



**BEFORE**

Última foto tomada de la cabeza del alcalde minutos antes de ser pelado al rape.

Last picture taken from the mayor's head minutes before his hair was shaved.

**AFTER**

El alcalde de Lawrence recibió un caramelo por buen comportamiento mientras le masacraban el cabello.

*Lawrence Mayor, Michael J. Sullivan got a candy for good behavior during the Hair Massacre.*

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## EL ALCALDE DE LAWRENCE PERDIÓ APUESTA Y SU PELO

El jueves, 15 de febrero, 2007, después de perder una apuesta con Sal Lupoli, al Alcalde de Lawrence, Michael J. Sullivan le cortaron el pelo.

### LAWRENCE MAYOR perdió una apuesta y perdió su pelo

After losing a bet to Sal Lupoli, Lawrence Mayor Michael J. Sullivan had his hair cut on Thursday, February 15, 2007. PLEASE SEE PAGE 10

Por Alberto Suris

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El jueves, 15 de febrero, 2007, al Alcalde de Lawrence, Michael J. Sullivan le cortaron el pelo a rape como resultado de una apuesta que perdió con Sal Lupoli, de Sal's Pizza and Conference Center, localizado en el Riverwalk, de la Calle Merrimack, en Lawrence.

La Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union se muda para el Riverwalk y contrató a Lupoli para construir sus oficinas. El Alcalde Sullivan retó a Lupoli a que en 40 días no tendría las cuatro paredes y el techo construidos. "Si pierdo, me afeito la cabeza", dijo el alcalde.

Bueno, el alcalde perdió y el corte del cabello fue convertido en una ocasión para recaudar dinero. Las personas pagaron \$25 para ser admitidos a contemplar la masacre mientras que el producto de lo recaudado sería repartido a beneficio del Merrimack Valley YMCA, Lawrence YWCA, Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence and CLASS, Inc. Los organizadores recaudaron \$7,925.

Sal Lupoli ofreció \$1,000 para tener el honor de ser el que le diera el primer corte al alcalde. Patricia Muraco, de Merrimack Valley School of Hair Design finalizó el trabajo y cuando el Representante Estatal William Lantigua (D, Lawrence) navaja en mano quiso afeitarle la cabeza al alcalde, su hermano Mark Sullivan ofreció \$1,000 para dejarlo así.

Nuestras fuentes en el ayuntamiento nos informaron que al día siguiente, con la calculadora en mano, el alcalde se quejó del poco dinero obtenido por su pelo. "¿Te imaginas? ¡Solo obtuve \$0.0528333 por pelo!", dicen que dijo a un amigo.

Hemos tratado muy duro de confirmar esto último pero hasta el momento de ir para la imprenta nos ha sido imposible.

Nota del Editor: Ha sido documentado que el promedio de pelos en una cabeza humana es de 100,000 y algunas llegan a 150,000. Mirando la cabeza de Mike Sullivan antes de pelarse, es posible que él esté dentro de la segunda categoría. Tal vez esa fue la fórmula que aplicó para llegar a su conclusión.

## Derroche de alegría en Fiesta de Carnaval

Por Beatriz Pérez

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## COLOMBIANOS CELEBRARON SAN VALENTIN

El Comité Cultural Colombiano, con la presencia de su propia Miss Colombia, Lina Maria Dziechowski, tuvo una fantástica celebración del día de San Valentín.

## COLOMBIANS CELEBRATED ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

The Colombian Cultural Committee with the presence of their Miss Colombia, Lina Maria Dziechowski, had an awesome St. Valentine's Day celebration.



## ARTE CON-SENTIDO “Javier” José Osorio y su nuevo proyecto

## ART-WITH-A-MEANING PROJECT “Javier” Jose Osorio and his new project

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# Editorial

## NUESTRO CONCILIO DISFUNCIONAL

El Concilio de Lawrence rompió tantas reglas esta semana que lo que más nos horroriza es que más personas no estén chillando del disgusto.

Hace algunos semanas, el Presidente Patrick Blanchette se encontró disculpándose en la televisión por llamar al Alcalde Michael Sullivan “Sadam” y a Michael Sweeney “Rasputin” durante una reunión del concilio. Cuando era de esperarse que ellos aprendieran de esta experiencia, el Concejal Joseph Parolisi dijo que él no quisiera verse “en una madriguera de zorro con ese tipo” refiriéndose al Director de Personal Frank Bonet y utilizó la analogía de “tres ratones cegatos” otra vez hablando de él.

¿Qué ha sucedido con la cortesía, los buenos modales, el respeto y seguir las reglas cuando se trata de los derechos de un empleado? Los asuntos de los empleados deben ser discutidos en sesión ejecutiva y ellos permitieron que el público y ellos mismos hicieran una burla del caso del Sr. Frank McCann. Este no es el momento de salir en su defensa, atacarlo o chismear. Nadie sabe siquiera por qué él está siendo investigado y el alcalde tiene la autoridad para hacerlo sin notificar a nadie en el concilio.

Los comentarios de algunos miembros del concilio estuvieron muy fuera de lugar considerando que ellos le deben favores (como trabajos para parientes, la limpieza de nieve, el corte de árboles, asfaltando sus calles, aceras nuevas, etc.) a Frank McCann. En lugar de ayudar a establecer la imagen inmaculada que ellos presentaban, la audiencia que estaba mirando vio una hipocresía que terminó haciendo daño al Sr. McCann.

El Concilio de Lawrence viola la intimidad de un empleado municipal ventilando un problema que ellos no saben completamente, permitiendo que el público saque sus propias conjeturas, a veces dañando. Si ellos quieren realmente ser proactivos con los asuntos que afectan a la ciudadanía, ¿cómo es que no tomaron las riendas cuando Eusebio Alicea compareció antes ellos quejándose de la forma en que su hijo fue golpeado dentro de la celda en la estación de policía pidiendo una explicación al jefe de la policía? O las muchas veces que nosotros hemos escrito acerca de abusos por la policía.

El Concilio de Lawrence quiere ser el héroe de unos pocos – no de la comunidad.

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# Editorial

## OUR DYSFUNCTIONAL CITY COUNCIL

The Lawrence City Council broke so many rules this week that we find even more appalling that people are not screaming in disgust.

A few weeks ago, President Patrick Blanchette found himself apologizing on television calling Mayor Michael Sullivan “Sadam” and Michael Sweeney “Rasputin” during a council meeting. When it was to be expected that they would learn from this experience, Councilor Joseph Parolisi said that he did not want to be “in a foxhole with that guy” referring to Personnel Director Frank Bonet and used the analogy of “three blind mice” again talking about him.

What ever happened to civility, good manners, respect and following rules when it comes to employee rights? Employee issues should be discussed in executive session and they allowed the public and themselves to make a mockery of Mr. Frank McCann’s case. This is not the time to come out of the woodwork to defend him, attack him or gossip. Nobody even knows what he is being investigated for and the mayor has the authority to do so without

notifying anyone at the council level.

The comments from some council members were very out of place considering that they owe favors (like jobs for relatives, snow plowing, tree cutting, blacktopping their streets, new sidewalks, etc.) to Frank McCann. Rather than help establish the spotless image they were presenting, the viewing audience was treated to a sense of hypocrisy that ended up hurting Mr. McCann.

The Lawrence City Council violates the privacy of a municipal employee airing a problem that they do not even fully know, allowing the public to come up with conjectures, at times damaging. If they really want to be proactive about city issues, how come they did not take charge when Eusebio Alicea appeared before them complaining about his son being beaten inside the cell at the police station by asking for an explanation from the Chief? Or the many times we have written about abuses by the police department.

The Lawrence City Council wants to be the hero of a few – not the community.

## INVITACIÓN

Febrero, 21 2007

Casa Dominicana y el Consulado Dominicano junto a otras organizaciones comunitarias están invitando a los medios de comunicación y a la comunidad en general a las diferentes actividades, con motivo de la Independencia Dominicana

Este próximo martes, 27 de febrero, la comunidad dominicana recuerda el 163 Aniversario de la Gesta de Independencia, motivo por el cual el Consulado General de la República Dominicana en Boston y Casa Dominicana de la ciudad de Lawrence han planificado una serie de actividades para recordar un aniversario mas de la Independencia Dominicana.

Las actividades se inician este viernes 23 en Lawrence.

El historiador dominicano Manuel Núñez, miembro de la Academia Dominicana de la Historia, estará ofreciendo una Conferencia sobre la Independencia Dominicana.

