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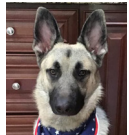
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State Officials have ordered the City of Methuen to turn over public documents regarding bids for a computer security software company. The city refused to release the records claiming they were exempted from the state's public records law. The state disagrees.



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VALLEY PATRIOT OF THE MONTH

Ed Murphy; Navy Vet, Lawrence Firefighter, Veteran's Den Band

John Cuddy

VALLEY PATRIOT HERO REPORTER

Lawrence's Ed Murphy grew up in the South Lawrence East neighborhood, living in Veteran's Housing at the Lawrence Stadium Projects as his dad, Edward J. Murphy was a Navy veteran. He later moved to Bailey Street with his parents and three sisters. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1966. One of his fondest

childhood memories was attending the Annual Thanksgiving Day Lawrence vs Lowell Football games at Veteran's Stadium. The annual game often drew crowds of 12-20,000 fans up until the 1970s. After high school, he attended college for a short time, and then enlisted in the United States Navy.

He served on the USS James C. Owens (DD-776), an Allen M. Sumner-class destroyer. The ship is a United

States Navy Destroyer of the FRAM II class, named for Lieutenant James C. Owens Jr., a member of Torpedo Squadron 8 on board USS Hornet (CV-8). Owen's entire squadron was lost in an attack against Japanese aircraft carriers on June 4th, during the Battle of Midway. A Douglas TBD Devastator Pilot, Lt. Owens received the Navy Cross and the Presidential Unit Citation posthumously. The carrier, USS Hornet (CV-8), was later lost at the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands, on October 27th, 1942.

Ed served in the Navy for 6 years, 2 years on active duty and 4 years on reserve duty. He was a Storekeeper Third Class. While his ship was patrolling off the coast of Vietnam, his assignment, during combat, was in the Combat Information Center (CIC). He was loaned to a US Navy Field Hospital at Da Nang, Vietnam for a time.

After serving in the U.S. Navy, he attended University of Massachusetts Lowell where he received a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology. He played shortstop for the varsity baseball team along with other sports. He later attended North Shore Community College where he received an associate degree in Fire Science.

After graduating, he joined the Lawrence Fire Department in 1976.



He served on the LFD with his dad, Edward J. Murphy, for 8 years until his father's retirement in 1984. Ed recalls carrying a hose line up to the second floor at a fire on Essex Street. He was joined by another firefighter. As the two huddled together in the smoke and fire Ed yelled "who is behind me." "It's Lieutenant Murphy," the other firefighter yelled. Ed yelled

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Providing Our Communities with Economic Relief

Hello Valley Patriot Readers,

Now more than ever, our working families and small businesses need every possible resource to make it through these challenging economic times.

That is why I am so grateful we recently passed comprehensive economic development legislation that provides our communities with sorely needed tax relief and invests in important projects, in the Merrimack Valley and across Massachusetts, to help bolster the local economy and overall quality of living.

The legislation, which was passed with unanimous, bipartisan support, aims to ease the financial burden facing individuals and families, putting money back into taxpayers' pockets. It ensures a record \$3 billion in tax relief payments, the most ever in state history, and includes investments to support our health care system, help residents with rising utility costs and promote economic growth through job training, downtown revitalization, and grant opportunities for our small businesses.

In the Merrimack Valley specifically, the legislation includes funding to support a first-ever Methuen Youth and Community Center, with resources toward facilities, staffing and programming. While we still have a way to go, this crucial investment will bring us one step closer to making the dream of this center a reality. Once up and running, we will have the opportunity to provide our youth with mentorship opportunities and social and emotional learning to inspire them to pursue their talents and reach their goals.

The bill includes additional



investments across our communities, including but not limited to resources toward greenspace for community events and increased parking capacity at Greycourt Park in the City of Methuen; funds for downtown improvements in the City of Amesbury; resources around economic recovery in the City of Haverhill, including support for the Merrimack Street development project; and funding to support a feasibility study around the building of a new MBTA commuter rail station in the Town of North Andover.

While there remains much work to be done, I am grateful we took action and passed this legislation, which will help to ease the economic hardships faced by our communities.

If you have any questions on this or any other issue, please feel free to contact me anytime via email at Dizoglio@masenate.gov or phone at 978-984-7747.

Yours in service,
Diana ♦



Lupoli Family Feeds the Needy

LAWRENCE, MA – Just before Thanksgiving, Sal Lupoli and his family treated guests at the Lazarus House Soup Kitchen in Lawrence to an afternoon of Sal’s Pizza.

Sal served the pizza himself to the guests, alongside his wife Kati, son Sal Jr. and daughter Mary. Lawrence Mayor Brian DePena also stopped in to chat with community members and enjoy a slice of Sal’s Pizza.

“When I heard about the new soup kitchen, I wanted to be involved,” remarked Lupoli, “I thought what better time than Thanksgiving week. My family and I really had a lot of fun! Everyone was so thankful and kind.”

Sal Lupoli, CEO of Lupoli Companies, said his company also set up a holiday food drive the week prior and donated a truckload of food to the Lazarus House Food Pantry.

Carmen Vega, Executive Director of Lazarus House Ministries, was truly grateful, saying, “This is an amazing example of ‘Lawrence taking care of Lawrence.’ We are so very grateful for business leaders, like Sal Lupoli, who not only invest in the city, but also in the people in our community.”

Lupoli Companies is an award-winning organization with over two decades of growth and development throughout New England. Our focus is on creating opportunities in Gateway Cities across Massachusetts that transform communities through job creation and economic development. What started as a small family run business in the hospitality industry grew to include more than 5 million square feet of innovative brands in commercial and residential real estate. These core industries, although independent, are bound by a desire to keep improving the products and services in the communities we serve. ♦



MAYOR DePENa LIGHTS THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN LAWRENCE CITY HALL

Unlike most in the Democratic Party in Massachusetts, Lawrence Mayor Brian DePena lit the Christmas Tree in City hall last week and invited Santa Clause to be there for the event.



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Ana Mateo, DMD

Dr. Mateo prides herself in her attentiveness to the needs of her patients and providing positive patient experiences while also providing them with quality comprehensive care. She is excited to join the team at Methuen Family Dentistry and to welcome you to the practice and help you reach your dental goals!

Dr. Mateo attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts where she received her Bachelor in Chemistry. She then completed her dental training at the Boston University School of Dental Medicine where she graduated magna cum laude. Following graduation, she completed a general practice residency at the University of Washington in Seattle.



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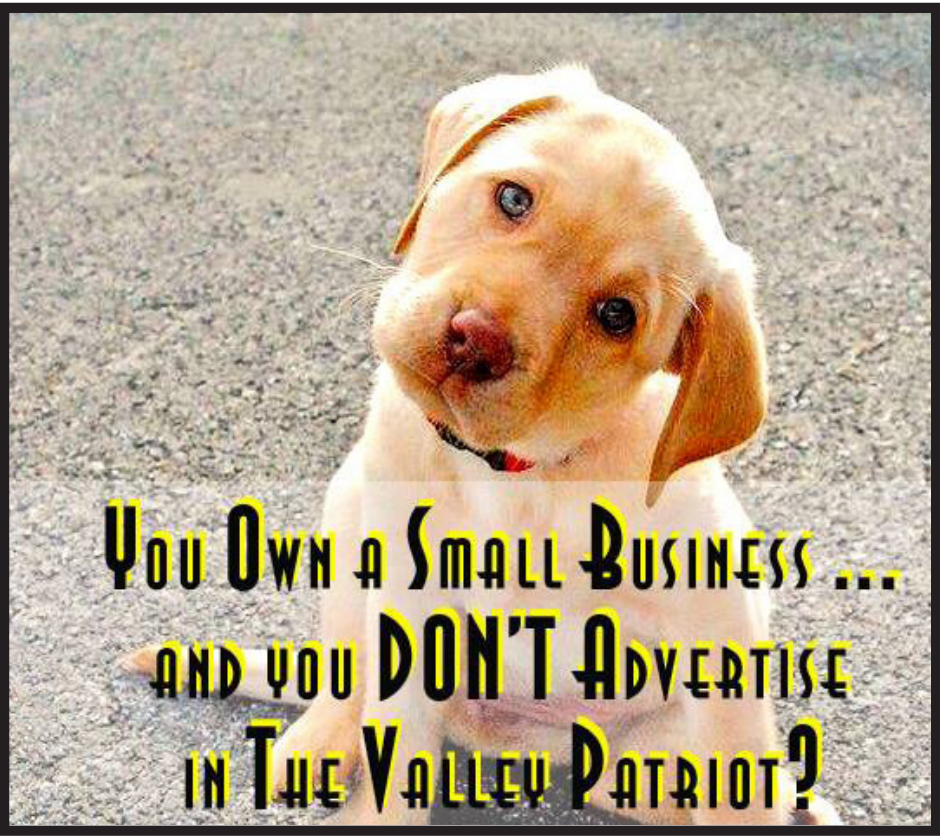


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Candidates Spent More Than \$1M for Legislative Seats

State representative and state senate candidates in the Merrimack Valley raised and spent more than \$1M on their campaigns this election season.

According to records at the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political finance the greediest candidate in the Valley was Andover State Representative Barry Finegold who started off this campaign season with \$364,066.21 on January 1, 2022.

Finegold raised another \$340,960.61, and still has \$368,013.58 on hand for future elections after spending a whopping \$494,874.40 to defeat newcomer Salvatore DeFranco.

DeFranco started off the campaign with nothing, raised only \$116,197.79 and spent a mere \$109,514.19. DeFranco lost to Finegold by 9,577 votes.

