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## "Ongoing Criminal Enterprise"

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Lawrence Mayor Willie Lantigua's former Chief of Staff Leonard "Lenny" Degnan of North Andover and Deputy Police Chief Melix Bonilla of Lawrence, were indicted last month for bribery and other corruption charges. Nearly half a dozen Lawrence city workers have been indicted or convicted since Lantigua took office in January of 2010. Now, local officials are calling for a full take over of Lawrence and their removal of Mayor Lantigua.

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## VALLEY PATRIOT OF THE MONTH HERO IN OUR MIDST: ANGELO GIAMBUSSO, USAAF, USA

**Helen Mooradkian**  
VALLEY PATRIOT VETERAN COLUMNIST

One month before his 21st birthday, 1st Lieutenant Angelo Giambusso, U.S. Army Air Force, North Andover, Mass., had flown five extremely hazardous combat missions—into Hitler's oil fields in Ploesti, Romania—plus another 40 strategic bombing attacks in 10 countries across Europe.

Yet nothing compared to the dangers of Ploesti, for which he received double credit.

Angie was a navigator on the B-24 Liberator heavy bomber, the "Belle of the Orchard," attached to the 720th Squadron, 450th Bombardment Group (H), 47th Wing, and 15th Air Force.

Stationed in Manduria Italy, a large air base 242 miles southeast of Naples, he

was engaged in the saturation bombing of Ploesti's oil fields, tanks, refineries, and marshaling yards—which supplied one-third of Hitler's petroleum needs during World War II. Saturation bombing eventually slashed Ploesti's oil production to 7% of capacity.

Ploesti seemed impenetrable. It had one of the best integrated air defense networks in Europe: several hundred 88mm and 105mm anti-aircraft guns secured the widespread area, while smaller caliber guns were hidden in haystacks, rail cars, and mock buildings. Three fighter groups were always on standby.

Unknown to Giambusso and his crew, a signals-intelligence station in Athens was continually monitoring and relaying the Allies' planned bomb runs to Ploesti, picking up signals as far away as North Africa.

### GERMANS WARN: AMERICANS COMING

On one of Angie's missions, his bombardier, who understood German, had picked up the Luftwaffe's message that Americans were headed to Ploesti...

"We flew in formation so we had lots of fire power. But if a plane got separated or disabled, it became a sitting duck for German ME 109 fighter planes. You either got crippled or shot down. Our plane was badly shot up many times, crash landed a few. We were grateful for our fighter-plane escorts."

Angie especially remembers one successful bomb run to Ploesti, probably their fiercest fighter attack encountered—and one that earned them a Unit Citation. It was April 5, 1944. A formation of forty

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1st Lieutenant Angelo Giambusso, U.S. Army Air Force, flew five B-24 bombing missions to Ploesti, Romania—primary site of Hitler's oil supply in WWII—plus 40 other missions across Europe. During Korean War, he served as Captain, U.S. Army, 13th Combat Engineer Battalion, building roads and clearing land mines. WWII awards include the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, two Unit Citations, World War II Victory Medal, and European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. Korean War medals include the Bronze Star for achievement.

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# Democrats: Take Credit Where Credit is Due!

## ~EDITORIAL~

In 2007, during George Bush's term of office, the Democrats took over both houses of Congress controlling a majority in both chambers. On January 3, 2007, the day that happened, the Dow Jones averages closed at 12,621, the GDP for the previous quarter was up 3.5% over a year earlier and the unemployment rate was only 4.6%. George Bush's economic policies had set a record of 52 straight months of robust job creation sufficient to drop the unemployment rate to under 5%. After this date, the present record of the Democrats and Obama begins.

When the Democrats took over, Barney Frank became chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, and Chris Dodd took over the Senate Banking Committee. The economic meltdown that happened 15 months later was in banking and financial services - exactly those segments of the economy which the Dodd and Frank committees regulated. During the intervening months, since the Democrats took control, Bush had asked Congress a number of times for more oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac because they clearly were operating in a manner that was becoming financially risky for the US economy.

The Bush administration supported legislation to provide the needed oversight. If passed, a new regulator would examine their books, limit their mortgage portfolios, and set capital requirements. The House Banking Committee passed the bill with 11 Republicans supporting it and nine Democrats opposing. Senate Democrats, then warned the Republican Committee Chairman that all the Senate members, including Barack Obama would filibuster the bill if it were brought to the floor.

Democrats clearly opposed any effec-



tive constraints on Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. Democrats were in control, and so the reforms Bush proposed died. Barney Frank blocked these measures by calling them a "chicken little philosophy". The Community Redevelopment Act of 1977 was enacted during the Carter administration with subsequent Democrat sponsored changes. This encouraged banks to lower lending standards and enabled Freddie and Fannie to market sub standard mortgage

securities. The ultimate confluence of these Democrat sponsored pressures triggered an implosion of the housing market, leading to the present recession.

Democrats controlled the budget process for 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011. Obama went 1000 days without a budget, and still blames it on the Republicans. If the Democrats inherited any deficit, it was the 2007 deficit, the last of the Republican budgets. That deficit was the lowest in five

years and the fourth straight decline in deficit spending. After that, the Democrats in Congress took control of spending, and that includes then Senator Barack Obama, who voted then as Senator.

If Obama inherited anything, he inherited it from himself and a Democratic Congress. The public needs to be reminded straight out how the country really got into this deplorable mess.

## Just Being Present is Simply Not Enough

Jeff Katz

A. P.'S BEST TALK SHOW HOST IN BOSTON

The initial 2012 presidential debate was the first time in his 51 years that Barack Obama was actually held accountable and he melted under the pressure. Al Gore may feel comfortable claiming that the air in Denver was too thin, but anyone watching understood that Obama was simply sucking wind.

The least questioned president in history has always had a carefully crafted narrative on which to rely except for the other night. Excuses have been made for Obama through his entire life. Don't hold him accountable for his school work because he does not know his father or his mother is conspicuous by her absence

yet again. We've heard these whispers for a long time and the man standing on the stage at the University of Denver sure seemed like the product of such an excuse making system.

Obama does well at Occidental, Columbia and Harvard if you believe the official Obama sanctioned bio. He's the first minority president of the Harvard Law review they remind you. Did the guy in Denver seem like a brilliant Ivy League student or someone who had received ribbons and plaques and trophies for simply showing up his entire life?

Next Obama lands in Chicago and works as a community organizer and a law professor, except of course he never was a professor of law. This is one of those pesky facts that have been ignored

by the White House staffers masquerading as journalists.

Then, the man from Hawaii or Indonesia or wherever, has a stint as an Illinois State Senator. And quite a distinguished career it was as he simply voted present over and over again. Not a shock since showing up and being showered with affection was what happened every step of the way up till that point.

The Ron Burgundy of politics was able to read a great speech from a teleprompter but somehow he is lost without his script. Whether it is visiting fifty seven states or prescribing breathalyzers to asthmatic kids, he's not quite the great orator his minions proclaim him to be. But please don't point that out.

What became clear on that stage in Denver was that the Dear Leader is not so much an empty chair but rather an empty suit. He is the product of an excuse making, pandering generation. He is the kid who got a Little League trophy because he showed up even though his cleats were on the wrong feet and he did not know which end of the bat to hold. He is the student who was made valedictorian along with everyone else in the class because we didn't want anyone to feel left out. He is the guy who got the job because he checked the right box instead of possessing the requisite skills and talents.

Obama has been lauded and rewarded and deified throughout his entire life simply for showing up. After his debate performance even the usual leftist Kool-Aid guzzlers are wondering what happened? I'll tell you what happened again.



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For the first time in his life, Obama was held accountable. It wasn't the air pressure or the moderator. It was Obama, the real Obama. It is not that the emperor has no clothes the problem is that the clothes hold no emperor.

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# It's Decision Time, What Kind of America Do We Want?

**Doctor Chuck Ormsby**  
VALLEY PATRIOT EDITOR/COLUMNIST

The author of An American Creed, Dean Alfange, was a founding member of the Liberal Party of New York and served as its head in the late 1930s. He believed in judicial activism and a living Constitution – both an anathema to present day conservatives – along with other Progressive policies.

I don't know how he squared his Progressive views with his American Creed (written around 1951), but I can endorse Alfange's Creed without any reservation. In fact, his Creed has been displayed in my home since I first discovered it in the late sixties.

Alfange's Creed does not imply that everyone must achieve the ideal he describes or that society shouldn't put basic safety nets in place. But his American Creed does clearly present an attitude that America embraced during its first 150 years and that most Americans embraced as their personal ideal during that era. Some Americans still cling to this vision and honor those who seek to practice it.

It is because America has identified with the core beliefs embodied in this

Creed and has rewarded those who have succeeded under this banner that America has achieved greatness. That greatness has enriched almost all Americans, raising 99% of Americans above the average standard of living in the rest of the world. In concert with other mostly-free countries, America has also helped raise the world's average living standard substantially above earlier levels (as measured by reductions in child mortality, chronic diseases, malnutrition, and increases in life expectancies ... not to mention color TVs and iPads!).