Con el Tema: “Análisis Moderno de la Independencia Dominicana” se va a llevar a cabo este viernes, 23 de febrero, a las 7 de la noche en Casa Dominicana, 225 de la calle Essex, Segundo piso en Lawrence.

Para el sábado 24, La Tertulia Pedro Mir estar también Celebrando la Independencia Dominicana a las 7:00 p.m. en Casa Dominicana.

El martes, 27 de febrero, está programada la ceremonia del izamiento de la insignia tricolor a las 10 de la mañana en frente del City Hall con las diferentes personalidades El Honorable Sr. Michael Sullivan el Alcalde de Lawrence y el Honorable Representante Estatal El Sr. William Lantigua junto al honorable Cónsul Dominicano Dominico Cabral y otros miembros de la misión consular.

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**“Javier”  
Jose  
Osorio and  
his new  
project**

**By Alberto Suris**  
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Sponsored by the Colombian Consulate in Boston, “Javier” José Osorio, MassInnovation’s Artist in Residence, is announcing that in a couple of weeks, possibly by the beginning of March, 2007, he will start offering classes to a group of Colombian women. “This is something I’ve always wanted to do”, said Javier from his ample, sunny studio located on the second floor at Monarch on the Merrimack, 250 Merrimack Street, in Lawrence.

According to Javier, Bibiana Gómez Jaramillo, Colombian General Consul from Boston and Carmenza Bruff, President of the Colombian Cultural Committee, approached him

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## **ARTE CON-SENTIDO “Javier” José Osorio y su nuevo proyecto**

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Patrocinado por el Consulado General Colombiano de Boston, “Javier” José Osorio, Artista Residente de MassInnovation anuncia que en breve, posiblemente para principios de marzo, 2007, él comenzará a dar clases de pintura a un grupo de mujeres colombianas. “Esto es algo que siempre quise hacer”, dijo Javier desde su amplio y soleado estudio, localizado en el 250 de la Calle Merrimack, en Lawrence.

De acuerdo a Javier, Bibiana Gómez Jaramillo, Cónsul General de Colombia en Boston y Carmenza Bruff, Presidente del Comité Cultural Colombiano se le acercaron y pidieron que hiciera algo por la mujer colombiana del área, “Yo hasta tengo el nombre”, fue mi respuesta a la Cónsul. “Arte-Con-Sentido”, dijo Javier.

Javier explicó que para él, el significado de enseñar el arte de pintar a la mujer “tiene sentido porque la mujer es especial. Ellas son disciplinadas, apasionadas; ellas tienen tanto que ofrecer y en su lugar invierten mucho tiempo en los quehaceres diarios del hogar mientras que muchas de ellas tienen un trabajo de tiempo completo, dejándolas con poco o sin ningún tiempo para expresar su creatividad.

Según Javier, el Comité Colombiano ha sido instrumental en reclutar a las primeras 10 participantes y el programa durará 6 semanas, 4 horas los sábados. De acuerdo a Bruff, algunas de las mujeres objetaron que ellas jamás habían tenido un pincel en la mano, pero Javier las había convencido de que los únicos requisitos eran buena

voluntad y cumplimiento. “En 30 horas, si siguen mi sistema, yo puedo decirle a una persona si es capaz. Nadie es incapaz”, dijo Javier.

“En Colombia yo tuve 276 estudiantes y 40 en este país y hasta ahora puedo decirle que no he tenido uno solo que no haya aprendido algo”, dijo Javier con orgullo. “Todos han aprendido a dibujar, a manejar el color, a extender la pintura. Cuando usted aprende arte, usted puede aplicarla a su estilo de vida. Si usted aprende cómo pintar usted puede aprender a hacer otras cosas”, dijo Javier.

“La buena noticia es que el Consulado de Colombia, a través de su Cónsul General en Boston, Bibiana Gómez Jaramillo cubrirá el costo de las clases mientras que Robert Ansin, de Monarch on the Merrimack, facilitará el uso del estudio, por lo que no habrá costo para el estudiante”

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“Me gustaría agradecer al Consulado Colombiano en Boston y a Robert Ansin de Monarch por la oportunidad y la libertad que me dan para desarrollar este proyecto. En el futuro me gustaría extender una invitación a todas las mujeres de todas las nacionalidades y lenguajes, para que si están interesadas en aprender el arte de pintar, que se pongan en contacto conmigo, llamándome al 617-678-7321”, terminó Javier.



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# Culmina Torneo de Dominó Invernal

Por Beatriz Pérez

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Para nadie es un secreto que en la Ciudad de Lawrence existe un alto índice de inmigrantes de la República Dominicana y Puerto Rico es lógico pensar que este juego haya ganado muchos adeptos aquí y que con frecuencia se realicen torneos de dominó en el cual participan los amantes de este singular deporte.

El más reciente torneo concluyó el pasado sábado, 18 de febrero donde cuatro equipos compitieron por la Primera Copa Invernal de Dominó.

En dicho torneo, el cual fue desarrollado por espacio de cuatro meses, participaron los equipos: Liberación, Dominicanos Unidos, Federación Hispana de Deportes y LCC.

La organización del torneo fue responsabilidad de Manuel Rodríguez, Marcos Caamaño y Nelson Silvestre, Director Técnico de la Secretaría de Estado de Deportes, Educación Física y Recreación de la República Dominicana, para el área de Nueva Inglaterra.

Esta secretaría que es presidida por Hilario Encarnación brindó el apoyo logístico al torneo.

Mientras que Elizabeth Méndez representante del proyecto de viviendas "Pueblo Bávaro" donó a nombre de dicha empresa las chaquetas utilizadas por los organizadores del torneo durante el mismo.

El equipo ganador de la Copa del Primer Torneo Invernal de Dominó la ganaron los miembros del conjunto "Dominicanos Unidos", dirigidos por Juan Maldonado; el segundo lugar correspondió al equipo Liberación, capitaneados por Orlando Ramos, el tercer lugar lo ganó el equipo LCC



Nelson Silvestre Director técnico de SEDEFIR, Marcos Caamaño miembro del comité organizador del torneo, Juan Maldonado, dirigente del equipo Dominicanos Unidos ganadores de la primera Copa Invernal de Dominó, Hilario Encarnación, Director de SDEFIR en Nueva Inglaterra y Elizabeth Méndez, representante de Pueblo Bávaro.

de Ángel Rodríguez y el cuarto lugar el equipo de la Federación Hispana de Deportes, que dirigió Gilberto Ledesma y en cuyo local se realizó el encuentro.

El dominó surgió hace mil años en China a partir de los juegos de dados y su popularidad en países de Latinoamérica como Venezuela, República Dominicana, Puerto Rico y Cuba es más que conocida. El dominó es un juego de mesa en el que se emplean fichas rectangulares divididas en dos cuadrados en los que se indican valores entre 0 y 6. El juego completo de fichas de dominó consta de 28 piezas, en cada una de las cuales se representa un par de valores posibles.

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colocar todas las fichas en primer lugar, con la única restricción de que dos piezas sólo pueden colocarse juntas cuando los cuadrados adyacentes sean del mismo valor. En caso de cierre, es decir, cuando a pesar de quedar fichas en juego ninguna pueda colocarse, ganará el jugador cuyas fichas sumen menos.

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Celebró la llegada de sus trece años de edad la niña Adriana Silvestre, estudiante destacada del sexto grado de Esperanza Academy, por tal motivo la pasada semana sus padres Nelson y Xiomara le organizaron una pequeña fiesta, la cual disfrutó en compañía de sus compañeras de aula y otras amiguitas. ¡Muchas Felicidades Adriana y muchas bendiciones!

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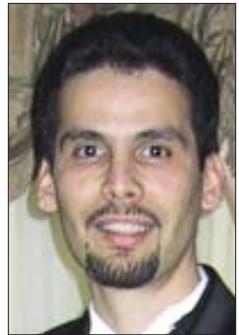
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# Bonet Responde a los Insultos de un Concejal

**Fecha:** Febrero 21, 2007  
**Para:** Joseph Parolisi, Councilor  
**Cc:** Lawrence City Councilors  
 Patrick Blanchette, Council President  
 Michael J. Sullivan, Mayor  
**De:** Frank Bonet, Personnel Director  
**Re:** Comentarios



Frank Bonet



Joseph Parolisi

respeto cuando sus insultos fueron hechos para ridiculizarme. Sentí una fea corriente de intolerancia en usted. Su actuación anoche en la reunión de concilio fue un insulto a mí y a muchos otros miembros de las fuerzas armadas. Yo al igual que muchos de sus constituyentes veteranos que escucharon este "show" se merecen de seguro una disculpa fuerte, público, e inmediata. Sus observaciones fueron un insulto profundo y fueron hechas en un tono de hostilidad.