The second highest fund raiser in the Valley was Lawrence’s Pedro Payano who won a seat in the Massachusetts State Senate in the September primary as there was no republican in that race.

He started off with \$17,957.61 in his campaign account from his last run for city council. Payano raised an eye opening \$96,667.37 this campaign season and spent \$109,792.64.

Payano far outraised and outspent his opponents Doris Rodriguez and Methuen City Councilor Eunice Zeigler.

For her party Zeigler started off the campaign with \$10,015.88 in her campaign account from her last run for city council in Methuen. She raised \$67,572.58 and spent \$77,133.50.

Doris Rodrigues an activist in Lawrence stared out \$128 in the red, raised a mere \$4,838.00 and spent \$4,683.23.

In the race to fill Christina Minicucci’s open seat (including North Andover, Boxford, Groveland, Amesbury, and West Newbury) the candidates matched each others spending almost to the dollar.

Since this is the first time either candidate ran for office, they both started off the election season with no money.

Adrienne Ramos raised \$51,758.89 and spent \$40,821.04.

Finn raised \$47,367.18 and spent \$41,108.27.

In the newly carved state representative district that includes North Lawrence and Central Methuen, Lawrence City Councilor Estela Reyes easily defeated Methuen Councilor Jim McCarty, but their campaign finance reports show that there wasn’t much difference in the money spent by each candidate.

The real difference was in the raising of campaign funds. McCarty started off the campaign season with \$20,690.56 leftover from his last city council race. But, Estela Reyes started off the campaign with only \$178.93.

While both candidates spent roughly the same amount of money on the campaign, (McCarty spent \$43,812.64, to Reyes’ \$44,117.08) Reyes had to raise double the money McCarty did because he started off with more than \$20,000.

McCarty raised \$23,269.61, while Reyes raised \$47,110.33.

The other Lawrence/Methuen race between incumbent Marcos Devers and newcomer Francisco Paulino followed the same pattern as the McCarty/Reyes race.

Devers started off the campaign with \$1,134.36, raised \$52,391.12 and spent \$50,560.60.

Paulino stared off the campaign with \$17,473.32 in the bank from his last run for state representative, raised \$44,381.75 and spent \$59,123.22.

One item of note, Christine Eckert, the democrat candidate, or state representative who ran against incumbent Lenny Mirra did not file her campaign finance reports according to the Secretary of State’s Office. ◇

CANDIDATE	START	RAISED	SPENT
McCARTY	\$20,690.56	\$23,269.61	\$43,812.64
* REYES	\$178.93	\$47,110.33	\$44,117.08
FINN	\$0.00	\$47,367.18	\$41,108.27
*RAMOS	\$0.00	\$51,758.89	\$40,821.04
*HAMILTON	\$0.00	\$25,985.64	\$17,763.93
*GARRY	\$1,697.25	\$9,010.80	\$4,391.13
BOAG	\$0.00	\$10,627.34	\$10,078.94
*PAYANO	\$17,957.61	\$96,667.37	\$109,792.64
ZEIGLER	\$10,015.88	\$67,572.58	\$77,133.50
RODRIGUEZ	-\$128.00	\$4,838.00	\$4,683.23
*FINEGOLD	\$364,066.21	\$340,960.61	\$494,874.40
DEFRANCO	\$0.00	\$116,197.79	\$109,514.19
*MIRRA	\$11,843.78	\$27,218.20	\$1,200.00
DEVERS	\$1,134.36	\$52,391.12	\$50,560.60
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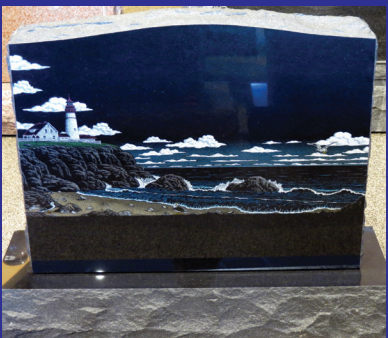
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Methuen Village Resident Veterans Honored with Visit from Local Girl Scouts

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GIVING THE SOCKS ON HER FEET

On the left is Niki, a member of TMF (The Movement Family), a group of young people who feed the homeless every Wednesday night in Lawrence. Niki was asked by a homeless person if she had any dry socks, saying he had been out in the rain all day. Not realizing there were socks available that night, Niki took the socks off her own feet and gave it to this person in need. WOW!



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“My goal is to have patients be completely confident about their recommended treatment,” said Dr. Mark Sivers. “We use intraoral photography, 3D imaging, and now AI to ensure the most accurate diagnosis possible and provide effective treatment solutions.”

Dr. Sivers, who has been the team dentist for the Boston Red Sox, is a pioneer in dental innovations. He was one of the first to use digital impressions and is always looking for ways to improve the patient experience. For more than 15 years, he practiced in a multi-specialty practice and taught at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine before affiliating with Aligned Dental Partners, a dental support organization and consulting company.

“Overjet, Methuen Family Dentistry, and Aligned Dental Partners are united in our goal to improve oral health care by enhancing dentists’ training and experience with the latest technology,” said Wardah Inam, the CEO and co-founder of Overjet. “AI analyzes vast amounts of data to help dentists diagnose and help patients better visualize what is happening in their mouths.”

Overjet also analyzes patient records from previous visits, which makes it easier for dentists to compare changes over time. Plus, insurance companies are more likely to approve claims when the findings are supported by AI analysis.

Forbes magazine named Overjet one of the top 50 AI companies shaping the future. To learn more, visit Overjet.com.

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Haverhill Councilors Reject Housing Development Mohawk Trail

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A developer hoping to build 14 single-family homes on 25.3 acres of land at Lake Street and Mohawk Trail in Haverhill, was unable to convince the City Council Tuesday night the project would be a good fit with the neighborhood.

Aaron Orso, co-owner of Cedar Crest Development, attempted to use an element of the city’s new zoning master plan known as “Flexible Development” to build 14 homes closer together, while creating open space. Typically, only 10 would be conventionally allowed. Jeffrey Brem, representing the developer, explained the zoning feature.

“The whole idea of flexible development is to provide the applicants the opportunity to use the land more than the regulations and allow the applicant to design around the best features from the land,” he told councilors.

Brem said the new regulation allows two extra units when the developer exceeds the open space requirement by 40% as well as two more units if the builder provides additional amenities and contributions to public safety. He said Cedar Crest has agreed to both of those conditions.

Although the property consists of more than 25 acres, under the developer’s plan 18.6 acres—much of it wetlands—would remain open space, meaning the actual development area would have homes

built on lots much smaller than the two-acre lots originally envisioned for the area.

A number of current Lake Street residents told councilors the plan allows for too much density in an area zoned Residential Rural. One resident, William Bourque put it this way.

“The City of Haverhill created a zoning map for a particular reason, to keep characteristics of different neighborhoods, and people who want to live in a rural setting in the City of Haverhill were able to do that. If you use the current zoning that the City of Haverhill enacted, it should be 2.6 houses there, not 14. So, I think it changes the entire character of the neighborhood.”

Councilors agreed 14 homes would likely be too dense for the area and convinced the builder to cut two homes for a total of 12. When the Council voted, however, the end result was 5-4 in favor which did not meet the necessary two-thirds vote for approval.

Those voting in favor were President Timothy J. Jordan and Councilors Thomas J. Sullivan, Michael S. McGonagle, Catherine P. Rogers and Shaun P. Toohey. Those voting in opposition were Vice President John A. Michitson and Councilors Joseph J. Bevilacqua, Melinda E. Barrett and Melissa J. Lewandowski.

Under rules, Orso is allowed to come back with a substantially different proposal at any time, but must wait six months to reintroduce the same proposal.

State Orders City of Methuen to Turn Over Public Documents

The Massachusetts Secretary of State’s Office has ordered the City of Methuen to turn over public documents to resident Robert DeFusco after DeFusco was denied information from a secret meeting of the Methuen City Council regarding a contract with a computer security firm. This occurred after it was learned that the city’s confidential information had been hacked.

DeFusco asked for information about the security firm bid for the contracts, as well as details about those bids.

Methuen City Attorney Ken Rossetti claimed that releasing the documents were threat to public.

This is not the first time Rossetti denied public documents requests in violation of MGL CH 66, the state’s public records law.

Last year, Rossetti denied a public records request by The Valley Patriot concerning the pay of DPW employees. The Secretary of State’s Office eventually overruled Rossetti’s faulty decision in that case and ordered him to turn over those documents unredacted.

In Robert DeFusco’s case, Rossetti released the documents but blacked out public information within those documents.

DeFusco appealed Atty. Rossetti’s efforts to conceal public information and found his excuses for withholding documents to be without merit.

“Concerning the first prong of Exemption (n), in its November 22nd response, the City argues that “the two contracts at issue pertain to the deployment of security measures in the Methuen Public School District (“District”), and, therefore, these documents fall within the express nondisclosure provision of the public safety exemption.”

The City goes on to argue that “the two contracts at issue pertain to security measures to be undertaken in the District.”

“In a letter to this (Secretary of State’s) office on November 28, 2022, Mr. DeFusco notes that specific information about the bid solicitation for the two contracts at issue in this appeal is publicly available online. Where the information relating to these bid solicitations is already publicly available, it is unclear how the disclosure of the redacted information from the responsive records is likely to jeopardize public safety. The city must clarify this.

Conclusion: Accordingly, the City is ordered to provide Mr. DeFusco with a response to his request, provided in a manner consistent with this order, the Public Records Law, and its Regulations within ten business days. A copy of any such response must be provided to this office. It is preferable to send an electronic copy of the response to this office at pre@sec.state.ma.us.”

