

Irish Flag Raising



On Friday, March 1st, 2019, Irish got together to raise their flag at Campagnone Common. Pictured, from left, Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera, Anne Marie Nyhan-Doherty, President, Division 8 LAOH and Charles Breen, 2019 Dinner Dance Chairman Toastmaster, holding the flag. Pgs. 12 & 13

Bellesini abre matrícula de quinto grado

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Bellesini accepting 5th grade applications

For the past seventeen years, Bellesini Academy has had incredible success with students in Lawrence.

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13th Annual Kimball Classic



These young men are Zach Vermette and Ahian Rodriguez who participated in the annual event at Lawrence YMCA Kimball Classic. Pg. 12

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Departamento de Educación monitoreará Escuelas Públicas de Haverhill

Durante la semana del 11 de marzo de 2019, la Oficina de Adquisición de Idiomas del Departamento de Educación Primaria y Secundaria (DESE por sus siglas en inglés) llevará a cabo una Revisión de Monitoreo Centrado de las Escuelas Públicas de Haverhill.

La Oficina de Adquisición de Idiomas visita cada distrito y escuela autónoma cada seis años para supervisar el cumplimiento de las leyes y reglamentos federales y estatales de educación para estudiantes de inglés. Las áreas de revisión incluirán las evaluaciones de los estudiantes de inglés; identificación de estudiantes de inglés; en qué programas se ubican los estudiantes de inglés; participación de los padres y la comunidad; Currículo e Instrucción; servicios de apoyo al estudiante; requisitos de licencia para la facultad, el personal y la administración; planes de programas; y evaluación y registro.

Además de la visita en el lugar, el alcance de los padres es una parte importante del proceso de revisión. El coordinador de revisión de la Oficina de Adquisición de Idiomas enviará una encuesta a los padres

de los alumnos cuyos registros examina el equipo de revisión. La encuesta se centra en áreas clave del programa de educación para estudiantes de inglés de sus hijos. Los resultados de la encuesta contribuirán al informe de seguimiento.

Los padres y otras personas pueden llamar a la Presidenta de Revisión de Adquisición del Idioma de Melanie Manares al (781) 338-3573 para solicitar una entrevista telefónica. Si una persona requiere una adaptación, como la traducción, para participar en una entrevista, DESE hará los arreglos necesarios.

Dentro de aproximadamente 60 días hábiles de la visita in situ, el coordinador de revisión proporcionará al distrito un informe con información sobre las áreas en las que el distrito cumple o supera los requisitos reglamentarios y las áreas en las que el distrito necesita asistencia para corregir o mejorar las prácticas. El informe estará disponible para el público en <http://www.doe.mass.edu/ell/cpr/?section=reports>.

Margaret Marotta
Superintendente Escolar

Department of Education will monitor Haverhill Public Schools

During the week of March 11, 2019, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE's) Office of Language Acquisition will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Haverhill Public Schools.

The Office of Language Acquisition visits each district and charter school every six years to monitor compliance with federal and state English learner education laws and regulations. Areas of review will include English learners' student assessments; identification of English learners; what programs English learners are placed in; parent and community involvement; curriculum and instruction; student support services; licensure requirements for faculty, staff and administration; program plans; and evaluation and record-keeping.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Language Acquisition will send a survey to the parents of students whose records the review team examines. The

survey focuses on key areas of their child's English learner education program. Survey results will contribute to the monitoring report.

Parents and other individuals may call Melanie Manares, Office of Language Acquisition Review Chairperson, at (781) 338-3573 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, DESE will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days of the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the district with a report with information about areas in which the district meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the district requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The report will be available to the public at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/ell/cpr/?section=reports>.

Margaret Marotta
Superintendent of Schools

NECC Open House Announced

Northern Essex Community College will hold its annual spring open house on Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Dr. Ibrahim El-Hefni Allied Health & Technology Center, 414 Common St., Lawrence.

Tour the state-of-the-art facility and learn about NECC's various academic programs and services at the resource fair. Hear about the admission and enrollment

process. Apply to NECC on the spot.

Enjoy light refreshments while touring the Lawrence campus El-Hefni Building.

Attendees are encouraged to bring family members or a friend who may be interested in touring the school campus and facilities.

For additional information visit the website or call 978-556-3700.

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Don Luis Bonilla (1920-2013)

Nuestro querido Don Luis Bonilla, se nos fue la noche del miércoles, 6 de marzo, 2013, rodeado de los que más lo querían, sus familiares y amigos. Don Luis Bonilla, más conocido como "El Muñequito de Oro", nació el día 19 de junio de 1920 en el pueblo de Aibonito, Puerto Rico. A la edad de un año, sus padres, Doña Vicenta González y Ramón Bonilla decidieron mudar a la familia al pueblo de Caguas, donde Don Luis creció.

Desde temprana edad, Don Luis mostró interés por la música y a los 12 años ya asistía a una estación de radio conocida como "La Güira", cuando esta producía un programa titulado "Buscando Estrellas". Él comenzó a cantar a través de las emisoras radiales WVJP y WNEL con el grupo Rítmico Cagüño, donde hacía la segunda voz.

Ya Don Luis hacía alarde de su talento en las Parrandas de diferentes pueblos, tales como Gurabo, Yabucoa, Humacao, Cayey, Aguas Buenas, San Lorenzo, etc. A la temprana edad de 24 años, Bonilla contrajo nupcias con Doña Francisca Rodríguez y tuvieron tres hijas.

Bonilla llegó a la Ciudad de New York con su familia, donde se desempeñó en distintas actividades y no fue hasta el año 1979 que llegó a la Ciudad de Lawrence, donde abrió una dulcería en la calle Park. Don Luis tenía una personalidad alegre, gustaba de hablar y compartir con las personas y siempre fue un amante de la música puertorriqueña.

No nos sorprende que por estos últimos años haya convertido con el amor y el carisma que lo caracterizaba, el programa radial Así Canta Puerto Rico como su compromiso primordial con la comunidad. Don Luis nos dejó un inmenso vacío en la comunidad, sobre todo en María Ortiz y Luis David Hiraldo, que con él compartían el programa Así Canta Puerto Rico cada domingo.

Afortunadamente, el programa radial Así Canta Puerto Rico aún utiliza su voz, por lo que, a veces, nos parece que aún está entre nosotros. Vivió con la música y se fue con ella. ¿Cómo podemos olvidar la noche de su velorio?

Demos gracias al Todo Poderoso por habernos concedido la dicha de tenerlo entre nosotros.

Don Luis Bonilla (1920-2013)

Our dear Don Luis Bonilla, left us the night of Wednesday, March 6, 2013, surrounded by those who loved him the most, his family and friends.

Don Luis Bonilla, better known as "El Muñequito de Oro", was born on June 19, 1920 in the town of Aibonito, Puerto Rico. At the age of one, his parents, Doña Vicenta González and Ramón Bonilla, decided to move the family to the town of Caguas, where Don Luis grew up.

From an early age, Don Luis showed an interest in music and by age 12 he was already attending a radio station known as "La Güira", when he produced a program called "Buscando Estrellas". He began singing on the radio stations WVJP and WNEL with the group Rítmico Cagüño, where he made the second voice.

Don Luis already boasted of his talent in the Parrandas of different towns, such as Gurabo, Yabucoa, Humacao, Cayey, Aguas Buenas, San Lorenzo, etc. At the young age of 24 years, Bonilla contracted nuptials with Doña Francisca Rodríguez and had three daughters.

Bonilla arrived in New York City with his family, where he worked in different activities and it was not until 1979 that he arrived in Lawrence, where he opened a candy store on Park Street. Don Luis had a cheerful personality, liked to talk and share with people and was always a lover of Puerto Rican music.

We are not surprised that for the last few years he used the love and charisma that characterized him, to make the radio program Así Canta Puerto Rico his primary commitment to the community. Don Luis left us an immense void in the community, especially in María Ortiz and Luis David Hiraldo, who shared with him the program Así Canta Puerto Rico every Sunday.

Fortunately, the radio program Así Canta Puerto Rico still uses his voice so, sometimes, it seems to us as if he is still among us. He lived with music and went with her. How can we forget the night of his wake?

Let's thank the Almighty for granting us the joy of having him among us.

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Desde Mi Esquina



¡Deje que se escuche su voz!

En la página 5, publicamos una carta enviada a la fiscal general Maura Healy por Gustavo Paulino e Yvelisse Corniel Paulino, abuelos de Lee Manuel Vitoria Paulino, en la que exigen el fin de la investigación sobre su muerte. Han pasado más de dos años, todo está paralizado y la familia está sufriendo con la espera.

Mientras el silencio es tan preocupante como el dolor que siente la familia, el Concejo Municipal celebrará una audiencia pública el martes, 19 de marzo de 2019 en Lawrence City Hall a las 7:00 p.m. con el propósito de recopilar testimonios, información y opiniones del público sobre una petición para cambiar el nombre de Chestnut Street en la Ciudad de Lawrence a Leonel Rondón Street. Puede ver el aviso para la audiencia pública en la página 22.

Perder a un niño es algo que nadie merece atravesar. Ambas familias sienten el dolor, pero no debemos permitir que el alcalde utilice la muerte de Leonel Rondón durante las explosiones de gas como otra oportunidad fotográfica. Ha evitado hablar con la familia de Lee Manuel o hacer algo para acelerar el caso.

Lee Manuel Vitoria Paulino fue víctima de violencia de pandillas en esta ciudad. Sufrió secuestro, tortura y decapitación a manos de matones. Sus brazos nunca fueron encontrados.

Apoyemos a Gustavo e Yvelisse el 19 asistiendo a la reunión del Concejo Municipal y decirles a los concejales que dejen de fingir que les importa.

El alcalde necesita un departamento de relaciones públicas

A veces el Alcalde Rivera tiene una manera de decir las cosas que más tarde demuestra que es un tirano; creo que debería tener un Departamento de Relaciones Públicas para evitar las declaraciones que lo ridiculicen, como el que envió al canal 5 de WCVB-TV en relación con el oficial de policía de Lawrence, Carlos Vieira. Este oficial fue acusado de dos cargos de violación agravada de un niño y dos cargos de asalto indecente y agresión a un niño menor de 14 años.

"Estoy enojado, enfermo, consternado, entristecido por las acusaciones y los cargos", dijo el alcalde de Lawrence, Dan Rivera, en un comunicado. "Hemos trabajado muy duro para mejorar y elevar el profesionalismo del Departamento de Policía de Lawrence.

"Hemos despedido y expulsado a muchos oficiales que no cumplieron y no pudieron adaptarse al código de conducta y al alto nivel de profesionalismo en que trabajaron mi oficina, el jefe de policía y los hombres y mujeres así como el liderazgo de los sindicatos de policía para establecer".

"Si se determina que (las acusaciones) son ciertas, actuaremos rápidamente para destituir al oficial involucrado. Esto es una farsa".

Cuando leí eso, todo lo que pude hacer fue reírme porque es completamente contrario a su actitud con otros empleados con respecto a cuestiones morales. Admitió haber despedido a "muchos oficiales que no cumplieron y no pudieron adaptarse frente

al código de conducta y al alto nivel de profesionalismo".

Cuando Theodoro Rosario fue arrestado por la policía de Lowell por llevar a un indigente a una habitación de un motel pagado por la Ciudad de Lawrence, Rivera guardó silencio por 9 meses hasta la fecha de una audiencia en la corte ante un juez que fue cuando se hizo público y se supo. Theodoro Sigue trabajando para la ciudad y ahora el alcalde contrató a un ofensor sexual que ha estado creando caos y varios empleados han presentado quejas.

Al parecer, el alcalde solo exige el código de conducta y la profesionalidad de los oficiales de policía únicamente.

Casos de VIH en aumento en Lawrence

Los funcionarios de salud pública en Massachusetts advierten sobre el aumento

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del VIH entre los usuarios que se inyectan drogas ilegales.

El Departamento de Salud Pública del estado dijo en una carta a los proveedores de atención médica de Boston el viernes que seis personas han sido diagnosticadas recientemente con el virus desde el 1 de noviembre.

El departamento está instando a los proveedores a que intensifiquen los esfuerzos para preguntar a los pacientes sobre las conductas de riesgo y hacerles pruebas del VIH, que pueden conducir al SIDA.

Los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades de EE.UU. investigaron el año pasado luego de que docenas de casos nuevos se reportaron en Lawrence y Lowell.

El Boston Globe informa que la transmisión del VIH ha aumentado en Massachusetts en los últimos años a medida que persiste la epidemia de opioides.

El estado reportó 105 casos nuevos en 2017, en comparación con 30 en 2014.

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- Hable con su médico sobre las formas de manejar su dolor.
- Pregúntele a su farmacéutico sobre la Ley de Suministro Parcial, que le permite solicitar una menor dosis recetada de opioides.