El Ejército de los Estados Unidos nació del deseo de defender la libertad de este hermoso país. Como veterano jubilado del Ejército de los Estados Unidos, yo serví orgullosamente por más de 15 años. Sacrificué muchas libertades y los derechos para que usted pueda vivir las suyas diariamente. Entre muchas otras cosas, a mí me enseñaron y me inculcaron muchos valores. El valor y la característica que mantengo dentro de mí como la más importante es la confianza de un soldado. Protegiéndose uno al otro cuidándose su espalda. Yo nunca vacilaré en esa consideración. Al servir, yo me cercioraría que el soldado a mi lado sepa y confie que estaré atento a su espalda así como él/ella hará el mismo por mí, ya sea que estemos en una madriguera de zorros, en una posición

Quizás los residentes están cansados del comportamiento de jóvenes inmaduros, los insultos que algunas personas hacen en esta cámara con regularidad, pero muchos de nuestros empleados ya no pueden soportar más.

Durante la reunión del Concilio en el ayuntamiento el 20 de febrero de 2007, usted hizo varias observaciones hacia el Departamento de Personal y hacia mí cuando el Concilio entró en la discusión del caso de la disciplina de un empleado. Pero dos observaciones se destacaron sobre todo. Usted indicó que "usted no querría estar en una madriguera de zorro con ese tipo" y usted utilizó una analogía de "tres ratones cegatos".

Escribo para que sepa que su falta del profesionalismo ha cruzado la línea del

incapacidad y que haya solicitado empleo en la ciudad.

Quizás los residentes están cansados del comportamiento de jóvenes inmaduros, los insultos que algunas personas hacen en esta cámara con regularidad, pero muchos de nuestros empleados ya no pueden soportar más. Las reuniones del concilio deben ser realizadas en una manera cortés. Los insultos, las amenazas, las calumnias, los comentarios insolentes u obscenos no deben tener lugar en la cámara o en ninguna otra parte de nuestro gobierno municipal.

"El acoso incluye los comentarios o las observaciones no deseadas de vez en cuando o puede ser una serie de incidentes igual que puede ser una campaña sostenida." Usted ha creado un ámbito laboral hostil para mí y yo solicito que usted cese con tales hostilidades. Por favor no confunda mi respeto hacia un funcionario electo ni mi declinación en proporcionarle información que usted no tiene necesidad de saber (según la ley) en este momento, como debilidad por mi parte. Por favor, deje esta conducta que no es conducente a relaciones apropiadas entre funcionarios de la ciudad y funcionarios elegidos. Deval Patrick dijo una vez que él no podría derribar a alguien con tal de engrandecerse él.

prona, en un edificio, etc.

Adicionalmente, sus observaciones de "tres ratones cegatos" fueron dañinas porque usted sabe que uso gafas por receta médica para corregir mi pequeña incapacidad de hipermetropía. Esta observación fue un insulto, no sólo a mí, pero a todos que tiene una incapacidad. Trabajé para una organización, que proporcionó servicios de habilidad a adultos con incapacidades de desarrollo y respeto a todos individuos con incapacidades, por insignificante que esa incapacidad pueda parecer a otros. Usted decidió utilizar mi incapacidad para justificar su campaña contra mí. Creo que usted también le debe una disculpa a cada residente que tiene una

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Las actividades se inician este viernes 23 a las 11 de la mañana con el izamiento de la bandera dominicana en la Ciudad de Lynn, frente a la alcaldía de esa localidad.

La ceremonia está siendo organizada por el comité pro-fiestas patrias de esa comunidad que preside José Manuel Encarnación.

El historiador dominicano Manuel Núñez, miembro de la Academia Dominicana de la Historia, ha sido invitado para ofrecer una serie de conferencias sobre la Independencia Dominicana.

La primera de ella, "Análisis Moderno de la Independencia Dominicana" se va a llevar a cabo el 23 de febrero a las 7 de la noche en Casa Dominicana, 225 de la calle Essex en Lawrence.

Al día siguiente el historiador se trasladará a la Ciudad de Salem, MA, donde disertará sobre el mismo tema en el local de VOCES a partir de las 6 de la tarde.

El ciclo de conferencias concluye el día domingo en FUNDOARCO a las 4 de la tarde, en el Local de Nate Smith House, ubicado en el 155 de la Lamartine Street en Jamaica Plain en la Ciudad de Boston.

De igual modo el Cónsul General de la República Dominicana en Boston, Dominico Cabral dijo que ese mismo día a las 4 de la tarde una comitiva del Consulado Dominicano depositará una ofrenda floral en el busto de Juan Pablo Duarte ubicado en el parque Roger Williams en la Ciudad de Providence.

El calendario de actividades continúan el lunes 26 con un panel compuesto por los escritores Leonardo Nin, autor de *Guazábara*, entre otros, Iris Reyes autora de *Fases de mi Luna* y José Domínguez quien recientemente publicó *Mamerto* un libro escrito en inglés dirigido a los niños.

Cada uno de ellos hablará sobre sus experiencias en el campo de la literatura y las dificultades que han tenido que enfrentar para publicar sus obras.

Para el 27 de febrero está programada la ceremonia del izamiento de la insignia tricolor en las ciudades de Lawrence a las 10 de la mañana y en Boston a la 1pm, con la asistencia del honorable cónsul dominicano Dominico Cabral y otros miembros de la misión consular.

# Las organizaciones del trabajo comunitario en la lista de prioridades de presupuesto de Lantigua

Poco después de comenzar su tercer término como Representante Estatal, William Lantigua (D-Lawrence) ha sometido sus pedidos del presupuesto para el año fiscal 2008 en una carta al Presidente del House Committee on Ways and Means, Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop). El Representante Lantigua busca la financiación local de casi \$2.5 millones. La mayor parte del dinero sería distribuido a organizaciones no lucrativas de Lawrence, programas educativos y a proyectos de mejoras para la ciudad.

"Como siempre, lucho para las organizaciones y los programas que tienen el poder de reforzar nuestra comunidad," Lantigua dijo. "Yo no podré conseguir cada centavo que pida, pero yo se lo debo a las personas de Lawrence para que sean contadas".

Lantigua dijo que él está abogando por varias agencias por primera vez este año después de haber sido contactado por sus directores durante los pasados meses. Entre estos pedidos de fondos hay \$163,642 para el Instituto Internacional, que apoya a niños y familias ofreciendo instrucción, ayuda legal y otros servicios, \$135,000 para la Cámara de Comercio Latina del Valle de Merrimack, y \$100,000 para la Massachusetts Hispanic Law Enforcement Association y Valle de Merrimack Community Service Corps. Lantigua pidió también \$225,000 para financiar un programa de perdón de préstamos de becas diseñado para ayudar a atraer y retener a profesionales de habla española en la medicina mental de Lawrence y otras ciudades a través del estado en centros médicos comunitarios.

Además de las peticiones de encima, Lantigua dijo, él espera obtener la financiación para los programas siguientes:

- Our House Family Learning Center of the Merrimack Valley, \$246,368.
- Greater Lawrence Community Action Council's Spanish Program, directed by Isabel Melendez, \$198,000.
- YWCA of Greater Lawrence, \$175,000.
- Arlington Neighborhood Association of Lawrence, \$165,000.

- Movement City Program, \$150,000.
- Food for the World Pantry, \$105,000.
- Lawrence Learning Center and Community Services, \$100,000.
- New Skills Academy, \$100,000.
- Taller Bohike, \$58,227
- Family Service, Inc. of Lawrence, \$50,000.
- Lawrence Senior Center, \$49,322.

Lantigua dijo que él lamentaba no poder incluir a varias organizaciones locales que se habían beneficiado de fondos estatales en años pasados. "Debido a las proyecciones del estado de que las entradas serán más bajas, yo tuve que omitir algunos grupos que he sostenido tradicionalmente para incluir otras causas dignas," él dijo.

"Es una realidad dolorosa, pero uno que es inevitable en este clima económico".

Lantigua dijo que él espera colaborar con la delegación de Lawrence y sus colegas en el Ways and Means Committee para entregar tanta financiación a Lawrence como le sea posible.