DeFusco asked in an email to City Council President Dave Beauregard to read the Secretary of State’s ruling against the city into the public record at the next city council meeting.

Beauregard did that last week yet, not one member of the Methuen City Council had anything to say about the City Attorney refusing public documents and having his decision overturned by the state. They also had nothing to say about the Secretary of state’s office referring an open meeting law violation to the State Attorney General’s Office for investigation.

You can read the full text of the Secretary of State’s ruling against the City of Methuen on the Valley Patriot website.



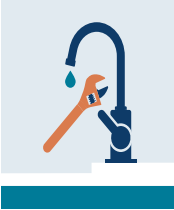
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KANE’S CORNER

Helicopters Over Lowell

Keeping the Lowell Community Positively Informed and Connected

KANE
VALLEY PATRIOT MASCOT/COLUMNIST

Why is there a Helicopter over Lowell?

On the evening of Monday November 27th, a post circulated on the 4.2k member Facebook page Helicopters Over Lowell asking for pet supplies and carriers for the occupants of senior housing being evacuated due to a water main break in downtown Lowell. Like all posts on this site the story started with, “Why is there a helicopter flying over Lowell?”

Kane wanted to help, so he made his way to the Humane Society with other volunteers to bring pet supplies and help with temporary shelter for family pets displaced at the senior center. When he arrived, there was a stream of people coming in with cat food, litter, and carriers after seeing the post on the Helicopters over Lowell Facebook page. “Wow,” Kane thought, “social media could be a positive thing.”

Next thing you know moderator / founder of Helicopters over Lowell Facebook page, Steve Albert was standing in front of the Lowell Humane Society employees and volunteers asking them what they needed as well as the emergency responders. Talk about walking the talk. Kane was intrigued by the immense following of this social media group and how they spread information that called people to positive action. So here is their history and story of keeping social media helpful, positive, and informative.

Kane was excited Steve Albert, founder and Dan Morneau moderator/ administrator took his call. Not everyone

will take a call from a curious German Shepherd. Kane’s first question to Steve was how did the Facebook group get started? Steve stated, “the group honestly started as a light-hearted spin on the constant posts on other pages, “What’s with the helicopter?” every time one flew over Lowell.

Steve stated, “the group is mostly what the members have made it.” Kane asked how Steve has made the group so positive. He stated he finds the members to be positive. Both Steve and Dan stated there was a supportive core group since its inception four years ago that maintains the goal of working together to identify what is going on in their neighborhood and appreciate the information their community members share. The information brings the community together. Both in general describe their community as being compassionate towards the needs of others.

To keep the group positive, civil, and on topic Dan Morneau explained to Kane there are three simple rules.

1. Stay on topic. The posts are about why is there a helicopter over Lowell.
2. Be kind. Dan explained how much he enjoyed his city and citizens. He stated very rarely he needed to pop into a post asking people to be considerate.
3. Try not to speculate about sad things. Dan explained often the reason a helicopter is over Lowell because there is an emergency. Examples would be a lost person, a person of interest the police are looking for, or maybe a person in the river. The rule is in place to discourage false rumors and speculation about tragedy. It is best to wait for the facts. For example, using names of people in



tragedies is not the goal of the group. The goal is for people to stay informed about their neighborhood and stay connected with each other. Dan has found that the group fosters people being concerned for their community and neighbor. It is not unusual for a post to include how people could help after a fire or other tragedy. For example, bring donations here. ...

Dan explained on a rare occasion he would need to pause posting group comments if there is an active police investigation or the police are making a family notification. He stated that would be the one exception of when the moderator would jump in. The group prides itself on not being a source of misinformation.

Kane explained that he reads many German Shepherd boards where people

argue about training and medical care. Unlike those boards or politics there is no argument when there is a sense of connective communication and safety in being informed and knowing how you can support others. It is helpful to know a street is closed for emergency vehicles or to be on the lookout for a child that meets this description. Kane is appreciative of the work Dan and Steve do to keep him and other members of his community informed. Thank you to Helicopters over Lowell for keeping it real and making a difference.

Besides, Helicopters are a way to keep looking up.

Best regards
Kane Peaslee, Woof
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CELEBRATES 10 YEARS IN THE
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It’s hard to believe that AFC Urgent Care is celebrating ten years in The Valley. We want to congratulate everyone at AFC Urgent Care in Methuen and North Andover for not only providing great health services, but for all the charity work they do throughout the year to help the community! We are hoping that in 2023, ACF will open a new facility in Lawrence to service the Latino community.

TMF WED NIGHTS

TMF is a group of young people from Lawrence who set up a family dinner for the homeless every Wednesday night at the Buckley Garage on Common Street from 8-11pm. Those who are interested in donating a dinner, clothing, hygiene products, etc., can email me at valleypatriot@aol.com or find me on Facebook.

SOME LAWRENCE OFFICIALS
REALLY DO CARE


We see politicians all the time rush to a soup kitchen or a homeless shelter on Thanksgiving and Christmas because they know they are going to get their photo and/or name in the newspaper. Then, the homeless don’t see them again until the next holiday when a politician wants to exploit them for press coverage. All the while these feckless politicians do absolutely nothing about the homeless crisis, the opioid epidemic, or the high price of housing.

But, this year in Lawrence we saw the exact opposite. When TMF held their weekly dinner for the homeless on the night before Thanksgiving, Lawrence City Councilor Estela Reyes, Stephanie Infante, and School Committeeman Jonathan Guzman were all on hand but each of them has volunteered throughout the year when no cameras or reporters were there to take their photos. What’s more, newly elected State Representative Francisco Paulino is not even in office yet and when I pulled into the Buckley Garage for the Thanksgiving Dinner, Paulino was there by himself, setting up tables and chairs thinking nobody was watching. (SEE PHOTO NEXT COLUMN). Say what you want about the do-nothing politicians who represent us but in Lawrence they have a special breed of public servants who actually DO care about the people they represent.

PERRY’S LIES AND EXCUSES

Last month, I wrote a column exposing the fact that Methuen Mayor Neil Perry hired the BROTHER of a city councilor. In that column I mentioned how the city sends out press releases when they hire city employees but, oddly, no press release went out when Perry hired Councilor Jim McCarty’s BROTHER. Perry then went on a tirade during his weekly podcast saying my story was false and specifically addressed not sending out a press release when he hired the BROTHER of a city councilor. Perry insisted that the city doesn’t send out press releases unless

TOM DUGGAN’S NOTEBOOK



Newly elected State Representative Francisco Paulino is not even in office yet, but when I pulled into the Buckley Garage for the TMF Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless, Paulino showed up by himself, (no staff taking photos like other politicians) setting up tables and chairs for the homeless thinking nobody was watching. Thank you Representative-Elect Paulino!

they are a department head. He even said that when they hire police officers and firefighters no release goes out. Readers of this newspaper know that this is a lie because we routinely publish photos with the names of new cops and firefighters in the pages of this paper. You know where we get those photos and names? Press releases from the City of Methuen.

Perry also attacked this newspaper and myself personally trying desperately to deflect from the fact that he hired the BROTHER of a Methuen City Councilor. So much for fighting nepotism in Methuen. I guess that’s one campaign promise he’s not going to keep.

A SNEAK PEEK AT SANTA’S LIST

Being friends with Santa Claus has its benefits. First, free eggnog, who wouldn’t love that. Second, Santa always picks up the tab at Salvatore’s Restaurant in Lawrence when we hang out. But the biggest benefit to being pals with jolly ol’e Saint Nick is that I get an advance peek at this naughty and nice list and what presents Santa has planned for local politicians.

*HAVERHILL TEACHERS UNION
- COAL

Santa was really amused by the arrogance of the Haverhill Teachers Union this year as they demanded more money and benefits and even held an illegal strike, leaving children at home for days while their parents scrambled to get childcare so that they could go to work.

This is the same Teachers Union that refused to go back to teaching for two years - long after it was learned that the COVID 19-virus was no threat to children. These teachers pretended that they were so scared of literally DYING from COVID

that they even staged a publicity stunt, placing children’s sneakers on the steps of Haverhill High to represent all the children they say would die from the virus if they went back to work.


How do we know they were pretending to care? Because dozens of Haverhill teachers were caught posting selfies at crowded beaches, family gatherings, and other crowded community events.

This year Santa is giving the members of the Haverhill Teachers Union a reduction in pay, a lesson in caring about children, and a lump of coal.

* LAWRENCE COUNCILOR
ESTELA REYES - TEXTING
CLASSES

Santa was really happy with Councilor Reyes this year. He is particularly pleased with the way she campaigned in Methuen and showed the people of Methuen she cares about their concerns even though the majority of her state rep. district is in Lawrence. The one thing Santa knows Estela Reyes needs this year is a free class on how to answer text messages. It seems Reyes is not that good at reading and answering her text messages in a timely fashion - sometimes you wait a whole week for an answer - so Santa thought that a free class would help her be more responsive once she takes office as a

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* METHUEN COUNCILOR DJ
BEAUREGARD - A MEDAL

This year Santa is somewhat unhappy with Councilor Beauregard for his silence over Mayor Perry’s hiring of a city councilor’s brother, after campaigning against nepotism in Methuen City Hall. This year it seems Santa will be leaving DJ a medal, like the one that OZ gave to the Cowardly Lion in the Wizard of Oz. As the great and powerful Oz once explained, with a medal you will have all the self-confidence to act courageously. (I’m paraphrasing of course).

