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Video alleges new evidence in Saudi hijackers case

It's tied to lawsuit now in a NYC judge's hands

By Joe Dwinell

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The 9/11 families are closer to the truth than ever before.

A federal judge in Manhattan is expected to rule anytime now on Saudi Arabia's appeal to toss but if this landmark case goes forward, long-buried secrets of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks will be exposed.

going to get to a smoking gun," said Brett Eagleson, who was 15 aviator's algorithm on how to hit years old when his dad, Bruce, a target on the horizon when flydied while working at the Twin Towers on 9/11. "The public needs to see this."

Eagleson tells the Herald that a lawsuit against the Kingdom, lawyers have obtained a video that allegedly shows a Saudi suspect "casing the Capitol" in the where Congress sits. Eagleson

"This is the closest thing you're also says a companion sketchbook painstakingly shows "an ing a plane."

He credits British officials for obtaining both pieces of "incredible" evidence and retired FBI agents for assisting 9/11 families who refuse to give up on seeking justice nearly 23 years after the summer of 1999, pointing out ruthless kamikaze jet attacks on **VIDEO** » PAGE 6



Eagleson, son of Sept. 11 victim Bruce Eagleson sits in a memorial garden with a beam from the World Trade Center.

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HAITIAN COMMUNITY MARKS INAUGURAL FLAG DAY



Saxophonist Carlyle Louiné plays during a procession to a flag-raising ceremony for Haiti at Lowell's City Hall on May 17, 2024.

Flag-raising ceremony held at City Hall

By Melanie Gilbert mgilbert@lowellsun.com

LOWELL » The first Haitian Flag Day was celebrated at City Hall Friday morning.

Organized by the International Institute of New England, the event commemorated the creation of the blue and red Haitian flag in 1803 during the Hai-

tian peoples' revolution against Ishtar Pady asked for a moment ard and a presentation by Vice French control. A procession from IINE's offices at 101 Jackson ended at JFK Plaza off Arcand Drive and featured speakers and performances.

A traditional dance by Bobline Moliere, Dalila Lucien, Witline Janvier and Witelande Janvier kicked off the program. Saxophonist Carlyle Louiné played the Haitian anthem as the flag was raised, flanked by the U.S. and commonwealth flags, outside the front entrance to City

of silence for the people killed by the ongoing gang violence in the country.

The bilingual program featured a speech by Edentz F.S. Prophete, who spoke in Haitian Creole on the history of the flag I'm proud to join you." with Dyay D. Nicolas providing an English translation.

"As long as the wind will continue to blow on this flag, Haitians will always be united to fight for freedom," Prophete said.

The event concluded with re-Nina Nova sang the marks by state representatives life in the city of Lowell." "Star-Spangled Banner," and Rodney Elliott and Vanna How-

Mayor Paul Ratha Yem.

"In Lowell, we are a melting pot and always have been since the beginning," Elliott said. "Generations of immigrants come to Lowell for a better life.

Yem acknowledged the Haitian community's contribution to Lowell and presented IINE a proclamation of May 17 as Haitian Flag Day.

"I'm also an immigrant," Yem said. "As a city, we welcome everybody here ... to build a new

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'A TRUE PUBLIC

Late Daniel Leahy memorialized at **Lowell's Cornelius** F. Kiernan Judicial Center

Law library named in honor of attorney, politic figure, veteran

By Aaron Curtis

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LOWELL » The late Daniel Leahy, a leader from Lowell to Beacon Hill, is described by those who knew him as "his own man." He was empathetic to the struggles of others, but able to find humor in difficult situations, while always eager to roll up his sleeves and get to work.

"He was an extraordinary example of a true public servant," said state Rep. Colleen Garry, who served with Leahy when she was first elected to the House of Representatives.

Leahy helped those "run over by the rest of society," Garry said.

"He did not mince words. He spoke exactly how he felt," she added. "He was straightforward with his views. He was not worried how it would help or hurt him politically."

With a life well-lived, Leahy's accomplishments have been memorialized at the Cornelius F. Kiernan Judicial Center. His name adorns the wall above what is now the justice center's Daniel P. Le-

ahy Law Library. On Friday afternoon, Leahy's loved ones gathered at the justice center for a ceremony officially dedicating the library in his honor.

Those who addressed the crowd of attendees were Garry, along with Trial Court Chief Justice Hedi Brieger, Superior Court Judge Kenneth Salinger, Court Services and Law Libraries Director Sheriece Perry, as well as Leahy's son, Lowell City Councilor John Leahy, and his granddaughter, Amanda Leahy.