"Tengo suerte de tener personas como la Senadora [Susan] Tucker, el Representante [Barry] Finegold, y el Representante [David] Torrisi en mi rincón," él dijo, refiriéndose a los tres otros legisladores del estado que representan a Lawrence. "Con el trabajo dedicado, nosotros hemos podido alcanzar mucho para esta ciudad, y junto nosotros alcanzaremos aún más".

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# Derroche de alegría en Fiesta de Carnaval

Por Beatriz Pérez  
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Si existe algo que realmente llena de orgullo y satisfacción es ver cuando niños y niñas que han nacido en esta nación, pero que sus raíces por parte de sus padres son dominicanas, pueden demostrar cuánto sienten por esa patria que aman gracias a los esfuerzos hechos por sus progenitores para que no olviden el de dónde vienen ellos.

Esto fue precisamente uno de los elementos más significativos que se pudo observar durante la celebración de la Segunda Fiesta de Carnaval Dominicano organizada por la Asociación Carnavalesca de Nueva Inglaterra.

Fue palpable el entusiasmo de los pequeños quienes ataviados con sus trajes de diablos cojuelos corrían por el amplio espacio del Saint Mary Hall, recordándonos que aún en medio de una temperatura fría podemos vivir el calor y la alegría del carnaval dominicano.

Este año al igual que el pasado la Familia Mirabal demostró que cuando existe un interés marcado por dar a conocer nuestra cultura y nuestro folclor no hay barreras que no puedan ser derribadas.

Febrero es el mes del Carnaval Dominicano, sus ciudades, sus pueblos, municipios y barrios están viviendo el embriagante influjo de un carnaval rico en colorido, personajes tradicionales y una variedad de caretas y disfraces.

Lawrence tuvo su carnaval con una madrina que como ella misma dice es un ejemplo de la alegría y el colorido de una de las tradiciones más populares de la República Dominicana. Esta madrina fue Eva Rojas o Eva Sazón, quien con su indiscutible amor por la tierra que la vio nacer dijo sentirse más que orgullosa por haber sido escogida como madrina de este evento y más cuando lleva el carnaval en su sangre, no solo por ser originaria de La Vega, una de las ciudades más carnavalescas de la República Dominicana, sino porque es dominicana cien por ciento.

En el Segundo Carnaval de Lawrence hubo representaciones de Santiago, La Vega, Salcedo, Santo Domingo, capital dominicana y otros puntos.

En el evento fue presentada la Lawrence

En el Segundo Carnaval de Lawrence hubo representaciones de Santiago, La Vega, Salcedo, Santo Domingo, capital dominicana y otros puntos.

High School Marching Band, que dirige Mark Christen.

La actividad cerró con broche de oro con la presentación de Carlos Tambora y su conjunto típico, quien puso a bailar a los presentes con la música autóctona dominicana, el merengue de tierra adentro.

Confiamos en que el próximo año más personas asistan a este evento que busca revivir la riqueza del carnaval dominicano y que de este modo se reconozcan los esfuerzos de la Asociación Carnavalesca de Nueva Inglaterra y de la Comparsa de la Familia Mirabal que dirige Stelvyn Mirabal.

La actividad fue conducida por el comunicador Santos Acevedo.



Christopher Núñez, con su disfraz de diablo cojuelo o lechón durante la fiesta de carnaval.



Jamar McKeithen y Moisés Díaz miembros de Lawrence High School Marching Band, en un toque de tambores.



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# LAWRENCE MAYOR'S HAIR MASSACRE



El Alcalde de Lawrence, Michael J. Sullivan hace su entrada, dispuesto a masacrar su cabello, escoltado por Sal Lupoli y Joseph Bevilacqua.

*Lawrence Mayor Michael J. Sullivan made his entrance, ready for the hair massacre, escorted by Sal Lupoli and Joseph Bevilacqua.*



El Alcalde Sullivan saluda a la que va a masacrar su cabello, Patricia Muraco, propietaria de Merrimack Valley School of Hair Design.

*Mayor Sullivan meets his hair massacrer, Patricia Muraco, owner of Merrimack Valley School of Hair Design.*



Para hacer las cosas legales, el Alcalde Sullivan debe firmar un documento que exime a la MVSHD de cualquier daño durante el corte del cabello.

*To do everything legal, Mayor Sullivan must sign a release form to clear the MVSHD of any wrongdoing during the haircut.*



El Alcalde de Lawrence, Michael J. Sullivan explicando el porqué se le iba a cortar el pelo, mientras que Peter Matthews, President/CEO de Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union escucha.

*Lawrence Mayor Michael J. Sullivan explaining why he was having his head shaved, while Peter Matthews, President/CEO of Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union listens.*



Sal Lupoli donó \$1,000 para ser él quien le diera el primer corte al Alcalde Sullivan. Patricia Muraco observa con atención.

*Sal Lupoli pledged \$1,000 for the honor to do the first cut to the Mayor's hair. Patricia Muraco watches attentively.*



El Representante Estatal William Lantigua (D-Lawrence) quiso afeitarle la cabeza como la de él pero Mark Sullivan, hermano del Alcalde ofreció \$1,000 si lo dejaban así. En la foto aparecen Patricia Muraco y Mark Sullivan.

*State Representative William Lantigua (D-Lawrence) wanted a completely shaved head like his, but Mark Sullivan, the Mayor's brother pledged \$1,000 to leave it just like that. Also pictured are Patricia Muraco and Mark Sullivan.*



Los hijos del Alcalde Sullivan, Casey y Mike y el sobrino Tim, componentes del grupo "Annafair", entretuvieron a la audiencia con su música.



Elizabeth Habib, Annie Sullivan and Anna Sullivan no son solamente familia sino fanáticas del grupo "Annafair".

*Elizabeth Habib, Annie Sullivan and Anna Sullivan they are not only relatives but also fans of the group "Annafair."*

**By Alberto Suris**  
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On Thursday, February 15, 2007, Lawrence Mayor Michael J. Sullivan had his head shaved as a result of a bet he lost to Sal Lupoli, of Sal's restaurant and Conference Center, located at the Riverwalk, Merrimack Street, in Lawrence. The Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union is moving into the Riverwalk and Lupoli is in charge of the contractors to build their offices. Mayor Sullivan had challenged Lupoli to have the four walls and the roof standing in 40 days. "If I lose, I'll shave my head," said the Mayor.

Well, the Mayor lost and the shaving was converted into a fund raising event. People paid \$25 admission to witness the Hair Massacre and the proceeds divided to benefit the Merrimack Valley YMCA, Lawrence YWCA, Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence and CLASS, Inc. Organizers raised \$7,925.00.

Sal Lupoli pledged \$1,000 to have the honor of giving Sullivan the first cut. Patricia Muraco, owner of Merrimack Valley School of Hair Design finished the job and when State Representative William Lantigua was ready, razor in hand, to shave the Mayor's head, his brother Mark Sullivan offered \$1,000 to leave it was.

Our sources at City Hall told us that the next day, back at the office, calculator in hand, Mayor Sullivan was complaining about how poorly he did. "Can you imagine? I only got \$0.052833 per hair!" He said to a friend. We tried very hard to confirm this information before going to press without luck.

Editor's note: It has been documented that the average human head has about 100,000 hair follicles, some, with as many as 150,000. Looking at Mike Sullivan's head, he may be within the last category. Perhaps that was the rationale he used to arrive to his conclusion.

*Mayor Sullivan's sons Casey and Mike and nephew Tim, components of the group "Annafair", played for the audience.*

# COLOMBIANOS CELEBRARON SAN VALENTÍN

El Comité Cultural Colombiano celebró el día de San Valentín con una danza el sábado, febrero 17, 2007, en el Salón del Restaurante María, en el 11 de la Calle Locust, en Haverhill.

El Alcalde de Haverhill, James J. Fiorentini y Bibiana Gómez Jaramillo, Cónsul General de Colombia en Boston se encontraban entre los distinguidos invitados que disfrutaron de la fiesta.

## COLOMBIANS CELEBRATED ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

The Colombian Cultural Committee held a dance in celebration of St. Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 17, 2007, at Maria's Hall, located at 11 Locust Street, Haverhill.

City of Haverhill Mayor, James J. Fiorentini and Bibiana Gómez Jaramillo, Colombian General Consul from Boston were amongst the distinguished guests who participated at the event.



Miembros del Comité Cultural Colombiano, organizadores del evento.