* DIANA DIZOGLIO - YOGA
CLASSES

Santa said that he was most pleased with Methuen’s Diana DiZoglio, who is currently a state senator and in January will be sworn in as the Massachusetts State Auditor. But the one thing Santa says DiZoglio needs is to slow down. DiZoglio has more energy than a toddler in a toy store. “The only way to make her stop and relax a little bit is make her take yoga classes”- Santa told me.

LAWRENCE POLICE CHIEF ROY
VASQUE - AN UN-ENCRYPTED
POLICE FREQUENCY

He’s not a bad chief, and he has his problems with morale, but Santa thinks it’s finally time for Lawrence to make their

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A CLOSE RACE AND A RECOUNT

State Representative Lenny Mirra won a very close race for reelection last month. After a few days delay in vote counting, Mirra finally defeated challenger Christine Eckert by only ten votes. There will be a recount this month, so if you follow The Valley Patriot on Facebook we will keep you updated on the results.

NOTEBOOK CONTINUED

scanner transmissions public after two years of using an encrypted frequency, concealing police calls from the public. Santa understands that the implantation of an encrypted frequency was well meaning, but believes transparency is always better.

* METHUEN CITY ATTORNEY ROSSETTI - COAL

It seems Methuen City Attorney has never read the state’s public records law as he has been notorious for denying public records requests and routinely been ordered by the Secretary of State’s Office to turn over documents after Atty. Rossetti has himself deemed them to NOT be a public record. Santa knows that serving for any municipality is difficult, but he also knows that if you have ONE JOB (follow the law) then you should at least know what you are doing in the job. Santa said he thinks that Atty. Rossetti is smart enough to know better and believes he does know better and is purposely looking for excuses to deny public records and/ or purposely dragging out the process. As such, Santa is leaving Atty Rossetti a lump of coal.

* BARRY FINEGOLD - A BRINX TRUCK

Andover State Senator Barry Finegold has nearly half a million dollars in his campaign finance bank account (\$494,874) and that’s after he spent a whopping \$340,960 to defeat political newcomer Sal DeFranco in his bid for reelection last month. By contrast DeFranco only spent \$116,197.79. Santa thinks that Barry needs to have a Brinks truck so he can keep all his campaign money safely parked in his back yard.

CALENDAR

CONCERT SERIES NEWBURYPORT Looking for a special holiday gift for the music lover in your life? How about a gift certificate to the Maudslay Arts Center (MAC) Summer Concert Series? Baby, it’s cold outside now, but just think about sitting under the stars on a moonlit summer evening. The Maudslay Arts Center Summer Concert Series provides the perfect setting for your entertainment pleasure. This coming year MAC will celebrate its Silver Jubilee, the 25th season, which promises something for every musical taste from classical to jazz, from country to the Great American Songbook.

Maudslay Arts Center is located at 95 Curzon Mill Road, Maudslay State Park, Newburyport MA 01950. The concerts are held rain or shine, moving inside to the MAC Concert Barn when weather dictates. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, which can be casual or as elaborate as a gourmet meal with tablecloth and flowers and whatever suits the patron’s fancy.

Delicious desserts such as seasonal cobbles, brownies, and Hodgie’s ice cream, cold beverages and coffee may be purchased during intermission, all served by dedicated MAC volunteers, who continue to make this non-profit series happen. To purchase gift certificates online (major credit cards accepted) visit the MAC website at www.maudslayartscenter.org, call 978-618-5248 or send a check to Maudslay Arts Center c/o Costello, 182 Whitehall Road, Amesbury MA 01913.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA IN ANDOVER -The Town of Andover has been chosen to be a beneficiary of the National Wreaths Across America Day, Saturday, December 17th. Wreaths Across America is a national non-profit organization founded by Maine residents Morrill and Karen Worcester to honor our country’s fallen heroes. They felt that there was no better time to express appreciation for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country than during the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season.

Since 2014, on the second or third Saturday in December, the organization coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 US states. Through the generous donations of the Andover Community, we currently have many fresh evergreen wreaths that will be delivered to Spring Grove Ceremony for laying at the base of Andover’s veteran graves.

Link to the Wreaths Across America Website, specific to Spring Grove. wreathsaacrossamerica.org/MASGCA

You are cordially invited to attend this event on Saturday, December 17th. A brief ceremony at 12 noon, followed by light refreshments, will precede the laying of the wreaths by all volunteers. ♦



Methuen Village Visits the Wall That Heals

Methuen Village residents and staff in front of The Wall That Heals, which recently visited Methuen as one of its cross-country destinations. Pictured in front of The Wall That Heals are Methuen Village residents Marjorie Hunter, Edith Rigoli, Sandy Gallant, and Lorraine Arnold with EnrichedLIFE Director Debbie Cabral

Lupoli Companies Names Gary Armstrong to VP of Construction

Lupoli Companies has named Gary Armstrong as their new VP of Construction. Gary has 35 years of experience in the construction industry in a wide range of operational roles. He has worked throughout the East Coast, and spent the last several years with Turner Construction Company in the Boston office. His work experience has been in a wide range of market sectors including commercial office, multi-family residential and institutional, which will serve him well as he supports the Lupoli Company’s diverse pipeline of work.



About Lupoli Companies: Lupoli Companies is an award-winning organization with over two decades of growth and development throughout New England. Our focus is on creating opportunities in Gateway Cities across Massachusetts that transform

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Rep. Marcos Devers Final Message to Constituents:

To my friends, neighbors, and constituents in the Lawrence community,

It is with my head held high that I write to you today. As you may already know, I will not be serving another term as your State Representative from the 16th Essex District. For the past few months, I have been reflecting on the time I spent as an elected official for my beloved Lawrence. I was first elected as a city councilor in 1999 and began my term in 2000. In the more than two decades of public service since, I have never been afraid of adversity – after all, that election in 1999 was my 5th time running for city council!

I find it remarkable how much this city, state and nation have changed in these 23 years. When I was elected as interim Mayor of Lawrence in 2001, I was the first Latino mayor in the history of the State of Massachusetts, and the first mayor of Dominican descent anywhere in the United States. Though my interim term was brief, I am honored that I had the opportunity to serve as an inspiration for the people of my beloved homeland. The connections to the Dominican Republic in Lawrence run deep, and I treasure the culture that has been created here by so many dedicated community members.

I must take a moment to thank my many friends, family members and colleagues who have helped me in this journey. Of course, none of this

would have been possible without the constant and unwavering support of my wonderful wife Vicky and my four beautiful children Sally, Eva, Marcos Jr., and Lunara. You motivate me every day to make this community a better place for future generations, and you know I couldn't have done any of this without you.

To the many councilors and mayors I served alongside, thank you for your dedicated service. Though disagreement is a necessary part of democracy, you made sure that any and all differences of opinion remained professional and respectful. There has never been a doubt in my mind that your service was principled on your love for the community, just as mine has been. To my current and former colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, especially my friends in the Lawrence delegation, I express my most sincere admiration. Through some of the most difficult circumstances this state has ever seen, you showed true caring. Together during covid, we passed social welfare programs, approved federal assistance, and kept our offices functioning at full capacity during one of the most hectic periods imaginable. We expanded protections for marginalized and vulnerable populations and focused on civil rights and social justice during times when much of the country seemed to be

moving in the opposite direction. I have never been prouder to call myself a State Representative.

Still, in all these thanks and congratulations I would be remiss if I didn't pay special attention to the community organizations which I have had the pleasure of working with through the years. I believe real, permanent change in a community can only happen when grassroots effort is at the forefront of a movement. If that is the case, we certainly have a lot to be thankful for in Lawrence. My current district alone encompasses dozens of organizations who provide every service imaginable, from job training, addiction recovery, childcare and education to entrepreneurship funding, food assistance, environmental protection, anti-violence programs and much more. If I thanked every organization big and small who has made their mark in Lawrence this letter would never end, so I'll have to limit myself to just a few. Groundwork Lawrence, Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Youth Development Organization, Food for the World, UTEC, and so many more like them are the foundation of our community, and we would be in a very difficult place without them. I am honored that I was able to secure state funds for them year after year. It is one of my proudest accomplishments.



And so, after all this, I am not saying goodbye. I still have more to give back to the community which has given me so much. Whatever capacity I may find myself in, I plan on remaining an active voice in the community. As long as I am able, I believe it is my responsibility to serve this city any way I can. I would like to give one last thanks to you, the residents of Lawrence. Thank you for entrusting me for these past years with the solemn responsibility of being your voice in government. I fulfilled this duty to the best of my ability, and I am truly blessed that I have had the opportunity to serve you all.

With deepest appreciation,
Marcos Devers ♦

Lawrence Superior Officers Vote “No Confidence” in Chief Roy Vasque, Calls Leadership “Toxic”

The Lawrence Superior Officers Union took a vote of no confidence in Chief Vasque last night after months of turmoil within the department and only a few days after Mayor DePena has suspended three officers within their ranks. Shortly after the union announced their vote, Lawrence Mayor DePena called for “investigations” into the “turmoil within the police department.” DePena told The Valley Patriot that he is looking to “preserve the good name of our department so, that it is not stained by rumors of indiscipline, corruption, and internal mistreatment where a few surreptitiously share certain privileges among themselves and abuse their power.”

The Superior Officers Union released the following statement:

On behalf of the members of The Lawrence Police Superior Officers Association (LPSOA), we regretfully write this letter after taking a vote of NO CONFIDENCE and as a result are releasing this information. Unfortunately, circumstances have left us with no other recourse. We have lost all trust, faith, and confidence in Chief Roy Vasque’s ability to lead this department.