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Favor de ponerse en contacto con Heal Lawrence si desea hacer una contribución a las víctimas de los incendios recientes en Lawrence. El sitio en la internet tiene una lista de artículos que han sido donados y lo que todavía necesitan.

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February 28, 2019

Attorney General Maura Healey
Office of the Attorney General
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Boston, MA

Re: Homicide Victim Lee Manuel Vitoria Paulino

Dear Attorney General Healey:

We are the grandparents of our beloved Lee Manuel Vitoria Paulino, who was brutally assaulted, inhumanly violated and died in Lawrence in November of 2016. His body was found on the banks of the Merrimack River.

We write this letter as our heartfelt appeal for information concerning the now two year old investigation into Lee's death.

Lee was a happy, wonderful, innocent and kind 18 year old when he was lured from our Tower Hill home by acquaintances to his death.

We cannot and will not describe what happened to him as it is all too well know and reported. The killers' intent to harm and disfigure his body will never destroy the indelible images we have of him. Lee had all the potential in the world and a long, happy and prosperous life before when he was so unfairly taken from us.

A student at Lee's school has been charged with his death. We do not believe that he had the ability to carry this out alone. It has been two years since his arrest and little has happened to convince us that enough is being done to bring others who were responsible for Lee's profound suffering and death to justice.

What little we know has convinced us that there are others, perhaps many others who planned and committed his murder. We strongly believe that others, perhaps not directly involved in his death, assisted in hiding his body.

We understand that the Commonwealth has a responsibility to prosecute those responsible. We seek justice for Lee and want all those involved identified and tried. We will not ever cause or do anything to interfere with that process. We only want answers to the extent that your office can shed light on the status of the investigation.

As his grandparents and family, we are entitled to know where the investigation stands, where it has led and where it will go in the future.

Thank you.

Gustavo Paulino

Yvelisse Corniel Paulino

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Fire Officials Ask People to Change Your Clock, Check Your Alarms This Weekend

"This weekend as you change your clocks, check your alarms," said State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey. "Working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms can save your life. Replace aging alarms, and unless they have a 10-year sealed battery, replace the alkaline batteries now," said Ostroskey.

Replace Aging Smoke Alarms

SmokeAlarmLogo_web.jpg "Smoke alarms, like other household appliances, don't last forever," said Chief Timothy J. Grenno, president of the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts, "Every ten years the entire alarm needs to be replaced, not just the batteries," he added. The state fire code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms to have 10-year, sealed, non-replaceable, non-rechargeable batteries in

older one- and two-family homes.

Manufacturers generally recommend smoke alarms be replaced after ten years and carbon monoxide alarms after 5-7. Newer models with 10-year sealed batteries are designed to last longer and do not require replacement batteries.

Chief Grenno said, "Fire officials see too many disabled smoke alarms in fires when people really needed them to work. We hope that if smoke alarms are easier to maintain, people won't be tempted to disable them."

Time Is Your Enemy in a Fire

"Time is your enemy in a fire and working smoke alarms give you precious time to use your home escape plan before poisonous gases and heat make escape

impossible," said Ostroskey, "Remember: smoke alarms are a sound you can live with."

Senior SAFE

Two hundred forty-two (242) fire departments across the state have grant-funded Senior SAFE Programs. Seniors who need help testing, maintaining or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance. Ostroskey said, "Four out of every ten of the people who have died in fires last year were over 65. We want our seniors to be safe from fire in their own homes."

Working Smoke Alarms Are a Sound You Can Live With

Grenno said, "No one expects to be a victim of a fire, but the best way to survive one that does occur is to have working smoke alarms." In the average house fire, there are only 1-3 minutes to escape AFTER the smoke alarm sounds. He added, "Take a few minutes to protect those you love by changing the batteries in your smoke alarms this weekend. Then take a step stool and some 9-volts to your parents or older neighbor's and ask if you can refresh their smoke alarms."

Los oficiales de bomberos piden a las personas que cambien su reloj, revisen sus alarmas este fin de semana

"Este fin de semana, mientras cambia sus relojes, verifique sus alarmas", dijo el Jefe de Bomberos del Estado, Peter Ostroskey. "Las alarmas de humo y monóxido de carbono en funcionamiento pueden salvarle la vida. Reemplace las alarmas antiguas y, a menos que tengan una batería sellada de 10 años, reemplace las baterías alcalinas ahora", dijo Ostroskey.

Reemplace las alarmas de humo viejas

SmokeAlarmLogo_web.jpg "Las alarmas de humo, al igual que otros electrodomésticos, no duran por siempre", dijo el jefe Timothy J. Grenno, presidente de la Asociación de Jefes de Bomberos de Massachusetts, "Cada diez años, todas las alarmas deben ser reemplazadas, no solo las baterías", agregó. El código de incendio del estado requiere que las alarmas de humo que funcionan con baterías de reemplazo tengan baterías de 10 años, selladas, no reemplazables, no recargables en casas antiguas de una y dos familias.

Los fabricantes generalmente recomiendan que las alarmas de humo se reemplacen después de diez años y las de monóxido de carbono después de 5-7. Los modelos más nuevos con baterías selladas de 10 años están diseñados para durar más y no requieren baterías de reemplazo.

El jefe Grenno dijo: "Los bomberos ven demasiadas alarmas de humo en los incendios cuando la gente realmente los necesita para trabajar. Esperamos que si las alarmas de humo son más fáciles de mantener, las personas no estarán tentadas a desactivarlas".

El tiempo es tu enemigo en un incendio

"El tiempo es su enemigo en un incendio y las alarmas de humo en funcionamiento le brindan un tiempo precioso para usar el plan de escape de su casa antes de que los gases venenosos y el calor hagan imposible escapar", dijo Ostroskey. "Recuerde: las alarmas de humo son un sonido con el que puede vivir".

Senior SAFE

Doscientos cuarenta y dos (242) departamentos de bomberos en todo el estado tienen Programas Senior SAFE financiados por subvenciones. Las personas mayores que necesitan ayuda para probar, mantener o reemplazar las alarmas de humo deben comunicarse con el departamento de bomberos local o el centro para personas mayores para obtener ayuda. Ostroskey dijo: "Cuatro de cada diez de las personas que murieron en incendios el año pasado tenían más de 65 años. Queremos que nuestros adultos mayores estén a salvo del fuego en sus propias casas".

Las alarmas de humo que funcionan son un sonido con el que puedes vivir

Grenno dijo: "Nadie espera ser víctima de un incendio, pero la mejor manera de sobrevivir a uno que ocurra es tener alarmas de humo que funcionen". En el incendio promedio de la casa, solo hay de 1 a 3 minutos para escapar DESPUÉS que suena la alarma de humo. Agregó: "Tómese unos minutos para proteger a sus seres queridos cambiando las baterías de sus detectores de humo este fin de semana. Luego lleve una batería de 9 voltios a sus padres o vecinos más viejos y pregúntele si puede refrescar sus alarmas de humo".

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Durante los últimos diecisiete años, la Academia Bellesini ha tenido un éxito increíble con los estudiantes en Lawrence. El 100% de la clase de niñas y niños de octavo grado de este año ha sido aceptado en una escuela secundaria privada con beca. Bellesini es una escuela co-institucional donde los estudiantes tienen todas las clases académicas en un entorno de un solo sexo y tienen oportunidades para interactuar de manera positiva a través de programas después de la escuela y eventos a nivel escolar.

Bellesini Academy es una escuela católica independiente y gratuita que atiende a niños y niñas en los grados 5-8, de familias de escasos recursos en la Ciudad de Lawrence. Bellesini cree que la educación es la clave para romper el ciclo de la pobreza. El objetivo principal de la Academia es preparar a todos los estudiantes para que asistan a una escuela preparatoria privada. Para este fin, Bellesini requiere que todos los estudiantes participen en un día escolar de doce horas que incluye un currículo académico riguroso enseñado en

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I have never been one for hitting soft; my apologies if I offend you

By Frank Bonet



Recently, a top Massachusetts law enforcement official of the federal government stated that Lawrence has become a pipeline for heroin and fentanyl distribution. Supposedly, Lawrence is being exploited because of the city's location to two interstate

highways making it easier as a jump-off point.

Ladies and gentlemen, if you believe this nonsensical explanation (that Lawrence is an easy jump-off location), then you are just as ignorant of what is exactly causing the city to be used as a hub for drugs, and it's not that the primary reason that Lawrence is near two major highways. Just look at Worcester with I90 and I495 highways, Boston with many major highways, Tewksbury with the same I495 and I93 highways that run on opposite sides of the City of Lawrence, or even Foxborough with Interstate 95 and I495 on its side. They have the same easy jump-offs as Lawrence and Methuen have and technically I93 borders Methuen not Lawrence.

I am not stating that Lawrence is not a problem. I mean even Lawrence residents have known that Lawrence has a drug distribution problem. We've known that for many years. But based on the FBI in 2019, Lawrence was not even on the top-ten list of most dangerous cities in Massachusetts. Albeit, Lawrence was not on the top-ten best cities to live in Massachusetts, either.

The most likely reason that Lawrence is used as a hub for drugs is not because we are an easy jump-off point, but because of lack of opportunities. Lack of nearby employment for its residents, lack of opportunities to own affordable homes due to subprime lending that continues to keep people of color down, lack of proper school funding, lack of drug recovery centers, lack of almost every other benefit that communities of wealth or better position have more than Lawrence, lack of business opportunity, racism, etc.

One thing that I did not hear from that top federal law enforcement say is that the biggest thief and distributor of opioid is a pharmacy technician from Salem and Peabody, Massachusetts. Just this week

the charges against her were reduced from theft to obtaining drugs by fraud just so the prosecutors could keep the charges from being a felony. The DA actually said that! If you or anyone else in the DAs or State Police believes that she used more than 20,000 pills for self-medication and tossed the rest into the toilet - you have no idea on how to fight the war on drugs. This is just how whiteness works. Representative Paul Tucker (D-Salem) said he was "shocked" to learn about the size and scope of the alleged pill theft, and agrees that more oversight is needed to ensure prescription opioids don't end up in the streets. Well, what a great plan - Not! Not once did he castigate the person for doing so; because she resides in his district. However, would have been a Lawrencian that stole all that opioid pills, the Rep would probably be passing a bill right about now and the poor Lawrencian would have federal charges and possibly a death sentence!

Furthermore, let's not blame city law enforcement or any law enforcement for that matter. Many of us keep placing so much stress on our law enforcement officials to take care of everything that is wrong with our city when we should be demanding it from our elected officials in the State and in the Federal government. We can't expect for Lawrence Police to be counselors, social workers, overdose reversers, helping community member find jobs, driving victims of penetrating trauma to emergency rooms, and more hats than just solving or preventing crime. If, for some officers, the transition from an enforcer of the law to a pseudo-social worker/paramedic is not a welcome one, if the added tasks contribute to burnout, if training is costly, and if officers aren't the best-trained people to be on the frontline of social issues such as homelessness and widespread addiction, then maybe it is time that our elected leaders begin a task force to deal with the issue.

We only have ourselves to blame for this. I've lived in Lawrence for many years and have fallen into the trap of believing our local, state and federal politicians saying they will help. Lawrence is tired of waiting while the politicians just either pocket money, take care of their own, help open businesses for their friends, keep arguing with Trump, ask voters for money to enrich their campaigns coffers, while Lawrence just waits.

To even attempt to solve the problem of

addiction means that we need to take a closer look at the location and our community where substance abuse trafficking reigns supreme, whether due to abject poverty or a thriving prescription painkiller black market or something else.

People in poverty are exposed to severe, chronic stressors within the communities and immediate social networks which increase vulnerability to psychological distress and problem with drugs and alcohol. Those chronic stressors could just be about anything that the people of Lawrence go through on a daily basis: hunger, illness, loss of family, loss of structure, loss of home, loss of employment, etc. There is abundant data to support the connection between socioeconomic factors, addiction and recovery, drug dealing, etc. It is even further known of decades of survey data also show that the addiction rate, and the drug dealing rate, among the unemployed is usually around twice as high as among those who have jobs.

Neither the federal government nor the Commonwealth, can hide from its deep poverty crisis. For Lawrence it was one of the reasons why its residents wanted to send a representative to Washington (Juana Matias), because we are not being heard. Our voices are not reaching those that could and should help. We are only now being heard because the sounds of addiction are hitting other wealthy or better positioned cities and towns. But those towns are not hearing what we are saying = they have selective listening to only accuse Lawrence of their woes. It is now affecting those cities and towns, but we (Lawrence) have been fighting this fight for quite some time. Allowing our police officers to arrest their way through this problem won't cut it. Lawrence parents have been shielding their children from the opposed and negative undervalues of others, which if you ask is just another stress factor induced on our children (living in a community that is a land mine of negative roads).

