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144 Police Officers Killed in 2018

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Overall police fatalities increased 12% in 2018, with firearms-related fatalities the leading cause of officer deaths last year. Photo above is the candlelight vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial service, held every year in Washington, D.C. the second week of May.

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MEMORIAL DAY SPECIAL: HONORING 6 AMERICAN MILITARY HEROES KILLED IN ACTION

John Cuddy

VALLEY PATRIOT HERO REPORTER

Memorial Day does not belong to the Republicans, the Democrats, or any elected official. It is not intended for honoring the men and women currently serving in the military or our Veterans.

Memorial Day belongs to the six American Heroes written about in this article, and all who gave their lives defending our great nation.

A US Marine from Swampscott, Massachusetts, Captain Jennifer J. Harris was twenty-eight years old, when she was killed in action February 7, 2007, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her helicopter crashed in Iraq

during Combat Operations. She was assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, out of Camp Pendleton, California.

A graduate of Swampscott High, and in May of 2000, the US Naval Academy. Captain Harris was a US Marine Corp helicopter pilot.

US Air Force, twenty-one-year-old, Airman First Class Elizabeth Nicole Jacobson, hailed from Riviera Beach, Florida.

Airman Jacobson, was in Iraq on September 28, 2005, and was guarding a convoy originating from Camp Bucca, when an improvised explosive

device near the Iraqi town of Safwan hit the vehicle she was riding in. The explosion killed her and fellow soldier U.S. Army Sergeant Steve Morin Jr., 34 years old, from Arlington, Texas. A third soldier who was manning the vehicle's turret weapon was injured but survived the attack. Airman "Liz" Jacobson was assigned to the 17th Security Forces Squadron based at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas and had deployed to Iraq as part of the 586th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. Airman Jacobson had been in the Air Force for two years and had been deployed to Iraq for more than three months when she died defending our freedom.

US Coast Guard Pilot Lt. Colleen Cain was from Burlington, Iowa, she was a helicopter pilot who was searching for a missing fishing boat crew, on January 7, 1982. Her helicopter crashed on the Island of Molokai and killed her and two other crewmembers, Lt. Cmdr. Horton 'Buzz' Johnson and Aviation Machinist Mate 2nd Class David L. Thompson.

The helicopter crew was searching for the Pan Am, a fishing vessel, which was reported sinking in stormy seas with seven people aboard. On Jan. 7, 1982, Lieutenant Cain's aircraft was launched to respond to a distress call from the Pan Am, the 74-foot fishing boat that was taking on water off Maui and was in danger of sinking. The helicopter lifted



Lt. Jennifer M. Moreno

off from USCG Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii in torrential rains and heavy winds at 4 a.m. However, by 5:15 a.m., the US Coast Guard had lost radio contact with the crew. Almost nine hours later, another helicopter discovered the helicopter's wreckage on a steep ridge in Molokai Island's Wailua Valley.

North Carolina National Guard's Ashley White was actually from Marlinton, Ohio, and attended Marlinton High School and later graduated from Kent State. Lt. White served as a member

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Free Speech Does Not Stop At School House Doors

For too long, public education officials in this country have been bullying students in the classroom with impunity, preaching their political opinions as fact, and punishing students who do not comport with their approved political views.

Nowhere is this more true than in the Andover Schools.

In November of 2006, The Valley Patriot covered in detail the exploits of Andover High teacher, Ron Francis, who was preaching Jew Hatred to his students and also making anti-Semitic statements in public. He was never fired or disciplined for his racism.

Here we are in 2019 and the bullies in the Andover schools are still at it.

Last month, a group of students at Andover High walked out of class in protest of the firing of the hockey coach.

A few of those students spoke to the media and expressed their displeasure at the principal's personal beef against the hockey coach for not playing his son enough on the team.

The following day, the Andover Patch reported that the students who spoke to

the media were suspended from school for "talking to the media."

It ever there was an example of our out of control public education system, Andover is it.

These students have a constitutional right to free speech and that right does not end at the school house doors. It certainly does not apply to students outside the school house doors.

We find it sad that these students are not only indoctrinated with the political views of their so called "educators" and "administrators" but are also being taught that because they are part of a school institution their rights under the 1st Amendment are no longer valid.

No wonder why so many young people have no clue about the founding of our constitutional republic (notice we didn't say democracy) or the freedoms our Constitution guarantee them, when the educators who are supposed to teach it to them are usurping those very rights every day.

What's even more stunning is that the school committee has known for years about the political indoctrination, and bul-

lying of the students at Andover High and have done nothing about it.

They have known for years that administrators and teachers are teaching kids about global warming, abortion, gay marriage, income inequality, and a host of other subjective political opinions as if they are fact, but not teaching these kids the basics of our freedoms.

Yet, they do nothing about it.

They make excuses.

They cite "policies" as if Andover High policies override the Constitution. Year after year, decade after decade, they look the other way while this continues unchallenged.

Don't believe us?

Go back and google "Call it What it is, Jew Hatred" or "Ron Francis" coupled with "The Valley Patriot" and look at the dates of those stories we wrote in 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Then compare it to what is going on at Andover High today;

Bullying students, silencing dissent, indoctrinating students to believe 'hate speech' is an exception to the 1st Amend-

ment, and then arbitrarily deciding what is hate speech and what is not. Students being punished for expressing an opinion that the administration doesn't like.

Then ask yourself, can this kind of thing happen without the tacit consent of the elected officials on the school committee? I think we all know the answer to that question.

It has to stop.

We call on every member of the Andover School Committee to put a stop to it now, or resign and let someone else take a leadership role in the way our kids are educated ... or in this case indoctrinated.

We also call on the parents of Andover High students to come forward and let their voices be heard when this kind of fascism is shoved down the throats of their children.

Speak up at public participation at school committee meetings, write letters to the editor of your local paper, and if that doesn't work ... call us. We promise we won't look the other way as two decades of School Committee members have in the past.

"Radical Left Mobs Will Never Destroy Our Freedom"

Ken Willette, Jr.
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

I would encourage my readers to review the Facebook rants on the Meet the Press and MSNBC pages. They are pure comedy gold! Some of the most laughable themes emerging from these collective crying sessions are:--"We Must Rise Up. Stop the Dictator. Save Our Democracy." But facts are like kryptonite to Radical Leftists. Many of their own actions over the last two years serve as stark contradictions to what they are supposedly striving to preserve: freedom of speech and peaceful assembly, freedom of the individual spirit and freedom from fear. But the hostile actions of the Radical Left and their online enablers will never triumph in our battle-tested republic.

As one of the goals of my monthly columns, I actively seek to call out and write about the deeply entrenched hypocrisy of many on the Far-Left. For example, I recently witnessed a woman on Facebook displaying a Nazi swastika, which suddenly transformed into the #45—alluding to Trump, the 45th President of the United States, as a Nazi. But facts are a necessary inconvenience in a free society, especially when combating outright lies and despicable propaganda. The newly re-elected Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, was proudly pictured on giant campaign billboards across the Jewish nation

shaking hands with #45. Please don't take my word for it. The picture is prominently featured in the Jewish Journal.

Meanwhile, half a world away in Palo Alto, a crazed Leftist recently berated an elderly Jewish American for wearing a MAGA hat and called him a Nazi. Thankfully, the woman was eventually fired from her job and the man was not deterred in continuing to wear his MAGA hat. Another example of the so-called 'Tolerant Far Left' occurred when mainstream conservative commentator and Jewish American Ben Shapiro spoke at the University of California Berkeley campus back in 2017. Over \$600,000 was required to hire police and security personnel in order to protect his free speech rights. Mind you, Ben Shapiro opened his speech with a direct attack on white supremacy, and he has personally received death threats from neo-Nazi groups. Some of the vile threats were directly related to his Jewish heritage and his verbal and written condemnations against the Alt-Right movement. By the way, Shapiro didn't even vote for Trump in 2016!

These coordinated attacks on mainstream conservative speakers are not isolated events. In Philly, Antifa mobs surrounded and screamed profanities at female African American conservative Candice Owens. In popular culture such as books and movies, villains are often

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You Are a Bad Person!

Duncan Burns
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

You're a bad person. You're also a bad American. You simply do not know what's good for you or this country. That is the kind of rhetoric being spread by so-called "woke" people in this country, backed by a corrupted and partisan media.

The political polarization and anger in this country gave us President Donald Trump, a fact that many on both sides of the political aisle can agree on. While the reasoning may not be the same of how Trump came to be, he is in fact The President of The United States.

With that said, while people continue to argue and champion their respective Party, I'd like to point out a couple of observances that has somehow been lost over the years. Maybe "lost" is the wrong word, perhaps "conditioned" is better because it appears that many Americans have either accepted defeat, or programmed to believe they're wrong, a loss of identity perhaps. A lot of this conditioning comes in many forms, whether it be on social media, the corporate owned news stations, or the politicians themselves.

We have been told that bailing out Wall Street over The People was good for us, only to find out later, in the words of former President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York Timothy Geithner that it was to "foam the runways" for Wall Street. The same Federal Reserve decided Too Big To Fail banks should also be paid interest on excess reserves, monies that are not lent, but simply held, who turns down free money? Not to be outdone, The Fed engaged in Quantitative Easing, a literal digital printing of monies in the trillions-of-dollars, only accessible by the few, at zero interest rates (ZIRP) to be gambled in our markets. A policy of which, wiped out an entire generation of savers, many who were elderly, who thought their CDs and/or savings would carry them through retirement. The Financial Accounting Standards Board decided to suspend "mark-to-market" (FASB-157) accounting standards, allowing outright hiding or writing off of debt(s) on balance sheets.

An equal rule of law simply no longer exists. Nowadays, depending on which Party you belong to, a secret court, with secret judges, issuing secret warrants based on secret evidence is considered acceptable. Free speech can now be called "hate speech" even though there's no such thing. Your due process is also in jeopardy, where the ultimate penalty could be a drone strike without so much as a hearing on your guilt or innocence. Or even worse, like right here in Massachusetts, where political cronyism and ideology usurps everything, especially in our judicial system. A judicial system so corrupted, it was responsible for no less than three murders in 2018, two of which were police officers. Politicians, at all levels of government, have put The Second Amendment on trial. My question is: If that right is in jeopardy, which right is next? While the U.S. Supreme Court has Decisions that have placed restrictions on various Amendments spelled out in The Bill of Rights, unlike our political establishment, SCOTUS has never Decided to abolish any of them. Rights are for me, not for thee, according to some.

Our healthcare system is a disaster, for those that need to pay for it anyways. Obamacare was a direct subsidization of the industry, via theft of taxpayer monies, and given to many of those who don't deliver any care at all. Much like the rising costs of a college education, where monies go to those who don't teach a single class, for a decades-long losing return on investment. I digress. No, Senator Bernie Sanders "Medicare-For-All" doesn't work either, in fact, he has a record of voting against cost cutting, but that doesn't matter in an era where a lie needs only to be believed. Public insurers don't mind, their lobbyists delivered, as executives at these firms have cashed in over \$2 billion according to SEC filings since Obamacare passage. Finally, when it comes to all things healthcare, remember those in Congress imposing the cost of such upon you are exempt. A decision by The Office of Personnel Management during The Obama Administration decided that Congress Members, their families, and staff could be taxpayer subsidized.

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VALLEY PATRIOT WEATHERMAN

Welcome to the month of May with the season of spring well underway. Trees and flowers will continue to bloom; thus, pollen season is here. Tree pollen will continue into May. We will continue to see the green up of

our lawns. We are still prone to chilly nights, however, by the latter part of May the threat of frost will be over. By Memorial Day weekend it will be safe to plant your garden and put the sensitive plants outdoors.

Recapping April it turned out to be a wet month. Boston had a new record of twenty-one days with measurable rainfall during the month of April. The old record was nineteen days. Even though it was a wet month.

Boston averaged just over three and a half degrees above normal for the month. So there were some warm days during April. One reason for the wet month was due to an active jet stream which tracked close to our region. The contrast between cool air north of the jet stream and warm air south of the jet stream results in a battle between these two different air masses. This can generate fronts to form which can enhance rainfall.

April even ended on the wet side with a front stalled to our south with waves of low pressure moving along the front to our south. With the front to our south this put us on the cool side (north side of the front).

This resulted in below normal temperatures for the last days of April. With the winds off the chilly ocean waters this enhanced the cool temperatures. Normal high temperatures for the end of April are 60-65 degrees.

While we saw cool temperatures, the end of April areas from the Mid-Atlantic region and points south has summer warmth with high temperatures of 80 degrees plus. These areas were south of

the stalled front. On April 25th we did see sunshine which helped boost high temperatures in the 60s on that day. After this, temperatures went back to being below normal. The warmest part of April was the first half of the month when we saw high temperatures in the 60s and even some 70s. However, in the spring months it is difficult for the warm air to stay locked in. Also in April we saw some days with strong gusty winds.

During April winter did not want to leave parts of the US. A blizzard with heavy snow and strong winds occurred out west near the middle of the month. More snow continued out west on April 27th into the 28th. Snow occurred as far east as Chicago where a few inches of snow fell. This area was invaded by cold air from Canada being on the north side

of the jet stream.

With the sun continuing to get stronger and higher in the sky this snow will melt rather quickly.

Now with May here we should see our daily high temperatures continue to increase. We still can see contrasts between cool air and warm air which can lead to thunderstorms and severe weather. The greatest risk for this will be over the southern states. With severe weather comes the risk of tornadoes which can increase during the month of May. Severe thunderstorms can lead to tornado development.

Tornadoes can develop very quickly and people in the southern states have to act quickly when tornadoes form. During the spring and summer, we can see tornadoes in New England however the number of tornadoes is far less than the southern states. Next month we will recap any tornado outbreaks that occur in the southern states. We will also talk about summer weather tips and also safety at our beaches. Also June is the start of hurricane season so we will talk some about hurricanes. In the meantime enjoy spring and get ready for the summer months. ♦



By Mark Kempic

I knew it was an incredibly challenging time for the community when I arrived in Massachusetts last fall to assist with the recovery efforts following September’s gas event in the Merrimack Valley. What immediately struck me the most in the face of tremendous adversity was the graciousness with which those in the Greater Lawrence Area welcomed the Columbia Gas team members and the thousands of subcontractors with whom we partnered into the communities. The resilience these communities have shown in the months since September has been truly inspiring. I continue to be impressed and humbled by the support that has been shown to our teams.

As I take on the role of president of Columbia Gas of Massachusetts this week, I’d first like to reaffirm to our customers in the Greater Lawrence Area that we will continue to support the full restoration of your community and will continue to seek ways in which to partner with you for the long-term. That focus on community partnership is something that will extend beyond the Merrimack Valley and to all the communities we serve across the state. We know that many of our customers lost confidence in us. We will continue to work every day to restore that trust and provide safe and reliable gas service to our customers across Massachusetts.

While we work to rebuild trust, we will also continue to rebuild the infrastructure that serves Massachusetts. Columbia Gas remains committed to rebuilding our statewide infrastructure and operations. Over the last 10 years, we have replaced about 500 miles of pipe across Massachusetts and last fall, in the Greater Lawrence area alone, we completed the installation of 43.5 miles of gas main lines and 5,086 service lines and the requalification of nearly 12.3 miles of main line polyethylene pipe. This work provides state-of-the-art infrastructure and enhanced safety features for the entire system. These safety features include “excess flow valves” at each customer’s home that will automatically shut off the flow of gas if a line break occurs. We have been and will continue to proactively replace aging infrastructure throughout our operating territories in Massachusetts, in addition to installing these state-of-the-art safety features statewide.

Since September 13th, our parent company, NiSource Inc., has reviewed low-pressure systems across its full operating area and is strengthening safety systems



to better safeguard against over-pressurization and other incidents, including remote monitoring, implementation of the safety management system, and enhanced damage prevention practices. NiSource has committed to investing an initial estimate of \$150 million to install automatic shut-off devices to protect against over-pressurization on its low-pressure systems across its seven-state operating area. This installation work has already begun here in Massachusetts.