Chief Vasque fosters an atmosphere of hostility, retaliation, and intimidating behavior. Chief Vasque has established a pattern and practice of inequitable treatment of department personnel. His lack of leadership, mismanagement, and poor policy decisions have damaged the relationship between the administration of The Lawrence Police Department and the men and women of The Lawrence

Police Department.

Attempts to address workplace problems and avoid grievances with Chief Vasque have gone unheeded. His lack of leadership and poor management style have contributed to poor retention of qualified personnel. Overly harsh discipline, undermining of the chain of command and officer safety concerns are only a few of the ongoing problems within the department. Morale is perilously low at this time within the Lawrence Police Department.

A bad manager can take a good staff and destroy it thereby causing highly qualified employees to leave the Department and those who remain to lose all motivation. Chief Vasque’s abuse of power, narcissistic attitude toward Officers and intimidation are more than

any employee should have to endure.

In closing, we would like to reiterate that the men and women of The Lawrence Police Superior Officers Association have lost faith in Chief Roy Vasque’s ability to lead this Department.

Specific examples of Chief Vasque’s mismanagement of the Lawrence Police Department are as follows;

Chief Vasque has failed to staff 3 of 3 Bureaus within the Lawrence Police Department with designated Commanding Officers leaving these positions vacant and unmanaged for periods of time that exceed acceptable norms. These include the Bureau’s of Field Services (patrol, investigations/detective) and administration. These vacancies should be delegated to the appropriate personnel in a timely manner

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LAWRENCE, MA — Inspired by the unbridled success of MeVa Transit’s Fare Free initiative, all Regional Transit Authorities in Massachusetts will be fare-free during the holiday season from the day after Thanksgiving through New Year’s Eve.

The initiative is funded through a \$2.5 million grant awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to all 15 RTAs in the state. The program is designed to encourage new customers to “Try Transit” by off fare-freeing no cost trips to shop or dine at local businesses, visiting with friends and family, and commuting to work during the holiday season. As a result, in addition to MeVa buses, which have been fare-free since last March, all public transit in Massachusetts will be fare-free through the end of the year except for the MBTA.

“The announcement of fare-free for this holiday season means a lot for low-income families that rely largely on the MVRTA’s buses,” said Mayor Brian A. DePeña. “It will definitely motivate many people to visit their families to enjoy the season together.”

“MassDOT is pleased to have worked closely with the Commonwealth’s 15 Regional Transit Authorities to utilize the funding awarded in the FY23 state budget for the “Try Transit” program. “This initiative is another example of the many efforts where MassDOT and the RTAs collaborate to improve mobility options for Massachusetts transit customers,” commented MassDOT Rail & Transit Administrator Meredith Slesinger.

Of course, come January, when other RTAs go back to collecting fares, MeVa service will remain free to all riders. The MeVa Advisory Board authorized all MeVa buses and paratransit service to go fare-free last December for at least two years starting in March 2022, when all fareboxes were removed from MeVa buses. The additional MassDOT funding will allow MeVa to remain fare-free for an additional six weeks, or until Patriots Day 2024, before having to make long-term revenue determinations.

The success of MeVa’s fare initiative is unassailable. Since going fare-free, MeVa’s ridership has gone up a whopping 121.3% for fixed route service and 50.4% for paratransit service, based on October 2022 data. While the ridership numbers make a tremendous case for the value of going fare-free in and of themselves, they only tell part of the story. By removing fares as a barrier to using transit, more riders translate into increased mobility, greater access to jobs, medical appointments, training, social outings, and more spending at local shops and restaurants, which will be even more important during the upcoming holiday season.

Operationally, by going fare-free, buses travel faster as they no longer have to wait for passengers to line up to pay their fares. It has even improved the driver-passenger relationship, as drivers no longer have to police fare collection. Tellingly, even as ridership has gone up significantly, the number of complaints received has gone down 31.4% since MeVa stopped collecting fares.

MeVa’s fare-free initiative is part of a larger effort to provide a more welcoming transit experience, with increased service frequencies in Lawrence, more direct routings, a new name, and new, more colorful buses that have been plying the streets of the Merrimack Valley since October to rave reviews. Communications Director Niorka Mendez noted that “MeVa’s fare-free initiative has been a boon to the entire Merrimack Valley, and we couldn’t be prouder that MassDOT is seeking to emulate our success this holiday season across Massachusetts—we know it will spread the benefits our passengers enjoy to the entire state. Perhaps,” she added with a smile, “brightly colored buses are next!” Happy Holidays! ♦

WEATHER 101 with AL KAPRIELIAN

The End of Fall

Welcome to December the month with the last remaining days of the fall season. Winter solstice occurring during mid-December will officially mark the start of the winter season. During December, the days are short, and the nights are long.

The low sun angle does not allow temperatures to warm as fast compared to a high sun angle which causes temperatures to rise faster. The high sun angle causes the sun’s rays to be more direct which causes warmer temperatures at the surface.

Now that we are in December, the 2022 hurricane season is officially over. December can bring very cold weather and even some mild weather depending on the track of the jet stream. Snowstorms can occur in December. The amount of snow we get in December can vary from year to year due to the configuration of the jet stream and the weather pattern.

Recapping November, the beginning and first half of the month featured temperatures in the 70s’. This warm weather with much above averaged temperatures was caused by a strong high pressure off the east coast known as the Bermuda high pressure. This high-pressure system kept the jet stream well to the north and west of New England. As a result, we were on the south (warm) side of the jet stream.

On Saturday, November 5th,Manchester, NH had a high temperature of 79. Concord and Nashua New Hampshire reached 78 degrees. Many areas in Massachusetts away from the south coast Cape Cod and the islands had temperatures well in the 70s.

These warm temperatures made it feel more like late summer than November and as a result a lot of people wore tee shirts and shorts. Normally in November you would get your heavy jacket out and so wearing tee shirts and shorts in November is quite unusual.

Boston had its 7th warmest November on record. After the 1st half of November was over there was a change in the jet stream pattern. The jet stream tracked well to our south and brought cold air all the way down to the southern states. The exception was central and south Florida where the cold air did not quite make it to. With the change in the jet stream pattern for the second half of November it was time to bring out the heavy jackets. During the second half of November nighttime temperatures fell below 32 degrees in


many areas, including areas along the coast. Daytime high temperatures dropped into the 40s with even some upper 30s at the higher elevations.

The second half of the month featured some rainy and mild days. After the rain ended drier and chilly air returned from Canada along with the sunshine. With the episodes of rain towards the latter half of the month came strong winds.

This was due to strong winds aloft above ground level. This is known in weather to be called a strong low-level jet stream. When there is enough mixing of the air aloft these strong winds can make it to ground level. We saw this happen on the last day of November on the 30th. Many areas saw winds gusting to over 50 miles per hour. These strong winds caused downed trees which caused power outages. The power outages were the result of the trees falling on power lines causing the lines to fall. So, the last day of November was an active weather day for us. The big weather event in November was Hurricane Nicole which made landfall in Florida on Thursday November 10th. Nicole was a category 1 hurricane with 75 mile per hour winds. It first made landfall on the east coast of Florida and then tracked across the state passing near Tampa and then up through Georgia and the Carolinas.

As Nicole moved over these states, she began to weaken from a loss of the very warm ocean waters and also the friction of the land which lowers the wind speed. Nicole caused extensive damage to homes and other structures along the east coast of Florida. Eventually Nicole tracked toward interior New England and New York state producing remnant heavy rain. By the time she got up to our area she became an extratropical cyclone (lost the tropical characteristics) Even so there was still a lot of moisture left with the remnant low pressure of Nicole.


This was a fairly late season hurricane that occurred which is quite rare to strike east Florida so late in the season. Lastly during the month of November, we did not see any prolonged cold air or even arctic air despite the chilly 2nd half of the month. Will this trend continue in December? Will we see any snowstorms? Will we see a white Christmas, or will it be mild? Stay tuned to next month’s article for the answers!! In the meantime, prepare for winter make sure your generators are working and stay safe! ♦



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back, “Hey dad it’s me.” The two then went to work and put the fire out. Ed said that he loved the camaraderie and fellowship of the Fire Department especially during his rookie years. Most of the fire fighters in Lawrence back then were World War II or Korean War Veterans and were very capable of mentoring and training young firefighters.

One of the more harrowing events of his career, was being on duty on a hot summer night, August 8, 1984. A confrontation broke out over a broken car windshield, which became known in the media as the “Lawrence Riots.” The dispute started at the corner of Haverhill and Oxford Streets. It quickly grew into a feud of over three hundred people, who had gathered on Oxford Street. The crowd threw rocks and Molotov cocktails at each other and passing cars. During that five-hour period, guns were fired, many cars were stoned, and at least five buildings were set fire with Molotov cocktails. According to television and newspaper reports the fight turned into a full blown riot. Ed was almost pulled off his fire truck by rioters while responding to these blazes.

Twenty-two people were admitted to local hospitals. No one was killed. The next night, Lawrence police were out in force, with nearly a hundred Lawrence Police Officers on duty, and over fifty additional law enforcement officers from outside agencies. But this time a larger crowd of nearly four hundred rioters used the same means as the night before to incite each other to violence. On August 10th, the city was put on an 8pm curfew. That was the end of the 1984 riots. The City Council declared Lawrence to be in a state of emergency, with Mayor John J. Buckley becoming the city’s sole authority. He declared a three-day curfew, from 8pm to 6am, for the neighborhood known as Lower Tower Hill.