Lawrence needs an overall better plan that encompasses every agency, every politician and every city and town

in Massachusetts. Your town or city may not know how it could fall into a plan for Lawrence, but you better believe me, you should know. You should also know that it's not an illegal or undocumented issue; it's not a race issue, or gender issue. It's an underprivileged issue, where politicians treat Lawrence like crap but come back in to the city (with local politicians) to get your votes. Lawrence is the 13th most populated cities in Massachusetts (18th most populated in New England).

Lawrence is the second most populated city in Essex County, behind Lynn. Lowell, even though not in the Essex County but in Middlesex County has a little over 100,000 residents. Lawrence, what I am saying is that you've got the needed votes and you've have strength. But, you must use your strength if you want what you deserve from the elected officials to hear you and do something. Register and vote.

Furthermore, let's not say collaboration has been occurring. That faux collaboration is asking a lot of opinions to give the appearance of collaboration and then doing what you were going to do in the first place. We've all been in those meetings or been to those events.

I have never been one for the soft hitting with words. I never learned how, I was trained from the age of 17, by the military, to say it loud and forget how it will hurt or who it will hurt. I hit hard but mean well. People of Lawrence, stop letting yourselves be used.

Pensar es el trabajo más difícil que existe. Quizá esa sea la razón por la que haya tan pocas personas que lo practiquen.

Thinking is the hardest work there is. Perhaps that is why there are so few people who practice it.

- Henry Ford

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Nunca he sido uno para dar suave; mis disculpas si lo ofendo

Por Frank Bonet



Recientemente, un alto funcionario del gobierno federal del estado de Massachusetts declaró que Lawrence se ha convertido en un conducto para la distribución de heroína y fentanilo. Supuestamente, Lawrence

está siendo explotado debido a la ubicación de la ciudad en dos autopistas interestatales, lo que lo hace más fácil como un punto de escape.

Señoras y señores, si creen en esta explicación absurda (que Lawrence es un lugar fácil para salir), entonces son tan ignorantes de lo que está causando que la ciudad sea utilizada como un centro de drogas y no es eso la principal razón que Lawrence está cerca de dos autopistas principales. Solo mire a Worcester con las autopistas I90 e I495, Boston con muchas autopistas principales, Tewksbury con las mismas autopistas I495 e I93 que se encuentran en el lado opuesto de la Ciudad de Lawrence, o incluso Foxborough con la Interestatal 95 y la I495. Tienen los mismas salidas fáciles que tienen Lawrence y Methuen.

No estoy diciendo que Lawrence no es un problema. Quiero decir, incluso los residentes de Lawrence han sabido que Lawrence tiene un problema de drogas. Lo hemos sabido por muchos años. Pero basado en el FBI en 2019, Lawrence ni siquiera estaba en la lista de las diez ciudades más peligrosas de Massachusetts. A pesar de que Lawrence tampoco estaba entre las diez mejores ciudades para vivir en Massachusetts.

La razón más probable de que Lawrence se use como un centro de drogas no es porque seamos un punto de arranque fácil, sino por falta de oportunidades. Falta de empleo cercano para sus residentes, falta de oportunidades para ser propietario de viviendas asequibles debido a préstamos de alto riesgo que continúan frenando a las personas de color, falta de financiamiento escolar adecuado, falta de centros de recuperación de drogas, falta de casi cualquier otro beneficio que las comunidades más afluentes o de mejor posición tienen más que Lawrence, falta de oportunidad de negocio, racismo, etc.

Una cosa que no escuché de ese alto funcionario de la ley federal es que el mayor ladrón y distribuidor de opioides es un técnico de farmacia de Salem and Peabody, Massachusetts. Solo esta semana, los cargos en su contra se redujeron de robo a la obtención de drogas por fraude, para que los fiscales pudieran evitar que los cargos fueran un delito grave. ¡El fiscal realmente dijo eso! Si usted o alguien más de los Fidcales de Distrito (DA) o la Policía Estatal creen que ella usó más de 20,000 píldoras para la automedicación y arrojó el resto al inodoro, no tiene idea de cómo luchar la guerra contra las drogas. Así es como funciona la blancura. El Representante Paul Tucker (D-Salem) dijo que estaba "sorprendido" al conocer el tamaño y el alcance del presunto robo de pastillas, y está de acuerdo en que se necesita más supervisión para garantizar que los opioides recetados no terminen en las calles.

Bueno, qué gran plan - ¡No! Ni una sola vez castigó a la persona por hacerlo porque ella reside en su barrio. Sin embargo, si hubiera sido un lawrenciano quien se robó todas las pastillas de opioides, el Representante probablemente aprobaría un proyecto de ley en este momento y el pobre lawrenciano tendría cargos federales y posiblemente una sentencia de muerte.

Además, no debemos culpar a la policía de la ciudad ni a ninguna policía por ese asunto. Muchos de nosotros seguimos poniendo mucho estrés en nuestros funcionarios encargados de hacer cumplir la ley para encargarse de todo lo que está mal en nuestra ciudad cuando deberíamos exigirlo a nuestros funcionarios electos en el estado y en el gobierno federal. No podemos esperar que la Policía de Lawrence sea consejera, trabajadora social, reversores de sobredosis, que ayude a los miembros de la comunidad a encontrar trabajo, conduzca a las víctimas de traumas penetrantes a las salas de emergencia y más actividades que solo resolver o prevenir crímenes. Si, para algunos oficiales, la transición de un ejecutor de la ley a un pseudo-trabajador social/paramédico no es suficiente, si las tareas adicionales contribuyen al agotamiento, si la capacitación es costosa, y si los oficiales no son las mejores personas capacitadas para estar en la primera línea de los problemas sociales como la falta de vivienda y la adicción generalizada, entonces tal vez sea hora de que nuestros líderes electos comiencen un grupo de trabajo para tratar el problema.

Nosotros somos los culpables de esto. He vivido en Lawrence durante muchos años y he caído en la trampa de creer que nuestros políticos locales, estatales y federales dicen que ayudarán. Lawrence está cansado de esperar, mientras que los políticos simplemente se embolsillan el dinero, se ocupan de sí mismos, ayudan a abrir negocios para sus amigos, continúan hablando de Trump, piden dinero a los votantes para enriquecer sus cofres de campañas, mientras que Lawrence espera.

Incluso tratar de resolver el problema de la adicción significa que debemos analizar más de cerca la ubicación y nuestra comunidad donde reina el tráfico de drogas, ya sea por la pobreza extrema o por un próspero mercado negro de analgésicos recetados u otra cosa.

Las personas que viven en la pobreza están expuestas a factores estresantes crónicos y severos dentro de las comunidades y a las redes sociales inmediatas que aumentan la vulnerabilidad a los trastornos psicológicos y al problema de las drogas y el alcohol. Esos factores estresantes crónicos podrían tratarse de cualquier cosa que la gente de Lawrence atraviesan diariamente: hambre, enfermedad, pérdida de la familia, pérdida de la estructura, pérdida del hogar, pérdida del empleo, etc. Hay abundantes datos que respaldan la conexión entre los factores socioeconómicos, la adicción y la recuperación, el tráfico de drogas, etc. Se sabe aún más de décadas de datos de encuestas que también muestran que la tasa de adicción y la tasa de venta de drogas entre los desempleados es aproximadamente el doble que entre los que tienen trabajos.

Ni el gobierno federal ni el estado pueden esconderse de su profunda crisis de pobreza. Para Lawrence fue una de las razones por las que sus residentes querían enviar un representante a Washington (Juana Matías),

porque no nos están escuchando. Nuestras voces no están llegando a las que podrían y deberían ayudar. Solo ahora estamos siendo escuchados porque los sonidos de la adicción están afectando a otras ciudades y pueblos ricos o mejor posicionados. Pero esos pueblos no están escuchando lo que estamos diciendo: tienen un oído selectivo para acusar a Lawrence de sus problemas. Ahora está afectando a esas ciudades y pueblos, pero nosotros (Lawrence) hemos estado luchando esta lucha durante bastante tiempo. Permitir que nuestros agentes de policía combatan el problema a base de arrestos no lo logrará. Los padres de Lawrence han estado protegiendo a sus hijos de las subvaloraciones opuestas y negativas de los demás, lo que significa que es solo otro factor de estrés inducido en nuestros niños (que viven en una comunidad que es una mina de caminos negativos).

Lawrence necesita un mejor plan general que abarque todas las agencias, todos los políticos y todas las ciudades y pueblos de Massachusetts. Es posible que su pueblo o su ciudad no sepa cómo podrían llegar a un plan para Lawrence, pero mejor créame, debe saberlo. También debe saber que no es un problema de ilegal o no documentado; no es una cuestión de raza, o de género. Es un tema de bajos privilegios,

donde los políticos tratan a Lawrence como una basura, pero regresan a la ciudad (con los políticos locales) para obtener sus votos. Lawrence es la 13ª ciudad más poblada de Massachusetts (la 18ª más poblada de Nueva Inglaterra).

Lawrence es la segunda ciudad más poblada del Condado de Essex, detrás de Lynn. Lowell, aunque no en el Condado de Essex sino en el Condado de Middlesex, tiene un poco más de 100,000 residentes. Lawrence, lo que estoy diciendo es que tiene los votos necesarios y tiene fuerza. Sin embargo, debe usar su fuerza si desea que los funcionarios electos escuchen lo que usted merece y hagan algo. Regístrese y vote.

Además, no podemos decir que ha habido colaboración. Esa colaboración falsa es pedir muchas opiniones para dar la apariencia de colaboración y luego hacer lo que iban a hacer en primer lugar. Todos hemos estado en esas reuniones o hemos estado en esos eventos.

Nunca he sido uno para dar golpes suaves con las palabras. Nunca aprendí cómo, fui entrenado desde la edad de 17 años, por el ejército, para decirlo en voz alta y olvidar cuánto dolerá o a quién le dolerá. Golpeé fuerte pero lo digo por el bien. Gente de Lawrence, no permitan que los sigan utilizando.

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13th Annual Kimball Classic

Young athletes in grades pre-kindergarten through first grade got the chance to show off their basketball skills and teamwork at the 13th Annual Kimball Classic on Saturday, March 2nd at the Lawrence YMCA.

Teams from the Andover/North Andover, Lawrence, and Methuen YMCAs participated in the event, which was named for one of the founding fathers of the YMCA's Youth Basketball League (YBL), Walter Kimball.

Kimball was on hand for a ceremony at noon during which one player from each team received the Walter Kimball Sportsmanship Award. Players were chosen by their coaches based on sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the season, as well as their display of the four core YMCA values: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.



Men's Ice Hockey Hosts 2018-19 Season Banquet Sunday

The Merrimack College men's ice hockey team closed the books on the 2018-19 season on Sunday morning, distributing its major end-of-year accolades while honoring its graduating seniors at the annual team banquet at Merrimack Volley Golf Club.

Four different student-athletes took home awards, headlined by junior Johnathan Kovacevic being named Most Valuable Player honors. Two seniors – Derek Petti and Michael Babcock – earned the Strength and Conditioning Award and Tim Burke Warrior Award, respectively. Petti was also the winner of the Unsung Hero Award, while freshman forward Chase Gresock was selected as the program's Rookie of the Year.

Petti was presented the Strength and Conditioning Award by Assistant Athletic Director for Strength and Conditioning Mike Kamal, which is given annually to the player who has elevated his game to play at an elite level throughout his work and dedication to the strength and conditioning program on and off the ice. Petti was one of Merrimack's top centers over the last four years. He played key minutes at even strength and on the power play over that span, taking on a top-six role over the last two years while also excelling on the faceoff dot, where he led the team in faceoff win percentage as a senior. He had his most productive year as a senior, finishing with 18 points (7g, 11a), setting single-season highs in both categories. For his career, he appeared in 127 games, logging 49 points on the strength of 20 goals and 29 assists.

He had 12 blocked shots this year, as well. He was also presented the Unsung Hero Award, an honor bestowed to the player who exemplifies perseverance, enthusiasm, dedication and hard work throughout the season and takes into account the work ethic and determination that he has shown in all facets of the game.

Babcock was named the winner of the Tim Burke Warrior Award, which is presented to the player who shows perseverance, toughness and dedication to the program and defines what it means to be a Merrimack Warrior. The senior forward and captain epitomized the program's core values and ascended into a leadership role this season. He did it all on the ice as one of the team's most hard-working forwards, who played in virtually every role over the course of his career. He is the Warriors' iron man and graduates among the all-time leaders in games played with 143 before tonight. His eight points as a senior featured a career-high five goals, and he led the team in total faceoff victories, as well. He is a three-time all-academic selection and one-time Top Scholar Athlete, as well.

