldes de Lawrence, pero todos (con sus deficiencias) estaban allí. Yo no recuerdo estar a expectativa de que si un candidato

aceptaba la invitación o no. ¡Las cosas siempre han sido así y punto!

Es una norma e incluso una regulación hacer un reporte de las finanzas de toda campaña política. Lantigua piensa que esto también es opcional. Sus reportes de finanza aún no han sido sometidos a las autoridades de lugar. Sus letreros políticos por años han sido más grandes que las regulaciones que dicta la Ciudad de Lawrence. El por años se ampara de las regulaciones estatales para su conveniencia.

Hasta el momento, ni esta crítica ni la de nadie más harán que él no se salga con la suya. Yo me pregunto, ¿Qué pasará cuando la administración de Lantigua tenga que multar a alguien en la ciudad por violar una ordenanza? ¿Será opcional pagar cualquier multa o incluso los impuestos de la ciudad si es que Lantigua gana? Estoy seguro que en ese entonces las reglas y las normas tendrán que ser seguidas por todos, excepto si es que él piensa que no le conviene.

Tengo más de una semana buscando en la página de Internet del candidato las fechas con los foros públicos que son su alternativa a asistir al debate. Fue en el programa de radio CrossOver en español que una llamada nos informó de que buscáramos allí para saber las fechas de estos foros. Aún no los he encontrado. ¿Cómo se enterará la gente que quiere ir a votar qué es lo que realmente piensa hacer Lantigua? No se olvide candidato que el descontento que se siente en la calle es porque 65% de las personas que votaron por candidatos latinos en las primarias no votaron por usted. Estos malos ejemplos (o tácticas, como usted le llama) no solo que no le ayudarán a ganar, pero lo hará muy difícil gobernar. Yo creo que todavía hay tiempo para ir al debate.

Liderazgo Probado

En ambas páginas de Internet de los candidatos para a alcalde podemos ver el lema "Liderazgo Probado" en inglés y español. Me llamó mucho la atención de que el español es muy escaso en la página de Internet del Representante Lantigua. Dave Abdoo hace mayor esfuerzo dándole una página de las diez

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CANDIDATOS EN LA BOLETA DE LAS ELECCIONES DEL 3 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2009

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Elect/Elija 1 - 4-Year Term
David Abdoo, 54 Stevens Ave.
William Lantigua, 61 Oak St.

CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE

Elect/Elija 3 - 2-Year Term
Frank Moran*, 38 Dartmouth St.
Roger Twomey*, 17 Leeds Ter.
Nestor De Jesus, 115 Pearl St.
Marie Gosselin, 4 E. Gilbert St.
Daniel Rivera, 12 Jefferson St.
Gary Ryan, 40 White St.

DISTRICT A

Elect/Elija 1 - 2-Year Term
City Councilor:
Sandy Almonte, 33 Woodland St.
Joseph Armano, 145 Howard St.

DISTRICT B

Elect/Elija 1 - 2-Year Term
City Council:
Grissel Silva*, 42 White St.
Ruth Rojas, 45 Summer St.

DISTRICT C

Elect/Elija 1 - 2-Year Term
City Council:
Jorge Gonzalez*, 31 Chelmsford St.
Modesto Maldonado, 115 Spruce St.

DISTRICT D

Elect/Elija 1 - 2-Year Term
City Councilor:
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Oneida Aquino, 332 Broadway

DISTRICT E

Elect/Elija 1 - 2-Year Term
City Council:
Eileen O. Bernal, 257 Mount Vernon St.
Matthew W. Brien, 517 Mount Vernon St.

DISTRICT F

Elect/Elija 1 - 2-Year Term
City Council:
Michael P. Fielding*, 179 Weare St.
Marc L. Laplante, 29 Durso Ave.

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DISTRICT A
Elect/Elija 1 - 2-Year Term

James Vittorioso*, 274 E. Haverhill St.
Rafael Gadea, 197 Union St.

DISTRICT B

Elect/Elija 1 - 2-Year Term
Martina Cruz*, 40 Chestnut St.

DISTRICT C

Elect/Elija 1 - 2-Year Term
Frank Bonet, 33 Dartmouth St.

DISTRICT D

Elect/Elija 1 - 2-Year Term
Samuel Reyes*, 432 Lowell St.

DISTRICT E

Elect/Elija 1 - 2-Year Term
Peter Larocque*, 9 Boyd St.
Mark Gray, 17 Groton St.

DISTRICT F

Elect/Elija 1 - 2-Year Term
Gregory Morris*, 18 Market St.
James Stokes, 294 South Union St.

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Elect/Elija 3 - 2-Year Term
Richard Hamilton*, 488 Mount Vernon St.
Leo Lamontane*, 10 Corbett Rd.
Pamela Neilon*, 52 Crestwood Cir.

* Incumbent

All Candidates are listed in alphabetical order. Incumbents are listed first also in alphabetical order.

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Lantigua met with “the people”

BY ALBERTO SURÍS

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Former Mayoral Candidate Marcos Devers was the first to speak at the meeting with “the people” held at the British Club last Monday October 19. Devers said that he was pleased that Lantigua is using the plan he formulated for the city when he was a candidate, as well as the other candidates.

“Lantigua has been working with the city for 6 years and I feel humbled that my plan is now part of his plan of government,” said Devers. “This will be a government of unity,” he added.

“If I didn’t win was maybe because I wasn’t ready but Lantigua is been ready for the past decade,” said Israel Reyes. “This is not Willy Lantigua’s time, this is Lawrence’s time and I will do whatever it takes to help William Lantigua to be our Mayor,” ended Reyes.

Blanchette, who got an standing ovation from the crowd when he entered the room, said that “what I said at the North side of the city is the same thing I say here in the South: Lantigua has been fighting for this community and I know that he will represent the whole city.”

Blanchette reminisced that when he was running for city councilor the first time, a guy with a big moustache that he didn’t know came forward to help him, and every time he promised something, he came thru,”

ended Blanchette.

“They can say whatever they want about William Lantigua for not participating in the debates, but Lantigua rather discuss his plans directly with the people,” said Jose Alfonso Garcia who was the moderator at the event.

“I debate every day with the people that come to my office, and if you elect me as your manager, this debate will continue for the next 4 years,” said Lantigua on his turn to the mic and added “I might not have the diplomas to be your Mayor but no one is more motivated to be your Mayor than me.”

After briefly touching on the subject of the \$10.9 million deficit, Lantigua went on to say, and promised, a complete financial audit of the city made by and outside company with no city connections. “I want to know what’s going on in the city, how much the deficit really is.”

Lantigua touched on issues such as public safety, education, a new police station, and accountability for city employees. Lantigua expressed his desire, if elected, to work with all city councilors on issues. “I don’t want rubber stamps,” said Lantigua. On the police station, “I hope that it will be build during our watch,” he said.

According to Lantigua, performance evaluations will be presented to all new



With Representative William Lantigua and Mayoral Candidate, third from left, are, from left, former Mayoral Candidates Patrick Blanchette, Marcos Devers and Israel Reyes. Also picture, José Alfonso Garcia, acting as Master of Ceremonies during the meeting with the people they held at the British Club on Monday, October 19, 2009.

employees. Old employee’s performance evaluations will have to be discussed with the different unions, but people should not receive automatic increases.

If elected, Lantigua said he will walk the entire City Hall and he personally will confront any employee who mistreats the public and vice versa, because sometimes it’s the public who mistreats the employees.

“It will be a new sheriff in town,” was Lantigua’s response to a question

about Lawrence Police behavior. “There is not coincidence that my campaign manager (Melix Bonilla) is a Sergeant with the Lawrence Police and my campaign finances are in the hands of (Elvin Alarcon) a Methuen Police Officer. They are going to be part of the solution!”

“The title of Mayor will be for Lantigua, but a group of men and women will govern the city and we want that this group to be known as the best,” ended Lantigua.

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■ MÁS FOTOS EN LA PÁGINA 17

"Inmigrantes orgullosos y ciudadanos leales", reza el letrero colocado en la esquina de Massachusetts Avenue y Shepard St. en Cambridge, MA honrando a Eddy y Cloty Tabit, reconociéndoles sus esfuerzos en operar Montrose Spa por estos últimos 35 años.