Ed retired from the Lawrence Fire department in 2006 after serving thirty years. In his last three years on the job, he worked as a Fire Prevention officer and Arson investigator. After retiring from the department, he worked in

Nashua, New Hampshire as support staff at Keystone Hall, a detox and treatment center serving the homeless and indigent. He enjoyed helping those citizens get their lives back on track. He is now fully retired and finds working with veterans in need as rewarding. Ed has three adult children, two daughters, Shannon, a teacher and Kristen, an RN. And a son Eddie. who works in IT. He also has twelve grandchildren.

Ed plays regularly in the band, “The Veteran’s Den Band,” which is also an Irish band. He sings and plays guitar. He received a Special Service award from the Mass. State Fire Marshall for his song “The Fireman’s Prayer” for which he wrote the music. He has sung this song at the funerals of and Memorial services for firefighters. He has a 9-song cd of original songs that he has written about firefighters which he has sold to folks from Australia to Hungary and places in between. Veteran, Firefighter, Musician, work in the field of addiction, Father, and Grandfather, Ed Murphy is a “Hero in our Midst”!

The Dracut American Legion asks all World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans, to call (603) 518-5368 and sign up for an Honor Flight to the Memorials in Washington DC! Veterans of all eras are asked to go the American Legion’s Web site www.legion.org and join the American Legion. Our mission is working with Congress, Veterans, and the Community, preserving our Veteran’s Benefits for future generations and serving all Veterans and their families.

John Cuddy served in the US Navy’s Construction Battalions (also known as the Seabees) after retiring from the US Navy; he earned a bachelor’s in history and a master’s in economics from the University of Massachusetts on the Lowell Campus. He has been employed in Logistics at FedEx for the last 26 years. If you know a World War II, Korean War, or Vietnam War Veteran who would like their story told, please email him at John.Cuddy@yahoo.com



THE DOCTOR IS IN!

Because Doctors Cannot Know

Dr. Pierre Ghassibi
VALLEY PATRIOT MEDICAL COLUMNIST

Greetings everyone.

When we are young, we do not give attention to small symptoms.

Later on, after middle age, we start worrying about shoulder pain, some occasional leg numbness, a rash, an occasional insomnia, some forgetfulness, acid reflux, etc.

So, we visit our doctors and to please us, or maybe to avoid missing an important disease, and because doctors are not sure that they can diagnose just by taking a history and performing a physical exam, tests are done.

They are expensive. Often, because our symptom is nothing serious and does not show anything on testing, more testing follows to make sure the doctor covers all

possibilities.

Every symptom, it turns out, can have very many causes, which leads to very many tests. Because a lot of symptoms are benign, other than reassurance, the tests do not add to our health.

Perhaps this is why they say that the West, and especially the US, spends a lot of money on health care without resulting in better health from a statistical point of view.

I cannot propose a solution to this because no one wants to miss a serious disease. Yet, the approach is not scientific and if we did not have this fear of a dangerous disease, we could wait for symptoms to subside before we insist on tests. But things will not change.

Patients trust in doctors is less than in the past and tests are easily available.

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Methuen Police Participate in ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over’

Methuen Police Chief Scott McNamara has announced that the Methuen Police Department has been awarded a grant to increase the number of impaired driving patrols during the holiday season as part of the national “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement campaign.

As part of the Municipal Road Safety Program, the Baker-Polito Administration recently awarded over \$5 million in road safety grant funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to local police departments for Fiscal Year 2023. Of this funding, the Methuen Police Department was awarded \$32,595.

The Gloucester Police Department will join other departments across the state and the Massachusetts State Police in the campaign. Police urge those who plan

to drink or use marijuana or other drugs to plan ahead and designate a driver, use a ride-sharing service or take public transportation.

The campaign runs from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31. During that time, the Methuen Police Department will have several officers on the lookout for impaired and reckless drivers on the roads. Everyone is reminded to never get behind the wheel if they have been drinking and to never get into a vehicle if the driver is impaired.

According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers. On average, more than 10,000 people have died each year from 2014 to 2018 in drunk-driving crashes.



Coming Out for Mayor DePena

Lawrence’s very own Sal Lupoli of Lupoli Companies and entrepreneur Michael Tarshi were on hand last month during Mayor DePena’s celebration of his first year in office. The mayor highlighted his accomplishments over the last year at the Riverwalk complex in Lawrence.

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that would facilitate proper operations and maintain the integrity of the chain of command. Additionally Chief Vasque has not assigned a risk assessment officer for the Department since the position became vacant.

Chief Vasque has mishandled the budget of the police department by means of repeatedly engaging in the poor management practice of awarding time owed / compensatory time to excessive levels that far exceed reasonable standards. This abuse of the LPD budget has created an unfunded liability for the Police Department and by extension the City of Lawrence that negatively impacts the ability of the City of Lawrence to raise pay and benefits for employees.

Chief Vasque has been inattentive regarding the Department’s grant income as he had repeatedly failed to maintain proper controls over the employees

delegated with securing those funds. This has led to nearly losing millions of dollars in State and Federal aid that is utilized for staffing and paying for essential law enforcement programs that the citizens of Lawrence rely upon.

Chief Vasque’s toxic leadership has contributed to an environment causing nearly 30 Sworn Officers to voluntarily separate from the Lawrence Police Department in the last two and a half years and we fear by early 2023 this number will exceed 40 Officers as many are in the process of actively separating to other law enforcement agencies.

The loss of years of invested leadership, training and institutional knowledge will have an effect on the LPD for years to come. The hemorrhaging of our officers must come to an end in order to effectively manage the LPD and police the City of Lawrence. ♦



Cub Scouts Visit Methuen Police

Last month Methuen Police Sgt. Kevin Dzioba and Officer Brandon Laflamme gave a tour of the police department to Cub Scout Pack 52. The pack spent some time in the dispatch center and even got to see our police cruisers and motorcycles!

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‘BILL’S TV TALK MAILBAG’

Bill Cushing
VALLEY PATRIOT TV COLUMNIST

From time to time, my column will feature questions asked by readers regarding the world of TV. Feel free to email me with any questions you may have about TV at BillsTVPat@gmail.com, and I’ll do my best to answer you and may feature your question in a future column. Here’s what we got!

Hi Bill, I read your recent column about ‘Bad Sisters’ on AppleTV+ and watched it on your recommendation. I loved it. Are we going to see more of it, or was it just a limited series? – Julie from Dracut, MA

Thanks Julie, I’m glad you liked it. The show was originally intended as a limited series, but AppleTV+ has decided they want more of the Garvey sisters. They have renewed ‘Bad Sisters’ for a second season. We should expect new episodes sometime in the summer or fall of 2023.

We really enjoyed ‘Inside Man’ on Netflix. Stanley Tucci is one of our favorites. What are you hearing about another season? - Sam from Lawrence, MA

Sam, I really liked it as well. There’s been nothing official from the BBC or Netflix regarding a second season but judging by that post-credits scene in the finale, I would bet we’re going to see a second season. Stay tuned to my Facebook page for updates.

Hi Bill, I’m a longtime reader of your column. One of my favorite shows is ‘City on a Hill’ on Showtime. I loved the addition of Corbin Bernsen in Season 3, he made a really good villain. I’m excited to see where the series goes from here. Any scoop on it? - Richard from Salem, NH

I agree, the addition of Corbin Bernsen in the just completed 3rd season was a welcome one. Kevin Bacon’s Jackie needed a new villain to butt heads with, and it added a nice storyline to the series. Unfortunately, Showtime has decided not to renew the series for any further seasons, and the 3rd season was its last. There’s been no word on a possible wrap-up movie from Showtime, like they did with ‘Ray Donovan,’ but it’s

certainly a possibility. Bill, whatever happened to the series ‘Hunters’ on Amazon Prime? I would have thought that Al Pacino’s first TV series would have been much more popular. I expected to see more seasons of it. – Linda from Andover, MA

‘Hunters,’ the series about a group of people hunting Nazi’s in 1970’s America, debuted to a reasonable amount of buzz in February of 2020. Mostly due to legendary actor Al Pacino appearing in a starring role in his first TV series. The pandemic interfered with plans for a second season and the series was put on hold. However, things finally got on track, and the second and final season of ‘Hunters’ is slated to premiere in January. Based on some recently released photos from the new season, Pacino is returning for the final batch of episodes.

What are you hearing about the next installment in the ‘Yellowstone’ franchise? ‘1883’ was terrific and I’m really looking forward to seeing more of the story of the Dutton clan. – Kathy from Methuen

The next chapter in the ‘Yellowstone’ saga will be ‘1923’ (after being announced as ‘1932’ and undergoing a title change). Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren will star, along with Robert Patrick, Michelle Randolph, James Badge Dale, and Timothy Dalton. It will premiere on December 18th, on Paramount Plus. Series creator Taylor Sheridan and Paramount Plus also just premiered ‘Tulsa King’ starring Sylvester Stallone (In his first foray into episodic TV) which is not part of the ‘Yellowstone’ franchise.

That’s all for this mailbag! Thanks for all the emails, and please keep them coming! I’ll be back next month with my list of my best shows of 2022. See you then!!

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

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All Were Healed!

Peter Larocque
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Greetings and God Bless you my friends in the Wonderful Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Here we are in the last month of 2022, how many are ready to jump into 2023? Well, ready or not it will be here soon enough. But let’s keep our shoulders back and chins up because we will be another year closer to the return of Jesus Christ and that’s worth celebrating all on its own. He is coming back!!!