Gresock was named the team's Rookie of the Year, presented to those first-year players who had the most impact in their first seasons with the program. The freshman forward certainly did that and more, becoming the first rookie to lead the team in scoring since former Hockey East Third Team All-Star Brett Seney '18 did so during his freshman year in 2014-15. Gresock's 24 points were based on a team-high 11 goals and 13 assists. He ranked fifth in Hockey



East in total points by rookie skaters and he ranked 17th nationally in points per game by rookies, averaging 0.71 points per contest. He scored at least one point in 19 of the team's 34 games; he also was named Hockey East's Rookie of the Month or January. His 109 shots on goal were by far the most on the team -- nearly 30 more than the next-closest player -- and among the most in Hockey East.

Finally, Kovacevic was voted the team's Most Valuable Player, presented to the player who had the most outstanding season and was considered most important to his team. One of the team's most dynamic skaters who logged arguably the most minutes by any Warrior this season from the blue line, Kovacevic concluded his junior campaign with 18 points -- one shy of his career-high -- on the strength of a personal-best four goals and 14

helpers. The Grimsby, Ontario, native led all Warrior defensemen in scoring and was tied for seventh in Hockey East defensemen in total points by the end of the regular season. Three of his four goals also came on the power play, a new single-season high, while his 67 shots on goal were among the most on the team. He also blocked 15 shots, as well. Kovacevic has also been a banner student with two straight Hockey East Top Scholar-Athlete awards after owning a perfect 4.0 grade-point average after four semesters.

In addition to celebrating its annual award winners, the program honored all six members of the Class of 2019 one last time, with Babcock, Petti, Alex Carle, Matt McArdle, Craig Pantano and Drew Vogler all having the chance to give speeches in front of their fellow student-athletes, coaches, family, friends and peers one last time.

WBB: Women's Basketball Receives Three NE10 All-League Nods; Davis-Stewart Claims Defensive Player of the Year



Junior Denia Davis-Stewart was named Northeast-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year and landed on the all-league second team, headlining a trio of NE10 All-Conference selections for the Merrimack College women's basketball program. The league unveiled its major award winners and all-league honorees on Monday afternoon.

Davis-Stewart became the second Warrior in as many years to collect a major award; sophomore Alyssa Casey won Rookie of the Year in 2017-18. Senior Lindsay Werner landed on the all-league third team for the second straight season while freshman Kate Mager claimed a spot on the all-rookie squad.

Merrimack's starting center in all 30 games this season, Davis-Stewart became the second Warrior ever to win NE10 Defensive Player of the Year and first since Jenny Smith in 2004-05. Her defensive accolades including leading the NE10 in both total blocks (107) and blocks per game (3.6); nationally, she ranks second and eighth in those areas, respectively. The Dorchester, Mass. native is also one of the top rebounders around, leading Merrimack and ranking fourth in the NE10 with 11.2 caroms per contest. She finished the conference tournament among the top-20 in Division II in rebounding, as well.

Davis-Stewart's career offensive season also led her to the all-league second team designation. She ranks second on Merrimack

with 13.4 points per game, shooting a career-best 50.3 percent from the field and 71.9 percent at the charity stripe. Her team-leading and career-best 16 doubles-doubles ranks fourth in the NE10; 12 of those double-doubles have come over the final 16 contests of the season. The post player scored in double figures a career-best 22 times during her junior year.

Werner's senior season saw the shooting guard perform as one of the top scorers in the conference, earning her the second straight all-league honor. The Groton, Mass. native led Merrimack in both scoring average (15.7) and 3-pointers made (70), ranking 10th in scoring and fourth in triples in the conference. Werner became the 21st player in school history to reach 1,000 career points in 2018-19, and set school records for 3-pointers made in a single season (70) and career triples (190). Werner emerged from Sunday's NE10 Quarterfinal with 1,120 career points, ranking 16th in school annals.

Mager's all-rookie campaign featured some stellar shooting numbers for the first-year Warrior. The New City, N.Y. native finished her debut season by averaging 7.9 points per game on 66 3-point field goals while shooting 38.8 percent from the beyond the arc. Mager's single-season triple total is only bested by Werner's 70 for the most in a single year in school history. The guard scored in double figures on 10 occasions during the 2018-19 season, appearing in all 30 games for the Warriors.

Bonfe, Morey Design New Hockey East Regular Season Trophy

The Merrimack College women's ice hockey program might have seen its historic season come to a close on Saturday in the quarterfinal round of the 2019 Women's Hockey East Tournament, but two student-athletes from the team saw their efforts celebrated on Monday, when the conference unveiled its new regular season trophy on Monday on campus.

Seniors Madison Morey and Jessica Bonfe both had a direct say in the design and creation of the visual hardware for the trophy, which was on display Monday with Commissioner Joe Bertagna on hand alongside members of the Merrimack coaching staff and faculty.

The perpetual Hockey East regular season trophy went through a colossal upgrade thanks to the efforts of Morey and Bonfe; what once was a Revere bowl with a wooden base is now complete with a sculpted metallic top and nameplates along the bottom for all past winners.

Both student-athletes worked with a faculty member throughout the trophy's transformation process and received academic credit for their work. Bonfe grasped the creation of the model, and worked with Merrimack College Associate Professor Nancy Wynn for the conceptual design. From there, Morey - a mechanical engineering major - created CAD drawings with the help of Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Roselita Fragoudakis.

"I'm very proud of Jessica and Maddy for their contributions to Merrimack women's hockey for the past four years on the ice and off," said head coach Erin Hamlen. "These student-athletes are not only talented hockey players, but are



accomplished students with diverse talents. Jessica's creativity in design combined with Maddy's engineering mind helped create this wonderful trophy. Jess and Maddy embody the true meaning of student-athlete."

Bertagna invited women's hockey student-athletes across each Hockey East associated school to consider designing a new look for the trophy - Bonfe and Morey took on the challenge, and their concept came to life in the spring of 2018.

Following its unveiling and public display at Merrimack on Monday, the trophy will head to Providence College for display during the 2019 Hockey East Championship Weekend, which will be held this Saturday and Sunday at Schneider Arena (March 9-10).

Merrimack finished its 2018-19 season with a program-record 16 wins, earning just its second berth into the Hockey East Tournament. Finishing fifth, the team fell in the quarterfinal round to Providence, losing both games by just one goal.

For continuing coverage of Merrimack College Athletics, visit MerrimackAthletics.com and follow the Warriors on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Classes Forming at the Merrimack Valley Immigrant & Education Center

Registrations are now being taken for ESOL (English-for-Speakers-of-Other-Languages), Citizenship Preparation and English Communication for Employment classes at the Merrimack Valley Immigrant & Education Center (the former Asian Center), 439 S. Union Street, building 2, Level B, Lawrence, MA 01843.

Anyone interested in signing up for morning or evening classes should call MVIEC, The Merrimack Valley Immigrant & Education Center at 978-683-7316. Check out the MVIEC's website at www.mviec.org for directions and more details.

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Irish community celebrated their annual banquet

By Alberto Suris

On Saturday, March 2, at the Relief's In, local Irish held their 148th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance with the traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner with dancing to John Connors and the Irish Express. Introduced at the event were the Irishwoman and Irishman of the year 2019.



William J. Sullivan, President, Division 8 AOH and National Director AOH introducing Robert A. Crowley.

Robert A. Crowley has been named as the recipient of Division 8's Richard Cardinal Cushing Award. This award honors an Irish Catholic who exhibits the characteristics of the beloved late Cardinal Cushing. Mr. Crowley, a lifelong Lawrencean, attended the Lawrence Public Schools and is a 1944 graduate of Central Catholic High School. After graduating from CCHS, Bob joined the US Army during World War II and was trained in Military Intelligence with additional training in the Japanese language.

Returning to Lawrence after WW II, Crowley studied Journalism at Suffolk University and worked as a Claims Investigator for Kemper Insurance. He remained in the U.S. Army Reserves during this time, reaching the rank of Master Sergeant before his unit was relocated from

Boston to Springfield, Massachusetts in the 1960's

Bob Crowley and his wife have been married for almost 69 years and are the proud parents of six children and grandparents of 11 grandchildren. They have traveled extensively throughout Europe. Bob has many hobbies including gardening.

Bob has been active in the Lawrence community. He has volunteered with the Central Catholic Alumni Association and the local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. He has been a member of Division 8 AOH for over 40 years and during that time has served as Division Treasurer, Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance Chairman and as Chairman of the Division's Scholarship Committee. He and his wife Irene are members of Saint Monica's Parish in Methuen.

Special guest of John Cuddy was Lowell's 104-year-old Henry Naruszewicz, a 1934 graduate of North Andover High Class.

He crossed Europe with General George Patton's Third Army during World War II. Henry had a great time at the dinner and would like to attend next year as well.



Anne Marie Nyhan-Doherty, President, Division 8 LAOH presenting a plaque to Kathleen Melvin

On the occasion of the 125th Anniversary of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians National Organization, Kathleen Melvin has been named as the recipient of 2019 Irishwoman of the Year. She became a member of the Junior Division at a very young age.

Kathleen joined the adult organization of the LAOH in 2004 and has continued to contribute in a very meaningful way. She provides a presence at the Division level and State Level for which she is the co-webmaster. She helps organize events to benefit the Division and will always answer the call to help out, whether it is at the St.

Bridget's Tea or behind the lines.

She was born and raised in Methuen, graduated from Methuen High School in 2004 and has worked in the medical field (Allergy & Asthma Specialist) for thirteen years.

She loves Country music and traveling but most of all her family. She was born into a family of Lady Hibernians and is the third generation to be a member. She is also the third generation member to receive this award which is a first for Division 8 LAOH. Her grandfather hails from County Cork, Ireland as do all of her great grandparents.

Her parents are Ellen McCarthy Melvin and Paul Melvin. She has one brother, Brendan.



John Cuddy holds the Proclamation he received from Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera and the plaque given to him by William J. Sullivan, President, Division 8 AOH and National Director AOH. Also pictured Charles R. Breen.

John Cuddy has been selected by Division 8 as the 2019 Irishman of the Year. Mr. Cuddy is the oldest of six children of the late Betty Curran Cuddy and the late James Cuddy. He is a graduate of Central Catholic High School and The University of Massachusetts. He served in the US Navy, - the Seabees, for 16 years from 1979 - 1995 and during that time was awarded 3 Navy Achievement medals - the Seabee Warfare Pin.

John and his wife, Kathy, are the proud parents of a daughter and proud grandparents of a granddaughter. Presently he is an account executive with Fed Ex/Watkins Motor Lines.

Mr. Cuddy is involved in a host of civic

endeavors and has served on the boards of numerous organizations. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 67, a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus, Division 8 Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Boy Scouts, the Yankee Clipper Council, the Archdiocese of Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting, the South Lawrence East Little League, the American Legion, and the Emmett Kelley Clowns of Saint Patrick Parish - just to note a few - there are more.

He has also served on the board of the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority. John E. Cuddy was the 2014 recipient of the Judge John E. Fenton Sr. Citizenship Award.

Irish raised their flag in Lawrence

By Alberto Suris

Every year, Irish men and women from Greater Lawrence, celebrate their Irish Heritage by raising their flag across from Lawrence City Hall. That marks the beginning of a calendar full of cultural activities during the month of March, sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 8 ADH and LAOH.

In this edition, we bring some pictures taken during the March 1st Irish flag rising ceremony.



Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera, extreme right, delivered a proclamation to William J. Sullivan, President, Division 8 AOH and National Director AOH, center. Also present are Anne Marie Nyhan-Doherty, President, Division 8 LAOH and Charles Breen, 2019 Dinner Dance Chairman, Toastmaster.



Part of the public attending the flag raising.



Among the public attending the event were Francis A. O'Connor, Sr., Lindy Gallant and State Representative Frank Moran.



While Francis A. O'Connor, Sr., sings the notes of the National Anthem, Charles Breen, William J. Sullivan and Mayor Daniel Rivera respectfully, salute the flag.



Anne Marie Nyhan-Doherty, President, Division 8 LAOH addressing the people in attendance. In the background, from left, William J. Sullivan, President, Division 8 AOH and National Director AOH; Charles Breen, 2019 Dinner Dance Chairman, Toastmaster and Mayor Daniel Rivera.

Andover Fire Rescue Formally Elevates New Deputy Chief and Lieutenants and Swears in Three New Firefighters



Nine members of the Andover Fire Rescue Department were sworn in Tuesday to new ranks and as newly appointed firefighters of the town. From left: Chief Michael B. Mansfield, Deputy Chief Kyle Murphy, Lt. John Gangi, Lt. Jeff Gaunt, Lt. Thomas Kennedy III, Lt. Jameson Lockhart, Lt. Ian Timmons, Firefighter James Bancroft, Firefighter Matthew Beirne and Firefighter Michael Uttley.