Of course there will always be some who cannot be productive and who are without family to help them. So, how should society provide a safety net for these citizens?

Historically, those in need were given help by private/religious charities. Those distributing the charity were accountable to the donors, who insisted that their gifts not be squandered, and those receiving the charity sought to become self-sufficient as soon as possible.

As American prosperity gained momentum, forces mobilized to have the government forcefully re-distribute "excess"

*"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years." — Alexis de Tocqueville*

Which vision describes an American Spirit that you would like to see our children embrace in the years ahead?

**An American Creed  
by Dean Alfange**

I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon ... if I can.

I seek opportunity ... not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed.

I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for myself; enjoy the benefits of my creations and to face the world boldly and say, this I have done.

All this is what it means to be an American.

**Obama's America:  
"The Life of an American"**

Obama's campaign ad (The Life of Julia) provides a glimpse of his vision for Americans.

Americans are dependent upon the state from birth to death. Our lives are controlled by government from when we arise in the morning until we go to bed at night. Every detail of economic activity is regulated and tax burdens escalate if our hard work meets with success. Taking financial or personal risks to launch new products or services is discouraged since the rewards are confiscated by the state. Those who are independent and productive are scorned and treated as chattel while those who are needy and unproductive are rewarded. Dependency is touted as a virtue and the dependent class grows until the economy collapses. Health care options, if we have any, are dictated by government boards and eventually curtailed as the economy teeters on insolvency.

Because property rights, the foundation of all human rights, are not recognized, the state becomes all powerful and must be feared. Eventually, all rights are destroyed and tyranny takes hold.

wealth to the less fortunate. At first, the transfers were modest and the recipients were worthy – they were victims of real misfortune or circumstances beyond their reasonable control.

The ethics of private charity were inherited by the early government programs, but those ethics were not maintained for long. Two things happened.

First, private charities were driven out of the food-clothing-shelter business (the basic needs of recipients) by government welfare programs. Why should recipients seek to meet the tougher standards of private charities (including proving that they were trying to become self-sufficient), when government support was so easy to get and could be retained for long

periods? And why should private donors give to charities providing this support if the government was handing out these benefits using taxpayer dollars?

Second, many recipients learned that those handing out the government welfare benefits were not concerned about the qualifications of recipients (it wasn't their money) and that they could arrange their lives to perpetually qualify for these benefits. Numerous strategies worked: having multiple children with no husband/father, receiving income under the table, falsifying benefit applications, receiving benefits from multiple agencies, ... anything except becoming productive and self-sufficient.

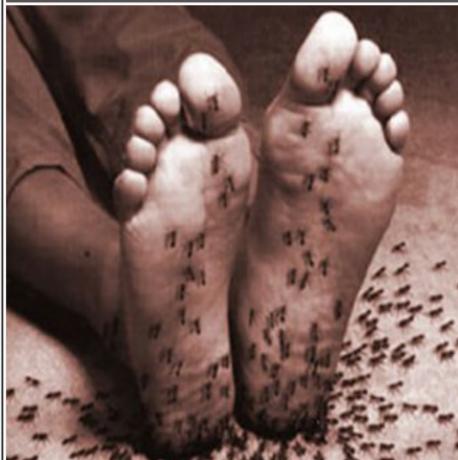
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# Who Will Represent You in Congress

**Tsongas and Tierney fight to keep their seats in Congress - Can the GOP take two seats in MA?**

**Tom Duggan**

VALLEY PATRIOT PUBLISHER

Two Massachusetts Congressmen in the Valley are fighting to maintain their seats against Republican challengers. In the newly carved 3rd Congressional District, Congressman Nikki Tsongas is being challenged by Carlisle resident Jon Golnik.

The new 3rd Congressional district includes: Acton, Andover, Ashburnham, Ashby, Ayer, Berlin, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Clinton, Concord, Dracut, Dunstable, Fitchburg, Gardner, Grotton, Harvard, Haverhill, Hudson, Lancaster, Lawrence, Littleton, Lowell, Lunenburg, Marlborough, Maynard, Methuen, Pepperell, Shirley, Stow, Sudbury, Townsend, Tyngsborough, Westford, Westminster and Winchendon.

In the 6th Congressional District Congressman John Tierney is facing his toughest challenger yet in former Republican State Senate minority leader Richard Tisei. The 6th Congressional District includes:

Amesbury, Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Georgetown, Gloucester, Groveland, Hamilton, Ipswich, Lynn, Lynnfield, Manchester, Marblehead, Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Newbury, Newburyport, North Andover, Peabody, Rockport, Rowley, Salem, Salisbury, Saugus, Swampscott, Topsfield,

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After this year's redistricting based on the 2010 Census and the consolidation of Massachusetts from 10 congressional districts to 9, the towns of Billerica and Tewksbury, and parts of Andover, will now call the Sixth District home.

Tsongas vs. Golnik. You can't get any more opposite on most issues than Congressman Tsongas and challenger Jon Golnik. The one issue they both seem to agree on, however, is opposing the construction of a border wall between the US and Mexico. They also agree on not deporting anchor babies or the children of parents who were brought here illegally.

But on taxes, foreign policy and deportation of illegal aliens they couldn't be further apart. Golnik says he wants to deport illegal aliens, prosecute employers who hire them, supports the secure communities program, voter ID, and cutting taxes across the board. Tsongas on the other hand opposes secure communities, does not support protecting our vote at the ballot box with voter ID, opposes deportation of illegals and favors a tax policy more in line with Western European socialist countries where she would tax middle income people making \$250,000 or more.



On Foreign policy, Tsongas takes the Democrat party line, criticizing Israel and calling for an end to settlements in the West Bank and says she wants a two state solution where Israel and "Palestine" live side by side.

Golnik on the other hand says the so-called Palestinians have violated every agreement they have ever made with Israel and says he stands strongly with Israel.

**TIERNEY VS. TISEI** - Congressman Tierney has voted more than 90% with his party in congress. He, like Tsongas, refuses to support a border wall between the US and Mexico, does not support protecting the right to vote at the ballot box with voter ID, and does not support secure communities.

On foreign policy Tisei says he supports

Israel 100% and favors reducing federal funding to the so-called "Palestinians".

Tierney, like Tsongas has launched unrealistic attacks on his Republican rival calling him "extreme" and is running television commercials likening Tisei with Newt Gingrich and Sarah Palin. But Tisei is hardly an "extreme right winger" as Tierney claims. Tisei is openly gay, supports abortion and gay marriage, and couldn't be further apart on social issues than the "right wing extremists" Tierney claims he is on par with.

Tierney (like Tsongas) touts the party line on taxes, preferring to support raising taxes on middle income families making \$250,000 or more while Tisei prefers a fair tax system that cuts taxes across the board so that small businesses owners can get relief.

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The NAAA was originally known as The Sports Wagon which dated back to the late 1950s. Over the years the group worked in support of the athletic program at the high school. In 1991, after the defeat of 2 override votes, the NAAA was formed and committed to raising enough funds to enable the HS athletic program to continue. Today, in an effort to keep athletic user fees down, the NAAA continues to do fundraising to support and enhance all athletic programs at NAHS. We provide team awards for varsity sports, championship banners for the field house, flowers for Senior recognition ceremonies and we offer 2 scholarships each year to both a male and female athlete.

Your support helps provide trophies and awards for the varsity teams, team championship banners for the Field House, items for senior recognition events, scholarships to athletes from North Andover High School Annual Walsh Stadium Landscaping "Knights to Remember" personalized brick project. Other Special projects include:

- Portable public address systems for the upper turf
- Improved public address system for Walsh Stadium

**Race Day Details** - The 5K race will begin and end at North Andover High School. The Knights in Training Run will take place on the practice field behind Walsh Stadium and the NAHS baseball field.

8:00am Check-in Begins

9:00am Knights in Training Kids Run

9:30am 5K Runners and Walkers Start

10:30am Awards and Raffle Drawings

North Andover Athletic Association

Help our student athletes achieve experiences that last a lifetime

**Parking** - Please take the first left into the main parking area in front of the building. All participants should park in the lot immediately to the right. Please follow signs and directions of parking attendants.

**Registration/Check-in** - Begins at 8AM. Walk-in registrants should plan to arrive early to allow time for processing and check-in. Pre-registered participants should check-in at the "Pre-Registered" table to receive their race packets.

Walk-in participants should proceed to the "Walk-in Registration" table. The \$30 walk-in fee is payable in cash or check only. No credit cards are accepted on race day. Walk-ins will be assigned a bib number at check-in.

**Pre-Race Warmup and Stretching** - Beta O Fitness will be leading a pre-race warmup and stretching free of charge to any interested runners or walkers. Please look for the signs at check-in.