Our commitment to supporting our customers goes beyond providing safe and reliable service. As a member of the community for more than 125 years, it is a priority of ours to be a good neighbor.

This is an area where I’m going to pull from my prior experience and bring new programs to Massachusetts that I have seen work in other areas. One of these initiatives will be to put an emphasis on partnerships with local schools, including high schools and middle schools as well as vocational ones. One goal is to teach students about the role of a utility company, how we are promoting energy efficient options within communities, and to encourage young students to look for a career in STEM by introducing them to engineering and information technology. I’m looking forward to bringing these programs to students in the community, beginning in June with our first “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.”

I thank you for the support you have shown the Columbia Gas team. I’m looking forward to strengthening the relationships we already have here in Massachusetts and expanding our network of community and customer partnerships in the months and years to come.

Mark Kempic
President and Chief Operating Officer
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144 Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty in 2018

Overall fatalities increased 12 percent with firearms-related fatalities the leading cause of officer deaths this year

Washington, DC—The number of law enforcement professionals nationwide who died in the line of duty in 2018 increased over the previous year according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, a nonprofit group that has long tracked officer fatalities.

The Memorial Fund announced in its 2018 Preliminary End-of-Year Law Enforcement Fatalities Report that 144 federal, state, local, tribal and territorial officers died in the line of duty over the past year, representing a 12 percent increase over the 129 officers who died in the line of duty in 2017.

Firearms-related fatalities claimed the lives of 52 officers in 2018, a 13 percent increase compared to the 46 officers killed in firearms-related incidents in 2017. Of the 52 officer deaths, 14 occurred while officers were attempting to place an individual under arrest. Eight officers were killed while conducting an investigative activity. Six officers were killed responding to domestic disturbance and public disturbance calls, each totaling 12. Five officers were ambushed in 2018, a 50 percent decrease over 2017. Four officers were shot and killed conducting traffic stops. Two officers were killed while serving warrants and two officers were killed while handling or transporting prisoners. Two officers were inadvertently shot by other law enforcement personnel. One officer was killed while responding to a burglary; one was killed during a tactical situation and one was killed while responding to a call for an armed suicidal suspect.

Handguns were the leading type of firearm used against law enforcement in 2018. Of the 52 officer fatalities, 31 officers were shot and killed with a handgun; four were disarmed and shot with their own duty weapons.

Traffic-related fatalities increased nine percent from 2017 with 50 officer deaths. Of those, 32 officers were killed in crashes. Fourteen officers were struck while outside of their vehicle, a 56 percent increase over the nine officers struck and killed in 2017. Four officers were killed in motorcycle crashes.

Of the 32 vehicle crashes, 16 were single-vehicle crashes, a 14 percent increase over the previous year when 14 officers

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died in single-vehicle crashes. Seven of those single-vehicle crashes involved officers who were responding to a call for service or as backup to another officer at the time of the crash.

The number of officer deaths from other causes also rose in 2018. Forty-two officers died of causes other than firearms- or traffic-related incidents, a 14 percent increase over the 37 who died in 2017. Job-related illnesses such as heart attacks or strokes were the cause of 18 officer deaths, a 17 percent increase over the 21 who died in 2017. Of those 42 deaths, 15 officers died due to cancers related to search and recovery efforts after the attack on the World Trade Centers on September 11, 2001. Four officers drowned. three



were beaten to death and two officers were struck by a train.

Texas, Florida, California, and New York had the highest number of officer fatalities with 11 each. North Carolina had seven deaths; South Carolina, Georgia, and Indiana each had five. Two territorial officers and nine federal officers also died in 2018. Fourteen states and the District of Columbia did not lose an officer in 2018.

Of the 2018 fallen officers, 134 were male and 10 were female. The average age was 41 years with an average length of 12 years of service.

“The rising number of law enforcement officer deaths in 2018 is disappointing news after a decline in 2017,” declared National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund CEO Craig W. Floyd. “Sadly, this reminds us that public safety is a dangerous job and can come at a very steep price. We must never take the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers for granted, and we must remember the families of the fallen who are left behind.”

There are currently 21,541 names of officers killed in the line of duty inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, dating back to the first known death in 1791. The deadliest year on record for law enforcement was 1930 when 307 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty. The last time officer fatalities dipped below 100 for a single year was 1944.

The statistics released are based on

preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and do not represent a final or complete list of individual officers who will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2019. For a complete copy of the preliminary 2018 Law Enforcement Fatalities Report, go to: www.LawMemorial.org/FatalitiesReport.

To schedule an interview, contact Steve Groening, Senior Director of Communications & Marketing, at (202) 737-7135, or via email at steve@nleomf.org.

About the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund

Established in 1984, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is a private non-profit organization dedicated to telling the story of American law enforcement and making it safer for those who serve. The Memorial Fund maintains the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, which contains the names of 21,541 officers who have died in the line of duty throughout U.S. history. The Memorial Fund recently opened the new National Law Enforcement Museum, which tells the story of American law enforcement by providing visitors a “walk in the shoes” experience. The Museum is working to expand and enrich the relationship shared by law enforcement and the community through the Museum’s educational journeys, immersive exhibitions, and insightful programs. For more information, visit www.LawMemorial.org.



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Income inequality is a political slur used by politicians and over-educated idiots to describe capitalism. In Communist countries everyone makes the same - nothing. In a capitalist country some people get rich, some become poor. It's all based on freedom and personal choices. So, the next time some clueless liberal like Elizabeth Warren starts spouting about the evils of income inequality, remember that the only countries that have income "equality" are Communist countries. In this country we prefer things be unequal so that the individual can be the master of his own destiny, and not dependent on government to decide how much everyone can make.

SUPPORTING VETERANS: 2019 SEASON KICKOFF - HOSTED BY THE NORTH ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET

The North Andover Farmers Market is excited to be rolling out our Veterans Food Security Program, to provide North Andover's low income veterans with assistance accessing the quality goods available at our market. We are proud to be launching this program in coordination with our parent organization, the North Andover Merchants Association; and in conjunction with North Andover Veterans Services. Much of this funding is due to the generosity of the North Andover Merchants Association and our local businesses.

To expand funding of this program, we are inviting you to join us at our 2019 Season Kick Off on Thursday, June 13th. This celebration will be held from 7PM to 9PM at the Wine ConneXtion located at 117 Main Street, North Andover. It will include a tasting of select wines and spirits, as well as hors d'oeuvres provided by Farmers Market vendors who will be attending our upcoming season. 100% percent of the proceeds will fund the Veterans Food Security Program. This is possible thanks to the generous donations of venue, beverages, and staff from the Wine ConneXtion; and food donated by our Farmers Market vendors! Each guest will receive a special gift for supporting our market's effort to increase accessibility. Tickets to this event are limited so don't wait to purchase yours!



VALLEY PATRIOT T-SHIRTS

Our readers have been asking us for a long time to have T-shirts and hats made up with the Valley Patriot logo on them, so this month we did just that. T-shirts are available in all sizes and cost \$16 for small, medium, large, and extra-large. 2XL and 3XL are \$26. Hats will be available as soon as these shirts are gone. To get a Valley Patriot shirt email me at valleypatriot@aol.com. We take Venmo, PayPal, Square, Facebook Pay (which we prefer because they don't take a fee), cash or personal check.

NAMA HONORS VALLEY PATRIOT FOR 15 YEARS IN BUSINESS

Thank you to the North Andover Merchant's Association for honoring The Valley Patriot last month for doing business in North Andover for 15 years.

SNOWFLAKES FREAK OUT OVER ACTUAL NEWS COVERAGE

Last month a young man died after a horrible car accident on Pelham St. Methuen. As I always do, I had a news spotter go take photos of the accident and got a snapshot of the man being put on



Kingston, NH Zoning Board Chairman Electra Alessio voted last month against veteran housing in Kingston, because I swear I'm not making this up... she said she would rather have a restaurant on the proposed site of the housing project. The Zoning Board voted to approve the project despite the chairman's objection.

a stretcher (he was still alive at the time; he died later at the hospital). As soon as I posted the photos however, a dozen or so snowflakes came onto our Facebook page demanding to know why I posted the photos "without the family's permission." When I told them we have a 1st Amendment

which guarantees a free press and I don't need anyone's permission to publish photos taken in PUBLIC, these young people began a series of personal attacks and racial slurs demanding I take down the photo "for the good of the fammmmmmmily".

When I refused, they created a Facebook page with memes mocking the murder of my father in 1990.

Rest assured I do not back down to such

social media terrorism and will continue to take videos and photos of news in the Merrimack Valley whether it offends the sensibilities of today's ignorant youth or not. As a side note it's really sad that these kids were in their late teens and knew absolutely nothing about the 1st Amendment to our Constitution. They know nothing about free speech, nothing about a free press and nothing about freedom of religion. And they all go to our public schools. Maybe if our public education system actually taught the Constitution and the freedoms guaranteed within it; our culture wouldn't be so screwed up. But, I'm willing to bet they all know about transgenders, global warming and abortion. Go figure.

MEDIA WATCH - DID TRUMP SAY NAZIS WERE FINE PEOPLE?

Why do Democrats continue to lie claiming President Trump said that Neo-Nazis "were very fine people" when he said "there were fine people on both sides" of the Charlottesville march. What possesses someone to make up such falsehoods when there is a public transcript anyone can go look up?

Here's the actual quote that Trump hates on CNN, and Joe Biden and the rest of the liars in the democrat party keep purposely misleading you about.

"Excuse me, they didn't put themselves down as Neo-Nazis, and you had some

very bad people in that group. But, you also had people that were very fine people on both sides. You had people in that group - excuse me, excuse me, I saw the same pictures you did. You had people in that group that were there to protest the taking down of, to them, a very, very important statue and the renaming of a park from Robert E. Lee to another name."

"I'm not talking about the Neo-Nazis and white nationalists because they should be condemned totally."

CNN'S NAZI HOAX FOOTAGE

Speaking of the Charlottesville protest, CNN continues to show video footage of Neo-Nazis marching through Charlottesville with tiki torches chanting "Jews will not replace us," while talking about the Charlottesville march. Both Donnyboy Don Lemon and Anderson Cooper showed the footage with the lead in "take

a look closely, do these look like very fine people?" The problem is, the footage of the Neo-Nazis marching with tiki torches is not from the Charlottesville protest against the renaming of the Robert E. Lee Park and removal of the statue. It had nothing to do with what Trump was referencing. The footage is from a documentary. Love him or hate him Trump is right when he says CNN is fake news and the enemy of the people. They purposely mislead their audience with no shame whatsoever, as long as it suits their political views.

METHUEN ELECTIONS UPON US

I am hoping with all the scandal and controversy in Methuen over the last two years that more Methuen residents would step up to the plate and run for office this year. But, it seems like the field for mayor, school committee, and city council are very thin. People, you get the government you deserve! If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you've always gotten. Methuen needs new blood. Running for mayor this year are Dan Shibilia and Neil Perry, we



also assume Mayor Jajuga is running for re-election though there is some speculation he may not run. In the school committee and city council races the fields are just as

thin. I really do not want to hear any complaining from Methuen residents over the next two years if more people don't run for office and try to fix the mess this current administration has gotten the city in.

NORTH ANDOVER SHEEP SHEERING FESTIVAL

The 47th annual North Andover Sheep Shearing Festival, sponsored in part by Pentucket Bank and Wheelabrator, Inc., will be held on the Town Common on Sunday, May 19th from 10 am to 4 pm. Events include sheep herding and shearing demonstrations, music, Cow Pie Bingo, blacksmithing demonstrations and much more. There will also be pony rides, food vendors and crafters. Free admission, parking and shuttle from Franklin and Middle Schools. For more information, contact Jeff at 978-490-6505.

NORTHERN ESSEX PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM IS TOPS, AGAIN!

For the second year in a row, Northern Essex Community College's Licensed Practical Nursing Program has been ranked the top LPN program in Massachusetts by PracticalNursing.org, a national nursing advocacy organization.

The rankings were based on graduate passing rates on the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses) exam, which is used by state boards of nursing nationwide for testing proficiency and granting licensure. Eighteen programs in Massachusetts were ranked, and Northern Essex received an overall score of 98.04 out of 100. This was an improvement over last year's score of 96.45 out of 100.

"This is such great news again for our students and the community which counts on Northern Essex for its LPNs," said Lisa Bass, coordinator of Northern Essex's Practical Nursing Program.

LPNs are in high demand in Massachusetts, due in part to the nationwide nursing shortage. According to the Practical-

Nursing.org website, LPNs earn an average hourly wage of \$26.53 or an annual salary of approximately \$55,000. There are 1,150 LPNs employed in Lawrence, Methuen, and Salem, NH earning an average hourly wage of \$27.34 and an average annual salary of \$56,860.

Northern Essex's LPN Program is a 47-credit certificate program. Graduates of the program will be eligible to take the NCLEX-PN and can also apply credits earned to NECC's associate degree in nursing, which offers an advanced placement option for licensed practical nurses. The program includes classroom study, lab practice, and a clinical experience. LPNs work for long-term care facilities, outpatient clinics, home health care, rehabilitation centers, and more.

Bass attributes the college's top ranking to high passing scores—the class of 2018 had a 100 percent passing rate on the national licensure exam—and the program's well-equipped labs located in the El-Hefni Allied Health & Technology Center in Lawrence. To learn more, contact Lisa Bass, NECC's Practical Nursing Program coordinator, at lbass@necc.mass.edu.

STEVE BLACKWOOD SPECIAL SCREENING

Steve Blackwood, star of Days of Our Lives is doing a special screening at Jabberwocky Bookshop at the Tannery in Newburyport on Sunday May 19th from 3-5pm. Steve will be signing his real book





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THE STEVE BLACKWOOD SESSIONS (an acting book about his master classes and his days on Days of Our Lives) as Life will imitate Art. Wine and cheese is also provided...and maybe a little jazz. This signing /screening is for those who helped make this possible and also for those who cannot come to the next screening (May 15th 7:15pm @ the Sene Film Festival, at the Warwick Center for the Arts, Warwick RI) and really wanted to see the film. The film will be screened on 5/19 in the very same place we shot it (Jabberwocky) and /or buy his book.

30TH SEASON OF THE LOWELL SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

Gavin DeGraw will perform on Friday, August 9, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Gavin DeGraw is a multi-platinum selling singer, performer and songwriter. He first broke through with the 2003 release of his debut album, Chariot, which sold over 1 million copies and yielded three hit singles: "I Don't Want To Be," "Follow Through," and the title-track, "Chariot." Other hit singles are "In Love With A Girl," "Best I Ever Had," "We Belong Together," "Not Over You," co-written with OneRepublic's Ryan Tedder and "Making Love With The Radio On." More info at: <http://www.gavindegraw.com>

Advance tickets are \$52 and premium seats in front of the stage are \$152.

Tickets went on sale Wednesday, May 1 at 10am. Bio & Photo attached.

* The Allman Betts Band will perform on Friday, June 14, 2019 at 7:30PM. After a successful year touring as The Devon Allman Project with special guest Duane Betts, the sons of Gregg Allman and Dickey Betts are joining forces to form The Allman Betts Band. The band is exactly what you would expect from heirs of the legendary Allman Brother's band: an update on gritty southern rock, no frills Americana and soulful blues rock. More info at <http://allmanbettsband.com/> and <https://www.devonallmanproject.com/> Advance tickets are \$39 and premium seats in front of the stage are \$139.

Colbie Caillat & Gone West perform on Friday, July 12, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Two-time Grammy winner, Colbie Caillat has sold more than 20 million singles worldwide and has had eight songs in the Billboard Top 10: "Bubbly" (which reached #1), "Fallin' For You" (#2),

"Brighter Than The Sun" (#2), "I Never Told You" (#3), "Realize" (#6), "Try" (#6), "I Do" (#7), and with Jason Mraz "Lucky" (#9). Gone West is her new Nashville-based band featuring multi-platinum singer/songwriter Jason Reeves, 4-time Hawaii Music Award Winner Justin Kawika Young and ACM and CMT nominated artist Nelly Joy. More info at <http://colbiecaillat.com> Advance tickets are \$49 and premium seats in front of the stage are \$149.