Andover Fire Rescue Formally Elevates New Deputy Chief and Lieutenants and Swears in Three New Firefighters

El jefe de bomberos Michael Mansfield se complace en compartir que seis miembros de Andover Fire Rescue fueron juramentados a nuevas filas el martes, y el departamento también ganó tres nuevos bomberos.

La Secretaria municipal adjunta Dawne Warren prestó juramento al grupo el martes 26 de febrero a las 4 pm en la biblioteca del Memorial Hall.

En la ceremonia, el Teniente Kyle Murphy fue juramentado oficialmente como jefe de bomberos adjunto. Murphy se unió a Andover Fire Rescue en 1998 y fue ascendido a Teniente en 2013.

"El subjefe Murphy ha trabajado tremendamente para lograr este rango y está más que listo para asumir este rol de liderazgo", dijo el jefe Mansfield. "El quiere lo mejor para nuestro departamento y para nuestra ciudad, y sabe lo que se necesita para apoyar a sus compañeros y proporcionar los servicios de rescate de incendios de la mejor calidad posible no solo para Andover, sino también cuando nuestras comunidades vecinas nos piden ayuda."

Murphy completó el programa de

capacitación en gestión de oficiales de bomberos de Massachusetts Firefighting Academy en febrero de 2018.

En la ceremonia del martes, los bomberos John Gangi, Jeff Gaunt, Thomas Kennedy III, Jameson Lockhart e Ian Timmons prestaron juramento como tenientes. Los cinco calificaron para convertirse en tenientes después de pasar un riguroso examen estatal a fines de 2016.

El Teniente Gangi se unió al departamento en 1995; el Teniente Gaunt en 2001; el Teniente Kennedy en 2010; el Teniente Lockhart en 2011; y el Teniente Timmons en 1999.

La Asistente de la Secretaria Municipal, Warren, también tomó juramento a James Bancroft, Matthew Beirne y Michael Uttley como nuevos bomberos al departamento el martes. Ellos completaron su programa de entrenamiento de la academia en 2017.

La ceremonia se retrasó en gran parte debido al desastre del gas en Merrimack Valley, cuya recuperación ha sido un punto focal para los primeros respondedores en Andover desde que comenzaron los primeros incendios el 13 de septiembre de 2018.

Fire Chief Michael Mansfield is pleased to share that six members of Andover Fire Rescue were sworn into new ranks Tuesday, and the department also gained three new firefighters.

The group was sworn in by Assistant Town Clerk Dawne Warren Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 4 pm in the Memorial Hall Library. At the ceremony, Lt. Kyle Murphy was officially sworn in as Deputy Fire Chief. Murphy joined Andover Fire Rescue in 1998 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2013.

"Deputy Chief Murphy has worked tremendously hard to achieve this rank, and is more than ready to step into this leadership role," Chief Mansfield said. "He wants the best for our department, and our town, and he knows what it takes to support his peers and provide the highest quality Fire Rescue services possible not only to Andover, but when our neighboring communities call on us for help as well." Murphy completed the Massachusetts

Firefighting Academy's Chief Fire Officer Management Training program in February 2018.

At Tuesday's ceremony, Firefighters John Gangi, Jeff Gaunt, Thomas Kennedy III, Jameson Lockhart and Ian Timmons were sworn in as lieutenants. The five qualified to become lieutenants after passing a rigorous state exam in late 2016.

Lt. Gangi joined the department in 1995; Lt. Gaunt in 2001; Lt. Kennedy in 2010; Lt. Lockhart in 2011; and Lt. Timmons in 1999.

Assistant Town Clerk Warren also swore in James Bancroft, Matthew Beirne, and Michael Uttley as new firefighters to the department on Tuesday. They completed their academy training program in 2017.

The ceremony was delayed largely due to the Merrimack Valley Gas Disaster, the recovery from which has been a focal point for first responders in Andover since the first fires broke out on Sept. 13, 2018.



March 2019

To the Editor:

It may have taken 10 plus years, but the dream to establish Merrimack Valley Foster Kids as a vibrant, engaged and growing agency has been realized. And, all this was made possible because of our incredible Board of Directors and the immeasurable hours of investment made by them and many others who believe in our mission to create positive change and advocate for those who have yet to find their voice. To everyone involved with our organization, we extend our sincerest thanks for your heartfelt support and the generosity that continues to comfort and bring joy to the hundreds of children who must live in foster care.

We are very grateful to our board, community partners and our loyal supporters who continue to demonstrate their passion and commitment to the children we are committed to serve.

Magic Johnson's quote is so true – "All kids need is a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes in them". We know all those somebodies continue to be you and we also know there are no two words more powerful or more important than, thank you.

We all find our own special way of giving to our families, friends and back to our communities. However, to those who supported Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley during the holiday season, please know you made a life-changing difference for children living in the foster care system. Your greatness is not in what you keep; it is in what you give.

Thank you.

Larry and Eileen Giordano
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Division 8 AOH Announces Schedule of Events for 2019 Irish Heritage Month

Irish Heritage Month March 2019

Lawrence, Massachusetts

Preserving and Fostering our Heritage and Culture

Sunday, March 10, 2019 – MARJORIE HARSHAW ROBIE, will discuss her book, “DUELING DRAGONS – THE STRUGGLE FOR IRELAND 1849 – 1875” - at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, MA @ 2 pm Sponsored by Division 8 AOH (FREE) - Handicap Accessible

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 - AOH NATIONAL HUNGER MONTH FOOD DRIVE: Please consider donating canned goods and non-perishable food items. All food items received will be donated to a local food pantry. 6 pm – 7:30 pm Claddagh Pub, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence MA:

Friday, March 15, 2019 – 50th ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK’S DAY LUNCHEON at the Reliefs’ In, One Market Street, Lawrence, MA Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with entertainment by the Silver Spears Irish Show Band at NOON. Awarding of the Honorable John E. Fenton Citizenship Award - For more information contact Jack Lahey @ 603 560 8192 Sponsored by Division 8 AOH – Handicap Accessible

Saturday, March 16, 2019 - IRISH FILM FESTIVAL at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St, Lawrence, MA @ 10 am Sponsored by Division 8 AOH (FREE) – Handicap Accessible

Wednesday, March 20, 2018- LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY - South Lawrence Branch, 135 Parker Street, Lawrence, MA: OPEN HOUSE 10:30 am – 1 pm Showcase of Irish Books, CD’s and DVD’s - Sponsored by Division 8 (FREE) – Handicap Accessible

Saturday, March 23, 2019 – SAINT PATRICKS DAY PARADE 1 pm For more information visit their website www.lawrencestpatsparade.com,

Sunday, March 24, 2019 – JOIN PIANIST TERRI KELLEY AND VOCALIST BILL DONELAN FOR AN ALL NEW PROGRAM OF CELTIC MELODIES - FROM ANCIENT GAELIC AIRES TO CURRENT SONGS - at the Lawrence Public Library, Sargent Auditorium, 51 Lawrence St., Lawrence, MA @ 2 pm Presented by Division 8 (FREE) – Handicap Accessible

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 - LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY - South Lawrence Branch, 135 Parker Street, Lawrence, MA: OPEN HOUSE 10:30 am – 12 Noon Showcase of Irish Books, CD’s and DVD’s – Sponsored by Division 8 (FREE) – Handicap Accessible

Irish Heritage Month is sponsored by The Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 8 and Division 8 LAOH

Irish Heritage Month is supported in part by a grant from the Lawrence Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

For information on AOH Membership please write to: Division 8 AOH Organizer, PO Box 1407, Lawrence, MA 01842 or e-mail our organizer @ division8aoh@verizon.net

The Rev. James T. O’Reilly OSA Division 8 Ancient Order of Hibernians has a full slate of activities scheduled to take place during Irish Heritage Month – March 2019 in the City of Lawrence. This year marks the One Hundred and Twenty – Fifth Anniversary of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and the 50th Anniversary of the Saint Patrick’s Day Luncheon. The local Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division was formed in 1904, 115 years ago.

The year 2019 also marks the 100th Anniversary of Éamon de Valera visit to Lawrence. De Valera played a major role in the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland. He would later serve as Prime Minister and President of Ireland.

Among the highlights of this year’s activities is an exhibit on the “Irish of Massachusetts” which will be on display at the Lawrence’s Heritage Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, MA. Also



featured are several lectures by authors of books and historians, a film festival, among other events. All are welcome to attend these lectures and view the exhibit free of charge. A full listing of activities for the month is noted below.

Rev. James T. O’Reilly OSA Division Eight Ancient Order of Hibernians
Lawrence, Massachusetts

“148 Years of Dedication to Religion, Heritage, Charity and Community”



Larry Giordano nominated by the U.S.A Karate Federation Hall of Fame to receive the “Pioneer Award”



Kancho Larry F. Giordano, Founder of Methuen Karate Association and the North American Kyokushin Karate Organization has been nominated by the U.S.A Karate Federation Hall of Fame to receive the “Pioneer Award” which recognizes individuals who have been involved with early years of the Olympic Karate Movement. Giordano will be attending the U.S.A. Karate Federation Hall of Fame event on March 9th in Akron, Ohio along with other Karate leaders from all over the country.

efforts to grow the Karate movement in this Eastern Region and with partners from across the country, Kancho Giordano is excited to see Karate finally selected to be a demonstration sport at the Summer Olympics 2020 in Tokyo Japan.

Giordano stated: “After 55 years in karate – coaching and teaching, this is a dream come true. My wife, Eileen and I will be traveling to Tokyo with some of my students to see this historic event. The work done these many years by so many, has laid the groundwork for the upcoming Karate Athletes of today to participate in the most prestigious world arena of all sports!”

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From My Corner



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Let your voice be heard!

On page 5, we published a letter sent to Attorney General Maura Healy by Gustavo Paulino and Yvelisse Corniel Paulino, grandparents of Lee Manuel Vloria Paulino demanding an end to the investigation on his death. It has been more than two years, everything is at a standstill and the family is suffering with the wait.

While the silence is as troubling as the pain the family feels, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at Lawrence City Hall at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of gathering testimony, information, and public input concerning a petition to re-name Chestnut Street in the City of Lawrence to Leonel Rondon Street. You can see the notice for the public hearing on page 22.

Losing a child is something no one deserves to go through. Both families are in pain but we should not allow the mayor to use Leonel Rondon's death during the gas explosions as another photo opportunity. He has avoided talking to Lee Manuel's family or doing anything to speed up the case.

Lee Manuel Vloria Paulino was a victim of gang violence in this city. He suffered kidnapping, torture and decapitation at the hands of thugs. His arms were never found.

Let's support Gustavo and Yvelisse on the 19th by attending the City Council meeting and tell the councilors to stop pretending they care.

The mayor needs a PR Department

Sometimes Mayor Rivera has a way of putting his foot in his mouth; I think he should have a Public Relations Department to prevent statements that will ridicule him, such as the one he sent to WCVB-TV channel 5 regarding the Lawrence police officer Carlos Vieira. This officer was charged with two counts of aggravated rape of a child and two counts of indecent assault and battery on a child younger than 14.

"I am angry, sickened, dismayed, saddened by the allegations and charges," Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera said in a statement. "We have worked very hard to improve and uplift the professionalism of the Lawrence Police Department.

"We have fired and forced out many officers who did not meet and could not stand up to the code of conduct and the high level of professionalism that my office, the chief of police and the men and women and leadership of the Police Unions have worked to establish."

"If (the allegations are) found to be true, we will move swiftly to remove the officer involved. This is a travesty."

When I read that, all I could do was laugh because it is completely contrary to his record with other employees regarding moral issues. He admitted firing "many officers who did not meet and could not stand up to the code of conduct and the high level of professionalism."

When Theodoro Rosario was arrested by Lowell police for luring a homeless man to a

motel room paid for by the City of Lawrence, Rivera kept silent for 9 months until the date for a court hearing before a judge came up and it became known. Theodoro continues working for the city and now the mayor hired a sex offender that has been creating chaos and several employees have brought up grievances.

Apparently, the mayor only demands the code of conduct and professionalism of the police officers only.

HIV cases rising in Lawrence

Public health officials in Massachusetts warn of HIV spike among users who inject illegal drugs.

The state Department of Public Health said in a letter to Boston health care providers Friday that six people have been newly diagnosed with the virus since Nov. 1.

The department is urging providers to step up efforts to ask patients about risky behavior and to test them for HIV, which can lead to AIDS.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last year investigated after dozens of new cases were reported in Lawrence and Lowell.

The Boston Globe reports HIV transmission has risen in Massachusetts in recent years as the opioid epidemic persists.

The state reported 105 new cases in 2017, up from 30 in 2014.

Fun Courses for Youth Offered at MCC During April Vacation Week

Young learners can explore fun new topics during April vacation week at Middlesex Community College! MCC's Corporate and Community Education & Training program is offering a variety of noncredit courses for youth April 16-19.