**Post-Race Screening and Treatment:** Off-Season Sports and Physical Therapy will be offering free injury screening and post-race massage for 5K participants.

Look for their tent in the area beyond the Finish line. Knights in Training Run participants (under 12 years of age) should sign up at the "Knights in Training Registration" table. The fee is \$5 payable in cash or check

**Concessions:** Coffee and hot chocolate will be for sale on the morning of the race for spectators and participants.

Start times: Knights in Training Run will begin at 9:00AM. The Road Race will begin at 9:30AM with runners in front and walkers in the rear of the group.

Results/Awards: Medals will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place finishers (both male and female) for ages: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+

Race results will be posted on [www.coolrunning.com](http://www.coolrunning.com) and [www.northshoretiming.com](http://www.northshoretiming.com). All Knights In Training participants will receive a "Knights on the Run" band bracelet for participating!

Refreshments: There will be a water station at approximately the 1.5 mile mark along the 5K route. Snacks and water will be available for all runners and walkers at the finish line.

## Witchcraft in Andover

Anne Knowles

VALLEY PATRIOT ANDOVER COLUMNIST

The days are becoming crisp, colors are breathtaking and we know winter is coming. But, after reading more of the history of Andover, I found a really interesting story about Witchcraft in this town. Forty residents of Andover were accused and found guilty of the practice of witchcraft and four of the accused were hanged in 1692.

While reading or seeing the play "The Crucible", by Arthur Miller, gives an insight into what is commonly called "The Salem Witch Hunt", it is fascinating to read how the witch scare of 1692 affected the towns surrounding Salem.

The first person to be accused of witchcraft in Andover was Martha Carrier.

She was accused of causing her neighbor's illness and killing his cow. Martha along with her sister and brother-in-law, her 9 year old niece were arrested and charged On May 31, 1692. Many of Martha's children were also confined with her in prison.

Martha was found guilty by the three man court of judges and was hanged on August 19, 1692, along with three other citizens of Andover. It is interesting to note that forty people from Andover were accused. "And also hold the dubious distinction of having the most confessed witches and the highest number of children arrested from one town." Quoted by AHS.

What caused the hysteria about witchcraft?

It was a time of political uneasiness, the Massachusetts Bay Colony Charter had been revoked, conflicts with and about the

Puritan church, and numerous Indian raids in Haverhill, Billerica and other towns in the area, all of this had a very direct impact on the residents of this area. Witchcraft had been a major crime in most of Europe from about 1550 and had traveled with the Puritans to the shores of the New World. Among some people of this era, accusing someone of witchcraft was one way of "paying" someone for a real or imagined slight or wrongdoing.

What happened to end the trials? Reverend Francis Dane of Andover wrote too many ministers in the nearby towns stated "knowing the people of Andover, I believe many innocent people have been accused and imprisoned." Forty one men and twenty one women of Andover also wrote to the Salem Court advocating against the trials.

Royal Governor Williams Phipps, whose wife had been accused of witchcraft, denied any enforcement of executions of convicted persons and pardoned them in 1693.

Prominent people on both sides of the witchcraft hysteria were contrite or kept their mouths quiet and in 1702 the General Court of Massachusetts declared the 1692 trials unlawful.

One of the most prominent accusers at the trials was Ann Putman Jr. and on August 25, 1706 she publically apologized "for the accusing of several persons of a grievous crime, whereby their lives were taken from them. Now I have just grounds and good reason to believe they were innocent persons."

Relating the 1600's to our time in history, we have evolved some, but have we learned anything from our past?

## Andover Historical Society

Anne Knowles

VALLEY PATRIOT ANDOVER COLUMNIST

The Andover Historical Society is truly a Town treasure and for those who have not visited the Amos Blanchard House at 97 Main St., Andover it is well worth the visit. The AHS celebrates each season with a list of activities for children and adults. Members and non-members are encouraged to visit the event calendar at their website

or they can be reached at 978-475-2236.

The format for events planned for October is Bewitched in Andover, and Include "Ghosts of the Past: A Tour of the First Burial Ground. This tour is held in North Andover, October 21.

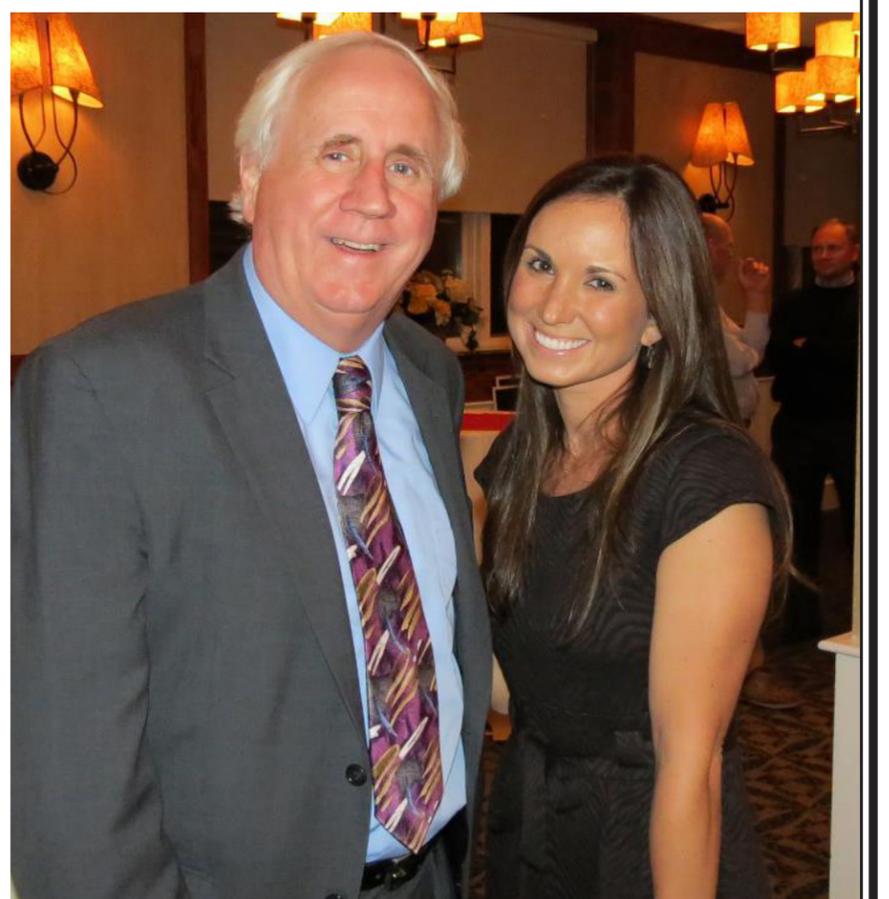
On October 11, there will be a lecture by Enders Robinson, author and lecturer. His talk will be on "the Witches of Andover". Mr. Robinson has a personal

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**Jim Lyons**  
REPRESENTATIVE

"State Representative Jim Lyons fights for puppies and dog rescues in Massachusetts, he even adopted a puppy that was slated to die in a high kill shelter down south. And I know, Jim's new puppy was rescued through the organization I'm affiliated with. Jim GETS IT!"

~Valley Patriot PuppyGirl Kate Whitney



# YES, it's all for the best! Time to increase the taxes, again!

Lonnie Brennan  
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

On Monday, October 29th, the good residents of Georgetown will be holding a "Special Town Meeting" to take a vote to raise up to \$50 million for a new school.

Yes, estimates have ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s, and then there's been estimates regarding another couple of million for roadwork, street lights etc. The goal: demolish the 1970-era vintage school called Penn Brook and build a new school, and make other school and related projects come to life.

Folks, there were meetings for years about this. I mean, years and years. And you didn't attend. So, the committee members sifted through option after option and decided "nothing but the best, for the best", and picked the most expensive option available. You can be proud when it's built because it will be outstanding. It will

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be a true monument to taxpayer spending.

And, it's only going to cost the average homeowner somewhere between \$500-1,500 per year for the next two and a half decades. Oh, and on top of that you get all other kinds of tax increases, and the tax increase on top of the tax increase greater than \$1 million infusion that was doled out last cycle.

Ah, but you contest the numbers? The "state" will pay for half of it. We'll get a good bond rating. "Trust my numbers not what the assessors say" one person wrote last year before the big override. Anyone remember that? And how that person ended up being dead-wrong, and how many folks in town saw huge tax increases?

And, they're doing it again: floating low-ball numbers saying it won't cost you

much. After all, "nothing but the best, for the best, trust us, not the people who send you the tax bills."

So, I'm thinking my home is a couple of decades older than the Penn Brook school. And it needs a boiler and a hot water heater and windows and paint and a new roof and flooring. The kitchen cabinets are home-made originals from the 50's and show it. Sure, we've done some improvement here and there, but I don't have unlimited income from taxpayers supporting me. I'm happy when I can paint and repair/replace some old steps. Still, I should investigate it: actually, everyone who lives in a house older than the Penn Brook should think about just tearing it down and building new. Hey, our kids spend more time at home than at school.