The Record Company will perform on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

With a sound that blends the biting blues of John Lee Hooker with the charismatic swagger of the Rolling Stones, The Record Company wants to be known as the best live band on Earth. Their 2016 debut album, Give It Back To You, spawned three Top Ten hits at Triple-A radio (including the #1 smash "Off The Ground"), earned the band a slew of festival appearances and sold-out headline dates around the world, and garnered a GRAMMY nomination. More info at <http://therecordcompany.net/> Advance tickets are \$34 and premium seats in front of the stage are \$134.

Angelique Kidjo will perform on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Global pop star Angélique Kidjo, the three time Grammy Award winner and singer / songwriter / activist, is one of the greatest artists in international music today, a creative force with 15 albums to her name. Her Remain in Light tour a re-imagining of the 'Talking Heads' 1980 landmark album, itself influenced by music from West Africa. More info at <http://www.kidjo.com/> Advance tickets are \$42 and premium seats in front of the stage are \$142.

I'm With Her will perform on Friday, July 19, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

I'm With Her is Sara Watkins, Sarah Jarosz and Aoife O'Donovan. They released their debut album in February 2018. From their early contributions in bands such as Nickel Creek and Crooked Still, these three musicians are noteworthy for their extensive solo career successes, including several Grammy awards. I'm With Her have garnered acclaim for their unique blend of instrumental interplay combined with their indelible harmonies. More info at <https://www.imwithherband.com/> Advance tickets are \$37 and premium seats in front of the stage are \$137.

The Wallflowers will perform Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 7:30pm.

As part of the mid-'90s revival of roots-rock, the Wallflowers held a special connection to one of the original inspirations: vocalist/songwriter/guitarist Jakob Dylan. Though he is the son of a legend, Jakob's similarities to his father are occasional. The band is more influenced by Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers than original '60s folk-rock. Hits include

"One Headlight," which won two Grammys, "6th Avenue Heartache" and "The Difference." More info at <https://www.facebook.com/thewallflowersmusic/>

Advance tickets are \$49 and premium seats in front of the stage are \$149.

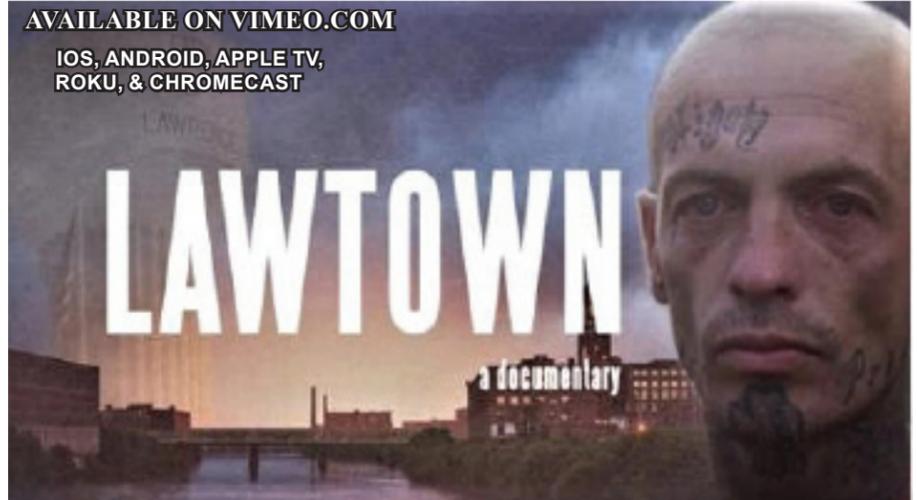
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Last month, after we had counted up and disbursed all the donations for scholarships at our Valley Patriot 15th Anniversary BASH, we received a call from Patrick Robb from Coady's Towing service in Lawrence. Patrick and his co-worker Joey Cafiso wanted to make a donation to our Dan Coady memorial scholarship but didn't have a chance to reach us before the event. Each year, The Valley Patriot gives out a scholarship in the name of Dan Coady who lost his life in an accident on Rte. 495, and Pat and Joe had sold patches with Dan Coady's name on it to not only commemorate Dan's loss but also to remind people of the Move Over law. Pat and Joe decided to donate the proceeds of those patch sales to our scholarship recipients to the tune of \$600. Thank you to Patrick, Joe, and everyone at Coady's towing, as well as the Coady family for helping us honor Dan Coady with our annual scholarship. Thank you as well to Al Veilleux, Ken Deluca, Frank Quintanna of Quintanna Supplies, Mike Bucu and Sons Construction, Kate Callahan of Callahan Heating in North Andover, Brian Genest, Heather Mariani, Joyce A. Ratcliffe Mullen, and North Andover Town Moderator Mark DiSalvo for donating to this scholarship as well. ◇

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Trocki to Run for Haverhill Mayor, Previews Campaign Platform

Tim Coco
WHAU.NET

Haverhill Police Officer Daniel Trocki formally took out papers for his mayoral run Thursday, picking up nomination paperwork from City Clerk Linda Koutoulas as the third candidate to make his intention known.

Following his trip to City Hall, Trocki stopped by the WHAV studios to outline his platform ahead of the campaign season. Among his top priorities: Public safety, education and funding for school and city building infrastructure.

"I'm running for mayor to improve our education, properly fund education, properly fund and staff our police department and fix our buildings, fix our city. It's kind of been neglected over the last 15 years."

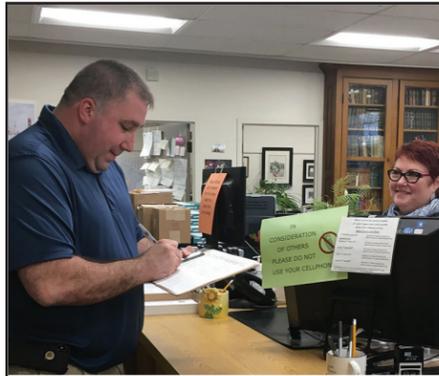
Trocki told WHAV he was inspired to pull papers after he saw Fiorentini communicate with city councilors last year via text message about police budget negotiations rather than in person.

If elected, the married father of two children has already thought out how he'll revise Haverhill's public safety plan.

"If you look at other cities, they have K-9s, full-time traffic/safety guys, full units, detectives on their night shift—some of that should be looked at," said Trocki, who also wants the school department to consider implementing a school resource officer at St. James School.

Other public safety improvements he suggested include relocating the High Street fire station closer to Computer Drive, for example.

Trocki also talked to WHAV about



Dan Trocki pulls nomination papers for Haverhill mayor on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Haverhill City Hall from Linda Koutoulas. (WHAU News file photo)

taxes. "I like to hold the line, that's my way of looking at it," he said.

"I know there's been a lot of talk at the City Council meetings to tax to the max to pay off the Hale debt. I think we have the free cash to pay it off—I think we could pay it off right now if we wanted to. I think it's a matter of the City Councilors and the Mayor stepping up and paying that off."

Trocki's father was the administrator of the city-owned Glynn Memorial Nursing Home, he said.

Trocki must obtain at least 50 signatures before July 1st. Hector Montalvo and Melanie Tamberino took out nomination papers Wednesday. Assuming the trio all receive the necessary signatures and that Mayor James J. Fiorentini also runs, a preliminary election would take place Tuesday, Sept. 10th, to narrow the field to two. ♦

Freedom of Speech in Dracut? "Oh, please..."

Brian Genest
DRACUT COLUMNIST

Some things are worth fighting for. Freedom of speech is one of them. Sadly, you have to fight for it every single day in Dracut!

After Town Manager Jim Duggan illegally banned the Dracut Republican Town Committee from marching in the town's Memorial Day parade to honor our fallen veterans, he defied every member of the board of selectmen, made the issue political and tried to pass the buck. Ultimately, the government watchdog group Judicial Watch interceded, again, to ensure freedom of speech wasn't trampled, again, by town government. The real story, of course, is that Dracut politics is personal and putrid, always.

Everything you need to know about this issue can be summed up in two words: "Oh, please..." That's what Town Manager Jim Duggan muttered at the selectmen's meeting when Chairman Jesse Forcier asked if board members had any other questions about the manager's political decision to try to block the group from marching. You can watch the video and decide for yourself by the way he said it whether he was begging for mercy or just hoping everyone would shut up.

In the town manager's defense, you can probably understand why he didn't want to hear any more from his five bosses – and why he didn't want the folks at home to hear it, either – considering members of the board criticized the ban and spoke in favor of letting all town groups march.

Selectman Joe DiRocco brought up the issue of the parade, after the town manager failed to mention the issue in his report to the board.

"Has that been put to sleep?" DiRocco asked.

"As far as I'm concerned, it has," the town manager replied, digging in and pushing to uphold his ban. "That is something that has been my decision."

The town manager said he "felt strongly" that Republicans should be banned and that the event is "solemn." If one political group is let in, others will have to be too, he said, such as Democrats and Libertarians.

"Where does it stop?" Duggan wondered aloud. How about with the rule of law, the First Amendment and the U.S. Supreme Court? No group should be stopped from marching because of politics.

Has anyone in town ever raised any concerns about the parade being too somber for throwing candy to children, for a Dixie-land band playing upbeat jazz tunes, for performers riding strange-looking bikes or anything else?

Did Jim Duggan see Barry Finegold, a Democrat and a candidate for state senate, marching in last year's parade, campaigning for office?

That's on video, too. I know, I know, "Oh, please..."

Anyway, DiRocco pointed out that DRTC members include veterans and said he had no problem with the group marching.

As soon as Duggan revealed on TV that he had contacted the American Legion commander through a well-known Democrat operative, one of Colleen Garry's political allies who has driven her food truck on election day, the gig was up. When it looks like an inside job and it smells like cow manure, it's dirty politics in Dracut – and Colleen Garry isn't usually too far away from the stench.

In case you've forgotten, Colleen Garry

has a history of trying to silence her political opponents. She tried to weaponize the state's campaign finance law, filing a bill to basically shred the First Amendment, silence any criticism of her very pathetic voting record and make sure no one hurts her feelings. But it backfired, big time. Instead of silencing free speech, Colleen Garry caused an outcry of opposition to her proposal, with the Lowell Sun, Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, Boston Herald and Boston Globe all speaking out against her ridiculous and unconstitutional bill. By the way, the irony is that Colleen Garry tried to change the same law she was fined \$5,000 by the state for violating, for failing to keep accurate campaign finance records for many, many years. Someone, please, give us an "Oh, please..."

But let's get back to the Selectmen's meeting.

Chairman Forcier told the town manager that he thought the board's direction to allow the DRTC to march had been very clear.

"I agree," said Tami Dristiliaris, who called the town's parade inclusive and added that she didn't think the Dracut Republican Town Committee or any group should be forbidden from marching in support of our veterans.

"It's really a free speech issue," Dristiliaris reminded her colleagues and the town manager. She pointed out that town and state politicians march in the parade and said the Dracut Democrat Town Committee could be invited to participate, too.

"And they are technically elected," interrupted Selectman Alison Hughes, referring to the fact the members of both the Republican and Democrat town committees are duly elected on the presidential primary ballots.

"We can't exclude people from marching," Dristiliaris emphasized. "It's a parade of the people in town and I think we should allow it."

Selectman Tony Archinski, who identified himself as a member of the Dracut Democrat Town Committee, said he was opposed to letting Republicans carry a banner, but not to letting the group march.

Archinski also erroneously identified himself as the only veteran on the board. DiRocco, the town's retired fire chief, is also a veteran.

"I don't care who marches in the parade, the more the merrier," Archinski said. But then he suggested the town manager check with veterans' organizations to see how they feel, something Duggan had already said he'd done. "I can tell you they are very sensitive to politics being involved in Memorial Day ceremonies."

Rightly so. By trying to pass the buck to the American Legion, it was the town that politicized the event. It's a shame that veterans were put into the position by town government of being asked to choose sides.

Freedom of speech is not a Republican issue or a Democrat issue; it's an American issue. Our veterans fight all around the world and give the ultimate sacrifice to defend all of us and all our rights, without regard for anyone's political party here at home.

This isn't the first time that free speech is hard to swallow in town. At the end of February, when Judicial Watch first contacted the town and challenged the constitutionality of the political-sign bylaw, the town manager tried to dismiss the issue. Six weeks later, he put an article on the warrant to repeal the bylaw at Town Meeting in June. The town's Zoning Bylaw Re-

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Home Health VNA Awards Scholarship to Methuen GLTS Student

Home Health VNA has awarded Anna Wolfendale, a Methuen resident and graduate of the Health Careers Program at Greater Lawrence Technical High School, a scholarship given annually in memory of a former employee. Ms. Wolfendale has been accepted to Rivier University in Nashua, New Hampshire and plans to pursue a career in nursing.

The \$500 scholarship was established in 1995 as a tribute to Lisa Santiago Ventura, an employee of Home Health VNA. Ms. Ventura was driving to care for a patient, when she was accidentally struck during

a high speed police chase and sustained fatal injuries. In her memory, the agency awards the Lisa Santiago Ventura Memorial Scholarship to a graduating senior of the Greater Lawrence Technical High School where she was a student.

“We are proud to present this scholarship to Anna Wolfendale, an exemplary student, pursuing a career in nursing,” said Karen Gomes. “We are impressed with her dedication and determination and are confident she will be an asset to the field of nursing.” ♦



Methuen Police Arrest Two Men With ATM Skimmers, Cash, Wanted in NH

Tharushan Nimalachandran, 30, of Quebec, Canada and Ajitharan Raveendran, 28, of Ontario, Canada were each charged with possession of a burglarious instrument and receiving stolen property over \$1,200.

Hudson, NH police were actively investigating a case involving larcenies from ATM machines by an organized criminal when they received information that the suspects were likely operating out of a room in the Days Inn on Pelham Street in Methuen. Methuen Police applied for and received a search warrant for the hotel room and executed the search warrant on Saturday, April 27th at 6:53AM.

Methuen police found two men in the room, one of whom presented Canadian identification. The other man had no identification. Methuen Police contacted the Department of Homeland Security seeking assistance with identifying the two sub-

jects, who were identified as Nimalachandran and Raveendran.

After applying for and receiving an additional search warrant for a rental car in the possession of Nimalachandran, police uncovered during their search of the vehicle large amounts of cash inside duffel bags as well as gift cards, debit cards, a printing device and an electronic device determined to be used to activate and utilize bank cards. Both men are being held at \$250,000 bail, each, Saturday pending a court appearance on Monday.

“This is a great example of a successful collaboration between two departments, in two states,” Chief Solomon said. “Great work to the Hudson, New Hampshire Police Department, and to the Methuen Officers who swiftly and effectively executed this search warrant and investigated today.” ♦

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House Passes Balanced Budget Funds Key Merrimack Valley Programs

Rep. Linda Dean Campbell
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

The Massachusetts House of Representatives voted to approve \$42.7 billion budget for the state's upcoming fiscal year. The budget includes notable investments in education, housing, and public safety while keeping in line with revenue projections to ensure balanced spending. The House budget makes major investments in education, housing, substance use disorder services, health care, and other areas while projecting a more than \$200 million deposit into the Stabilization Fund – bringing the fund's balance to more than \$2.5 billion to safeguard the future of vital programs and services.

The strength and collaboration of the Merrimack Valley House of Representatives Delegation contributed to much of our success this budget season.

I filed 17 amendments and worked closely with all members to secure \$600,000 for Methuen and Haverhill and the Merrimack Valley, including:

- \$300,000 for the Veterans Northeast Outreach Center in Haverhill
- \$200,000 to resurface the Methuen High School track
- \$50,000 for mental health services at Methuen High School
- \$50,000 for the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce

This funding will have a positive impact on economic development, education, mental health, and Veterans' services in our region. I also joined with Representatives Andy Vargas, Christina Minicucci, and Lenny Mirra to secure \$250,000 for the City of Haverhill to relieve debt still outstanding for Hale Hospital. The strength and collaboration of our Merrimack Valley delegation contributed to much of our success this budget season.