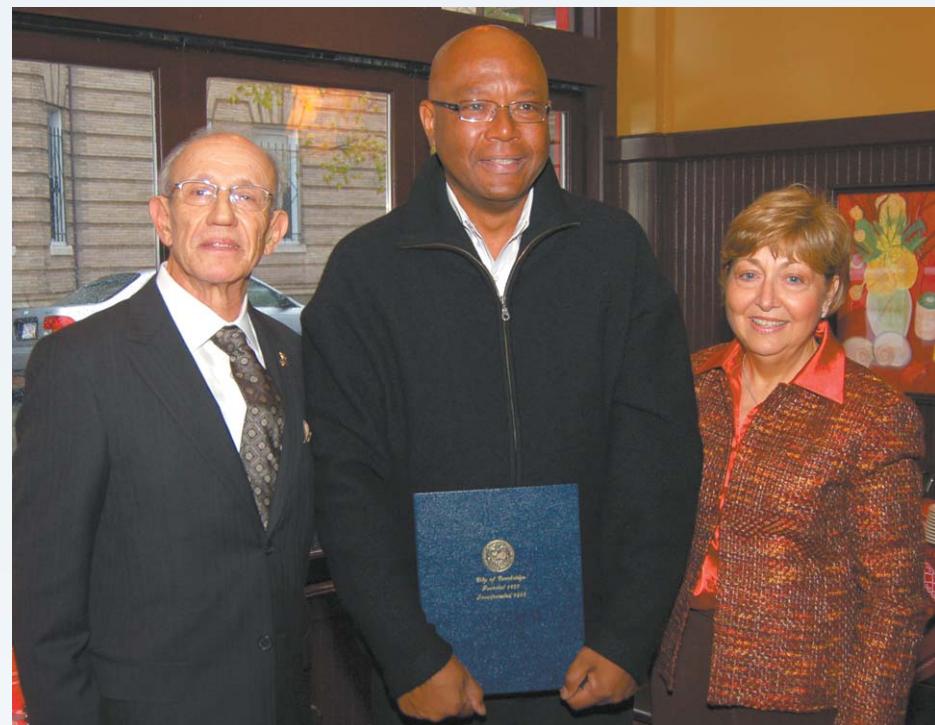
La esquina fue dedicada en una ceremonia llevada a cabo el domingo, 18 de octubre, 2009 en el Restaurante Chez Henrí de la calle Shepard, donde Kenneth Reeves, Concejal de la Ciudad, hizo el anuncio y les entregó una proclama honrando a los Tabits, a sólo unos pasos de Montrose Spa Convenience Store, localizada en el 1646 de Massachusetts Ave.

Después de trabajar en First National Bank of Boston en el Departamento de Control por varios años, el matrimonio Tabit se hizo cargo de la tienda en febrero de 1974. En 1980, Tommy, el hermano de Cloty se unió a ellos y con su ayuda, decidieron añadir un departamento de

delicatessen donde comenzaron a vender sándwiches cubanos, prometiéndose que de ahí en adelante, iban a producir el mejor "cubano" de la ciudad.

Siempre luchando por ofrecer lo mejor a su clientela, sus esfuerzos fueron compensados. El miércoles, 12 de agosto de 1998, el Boston Globe publicó un artículo de Ted Wisner titulado "On the case of The Cubano." Despues de recorrer el país probando sándwiches cubanos, Wisner determinó que el sándwich cubano de Montrose Spa Convenience Store era el mejor del país. "El resto es historia", comentó Eddy.

Estar envuelto en el negocio de tiendas no es nuevo para Tabit. Años atrás, en su nativa Cuba, sus padres, Manuel Tabit y Rosa Cruz eran los dueños de "La Moderna", una tienda mixta localizada en la ciudad de Vereda Nueva, al sureste de La Habana donde, desde que era un muchacho, solía ayudar a sus padres especialmente durante las Navidades, la época de más actividad en la tienda.



City of Cambridge City Councilor Kenneth Reeves, center, holding the proclamation delivered to Eddy Tabit, left and his wife Cloty, right.

La Moderna, localizada en el 20 de la Calle Maceo fue establecida a finales del 1800 por Salim Tabit, abuelo de Eddy, que emigró de Beirut a los 18 años de edad, viniendo primero a New York en busca del sueño americano, pero resultándole muy frío, se trasladó a la Isla de Cuba donde

comenzó una familia.

La educación ha sido obligatoria y tradicional en la familia Tabit. Durante

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L/R- back row: Eddy Tabit, Stephanie Tabit, Dr. Jean Tabit, Salim Tabit, Vern Rich, Nancy Rich (holding Lola Rich), Tommy Rodriguez. Front: Sebastian Tabit, Amelia Tabit, A. Eddy Tabit, M. Cloty Tabit, Catalina Tabit, Isabel Tabit.

Square named after the Tabitts

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"Proud immigrants and loyal citizens," reads the sign placed at the corner of Massachusetts Ave., and Shepard St. in Cambridge, MA honoring Eddy and Cloty Tabit, recognizing their efforts in maintaining and running Montrose Spa for the past 35 years.

The Square was dedicated in a ceremony held Sunday, October 18, 2009 at Chez Henri Restaurant, on Shepard St., where City Councilor Kenneth Reeves made the announcement and delivered a city proclamation honoring the Tabits, a few steps from their Montrose Spa Convenience Store, located at 1646 Massachusetts Avenue.

The Tabits took over the store in

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READ IT IN ENGLISH ON PAGE 18

S aludos Amigos Lectores. Ya la temperatura está cambiando y se está poniendo bastante frío. ¡No ha llegado el Día de las Brujas y ya se siente como si fuera a nevar! Todos los años yo tengo la misma idea para todos: hibernación (piénselo, el invierno se pasa rápido, dormimos mucho, y rebajamos de peso - en otras palabras, no hay nada que perder). Lo malo es que hasta el día de hoy, no he logrado convencer a nadie. Solo hay que cambiarnos algunas cositas, si hay algún ingeniero genético que este interesado...

Volviendo a la realidad, nuestro Grupo de Amigos de la Biblioteca ya ha publicado su calendario, y ya están disponibles para la venta. Si ustedes recuerdan, estos calendarios fueron todo un éxito el año pasado - se vendieron por todo el país. Lawrence es "la ciudad de entrada" para muchos inmigrantes y con el paso del tiempo, según ellos se difunden a través del país, ellos conservan las memorias de nuestra ciudad. Estos calendarios son tremendo regalos tanto para el que vive aquí como para aquellos que se han mudado fuera de la ciudad. El comité encargado de crear los calendarios ha nuevamente hecho un gran trabajo; así que asegúrese de adquirir su copia y disfrute de las memorias de los antiguos comerciantes y de las diferentes escenas de la Calle Essex. Los calendarios están disponibles por \$10.00 cada uno aquí en la biblioteca o por \$12.00 por correo.

Todos deben visitar nuestra página de la red del Internet (www.lawrencefreelibrary.org) para que vean el nuevo sistema llamado "Catablog," el cual ha sido organizado por nuestra bibliotecaria Louise Sandberg. Con este sistema, todos podrán admirar desde su hogar los tesoros de la colección histórica de la biblioteca, sus curiosidades y colecciones especiales. Louise acaba de comenzar este sistema, por lo tanto, no cuenta con muchas

cosas todavía. Pero como trabaja Louise, no pasará mucho tiempo sin que ella le añada muchísimas cosas más para admirar. Aparte de este nuevo sistema, deberían visitar nuestra página regularmente ya que su administradora, Denise Audy, la mantiene al día. Cada vez que yo visito la página, me impresiono al ver la cantidad de servicios que nosotros le ofrecemos al público.

El próximo viernes y sábado (octubre 23 y 24), estaremos celebrando el Festival Anual de Robert Frost. Mark Schorr, de la Fundación de Robert Frost, ha hecho tremendo trabajo este año al extender esta evento para dos días. Comenzaremos el viernes con una actividad especial para maestros con la participación de Lesley Lee Francis, nieta de Robert y Elinor Frost. El sábado tendremos nuestro evento tradicional con oradores y charlas. El Sr. Schorr reflexionará sobre Frost enamorado. Megan Grumpling (ganadora de la Competencia de Poesías de la Fundación Frost del 2004) leerá de su nuevo manuscrito, y Jaris Davis hablará sobre Frost y la poesía contemporánea. El ganador de la competencia de este año también será anunciado. Yo tuve el privilegio de leer el poema ganador y es todo una joya. Esto es evocador, en forma diferente, al estilo de Frost. ¡Este es un evento que no se debe perder!

Este es mi último artículo publicado antes de las elecciones, así que les quiero recordar a todos que vayan a votar.

Bueno, como les prometí no hablaré de los Media Rojas durante el final de este artículo, ya que les traigo mala suerte - aunque, ¡ellos son aptos de hacer el trabajo por ellos solos sin ayuda ninguna de mi parte! ¡Nos vemos en la biblioteca!