*Colombian Cultural Committee members, organizers of the event.*

Carmenza Bruff, Presidenta, Comité Cultural Colombiano conversa con el Alcalde de Haverhill, James J. Fiorentini, durante la celebración.

*Carmenza Bruff, President, Colombian Cultural Committee chats with City of Haverhill Mayor James J. Fiorentini, during the celebration.*



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## EVEN START GRADUATES STUDENTS



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Even Start, a program of Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, held a graduation ceremony on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, at their local situated at 305, Essex Street, in Lawrence.

The program is a Family Literacy course where parents are involved in G.E.D. preparation and E.S.O.L. classes

and also Parenting and Interactive Literacy classes with their children.

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### 23rd Annual Bread & Roses Festival Planning Underway for Labor Day, Sept 3, 2007

The Bread and Roses Heritage Committee has begun planning this year's Labor Day Festival, our 23rd, and invites anyone interested to join us in making it another great day. The Festival is a free, family event with music, dance, food, and historical tours and demonstrations, honoring Lawrence's diversity and labor history. The 1912 Lawrence Textile Strike, now known as the Bread and Roses Strike, is an inspiring event and well worth remembering and celebrating. You can help us to keep the memory alive, and to honor the real meaning of Labor Day.

For more information or to get involved, call Jim Beauchesne at 978-794-1655, or email us at [breadandroses99@hotmail.com](mailto:breadandroses99@hotmail.com). Learn more about us and last year's Festival at our website: [www.breadandroses.net](http://www.breadandroses.net)

## Community service organizations top list of Lantigua budget priorities

Shortly into his third term in office, State Rep. William Lantigua (D-Lawrence) has submitted his budget requests for fiscal 2008 in a letter to House Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop). Rep. Lantigua is seeking local funding of nearly \$2.5 million. Most of the money would be distributed to Lawrence-based non-profit organizations, educational programs, and capital improvement projects.

"As always, I am fighting for the organizations and programs that have the power to strengthen our community," Lantigua said. "I may not get every penny I've asked for, but I owe it to the people of Lawrence to stand up and be counted."

Lantigua said he is advocating for a number of agencies for the first time this year after having been contacted by their directors during the past several months. Among these funding requests are \$163,642 for the International Institute, which supports children and families by offering job training, legal assistance, and other services, \$135,000 for the Merrimack Valley Latino Chamber of Commerce, and \$100,000 for both the Massachusetts Hispanic Law Enforcement Association and Merrimack Valley Community Service Corps. Lantigua also asked for \$225,000 to fund a loan forgiveness scholarship program designed to help Lawrence and other cities across the state attract and retain Spanish-speaking mental health professionals in community health centers.

In addition to the above requests, Lantigua said, he hopes to obtain funding for the following programs:

- Our House Family Learning Center of the Merrimack Valley, \$246,368.
- Greater Lawrence Community Action Council's Spanish Program, directed by Isabel Melendez, \$198,000.
- YWCA of Greater Lawrence, \$175,000.
- Arlington Neighborhood Association of Lawrence, \$165,000.
- Movement City Program, \$150,000.
- Food for the World Pantry, \$105,000.
- Lawrence Learning Center and Community

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Services, \$100,000.

- New Skills Academy, \$100,000.
- Taller Bohike, \$58,227
- Family Service, Inc. of Lawrence, \$50,000.
- Lawrence Senior Center, \$49,322.

Lantigua said he regretted not being able to include a number of local organizations that had benefited from state funding in past years.

"Due to the state's projections for lower revenue, I had to omit some groups that I've traditionally supported in order to include other worthy causes," he said. "It's a painful reality, but one that is unavoidable in this economic climate."

Lantigua said he looks forward to collaborating with the Lawrence delegation and his colleagues on the House Committee on Ways and Means to deliver as much funding to Lawrence as possible.

"I'm lucky to have people like Senator [Susan] Tucker, Representative [Barry] Finegold, and Representative [David] Torrisi in my corner," he said, referring to the three other state legislators who represent Lawrence. "With hard work, we've been able to accomplish a lot for this city, and together we'll accomplish even more."

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# Greater Lawrence Tech to Participate in Teacher Recruitment Fair March 1

Greater Lawrence Technical School, working in a consortium with 26 other school systems in the Merrimack Valley, will get a head start next week on recruiting teachers for the 2007-2008 school year.

As part of the Merrimack Valley Educators' Consortium, GLTS will participate in the third annual Teacher Recruitment Fair on Thursday, March 1, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Candidates from many area colleges and universities have been invited to attend. Directions can be found at [www.lowellauditorium.com](http://www.lowellauditorium.com). Parking is available at the Lowell Locks garage and the new lot adjacent to the auditorium. GLTS teachers and other staff members will be on hand to discuss anticipated openings for the 2007-08 school year in both academic subjects and technical career areas. Interested teachers, college students planning to teach, and people working in industry who are considering a career change are invited to stop at the Greater Lawrence table for information about the school and conversation with a teacher.

## List of Openings

Anticipated academic teacher openings for 2007-08 at GLTS include English, reading, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, special education (instructor and team leader), Spanish, and ELE (English Language Education). In the technical career areas, openings are anticipated in Automotive, Biotechnology, Culinary Arts, Electronics, Graphic Communications, Information Support Services, and Marketing. GLTS will also be seeking a guidance counselor.

The Massachusetts Department of Education will have representatives present to assist with certification and career-related inquiries.

Last year's Merrimack Valley Teacher Recruitment Fair was very successful. More than 700 candidates attended and had the opportunity to meet with staff from member districts. Participating districts hired several dozen candidates within a few weeks of the Fair.

In addition to showcasing their school

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systems, the 27 Consortium member districts also note that the intention of this day is to invite participants to explore relocating to the Merrimack Valley. Although the Merrimack Valley is rich in culture, history and natural beauty, urban college students and young professionals whose knowledge of Massachusetts may be limited to Boston and Cambridge sometimes overlook it. A local realtor and chamber of commerce representative will be on hand to discuss housing and the lifestyle in the region

School districts participating in the recruitment fair include Acton-Boxborough, Andover, Bedford, Billerica, Boxford, Beverly, Burlington, Chelmsford, Dracut, Georgetown, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Greater Lowell Technical High School, Groton-Dunstable, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Methuen, Nashoba Valley Technical High School, North Reading, Peabody, Reading, Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, Tewksbury, Triton, Wakefield, Westford, and Whittier Regional Vocational School.

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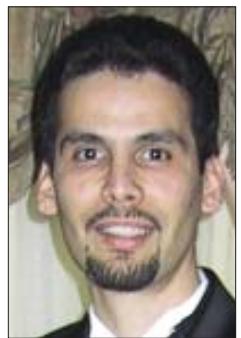
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# Bonet Responds to Councilor's Insulting Remarks

**Date:** February 21, 2007  
**To:** Joseph Parolisi, Councilor  
**Cc:** Lawrence City Councilors  
 Patrick Blanchette, Council President  
 Michael J. Sullivan, Mayor  
**From:** Frank Bonet, Personnel Director  
**Re:** Remarks



Frank Bonet



Joseph Parolisi

During the City Council Meeting of February 20, 2007, you made several remarks towards the Personnel Department and me when the Council went into discussion of an employee discipline case. But two remarks stood out above all. You stated that "you would not want to be in a foxhole with that guy" and you used an analogy of "three blind mice".

I am writing to let you know of your lack of professionalism by crossing the line when your insulting remarks were made to ridicule me. I felt an ugly undercurrent of intolerance surfaced by you. Your performance last night at the council meeting was insulting to me and many other armed service members. I and many of your veteran constituents who listened to this "show" are certainly due a loud, public, and immediate apology. Your remarks were a deep insult and they were made in hostility.

The United States Army was born out of the desire to defend the liberty of this beautiful country. As a retired veteran of the United States Army, I served proudly for 15 plus years. I sacrificed many liberties and rights so that you could live yours on a daily basis. Among many other things, I was taught and instilled many values. But the one value and characteristic that I kept most

important within me is the trust of a soldier. Protecting one another in watching his/her back. I will never falter in that regard. While serving, I would make sure that the soldier next to me knew and trusted that I will look out for his/her back just as he/she will do the same for me, whether that is in a foxhole, in a prone position, in a building, etc.

Additionally, your remarks of "three blind mice" were hurtful as you know that I wear prescription glasses as a correction for my small disability of farsightedness. This remark was an insult, not only to me, but to everyone who has a disability. I worked for an organization, which provided day habilitation services to adults with developmental disabilities and I respect all individuals with disabilities, no matter how insignificant that disability may seem to others. You decided to use my disability to justify your campaign against me. I believe you also owe an apology to every resident who has a disability and who has ever applied for employment with the city.