I also filed amendments adopted that allocated \$2.5 million for statewide programs, including:

- An additional \$750,000 for elder nutrition programs like Meals on Wheels
- \$1.2 million for the Transitional Youth Early Intervention Probation Program
- \$550,000 for Veterans' mental health services provided by Home Base

The Transitional Youth Early Intervention Probation Program, piloted by UTEC in Lowell in 2018, provides support services to young adults ages 18-24 who are on probation and at a high risk of reoffending. This age group has the highest recidivism rate in the state, and the pilot program was very effective in reducing recidivism and improving social outcomes.



The funding in the House budget will allow the program to double the number of individuals served.

Home Base is the first and largest private-sector mental health clinic in the state dedicated to serving Veterans of all eras and their families at no cost. The clinic, a partnership of the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital, has served over 21,000 Veterans living with mental health issues and has trained over 73,000 clinicians and first responders across the state on how best to respond to Veterans' mental health needs. The funding will help Home Base to establish a statewide Veteran suicide prevention campaign and expand its clinician training initiative, thereby ensuring that Veterans in all regions of the state can access compassionate care within their own communities.

As Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, I also worked closely with House Leadership to usher in the adoption of a bundle of amendments put forth by my colleagues that added \$1.03 million to the budget for Veterans' services. The amendments allocated funds for Veterans outreach centers, American Legion posts, Veteran-related organizations, and war memorial construction projects across the Commonwealth. Together, these amendments increased the House's investment in Veterans' services to over \$146 million.

The Senate will finalize its version of the state budget in late May. The House and Senate versions will then be negotiated before a final version is sent to Governor Baker's desk for review.

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

IN YOUR CORNER with SENATOR DIZOGLIO

My Commitment to Education

Dear Valley Patriot Readers,

As you read this, there is one conversation that is taking place in every city and town across the Commonwealth; it is a conversation that is of great importance and will impact every resident as community leaders contemplate budgets and residential tax rates.

This hot topic is education funding.

The current funding provisions ("Chapter 70") are outdated and frankly not providing the resources schools need to deliver a proper education to every student. The legislature is now tasked with resolving the education funding issue, and I am working with my fellow legislators to craft a solution that is both efficient and effective.

We have a great responsibility to provide an education that equips our students to be college and career ready upon graduation. In recognition of this duty, there is consensus in both the House and Senate that fixing Chapter 70 — the education funding law that has not been adjusted since 1993 — is among the most critical legislative priorities during this session.

There are currently several proposals from legislators in both the Senate and the House to reshape the way the state distributes additional funding for schools. While my first priority is equitable funding, it is also imperative that funding is provided in a manner that is efficient, effective, and responsible to the taxpayer.

Therefore, in crafting the funding "fix", we must simultaneously consider both where funds are allocated and how we will ensure that every dollar invested has a significant and positive impact on student performance. Accountability standards are essential to making sure that each dollar invested has maximum impact. We must see evidence of documented growth, establishing that students are acquiring the knowledge and skills for success beyond high school.

If we in the legislature truly believe our students are the most valuable resources of our Commonwealth, then we must make sure the conversations around education funding are not just about dollars and cents. We must discuss improving outcomes for ALL students, taking into account their various strengths, needs, and challenges.

We have a responsibility to embrace



each student, to make certain that each child has the opportunity to reach their personal best. We must consider how to effectively reach every student in our classrooms, including our most vulnerable students in our lowest-performing districts.

It is clear that improving education outcomes isn't just a matter of paying teachers more or improving the availability of technology in classrooms. But there are certain areas where increased funding is essential, and those areas include addressing the skyrocketing costs of special education services, mental health needs, and transportation. We must address these factors if we are serious about our commitment to providing all students access to a high quality public education. Providing funding in these areas will help our schools keep class sizes down and prevent further cuts that impact quality education, thereby improving the learning experience for all.

It is time for the Commonwealth to step up to the plate and lessen some of the financial burdens which for far too long have required so many school districts to do more with less. The funding inequities have also hurt cities and towns as they have had to cut city-side services to direct more resources to education. This funding issue therefore impacts every resident, and it deserves our prompt attention.

Would you like to add your two cents to this important conversation? Please send me an e-mail at Diana.DiZoglio@masenate.gov or call my office at (617) 722-1604 anytime.

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Where is the Mayor?

As taxpayers, we elect people to lead. It doesn't matter if the newly elected official ran unopposed or rose to the top from a crowded field of candidates. Once elected, you represent the city. You speak for the people of Methuen.

Mayor Jajuga's continued absences from the City Council meetings and the School Committee meetings show a lack of respect for the residents and taxpayers of Methuen. Through his Chief of Staff, Paul Fahey, we've been told the Mayor has excused himself from the meeting as he believes this is his right. In his place sits Paul.

Eighty percent of success is showing up. ~ Woody Allen.

I understand the demands of everyday life. Missing the occasional meeting is part of being human. However, Mayor Jajuga's absence is more than rare or even occasional. It is the norm and we deserve a leader who will show up.

If elected, it would be an honor to have a seat at the table and serve the people of



Methuen. As Mayor, I would be an active part of both the City Council meetings and the School Committee. I would work to attend each and every meeting to properly serve my fellow residents and taxpayers.

I am ready to lead.
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Daniel Shibilia ♦



Recently deceased head of Veteran's Northeast Outreach John Ratka, and Randy Carter the new head of the organization that helps homeless veterans.

Campbell Secures \$300K for Veterans Northeast Outreach Center in Haverhill

Representative Linda Dean Campbell of Methuen has successfully secured \$300,000 for the Veterans Northeast Outreach Center (VNOC) in Haverhill in a preliminary version of the annual state budget. The House of Representatives unanimously adopted the funding as part of a package of veteran-related appropriations.

Founded in 1985, the VNOC originally provided support and advocacy to Vietnam veterans and has since expanded to offer care to over 50,000 eligible veterans of all eras across the northeastern part of the state. The center's services include advocacy, referrals, educational and vocational support, and food and housing assistance. State funding ensures the center can continue to provide high-quality services to local veterans in need.

Representative Campbell, currently

serving as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, was proud to see the funding adopted. "The Merrimack Valley and surrounding committees are home to thousands of veterans and their families in need of critical services, from housing to addiction recovery to mental health care. Allocating funds to outreach centers such as the VNOC ensures veterans receive the services they need right away from individuals they know and trust," Representative Campbell said.

The House of Representatives finished their budget deliberations on Thursday, and a similar process will follow in the Senate in May. The House and Senate versions of the budget will then be negotiated before a final version is sent to Governor Charlie Baker's desk for review. ♦



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The North Andover Merchant's Association gave an award to Nancy Chippendale of Chippendale's Dance Studio for their 40th Anniversary doing business in the town of North Andover. Pictured with Nancy Chippendale is our good friend Andrew Firman North Andover Merchant's Association Vice President and owner of Firman Insurance in North Andover.



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Home Depots Donates Material and Volunteers to Renovate House of Mercy in Lawrence

Volunteers from 14 different Home Depot stores in New England showed up at the House of Mercy on Baystate Road with materials and workers to renovate the facility.

“They did painting throughout the building, refinishing the floor, air conditioning, installed shelving and did general cleanup for us. We are so grateful for this help,” said Carrie Wieland of House of Mercy.

House of Mercy is a day facility for the homeless in Lawrence, where they provide lunch, psychological counseling, job counseling, and help for addicts getting into detox.

“We also want to thank the Shaw’s warehouse in Methuen who provided lunch for the day; that was so nice of them. We also had some of the homeless veterans and homeless individuals pitch in and help out. It was a really nice day for all of us and now we have a much better environment



here.” Wieland says the store manager of the Home Depot in Methuen, Jairo Naranjo came to House of Mercy on Thanksgiving and volunteered and was so impressed with the work House of Mercy does that he offered

to help as part of their program. Wieland says that Home Depot has also volunteered to help give a facelift to two units of veterans housing, one in Groveland, MA and one in Rochester NH.

In both cases they are veterans who cannot live in their homes right now because they are condemned, and don’t have any money. So, Home Depot is going to fix up their homes for free. ◇

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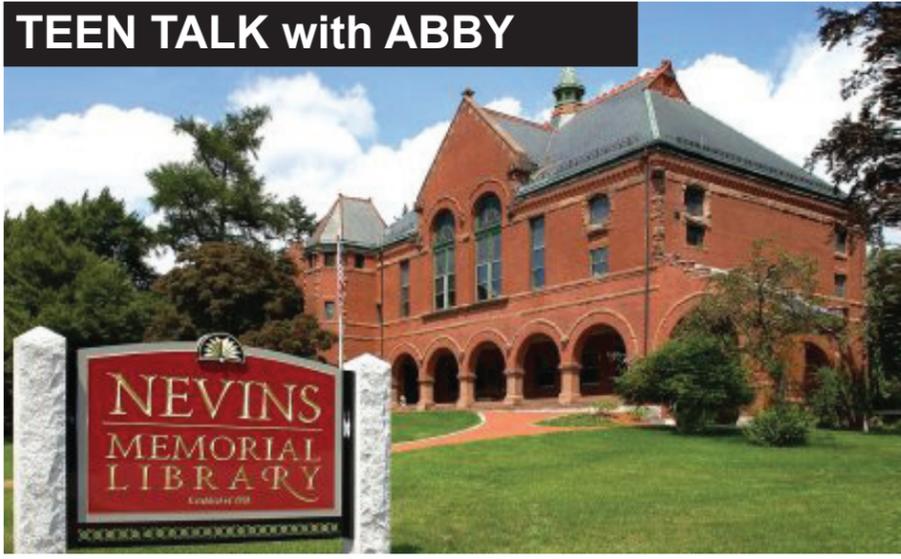
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TEEN TALK with ABBY



Abby Juknavorian
TEEN TALK COLUMNIST

As the time approaches for cities and towns to begin publishing and voting on their budgets, many fail to consider one of their town's biggest assets - the public library. In 2017 alone, Massachusetts libraries served a total of 6,780,743 civilians (MBLC).

So why is the constant threat of shutting down our state's public libraries still looming? Well, the one major issue that many people can agree on is the lack of funding and budget cuts from their city or town councils.

Why should the very people that want to help their towns put their best foot forward be reducing access to one of the people's most valuable assets?

For as long as I can remember, I've been going to the library. Whether it was for a story time, or an author visit, or even just to get some homework done, I can always remember it being a significant help and joy to me and my family.

Libraries in the digital age are portrayed as "failing" or "not able to keep up" with the demands of technology, but to be honest, if you walked into any library, I'm sure you would be pleasantly surprised. From access to computers and printing, to the expansive access to digital media, libraries are really keeping up with the needs and demands of those in their communities. Libraries are not just books anymore. They have become a social center for the community. Are you aware that your library offers book groups, author visits and public speakers on such topics as health, safety and

finance?

Did you know you could view movies, attend music concerts and enjoy viewing local art? Did you know that you can access movie downloads, e-books and e-magazines? And do you realize it is all free?

So, what can be done to help keep the libraries in our communities alive? The best thing is to keep using them. We have to continue to prove to our towns and cities that the libraries are just as important as schools, safety, and special community events.

They've become a staple in many people's lives. It gives citizens the opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, experience arts and culture, or just serve as a place to relax on a rainy day. Libraries are the end all, be all free center. In my town's library, over 500 people pass through the doors every day, excited to participate in fun free programs or even just feel assured that they will be welcomed and be able to find whatever they are looking for. I would hate to see these opportunities be taken away.

So as referenced in the beginning, let us contemplate the necessity, the importance and the fate of our public libraries.◇



Abigail Juknavorian is a junior in high school and a resident of Methuen. She is a member of the YMCA Youth and Government Press Corps and a delegate to the UMASS Lowell Model UN.

BAD PERSON: FROM 2

Clinton, Bush, Obama, Trump, Democrats, Republicans, not much has changed. They all play the same games (i.e. employment, war-mongering, crony capitalism), pitting Americans against each other, lying to us, making many believe that The American People, over 300 million strong, should bow down to the 535, or those in charge of their respective gerrymandered states. Many of the problems in this country, such as a growing and massive income disparity, are caused by policies of those who

continually screw us, and they're voted right back into office! Then again, those of us in Massachusetts do the same thing, we send those who instituted having the most secretive legislative, judicial, and executive branches of state government in the nation back to Beacon Hill. We're living in an era (and state) where personal liberty is attacked daily, in the name of political & ideological tyranny. Maybe I'll use my White privilege and have a criminal illegal alien serve me some more cake. ◇

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When God Says “Never” He Means It!

Peter Larocque
RELIGION COLUMNIST

Greetings and God bless you in Jesus’s Mighty Name! We celebrated one of the greatest days on the Christian calendar last Sunday, so with that I say, Happy Resurrection Sunday everybody! He is Risen indeed! And the same power that raised Jesus Christ up from the dead, now resides in us! We as Christians walk on Resurrection ground! What a blessed life we get to live all because our Lord and Savior is alive, His grave is empty! There is no other organization on planet earth that can say that! Amen!

Have you ever been told to never say never? Why is that? The truth is, man’s word cannot be trusted. But scripture tells us that God cannot lie, plus with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ we can put our total trust in God, that when He says never, He means it!

The word never in the Greek is a very strong, emphatic word, ou mee, meaning not at all, anymore, at all, by no means, by any means, neither, never, in no case, nor ever! So, when the word never is spoken, one must check the source of where it originated before you can absolutely and totally trust who is saying it.

Let’s acquire the help of the Apostle Peter, the one who seemed to always speak and answer even when a question has been or has not been asked of him. In Matthew 16:21-23, we read, “From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not, [never] be unto thee.” Who was right? Peter or Jesus? Of course, Jesus was right and thank God He was, because if Peter was right, we would be still in an unredeemed state! This is why Jesus’s response to Peter was very harsh which we read in verse 23 “But he turned, and said unto Peter, get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.”

There was another time when Peter suffered open mouth decease and that was at the end of the Last Supper which we read in Matthew 26:31-35, “Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.32

But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. 33 Peter answered and said unto him, though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. 34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crows, thou shalt deny me thrice. 35 Peter said unto him, though I should die with thee, yet will I not [never] deny thee. Likewise, also said all the disciples.” Again, who ended up being right? It happened exactly as Jesus said.

When Jesus used the word “ever” he also meant it, let’s read the following verses, John 4:14, “But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” John 6:35, “And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.” John 8:51-52, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keeps my saying, he shall never see death.” John 10:27-28, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” John 11:25-26, “Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”

Jesus tells us the same thing today, when we believe in him, we will Never, No Never, Thirst, or be hungry, we shall never perish and never die! Why can we trust him? Because of the Resurrection! The Resurrection of Jesus Christ challenges our thinking, our thought process of the concept of NEVER!

Now in complete contrast, the world, the prince of darkness, our adversary the devil, the accuser of the brethren, the father of lies uses the word never in his condemning way and labels us with accusations like:

- You will never: Amount to anything!
 - You will never: Be happy!
 - You will never: Be free from that addiction!
 - You will never: Recover!
 - You will never: Love again!
 - You will never: Have your own home!
 - This will never: Happen for you!
 - You will never Rebuild your reputation!
- But as we have seen, our Mighty God speaks a different Never! In conclusion, let’s read 1 Corinthians 13:8, “Char-

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BENEATH THE SURFACE

Are Most Young People a Lost Cause, or Just Lost?

Paul Murano
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Although my social media posts, website blurbs, and newspaper articles pull no punches in articulating my personal take on important issues, my teaching style is very different. My approach in the college classroom is objective and Socratic, allowing for students to think for themselves by following reason wherever it may lead. In philosophy classes I do not give my own conclusions or opinions on ethical issues in order not to short-circuit the learning process of students discovering and owning their own reasoned conclusions.