Why should their homes be in worse shape than the brand-new school? Remember 'nothing but the best for the best.'

On a serious note, the vote will pass at the "Special Town Meeting" because the opposition won't show up, or will be screamed at again, and attacked by the moon bats. And, then, the issues moves on to a second vote on Nov. 6th. And, keep in mind we expect another big tax override for the operating budget in two years. Why? Because they're giving our raises again (oh, and calling them by one number, but then magically applying all kinds of time-on-the-job and education-level bonuses to make the net increases pretty nice for the recipients, and other bonuses too).

I did mention that our Town Administrator got a sweet \$3,500 bonus this year since we're so flush with funds from the

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## Veasey Park to Host 2012 Wine and Art Fundraiser

Veasey Park will again host its annual fundraiser, the Wine and Art Reception, on Saturday November 3rd from 5-8PM. Tickets cost \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Included in the ticket price are unlimited food and beverages, as well as live entertainment featuring the Pentucket Jazz Ensemble. Guests will be able to browse and purchase from a broad selection of locally created art.

Veasey Memorial Park is the beneficiary of this event. Purchased by the Town of Groveland in 1996 and operated by the Groveland Conservation Commission, Veasey remains an important asset of the Town. While the property was purchased for conservation and recreation purposes, there continues to be a fabulous "bonus" of buildings available for public and private functions. These interior spaces will be the setting for the Wine and Art Reception, and are a great compliment to the habitats, trails, and scenic values that are part of Veasey. Dozens of birthdays,

anniversaries, showers, weddings, and recognition events take place here every year, as well as meetings, classes and other activities that benefit the community.

In support of this great evening, many individuals donate wine and a number of local caterers provide finger foods. Anyone interested in making a donation, or artists who are interested in exhibiting can find more information on the website, <http://www.wineandartreception.org>. Veasey receives a portion of the money taken in by the sale of any art.

Tickets can be purchased online from the Veasey Park website or from the Veasey office. For further information or to purchase tickets, contact: email: [events@veaseypark.org](mailto:events@veaseypark.org)

Postal mail: Events Manager, Veasey Park - 201 Washington Street - Groveland, MA 01834 - telephone: (978) 521-9345

Website: [www.veaseypark.org](http://www.veaseypark.org)

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own pace around the Youth Center on Johnson Street.

**BOWLING GROUP:** For more information stop by Academy Lanes Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. \$8 week. Contact person Arlene Coon.

**MENS BREAKFAST:** November 1st 9am Special speaker following breakfast at 9:30.

**ONE ON ONE COMPUTER LAB CLASSES:** Thursdays, 9-11:30 am, 45 minute sessions, \$7 each at the Senior Center. Call to reserve your slot.

**NEW BASIC I COMPUTER SERIES:** Thursdays 1-2:30. Start date: Oct 25th, Nov 1, 8, 15th. Limited to 4 students. Sign up with reception.

\*(New Hearing Clinic: Miracle-Ear will be at the North Andover Senior Center the 3rd Wed of the month, Oct 17th, 10 to noon. Sign up with reception.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC:** Held every Wednesday, 9 to noon.

**SHINE VOLUNTEERS:** Free, confidential counseling on all aspects of health insurance to North Andover residents on Medicare. The 1st, 3rd and

4th Tues. of the month, 12-3. Call center for appointment.

**ROCKINGHAM MALL TRIP:** Last Monday of every month. Bus leaves at 1-1:30. \$4.00 round trip from Senior Center.

**FUEL ASSISTANCE INFORMATIONAL SESSION:** Nov. 2nd 12:15 at the Senior Center. Linda Soucy from the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. (GLCAC, Inc) will discuss the program, eligibility and help with applications. Recycle and support the Senior Center. The Senior Center needs donations of gently used jewelry, knick-knacks and other small items for our Unique Boutique. Please leave your gently used treasures at our reception desk anytime. You can also drop off your used cell phones and ink cartridges for recycling. Yarn donations needed. The knitting group at the Center is hard at work creating "warm woolies" to be sold at the Holiday Fair on November 24. Clean, unused yarn is needed to help with these projects. All money raised is donated to the Senior Center.

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Republican - Haverhill

**Katie Ives**  
Democrat - Newburyport

**Paul Magliocchetti**  
Independent - Haverhill

## Four Way Race to Replace Baddour in State Senate

**Tom Duggan**

VALLEY PATRIOT PUBLISHER

The race to replace former Methuen State Senator Steve Baddour has four candidates vying for the seat. Baddour resigned earlier this year.

### THE CANDIDATES

Jim Kelcourse (Unenrolled) of Amesbury, Paul Magliocchetti (Unenrolled) of Haverhill, Katie O'Connor Ives (Democrat) of Newburyport, and a Republican Shaun Toohey.

Democrat Nominee Katie Ives:

Ives won a three way primary race defeating former Methuen Mayor Bill Manzi and WHAV Radio owner Tim Coco of Haverhill. Ives is a Newburyport City

Councilor who calls herself a "progressive" saying she opposes voter ID because it might discourage someone from voting. She favors a "progressive" tax policy. She says she will support legislation mandating fines on public officials who refuse to turn over public documents under the Freedom of Information Act. She also says she favors changing the state's 209A restraining order law, saying that merely the accusation of a restraining order should not be a lifelong blemish on a citizens criminal record.

Shaun Toohey is a Haverhill School Committeeman. He is running on a conservative republican platform. He did not return calls or emails and has not submit-

ted any information about his campaign.

Jim Kelcourse hails from Amesbury and is an Independent candidate.

Only one candidate, Haverhill School Committeeman Paul Magliocchetti, submitted a specific economic plan for public scrutiny. Here is his plan:

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The First Essex District and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts need a comprehensive Economic Development Plan that is easily understood, with programs easily accessed by small business owners.

First, consolidate and streamline economic development agencies into a single Economic Development Agency, which gives small business easy access to advice and capital. The consolidation into one agency will eliminate the confusing maze of agencies that exists today and eliminate waste.

Second, amend our tax laws to benefit our local small business community. 1) Revise the tax code to be competitive with our neighboring states in areas such as: a. business tax rates; b. business tax credits; and c. personal income tax rates. 2) Attack the problems of our border communities by implementing a graduated sales tax such as: a. border communities 2%; b. those border communities to the NH

border communities 4%; and c. everyone else 5%. 3) Create downtown tax free zones to help facilitate our local creative economies.

Third, we should insure that our citizens have the skills businesses require, incentives to get off welfare, and affordable health care.

1) Education reform that insures an educated and skilled workforce by: a. focusing on classroom learning; and b. facilitating cooperation among High Schools, Vocational Schools, and Community Colleges;

2) Welfare reform that incorporates workforce development and penalizes abuse by requiring: a. mandatory daily reporting to employment offices; and b. EBT cards programed for food and clothing only, not atm use.

3) Health Insurance reform that makes it affordable to employers and employees by implementing: a. tort reform; and b. open markets to all health insurance providers.

This three step plan insures that the First Essex District and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are attractive to businesses and improves the quality of life for everyone.

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override which was supposedly passed for the schools. That bonus 'retirement annuity' sure is a heck of a lot larger than any bonus you or I received this year, last year, the year before that, etc.

Vote for the tax increase. The economy is great. Your job is secure. You wife isn't working multiple part-time jobs to put food on the table. Your husband saw no decrease in work, clients, benefits, raises, etc., You're maxing out your 401K, you've

taken to exotic vacations and cruises, and filling up the gas tank at \$70 bucks is just chicken feed. Come one, be bold, be brave. I dare. Go ahead, make your day. But the best. For the best. Spend your weekends at the shore, on the sunny side of the street. Yes, it's all for the best! p.s. I'll be sure to post the results at www.GeorgetownToday.org. (Hmm, I should have taken video of the last override: they were cheering as if they won the lottery. Oh, wait. They did.)




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**RONNIE'S RANTS**

# It's Election Time Think before you Cast a Vote

**Ronnie Ford**

VALLEY PATRIOT OPINION COLUMNIST

Lies, Lies, Lies, Promises, Promises, Promises, is the modus operandi of the average political office holder and their aides. It is not hard to unscramble the double talk and get to the truth. But the trouble is a vice like grip on the minds of voters.

Why? Education is needed so badly to teach our free and democratic society. At least know who is running and what their positions are. They do not question polls. It is all smoke and mirrors when the politicians speak.

So before you vote, don't act like Visigoths, Ostrogoths, Huns, Celts, and all the other barbarian tribes and follow the guy with the most ammo. THINK, DAM IT, THINK!

This is the last time before elections that we will be able to ask you to be very thoughtful and informed when you vote in November. This election is crucial to how we will live in the next four years. Since the terrorist attack that killed four American Citizens in the American Embassy in Libya, Obama has done everything to deny that it was a terror attack, that it was spontaneous.