Perhaps residents are tired of the juvenile, insulting remarks that some people make on this site on a regular basis, but many of our employee can no longer stand it. City Council meetings should be conducted in a courteous manner. Insulting, threatening, insolent, slanderous or obscene remarks should have no place in the chambers or elsewhere in our city government.

"Harassment includes unwanted comments or remarks on a one off basis or it may be a series of incidents and can sometimes be a sustained campaign." You have created a hostile work environment for me and I am requesting that you cease such hostilities. Please don't confuse my respect for an elected official or my declination to provide you with information that you have no need to know (under the law) at this time, as weakness. Please cease this behavior that is not conducive to appropriate relations between city officials and elected officials. Deval Patrick once said that he could not tear someone down to build himself up.

Lawrence High School for the Performing & Fine Arts Meeting for Parents-March 1<sup>st</sup>  
 (Postponed from Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> due to the snow day)



Parents are invited to a planning meeting to organize the upcoming membership drive. March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the LHS Library Media Center. Call (978) 946-0704 for more information.

## Notes from your Librarian

By Maureen Nimmo  
 Lawrence Public Library Director



Hello Rumbo readers. Hope you are all getting through the winter all right. School vacation week is here and we have lots of fun activities planned in both our children's and young adult areas. Call up for all the details.

We are also approaching March which is Irish Heritage Month in Lawrence. The library will be hosting a number of events in connection with the Irish Heritage festivities. The Irish month events are getting bigger and broader every year and now Lawrence is drawing visitors in for three major ethnic festivals: Semana Hispana, the Three Saints and Irish Heritage Month. We also host many smaller cultural events but I think it is great for the Immigrant City to be drawing people from all over the state and beyond three times a year for events celebrating our amazing blend of cultures.

Last week the library had the pleasure of hosting Mayor Sullivan's press conference on the budget. As many of you are now already aware, this year the residents of Lawrence will have a say in the budget process. The Mayor's office, with help from the UMASS Lowell, has designed a questionnaire which will enable all of us to have our voices heard as far as budgetary priorities are concerned. I have just called the Mayor's office to request that the forms be made available here at the library. Be sure to take part in this democratic initiative.

I mentioned the Overdrive program in my first January column this Year. To refresh you all on this: Overdrive is a program that allows our patrons to

download books onto their MP3 players. Most of the libraries in our consortium subscribe but I did not subscribe for Lawrence as I believed it was probably not a sufficient priority to justify the cost. I asked for your input on the issue. Well, apparently there is a great deal more interest than I originally thought. Therefore, when the next purchasing cycle comes around Lawrence *will* be participating. I always appreciate getting your input in the decisions we make here and it is my aim to tailor our offerings to your needs.

On the subject of user input: we have had to make the decision to no longer allow MySpace to be available on our public computers. Unfortunately, the popularity of this website, especially among our younger users, was creating a problem in our adult services area. Too many people were crowding on each computer, creating an unacceptable level of noise and general chaos. Many of our patrons were finding the situation distressing as it hindered any attempt to do serious research or to read and study in peace. Since we eliminated MySpace things have settled down again. I am sorry to have to remove something that a lot of our patrons enjoyed but, in cases like this, you have to choose what is best for the greatest number and to protect the library as a peaceful haven for all of our patrons.

Don't forget our free performance of the opera *Dido and Aeneas* on March 4<sup>th</sup> and our Celtic piano/vocal concert March 25<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to both. Meantime, see you at the library.

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# Piano Recital Features Classics Plus World Premiere

The Essex Chamber Music Players (ECMP) will present pianist David Pihl in recital at the Technology Center Conference Area at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill on Sunday, February 25, at 2:30 pm. The program will include the piano music of composers: Robert Schumann's Sonata for Piano in F# minor, opus 11, Frederic Chopin's Grand Polonaise, opus 22, and the premiere of William Thomas McKinley's Etudes.

This recital is a fundraiser for the Essex Chamber Music Players. Under the direction of Michael Finegold, the Essex Chamber Music Players (ECMP) perform new classical music along with great musical

treasures of the past throughout the Merrimack Valley, Essex County, and New England.

A highlight of the program will be the premiere by William Thomas McKinley, who "is one of the most highly regarded and well-known composers of his generation," according to Finegold. McKinley has studied with Aaron Copland and Gunther Schuller, among others, and his prolific compositions include well over 300 works, with numerous recordings on many labels.

David Pihl, of Worcester, Massachusetts, is an active solo and collaborative pianist in the Northeast. He has performed in concerts and festivals in

Germany, the Czech Republic, and at numerous colleges in the United States. He holds a Master's Degree in Piano Performance from the University of Lowell College of Music. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students. Northern Essex Community College students are free with an NECC ID.

For more information contact ECMP314@comcast.net or call 978-556-3413. Please visit the Essex Chamber Music Players website at [www.essexchambermusicplayers.org](http://www.essexchambermusicplayers.org). You may purchase at the door or purchase tickets online in advance at <http://www.mvarts.info>.

## NECC Announces Noncredit Customer Service Certificate

A Customer Service Specialist certificate will be offered by Northern Essex Community College through its Corporate and Community Education Center at 1600 Osgood St., North Andover on Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, March 13.

This six-session noncredit program is designed for anyone who deals with customers as part of their job including telephone call center, retail, help desk, telemarketing, banking, medical office, sales or hospitality employees. The skills learned in each of the one-evening courses can be

applied to large and small businesses and organizations. Individuals can take all six modules and earn the Customer Service Specialist Certificate or take the six courses individually. The first module, Essentials of Quality Customer Service, is offered Tuesday, March 13. The cost for this module is \$61, which includes all materials. Each subsequent module is \$44.

For additional information on all of the modules go to [www.necc.mass.edu/noncredit](http://www.necc.mass.edu/noncredit) and click on Business & Professional Development or contact Elizabeth Santana at 978-659-1214 or

[esantana@necc.mass.edu](mailto:esantana@necc.mass.edu).

NECC's Corporate & Community Education Center located at 1600 Osgood Street, North Andover (on Route 125) in the former Lucent training facility, offers noncredit personal enrichment courses, as well as, professional certificates and computer training for individuals and companies that are looking for cutting edge skills, by providing the training that is most needed in today's workforce. For more information call 978-659-1200 or visit us online at [www.necc.mass.edu/noncredit](http://www.necc.mass.edu/noncredit).

## NECC Announces Faculty Appointment

Stephen E. Slaner, PhD, of Roslindale has joined the faculty of the history, government, philosophy, and economics at

Northern Essex Community College.

Slaner holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Brandeis

University; a Master's of Philosophy degree in Political Science from Columbia University, a Master's of Education in Student Personnel Work and Counseling from Northeastern University and a Doctorate of Education in Teaching, Curriculum, and Learning Environments from Harvard University.

He has taught at Bunker Hill Community College, Northeastern University, Salem State College, Art Institute of Boston, Boston College, and Columbia College. He has been a visiting lecturer at Wheaton College and Tufts University.

With campuses in Haverhill and Lawrence and extension sites in Andover, Methuen, and North Andover, Northern Essex Community College is a state-assisted college, offering over 70 associate degree and certificate programs as well as hundreds of non credit courses designed for personal enrichment and career growth. Close to 13,000 students ranging from recent high school graduates to workers employed locally attend classes days, evenings, and weekends. Northern Essex is the only state college located in the lower Merrimack Valley Region of Massachusetts.

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**METHUEN CITED FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO OPEN GOVERNMENT**

**Non-Partisan Government Watch Group Credits City's Informative Website**

The Massachusetts Campaign for Open Government ([maopengov.org](http://maopengov.org)), a project of the non-partisan group Common Cause, issued a report last year calling for increased internet access to important governance public records. As part of this initiative, the group examined the internet presence of all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts to learn whether they post essential information in six major categories. The group found that of the 311 communities that maintain websites, only 41 maintain all of the essential documents. Common Cause announced this week that Methuen was one of the few communities whose websites contained all of the items on their list. The group extended its congratulations to Methuen for its work in informing citizens and in maintaining an update-website. Methuen was the only Merrimack Valley community to receive this recognition.