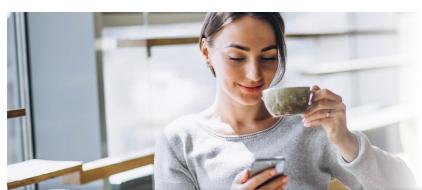
"My father really did enjoy life," John Leahy told the crowd, fighting back tears at times as he spoke. "He enjoyed his family, his friends, and most of all, be-

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New York City, the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pa. Federal Judge George Daniels of the Southern Dis-

the key to this case. The Arabia moves ahead or is forever thwarted.

"If we lose, it's a dagger," Eagleson told the Herald ments allege. Friday night after putting his kids to bed, adding, "But what more do you need?"

latest appeal states no government officials "senior or otherwise — gave any 'direction' to Omar Al Bay-

to 'assist' ... 9/11 hijackers." Any contact, the Sau- tiffs-strong who lost loved dis add, was "innocent mo-ones in the 9/11 attacks and tives ... to help fellow Saudis" new to San Diego.

Those Saudis, Nawaf Al Hazmi and Khalid Al Mihdhar, were the first 9/11 America after landing in this lawsuit against Saudi multiple reports. Bayoumi and Thumairy, both Saudi officials, are accused of assisting them, court docu-

case — with this final showdown decades in the mak-The Saudi government's ing with a focus on the former Southern California al Qaeda cell, as the Herald has reported.

families - 10,000 plainthose still dying from cancer from working on the pile – will be able to expand discovery.

trict of New York now holds hijackers to set up shop in cells in Boston, Portland, Maine, Phoenix, Florida judge must decide whether Los Angeles, according to and New Jersey can also be investigated fully with this new knowledge. And, according to one Florida blogger who has also followed this case closely, it could That is the crux of this force Saudi Arabia to settle out of court — and issue an $\,$ apology.

The first two 9/11 hijackers in the U.S. - Hazmi and Mihdhar — arrived in Los Angeles on Jan. 15, 2000, If the judge allows the without being able to speak

oumi or Fahad Al Thumairy case to proceed, the 9/11 English. Yet, records show, they made it to San Diego where they took flying lessons — and flunked out rented an apartment, and attended a mosque.

Retired FBI special agent Stephen Moore wrote in a 11 and United Airlines That means al Qaeda court deposition support- Flight 175 - both out of Loing the lawsuit that he "believed" both Bayoumi and Thumairy "were active parthe north and south towers ticipants in a terror cell associated with al Qaeda that in Manhattan 18 minutes provided substantial finan- apart beginning at 8:45 cial and logistical support a.m. on 9/11. to" the two hijackers.

> American Airlines Flight 10:03 a.m. after heroic pas-77 into the Pentagon on sengers rushed the cabin Sept. 11, 2001. All 64 peo- and took control, crashing ple aboard, including five the jet. Forty passengers hijackers, were killed. An- and crew perished. other 125 victims on the ground also died.

Of all the 19 hijackers, 15 of them were citizens of Saudi Arabia. They were all affiliated with al Qaeda and hijacked four jets, killing nearly 3,000 people.

gan International Airport in Boston — slammed into of the World Trade Center

United Flight 93 crashed Those Saudis plowed last in Shanksville, Pa., at

That's the jet Eagleson says was destined for Wash- this video."

ington, D.C.

"Our government, our Capitol could have been destroved if it weren't for the 9/11 heroes of Flight 93," the Connecticut dad said. "It's American Airlines Flight just incredible to me that every member of Congress isn't on our side and fighting for closure."

Eagleson added the "secrets of 9/11" can't remain buried.

'It's infuriating this was kept under lock and key," he added, saying the British were on their toes in the days after 9/11 when they raided Bayoumi's apartment in Birmingham, En-

No matter what happens, Eagleson stressed, "The public needs to see



Members of the Haitian community and the International Institute of New England joined State Reps. Rodney Elliott and Vanna Howard, Vice Mayor Paul Ratha Yem and City Manager Tom Golden during a Haitian flag-raising ceremony at Lowell's City Hall on May 17, 2024. The event featured a procession, cultural performances by a Haitian dance troupe and saxophonist Carlyne Louine.



For a list of flag-raising fairs and Special Events ellma.gov.

dates, visit bit.ly/3L4y4cC. three to four weeks prior To schedule a flag-raising to the date of the flag-raisceremony at City Hall, ing at bit.ly/3SXcybB. For submit an application to information, call 978-674the Office of Cultural Af- 1482 or email rdei@low-



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The Haitian flag flutters between the American and commonwealth flags during a Haitian flag-raising ceremony at Lowell's City Hall on May 17, 2024.



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