How many went to the theaters and watched the first 2 episodes of season # 3 of the T.V. Series The Chosen? Well, my wife and I did and it did not disappoint. I have heard that season #3 will cause us to go to the source, the Holy Bible more than ever to see for ourselves whether what they portray and say in the episodes took place. For instance, SPOILER ALERT!!! In one of the new episodes, there is a conversation between Jesus and little James. First of all, there was no big or little James in the Bible. They just use this so-called poetic license to help us in the series to distinguish between the two. The Bible just simply states in Matthew 10:2- 4. “Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.” NKJV. There is also no mention that one of the James was crippled and in need of healing. The conversation between this James and Jesus is what caused me to go to the Bible to see if it was so. It was the one where James was questioning Jesus’ sending them out two by two in Matthew 10:7-8, “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.” NKJV. James was simply asking Jesus how was he supposed to go out and heal others while he needed to be healed. [Again, no mention in scripture that one of the James was crippled and in need of healing]. Jesus’ response to him was what caused me to shake my head in disbelief! Nowhere in the four Gospels, Jesus said to anyone that “He didn’t heal them because of some greater lesson that could be taught by not healing them at that moment.” Although this scene is very emotional and heart-wrenching, it just doesn’t hold true with what the Bible says Jesus did!

Here is what the Bible says in Matthew 4:23-24, “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. 24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and

they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. NKJV. And in Matthew 8:16, “When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,” NKJV. Mark 6:56, “Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.” NKJV. Then finally, in the Book of Acts 10:38, “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” NKJV. Nowhere, at any time in the Bible is there someone who came to Jesus for healing that they went away not healed!!!

But, after saying all this, I can understand in today’s Christian Churches this conversation is real, that it is happening over and over again between Pastors and their congregations. Why? Because why are some Christians being healed and some are not? That my brothers and sisters is the million-dollar question! Because the easy answer is, God has a reason and a purpose for healing some and not healing others. That there must be some lesson to learn. We must ask ourselves a few simple questions first, like do you believe that healing is available today? Are you in a Church that teaches one way or the other? If you find yourself in a Church where the Pastor teaches that Healing Miracles are a thing of the past, then there you have it. This is the easy way out that some Pastors take so that they don’t have to explain the why!

It takes real conviction of belief to teach that God still heals today! What do you say when healing doesn’t take place even after you have been praying for days, months, and in some cases years?

I refer you to a song by Mercy Me called “Even if” <https://youtu.be/K6B8SjPxo8o> Consider this my Christmas gift to all of you.

Please do not let anything I have written deter you from watching the series, The Chosen! It’s a good series about Jesus!

We are about to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! As Christians, let’s put away the many things that cause division in the Body of Christ, His called-out ones, His Church. When we get to Heaven there will be nothing dividing us! So, let’s start now and proclaim the Gospel of Grace and Peace to all because all are welcome.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!!!

Much love from my family to yours!
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Phyllis Spieler, Aaron & Breanne Buzay, \$1,600,000, 16 Porter Rd
Rich Family Tr & Judith & Michael Rich Tr, George & Jian Kong & Yiyang Zhang, \$1,398,000, 11 Bateson Dr
CA Investment Tr & Yvon Cormier Tr, David & Meghan Metzemaekers, \$1,250,000, 12 Robert Dr Unit 3-3
Lei Gao & Weiyun Chen, James & Molly Bradley, \$1,200,000, 12 Blueberry Cir
Richard & Cindy Mitrano, Christopher & Kelly Ippolito , \$1,170,000, 106 Wildwood Rd
Lisa & Robert Rudis Jr, Stephen & Olivia Brighton, \$1,164,000, 3 Suffolk Cir
Carol Phleger, Nicholas & Gina Martin, \$1,112,000, 3 Tally Ho Ln
Donna Silvestro & Phyllis Silvestro Est, Brendon Pickering & Brittany Baudier, \$975,000, 21 Mohawk Rd
Paskal Realty Trust & Steven Paskal Tr, Eudad & Lorell Gonzalez, \$965,000, 10 Phoenix Pl
Gigliotti Family Realty Tr & Paul & Marily Gigliotti Tr, Chelsey & Colin Bennett, \$881,000, 3 Ridge Hill Way
Frank & Debra Dicenso , Diane Kiladis, \$860,000, 5 Sandalwood Ln
Xuong Tran Tr & Hang Vu Tr & Tran-Vu Family Realty Tr, Indusha Thevaruban, \$790,000, 19 Osgood St
Jerome Hi Fitzpatrick Revocable Living Tr & Paul Fitzpatrick Tr, Matthew & Anne Levine, \$750,000, 129 Lovejoy Rd
Joan N Cohen Tr-2017 & Joan Cohen Tr, Kurt & Wendy Ring, \$725,000, 27 Vine St
Kevin & Julia Crippen , Thomas & Megan Vanduyne, \$687,050, 189 High Plain Rd
Eric & Laura Bevilacqua & Laura Touloupoulos, Ian & Vicky Davis, \$650,000, 25 Vine St
Hong Lei & Zhigang Jiang, Thanh Tran, \$622,000, 22 Michael Way Unit 16
Karen Stewich & David Alves, Muaz Muneer & Fathima Mohamed-Nilam, \$585,000, 23 Mckenney Cir
Michael Tornosello, Bartlet Five Nine LLC, \$525,000, 59 Bartlet St
Mcclory Family Tr & Wayne Mcclory Tr , 62 Harold Parker Realty Tr & Frederick & Carolyn Shaw Tr, \$520,000, 62 Harold Parker Rd
Navin & Ritu Dewagan, Tingti Lin, \$410,000, 1100 Spring Valley Dr
Joseph & Suzanne Ganem, Zuzana Livingstone, \$275,000, 247 Main St Unit 5
TTFN Corp Tr & D P Realty Tr, Rachel Rick, \$250,000, 11 Longwood Dr
Loretta Dentremon, Paula Castonguay, \$196,513, 1 Francis Dr Unit 101
CA Investment Trust & Yvon Cormier Tr, Milan & Sharon Zeman, \$1,480,000, 23 Robert Dr Unit 5-4
David & Michelle Clark, Thomas & Kathryn Arrigg, \$1,180,000, 25 Hemlock Rd
Aaron & Breanne Buzay, Laura Hamilton, \$1,035,000, 7 Ellsworth Rd
Schwing Family Trust & John Schwing Tr , Jose Recinos, \$700,000, 6 Bannister Rd
Nancy Nunnery & Jeffrey Marcoux, Durga & Pushpa Singh, \$610,000, 4 Launching Rd

LAWRENCE

Right Meow LLC & Santini Holdings LLC, DLC Phase Two LLC, \$2,800,000, 281-285 Essex St

Smitchelson LLC, Celest Investments LLC, \$918,000, 59 Bellevue St
Mirna Rosario, Y & G Properties LLC, \$850,000, 588-590 Haverhill St
Jefri Liriano, Carlos Perez-Polanco, \$680,000, 41 Summer St
Julio Rivas, Mary Morales & Natalie Quintana, \$675,000, 65 Brook St
Fabienne Silva, Edward Bonaccorsi, \$600,000, 293-295 Jackson St
Henry Bilodeau & Mona Thornton & Jeanine Murphy, Rosanna Vasquez, \$570,000, 503 Haverhill St
Dario Manon, Gregory Jimenez & Francisca Hernandez, \$535,000, 183-189 Farnham St
Maira Javier & Willys Paulino, Victor & Castro-Merceded & Victor Castro, \$530,000, 255 Salem St
Julio & Maida Carrion , Brandon Pitman & Brendan Deroo, \$505,000, 73A Ferry St
Julie Porras, Alvaro De La Cruz, \$500,000, 45 Hillside Ave
Francis Sharkey Jr Est & Nancy Ross, Alba De Rodriguez, \$499,900, 112-114 Bowdoin St
Esmerelda Lopez & Amable Salazar, Miguel Pena & Okenny Ruiz & Manuel Mendez, \$499,000, 84 Amherst St
Joanne Giuffrida & Jo-Anne Corcoran & Patricia Mariano, Michael & Nabil Silfa, \$490,000, 19 East Haverhill St
Jerry Bertrand & Josemyr Jeanty-Bertrand, Camilo Santana & Ramona Encarnacion & Ruth Valenzuela, \$480,000, 36 Stevens Ave
Lora & Alice Fulton, Paola Gutierrez & Ashley Ozuna, \$480,000, 23 Louisburg St
Nancy Wheeler, 3M RE LLC, \$420,000, 10-12 Debbie Ln
Michael Faria & Liduino Faria Est & Dino Faria, Hamlet Marte, \$415,000, 656 Lowell St
Elizabeth & Antonio Ramos & Elizabeth Lopez, Victor Gonzalez, \$405,000, 149 May St
William Nunez & Jacquelin Rosario, Ernesto Pena, \$360,000, 2 Lexington St
Yanet Martinez , Elvyn Alamo & Sonivette Quintana-Rivera, \$360,000, 120 Abbott St
Jadith Manriquez, Nieves Toribio, \$325,000, 3-5 Woodland St Unit 3
George Beaulieu, Alexander Day, \$300,000, 0-2 Hudson Ave
Jackson Garcia, Maria Montesquieu, \$194,061, 111-117 Butler St
Maria Ruiz, Saleem & Nasim Corp, \$125,100, 46 Amesbury St Unit 5A
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Karl Welday, Emmanuel & Melissa Lanfranco, \$520,000, 9 Buttonwood Dr
Weinhold Family Tr & Kevin & Debra Weinhold Tr, Kayla Matthews & Nicholas Ardizzoni, \$500,000, 11 Lyndale Ave
Allan Tribandis Est & Erica Juarez, Kristen Colson, \$290,000, 175 Pleasant Valley St Unit E
Loeschen Realty Trust & John Loeschen Tr, Luis & Maria Puello, \$1,200,000, 52-54A Pelham St
Phillip A Silverio Tr & Phillip & Donna Silverio Tr, 676-678 Lowell Holdings LLC, \$975,000, 676-678 Lowell St
Rokos Family Revocable Living Tr & Paul & Meg & Margriet Rokos Tr, Heather Greenhalgh, \$910,000, 17 Pine Tree Dr Unit 101
DLC Phast Two LLC, JLR Investments LLC, \$905,000, 45-47 Brook St
DLC Phast Two LLC, JLR Investments LLC, \$905,000, 3-9 Camden St
Cherry Tree Real Estate LLC, Methuen Healthcare LLC, \$900,000, 175 Berkeley St
Toll Ma Land III LP, Alfred & Judy Zodda, \$819,633, 44 Phoebe St Unit 99
Robert & Susan Green , Michelle Sierpina & Fred Nutter, \$800,000, 7 Liams Ln
Kevin Moury & Debra Mccann-Moury, Curtis & Cheryl Fisher, \$710,000, 46 Kimball Rd
Franklin Victoria & Siana Conception, Simon Conception, \$670,000, 10-12 Willow St
Perrault Family LP, Euclides Saldana & Jose Bare, \$635,000, 7-9 Gleason St
Sharon Yates & Donald & Sharon Hinckley, Beverly Kinnon-Wade & Donald Wade, \$630,000, 35 Sheldon St
Carolyn Wilkinson, Danilo Planco & Jorge Silverio, \$614,000, 193-195 Oakland Ave
Juan & Altagracia Peralta, Xavier Peralta, \$600,000, 47-49 Arlington St
Anthony & Lucilina Brown , Troy & Melanie Medeiros, \$590,000, 213 Oak St
Raymond & Darlene Couture, Sandra & Caryn Moskal & Barbara Cavallaro, \$585,000, 25 Thayer St
Cara & Roger Hardy Jr, Janine Skipper & Andrew Sprague, \$580,000, 9 Elane Ave
Patricia Beausejour & Sonia Beausejour Est, Eliezer Vargas & Luz De Los Santos,