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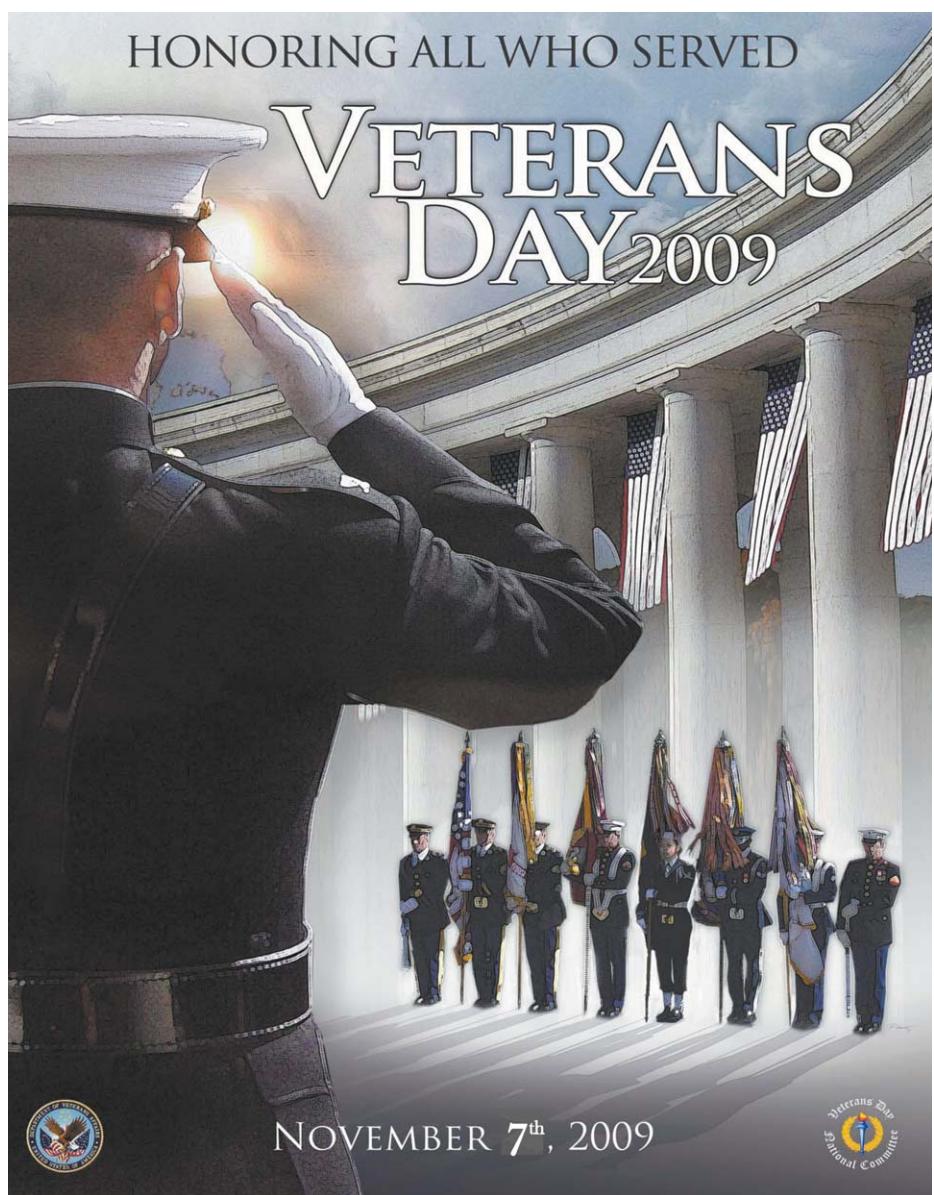
Continúan su desarrollo con gran éxito los III Juegos Patrióticos Dominicanos, cada disciplina deportiva ha llenado sus expectativas, atletas de toda la región se han dado cita para competir fuertemente, pero con un amplio concepto de hermandad, los intercambios han resultado como todo lo esperado. En ellos se ha estimulado el enfoque del desarrollo de una juventud limpia, apartada de las drogas, más bien a proseguir en busca de las actividades deportivas y sobre todo los estudios. Todos, niños y jóvenes que están formando parte de este encuentro deportivo han respondido de una forma positiva.

Hasta el momento, el Karate, Voleibol, Judo, Dominó, Básquetbol y el Softbol se han escenificado con mucho éxito. Los atletas han sido premiados y luego se ha

compartido entre todos, con ricas comidas, y un buen sentido del humor, y sobre todo un alto grado de hermandad, que es lo que en realidad le da el toque de calidad a estas competencias.

Esperamos seguir contando además con ese entusiasta público que se ha dado cita en cada una de las competencias, gracias a ellos los juegos han estado cargados de emoción, de verdad gracias en nombre de la Sedefir en Massachusetts.

Los invitamos a participar en las actividades de este fin de semana, para este sábado, 24 de octubre. Boxeo, se llevará a cabo en el 360 de la Merrimack St. en Lawrence a partir de las 12:00 PM y el domingo, 25 de octubre. El béisbol, en los diferentes parques de béisbol infantiles y juveniles de la ciudad. Los esperamos.

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BONET: Usted Solo Sostiene el Mazo

colegas, trabajaremos juntos para buscar a un nuevo líder administrativo para nuestro distrito escolar. Le aconsejo a ambos candidatos que cuando hablen del distrito escolar de esta ciudad que se incluyan a sí mismos como un miembro y no como un dueño, entidad, o "jefe" grande del LPS. Un consejo, que desde el principio usted respete al comité escolar y al concilio, para que pueda recibir respeto a cambio.

Que un candidato haya recibido el endoso de la Unión de Profesores es irónico porque ese endoso viene de una unión donde el 90% de sus miembros no reside o vota en esta gran ciudad de Lawrence. Al menos ese era el porcentaje de profesores que no vivían en Lawrence cuando yo trabajaba en LPS. Tal vez ahora puede que ese número haya mejorado, pero muy poco.

Prefiero ver un endoso de uniones cuyos miembros residen en Lawrence. Personas que usan su dinero en Lawrence, y que realmente se preocupan por la educación de nuestros niños y los objetivos del MCAS. Realmente estoy cansado de oír las excusas de por qué los profesores de esta ciudad (y su unión) no pueden alcanzar los objetivos del MCAS en nuestro distrito. Las excusas son que ellos no están de acuerdo con el examen de MCAS, que nuestros niños Latinos son diferentes o difíciles, que el

Superintendente es un tipo malo (todavía está siendo investigado), u otra de los cientos de excusas hechas por esta unión y su unión paternal organización a escala nacional. Mañana la excusa para no alcanzar los objetivos del MCAS pudiera tener que ver con el precio de cocos, el precio del té en la China o el nuevo Alcalde. La excusa que el líder de la unión de maestros indicó el 20 de octubre del 2009 que consistía en que "por demasiado tiempo, las escuelas han sido cautivas a los intereses políticos firmemente enraizados que han atrasado el progreso y la innovación." No entiendo. ¡Vamos a seguir lo único que realmente es importante y decente – enseñar a nuestros estudiantes y sálganse de la política!

Prefiero tener un endoso de cualquier otro sindicato en el sistema escolar. Aquellas otras uniones tienen más de la mitad de sus empleados que residen en Lawrence. Aquellas otras uniones infatigablemente apoyan a los profesores pero nadie les da crédito y a menudo son eclipsados por la unión de maestros que necesita "un nuevo líder", uno cuyo presidente es grandilocuencia (para citar a un nuevo colega que fue profesor – el Sr. James Vittorioso), y uno cuya unión toma más del presupuesto que probablemente todas las otras uniones combinadas.

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Written and first performed in 1664 it was almost immediately censored by King Louis XIV. The story takes place in the home of the wealthy Orgon, where Tartuffe-a fraud and a pious imposter-has insinuated himself. He succeeds in winning the respect and devotion of the head of the house and then tries to marry his daughter and seduce his wife and scrounge the deed to the property. He nearly gets away with it, but an emissary from King Louis XIV arrives in time to recover the property, free Monsieur Orgon, and haul Tartuffe off to jail. And so his duplicity is finally exposed and punished. But not before the author has mercilessly examined the evil that men can commit in the guise of religious fervor and the dangers that imperil those who would believe only what they choose to believe despite a mountain of evidence to the contrary.

The cast includes Akram Al-Ziab of Haverhill as Monsieur Loyal, Tracy DiJulia of Merrimac, NH as Madame Pernelle, Josh Everett of Newburyport



Northern Essex Community College students Dan Potter of Merrimac as Tartuffe, Josh Everett of Haverhill at Cleante (rear) Orlik Guzman of Haverhill as Elmire, Brooke Lavoie of Methuen as Dorine, and Michael Johnson of Amesbury as Orgon.

as Cleante, Orlik Guzman of Haverhill as Elmire, Ryan Jennings of Andover as Damis, Michael Johnson of Amesbury as Orgon, Brooke LaVoie of Methuen as Dorine, Sarah McCarthy of Amesbury as Mariane, Jon Moriarty of Newbury as Valere, Richard Mullen of Newburyport as Officer, Dan Potter of Merrimac as Tartuffe. The production stage manager is Maggie Paulino of Lawrence.