Methuen will be honored at an event at the State House on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in Nurse's Hall. The event falls during "Sunshine Week" when media outlets throughout the country focus on issues of open government. "It is an honor to be recognized by the Campaign for Open Government," said Methuen Mayor William M. Manzi, III. "In Methuen, we strive to make government open and accessible to all of our citizens and this proves that our efforts are effective." Manzi stated that he will continue to look for ways to expand open government and thanked Common Cause for its recognition.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## LOCAL BANK DONATES TO NECC CHILDCARE FUND



A \$7,500 donation from the TD BankNorth Charitable Foundation will help Northern Essex Community College to continue to offer childcare to low income parents who are studying at the college's Lawrence Campus in the evenings.

This evening childcare program is the only licensed childcare of its kind in the city. With fees based on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Sliding Fee Scale, parents can pay as little as 50 cents for an evening of childcare. Donations from TD BankNorth and other private donors subsidize the students' cost allowing the service to continue.

"Without evening childcare, these parents of young children would not be able to continue their education," said Alison Cody, director, private sector fundraising, Northern Essex Community College. "Most of them are working low paying jobs during the day and are studying English or working

toward a certificate or associate degree in the evening."

Northern Essex has contracted with Community Day Care, Inc. to provide full-day, year-round, licensed childcare since 1991. The evening program was started four years ago in response to need. "Research has shown that the two greatest obstacles to adult learners with children are their inability to access childcare during the evening and the high cost of childcare. Thanks to the generosity of TD BankNorth, we're breaking down these obstacles," said Cody. Located at the college's Dimitry Building, 45 Franklin St., the center provides care for up to 20 children, Monday through Thursday, from 5 to 10 p.m.

For additional information contact Alison Cody, director private sector fundraising, Northern Essex Community College, at 978-556-3612 or [acody@necc.mass.edu](mailto:acody@necc.mass.edu)

## Irish Historian to Speak in Lawrence

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, Irish historian Dr. Gene C. Haley of Harvard University will present a talk highlighting the history of Irish immigrants in the city of Lawrence on Sunday, March 4, beginning at 2 p.m. in the White Fund Room on Northern Essex Community College's Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center, 78 Amesbury St. Lawrence. Free and open to the public, Dr. Haley's talk will focus on the careers of two Lawrence natives: Fred Norris Robinson, former professor of English at Harvard and John Vincent Kelleher, former professor of Irish Studies at Harvard.

Robinson introduced the field of Celtic Studies to Harvard and the nation at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, according to Haley, and Kelleher was widely considered "the most knowledgeable American on Irish subjects during his lifetime."

During his talk, Haley will also share "a tentative prediction of what the immigrants of present-day Lawrence can expect of themselves in a generation or two."

This program is part of the White Fund Enlightenment Series which is now presented by Northern Essex Community College. Newburyport native and Athol resident Gene Galey received his doctorate in Celtic Languages and Literatures from Harvard in 1970, and has been known internationally since then as a leading expert in medieval Irish literary and political geography. Though retired,

he continues to give a popular course in Early Irish History at Harvard and also at Boston College.

The White Fund's purpose is to have a free series of interactive presentations for Lawrence area adults, youth, and children. The audience is encouraged to seek wisdom, cultural enrichment and intellectual enhancement by attending and participating. Funded by a generous financial gift from the Honorable Daniel Appleton White, the White Fund Lecture Series has provided cultural conversation featuring well-known lecturers in fields such as history, literature, travel, the arts, and politics. The White Fund is collaborating with Northern Essex on this series.

For additional information or to receive a calendar of upcoming events in the White Fund Enlightenment Series, call 978-738-7403. Future programs will include "Abating Nuisances: The History of Public Health in Lawrence" on Thursday, March 8 and "Who's Laughing Now? The Importance of Humor in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" on Thursday, April 26. Both programs will be held at 12:30 p.m.

For directions to NECC's Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center, located at 78-82 Amesbury Street, visit the college's website [www.necc.mass.edu](http://www.necc.mass.edu). Parking is available behind the building. Additional parking is available at the Buckley Garage which is across the street from the campus. Parking is free to those attending NECC events.

## Sure, she catches mice. She just doesn't bring them to you.

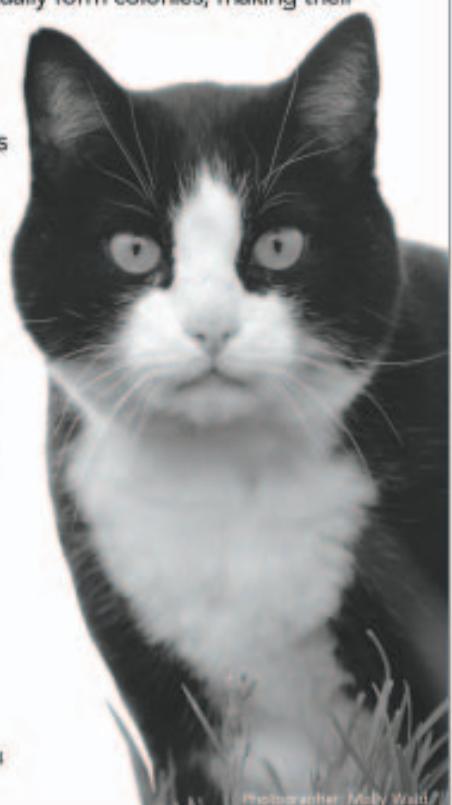
She's a barn cat, not a pet. But that doesn't mean she's not living a valued life. Just like barn swallows, feral cats are unsocialized and are content living outside. But where do cats like these come from? Born outside, these unsterilized cats eventually form colonies, making their home wherever they can find food. Tomcats prowl for mates, females become pregnant, and the cycle of reproduction continues.

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## YMCA DAY CAMP OTTER WINTER REUNION

- Saturday, March 31, 2007
- 9am-5pm
- Held at the Merrimack Valley YMCA's Methuen Branch, 129 Haverhill Street, Methuen
- \$35, includes lunch
- Open to any Camp Otter camper from last summer.
- Space is limited. Please call the YMCA Camping Services Office to register at 978-975-1330.

## JAVIER OSORIO:

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and asked him to do something for the area's Colombian women. "I even have the name", was my response to the Consul, "Arte-Con-Sentido (Art-with-a-meaning)", said Javier.

Javier explained that for him, the meaning of teaching the art of painting to women "makes sense, because women are special. They are disciplined, passionate; they have too much to offer and instead, they spent too much time in the daily house chores while many of them are working full time jobs leaving them with little time to express their creativity," he said.

According to Javier, the Colombian Committee has been instrumental in recruiting the first 10 participants and the program will last 6 weeks, 4 hours every Saturday. According to Bruff, some of the women objected that they never had a paint brush in their hands, but Javier convinced them that all they have to do was to show good will and commitment. "In 30 hours, if they follow my program, I can tell a person that he/she is capable. Nobody is incapable," said Javier.

"In Colombia I had 276 students and so far, 40 in this country, and I can tell you that not even one left not having learned something", said Javier proudly. "They all had learned how to draw, to play with colors, to understand the art of painting. When you learn about art, you can apply it to your lifestyle. If you learn how to paint, you can learn how to do other things," said Javier.

"The good news is that the Colombian Consulate, through its General Consul in

"This is something I've always wanted to do", said Javier from his ample, sunny studio located on the second floor at Monarch on the Merrimack...

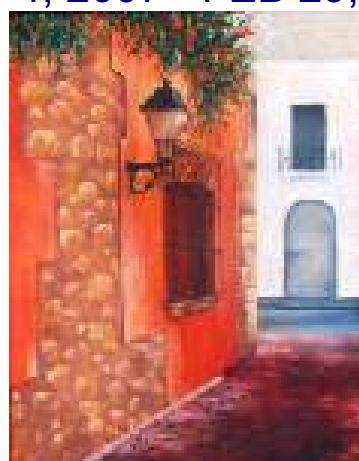
Boston, Bibiana Gómez Jaramillo will cover all the expenses for the instruction while Robert Ansin, from Monarch on the Merrimack will facilitate the use of the studio, so there is no cost to the student," said Bruff and added, "part of this project is to create a gigantic Colombian motif mural to be displayed in Haverhill on July 20, 2007 during the celebration of Colombia's Independence Day, as we all celebrate with Haverhill Mayor, James J. Fiorentini."

"I would like to thank the Colombian Consulate and Robert Ansin from Monarch for the opportunity and the freedom to develop this project. In the future I will like to extend an invitation to all women of all nationalities and languages, that, if interested in learning the art of painting, to call me at 617-678-7321," concluded Javier.