**BULL! EVERYONE FROM THE PRESIDENT DOWN AND SEEPED INTO THE ULTRA LIBERAL MEDIA, SAID IT WAS A SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION;** knowing full well it was not. All because Obama didn't want such horrific atrocities taking place on his watch. The coming election, you know. Obamagate!

Now they are dancing around like fools that they are, rectifying their huge blunder! This president doesn't know how to govern. He is trying to be a dictator. Since Teddy Roosevelt down to George Bush, 113 executive orders have been written by the various presidents. In 3 1/2 years Obama has issued 923! He is deter-

mined to take over the House and Senate. What did Congress do in 3 1/2 years? The House did considerable, the Senate nothing. The Senate did not even allow a budget or any House bill to be considered, because they hold the majority. This is scary! Don't believe me? Look it up!

It is time to take the hammer and shatter Lizzie Warren and all the fluff and nonsense that she spews into oblivion. All she does is preach, no substance, no what she would do in the Senate.

Lizzie is not one of us, she cannot relate to the tenements and projects that we grew up in.

She doesn't even sound like us. She is lofty! She has to wait for orders from the master Obama. Senator Scott Brown has shown what he is made of. He will look out for the people's best interests. And he has experience! Don't send another one for on the job training to Washington. Don't be a sheep and follow along, vote for what is right!

With our country in such a mess, perhaps it is time for us to turn to the Supreme Master, GOD. Remember Him? At St. Monica's Church in Methuen, there has been Perpetual Adoration of THE HOLY EUCHARIST, going on since April.

Why not stop in and say a Rosary for your family and our country? Next to Holy Mass, the Rosary is our most powerful prayer. You will feel sooo good when you come out!

May the good Lord take a liking to you, do something nice for someone today. And, we wish you enough.



*Ronnie Ford is a Methuen resident, former host of the "Hot Line" program, a former Methuen police officer, former member of the Methuen school*

*committee and city council. you can email Ronnie at Radiotalk@comcast.net*

## The Merrimack Valley Irish Connection

Jack Doyle, County Sligo

VALLEY PATRIOT IRISH COLUMNIST

Anne Devlin was born in County Wicklow. Her cousins, Michael Dwyer and Arthur Devlin, partook in the rebellion of 1798 and were imprisoned for two and a half years as was her father, Brian Devlin, who had not taken part in the Rising. Anne Devlin later recounted how she and other "woman volunteers" had disintegrated two County Antrim militiamen who had been killed in the fight and buried them alongside Wicklow rebels in Cronebeg Churchyard, County Wicklow.

Arthur Devlin introduced Anne Devlin to Robert Emmet and she helped the plan the 1803 Rising while acting as "housekeeper in Emmet's home in Rathfarnham. After the 1803 rising Devlin was arrested and tortured but she refused to identify any of the insurgents and was imprisoned in solitary confinement for three years in a damp, underground cell in Kilmainham Gaol, Dublin. Anne Devlin's entire family were also imprisoned and seven of them died in Kilmainham Gaol before her release. It is known that Devlin worked briefly as a lady's companion before going into obscurity.

When Anne Devlin was in her seventies she was befriended by Brother Luke Cullen who recorded her story as told by herself. Anne Devlin died in extreme poverty in the Liberty of Dublin.

In the extracts, from *The Life, Imprisonment, Sufferings and Death of Anne Devlin (1851)* she recounts her experiences on the day of the Rising and those of September 20th, 1803, the date of Robert Emmet's execution. ©

This {July 23rd, 1803} was a lonely day with me. There no visitors. Towards eve-

ning there were a few messages, principally with regard to arms and ammunition that were under my care. The messages were carried to me by a Wexford man.

I was alone in the evening, and sent over to my father for a little sister to keep me company. She was a great favorite with Messrs Emmet and Russell. Her innocent prattle helped to dissipate the gloomy thoughts that were frequently intruding on me..



About eleven o'clock that night I was getting some cases of powder for the above mentioned messenger who had left Thomas Street a little before 10 and was about to return in haste when I heard some voices. My first impression was that soldiers were approaching. I told the messenger to throw off his light-colored jacket and get something dark and make his escape.

He said "what will become of you?" and reluctantly retired. I never heard of him afterwards.

Immediately afterwards Mr. Emmet, Mahon, Wylde, Heavey, Strafford and Quigley entered. Gazing over them as they rushed in, and not seeing my brother or friends, returning, I said "Oh, what have you done? Bad welcome to you. Have you destroyed the whole kingdom and all belonging to me, you set of cowards? What has become of all you preparations? Are they all gone and lost?" Notwithstanding that each one of them attributed the defeat to Quigley's imprudence no one reproached him for it publicly. It was Quigley's duty on that evening to keep a lookout in.

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# Former Torissi Allies Line up to Support DiZoglio

**Tom Duggan**

VALLEY PATRIOT PUBLISHER

Democrat insiders once closely aligned with the now defeated State Rep. David Torissi (D) North Andover, took no time warming up to Diana DiZoglio the challenger who beat him in last month's primary.

One of Torissi's closest allies in the legislature, Rep. Brian Dempsey (D) Haverhill, was the guest of honor Tuesday night and not only introduced DiZoglio to the crowd during her fundraiser at Mogadors but endorsed her.

"We need to make sure another great rep., represents Methuen, and that is Diana DiZoglio" Dempsey told the crowd of mostly Methuen residents and elected officials.

"I have to tell you how impressed we all are with the work ethic that Diana has already demonstrated. A lot of times you get to know somebody in a campaign and you get to judge how well they will perform on your behalf.

I think no one here has any doubt what you would get with Diana DiZoglio representing you. Somebody who is aggressive, somebody who is going to work tenaciously to make sure that the district is taken care of."

Introducing Dempsey was Methuen State Representative Linda Campbell, who represents the West and parts of Central Methuen.

Also in attendance were Frank McLaughlin, President of the Lawrence Teachers Union, Methuen City Council President Jen Kannan, Councilors Lisa Ferry, Jamie Atkinson, and Ron Marsan, as well as Methuen Mayor Steve Zanni (who previously endorsed DiZoglio), former Mayor Bill Manzi, former Senator James Jajuga and a host of former Methuen elected officials.

DiZoglio will face her Republican opponent, former North Andover School Committeeman Karin Rhoton on November 6th.



PHOTO: TOM DUGGAN

Methuen State Representative Linda Dean Campbell with House Ways and Means Chairman and former Torissi political ally Rep. Brian Dempsey with Democrat nominee Diana Dizoglio

## Methuen H.S. Ranger Band to March in North Andover's Santa Parade

Tracey Zysk, Valley Patriot North Andover Columnist

The North Andover festival committee is pleased to announce that the Methuen High School Ranger Band will be performing in this year's Santa Parade Saturday, November 27th

Officer EJ Foulds, NAPD and festival committee parade organizer was thrilled to receive the call from Methuen. "This is such a great addition to our parade and we are excited Methuen will be joining us."

Methuen's band makes several performances a year. To help with the costs of the travels the band will be having a dining out fundraiser at the Irish Cottage October 16 from 5PM to 10PM and 20% of your bill will be donated to the band's travel fund.

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# Rep. Lyons Calls Lawrence an "Ongoing Criminal Enterprise"

## Local Officials Come Forward Calling for Lantigua's Removal

Tom Duggan

VALLEY PATRIOT PUBLISHER

In the wake of two more members of Lawrence Mayor Willie Lantigua's administration being indicted last month, local officials are calling for Lantigua's resignation and a complete state takeover of the entire city and one state representative calling the Lantigua administration a "criminal enterprise."

What's more, Lawrence City Councilor Marc LaPlante says that he is concerned the "conspiracy" charges against Lantigua administration officials, Lenny Degnan and Melix Bonilla may lead to Lantigua himself.



LaPlante says he believes Lantigua must resign and held a press conference last month saying that Lantigua's three years of mismanagement and wrongdoing "has been insult upon insult on the citizens of Lawrence. There has to be a point where we have to say enough is enough and today is that day," LaPlante was flanked by

School Committeeman Jim Blatchford and Wayne Hayes President of the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Association.

### STATE MUST TAKE OVER

State Representative Jim Lyons, (R) Andover, told the Valley Patriot that the Lantigua administration is a "corrupt criminal enterprise" that should no longer be enabled by the state taxpayers. He says that the corruption in Lawrence will continue as long as the state money being dumped into the scandal ridden city continues to flow with no accountability.

Lawrence Councilor Marc LaPlante said that the conspiracy charges against both Degnan and Bonilla means that more indictments of the Lantigua administration are coming, calling it "sad for the city."

"It is a sad day when we learn that people so close to Mayor Lantigua are charged with having broken the public trust," LaPlante said. "Lawrence citizens deserve public officials who work for their interests not the political interests of a wayward mayor. The fact that the investigation is ongoing and that there is a conspiracy charge, alarms me that the unlawful activities may lead directly to Mayor Lantigua," said LaPlante.