The production is directed by NECC professor Jim Murphy and the production design work is by NECC professor Susan Sanders.

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Ginkgos in Lawrence

BY CHRISTINE LEWIS

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I don't know how many times I have walked by the trees without noticing them, but at the intersection of Union and Essex Streets there are 9 male Ginkgo trees. When I think of Ginkgo trees, I think of beautiful fan-like leaves represented in fancy Japanese prints or expensive jewelry, so I was a bit surprised to see them standing guard at the entrance of the Everett Mills.

Considered a living fossil, the first Ginkgo remains were dated from the early Jurassic period. Ginkgo trees may have gotten their start in Asia but they became a tree of choice in many urban landscapes during the 1970s. The Ginkgo is an incredibly hardy tree; it can survive pollution, road salt, limited sunlight, pests, and even the atomic bomb. Six Ginkgo trees are known to have survived the blast in Hiroshima at the end of World War II.

Ginkgoes were revered by Buddhist monks and planted at the entrance to temples throughout China and Japan, it is only fitting then that Lawrence has Ginkgoes guarding one of the historic temples of commerce and welcoming all to the Queen City.

The Ginkgo is a dioecious species, which means the trees are either male or female and the female Ginkgo is notorious for dropping smelly seeds. I have eaten Gingko seeds, roasted, and I have to say they're not bad. Many cities that planted

Ginkgoes in the 1970s have been ripping them out because of the horrible odor and debris the messy females leave behind – the smell has been compared to dog poop.

Lucky for us here in Lawrence that someone had the foresight to plant only male Ginkgoes! I spoke with the tree warden of Lawrence, John Isensee, who believes the trees were planted sometime in the late 1970s.

Over time, one of the trees took a direct hit from either a snowplow or an out-of-control driver but the remaining trees provide a dramatic accent to this historic corner of Lawrence.

Stop and enjoy the Ginkgoes lovely golden leaves the next time you're in the neighborhood.



Out of nine ginkgoes originally planted around 1970 at the intersection of Union and Essex Streets, in Lawrence, eight like this one are still standing guard at the entrance of the Everett Mills.

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LÉALO EN ESPAÑOL EN LA PÁGINA 2

Clergy and lay leaders from the Merrimack Valley Project conducted a rally in front of Ebenezer Church in Lawrence, on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 to pressure Wells Fargo to negotiate a principal reduction in one of their member's mortgage.

Danny Nunez, a Methuen homeowner is at the center of all the attention, but not the only one, according to MVP spokesperson Lisa Vinikoor, they are working on bringing out more cases.

According to Nunez, who has been living in a two-family house at 24 Larchwood Rd. in Methuen for the past six years, has been calling Wells Fargo urging them to work with him in a fair manner by modifying his loan and lowering the principal amount value so that it matches the actual value of the house. "I have tried to get Wells Fargo to work with me but I have been denied the necessary help I need to stay in my home," said Nunez.

Nunez said that he bought his house in 2003 and it no longer is worth the amount he owns on the loan. "I owe the bank over \$300,000 and the house is worth half of that," he said.

Nunez blames the economic downturn for his financial problems. He said that his



wife lost her job after the company she had worked at for over 10 years moved overseas, and has been unemployed for over a year.

Mr. Nunez, father of three has lived in the Merrimack Valley his whole life. "I have been trying for nine months to find a solution and I get nothing from Wells Fargo," said Mr. Nunez of his experience.

According to Debora Blume of

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Communications, "The investors who owned the loan have reviewed the application and decided to approve the modification of the loan," she said.

According to Blume, they have contacted Mr. Nunez and they have reached an agreement.



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LÉALO EN ESPAÑOL EN LA PÁGINA 6

Lantigua must go to the Debate

There are many things that are not optional in our society. Can you imagine applying for a job and when they ask you for your resume you opt not to show it? Is it optional to show a prescription when you want to buy medication at the drugstore? Is it at your discretion to present a thesis or senior project before graduating from college? Can you choose not to make payments on your monthly bills? Is it optional for a dog to have a tail? NO!

Some things are just obvious. When it comes to a political campaign for mayor of any city you expect that the candidates know that one day, perhaps more, they will have to dress up and go in front of the public and local media to express their plans and aspirations. Representative Lantigua thinks that this is optional.

I understand how politics work and we will see on November 4th if this strategy by candidate Lantigua was a good one. The problem is that it is not about how he thinks or what is convenient for him, it is

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BY DALIA DÍAZ
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From My Corner

LÉALO EN ESPAÑOL EN LA PÁGINA 4

Public participation at City Council

On Tuesday, October 20th I went before the Lawrence City Council to complain about their weaknesses in view of all that is going on and they just sit by the side lines accepting whatever excuses they are given.

As we approach the finish line, another election is coming up and I am always amazed that the residents of Lawrence keep falling in the same trap.

Why bother electing anyone for any position if there is always going to be a selected group in charge of destroying the city?

The City Council seems to have absolutely no power, pretends not to have authority or simply put, plays dumb while the mayor and certain people in key positions are ruining the city and supporting friends.

The Budget and Finance Director transfers money at will, no one checks where the money came from and then we get hit with surprises. It is almost comical listening to people talk about Mark Andrews being a magician, finding money in thin air.

We have ordinances that are not respected. If a resident goes before the Council to complain, the most that would happen is that the issue would be tabled in perpetuity.

How can we tell our young people to stay out of trouble when someone fired TWICE for using drugs during his workday gets his big job back? In my judgment, illegally because the contract was not negotiated by the city attorneys. I wonder if they can take legal action against contracts being signed illegally.

City employees' civil rights are being violated when they are intimidated for supporting the wrong candidate. Recently, Ruth McGrath was offered an \$8,000 increase in pay if she didn't file a grievance against Tom Schiavoni and Nora Carroll for harassing her after her husband contributed to Patrick Blanchette's campaign.

My comment calling upon the residents of Lawrence to stay home on Election Day raised a few eyebrows but I believe it to be true: No matter what we do, nothing will change.

The corruption is built in and the



politicians and not the ones running the city after all.

Charlie Boddy's defense

Frank Moran placed on the agenda the discussion on the DPW employee rehired after having been fired for using drugs while driving a city vehicle and began the meeting attacking City Attorney Charlie Boddy for not being there. After a few minutes of bad-mouthing Mr. Boddy, it seemed as if the whole gang was ready to join in on a lynching when he walked through the door.

Charlie was very cool answering their questions with "I don't know," "I haven't seen it," "I didn't do it," etc. After a while, councilors were losing patience with him and he opened up. "You are asking the wrong person. My office had nothing to do with that contract. You have to ask the mayor."

He also explained to the councilors that the mayor has authority to rehire that worker according to the City Charter. "But you hold the purse strings," he advised them when they wondered if there is anything the Council could do.

In the end, all of the councilors were very pleasant and polite to Mr. Boddy, understanding that the mayor mislead the public in the newspaper saying that the attorneys advised him to settle those cases when the reality of this is that they all told him not to do it.

By the way, District B Councilor Grisel Silva was great Tuesday night. While everyone else was going around the issue not mentioning names, she said, "I'm not afraid to mention names," and she went on to explain how the mayor has relinquished his authority to Michael Sweeney, director of the Planning Department. That's the only attorney advising him these days.

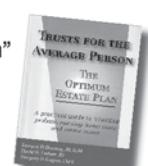
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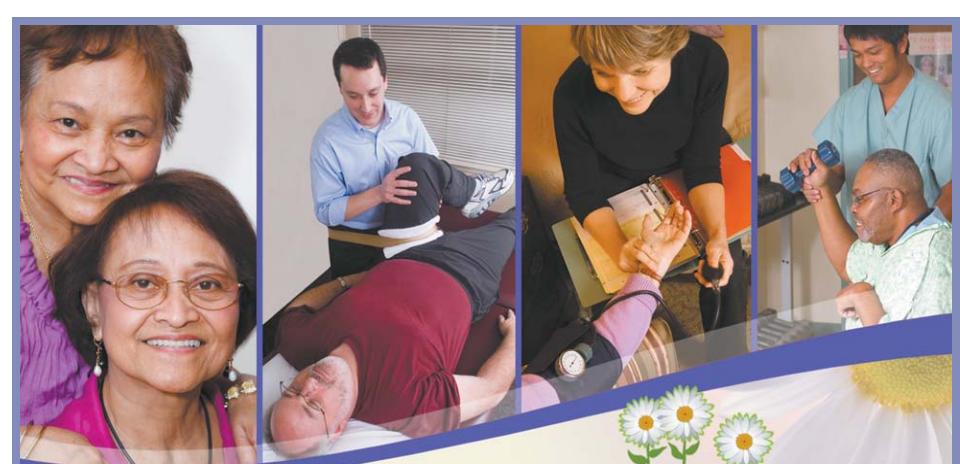
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You Just Hold the Gavel

BY FRANKIE BONET
District C School Committee Candidate

LÉALO EN ESPAÑOL EN LA PÁGINA 4

I am not officially a school committee member. Not yet. But seeing that the school department will have a new chairperson as well as several new members for its school committee come January 2010, I should let whoever will be that chairperson, know one thing: Besides having a vote you just hold the gavel. Allow me to expand.