I have a tradition in that after the final exam is complete and the semester is officially over I invite students to voluntarily remain in class to ask me questions about where I personally stand on all the issues covered through the semester, and my reasons why. A good percentage of them usually remains.

I have two general observations to share from this accumulated end-of-semester experience:

The first observation is that there seems to be three general categories of young adults to consider. The first are those hungry for the truth. This is the majority. They have been raised in a culture of intellectual and moral chaos, causing utter confusion and dissatisfaction with their lives. Most of them sense an alternative to what the world offers, but do not know what it is. Their hearts are open. The second category of students includes those who aren’t ready for the truth. They know their thinking is inconsistent and unreasonable, but are not yet ready to examine or challenge themselves. This is often due to fear that truth may be too painful to handle at this point in their lives. The

third category are those whose hearts are closed and hardened. They harbor deep seated anger and animosity, often due to a perceived need to uphold a lie in order to justify their moral life choices. They unwittingly deflect onto others their own unconscious self-loathing. Fortunately, there is usually only one or two of these students per class. They are almost always female.

The second observation I have is that foreign students raised in non-western cultures tend to think more clearly than American students. They haven’t been formed in the nihilistic propaganda piped in through the media and confirmed by academia. They are virtually untouched by the poison of secular progressivism, and do not have the burden of having to sift through all the intellectual snares and moral pressures that haunt young Americans today.

All in all, for Americans and foreigners alike, I am rather hopeful that it may not be a lost cause. However, young people must be reached before they settle into middle age and become too comfortable or too angry to embrace the truth. Most of them are hungry for it now, as painfully confused as they may be. All they need are more sane people to rise up with courage and role model what a person of integrity looks like in a culture of denial. They want to be challenged, but need to see what wisdom and courage looks like, from more people like you.

Paul Murano teaches college philosophy and theology and is talk host of ‘Beneath the Surface’ radio show and podcast - where faith and reason meet. He also has a youtube page of videocasts, and is a solo musician who plays oldies and originals. Check out Paul’s website at Paulmurano.com, and email him at PJDM@aol.com.

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IN THE GROOVE with CNDY ANNIS

Paul Simon

Cindy Annis

HEALTH & WELLNESS COLUMNIST

Paul Simon was born to Jewish parents in Newark New Jersey on October 13, 1941. His real name is Paul Frederick Simon. When he was young, Simon, family moved to New York.

When Simon was thirteen years old, he started singing with his friend Art Garfunkel. They recorded under the name Tom & Jerry. The first record label they were on Big Records named the duo.

Although Simon loved music, he still went to college. By 1963, he graduated from Queens College with a degree in English literature. For one semester though, he did study at the Brooklyn Law School.

From 1957 to 1964, Simon worked as a solo artist under different names. Along with finding himself by recording under different pseudonyms, Simon recorded with different groups. He still, off and on, recorded songs with his friend Garfunkel.

By 1970, Simon and Garfunkel were no longer recording together. If you haven't already read my Simon and Garfunkel column, you can find it on the Valley Patriot website or by using Google.com.

Simon's first album came out in 1972. The album was simply called Paul Simon. From that album came two great songs "Mother and Child Reunion", and "Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard".

His next album, There Goes Rhymin' Simon, was released in 1973. From that album came "Kodachrome" and "Loves Me Like A Rock". By 1974 a live version called Live Rhymin was released.

By 1975, Simon had gotten a divorce from Peggy Harper. His next album Still Crazy After All These Years, showed the anger and frustration that Simon was going through at the time. The album did however win a Grammy for album of the year and also gave Simon his only #1 single "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover". After that album, Simon decided he wanted to try his hand at acting and was cast as Tony Lacey in the 1977 comedy Annie Hall.

He continued to work on the big screen when he starred in the movie One Trick Pony. The movie showed Simon being on the road and divorcing his wife while showing some tender moments with his son Mathew.

The soundtrack to the movie had the #1 song "Late in The Evening".

On January 28, 1985, forty-five pop singers got together to record "We Are

The World".

This song took four hours to record. The song was several puzzle pieces carefully put together. Paul Simon was the third singer with Kenny Rogers coming in with him. Along with the single, signed USA For Africa posters were sold with the proceeds going to the famine relief fund. A twelve page article in the April



addition of Life magazine showed many photos taken during the recording session. During drive time on April 5th which was Good Friday, over 8000 radio stations around the world played "We Are The World" at the same time 10:40. Later on in 1985, Simon went to Africa for

twelve days to work on his next album Graceland.

The entire Graceland album sounds awesome. Creating the album wasn't easy though. Since there was racial tension in South Africa, musicians that wanted to record with Simon, met with him and recorded music very privately. There was one racist incident with the Yo Yo Boys where they wouldn't cooperate with Simon during a recording session. After recording in Africa, Simon had to put the album together. He played back each track, and recorded lyrics. After receiving a cassette demo of "Homeless", Ladysmith Black Mambazo agreed to go to Abbey Road studios to record the song. After that, they all went to New York to finish the album. Before the album was released though, "Diamond On The Soles of Her Shoes" was performed on Saturday Night Live. The tour of the album was met with violence because they didn't want Paul to perform in Africa.

His next album Rhythm of The Saints came out in 1990. The album sounds like a sequel to the Graceland album.

Moving on to the September 11th attacks, Simon sang "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" on a Telethon.

In 2018, Paul Simon announced that he would no longer be recording or performing live. His departure from the music business was due to the lack of family time and the death of his guitarist Vincent Nguini.

I hope you enjoyed the Paul Simon story. Tune into Cindy's Vinyl Vault at 980 WCAP Radio. We play the best music from the 50s 60s, 70s, and 80s ever recorded. Cindy's Vinyl Vault is on Sundays at 10:00pm, Mondays at 11:00 pm, and Wednesdays at 10:00 pm. And remember folks, it's not how old it is, but how great it sounds! ♦

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TV TALK with BILL CUSHING



Which Streaming Service Is Right For You?

Bill Cushing

VALLEY PATRIOT TV COLUMNIST

Are you someone who would like to subscribe to a streaming service but you're not sure which one is the best? Or which one is the best fit for you? Hopefully I can give you a little guidance on the different streaming services and what each one has to offer to make your decision a little bit easier.

Netflix – Netflix is the king of the streaming services available. It was the first and, to date, offers the most content, including more original content, and more children's programming than any other service. Netflix offers unlimited streaming of TV shows, movies, comedy specials, and original programming for one monthly fee. You are able to create up to 5 profiles on a single account so that each member of your family has their own place to watch their favorite content. No other service compares with Netflix in terms of selection, quality of service, and performance. If you're someone who likes TV and wants to see original, quality content, Netflix is the one for you. Basic plans start at \$8.99/mo. HD plans are \$12.99/mo, and premium 4K plans are \$15.99/mo. (Notable Original Programming: Bloodline, Mindhunter, Orange Is The New Black, Stranger Things, Arrested Development, Grace & Frankie, Ozark, GLOW)

Amazon Prime Video – If you're someone who shops online a lot, then Amazon Prime is a no brainer. Not only do you get free two-day shipping on all of your purchases, but you also have access to Amazon Prime Video. This service has loads of movies, television shows, and original programming. The service also offers some a la carte options allowing you to purchase more programming, such as HBO and Showtime content, for an extra cost. Amazon Prime costs \$119 annually, or \$12.99 monthly. (Notable Original Programming: The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, Jack Ryan, Bosch, Goliath, Sneaky Pete, Transparent, The Man In High Castle)

Hulu – If you like to keep current with the latest TV shows and would rather not invest in a cable subscription, then Hulu might be your best option. Hulu provides access to most major network shows (except CBS programming) and also a handful of cable shows the day after they air. Hulu doesn't have as much original content as the other services, but there is a decent amount. Hulu is also the cheapest of all the streaming services with plans starting at just \$5.99/mo. This plan includes commercials, however they are much shorter breaks (60-90 seconds) than watching the same shows on TV. For \$11.99/mo. you can get all the same content commercial free. Hulu also offers

a Live TV option for \$45/mo. (Notable Original Programming: The Handmaid's Tale, Castle Rock, The Path, Chance, The Looming Tower)

Many of the major networks have their own streaming services that provide their programming commercial free and sometimes provides early access to episodes before they air. Some also have original content, such as CBS All Access.

CBS All Access offers exclusive original content like Star Trek: Discovery, The Good Fight, and the new Twilight Zone, as well as access to CBS catalog of shows such as Blue Bloods, Big Brother, Madam Secretary and more. It also offers live streaming of CBS television. All for \$5.99/mo. CBS is the first, and only broadcast network so far to offer a streaming service that has exclusive original programming.

Over the next year there will be more services introduced. Such as Apple TV Plus, and Disney Plus.

The upcoming Apple TV Plus is promising plenty of original content from some big name entertainers such as Steven Spielberg, JJ Abrams, Oprah Winfrey, Steve Carell, Reese Witherspoon, and Jennifer Aniston.

Disney Plus will feature Disney's huge catalog as well as original Star Wars and Marvel content.

There are also some service that offer live television for those looking to cut the cord completely. The best of these services is YouTube TV. This service provides access to more than 70 broadcast and cable networks plus regional sports networks. The service also includes unlimited DVR space to record all of your favorite programs. The service has one price, \$50/mo.

Other services for cord cutters are PlayStation Vue, SlingTV, and Philo.

All of these services are available in a variety of ways, such as through your Smart TV, streaming media players, game consoles, smartphones and tablets, and some cable providers.

I hope I've given you enough information to make an informed decision on which streaming service is the best one for you and your family.

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

Follow me on Twitter @ BillsTVTalk and on Facebook at BillsTVTalk for daily up-to-the-minute TV news and discussion. See you next month! ♦



LAROCQUE: FROM 15

ity [The Love of God] never faileth:" Hebrews 13:5, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will Never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

5 "Let your character [your moral essence, your inner nature] be free from the love of money [shun greed—be financially ethical], being content with what you have; for He has said, "I WILL NEVER [under any circumstances] DESERT YOU [nor give you up nor leave you without

North Andover Veteran Publishes 75th Anniversary D-Day Guidebook

NORTH ANDOVER - To commemorate the June 6, 1944, Normandy landings, North Andover author Kevin Dennehy has written a guidebook that helps tourists find monuments and other sites near the epic battle.

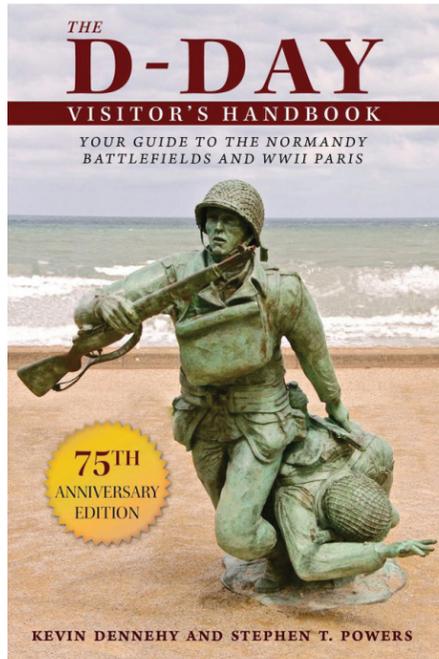
The D-Day Visitor's Handbook: Your Guide to the Normandy Battlefields and WWII Paris not only provides history about the battle, but describes the best places to visit as many people use Paris as a starting point, Dennehy said.

"Organizers expect more than 2 million visitors during June's 75th Anniversary. They will want to know what sites to see, where to stay and even shop," he said. "To take breaks from the many cemeteries and monuments, there is local cheese to eat and Calvados and cider to drink."

Dennehy first became interested in the Normandy invasion in 2001 when veterans visited his National Guard unit in Bosnia to tell incredible battle stories. "They were among the first waves of the landing force. Very brave men who were elderly then—and most are gone now," he said. "This year is the 75th anniversary, so it may be the last one where Normandy veterans attend at all. If we don't tell their tales, and commemorate where they fell, who will?"

After several trips to Normandy, and not finding detailed information on where to go and what to see, Dennehy decided to write a guidebook with Steve Powers, a retired history professor and U.S. Naval Academy graduate.

"I've been fascinated by the stories of valor for many years. However, my trips to Normandy were marred by driving around, getting lost and not knowing what were the most important sites to see," he said.



The book chronicles the off-the-beaten-path sites, not just the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach, which was made famous in the opening scenes of the 1990s movie, "Saving Private Ryan."

In addition, The D-Day Visitor's Handbook provides detailed battlefield maps, outlines tours and identifies memorials, hotels, restaurants and museums in Normandy and Paris.

Dennehy, a retired Army National Guard colonel, will be signing books at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2104 in North Andover on May 21st at 6:30 p.m.

The D-Day Visitor's Handbook: Your Guide to the Normandy Battlefields and WWII Paris, published by Skyhorse and distributed by Simon and Schuster, is available April 30th. ◇

North Andover Farmers Market Launches Veterans Program

NORTH ANDOVER – Building on the success of their first two seasons, representatives from the North Andover Farmers Market spoke before the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, rolling out their newest program in advance of their third season.

"The North Andover Farmers Market was formed as a way to serve our downtown, and to give back to our local community," said Christine Allen, Treasurer for the North Andover Farmers Market. "Over the last two years, one of our issues has been navigating programs that give lower income people the ability to buy fresh produce and foods at the farmers market."

Allen explained that the farmers market had spent the winter months working with the Town's Veterans' Services Office to develop a program that would increase access specifically for low income veterans.

"This idea started when [Planning Committee Chair] Phil DeCologero was approached by Veterans Services and asked how we could further open our market to veterans living on limited incomes," explained Allen. "After several conversations with Crystal Clunie and Joseph Leblanc from Veterans Services, Phil invited Crystal and Joe to a planning session and we were joined by Chris Palermo who is President of the North Andover Merchants Association. Together we developed a concept where we would raise funds to support a voucher program that we've dubbed the Veterans Food Security Initiative."

Allen, who spoke to the Board alongside Palermo and farmers market Volunteer Coordinator Hillary Stasonis, described the program.

"In a nut shell, we would like to make available to veterans, vouchers that would be redeemable at our market," said Allen. "Thanks to the generosity of the Merchants Association, we are here to ask the Board of Selectmen to accept our initial donation of \$2,000.00 in vouchers to the town for the specific use of our local veterans in need."

Stasonis explained that the donation would come in the form of \$5.00 voucher cards, and that their disbursement would be left up to the Town.

"We respect your judgement," said Stasonis. "Our Veterans Service Office is

regularly interacting with our veterans, and they strive to provide them with every type of possible support. This is a proud population that doesn't like to accept it, but they certainly deserve the help. By donating these vouchers directly to the Town – instead of us handing them out – Veterans Services can get these vouchers in the hands of the people they determine to be most in need."

Palermo lauded the program and the investment of local businesses in bettering the community.

"The North Andover Merchants Association organized 10 years ago, and I'm excited that we are continuing to develop and support programs that enhance our community for everyone," said Palermo. "This is one of the best examples of our organization helping our community. We created the farmers market to bring bodies downtown, and many of the vendors at the farmers market are also members of our organization. The Veterans Food Security Initiative helps give people the resources they need, while also making it easier for them to visit our downtown and further support its economy."

Due to his role in organizing the Veterans Food Security Initiative, DeCologero, who serves as a Selectman, recused himself from the vote and stepped out of the room. The remaining 4 Selectmen unanimously approved the acceptance of the donation.

While the initial amount of \$2,000.00 in vouchers was donated to the town, the Farmers Market Planning Committee is further funding the program by organizing a 2019 Season Kick Off to be held on June 13th at the Wine Connexion. Scheduled as a wine tasting from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., a limited number of tickets are selling for \$40.00, with proceeds to go towards supporting the Veterans Food Security Initiative. For more information, email info@northandoverfarmersmarket.org.

The 2019 North Andover Farmers Market is being sponsored by Lowell Five Bank. This is the third year that the bank has awarded the market \$15,000 for its operation.