Republican candidate for State Representative in the 14th Essex District, Karin Rhoton and Jack Wilson, Republican candidate for Essex County Registry of Deeds (and an Andover resident) have also called for Lantigua to step aside. "The City of Lawrence has been put in a financial position that is untenable," Rhoton said. "And the House of Representatives has enabled the city to drift for many years. The Lantigua Administration has been reckless in its financial decisions and it is time to have someone with backbone to stand up for the citizens of Lawrence and take the city back."

### THE INDICTMENTS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Lantigua's friend and former campaign manager Deputy Police Chief Melix Bonilla was indicted by Essex County District Attorney Jon Blodgett for "trick, scheme or device to mislead in the procurement of supplies, fraudulent conversion of city property, unlawful use of official position, conspiracy, extortion or attempted extortion."



*"We have to stop funding this criminal enterprise, we have to stop doing it. Why should the state continue to fund a corrupt administration? We all see what is going on here. The state needs to take it over and run it themselves, put them into full receivership. Why should we allow this kind of activity to go on unabated? It's our money. We need to take over that city at all costs. Whatever it takes to do that, we ought to do it."*

~State Representative Jim Lyons

Bonilla was a sergeant on the Lawrence Police Department the day Lantigua was inaugurated in January of 2010 but was promoted over lieutenants and captains and made Deputy Chief. The Deputy Chief at the time was Mike Driscoll. He was summarily demoted to captain by Lantigua to make room for his campaign supporter.

Lantigua's former Chief of Staff Lenny Degnan was also indicted by the Essex County DA, charged with "solicitation of a bribe with corrupt intent, knowing solicitation of a bribe, unlawful use of an official position, conspiracy, extortion or attempted extortion."

Degnan has been the subject of scandal in Lawrence long before Lantigua appointed him and he spent more than \$10,000 on curtains for Lantigua's office. As a city councilor in the early 90's Degnan was appointed acting mayor by his fellow councilors when Mayor Kevin Sullivan

bail, but dozens of other members of the Lantigua administration have been called before both the Essex County Grand Jury and a Federal Grand Jury convened by the United States Attorney Carmen Ortiz. Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley is also investigating the Lantigua administration for financial improprieties. The State Office of Campaign and Political Finance and the Massachusetts Ethics Commission are also investigating Lantigua and his administration.

Lantigua has refused to turn over campaign finance reports concerning his financial activity during the last few campaigns. Lantigua says he will not turn over the mandatory filing documents unless law enforcement officials promise not to prosecute him for what he would be filing.

### CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE

"Just based on what we know now," Representative Jim Lyons told the Valley

Then, Lawrence Police Sergeant Melix Bonilla on the night Willie Lantigua was elected mayor in 2009. Bonilla ran Lantigua's mayoral campaign and was immediately rewarded by being promoted over Lieutenants and Captains to be named Lawrence's Deputy Police Chief. Last month he was indicted on corruption charges by Essex County District Attorney Jon Blodgett.



resigned, on the promise that he would not use the position to run for mayor as an incumbent.

The next day, Degnan announced his candidacy angering the city councilors who voted him to the temporary appointment. Degnan eventually lost the primary to Mary Claire Kennedy and Larry Lefebvre. When Mary Claire Kennedy became mayor, Degnan became her top confidant, where he nearly bankrupted the city and caused the State Department of Revenue to impose a fiscal oversight board to control the city's finances.

Mayor Lantigua was named in both the Degnan and Bonilla indictments. His name was also prominent in the indictment charges and conviction of former Lawrence Superintendent of Schools Wilfredo Laboy, who was convicted shortly after Lantigua took office. The two were inseparable during Laboy's time as superintendent and Lantigua's term as a State Representative.

"These indictments are the result of a lengthy and continuing investigation conducted by the Essex District Attorney's Office with assistance from the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General, and the Massachusetts State Police" said District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett. "The crimes alleged by these indictments represent a serious breach of the public trust."

Both Degnan and Bonilla were granted

Patriot in an exclusive interview, "the Superintendent of Schools has been indicted and convicted for corruption. We know now that the Deputy Police Chief has been indicted. We know now that Mayor Lantigua's Chief of Staff has been indicted. When is this going to stop?"

"My role is to protect the taxpayer's money and to do that we need a full state takeover of the City of Lawrence. In my opinion what we should be doing, if we are going to be fully funding their schools and a majority the city's budget, is to have the state step in and run it. I am calling for full receivership of the city and I am calling for it now," Lyons said.

Under full receivership Lawrence Mayor Lantigua could be removed as mayor, as well as the city council and be replaced with a state run receivership or oversight board. "Why should communities that are doing it right and acting responsibly with the money we give them, have to suffer because of Lawrence and communities like Lawrence? It's not fair to the people of Andover, North Andover and Tewksbury. It has to stop," Lyons said incensed.

"We have to stop funding this criminal enterprise we have to stop doing it. Why should the state continue to fund a corrupt administration? We all see what is going on here. The state needs to take it over and run it themselves, put them into full receivership. Why should we allow this kind of activity go on unabated? It's our money. We need to take over that city at



Patrick Blanchette and Lenny Degnan testify in 2010 before a House/Senate Committee for a \$35 Million bailout loan for Lawrence. Degnan has been indicted on bribery and corruption charges. Blanchette has taken the fifth and is expected to be indicted as well.

all costs. Whatever it takes to do that, we ought to do it."

### STILL BEING PAID

Despite the fact that state law mandates that indicted police officers have to be put on unpaid leave, Lantigua has chosen to continue paying his indicted deputy police chief Melix Bonilla more than \$140,000 a year.

Four members of the Lawrence City Council wrote a letter to State Receiver Bob Nunes asking him to stop payments to Bonilla and comply with the law, but Nunes balked saying he was only in charge of the city's finances not personnel issues. The four councilors who signed the letter to Nunes were: Councilors Eileen Bernal, Roger Twomey, Mark LaPlante and Daniel Rivera. The five members of the city council refused to sign the letter were Council President Frank Moran, who is also a candidate for state representative, Councilors Estella Reyes, Onaida Aquino, Sandy Almonte and Kendrys Vasquez.

"I think the payment to an indicted deputy police chief out of the taxpayers' pockets is a financial issue," Councilor LaPlante said in response to Nunes failure to act on stopping payments to Bonilla.

Nunes was appointed by Governor Patrick to oversee the city's finances due to financial mismanagement and inability of the Lantigua administration to manage the city's books.

### IT'S OUR MONEY- GOVERNOR TURNS A BLIND EYE ON LAWRENCE

Representative Lyons said that he is also concerned that Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick continues to conceal the spending of state taxpayer's money and is calling for a full funding of what is called "Target Share" chapter 70 education funding. Lyons said the governor's failure to act on the "ongoing criminal enterprise" known as the Lantigua administration and the city's fiscal mismanagement was "staggering".

Lyons said he is "very concerned, that the Patrick Administration has refused to fund "Target Share Funding". Target Share Funding is legislation that was passed in the last year of the Romney administration to fully fund chapter 70 by allowing local communities to get at least 17.5% of their educational foundation budget from the state.

"That Patrick administration has refused to fully fund it, costing communities such as Andover and North Andover substantial money in education funds." Lyons recently filed an amendment in the budget process to fully fund "Target Share" throughout the Commonwealth,

# Lawrence at a crossroad: The “four Rs” of public policy

Joseph D'Amore  
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

With headlines announcing indictments of key public officials in Lawrence the city has reached an historic crossroad which will define its emergence or decline from the current state of turmoil. At stake is the well-being of the city and all the surrounding communities as results that stem from months of secret dealings of a Grand Jury have now surfaced producing tangible evidence that forces have been stirred that will transform this city. Simultaneous with the indictments are pronouncements from key officials such as District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett that the public should expect further actions and the implication is clear; there is one primary recipient of their impending consequences and that is the current Mayor of Lawrence, William Lantigua.

Discourse has reached a palatable cacophony in barbershops, street corners, bus stops, public meeting places and on the internet. Anyone who is paying attention senses that events are no longer subdued and bracketed by the proverbial slow wheels of justice, but rather taken on a life on their own and are accelerating at a rate that will strip the people of their collective ability to control their destiny. The city is

awakened to a new era of uncertainty.

In seeking to define a course and to anticipate an outcome many politicians and officials from outside and within the city's jurisdiction are revealing tenets of what I call the “Four R's” for Lawrence. These four R's bare reflection and study for their possible utility in guiding public policy.

**RESIGNATION:** Several local politicians have sought a solution for Lawrence that centers on an appeal to the Mayor's conscience to affect a change that is in the best interest of the people. Is this opportunistic or substantive? Regardless of motive, this suggestion serves only to deliver great headlines that call attention to the plight of the city. The act itself would likely remain remotely a consideration by the Mayor as its acceptance at best would mean abdication and at worse an admission of criminal complicity. The notion retains appeal though because beyond the fantasy of it materializing such a meritorious action would create an immediate redirection of leadership that could be better suited for the city.