I've read from a David Abdo's official press release saying "The next mayor must choose the new superintendent, and I will work with the community to select a person..."

Here's a revelation for that candidate. You are only one vote. Stop deceiving the voters into thinking that you have the power to choose the next Superintendent for LPS. The next administrative leader of our school district is chosen by the school committee, as a whole. That means that the committee chooses and not just the mayor. Respect the elected committee (school committee) and say that if elected you will work with the school committee to bring a new superintendent.

I've also heard rumors from voters that Candidate William Lantigua has

already someone lined up for the LPS Superintendent's position. Let me say that both School Committee member Reyes and I have asked Representative Lantigua that same question and it ends up being just rumors. I've seen and heard him state for the press, when asked such question, that when elected to serve that he will only be one vote amongst the school committee. I've also heard him say this exact statement to the people of Lawrence through radio means. That is what I call respecting your colleagues.

But just in case, let me say that I am one school committee member looking forward to working with the next chairperson as well as my colleagues on the committee to seek a new administrative leader for our school district. I ask both candidates that when you speak of this city's school district that you include yourself as a member and not as a single owner, entity, or the big "cahuna" of the LPS. One piece of advice, start respecting the school committee and the city council for that matter, to receive the respect in return.

On the endorsement of the Teachers Union—forme, it's ironic that an endorsement

is coming from a union where 90% of its members are not residents or voters of this great City of Lawrence. At least that was the percentage of non-residency for teachers when I worked at the LPS. Maybe it's just a little bit lower, just a bit.

I would rather see an endorsement from unions whose members reside in Lawrence, spend their hard earned cash in Lawrence, and truly care about our children's education and MCAS goals because I am really tired of hearing the excuses of why this city's teachers (its union) can't reach its MCAS goals in our district. Whether it's that they don't agree with the MCAS test, that our Latino children are different, that the Superintendent is a bad guy (still being investigated), or any other of the hundreds of excuses made by this union and their parent union nationwide organization. The excuse for not reaching the MCAS goals tomorrow may have to do something with the price of coconuts, the price of tea in China or the new mayor. On October 20, 2009 the teachers' union leader's excuse was that "for too long, the schools have been captive to entrenched political interests that have held back progress and innovation." Go figure. Let's get on with what is the only truly decent thing to do – teach our students and stay out of politics!

I would rather have an endorsement from any other union organization in the LPS system. Those other unions have more than half of their employee residing in Lawrence. Those other unions work tirelessly to support the teachers but get no credit and are often overshadowed by a teachers union that needs "much needed leadership", one whose president is grandstanding (to quote a former teacher and new colleague- Mr. James Vittorioso), and one whose union takes more of the budget than probably all other unions combined.

Dave Abdo Welcomes Endorsement by Teachers Union in Race for Mayor of Lawrence

The Lawrence Teachers' Union, Local 1019, AFT MA/AFL-CIO Association tonight endorsed Dave Abdo for Mayor of Lawrence, saying he will bring badly needed leadership to the school system.

The teachers' union vote was unanimous, said President Frank McLaughlin of the Lawrence Teachers' Union.

"For too long, the schools have been captive to entrenched political interests that have held back progress and innovation," said McLaughlin, a teacher at Lawrence High School. "With Dave Abdo, we have an opportunity to have our voices heard and improve the schools at the classroom level."

Dave Abdo has demonstrated strong, accountable leadership through his past professional experience and his outstanding public service. The teachers association is very impressed with his commitment to improving the education system in Lawrence.

The Lawrence Teachers Union considered the records and campaign statements of Abdo and his opponent, William Lantigua. Abdo also responded to an extensive questionnaire from the teachers union.

"I'm very gratified by the support of the Lawrence Teachers Union, especially this year as we face changes in the superintendent's office. The next mayor must choose the new superintendent, and I will work with the community to select a person with exceptional leadership skills – someone with a proven record as an administrator and educator who is not afraid to be bold in inspiring teachers and students."

The Lawrence Teachers Union will send a letter to its members who live in the city about the Abdo endorsement. The Union is also encouraging all of its' members to join the campaign in support of Lawrence's best candidate", said McLaughlin.

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SURÍS: Square named after the Tabitts

February of 1974, after working for First National Bank of Boston in the Comptroller Department for several years. In 1980, Cloty's brother Tommy joined them and with his help, they decided to add a deli department to the store and started featuring Cuban sandwiches, promising themselves to produce the best Cubano in town.

Always striving to offer the best to their clientele, their efforts were rewarded. On Wednesday, August 12, 1998, the Boston Globe published an article by Ted Wisner, "On the case of The Cubano." After traveling all over the United States sampling Cuban sandwiches, Wisner determined that the Cuban sandwiches from Montrose Spa Convenience Store were the best in the country. "The rest is history," said Eddy.

Being in the convenience store business was not new to Tabit. Back in his native country, Cuba, his father Manuel Tabit used to own "La Moderna," a variety store located in the City of Vereda Nueva, Southwest of Havana where as a young boy, he was always ready to help specially during Christmas time, the busiest season.

"La Moderna", located at 20 Maceo Street, was established back in the late 1800s by 18-year-old Salim Tabit Tabit, Eddy Tabit's grandfather, an immigrant born in Beirut, who first came to New York looking for the American dream but found the place was too cold for him. Instead, he landed in Cuba and started a family.

Education has been a must and a tradition in the Tabit family. During his younger days, Eddy Tabit went to local schools first, moving later to Havana for higher education. After graduating in 1955 from Baldor Business Academy with high honors, he went to the University of Villanova from where he could not graduate due to the political unrest under which Cuba was living.

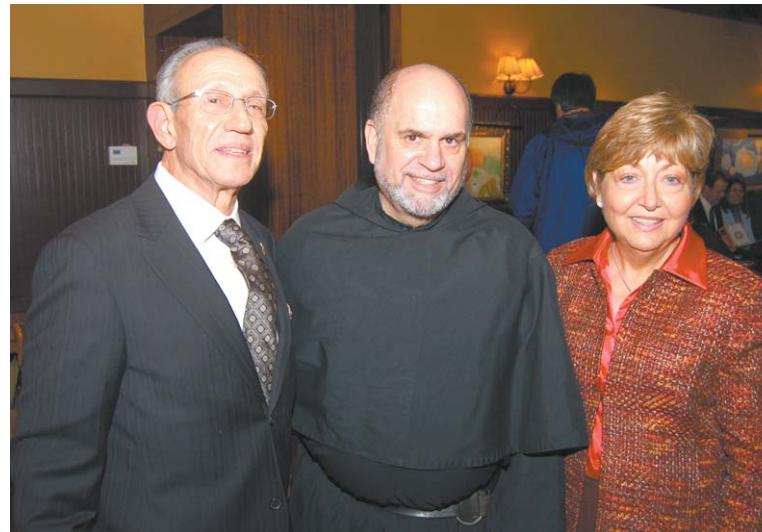
A few months after January of 1959, when the new government in Cuba showed its real color, Eddy, like many other Cubans went clandestine. Different groups were formed to fight the new rulers. Eddy joined the Movimiento de Recuperación Revolucionaria (M.R.R.) where many members who had fought in the mountains in pro of the revolution found themselves already involved.

With the Cuban security forces closing in, Eddy and a group of five M.R.R. members asked for asylum at the Uruguay embassy in Havana. Under the protection of the embassy, in 1962, the group left the island for a short flight to Mérida, Yucatan, where they boarded a U.S.A. plane which flew them into Miami, Florida.

Immediately after their arrival, the five friends joined the U.S. Army. One year later, Eddy got an honorable discharge from the Army, after being through training in Fort Knox, Kentucky and Fort Jackson, North Carolina. "It was after the Missile Crisis that I made that decision," said Eddy.

At the time of the Bay of Pigs invasion, Eddy felt a brief hope of freedom for his beloved Cuba, which ended in fiasco when a group of 1,297 Cubans, members of the 2506 Brigade were captured and later exchanged for \$53 million worth of food and drugs.