The weekly market is located on First Street and opens on Sunday, June 16th. It will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every Sunday through September 29th. ◇

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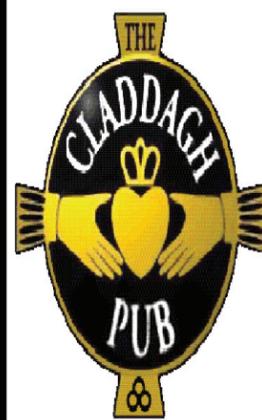
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MEDIA: FROM PAGE 2

portrayed as wearing masks and operating in gangs. Art really does imitate real-life with the Antifa pack mentality. Picture any other peaceful movement throughout history, including Martin Luther King and Gandhi. None of their supporters engaged in violence or sought to hide their identities despite the likelihood of beatings, bombings and mass imprisonments.

It has gotten so bad that a New Hampshire high schooler was advised not to wear her Trump t-shirt during American Pride Day at her school. It has gotten so insanely PC that a Haverhill teacher assigned an essay question:--“Is Trump a Fascist?” Which is kind of like stating:— “Was George Washington a terrorist, or was Mother Theresa an expert in guerrilla warfare?”

It is justified to drown out conservative speakers with bull horns, accost them in public domains, interrupt political leaders’ meals, invade their personal space, engage in physical assault and destruction of property and even harass families and children at their homes.

But in the twisted world of the Far Left, it is perfectly reasonable for UMASS-Amherst to host a Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) event for an organization with the stated goal of ‘eradicating the nation-state of Israel.’ A very questionable movement that has been labeled as anti-Semitic by the New England Anti-Defamation League, this pro BDS group will, sadly, be welcomed with open arms by many misguided, allegedly educated scholars and academics. Where is the campus support for a democratic and multicultural nation like Israel?

The sad thing about propaganda is that when followers are fed a steady diet of columns and essays about the Death of Democracy and other woefully ignorant historical analogies, they really can only regurgitate talking points like mindless

parrots. In their myopic world view, they are challenging the Orange Tyrant-- so nothing is off-limits. Propaganda has been repeatedly used as a weapon against a constitutionally elected president and his supporters. As reported in the NY Post, there were at least ten nationally covered cases of hoaxes, with the sinister goal of falsely implicating Trump supporters in fake hate crimes.

It is not too difficult to imagine the same people who bemoan MAGA hats and t-shirts in public having no shame in showing up at night with masks on at Tucker Carlson’s home when his wife and young children were about to retire for the evening. Meanwhile, their father was on the air using his first amendment rights and educating millions of viewers. But our side wants to destroy the Constitution?

When it comes to people from the Far-Left accusing my mainstream conservative brothers and sisters of supporting authoritarian rule, or grouping us with the

Alt-Right loons (neo-Nazis and KKK members), I would encourage those individuals to shut off the computer and pick up a history book instead. Maybe even go out and get some fresh air in the greatest constitutional republic the world has ever known.

Because if our nation has suddenly become such an insufferable dictator-

ship and such an inhospitable place to live and raise a family, why are hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens attempting to crash our border security every month, come in as refugees and overstay their visas? How did the Democrats even secure a peaceful transfer of power to the House of Representatives without bloodshed? Funny how, unlike 2016, there were no violent protests or riots from conservatives when elections didn’t go their way. The walking contradictions of the Far-Left are breathtaking at times! ◇



HEROES: FROM PAGE 1

of a US Army Cultural Support Team attached to a Joint Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. While serving on a Cultural Support Team Member on her first deployment to Afghanistan, Lt. Ashley White was killed during combat operations in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan on October 22, 2011 when the assault force she was supporting triggered an improvised explosive device.

From Pine Plains, New York, US Navy Senior Chief Shannon Kent spoke English, Arabic (four dialects), Spanish, French, and Portuguese. The US Navy denied Senior Chief Kent’s plans to attend a Naval Officer Commissioning Program in clinical psychology, because the 35-year-old mother of two had previously been diagnosed with thyroid cancer.

Despite that illness, the service considered her fit to deploy, and the linguist deployed on her fifth combat tour in November of 2018; when she was sent to Syria where she was killed in action on January 16, 2019. A wife, and mother of two, she leaves behind her husband, who is retired from the US Military and two sons, one three years old, the other eighteen months old. During her Memorial service, Senior Chief Kent was posthumously promoted to senior chief petty officer, awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and a Combat Action Ribbon. There is a growing grass roots effort to get a US Navy Warship named after her.

San Diego, California native, Lt. Jennifer M. Moreno, an Army nurse, was assigned to a U.S. Army Ranger unit. On the evening of Oct. 5, 2013, she was killed in action during a patrol that would take the lives of two additional Rangers, according to the San Diego Union Tribune. She received conflicting orders to both help a soldier wounded and trapped at an Afghanistan bomb-making compound and hold her position to avoid setting off another bomb in the mine-ridden area; the Army Times later reported this in 2014. Choosing to help her fallen comrades, Moreno moved forward, but detonated a mine that took her life. Capt. Amanda King, commander of Moreno’s Cultural Support Team, (the same type of Unit her sister in arms, Ashley White served in) later wrote in a eulogy: “None of us would have done what you did, running

into hell to save your wounded brothers, knowing full well you probably wouldn’t make it back.” Lieutenant Moreno was posthumously promoted to captain and awarded the Combat Action Badge, Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart. Many Veteran’s feel she should have been nominated for either the Medal of Honor or the Distinguished Service Cross.

Odds are that none of these six women never met, and several of them were not even born when US Coast Guard Pilot Colleen Cain gave her life in her effort to save others. However, they have one common bond; they all died serving our nation. Some were officers, some were enlisted Troops. A couple of these women were married, or engaged to be married, a few of them had children. They were all Americans dedicated to serving others and their nation. None of them will ever be able to use the title “Veteran”. Why? Because they all died while serving our nation on Active Duty. More importantly, they never will be able to watch their husbands grow old, attend barbeques and Little League games with their children, or have a grandchild nap in their lap. Only those that have served our nation in uniform can fully understand the commitment to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s “Four Freedoms” these young women made. What are you and your family doing on Memorial Day?

The Valley Patriot wishes the American Legion a Happy 100th Birthday! We invite all Veterans to protect their rights and benefits and help Brother and Sister Veterans, by joining the American Legion. Armed Forces Day May 18th honors those currently serving, Veterans Day November 11th honors those who served.

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



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A Million Lawsuits Are Coming, And About Time Too

Bharani Padmanabhan, MD, PhD
MEDICAL CORRUPTION COLUMNIST

And so it ends, with a whimper rather than the expected bang of a hundred billion dollar squeeze. Even before the lucre has been extorted out of pharma companies that make pain medicines, the CDC was forced to dissociate itself from guidelines it had created in the service of Brandeis' very own Andrew Kolodny, and his huge effort to demonize all patients with chronic pain as "addicts in heroin prep school" and that pain medicines are just "heroin lite."

This blatantly false narrative was fabricated to drive a national hysteria aimed at creating the right conditions for the successful shake-down of pharma companies in Judge Dan Polster's court. It itself is now a crime, apparently, when pharma executives write that they must increase sales.

The nation's leader in progressive policies, Oregon, went the furthest by decreeing that no one on Medicaid would have their pain medicine paid for, no matter what. If you are a patient on Oregon's single-payer plan who needs pain medicine, you are expected to do the progressive thing and commit suicide. Progressive Oregon won't pay for pain medicine that allows you to live a full life, but will pay for a doctor to kill you.

When medical organizations finally woke up to the plain fact that Oregon was dead serious, things finally began to move in a positive direction. Numerous doctors applied moral and professional pressure on the CDC because its "opioid guidelines," written for the most part by Kolodny and his outfit, PROP, were unscientific, inhumane, exclusively responsible for hundreds of suicides and provided the Federal excuse that states needed to throw pain patients off their single-payer plan.

These same "guidelines" had previously been rejected by the scientific committees at FDA as incompatible with the principles of medicine. Naturally, Charlie Baker and Maura Healey had found Kolodny instantly appealing.

And in a less agile version of the AIDS activism of the mid-80s, pain patients testified at government hearings in concerted numbers, some from their stretchers, and ensured that they were finally recognized as human beings who deserved to live and

get their ailments treated.

So how did the CDC announce its long-deserved mea culpa? It issued a "clarification" and declared that tapering all patients off pain medicine quickly was harmful and that chronic pain patients on stable doses need not be tapered off at all.

CDC then bemoaned that others had "misapplied" its "guidelines" when they had been just guidelines and not rules. This was rich given that CDC knew that everyone would apply them as federal rules, and were promoted as such.

Charlie Baker certainly did so immediately and refused to pay for pain patients on Medicaid (MassHealth) who had been stable and productive for years.

What was even worse was the open intimidation of patients who tried to pay cash for their pain medicine when Medicaid refused to pay for their care. These patients were labelled as criminals by pharmacy chains and flagged as addicts in the government's prescriptions database, to ensure they would be refused care by other doctors, just like progressive China's Social Credit Score. So they couldn't get insurance coverage, couldn't pay cash, and couldn't switch doctors.

And Charlie Baker says he loves America.

Thankfully we now have CDC's "clarification" and already lawsuits have begun against so-called physicians who harmed their pain patients and abandoned them. Class action law firms too are looking closely at how to hold responsible those who consciously blocked access to well-known medicines that have been in use for thousands of years.

VP readers may recall my friend Bo, a patriotic veteran and grandfather, who hanged himself because Brockton Hospital's Indian pain doctor valued complying with political directives above upholding the principles of medicine, and caused him severe harm. Such doctors do not deserve to be licensed to practice medicine and must not be allowed near patients ever again.

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The Importance of Sleep in Your Diet

Rick Bellanti
HEALTH & WELLNESS COLUMNIST

Lack of sleep in your life can for sure make you miserable, cranky and over tired the next day. In the long run, skimping on sleep can mess up more than just your mood. Studies show getting quality sleep on a regular basis can help improve all sorts of issues, from your blood sugar to your workouts.

In the US there are over 40 million people that have a chronic sleep disorder, which is a disruption of a normal sleep pattern that is persistent and will last for more than three months. These are Insomnia, Restless Leg Syndrome (RLS), Sleep Apnea and Narcolepsy. The most common of the sleep disorders is insomnia, right now there are over 70 million people who suffer from insomnia and 29% of adults have reported to sleep less than six hours a night regularly.

If you are experiencing sleepless nights, there are a variety of treatment options for it including: medications, relaxation techniques and aroma therapy to name a few. If you are experiencing Secondary Insomnia, then you should talk to your doctor and discuss what therapy option might be best for you, depending on the condition you currently have that is keeping you from a good night's sleep.

When you're not sleeping properly, you will notice you will have an issue trying to remember things. That's because sleep plays a big part in our memory. Without enough sleep over time, it's tough to focus and take in new information. Your brain also doesn't have enough time to properly store memories so you can pull them up later. Proper sleep lets your brain catch up so you're ready to recall details better and keep your memory sharp.

There are 18 million people who suffer from Sleep Apnea. Sleep apnea is a common disorder where there are pauses in breathing because the airway collapses or becomes blocked during sleep; this may occur up to twenty or thirty times in an hour. It is typically a chronic condition that disrupts your sleep and often as a result, the quality of your sleep is poor. It is more common in people who are overweight but it can affect anyone. Sleep apnea is a chronic condition that requires long-term management. Life-

style changes, mouthpieces, surgery, and breathing devices can successfully treat sleep apnea in many people.

Getting enough sleep also boosts your mood. While you are sleeping your brain is still working in the back ground and processes your emotions, so it needs this rest time to keep your thoughts positive throughout the day. If you do not rest properly and have your brain do its job, then you will have negative thoughts throughout the day. So, yes, sleep will help keep you in a positive mood.

Right now in the US there are over 200,000 people suffering from narcolepsy, which is a disorder that causes periods of daytime sleepiness. This condition is brought on by not sleeping well at night and some people who have the disorder fall asleep suddenly, even if they're in the middle of talking or eating. Narcolepsy has no cure, but medicine and lifestyle changes again can improve symptoms.

Sleep deprivation is a major cause when you've hit a plateau on your weight loss and can even lead to weight gain. Lack of sleep slows your metabolism and raises your level of cortisol in your brain. A few columns ago we talked about cortisol levels in your brain and how it is the stress hormone that stimulates hunger. Studies have shown that insufficient sleep can cause the release of additional cortisol making it even harder for you to lose weight. The recommended sleep for an individual is between 7 and 8 hours a night.

Besides robbing you of energy and time for muscle repair, lack of sleep saps your motivation, so in order to stay motivated and workout you need the proper rest before and after your workouts.

Remember, a good night's sleep will help you in your journey to better health, helping you lose weight, keep you more alert during the day, improve your memory, reduce inflammation and reduce stress. Good-night and sleep well my friends.

Rick Bellanti is a wellness columnist and is on a journey himself to lose 240lbs. and has lost 160 lbs. since the start of 2015. If you have any questions or comments, please post them to his Getting Healthy with Rick Bellanti Facebook page and once a month he will address a few of the topics here. ♦

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PLEASE: FROM 8

view Committee has voted unanimously to support that repeal, more than 15 years after the legality of the bylaw was first challenged in federal court.

Whether it's getting rid of an unconstitutional law or ensuring everyone has equal rights, town citizens shouldn't have to ask for legal help to ensure our town government follows the law. Free speech shouldn't stop at the town line in Dracut. No one and no town should be above the

law. Altogether, now:
"Oh, please..."



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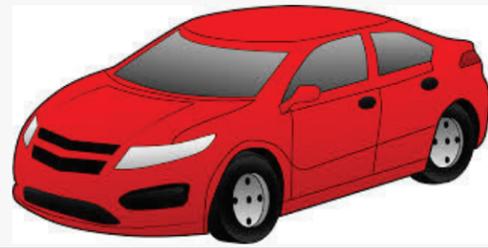
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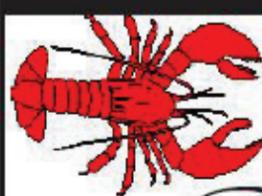
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ANDOVER

Michael Gastaldo & Emily Kristen Gastaldo, Daniel J W & Tanja C King, \$691,000, 38 Argilla Rd
Thirty Two Park Street Properties LLC, 32 Park Place LLC, \$1,100,000, 32 Park St
Nancy M & Paul A Montalbano Trs & Montalbano Family Trust, Yakov & Britany P Rrytblat, \$910,000, 8 Nollet Dr
April J & Renato H Luis, Anthony Lawrence & Stacey Schaedler, \$640,000, 119 Rattlesnake Hill Rd
Diane LeBlanc, Merrimack College, \$650,000, 33 Fox Hill Rd
D & P Realty TruSt.II & Patrick D O'Keefe Tr & David A O'Keefe Tr , Shawn K & Donna M Breen, \$215,000, 80A Washington Park Dr.Unit 1
Scott L Hill Tr & LeonaRd.V Hill & Carole A Hill Irrevocable Trust, Ronald D Wiltshire Jr, \$440,000, 45 Marilyn Rd
Mark P & Melissa A Richards, Ahmet Ozalp & Esen Ynoqa Ozalp, \$565,000, 183-187 Andover St
Estella Y Peng & Timothy Shaotien Peng, EdwaRd.T Egan, \$230,000, 10 Maple Ave Unit 1
Shay Real Estate Development LLC & Shannon M Cronin, Paul & Jeanne M Ahern, \$660,000, 71 Osgood St
Cassandra Ann Silva/Cassandra Ann Stack, Timothy Shaotien Peng & Estella Yuntzu Peng, \$306,000, 16 Balmoral St.Unit 207
Victoria Cassell & Kevin Dunlevy, Ashleigh S & Erol Erturk, \$550,000, 6 Haven Dr
Philips North America LLC, Atlantic-Minuteman Realty LLC, \$36,000,000, 3000 Minuteman Rd
Sanjay M & Jeanette S Kulkarni, Firas A Kudsi & Olla Midani, \$460,000, 371 North Main St
Arthur S Durling Tr & Sandra P Durling 2002 Revocable Trust, Hillside Realty TruSt.& David Schneider Tr, \$425,000, 174 Haverhill St.Unit 331
Maple Avenue TruSt.& Mabel Stefanidis Tr & George Vasiliades Tr, Scott P Anderson, \$565,000, 55 Maple Ave
Beatrice H Pattullo TruSt.& Brian J Pattullo Tr , James B Connor & Jodie R Friot, \$405,000, 76 Stevens St
Charles D & Laurie M Davis, Sathyanarayan Jagnathan & Shilpa Ananthakrishnan, \$760,000, 11 Woburn St
19 Greybirch Road TruSt.& Carol A Boileau Tr, Anne Marie Concemi, \$715,000, 19 Greybirch Rd
RichaRd.M Hudak II & Mary Jay Hudak, 58 Stevens LLC, \$350,000, 68 Stevens St
Cattle Crossing LLC, Steven M & Mary Elizabeth Pritchard, \$492,500, 2 Clark Rd
Donald S & Hillary M Mamis, Joseph N