\$560,000, 88 Brown St
Steven Nelson, Lori Mortimer & David Corsetto, \$552,000, 135 Butternut Ln
Donna Robershefski, David Pereira, \$525,000, 39 Sugar Hill Cir
Maxine Shaw & Kevin Comtois, Ovenide & Kenol Claude, \$510,000, 16 Maplewood Ave
Julio Jimenez & Randy Hernandez, Leonard Sitati & Shirley Gidali, \$510,000, 29 Buco Ave
Patricia Ventrillo, Jorge Vargas, \$490,000, 2 Hope St
Kenneth Dimmock, Jarol Bonilla & Chelsea Dimmock, \$481,250, 31 Woodburn Dr
Dennis Maschio & Gloria Dallaire, Uxede & Yolna Mezidor, \$460,000, 23 Conrad St
William Fraser, Andersom Fonseca, \$460,000, 1 Cherry Hill Cir
Jeffrey Evans, William Ivey, \$460,000, 26 Strongwater Rd
Robert Hall & Mary Hall Est, Timothy T Lindblad Family Trust & Susan B Lindblad Family Trust & Timothy & Susan Lindblad Tr, \$440,000, 59 Landing Dr
Tania Maria & Alexandro Rodriguez, Loren & Maxine Madden , \$430,000, 26 Ames St
Martha & Marcel Sirois, Michelle Whitson-Lorenzi & Lawrence Whitson, \$420,000, 118 Elm St
Carmelo Miragliotta, Wilson Horton & Escolastica De Horton, \$400,000, 20 Channing St
Bonnie Mace & Paul & Bonnie Firriello, Jeremy Abdulla & Sarah Byam, \$390,000, 1 Turner St
David & Mark & Donna Contorelli, Robinson Mejia & Yadhiri De Parra, \$380,000, 35 Ashford St
Kim Cowan, Alexandria Matossian, \$365,000, 1 Riverview Blv Unit 6-207
Simmers-Rienth Riverview Realty Trust & Evelyn Simmers Tr & Randolph Rienth Tr, Reenee Gillis & Andre Frechette, \$364,000, 1 Riverview Blv Unit 2-103
Susan Helander, Debra Burke, \$356,000, 21 Hampshire Rd Unit 216
John & Michelle Leahy, Joseph & Tara Silva, \$350,000, 304 Oak St
St George Syrian Orthodox Catholic Society Of Lawrence Mass Inc, E & G Realty Tr & Eddy Guzman Tr, \$340,000, 80 Hampstead St
Jonathan Henriquez, Luz Arvelo & Manuel Ceballos, \$310,000, 95 Pelham St Unit 3
Vida Whitcomb Est & Bruce Whitcomb, Glenly Liranzo & Wilmer Castillo, \$230,000, 18B Constitution Way Unit B
Joyce Warchol & Melvina Rita Malek Revocable Tr, Johnathan & Shawna Marsan, \$225,000, 404 Pelham St
North Avenue Realty Tr & Kin Weinstein Tr, Miguel Breton, \$175,000, 40 Danbury Dr Unit 15
D R Realty Trust & Ngocanh Robinson, Ngocanh Nguyen, \$145,000, 71 Mystic St Unit 20
La Belle Maison LLC, Sean Fennell, \$125,000, 30 Danbury Dr Unit 30-4

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John & Johanne Ferguson, Ou & Qi Deng, \$1,250,000, 33 Nutmeg Ln
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David & Joan Howard , Amneed Tatla & Gurcharan Dhillon, \$950,000, 30 Old Cart Way
Lee Knowles & Lawrence Howell, Paul & Nancy Bea, \$925,000, 151 Salem St
Mary C Chase Revocable Tr & Joseph Normile Tr & Alexandra Wudyka Tr & Marybeth Mcinnis Tr , 178 Andover Street LLC, \$900,000, 178 Andover St
Birch Lane LLC, John & Melanie Allen, \$900,000, 463 Winter St
Terry & Julia Brown, Carlo Micale & Jeanne Anne Micale Revocable Living Tr & Carlo & Jeanne Micale Tr, \$900,000, 105 Weyland Cir
Jeffrey & Caroline Castaldo, Evan Jones & Nensi Cukalla, \$900,000, 85 Colonial

Ave
Stephen & Elizabeth Jewett, Eric & Polly & Marianne Goodman, \$870,000, 31 Huckleberry Ln
Feb Realty Trust LLC, Meghan & Brian Groom, \$782,000, 10-12 Harkaway Rd
Turnpike Prop LLC, Lucas Almeida & Fabricio Zambroni, \$731,000, 2170 Turnpike St
Shahriar Beigi, Brendan & Carleen Cox, \$725,000, 15 Sullivan St
Jeffrey O Brown Trust & Jeffren Brown Tr , Amy Getchell & Isaac Almy, \$700,000, 21 Ash St
Stephen & Christine Schou, Marius & Ileana Micu, \$687,000, 166 Rea St
Vitri Bhandari , Tanuj Joshi, \$667,000, 386 Sutton St Unit A
Nicholas & Elizabeth Guilbeault, Zhi Chen & Jinquing Lin, \$637,500, 452 Massachusetts Ave

Stellson LLC, Janice Sirois, \$606,000, 138 Lacy St
Michael & Carolyn McMahon, Sopheap Duong & Vanda Thong, \$592,500, 185 Middlesex St
Kitaeff Family Trust of 2018 & Rhonda Kitaeff Tr , Davenport Property Tr & Keith Davenport Tr, \$525,000, 23 Millpond
Robert & Marilyn Stasonis, Daniel Tereshko & Erin Harris, \$516,000, 42 Mill Pond
John & Pamela Cahill, Security Eat 639 Inc, \$475,000, 170 Salem St
David Leonard, Northeast Properties & Investments LLC, \$450,000, 405 Main St
Alfred Nowell Jr & Susan Nowell, Medhi Darhbar & Alex Cole, \$370,000, 45 East Water St Unit 2
Candice Weston, Jessica Beal, \$355,000, 148 Main St Unit F-544
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Prescott Property Holdings LLC, P Prescott Prop LLC & ML Prescott Prop LLC, \$16,561,898, 140 Prescott St
Kenneth & Evelyn Tilley, Ye Lee & Vivek Gnanaraj, \$1,125,000, 70 Bridle Path
Daniel & Kelley Geaney, Paul & Urszula Brooks, \$634,900, 122 Middlesex St
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- Isaias Garcia Tovar Senior
- Isaias Tovar Junior
- Delia Noriega
- Dwaneia Turner
- Demier Chambers
- Earnest “Bugg” Riggs Junior
- Brenda Poss-Barnes
- Greg Barnes Senior
- Daniel Kinney
- Chanel Neal
- Kenya Renee Cunningham
- Demontray Rhodes
- Katherine Bryan
- Johnnie Jones
- Alonso Lewis
- Kevin Niyibizi
- Eddie Jenkins
- Kevin Kloth
- Kevin Schneider
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- Josephine Gay, 7
- Ana Grace Marquez-Greene, 6
- Dylan Hockley, 6
- Madeleine F Hsu, 6
- Catherine Violet Hubbard, 6
- Chase Kowalski, 7
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- James Radley Mattioli, 6
- Grace McDonnell, age seven
- Emilie Parker, 6
- Jack Pinto, 6
- Noah Pozner, 6
- Caroline Previdi, 6
- Jessica Rekos, 6
- Avielle Richman, 6
- Benjamin Wheeler, 6
- Allison N Wyatt, 6

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- Dawn Hochsprung, age 47
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- Lauren Rousseau, age 30
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- Maite Yuleana Roriguez, 10
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