Eddy remembers with pride that he was selected to call that group of Cubans heroes to attention during a 'welcome back' ceremony held at the Orange Bowl in the City of Miami, Florida, hosted by President



Father Jorge Reyes, OSA, Pastor of Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish in Lawrence, made the trip to Cambridge just to be with the Tabit Family and bless the food in such an historical event.



Cloty Tabit consoles her husband Eddy after his emotional acceptance speech offered during the event.

John F. Kennedy on December 29, 1962.

When Atty. Salim Tabit who is well-known in Lawrence spoke, there was not a dry eye in the room. He spoke from his heart about his parents, and the sacrifices they went through to give their children an education and especially his father's suffering for the political situation in his beloved Cuba.

EDDY TABIT'S SPEECH

First, I would like to thank Bill Walsh, City Councilor Kenneth Reeves, the Cambridge City Council and everyone who has helped make this event possible.

Years ago, my wife and I received a great honor from the Cambridge City Council; an official resolution recognizing our efforts in maintaining and running Montrose Spa. Today we receive the greatest imaginable honor, also from the City of Cambridge.

When I was first made aware of efforts being made by certain individuals to have a square named after my wife and me, my initial reaction was that we were not deserving of such an honor. Any citizen of this city would have done the same things that we have done over the years given similar circumstances. The welcome that Cambridge offered us from the beginning has been so special that it has made our priorities a reality, the ability to provide the best possible education for our children. We are very proud of Salim, Eddy and Nancy, their spouses, and our grandchildren.

From February 1974, until February 2009, when we retired from Montrose Spa, Cambridge has been a charming place, giving me insight into this country and a true sense of democracy. The people of this place live here with attitudes not commonly found, a sense of caring, the way they treat other human beings, demonstrating on a daily basis the values of a city committed to maintaining democratic values without rancor and incivility.

The people of Cambridge have taught us the value of integrating neighbors, making them friends, and eventually, considering them family.

Now, I would be remiss if I did not mention those individuals who have provided support and made this day possible. I would like to acknowledge my father-in-law and mother-in-law, who are no longer with us, but without whose support and encouragement, we would not have been able to succeed. I want to thank all those who have worked at Montrose Spa over the years. They became like a family to us and made Montrose Spa feel like home.

I would like to thank my wife, Cloty, who has always been the most special person in my life. I want to acknowledge our customers, neighbors, and friends who have made Montrose Spa the special place

it has been for our family all these years. And I want to especially thank Tommy, my brother-in-law, business partner, and currently sole owner of Montrose Spa.

Tommy came to work at Montrose Spa at a very young age. He has been here since the beginning, and often times over the years, was the only person running the place. He has always run the store better than me. Without his support and tireless work we would have had a much more difficult time surviving these many years. I would not have felt right about leaving Montrose Spa without knowing that Tommy would be here maintaining our family's legacy. Cloty and I retired, knowing Montrose Spa

was left to the one person who loved and cherished it as much as we did.

This honor which we receive today is quite ironic. In 1959 one of the worst dictators the globe has ever known visited Cambridge without leaving a trace, and today, 50 years later, an immigrant that struggled and fought against him defending his country's liberty, leaves his name for all time in honor of democracy, justice and human rights.

Today, as American Citizens, we accept this honor in the name of my murdered compatriots, all political prisoners and the Cuban people still fighting for their freedom.

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SURÍS: Esquina designada con el nombre del matrimonio Tabit

su juventud, Eddy asistió primero a las escuelas locales, trasladándose a La Habana para continuar su educación superior. Después de graduarse en 1955 de la Academia Baldor con altos honores, pasó a la Universidad de Villanueva, de donde no pudo graduarse debido a la situación política que se estaba viviendo el país.

Algunos meses después del mes de enero de 1959, cuando el nuevo gobierno comenzó a mostrar su verdadero color, Eddy, al igual que otros muchos cubanos se unió a un movimiento clandestino. Muchos grupos se formaron en aquella época para luchar en contra del nuevo gobierno. Eddy se unió al Movimiento de Recuperación Revolucionaria (M.R.R.) formado por muchos miembros

estadounidense, del cual, un año más tarde, Eddy fue dado de baja con honores, después de haber recibido entrenamiento en Fort Knox, Kentucky y Fort Jackson, North Carolina. "Fue después de la crisis de los cohetes que tomé esa decisión", dijo Eddy.

Durante el episodio de la invasión de Bahía de Cochinos, Eddy, al igual que muchos más, tuvo un momento de esperanza por el futuro de su amada Cuba, la cual terminó en fiasco cuando un grupo de 1,297 cubanos, miembros de la Brigada Invasora 2506 fueron capturados y luego intercambiados por comida y medicinas por valor de \$53 millones de dólares.

Eddy recuerda con orgullo cuando él fue seleccionado para dar la orden de ¡Atención!, a la tropa de héroes cubanos durante la fiesta de bienvenida llevada a cabo en el Orange Bowl en la Ciudad de Miami, Florida, el 29 de diciembre de 1962, organizada por el Presidente John F. Kennedy.

No quedaron ojos secos en el restaurante cuando el Abogado Salim Tabit, bien conocido en el valle, habló con el corazón acerca de sus padres y de los sacrificios por los que han pasado tratando de dar una buena educación a sus hijos pero muy especialmente por el sufrimiento en que ha vivido su padre debido a la situación política por la que ha venido atravesando su amada Cuba.

NOTES FROM YOUR LIBRARIAN

BY MAUREEN NIMMO

Lawrence Public Library Director

LEA EN ESPAÑOL EN LA PÁGINA 10

Hello Rumbo readers. It is getting quite discouragingly cold out already. It is not even Halloween yet and it is starting to feel like snow. Every year I come out strongly in favor of hibernation (I mean look: you miss the winter you get plenty of sleep and you lose weight—in other words no down side) but I have not succeeded in getting a bandwagon started. Really folks there are just a few little things we would have to tweak and I'm some genetic engineer out there already has a plan ...

Alright, back to reality. Our Friends of the Library calendar has been printed and is now available for sale. These calendars, if you recall, were a very hot item last year—we ended up sending them out all over the country. Lawrence is the gateway city for so many new Americans and, as they spread out across the country over time, they preserve their memories of our city. The Friends calendars make great gifts both for locals and former locals. The calendar committee did a fabulous job again this year so be sure to get your copy and have fun trying to remember some former Essex Street merchants and street scenes. The calendars are available for \$10.00 each here at the library or \$12.00 mailed.

Everyone should check out our website (www.lawrencefreelibrary.org) for a great new feature. Archivist Louise Sandberg has set up a "Catablog." This blog will let people view from home the library's local history room treasures, curiosities and special collections. Louise has only just got started here so there are only a few things featured now but if I know her

it's going to grow by leaps and bounds. On the subject of the website I like to remind people regularly to look at it. Denise Audy maintains it very well and it is always up-to-date and accurate. I am impressed myself, when I look at it, about how much we have available for people—I guess it looks impressive when you see it all in one place.

Next Friday and Saturday (October 23 and 24) we are holding the annual Robert Frost Festival. Mark Schorr of the Frost Foundation has outdone himself this year stretching the event to two days. Friday is a special event for teachers and will feature Lesley Lee Francis granddaughter of Robert and Elinor Frost. Saturday will be the traditional event with speakers and readings. Mark himself will share reflections on Frost in love. Megan Grumpling (2004 winner of the Frost Foundation Poetry award) will read from her new manuscript and Jarita Davis will speak on Frost and Contemporary Poetry. The 2009 winner will be announced as well. I had a sneak preview and the winning poem is a jewel and very reminiscent in an odd way of Frost's own style. This is an event not to miss!

This my last article to be published before the elections so I have to remind everyone to get out and vote!

Well I promised I would not mention the Red Sox in closing because it brought bad luck. Apparently the Sox are quite capable of messing things up without any help from me! Oh well. See you at the library.

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Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley issues call for Santa's helpers

Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley (FKMV), a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of foster children in the Merrimack Valley, issues a call for Santa's Helpers to support the Annual Foster Kids Christmas Party. The Santa's Helpers is a volunteer program designed to anonymously match up individuals or groups from the local community with one or more foster children to help fulfill their Christmas wish lists. This program is part of the Annual Foster Kids Christmas Party organized by the FKMV, whereby age appropriate toys are distributed to local foster children along with a gift for each foster parent. The Santa's Helpers program provides a personalized, unique kind of gift-giving and creates a memorable holiday season for foster children. The Annual Christmas Party is scheduled in early December 2009.

"We just celebrated our 5th anniversary, and the Annual Christmas Party has been a mainstay of the organization. I'm always amazed at how our community participation continues to grow. Last year, with the help of our Santa's Helpers, we provided toys and gifts for more than 240 children and their respective foster parents," stated Larry Giordano, President and Founder of the Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley. "The holidays are always difficult times for foster children, they often feel alone and disconnected from their families. We have high hopes that our community will step forward again and help support our local foster children and bring a smile to their faces again."