Designed for kids and teens ages 10 to 15, the courses focus on art and introductory computer programming. Classes run on the Bedford campus, and include:



Middlesex Community College is offering a variety of fun noncredit courses – including introductory computer-programming classes – for youth (ages 10 to 15) during April vacation week (April 15-19). Call 1-800-818-3434 to enroll.

“Scratch Programming”

(YTH 744 30) – Participants will use Scratch programming language and build a variety of games. Learning will include art, design, planning and programming. In addition, the usage of Scratch will be extended to Raspberry Pi and Arduino, enabling participants to control devices like sensors, motors, LEDs and fans. (9 hours) Cost: \$200.

use the data they gather and present it using professional visualization tools and software. Concepts of electronics, basics of Python programming, home automation, and IOT concepts will also be introduced. This class is for ages 13-15. (9 hours) Cost: \$225

To enroll or learn more about these and other noncredit course offerings at Middlesex, visit: <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/careertraining> or call 1-800-818-3434.

“Everything But the Kitchen Sink”

(YTH 748 30) – Come and spend your vacation week making “everything but the kitchen sink” art projects! This class will be an open studio for a multitude of art exploration. You will be exposed to different art media, watercolor and acrylic painting, and a variety of techniques to perfect your artistic talents. (21 hours) Cost: \$185

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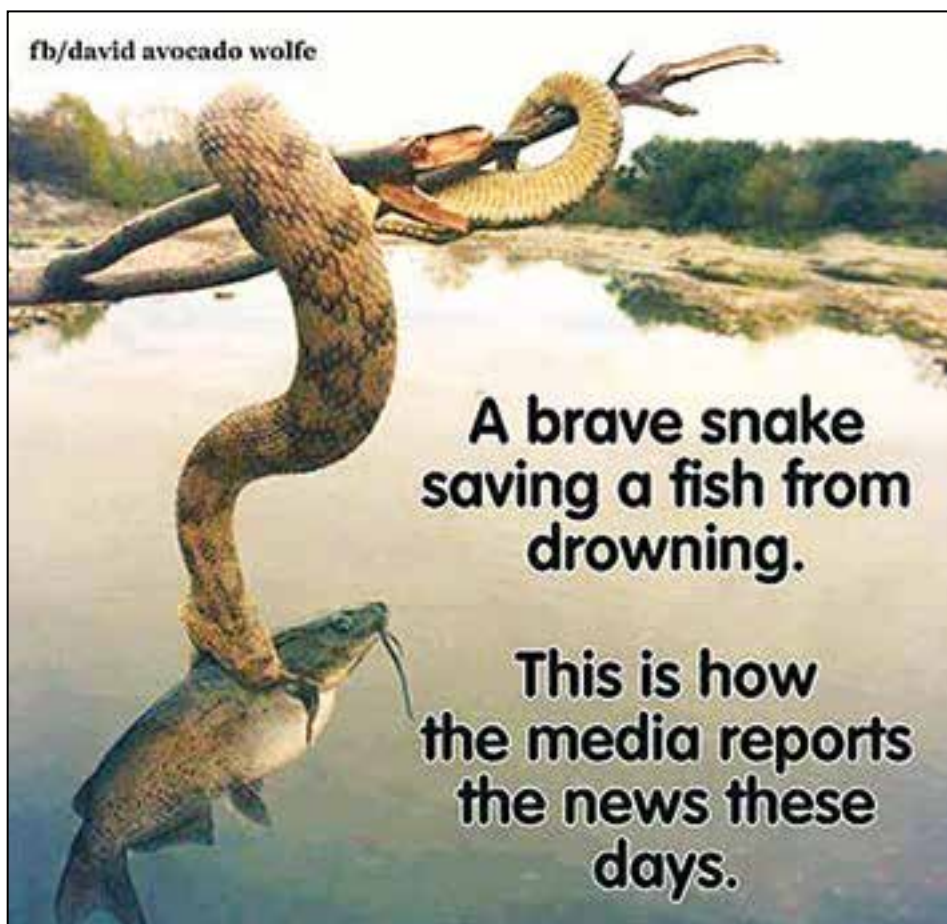
“Automation & IOT w/ Raspberry”

(YTH 745 30) – Students will learn how to

“You can fool some of the people all of the time; you can fool all of the people for some of the time; but you cannot fool all the people all the time.”

“Uno puede engañar a algunas personas todo el tiempo; puede engañar a todos por algún tiempo; pero no puede engañar a todo el mundo todo el tiempo.”

- Abraham Lincoln



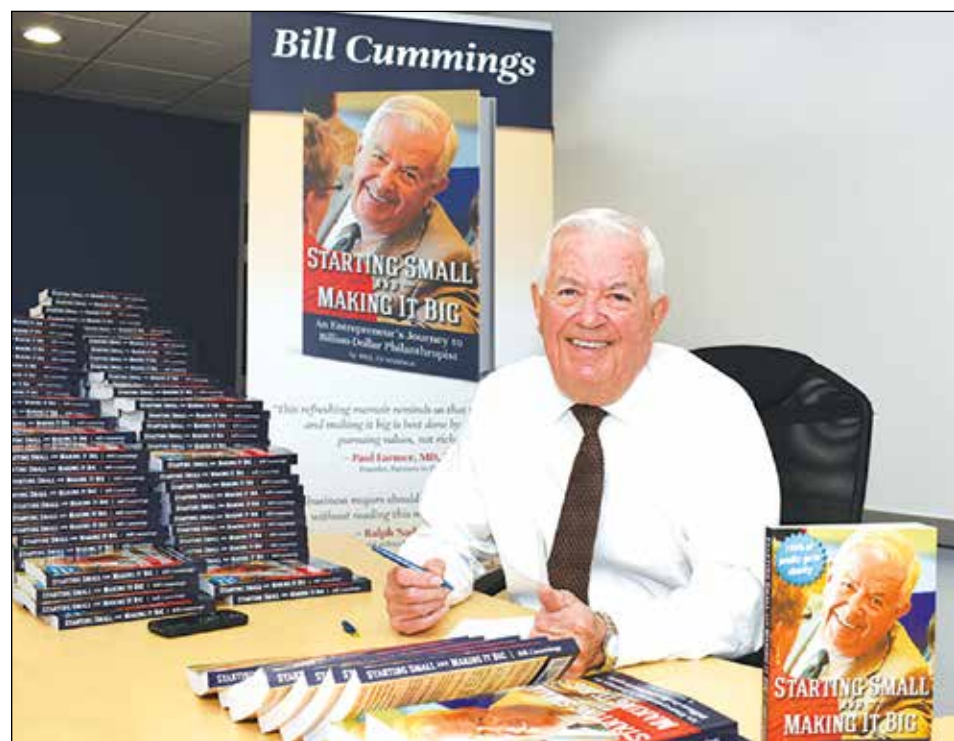
Fire victims / Víctimas de incendios

Please contact Heal Lawrence if you wish to make a contribution to the victims of the recent fires in Lawrence. The website has a list of donated items and things that are still needed.

Favor de ponerse en contacto con Heal Lawrence si desea hacer una contribución a las víctimas de los incendios recientes en Lawrence. El sitio en la internet tiene una lista de artículos que han sido donados y lo que todavía necesitan.

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Philanthropist Bill Cummings to Address MCC MILES Spring Opener



Middlesex Community College will host entrepreneur and philanthropist Bill Cummings at the spring Opening Session of MILES (Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education for Seniors) at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, in the Bedford Campus Center, 591 Springs Road. The event is free and open to the public.

Middlesex Community College will feature entrepreneur and philanthropist Bill Cummings as keynote speaker for the spring Opening Session of MILES (Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education for Seniors) at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, in the Bedford Campus Center's Café East, 591 Springs Road. The event is free and open to the public.

MCC's MILES program offers stimulating, interactive daytime seminars and workshops – with no term papers, tests or grades – for active, older adults ages 55+. This Opening Session provides community members an opportunity to learn more about MILES and the courses being offered – and is a good opportunity to meet instructors and peers. Light refreshments will be served.

Cummings became a serial entrepreneur, and then a philanthropist, after working all over the country with two national consumer-products firms. In 1970, he founded the suburban-Boston commercial-real estate firm Cummings Properties, which quickly grew from one small building to a portfolio of more than 100 modern buildings today.

Along the way, he accumulated uncommon wealth, much of which he and his wife, Joyce, have been actively disbursing through the Cummings Foundation, which they established in 1986. Bill and Joyce Cummings were the first Massachusetts

couple to join the Giving Pledge, an international philanthropic organization founded by Bill and Melinda Gates, and Warren Buffet.

MILES Spring 2019 Session runs Monday through Thursday, April 1 through May 9, on the Bedford campus. Most study groups meet from 2 to 4 p.m., in one-, two- or five-week sessions, and are facilitated by individuals with expertise in their field. Workshops and seminars focus on topics such as art, the environment, health, history, literature, movies and technology.

Each MILES course is \$15 – with a maximum of \$95 for the semester if you register for seven or more courses. All MILES participants enjoy free use of the MCC Fitness Center and library.

For the complete schedule of MILES courses, contact Lauren Ellis at 781-280-3669 or visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/MILES. To register for MILES courses, call 1-800-818-3434.

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Masculinidad

Por Xus D Madrid

Hace unos días leía que la Asociación Psicológica Americana (APA) había publicado una guía para la terapia con hombres y muchachos, donde los rasgos típicos de la "masculinidad tradicional" son calificados de perjudiciales. Tales directrices han provocado críticas por parte de profesionales que las consideran ideológicas y sin base científica.

Parece que el documento de la APA suscribe la teoría de género (ideología de género, para sus críticos) que considera las diferencias entre los sexos como creaciones culturales. También se suma a la idea de que los modelos de hombre que imperaban en el pasado son discriminadores y opresivos.

Estas corrientes se difunden en una época de profundos cambios sociales en torno a los roles femenino y masculino. Muchos hombres se sienten inseguros y

desplazados en un ambiente que pone bajo sospecha su mentalidad y sus actitudes. Algunos autores han denunciado esto que consideran un prejuicio antimasculino.

Una muestra de este fenómeno es la polémica provocada por la nueva campaña publicitaria de Gillette, centrada en un mensaje contra la "masculinidad tóxica". Junto a reacciones favorables, ha suscitado numerosas críticas de quienes la han tomado como una generalización injusta que difunde una visión negativa de los hombres.

A esta situación se refiere la psicoanalista norteamericana Erica Komisar en The Wall Street Journal (16-01-2019), a propósito de la nueva guía de la APA. En su ejercicio profesional, dice, "he visto un aumento de casos de depresión entre hombres jóvenes que se sienten humillados en una sociedad hostil a la masculinidad".

Masculinity

By Xus D Madrid

A few days ago I read that the American Psychological Association (APA) had published a guide for therapy with men and boys, where the typical traits of "traditional masculinity" are described as harmful. Such guidelines have provoked criticism from professionals who consider them ideological and without a scientific basis.


It seems that the APA document subscribes to gender theory (gender ideology, for its critics) that considers the differences between the sexes as cultural creations. It also adds to the idea that the models of man that reigned in the past are discriminatory and oppressive.

These currents are diffused in a time of deep social changes around the feminine and masculine roles. Many men feel insecure and displaced in an environment that places their

mentality and attitudes on suspicion. Some authors have denounced this as an anti-male prejudice.

An example of this phenomenon is the controversy caused by Gillette's new advertising campaign, focused on a message against "toxic masculinity". Along with favorable reactions, it has provoked numerous criticisms from those who have taken it as an unjust generalization that spreads a negative view of men.

The American psychoanalyst Erica Komisar in The Wall Street Journal (16-01-2019), referring to the new APA guide, refers to this situation. In her professional practice, she says, "I have seen an increase in cases of depression among young men who feel humiliated in a society hostile to masculinity."



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NECC Professor to Present on the Science of Happiness

Ever find yourself wishing you had a cheat sheet to happiness? The path to a brighter mindset, according to Northern Essex Community College professor Lizzie Casanave, might be more readily achieved than you think.

March is Optimism Month and Casanave will provide four free presentations on the topic. Titled “Be Happy: the Science of Happiness and How to Be Happier,” her lectures will explore studies on positivity and offer up practical tools for achieving happiness amid the onslaught of daily challenges. Casanave’s lectures will be offered at the following times and locations:

Tuesday, March 12
 Flint Public Library, 1 South Main Street, Middleton, MA
 1:00 p.m.
 Contact, Melissa Gaspar, 978 774-8132

Thursday, March 14
 Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler Street, Tewksbury, MA
 1:00 p.m.
 Register online at www.tewksburypl.org

Saturday, March 23
 Swampscott Public Library, 61 Burrill Street, Swampscott, MA
 1:00 p.m.
 Call 781 596-8867 or register online at www.swampscottlibrary.org

Saturday, March 30
 Merrimac Public Library, 86 West Main St. Merrimac, MA
 11:00 am
 Call 978 346-9441.