& Leslie JB Kim, \$525,000, 20 Copley Dr
Michael E & Maureen C Fitzsimmons, Bryan & Ronni Jeanne Cavener, \$765,000, 9 Jefferson Ln
William D & Sarah S Letsky, Hillary & Donald Mamis, \$806,500, 10 Blackberry Ln
Anthony P Iovino & John E Iovino Living TruSt.& Blossom Campbell Tr , Pisith & Ran Beng, \$460,000, 260 River Rd
Gregory S & Debra L Baletsa, Lin Ding & Rongguo Xu, \$625,000, 27 Brady Loop
Susan S Barry, John R & Ashley L Fishback, \$676,000, 3 Deerfield Wy
10 Main St.LLC, 32 Park Place LLC, \$50,000 , 10-16 Main St
James C Alex & Angela M Alex, Alexander R Boeglin & Alison M O'Malley, \$1,249,999 , 112 Abbot St
Lupine Realty TruSt.& David A Hawkins Tr, Lawrence A & Ann T Way, \$230,000, 247 North Main St.Unit 4
Thomas & Bernice T Karagiorgos, Joseph Mark & Paola Saucier, \$370,000, 13 Shepley St
Jenkins Road Nominee TruSt.& RichaRd.B Osterberg Tr, 166 Jenkins Realty LLC, \$445,000, 166 Jenkins Rd
Susan MacLeod, Chevaun Daniele Morrison-Smith & Kara Teresa Morrison-Smith, \$368,000, 3 Reservation Rd.Unit 3
Renee M Lehmann & Jennifer Renee Lehmann/Jennifer Mize, Christopher A & Amberle Scharf, \$781,000, 50 Maple Ave
Dennis F & Patricia A Hunt, Andrew R & Samantha M DeSantis, \$610,000, 15 Arundel St
Bryan J & Ronni J Cavener, Ethan Chang & Michelle Chen, \$650,000, 3 Danforth Cir
Niles Overly & Arlene Marie Fedorchak, Jianqin Tong, \$1,407,000, 154 Main St
Geoffrey Todd & Caitrin Shiels Adelman, Aaron & Julie Green, \$535,000, 47 Gould Rd
Thomas E & Carolyn B Kelly III, Stacey & Brian Spurr, \$710,000, 22 Woodhaven Dr
Timothy P Flynn & Jeanne E Trogan, Nicole & Joseph T Barbagallo, \$1,175,000, 3 Shadow Ln
Tara M Griffin/Tara M McAuliffe, Rory & Ashley Tannebaum, \$420,000, 75 High St
Twin Birch Development LLC, Thomas E & Carolyn B Kelly III, \$1,200,000, 6 Monarch Ln
John R & Ashley L Fishback, Kyle Nally, \$525,000, 8 Marland St
Joel E & Betsy L Brother, Alexander Olson & Heather Olson & Margo Olson, \$805,000, 7 High Plain Rd
Phillip & Patrice Pierce Family Living TruSt.& Phillip T & Patrice E Pierce Trs , Matthew J Davidge & Leah M Anciello, \$700,000, 12 Olympia Wy
Meghan M Barrett/Meghan Agganis & George Agganis, Equity TruSt.Co, \$207,000, 40 Colonial Dr.Unit 40-2

Carlos W & Karen G Soto, Sean McNabb & Melissa Deanne, \$665,000, 9 Charlotte Dr
Mary Margaret Hughes & Kathleen A Hughes, Hanli Wang, \$188,000, 20 Washington Park Dr.Unit 12
James S Katiskas, Olivia Reeve & Peter Christian Reeve & David Issac Stickley, \$630,000, 349 South Main St
Wiliam J & Penelope P Cox Trs & Penelope P Cox Revocable Trust, Jessica L & Albert W Vanderlaan Trs & Vanderlaan Family 2017 Revocable Trust, \$869,900, 16 Algonquin Ave
Ewa Pawlik, Alexander Campbell, \$199,000, 9 Longwood Dr.Unit 11

LAWRENCE

Ruben Lassus, Tatiana & Carlos Ortiz, \$307,400, 15 Hallenan Ave
Maria E Moreta & Franklin Bautista Garcia, Ana R Granillos & Jose S Montoya Granillos, \$498,000, 24-26 Poplar St
Juana I & Ramon E Cruz, Diana P Cruz, \$380,000, 407-409 Prospect St
Yandra Lantigua, Luz M Arias, \$245,000, 219 Lawrence St.
Glen P Sweetser, All Day Enterprises Inc, \$150,000, 68 Holly St
Nunez LLC, 59-71 Merrimack LLC, \$2,800,000, 59-71 Merrimack St
Lazarus House Inc, Victor Morales & Rosa Rios, \$278,000, 22 Greenwood St.
Carole A Goterch, Epifanio A & Candita S Sanchez, \$180,000, 3 Woodland St.Unit 2
Diverse Real Estate LLC, AA Real Estate Group LLC, \$480,000, 62 Washington St
Joel Ivan Vinas, Henderson Martinez & Manuel Anziani, \$399,000, 69-71 Kendall St
Ngark Searth & Tiffany Neang, New England Properties Management LLC, \$299,000, 56-58 Vine St
Frank A Sarcia Jr, Matthew L Rasetta, \$100,000, 11 Lawrence St.Unit 509
Farhia M Mohammed, Mahdi A Hassan, \$281,000, 3-5 Nightinglae Ct
PTR Properties LLC, Tomper02 LLC, \$675,000, 274-276 Hampshire St
Norma E Guevara , Herminia M Guzman & Francisco Heredia, \$270,000, 14 Border St
US Bank N A TR, Mercedes Ramirez & Antonio Bonilla, \$240,000, 15 Clarke St
Wanny De Los Santos & Niobys C Diaz, Juan Bernardo Maldonado, \$215,000, 173 Olive Ave Unit A
Susan J Davis, Ryan Rourke, \$306,000, 78 Wachussets Ave
Paul R & Carol A Rebinskas, RJJM LLC, \$272,000, 17-19 Tewksbury St
Yokatia E Rodriguez, Jenifel P Sanchez, \$310,000, 27-29 Mount Auburn St
Nancy M Fay, Chloe LLC, \$465,000, 633

Haverhill St
Mercedes De La Cruz Tr & Mercedes De La Cruz Revocable Trust, Sheyla C Pantaleon & Rose E Pantaleon De Martinez & Carlos M Martinez Rosario, \$350,000, 133-135 Lexington St
Olde Linden Realty LLC, TMJJ LLC, \$625,000, 226-232 Common St
Rosanlilly M Ynoa-Tavarez & Walvy Manuel Rodriguez, Maria Fernanda Villa Hernandez, \$215,000, 63 Mann St.Unit C
Christopher L Estevez, William J Batista, \$212,500, 349 Water St.Unit 349
Luisa A Medrano, Agustin Rosario, \$445,000, 33 Hudson Ave
Esperanza Caimares, Alejandra Giraldo Mella, \$340,000, 45 Abbott St
Keene Family TruSt.of November 27 2012 & Cornelia B Quinn Tr, Francisco Cabrera Santana & Victoriano Roque, \$450,000, 218-220 Bailey St
Morrison Family TruSt.LLC, Juan & Jennifer Gonzalez, \$305,000, 543 Mount Vernon St
Daniel M & Tanya G Smart, Lauriann Fuller, \$272,500, 32 AmherSt.St
Wells Fargo Bank NA Tr, CHLOE LLC, \$226,000, 274-276 Salem St
Chloe LLC, Silva Management & Acquisitions LLC, \$285,000, 274-276 Salem St
Hiep Truong, Thuy C Bui, \$385,000, 267-267A South Broadway
Juana P Hernandez/Juana Interiano, Nelson A Rodriguez, \$349,900, 208 Olive Ave
Dilcia Almonte, Jesse Ortiz, \$470,000, 54-56 Osgood St
Gregory M Sarna, George Koontz, \$268,000, 9 Halsey St
Gillis J Rodrigue/Gilles Rodrigue, Modesto Maldonado, \$175,000 , 127 Arlington St
Alitza Gonzalez, Michelle Silverio & Hanniel Victorino-Mejia, \$192,000, 3 Woodland St.Unit 11
Luis Velazquez, Jean Carlos Ramirez & Guillermina R Puello De Ramirez, \$251,500, 84 Warren St
Renits Vega & Jocelyn Vega & Nitza Vega/Nitza Castillo, Edilenia Reyes Paulino, \$428,000, 62-64 Greenwood St
Target Asset Recovery LLC, German D Tavarez Diaz, \$169,900, 91 Springfield St.Unit 1
RichaRd.Damiano, Billiken Investments LLC, \$14,500, 29 Summer St
Sui V Thu Tr & Truong Muoi Tr & Thu Truong 2013 Trust, Dario C Manon, \$544,000, 183-189 Farnham St
David J Zappala & Judith C Caplan & Agnes B Zappala Life Est, Sylvia Rivera, \$271,000, 60 Durso Ave
Lebel Investments LLC, NSG Sargent Real Estate LLC, \$1,550,000, 572-574 Essex St
Bowdoin Capital Group LLC, Nunez LLC, \$232,500, 105 Winthrop Ave
Rolando & Charleen N Suliveras, Benjamin & Veronika Reynolds, \$320,000, 28 Ridge Rd.
Cedar Properties Inc, Steven Realty LLC, \$200,000, 144-154 Butler St
Cedar Properties Inc, SSt.LLC, \$200,000, 156, 160-162 Butler St
Socorro Ortiz, Antonio Ramirez, \$210,000, 2 Hall St.Unit A
Marcelino Tejada & Ana Maria Eduardo, Gamaliel Vazquez, \$502,750, 1-3 Reservoir Ter
Diverse Real Estate LLC, Tomas Mejia Grullon, \$130,000, 157B Andover St
Cesar Diaz & Nieves Toribio, Catalina De La Cruz & Daniel A De La Cruz & Marlin Olivares De La Cruz, \$434,000, 62-64 Eutaw St
Paris M & Cecilia A Abate, Mizel Rivas, \$277,900, 328 High St

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Nilsa Ocasio, Mirkalyz Castillo, \$310,000, 4 Roberta Ln
 Teodosia Cabrera, Elin E Vargas & Carolin M Pena, \$500,000, 83-83A Spruce St
 Tony S & Angela M Sarkis, Yudeisy C Arias, \$315,000, 10 Hofman Ave
 Janice C Paradis, Jason Paradis, \$200,000, 56 Railroad St
 Charles Hope Co LLP, Chris-Sco Corp, \$117,500, 105-107 Prospect St
 Bruce Prince, Antonia C Tejada, \$250,000, 52A Osgood St
 Mearn Bo & Chantrea Yim, Eduardo Gomez, \$390,000, 64 Shattuck St
 Angel L Colon & Paula Gonzalez, Gabriel James Gallindo, \$260,000, 251 Prospect st
 Jenny C Marte, Adam McClellan, \$700,000, 73 Elm St
 Brendan & Sarah-Ann Anderson, Edgar & Leysiee Quiles, \$347,500, 20 Ridgewood Cir
 Michael M Silfa, Voltaire Reyes-Aponte, \$230,000, 4 Ellis St.
 David M DeFillippo Tr & Andrew D DeFillippo Tr & NB DeFillippo Irrevocable Trust, Natalia Rosa Da Silva, \$360,000, 88 Myrtle St
 Rosemary Sanchez & Roberto Herrera, Rafinel Castillo, \$247,000, 184 Park St
 Rosaury Caraballo, Robin E King, \$280,000, 2 Hobson St
 Thomas G Clark Tr & MT Bond II Realty Trust, Mariela Toribio, \$465,000, 9-11 Inman St.

METHUEN

Joanne E Delaney Tr & J E Delaney Realty TruSt. & Paul L Delaney, Gregory S & Debra L Baletsa, \$520,000, 4 Beeston Ln Unit 12
 Solange Acevedo, Juan Perez Rodriguez & Pascuala Rodriguez & Dario Rodriguez, \$530,000, 91-95 Center St
 Mariano & Beth Ann Aviles, Edwin F Andrade & Julian Moreno Sierra, \$295,000, 48 Coolidge St
 Thomas & Jacqueline A Bouley, Nicholas & Alexandra Andrews, \$215,000, 33 Constitution Wy Unit 33
 EdwaRd.A Hanson, John & Elizabeth Kella, \$349,000, 7 Tyler St
 Marie Doyle, Catherine A Ball, \$214,900, 45 Christopher Dr. Unit 128
 Frank J & Carol A Quinn, Michael Cameron, \$401,500, 13 Pleasant St
 Amy E Lavina, Mark B & Patience B Sandrof, \$425,000, 6 Gloucester St
 John Campbell Est. & John Timothy Campbell Est. & Carol Pye, Nathan Brown, \$285,000, 77 Clayton Ave
 Toll MA IV LLC, Matthew D & Tamara T Monesmith, \$820,993, 7 Sequoia Dr. Unit 108
 Toll MA IV LLC, Saifur & Sayeeda Rahman, \$860,000, 24 Pine Tree Dr. Unit 18
 Robert Koczat Tr & Koczat Family Nominee TruSt. & James Koczat Tr, Rosa Rivera, \$235,000.00, 20 Weisner Pkw
 White Realty TruSt. & Alfred Giuffrida Tr, Eugene J Breston Jr & Stephanie A Bova, \$230,000, 72 Tower St
 Norma L Henderson, Joseph Barbagallo LLC, \$177,500, 202 Pleasant Valley St
 Ciara I Dimou & Walter E Cook, Sean MacDonald Hayes, \$460,000, 40 Cochrane Cir
 George & Barbara E S Ridley, Fernelis Cuevas Reyes, \$299,000, 6 Weisner Pkw
 Maureen White & David R Csokmay, RJP Construction & Development Inc, \$190,000, 1 Riverview Blv Unit 3-205
 Ariel A Montas, Facundo Bergallo, \$455,000, 10 Autumn Ln
 Tara Ann Coccozza/Tara A McDonald, Hoa T Tran, \$180,000, 375 Merrimack St. Unit 14
 Lori J Chretien, Nancy Nguyen, \$270,000, 64 Union St
 Silva Management & Acquisitions LLC,