What is a Santa's Helper?

We are looking for volunteers including businesses and/or individuals to volunteer to be a Santa's Helper and bring joy to a foster child this holiday season. Each Santa's Helper will be anonymously assigned a child and will receive a personal wish list for that child that includes personal items like clothing as well as toys.

The foster children participating in

this program are ages birth to 18 years of age, and are currently under the care of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in the Merrimack Valley, including Lawrence, Methuen, Andover, and North Andover. Individuals, groups, or businesses may sign up to sponsor one child or more. Cash donations are accepted in lieu of receiving a Christmas wish list.

Program Details:

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Lawrence Premier of "Kilowatt Ours" on October 24th, International Climate Action Day!

Grace Episcopal Church will be hosting the Lawrence Premier of the film "Kilowatt Ours" on Oct. 24th in the Main Fellowship Hall at Esperanza Academy 198 Garden St. from 7 – 9 pm. The film follows Jeff Barrie and his wife as they search America's cities, towns and countryside for solutions to the great energy problems of our day. "Kilowatt Ours" provides simple, practical, affordable solutions and shows how we can save electricity, save money and make a difference for the planet and ourselves.

The Lawrence Premier showing is being held on Oct. 24th to commemorate International Climate Action Day. On this day over 3,500 activities are taking place in more than 160 countries to send a message to world politicians that we want a safe climate future. These politicians will be participating in a meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark in December to draft the next international climate treaty. The treaty will decide how every country on the planet will respond to the climate crisis – Copenhagen may well be the pivotal moment that determines whether we put our planet on the path for a sustainable future or no. For more information on Oct. 24th activities go to 350.org.

The problem is that the treaty isn't grounded in the latest scientific information. The policies that world leaders are talking about implementing have us on the fast track to having 700 parts per million of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere. New scientific data says we need to get below 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide to save the planet. Right now we have 384 parts per million of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere. We need to cut 80% of our energy use by 2050 to achieve the goal of 350 parts per million. We can do it by taking little steps one at a time, and politicians can show leadership by setting the policies we need to get there.

Carbon dioxide is formed by burning fossil fuels – like heating our homes, using electricity, and running our cars. We can't stop doing these things, but we can learn to be more efficient. Come see "Kilowatt Ours" and learn what you can do. Snacks will be provided. All actions, big and small, make a huge difference!

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AYBAR: Observatorio

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about following the norm. If my memory doesn't fail me, the candidates that best performed in the last two mayoral debates were not the ones that won the elections. Do you remember how well Ralph Carrero did? He lost the primary. Do you remember how well Marcos Devers did against the incumbent Sullivan? Sullivan was reelected by a wide margin. In both cases Carrero and Devers were considered by many the most prepared, educated and qualified for the job, but all candidates (with all of their deficiencies) were there. I don't remember having to wait to see if one of them was coming or not. That's how things have always been!

It is also a norm, a law in fact, that you must provide financial report of your campaign. Lantigua thinks that is also optional. His financial reports have yet to be filed with the appropriate authorities. His political signs for years have violated a city ordinance. He points to state laws to have his signs up at his convenience.

To this point, nor this criticism or that of any other person will be an obstacle to his wishes. However, I wonder: What will happen when the Lantigua Administration has to fine someone for violating a city ordinance? Will it be optional to pay any fine or even your real state taxes if Lantigua wins? I am sure that at that time all rules and norms will have to be followed by all, except for those that he does not like.

I have more than a week looking at his website to see the dates of the forums that he is hosting instead of going to the debate. It was during the radio program CrossOver in Spanish that a caller suggested that all the information was posted there. I have yet to find it. How will people that want to vote find out about what Lantigua stands for? Representative Lantigua, don't forget that the reason why most people seem to be in discontent with you is that 65% of all the people that voted for a Hispanic candidate did not vote for you. These are the bad examples (or tactics, how you call it) that will not help you win, but will make it even more difficult to run this city. I think that you still have time to be part of the debate.

Proven Leadership

Both websites for Lawrence mayoral candidates utilize the slogan "Proven Leadership" in English and Spanish. It caught my attention that information in Spanish is very scarce in Representative Lantigua's website. Dave Abdoo makes a better attempt at providing information in Spanish dedicating one out of ten pages that his website has to Spanish only.

What I found worrisome is that these pages have changed very little during the campaign trail and appear unattended. If this is the emphasis that the city's website will have once one of these two candidates wins, then it will not be much different that the poorly managed site that Mayor Sullivan has today.

September Store Front of the Month in Lawrence

I was very disappointed to see how pleased the City of Lawrence was while awarding an undeserving business. Andres Pichardo of New England Auto Service on the corner of Union and Haverhill Streets in Lawrence is the worst example of a neighboring business.

If you don't believe me, ask the Lawrence Police Department how many complaints they receive every day from neighbors about this business for the loud

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OBSERVATORIO

que tiene su sitio completo, solo al idioma español.

Lo preocupante es que ambas páginas de Internet no han cambiado mucho durante el transcurso de la campaña y lucen muy desatendidas. Si este es el énfasis que tendrá la página de Internet de la ciudad una vez uno de ellos gane, entonces no será muy diferente a la página que poco administra hoy el Alcalde Sullivan.

Tienda del Mes de Septiembre en Lawrence

Me decepcionó mucho ver con el orgullo que la Ciudad de Lawrence le da un reconocimiento a quien no se lo merece. Andrés Pichardo de New England Auto Service en la esquina de la calle Union y la calle Haverhill en Lawrence es el peor ejemplo de un comercio en la ciudad como vecino.

De no creérmelo a mí, pregúntele al Departamento de Policía de Lawrence cuántas querellas al día recibe de este negocio por tener la música muy alta. Las quejas son constantes por parte de los residentes del complejo de ancianos que está directamente al frente a este local. Varios han tratado de pedirle que por favor baje la música y él, aparte de ser grosero con ellos, le sube el volumen a la música aún más.

Señor Pichardo, gracias por limpiar su frente, pero por favor, ¡límpiese los oídos también y baje la música que esta no es tan buena como usted piensa!

music. The residents of the elderly housing across the street constantly complain about the noise coming from this business. Some have even approached Mr. Pichardo to ask him to lower the volume, but what they get from him is a disrespectful answer and on top of that, he increases the volume.

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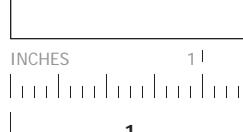
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Yolanda Brings Fashion to NECC



Show left to right in photo are Geri Murphy of North Andover, president of the Women of NECC; Yolanda; Betty Jaffe of Andover, secretary, Women of NECC; Jill McCann of Andover, a member of the Women of NECC Board; and Jean Poth of Groveland, NECC's vice president of institutional advancement.

Boston fashion maven and clothing designer Yolanda returns as a guest of The Women of Northern Essex Community College for their annual Membership Tea on November 4th, at 1 p.m., in the Technology Center on the Haverhill campus.

Yolanda will discuss the haute couture for this year's holiday season while models display a number of these fashions.

Yolanda parlayed a small home-based wig business into a successful salon and designer boutique where celebrities, pageant contestants, and showgirls regularly shopped for her feather and fur-trimmed designs. She is known internationally as one of fashion's most influential contributors to the bridal and fashion industry. While she closed Yolanda's this summer, she continues to work as a bridal and fashion consultant.

The tea menu will feature assorted tea sandwiches, a fruit cascade, and a variety

of desserts. Each attendee will receive a complimentary coffee cake donated by The Original Boston Coffee Cake Company.

Founded in 1997, The Women of NECC was organized to help Northern Essex in its efforts to raise money for scholarship for needy and deserving students.

For additional information on the tea, contact the Northern Essex Community College Institutional Advancement Office at 978-556-3870. Seating is limited.

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TOWER HILL NEIGHBORHOOD

Tower Hill Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting will be held WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 at 7:00 PM at OLGC School's Judson Hall, 526 Lowell St. We have invited all the Candidates for District C & D, Mayor and Councilor at-Large to attend this meeting. Each candidate will be allowed some time to explain their vision for Lawrence. This is an opportunity for residents to learn more about the candidates. In addition quality of life issues will be discussed with Police Chief John Romero and Fire Chief Peter Takvorian. THNA meetings are open to everyone, light refreshments will be available, for more information visit: www.thnalawrence.com or contact Keith Wlodyka, President at 603-548-9929 (cell) or Dan Clark, Vice President at 978-902-0595 (cell).

Adopt a Cat

Our foster homes are full of wonderful cats and kittens waiting to be adopted. In order for BCCC to help more cats, we need to find homes for these terrific "fur kids". Please visit our website to see who is available for adoption, or feel free to pass this message along to anyone you know who may be interested in adopting one of our "fur kids". Thank you for your support.