**RECALL:** The re-introduction of a collective action remains elusive not because the will is lacking across wide sectors of the city's population but because people sense that the time constraints imposed to frame it effectively is too short. The voluminous effort to marshal legal, written

instruments and to distribute and execute them is an exercise that would have served the community only if the urgency to accomplish it was underscored by a supportive condition. But now if such an effort were initiated the timing of it most likely would not coincide well with the sudden and unexpected exit of the Mayor. Recalls are directed to those who are entrenched in their seats not those that are pre-disposed to exiting them.

**RECEIVERSHIP:** The city is already under partial and yet significant state-control in two key areas; management of its credit facility through a state appointed overseer and direct state control of its school system. With the manifestation of two successive and successful budget cycles many would place a great deal of merit in going just a bit further and complete the process of protecting the fiscal resources of the city with comprehensive receivership. The move would also align legal remedies, resources and authoritative structures that would complete the work of the Grand Jury and ultimately the courts; that is to rinse the city completely of its apparent, greatly influential sub-culture of corruption. This solution is the only one that will accommodate well a sudden re-organization of the city if key positions are vacated by the force of court order. However, for the people of Lawrence all perceived gains would have to be substantial to overcome the stark condition of democracy being extinguished in Lawrence. A people without a voice will eventually be a defeated people and this can be ushered in by inept management of municipal resources, corruption or a state sponsored condition. It is unsettling that a substantial number of Merrimack Valley politicians have publicly advocated for such a measure.

Clearly they are signaling that self-rule

is no longer a viable option for this city that was once the crucible of cultural, economic and political enlightenment in Massachusetts.

**REPRESENTATION-RENEWED:** If any action or act of conscience ushers in the vacating of positions in the Mayor's office the people will have an opportunity to reconfigure its government by directing those who are enlightened by a call to public service. Should an appointment be made from the City Council seats or a Special Election pursued if positions need to be filled before general elections in 2013? Are there courageous candidates who are encouraged, capable and ready to assume roles of responsibility? Will the collective will of the people direct public policy with the auspices that despite the current dislocation and uncertainty they are indeed capable to form a social agenda and re-direct their destiny? These are questions that will inevitably be addressed in the course of the next several weeks and months. In equal measures there is hope and yet uncertainty in this area and a calculable level of political will remains elusive.

Many of us in and outside of Lawrence remain riveted by the energy and force of recent events. The expectation is clearly that change is underway. The perception is that a crisis that has percolated has now revealed itself in all its excesses forcibly. Yet one cannot help sensing that the ultimate conclusion will be a good one because surely those who will retain authority -in relative and inverse terms- be better than those that seized it away from the people.

But then again that's just a limited and self-serving conclusion from the writer of this column who always sees the glass as half full and never empty

Joe D'Amore writes from Groveland, MA



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# Valley Patriot Files Court Action For Public Documents

## City Hides DiAdamo Payments, Double Dipping in School Department

Allan Knowles  
VALLEY PATRIOT STAFF WRITER

Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan filed court action Wednesday against The City of Lawrence, Lawrence City Attorney Charles Boddy and Secretary of State Bill Galvin's Office for purposely refusing to turn over public documents that both Attorney Boddy and Secretary Galvin admit are public documents under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is legislation that mandates public agencies, state agencies and municipalities must turn over public documents within ten days when requested by the public.

Valley Patriot Newspaper Publisher Tom Duggan initially submitted a FOIA requesting public information back in February of 2012 and says he was told at the end of June that the request was "lost" by city officials.

### A Pattern of Behavior

Duggan says he resubmitted his request for public documents on July 2, 2012 but received no response from Lawrence City Attorney Charlie Boddy who admitted to the Boston Herald back in May of 2010 that Freedom of Information Requests are only turned over to those who are not "enemies" of the Lantigua administration.

In a news article by Joe Dwinell called "City blames delay of records release on 'enemies' List"

"The Lawrence city payroll, obtained by the Herald under the state public records law after a two-month battle, was delayed while officials made sure no "enemies" were behind the request. City Attorney Charles D. Boddy Jr. said he was "sitting on and forgetting about" the Herald's request for weeks while he studied the paper trail. Lawrence has "a lot of enemies," he said, and must take its time probing every request. Boddy, the second highest-salaried city employee at \$110,553 a year, added "we're incompetent" when pressed as to why a request for public documents would be considered suspicious."

City Attorney Admits it will take only Two Hours to Produce Documents

"Finally," Duggan says. "on the 26th of July I received a letter by City Attorney Charlie Boddy saying that he had sent the documents two weeks earlier to the wrong address. An address we never gave him."

"The letter was dated July 18th and clearly stated that if I pay \$61.81 he would turn over the public records. What's more, his letter said that the \$61.81 represented two hours of a city employee's time.



Which means all this time it would have taken the city a mere two hours to produce our documents and here we are on October 3rd and Attorney Boddy has yet to comply with state law and turn over the documents."

Duggan says the he gave a check, in hand, to City

Attorney Charlie Boddy's administrative assistant in the amount of \$61.81 on August 1st.

"The city took my check, the city cashed my check and the city never turned over the documents" Duggan's court records say.

According to Duggan's court filing, The Valley Patriot has requested documents pertaining to Lawrence School Department Employees double dipping under the direction of State Receiver Jeff Riley, and a full accounting of all public dollars paid to the DiAdamo Law firm which handles the city's worker's compensation claims.

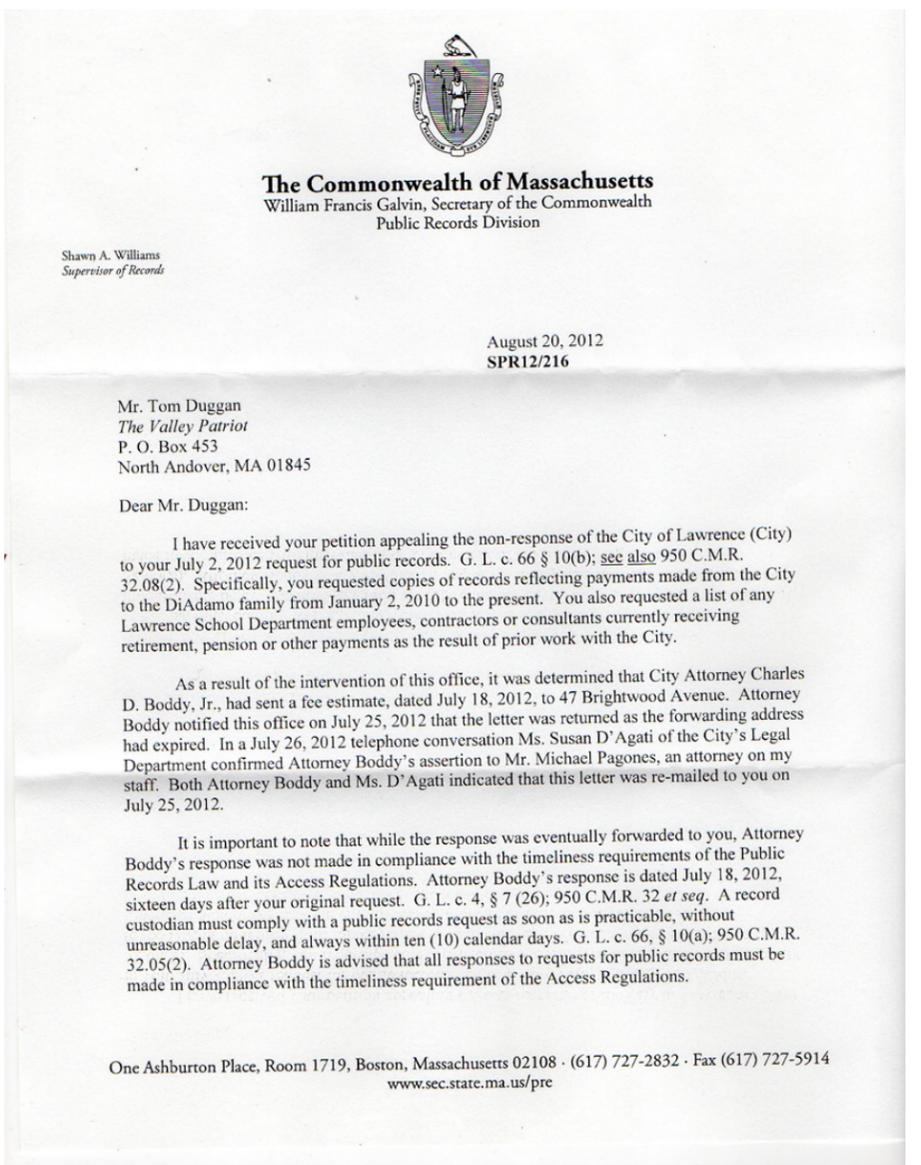
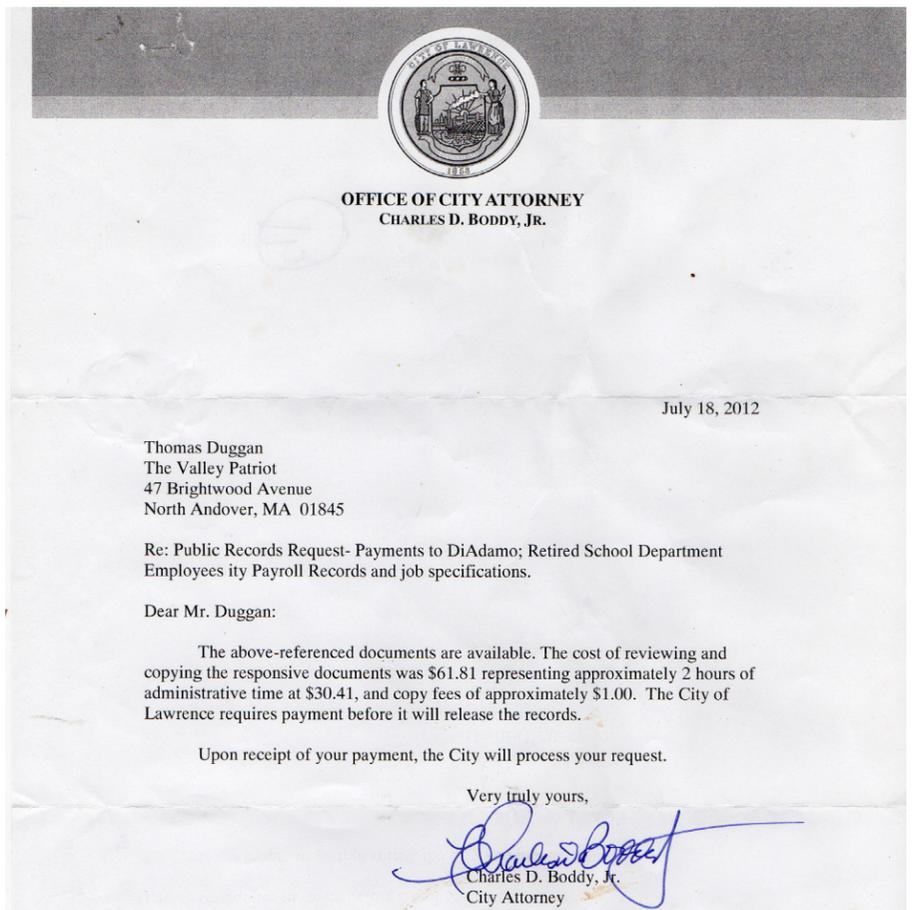
The DiAdamo law firm also serves as landlord to the City of Lawrence's School Department Administration Building on Essex Street, and has made money as the legal counsel for the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District and the City's Workforce Investment Board.