Olmedo A Jaime-Alvarez & Orialis Jaime, \$465,000, 77 Brown St
 Alba N Castillo, Maritza A & Franklin B Brito, \$215,000, 24 Golf Ave
 Diane Piersall, Joseph & Christine Weeden, \$175,000, 945 Riverside Dr. Unit 290
 Two Lip LLC, Vorsprung Durch Technik LLC, \$550,000, 0-8 Marshall St
 Marina Sinaci, Eryk B Sylva, \$585,000, 185-187 Merrimack Rd
 John J Bucu Jr Tr & Paul Bucu Tr & James M Bucu Tr & PJJ Realty Trust, James M Bucu, \$90,000, 211 EaSt.St
 ALCRO Development LLC, Joseph L & Linda M Rynne, \$505,000, 7 Ashley Ln Unit 47
 Steven & Marilyn Vounessea, Lorraine Mary Farrell, \$580,000, 12 Emmons Wy Unit 119
 William B & Christine M Lussier, Kevin Huynh & Khuyen Pham, \$379,900, 46 Lisa Ln
 Union Park Investments LLC, Tupac Cachimuel & Amparito Burga, \$334,000, 8 Byron Ave
 Platinum Real Estate LLC, Taylor J Healey, \$317,000, 1 Riverview Blv Unit 1-102
 Dylan & Raisa Cuccio/Raisa Sheikh, Matthew & Thessalea Churinske, \$350,000, 7 Barry Ave Unit 1
 Frank J & Lisa A Santos, Quy & Phan Pham & Nhung Nguyen, \$347,500, 2 Meriline Ave
 Toll MA IV LLC, Michael G & Nancy L Marshall, \$647,152, 89 Pine Tree Dr. Unit 65
 Eric C Dupaul, Renoldine Ange Lucie Elien & Devinder Singh Gill, \$380,000, 62 Worcester St
 Suzanne Delrossi/Suzanne Bradley, 60 Cornelia Road Realty LLC, \$15,000, Cornelia Rd
 Ephrem A Karam & Fadia Y Azzi, Susana A Lopez, \$179,900, 9 Curtis St. Unit 9
 Francisco & Christine A Marte, Hanh Doan, \$472,500, 188A Pleasant Valley St
 5 Branch Street Realty LLC, MCP II Branch Street LLC, \$10,000,000, 5 Branch St
 Joseph J & Patricia R Pawlick Jr, Marilyn Spongberg, \$397,900, 6 Aberdeen Rd
 Toll MA IV LLC, Fazil Mahmood Zakaria & Yasmeen Mahmood Zakaria, \$759,000, 26 Pine Tree Dr. Unit 19
 Toll MA IV LLC, Andre T Baynes, \$623,685, 64 Pine Tree Dr. Unit 133
 Sedaine & Kerlande Joseph, Adan Beltran, \$500,000, 78 Union St
 Union Park Investments LLC, Jarlin M Gomez & Leidy J Zapata, \$372,000, 43 Riverview Blv
 Balvin & Barbara Lewis, Neftali & Jane Carmona, \$235,000, 29 Burgess St
 Mollica 2017 TruSt. & Mario & Rosemary Mollica Trs, Balvin & Barbara Lewis, \$410,000, 9 Hickory Ln
 Kristine M Maginnis, Mark R & Mary Scione, \$234,000, 20 Washington St. Unit 13C
 Alfred A & Vivian M Abate, Steven R & Luce D Bard, \$30,000, Bay State Rd
 Ryan Rourke, Lap D Nguyen & Tuyet A Luong, \$519,900, 622 Prospect St
 James E & Lisa M Swarbrick, Stephen G Tetrault & Lynne Avallone Novello, \$344,000, 70 Currier St
 Thomas J BradfoRd.III & Lorriane A Burns, Matthew R Brophy, \$280,000, 5 Smith Ave
 Kathleen Lavoie, Robert J & Ashley M Parent Jr, \$310,000, 14 Somerset St
 G Robert Christy & Christian Barr, Elane Ave LLC, \$52,500, Elane Ave
 G Robert Christy & Christian Barr, Glenn P Corbett, \$52,500, Lengthy Ave
 Sylvia Chiang Revocable TruSt. & Sylvia Chiang Tr & Yunn Hui Chiang Tr, Karen Kachel, \$263,000, 21 Hampshhire Rd. Unit 409

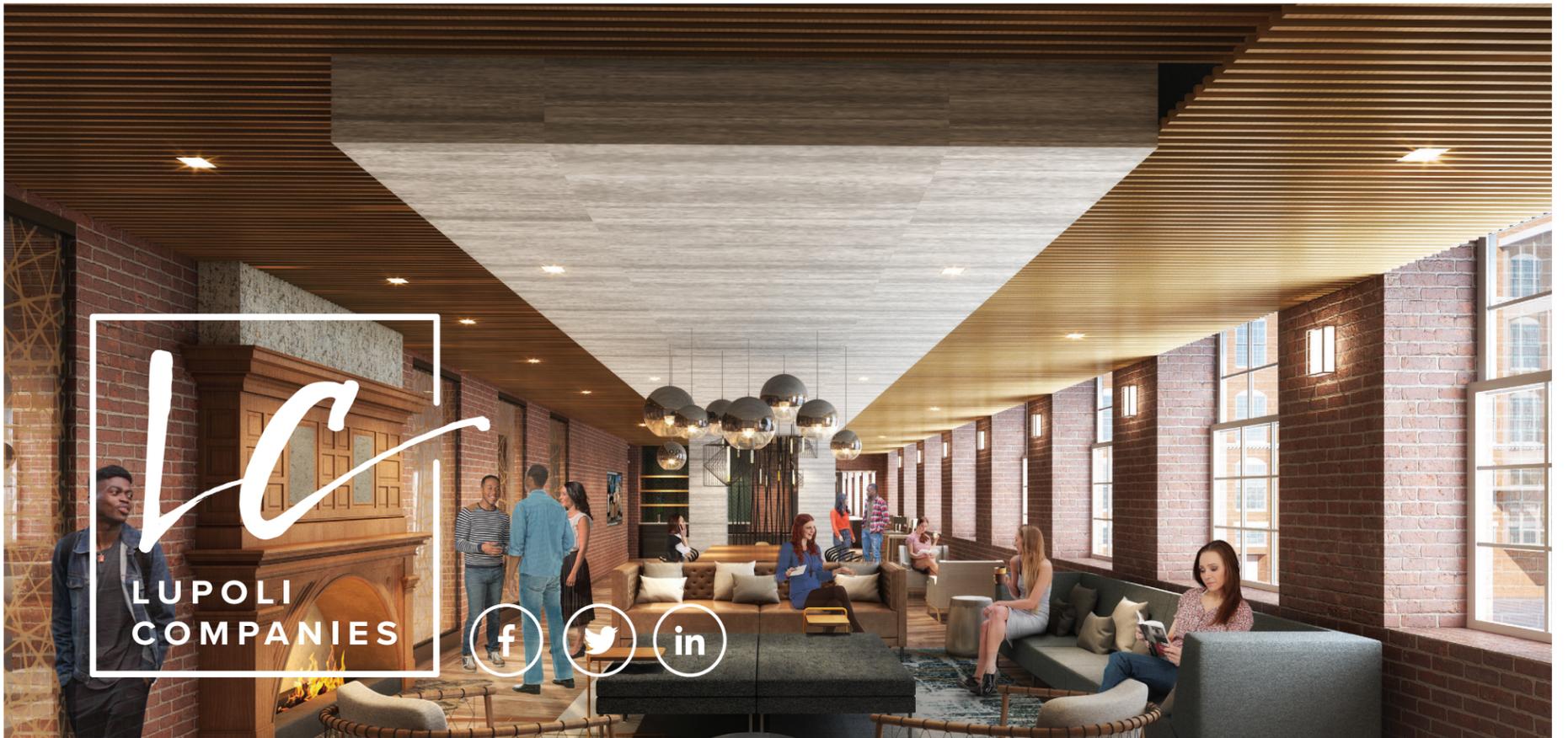
Barbara J Kilkelly Est. & Ann M Doyle, Jerry W & Pamela J Lewis, \$525,000, 78 Sherwood Dr. Unit 214
 Carol Ann Mahoney/Carol Ann Farrell & Thomas M Farrell, Philip T Costello Tr & Christine C Costello Irrevocable TruSt. of 2019, \$200,000, 23 Hampshire Rd. Unit 205
 Amanda J & Shawn S Feugill, Fritz Etienne Jr, \$425,000, 11 Arcadia St
 MJC Development Corp, Kelly T Longtin, \$527,000, 7 Mt Holly Dr
 Darlene L & Daniel J Morris, Christine Lilley, \$440,000, 16 Stevens St
 6 EaSt.Capitol Street Realty TruSt. & Eugene & Janet I Lombardi Trs & James J Robichaud Tr, Kevin J Caron Jr & Nina Lombardi-Caron, \$300,000, 6 EaSt.Capitol St
 Nancy E Wiemers & Linda A Annaloro, Adam F Gardner & Shannon J McIntosh, \$282,000, 2 Hudson St
 David N & Maureen P Gauthier, Joseph Michael Parisi III & Vannak Korisha Mohammed, \$333,500, 40 Riverdale St
 Robinson Investment TruSt. & Kim J Wescott Tr, Yatin & Diptiben Patel, \$144,000, 81A FoRd.St. Unit A
 Ignaldo D Gil, Jeremy E & Krystal E Martinez, \$400,000, 30 Oak Meadow Ln
 Ricky G & Reema R Patel, Eliza Masclee & Deborah Masclee, \$299,721, 149 Armstrong Ave Unit A
 David & Beth Spencer, David N & Lauren P Gauthier, \$351,500, 4 WeSt.BedfoRd. St
 Walter P Reichert & Geoffrey P Reichert, Diana & Samer Geha, \$425,000, 2 Argilla Rd
 Joann S O'Connor, RichaRd.J Carbonneau & Rachel M Carbonneau, \$275,000, 14 Junior Ave

NORTH ANDOVER

Michael J Geljookian & Megan Larson Geljookian, Katie E French, \$215,000, 50 Farrwood Ave Unit 50 FW-11
 Janet L & Herbert F Koelsch Jr, Mary Emmanuel, \$270,000, 22 Andrew Cir Unit 22
 Messina Development Co Inc, RDM Rea Street LLC, \$1,400,000, Rea St
 Peter Mapstone, Cheryl S Denmark, \$316,000, 200 Chickering Rd. Unit 102B
 Timothy A Pybus Jr & Megan E Pybus, Michael L Mahoney, \$590,000, 34 Milk St
 Cheryl A Fitzpatrick Tr & L J Kmiec Jr Nominee Realty Trust, 707 Turnpike LLC, \$485,000, 707 Turnpike St
 Francis T & Susan M Boyle, Daniel & Emily Tucci, \$615,000, 1 Penni Ln
 Gaetano DiStefano, Bluesky Towers Inc, \$277,500, 238-240 Sutton St
 Wanda & Dennis Washington & Penny A Starks, Peny A Starks, \$95,000, 86-88 Martin St
 John Pesce, Andrea M Barry, \$175,000, 72 Farrwood Ave Unit 1
 Bread & Roses Housing Inc, Christopher P Rozzi, \$325,000, 13 Annis St
 N6 Properties LLC, Andrew T Osborn Tr & EMO Family TruSt. of April 15, 2010, \$295,000, 148 Main St. Unit A-313

Andrea Barry, Eric J Diffily, \$325,000, 36 Mill Pond
 Mackensie G Pierre Victor, N6 Properties LLC, \$247,000, 148 Main St. Unit S-529
 Prafull Kore & Archana V Brahmanhar, Jacob F & Lauren Zelnick, \$638,000, 2005 Salem St
 Marc M Torrissi & Alfred J Torrissi & Michael A Torrissi, Seaport Homes LLC, \$360,000, 88 Colgate Dr
 Michael J & Kathleen P McAndrew, Anthony Ceruolo, \$370,000, 1 Alcott Wy Unit 1
 Josephine A Martell 1999 TruSt. & Josephine A Martell Tr, Robert A Brown, \$405,000, 21 Alcott Wy Unit 21
 Andrew C & Heidi L Affronti, Terrence & Sandra Fox, \$562,000, 12 Rosedale Ave
 NAOP LLC, J Gregory Batten, \$75,508, 451 Andover St. Unit 315
 NAOP LLC, J Gregory Batten, \$47,492, 451 Andover St. Unit 210
 Antonio Cataldi Est. & Antonette Cataldi, Steven Anthony & Donna Matarazzo Jr, \$445,000, 47 ElmereSt.Rd
 Charles A & Susan S Papalia Trs & Five Star Investment Trust, Lawrence J & Cheryl A Hall, \$179,500, 173 Main St. Unit 4
 TKZ LLC, Tara M McAuliffe, \$783,337, 203 Mill Rd
 Cleveland Street LLC, Justin M Dehaan & Ala R Hamdi, \$350,000, 24 Cleveland St. Unit 24
 Matthew & Jennifer E Larson, Xuefei Wang & Ming Chuen Alvan Lam, \$642,000, 40 Mayflower Dr. Unit 5
 Nancy Alibrandi, Rajeshwar Rao Vayyavur Vittal Rao & Smitha Vayyavur, \$885,000, 350 Summer St
 Anil Kumar Rai & Radha Rai, Frances Cora, \$205,000, 88 Edgelawn Ave Unit 7
 Domito Co Inc, Philip R & Melissa D Hyde, \$500,000, 19 Peters St
 Daniel E & Michelle M Internicola, Sharline G Jimenez, \$246,096, 70 Compass Point Unit D2
 Steven Incropera Tr & Incropera Family Trust, Adam Finn & Maggie Carroll, \$420,000, 114 Mifflin Dr
 Harold & Dianna Holm Jr, Blake & Autumn Kapisak, \$899,900, 30 Avery Park Dr
 Helena Minton & David DeInnocentis, Pardeep Kumar Sharma & Gargi Sharma, \$390,000, 901 Alder Wy Unit 901
 Russell D & Jaime N Norris, Robert L & Stacy A Doucette, \$770,000, 59 Rocky Brook Rd
 William L & Anna F Cannon, Erich O'Neil, \$255,000, 8 Kingston St. Unit 121
 Courtney A Strong, Peyman Beigi, \$321,000, 2 HarveSt.Dr. Unit 208
 William & Kathleen McManus, Michael Charles Messina/Michael Messina & Lauriann Marie Messina/Lauriann Messina, \$880,000, 500 Rea St
 Kenneth J Carpenter & Stacey E Carpenter/Stacey E Stanley, Anna E Petruskas, \$197,000, 60 Edgelawn Ave Unit 6
 Jeffrey Lewis Fuller, Lindsay O'Brien, \$245,000, 70 Jefferson St. Unit 56
 Paul M & Karen A Just, Matthew & Michelle Verminski, \$940,000, 338 Blue Ridge Rd

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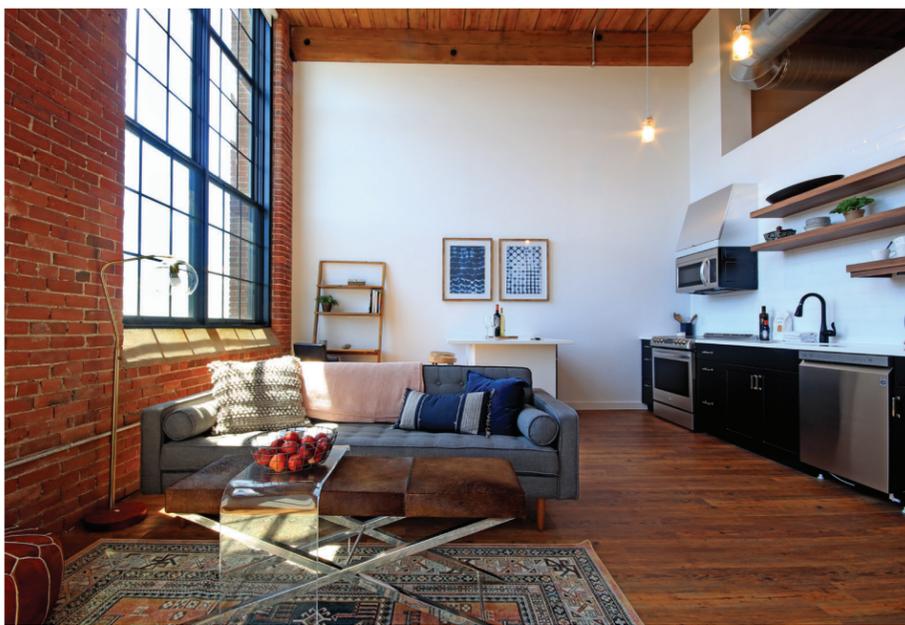
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