Casanave holds a BA in philosophy/ religion and world perspectives and an



MA in critical and creative thinking. She currently teaches courses in practical logic, philosophy, and ethics at NECC, where she has worked for over ten years. Her curriculum also includes a workshop on the science of happiness, examined through the lens of positive psychology.

“Be Happy: the Science of Happiness and How to Be Happier” is offered as part of the NECC Speakers Bureau, which has staff and faculty speakers available to present to public and private school systems, libraries, service clubs, and more.

For additional information on this program, please visit the Speakers Bureau website or contact the group at speakersbureau@necc.mass.edu or 978-556-3862.

Northern Essex offers associate degrees in liberal arts: philosophy and liberal arts: psychology.



Jorge Pabón “Molusco”, Fausto Mata, Tony Pascual “Pachuli”, Aquiles Correa, Carlos Vega, Alejandro Gil, Eugenio Monclova, Alba Nydia Díaz, y Los Pichy Boys

Después de convertirse en un equipo y ganar la canchas de baloncesto de su vecindario en un torneo, Los Domirriqueños enfrentan un nuevo desafío en su historia, al tener que recaudar fondos para pagar una demanda que enfrentan por trabajos mal realizados como “Handyman” en la remodelación de una residencia lujosa.

La dueña, una ex senadora los demanda por cobro de dinero y además se entera que uno de los handyman tenía visa de turista

y se quedó más tiempo del autorizado y comienza un proceso de deportación.

Para lidiar con el problema, Los Domirriqueños encuentran una oportunidad para sustituir al talento un circo chino para poder ganar dinero y pagar los arreglos de la casa.

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Youth Writing Workshop

Registrations are now being taken for a Youth Writing Workshop for students in grades 6 through 10. Workshop classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6 PM to 8 PM starting July 10 through August 18 at the Merrimack Valley Immigrant & Education Center (the former Asian Center), 439 S. Union Street, Building 2, Level B, Lawrence, MA 01843. The workshops are free for Lawrence residents or \$10 for other towns’ residents for each monthly workshop.

By popular demand MVIEC has engaged writing instructor Robert Largess to once again teach this workshop. Fee is \$10 registration for the 6 week course, free for Lawrence residents.

Students interested in improving their writing skills should call MVIEC, The Merrimack Valley Immigrant & Education Center at 978-683-7316. Check out the MVIEC’s website at www.mviec.org for directions and more details.



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Untitled piece by Immer Cook Ceramics are Centerpiece of New NECC Exhibit

Renowned ceramicist Immer Cook will exhibit more than a dozen new ceramic works in an exhibit at Northern Essex Community College's Linda Hummel-Shea ArtSpace in the Harold Bentley Library on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., beginning Monday, March 4. There will be an opening reception Thursday, March 7 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The show will run until April 5.

A native and resident of East Hampton, Massachusetts, Cook attended the old Bradford College where he first crossed paths with Northern Essex and then Bradford art professor Marc Mannheimer, who now coordinates the ArtSpace Gallery.

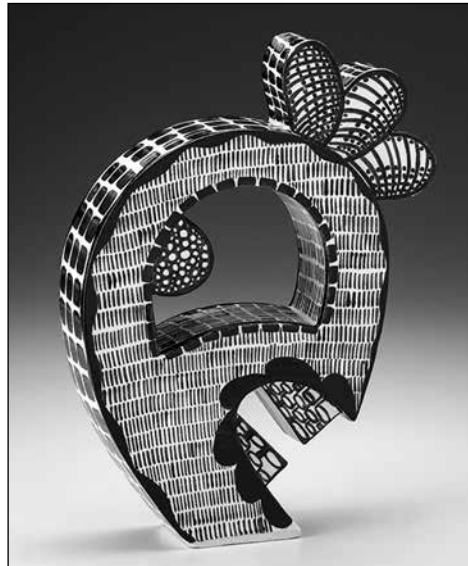
"I have long admired his work in ceramics," said Mannheimer. "Immer was a student of the late Marvin Sweet, a master ceramic artist who also taught at Bradford. Immer's work has a similar focus and amazing craftsmanship that I always admired in Marvin's work."

Cook, who uses traditional, hand-building methods to create ceramic sculptures, is currently pursuing two related series.

"One is vessel-centric, both functional and non-functional," Cook said. "Its roots are a series of drawings I created while between clay studios. The second series is figurative and emerged from the process of constructing the vessel series."

Cook's artistic journey began with the study of modern dance. He performed in numerous pieces for the Bradford College Dance Company as well as for the Movement Theater Company in Boston. Although he transitioned to ceramic sculpture as his preferred medium, dance has remained a prime influence.

He regularly creates ceramic sculptures at various studios in Western Massachusetts



and the Pioneer Valley where he has found a lively ceramics community. For a while, he produced slip cast, hand painted porcelain tableware. He is currently creating at Cycle Pottery, a group studio and learning space.

Cook spends his summers gardening and building stone patios and walls for a small landscaping company where he has worked for the last six years.

The Linda Hummel-Shea ArtSpace is open during library hours, which are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For additional information on the exhibit or the ArtSpace contact Mannheimer at mmannheimer@necc.mass.edu

Northern Essex offers an associate degree in general studies: art and design. Students can focus on Fine Art, Graphic Design, Photography, Multi-media & Interactive design. They are prepared for transfer to a four-year art program after completing their associates at NECC, or for work in their chosen field

Freedom Trail® Revolutionary Women Tour Steps Off for Women's History Month

Freedom Trail® Foundation announces the return of the newest tour experience, Revolutionary Women Tours throughout Women's History Month in March! Discover the indomitable women who took part in the American Revolution, and the generations of women that followed, inaugurating their own struggles for freedom and equality. Revolutionary Women Tours depart at 12:45 p.m. from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center on Saturdays and Sundays in March, beginning Saturday, March 2.

Revolutionary Women Tours invite people of all ages to walk the Freedom Trail and explore four centuries of Revolutionary women who changed history. These 90-minute tours will feature tales of the early religious rebellions of Anne Hutchinson and Mary Dyer, patriotic actions of Abigail Adams and Mercy Otis Warren, abolitionist movements of Harriet Beecher Stowe and Harriet Tubman, prolific

writings of authors Phillis Wheatley and Louisa May Alcott, and landmark speeches of Margaret Sanger and Susan B. Anthony, while visiting the places where women's voices were heard, works published, and were laid to rest.

Led by 18th-century costumed guides, Freedom Trail Foundation's walking tours are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors/students, and \$8 for children, and include a \$1 donation to the Freedom Trail Foundation's Preservation Fund. Tickets may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center and online at TheFreedomTrail.org – tickets are discounted when purchased online. All walking tours and specialty tours are available as private tours year-round by appointment and are perfect for families, company outings, corporate activities and team building, tourist groups, and more. For additional information please visit TheFreedomTrail.org or call (617) 357-8300.

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Honoring the Jowdy Family with this year's Lebanese theme.

Thursday, March 21st

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Library Auditorium, 51 Lawrence St.

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CALENDARIO | CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Groups/Events at Nashua Library**

The library is located at 2 Court Street. Visit nashualibrary.org/visit/directions for directions and parking information. For other information, contact the Reference Department at 589-4611 or via email at reference@nashualibrary.org.

Winter Events for Kids and Families

New events for kids and families at the Nashua Public Library this winter include Music and Movement on Tuesday mornings, Parenting University and Coding Fun. We'll continue to have fun with science on Monday nights as we invite families to experiment with snow, color theory and liquid filtration. For more information and to view a complete list of events, go to tinyurl.com/nplkid.

Public Health Clinics at Nashua Library

The City of Nashua Division of Public Health holds regular clinics at the Nashua Public Library. You can get immunizations, HIV and hepatitis C testing and counseling, and blood pressure screenings either free or at low cost. No one is turned away for inability to pay.

If you have Medicare, please bring your card to the clinic.

11 clinics are held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

For the schedule of which services are available on which dates at the library, call the City of Nashua Division of Public Health at (603) 589-4500.

The clinics are held downstairs in the library's Chandler Memorial Wing, at 2 Court Street, Nashua. For directions and parking information go to www.nashualibrary.org/visit/directions.

Spring Craft Classes for Adults

The Nashua Public Library offers day and evening craft classes for adults ages 18 and up.

No registration is required for daytime knitting classes, held on the following Tuesdays at 3 p.m.:

3/12 Casting On

Enjoy a night out with friends at evening classes, held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Registration is required; go to tinyurl.com/nplcraft.

3/21 Etched Glass Vase

Join a Book Group

Book lovers now have a choice of joining a daytime or evening book group at the Nashua Public Library.

The Nashua Novel Readers usually meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. Members of the group rotate leading the discussion each month. Upcoming selections are:

3/14 "We Never Asked For Wings" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

The Downtown Book Group, led by a reference librarian, meets monthly on Thursdays at 3 p.m. in the Activity Room. This spring they're reading:

3/14 "A Study in Scarlet" by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. If you need copies of the books, call (603) 589-4611 or email reference@nashualibrary.org.

Spring Events for Tweens at Nashua Library
Tweens ages 9 to 12 should keep Thursdays at 4:15 p.m. open twice a month for games, crafts, and more. The spring schedule is:

March 7: MakerSpace Buttons

March 21: Minute to Win It

More details are available at tinyurl.com/npltween.

Free Classes on Using Alexa and Other Computer Skills

Take a free class, "Introduction to Amazon Alexa Digital Assistant," at the Nashua Public Library this spring. Alexa can do your bidding through your Echo speaker and other devices. Learn how to set her up, ask her to

play your favorite songs, get the weather, and even tell her knock-knock jokes!

Take the class on Monday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m.

This is just one of the many computer workshops offered at the library. Librarians also provide one-on-one drop-in technology help twice a week. All are free and no registration is required. More details can be found at nashualibrary.org/attend/computer-classes.

Celebrate French Culture at the Nashua Library

Every March, the International Organization of La Francophonie holds events around the world to promote the French language and the countries where it's spoken. Francophonie events will take place at several locations in Nashua this year. Those taking place at the library are listed below.

La Eclectic Coterie

All French speakers are welcome at this informal French conversation group. On March 12 the World Academy choir will perform songs in French.

Tuesdays, March 12 and 26, at 9 a.m.

Film: Hochelaga, Land of Souls
2017 | 99 mins. | Not rated

In French with English subtitles

When a tremendous downpour hits Montreal, a spectacular sinkhole opens up. Archaeologist Baptiste Asigny sets out to find the vestiges of Hochelaga, where his Iroquois ancestors

met French explorer Jacques Cartier in 1535. Wednesday, March 13, at 7 p.m.

Artist's Reception

Talk one-on-one with French-born artist Pascale Lord, whose work will hang in the Art Gallery. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, March 14, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Robin Williams Tribute at Nashua Library

America's premier Robin Williams tribute artist, Roger Kabler, will perform at the Nashua Public Library on Sunday, March 17, at 2 p.m.

Kabler channels one of the funniest comedic icons of the 21st century. Robin Williams was not

only an actor and stand-up comedian, but also a philosopher and humanitarian. The show you will see is a funny, poignant ride through the mind of a lovable madman.

Kabler was the Zima spokesman in national TV commercials, appeared regularly on the last Carol Burnett series in 1991, and starred in the NBC sitcom, "Rhythm and Blues." He wrote, produced, and starred in the award-winning movie "Who the Hell is Bobby Roos?" and plays to sold-out Las Vegas showrooms.

Space at the library event is limited. It is free but registration is required. Go to tinyurl.com/nplrobin.

Be sure to arrive early so you have time to browse the Friends of the Library annual book sale, which runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 17. The sale is also open to the public on March 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library is located at 2 Court Street. Visit nashualibrary.org/visit/directions for directions and parking information. For other information, contact Carol at carol.eyman@nashualibrary.org or (603) 589-4610.



Roger Kabler portrays Robin Williams on March 17.

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Nevins Memorial Library Children's Room Programs

The Nevins Library (305 Broadway, Methuen) is offering more fun programs than ever – check out the list below.

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We are especially excited to debut a new Sensory Storytime on March 30 at 11am. This relaxed and interactive program is designed for children with autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration issues, or other developmental disabilities, as well as their typically developing peers.