## DOMINICAN ART EXHIBIT

### EXHIBICION DE ARTE DOMINICANO

FEB 4, 2007 - FEB 29, 2007



Edmy Ortiz

At/en

### Lawrence Heritage State Park

### OPENING/APERTURA

FEBRUARY 04, 2007

2pm-4pm

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# Calendario de Eventos

## Calendar of Events



**WHAT WHEN WHERE QUE CUANDO DONDE WHAT WHEN**  
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**WHAT:** Dominican Art Exhibit  
**WHERE:** Lawrence Heritage State Park  
 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence

**DATE & TIME:**  
 February 4<sup>th</sup> - February 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Open Daily, 9am - 4pm  
 FREE ADMISSION

**CONTACTS:**  
 Call Gilda Duran, 239.243.7252

**QUE:** Exhibición de Arte Dominicano  
**DONDE:** Lawrence Heritage State Park  
 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence

**FECHA & HORA:**  
 Febrero 4 - Febrero 29  
 Abierto diariamente de 9am - 4pm  
 ENTRADA GRATIS

**CONTACTOS:**  
 Llamar a Gilda Duran al 978.243.7252

**WHAT:** Ham & Bean Supper Benefit Supper  
**WHO:** Lawrence Civil War Memorial Guard  
**WHERE:** Social Naturalization Club

**DATE & TIME:**  
 Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 6pm - 10pm

**DETAILS:**  
 Tickets \$6.50  
 Raffles, Cash Bar, A Jolly Time for All

**CONTACTS:**  
 Tel. 978.686.9881 | redtears17@aol.com

**WHAT:** First Annual Gala Night  
**WHO:** Massachusetts Hispanic Law Enforcement Association Grand Gala "Rolling like a Steamship"  
**WHERE:** Elks Lodge #68  
 652 Andover Street, Lawrence

**DATE & TIME:**  
 Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>  
 7:30pm

**DETAILS:**  
 Tickets \$40.00 Members  
 \$50.00 Non-Members  
 All Welcome

**CONTACTS:**  
 Abel Cano Jr., Tel. 978.852.3164  
 onacleba@comcast.net

**WHAT:** "A Tast of College"  
 Notre Dame High School College Fair  
**WHO:** Notre Dame High School  
**WHERE:** St. Mary's Gymnasium  
 301 Haverhill Street, Lawrence

**DATE & TIME:**  
 Wednesday March 7th  
 6:30pm - 8:00pm

**DETAILS:**  
 Over 30 Colleges and Universities Attending!

**CONTACTS:**  
 Call Tina Graham at 978.689.8222 Ext. 28  
 tgraham@ndhslaw.org

**QUE:** Reunión de Padres  
**QUIEN:** Padres de la Escuela Superior de Lawrence para Artes  
**DONDE:** Biblioteca de la Escuela Superior

**FECHA & HORA:**  
 Jueves 1<sup>ro</sup> de Marzo  
 7pm

**DETALLES:**  
 REUNION DEL 15 DE FEBRERO FUE CANCELADA POR LA NIEVE  
 Todos los padres están invitados a una reunión de planificación para organizar la recolección de membresía que se aproxima.

**CONTACTOS:**  
 Tel. 978.946.0704

**WHAT:** Parent Meeting  
**WHO:** Lawrence High School for the Performing & Fine Arts  
**WHERE:** LHS Library Media Center

**DATE & TIME:**  
 Thursday March 1st  
 7pm

**DETAILS:**  
 POSTPONED FROM FEBRUARY 15TH DUE TO THE SNOW DAY  
 Parents are invited to a planning meeting to organize the upcoming membership drive.

**CONTACTS:**  
 Tel. 978.946.0704

**WHAT:** The Rebozo and in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery Ready, Set, Bloom  
**WHO:** Essex Art Center  
**WHERE:** EAC Main Gallery  
 56 Island Street, Lawrence

**DATE & TIME:**  
 OPENING RECEPTION:  
 Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> | 5pm - 7pm

**EXHIBITION DATES:** March 2 - April 20, 2007  
**GALLERY HOURS:**  
 Monday through Friday 10am - 6pm.  
 Call for additional evening hours

**DETAILS:**  
 With Mariachi music by El Charro Cantor and food by Cafe Azteca.  
**CONTACTS:**

Tel. 978.685.2343  
 Website: <http://www.essexartcenter.com>

**WHAT:** Coquí Festival - Talent Night  
**WHO:** Coqui Festival of Lowell

**DETAILS:**  
 If you sing, dance or have a talent you can participate in the "Talent Night" that will take place during the month of April. There will be prizes.

**CONTACTS:**  
 For auditions, contact Nereida at 978.683.7615 or e-mail [Nereniev@yahoo.com](mailto:Nereniev@yahoo.com)

**QUE:** Festival del Coquí Noche de Talento  
**QUIEN:** Festival del Coquí de Lowell

**DETALLES:**  
 Si cantas, bailas o tienes algún talento puedes participar en la "Noche de Talento" a llevarse a cabo durante el mes de abril. Habrán premios.

**CONTACTOS:**  
 Para audiciones, comuníquese con Nereida al 978-683-7615 ó al correo electrónico [Nereniev@yahoo.com](mailto:Nereniev@yahoo.com)

### BOY SCOUT USED UNIFORMS WANTED

North Essex District of Yankee Clipper Council Boy Scouts of America seeks gently used Cub Scout and Boy Scout shirts, uniforms, and equipment to help disadvantaged youth within the Merrimack Valley.

Over the past few years, the Council placed great emphasis on delivering its programs and expanding Scouting opportunities for inner-city youth. The community outreach has been successful with dozens of children entering Scouting programs. Unfortunately, many new members cannot afford the cost of Scout uniforms and equipment to allow them to camp and otherwise participate in the programs.

If you have a shirt, uniform, or equipment that you wish to donate, please contact Charles Boddy at 978-420-5167. Arrangements will be made to pick up your items.

### ANGELS HAVE WHEELS

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### TOWER HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting, Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel School's Judson Hall, 526 Lowell Street. In attendance will be Police Chief John Romero and Fire Chief Peter Takvorian. Our guest speaker will be Myles Burke, Acting Inspectional Services Commissioner.

#### ALL ARE WELCOMED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

The THNA will be holding their first Saturday meeting on March 24 at 10:00am at OLGC Schools Julie Hall. More information is available in our monthly newsletter.

For more information about the THNA or this meeting, contact Nick Kolofoles at 978-688-3705 or email Keith Wlodyka at [towerhillman@hotmail.com](mailto:towerhillman@hotmail.com)

### BELLESINI ACADEMY SEEKS TUTORS

Bellesini Academy in Lawrence is seeking volunteer tutors for their Evening Study Program on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 7 to 9 pm. All tutors would work one-on-one with a student.

The Academy, sponsored by Merrimack College, is a private, independent Catholic middle school (grades 5-8) dedicated to providing a quality, scholarship education to boys from limited financial means living in Lawrence. The mission of the school is to provide an academically challenging & highly structure environment that develops the potential for each student to succeed in competitive secondary schools & colleges.

For more information on volunteering as a tutor or other volunteering opportunities, contact Cathie Maloney at Bellesini Academy at 978-989-0004 or e-mail [cmaloney@bellesinacademy.org](mailto:cmaloney@bellesinacademy.org).

### "A CELTIC CELEBRATION"

Andover musicians George and Terri Kelley will appear in concert at the Lawrence Public Library on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

The husband and wife duo will present Celtic music ranging from Ancient Gaelic airs to current songs. The music includes solos, duets, and piano pieces. Terri will play the Library's historic 1914 Steinway piano, which she played at the age of 8 on radio station WLAW.

The Kelley's began singing together professionally about 10 years ago. The concert is presented and supported by The Friends of the Lawrence Public Library, and The Irish Foundation.

Admission is free and open to the Public. Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007.



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### DRIVERS NEEDED TO TRANSPORT SENIORS

Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Lawrence, a coalition of faith communities, social service agencies, and health organizations, is looking for volunteers to drive elders to medical and "quality of life" appointments through the Friends in Deed program at Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley. If you can help, even if only occasionally, please call Jerry Proulx, Volunteer Recruiter, at 1-800-892-0890 ext. 445 or Eileen Giordano, Volunteer Coordinator, at 1-800-892-0890 ext. 463 (and mention Interfaith Caregivers). Thank you from Interfaith Caregivers and the many elders who need the services of volunteer drivers to remain independent in their own homes.

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