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CALENDARIO | CALENDAR

Night at the Boston Celtics!

10/28/2009

Be there to see Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and Rasheed Wallace at the first game at the TD Garden for the 2009-10 Regular Season! Enjoy an exciting evening with your family, friends or reward your business associates as the Boston Celtics take on the Charlotte Bobcats! 7:30PM at the TD Garden. Great Seats-Low Cost-Purchase Your Tickets Now!!

Merrimack Valley Chamber Tickets are in the Balcony-seats are all together so that you can enjoy the game with your fellow MVCC Members. Ticket price is \$80.00 per person and payment must accompany ticket order. No refunds, No cancellations after tickets have been ordered. Thank You. To Order Tickets call 978-686-0900.

Blood Drive @ Methuen YMCA

11/5/2009

You can help save lives by donating your blood or your time at the Methuen YMCA Blood Drive. It only takes an hour, it's convenient and is a simple way to make a big difference. Schedule an appointment to donate online at www.givelife.org or call 1-800-GIVELIFE. Volunteers are also needed to help with registration and the canteen. For more information or to volunteer, contact the Methuen YMCA at (978) 683-5266.

Country & Rock Music Night

11/6/2009

To benefit Northeast Independent Living Program
Friday November 6th, 2009
8:00PM to 12:00 Midnight
\$25.00 each, table of 10 for \$225.00

LOCATION: The B.P.O.E. ELKS #65
652 Andover Street
Lawrence, MA 01843

\$25.00 each or a table of 10 for \$225.00

Dance and listen to the great country music of Jonathan Scott and the Blazing Hearts. For more information contact Kevin kfarrell@nilp.org 978-687-4288 or Alison algilchrist@nilp.org 978-687-4288.

Service Provider Network Forum

When: Monday, November 16th, 2009
Time: 12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM
Where: 112A East Haverhill Street,
Lawrence, MA

Staff from community-based organizations, government agencies, health services, grassroots community groups, faith-based organizations, and other sectors involved with providing services to the community are invited to present a short summary (up to 5 minutes) of the services available to the clients we service.

Does your program:
Commit to providing and improving family life? Always know where to refer a client? Want better knowledge of services that are available in our community? Want to

FRIENDLY'S ANNOUNCES HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT COUPONS FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT EASTER SEALS CAMP FRIENDLY'S

This October, Friendly Ice Cream Corporation is proudly supporting Easter Seals Camp Friendly's through a special Halloween campaign that lets you give out free ice cream as an alternative to traditional Halloween candy.

NO TRICKS, JUST TREATS!

From October 5 through October 31, 2009, participating Friendly's Restaurants will offer the new Trick-or-Treat coupons for a donation to Easter Seals Camp Friendly's. For each \$1 donation, you get 5 coupons for free Kids Cones plus a coupon for \$5 off a \$25 purchase at Friendly's. Coupons are redeemable from November 1st- December 31st and the dollars raised will benefit more than 25 Easter Seals Camp Friendly's program locations.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Mayor's Artist of the Month Program: Methuen artists interested in being considered as Artist of the Month should contact Matt Kraunelis in the Mayor's Office at 978-983-8505. If chosen, the artist will be asked to display several works of art in the Mayor's Office reception area, and will receive special recognition from Mayor William Manzi.

GUIDELINES

- Artists must live or work in Methuen or be a member of a Methuen-based arts group.
- We generally hang six to eight pieces of art depending on size. We prefer framed work. Artwork must have a cord on the back so that it can be properly displayed.
- Artists are responsible for hanging and removing their work.
- Artists must submit a brief bio in electronic form to be used in a press release.

"Summoning artists to participate In the august occasions of the state Seems something artists ought to celebrate. Today is for my cause a day of days."

From the poem "Dedication" by former Methuen resident and teacher, Robert Frost.

collaborate with local agencies? Want to become informed about partnering with FYI? This innovative forum will provide resource sharing from several organizations in the Merrimack Valley giving us the opportunity to strengthen our partnerships and networking.

Please register by Friday, November 6, 2009, so that we will have sufficient materials and lunch. Our site is wheelchair accessible. Please contact us ahead of time if you need accommodations. For more information, contact Delilah Rivera at drivera@gcac.org or (978) 332-8250.

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December 5, 2009 - March 6, 2010

Join us for another great season of YBL. This unique basketball program for children ages 5-16 stresses the development of children, rather than competition. The goals of our program are skill development, personal development, fair play, fitness, character development and fun! We don't keep score* or standings, nor do we focus on winning and losing.



AGE DIVISIONS:
5-6 YEARS
7-8 YEARS
9-10 YEARS
11-12 YEARS
13-16 YEARS



Players participate in weekly practices, and games on Saturdays. In addition, there are a number of Special Events scheduled throughout the season including Team Photos, Family Day, Trip to the Celtics, Team Banquets, etc.

PROGRAM FEES:
Family: \$65
General: \$75
Participant: \$110

* Financial Assistance Available to those who qualify

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

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We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

* Scores and team standings will be recorded in the 13-16 year old division.



EL MARTES, 3 DE NOVIEMBRE, VOTE POR

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, VOTE FOR

William Lantigua

El 30 de septiembre, 2009, un evento histórico se llevó a cabo en el Club Nocturno Malaya's, localizado en el 2 de la Calle Newbury, cuando 4 de los 8 candidatos que no pasaron las primarias, acordaron unir sus fuerzas con las del Representante William Lantigua para colocar a un alcalde que represente a la mayoría de la población de Lawrence.

Nilka Álvarez-Rodríguez, Patrick J. Blanchette, Marcos A. Devers e Israel Reyes, se turnaron al micrófono para expresar su apoyo a Lantigua con el objeto de hacer un cambio en la ciudad.

On September 30, 2009, an historic event took place at Malaya's Night Club, located at 2 Newbury St., Lawrence, MA, when 4 out of the 8 mayoral candidates who did not make it to the finals, joined forces with Representative William Lantigua in order to elect a mayor who represents the Lawrence majority.

Nilka Álvarez-Rodríguez, Patrick J. Blanchette, Marcos A. Devers and Israel Reyes, took a turn at the mic to express their support for Lantigua toward a change in the city.



Nilka Alvarez-Rodriguez

"No fue una decisión fácil de tomar pero estoy muy contenta de estar aquí... y después de hablarlo con diferentes personas llegamos a la conclusión de que el pueblo había hablado y yo me siento muy contenta de escuchar el mensaje del pueblo. La mayoría de ustedes están dispuestos a considerar que es posible de que un latino electo pueda servirnos a todos".

"It was not an easy decision to make but I'm happy to be here... and after talking to different people we came to the conclusion that the people have spoken and I'm happy to follow the people's message: The majority of you are willing to appreciate that it is possible that an elected Latino leader will serve every one."



Patrick J. Blanchette

"Yo huelo algo –Yo huelo victoria", dijo Blanchette. "Lantigua quedó en tercer lugar entre dos candidatos no hispanos en el Distrito E y segundo en el F, ambos en el lado sur de la ciudad... Willie Lantigua conoce todos los rincones de la ciudad... Willie Lantigua, el único candidato que trae valores demócratas porque viene de ustedes, las familias trabajadoras".

"Yo huelo algo (I smell something) –Yo huelo victoria (I smell victory)," said Blanchette. Lantigua came 3rd between two white candidates in District E and 2nd in District F, both on the South side of Lawrence... Willy Lantigua knows every single area in the city... Willie Lantigua, the only candidate who brings Democratic values because he came from all of you, the working families".



Marcos Devers

"Primero, debemos pensar en la comunidad... Estamos ante un momento histórico y es tiempo de poner los sentimientos egoístas a un lado, y yo como luchador, puedo reconocer la fuerza, la entrega de William Lantigua... Juntos podemos trabajar por un Lawrence unido".

"First, we have to think of the community... We are before an historical moment and is time to put egoists feelings aside and as a fighter, I can recognize the strength and motivation of William Lantigua... Together we can work for one united Lawrence."



Israel Reyes

Yo creo que vamos a hacer historia el 3 de Noviembre y creo que él va a ser un buen alcalde", dijo reyes cuando endosó a Lantigua para Alcalde. Israel Reyes acreditó a William Lantigua por haber estado al tanto de los problemas de Lawrence mientras que había traído fondos estatales a diferentes instituciones en Lawrence por los últimos 6 años.

"I believe we are going to make history on November 3rd, and I believe he will make a good mayor," said Reyes while endorsing Lantigua for Mayor. Israel Reyes credited William Lantigua for addressing local issues and for funding different Lawrence institutions for the past six years.

VOTE LANTIGUA PARA ALCALDE

VOTE LANTIGUA FOR MAYOR