Up to 24 months old - Babies & Books

This language-enrichment program features songs, movement, and bubbles! (March 15, 19, 26 at 9:30am; March 21 at 6pm)

2-year-olds Storytime for 2s

Your toddlers will have fun listening to stories, singing songs, and playing a game. This month's themes are: "Mice" (March 15, 10:30am)

"In the Jungle" (March 19, 10:30am)

"Let's Go for a Ride" (March 26, 10:30am)

2-5 year-olds Play & Dance (March 23, 9:30am)

3-8 year-olds Leprechaun Mischief
St. Patrick's Day is this month, so we'll celebrate with a Lucky Leprechaun scavenger hunt, St. Patrick's Day bingo, and other activities. (March 2, 10am)

Storytime for 3-5s

In these lively programs, children listen to stories, play a game, and make a craft. This month's themes are:

"Umbrellas" (March 13, 10am)

"Foxes" (March 20, 10am)

"Lots of Letters" (March 27, 10am)

Science Explorers (ages 3-5)

This program uses children's picture books and hands-on activities to explore the worlds of science and math. This month's theme is "Volcanoes" (March 28, 10am)

Bilingual Play Group (ages 3-5)

Enjoy this storytime presented by our community partner, the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement program (CFCE). You don't have to be bilingual to come – all are welcome! (March 21, 10am)

Donuts with Dad (ages 3-6)

Children and their fathers, grandfathers, or uncles are invited to this tasty storytime – not only to listen to stories and make a craft, but also to enjoy donuts and juice! This month's theme is "Pandas and Other Bears." (March 16, 9:30am)

Family Storytime (ages 3-8)

Wrap up your day with your children at this evening storytime, where they listen to stories, play a game, and make a craft. This month's themes are:

"Flowers" (March 12, 6:30pm)

"Spring Cleaning" (March 26, 6:30 pm)

School Vacation Storytime: Let's Go to the Beach (Feb. 19, 10am)

Grades K-4 - Story & Craft (Grades K-3)

Come listen to a story and make a craft. This month's theme is "Frogs" (March 21, 4pm)

Grades K-6 - Crafternoon: Tic-Tac-Toe

March is National Craft Month, which you can celebrate by crafting your own Tic-Tac-Toe.

Grades 4-6 Trivia Fun
Test your memory – or at least have fun trying – at this trivia contest program! This month's theme is "Pokemon." (March 16, 1pm)

Book Chatters Book Club

Come share your opinions about Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone and enjoy a snack during your conversation. (March 12, 7pm)

Please visit www.nevinslibrary.org to learn more about these programs – we hope to see you soon!

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- February 28th Live Podcast • 5:30 - 6:30PM Methuen YMCA
- March 7th Open Mic • 5:00 - 7:00PM Lawrence YMCA
- March 14th Last Qualifying Event • 5:00 - 7:00PM Methuen YMCA

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11:00am-1:00pm

Chamber EDGE

110 Grill
Tuesday, March 12th
8:30am-10:00am

Luck of the Irish Mixer with iCorps Technologies

OfficeLink
Wednesday, March 13th
12:00pm-1:30pm

First Day of Spring Mixer with Middlesex 3 Coalition

Nesmith House
Wednesday, March 20th
9:00pm-10:30am

Out Loud Session: Who is Your Target Market?

OfficeLink
Tuesday, March 26th
9:30am-11:00am

Out Loud Session: Who is Your Target Market?

OfficeLink
Wednesday, March 7th
2:00pm-3:30pm

April Events

3rd Annual Distinguished Young Professional Awards

Wednesday, April 3rd
Tewksbury Country Club
12:00pm-2:00pm

Tickets are \$55 per person or \$450 for a table of 10

Keller Williams Merrimack Valley Grand Opening Celebration

Thursday, April 4th
11:30am-2:00pm
Chamber EDGE
Tuesday, April 9th
110 Grill
8:30am-10:00am

The Morning Buzz with Congresswoman Lori Trahan

Tuesday, April 23rd
8:00-10:00am
\$40 for members, \$50 for future members, \$300 for a table of 10

Visiting Angels Mix and Mingle

Thursday, April 25th
UMass Lowell Inn and Conference Center
11:30am-1:30pm

Inaugural Community Connections Breakfast

(formerly Municipal Breakfast)
Tuesday, April 30th
UMass Lowell Inn and Conference Center
8:00-9:30am

Beers and Business Warp and Weft

Tuesday, April 30th
5:00-7:00pm

Let's Continue to Grow our Chamber!

Everyone grows when our Chamber grows. Invite your business and nonprofit friends and colleagues to join the Chamber too.

Future members are invited to come to two Chamber events before joining. Bring a friend!

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PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawrence, MA
Mayor Daniel Rivera



DOC. 259/2018
In City Council
March 5, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Council Chambers, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to present, re-adopt, approve, authorize and confirm the Loan Order adopted by the Lawrence City Council on August 21, 2018 for the FY19 Capital Improvement Plan, as amended and set forth below:

Ordered: That the \$8,666,300 loan order adopted by this Council on August 21, 2018 for the FY19 Capital Improvement Plan, as amended, as set forth below, is hereby re-adopted, approved, authorized and confirmed:

That \$8,666,300 is hereby appropriated to pay costs of the following capital improvements:

	Bond Authorization
Replace lighting units in city parking lots	\$51,300
Make ADA improvements city facilities	100,000
Replace heating system at Central Fire station	350,000
Police evidence storage improvements	150,000
Replace elevators at main library	350,000
Repair entrance to library	80,000
Repair roof at senior center	150,000
Repair roof at streets division	70,000
Repair roof at buildings and facilities	100,000
Repair roof at mechanics garage	100,000
Museum Square garage repairs	250,000
Buckley garage repairs	250,000
South Lawrence East concessions renovation	250,000
Refresh the City Hall Network	150,000
Sidewalks	1,190,000
Emergency Parking Beacons (blue lights)	200,000
Downtown street lighting	700,000
Make improvements to City parks	250,000
Make improvements to the O'Connell South Common Park	210,000
Replace boilers at Lawrence schools	400,000
Replace/repair roofs at Lawrence schools	350,000
Replace/repair windows at Lawrence schools	300,000
Replace chillers in schools	700,000
Elevator repair and replacement	250,000
Purchase 3 F-550 Dumptrucks	60,000
Cemetery perimeter fence repairs	180,000
Purchase 3 4WD Mack Snow Fighters	500,000
Police trailer replacement	175,000
Squad Rescue Truck	800,000
	\$8,666,300

including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7(1) and 7(9) of the General Laws, as applicable, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.

Further Ordered: That any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Further Ordered: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this loan order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

Persons wishing to be heard shall be afforded the opportunity.

Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawrence, MA
Mayor Daniel Rivera



DOC. 44/2019
In City Council
March 5, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Council Chambers, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to gather testimony, information, and public input concerning the proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Lawrence to be further amended by DELETING paragraphs B and E of Section 6.04.240 of the Municipal Code (Impoundment and Violation Notice, Fees and Citation) AND REPLACING in the place and stead of the deleted paragraphs the following new paragraphs B and E to Section 6.04.240 of the Municipal Code (Impoundment and Violation Notice, Fees and Citation):

B. Impounded or quarantined dogs shall be kept for not less than seven days, or any lesser minimum period permitted by the Massachusetts General Laws of the Commonwealth, unless claimed by the owner within that period.

E. Any animal not reclaimed by its owner within seven days, or any lesser minimum period permitted by the Massachusetts General Laws of the Commonwealth shall become the property of the local government authority and shall be placed for adoption in a suitable home or humanely euthanized.

To the extent that there exist any ordinances to the contrary, they are hereby repealed in that respect only.

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Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawrence, MA
Mayor Daniel Rivera



DOC. 354/2018
In City Council
March 5, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Council Chambers, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to gather testimony, information, and public input concerning a petition to re-name Chestnut Street in the City of Lawrence to Leonel Rondon Street.

Persons wishing to be heard shall be afforded the opportunity.

Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawrence, MA
Mayor Daniel Rivera



DOC. 345/2018
In City Council
March 5, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Council Chambers, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to gather testimony, information, and public input concerning the proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Lawrence to be further amended by ADDING the following new paragraph to Section 10.36.340 of the Municipal Code (Handicapped Parking), to be inserted in the proper alphabetical order:

Congress Street, east side, from a point ninety five (95) feet northerly of the intersection of Olive Avenue to a point one hundred and five (105) feet northerly of the intersection of Olive Avenue.

To the extent that there exist any ordinances to the contrary, they are hereby repealed in that respect only.

Persons wishing to be heard shall be afforded the opportunity.

Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawrence, MA
Mayor Daniel Rivera



DOC. 391/2018
In City Council
March 5, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Council Chambers, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to gather testimony, information, and public input concerning the proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Lawrence to be further amended by ADDING the following new paragraph to Section 10.36.340 of the Municipal Code (Handicapped Parking), to be inserted in the proper alphabetical order:

Philips Street, east side, from a point one hundred eighty eight (188) feet southerly of the intersection of Cambridge Street to a point two hundred and eight (208) feet southerly of the intersection of Cambridge Street
To the extent that there exist any ordinances to the contrary, they are hereby repealed in that respect only.

Persons wishing to be heard shall be afforded the opportunity.

Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawrence, MA
Mayor Daniel Rivera



DOC. 378/2018
In City Council
March 5, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Council Chambers, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to gather testimony, information, and public input concerning the proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Lawrence to be further amended by ADDING the following new paragraph to Section 10.36.340 of the Municipal Code (Handicapped Parking), to be inserted in the proper alphabetical order:

Sanborn Street, east side, from a point three hundred eighty four (384) feet southerly of the intersection of Kingston Street to a point four hundred and four (404) feet southerly of the intersection of Kingston Street.

To the extent that there exist any ordinances to the contrary, they are hereby repealed in that respect only.

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Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawrence, MA
Mayor Daniel Rivera

DOC. 383/2018
In City Council
March 5, 2019



Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Council Chambers, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to gather testimony, information, and public input concerning the proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Lawrence to be further amended by ADDING the following new paragraph to Section 10.36.340 of the Municipal Code (Handicapped Parking), to be inserted in the proper alphabetical order:

Prospect Street, west side, from a point three hundred eighty four (384) feet southerly of the intersection of Kingston Street to a point four hundred and four (404) feet southerly of the intersection of Kingston Street.

To the extent that there exist any ordinances to the contrary, they are hereby repealed in that respect only.


Persons wishing to be heard shall be afforded the opportunity.

Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawrence, MA
Mayor Daniel Rivera

DOC. 390/2018
In City Council
March 5, 2019



Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Council Chambers, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to gather testimony, information, and public input concerning the proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Lawrence to be further amended by ADDING the following new paragraph to Section 10.36.340 of the Municipal Code (Handicapped Parking), to be inserted in the proper alphabetical order:

Columbus Avenue, east side, from a point one hundred seventy four (174) feet southerly of the intersection of Nelson Street to a point one hundred ninety four (194) feet southerly of the intersection of Nelson Street.

To the extent that there exist any ordinances to the contrary, they are hereby repealed in that respect only.


Persons wishing to be heard shall be afforded the opportunity.

Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawrence, MA
Mayor Daniel Rivera

DOC. 4/2019
In City Council
March 5, 2019



Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Council Chambers, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to gather testimony, information, and public input concerning the proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Lawrence to be further amended by ADDING the following new paragraph to Section 10.36.340 of the Municipal Code (Handicapped Parking), to be inserted in the proper alphabetical order:

Bromfield Street, north side, from a point one hundred twenty (120) feet easterly of the intersection of Walnut Street to a point one hundred forty (140) feet easterly of the intersection of Walnut Street.

To the extent that there exist any ordinances to the contrary, they are hereby repealed in that respect only.


Persons wishing to be heard shall be afforded the opportunity.

Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawrence, MA
Mayor Daniel Rivera

DOC. 125/2016
In City Council
March 5, 2019



Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Council Chambers, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to gather testimony, information, and public input concerning the proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Lawrence to be further amended by ADDING to Section 10.28.100 of the Municipal Code (Stop Signs and Flashing Red Signals) the following paragraphs in their appropriate alphabetical order:

Kendall Street, northbound and southbound drivers at Ferry Street.

To the extent that there exist any ordinances to the contrary, they are hereby repealed in that respect only.


Persons wishing to be heard shall be afforded the opportunity.

Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawrence, MA
Mayor Daniel Rivera

DOC. 57/2019
In City Council
March 5, 2019



Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Council Chambers, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of said hearing is to gather testimony, information, and public input concerning the proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Lawrence to be further amended by DELETING the following new paragraph to Section 10.36.340 of the Municipal Code (Handicapped Parking):

Temple Street, east side, from a point one hundred and fifteen (115) feet northerly of the intersection of Market Street to a point one hundred and twenty five (125) feet of the intersection of Market Street.


Persons wishing to be heard shall be afforded the opportunity.

Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawrence, MA
Mayor Daniel Rivera

DOC. 392/2018
In City Council
March 5, 2019



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Willow Street, west side, from a point eighty-nine (89) feet northerly of the intersection of Arlington Street to a point one hundred and nine (109) feet northerly of the intersection of Arlington Street.

To the extent that there exist any ordinances to the contrary, they are hereby repealed in that respect only.

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Attest: William J. Maloney, City Clerk

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