### Secretary of State's Complicity

Duggan also filed court action Wednesday against Secretary of State William Galvin, the state official legally responsible for enforcing the Freedom of Information Act.

According to court documents filed by Duggan in Lawrence Superior Court today, he alleges that he submitted multiple complaints with Secretary of State Bill Galvin's Office and received a letter from Shawn Williams Supervisor of Records stating:

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# TOM DUGGAN'S NOTEBOOK

**TYER DUMONT NOMNATED FOR AN EMMY!** Yes the Valley Patriot's former "Teen Talk" columnist Tyler Dumont has been nominated for an Emmy, a REAL Emmy for his work on Channel 7, Teen News program on Sunday mornings. Dumont, now a freshman in college started on WCAP as my producer on The Paying Attention Radio Program, graduated to hosting his own radio show on WCAP called "Teen Talk" and eventually became a teen reporter on Channel 7. Way to GO Tyler. I hope you will remember us little people when you become a national star!

**SELL-OUT BOB LEBLANC'S ODD LACK OF DISCLOSURE** - Last month the most hated man in Methuen politics, former Town Manager Bob LeBlanc took to the airwaves on WCAP to defend Lawrence Mayor Willie Lantigua and Lawrence City Attorney Charlie "Useless" Boddy, attacking me as not knowing what I was talking about in my criticism of the two and claiming that my exposing of their wrongdoing in Lawrence was motivated by "personal hatred. But oddly enough, LeBlanc never disclosed on the air that Lantigua gave him work recently



Angela from Methuen Family Restaurant shows off the grilled marinated chicken salad. See their ad on page 12.

while he was pretending to be an objective arbiter of the facts. What is really sad is that I had always disbelieved what so many people have said about Bob Leblanc being a political hack and given him the benefit of the doubt. Now it is clear that Bob really is what people say about him and has become just another sell out for the criminal enterprise that is the Lantigua administration. Hey Bob, you think it's personal hatred that motivates me to criticize Lantigua, Boddy and company? Yeah, (in my most sarcastic voice possible) it has nothing at all to do with the fact that Attorney Boddy has violated his legal obligation as an officer of the court to comply with state laws regarding freedom of information. It has nothing at all to do with the fact that Willie Lantigua has attacked our police and firefighters, laid off public safety officials, blew a \$35 million bailout loan, has made racist remarks in Spanish to his base in Lawrence, spent \$10,000 on curtains for his office, continues to pay his indicted deputy police chief in violation of state law, has hired more than 100 per diem employees who were campaign supporters, or any of the other shenanigans Lantigua has been involved in since taking office in January of 2010. I defy sell-out Bob Leblanc to defend his position with evidence that Mayor Lantigua and Charlie "Useless" Boddy have "impeccable integrity. Because I have more than enough proof that neither man is fit to hold the job that they have.

**LYONS VS. L'ITALIEN REDUX**

Two years ago Republican Jim Lyons of Andover did the unthinkable. He unseated the most liberal State Representative on Beacon Hill, Barbara L'Italien. Lyons, now the incumbent is being challenged by L'Italien again, but the newly drawn district seems to favor Lyons. Lyons has made a nuisance of himself during his two years in office forcing the Deval Patrick administration to turn over information on how much money is being spent on illegal aliens.

Lyons has called for a state takeover of the City of Lawrence, supports secure communities, and has been the one voice on Beacon Hill for fiscal accountability. He opposes all tax hikes and is the only State Representative who voted against both the 2011 and 2012 state budgets saying "When I ask how much money in this budget goes to things like abortions or health care for illegals or welfare benefits to people who are not residents of this state nobody can tell me. But they all go along and vote for these budgets. How can I vote for a budget when nobody can tell me what is in it?"

L'Italien opposes cutting funding to illegals, supports driver's licenses for illegals and has never met a tax she didn't like. And while L'Italien is favored by Lawrence Mayor Willie Lantigua, State Representative David (Where-is-he) Torrisi, and North Andover Town Moderator Mark DiSalvo, in this race, Lyons has the advantage as he has been endorsed by the Valley Patriot's PuppyGirl Kate Whitney.

Whenever I am given the choice between a candidate supported by Dave Torrisi and Willie Lantigua and a candidate supported by PuppyGirl? Well... I don't think I have to tell you who I support in that dog race!

**FRANK MORAN VS. KEVIN CUFF FOR THE NEW STATE REPRESENTATIVE SEAT COVERING LAWRENCE, ANDOVER AND METHUEN**

He may be green behind the ears and quite naive about the evils of the Lantigua network in Lawrence (and at the state house), but independent candidate Kevin Cuff has it right when it comes to not funding one more dime for Lawrence until there is accountability or a state takeover of the entire city. Cuff gets that our state tax money is funding the ongoing criminal enterprise that is the Lantigua administration in Lawrence. For his part, Frank Moran (running as a Democrat) is the Lawrence City Council President and has rubber stamped just about every single thing Lantigua has asked for in the last three years. Moran may not be knee deep in the corruption the way some of his fellow councilors are, but he has turned a blind eye to and supported the very people who have been ripping off the Lawrence taxpayers.

Moran certainly has the edge in this race as the new district was purposely carved for a "Latino" candidate to win, specifically a "Laitno" candidate in favor with Mayor Lantigua. But Kevin Cuff the independent, has been working harder than his racially advantage opponent and very well could benefit from all the indictments, criminal investigations and negative media the Lantigua administration has earned over the last three years.

**GOLNIK VS TSONGAS FOR THE 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

As odd as it may seem to people who know me, I really do like Congressman Niki Tsongas. Her ability to handle constituent services is second to none and her ability to communicate her views normally does not fall into the usual hate filled accusations other Democrats engage in. But this year Tsongas has gotten down in the mud with the rest of her party spewing

## How will you vote on the Ballot Questions?

**QUESTION #1**

**A YES VOTE** would enact the proposed law requiring motor vehicle manufacturers to allow vehicle owners and independent repair facilities in Massachusetts to have access to the same vehicle diagnostic and repair information made available to the manufacturers' Massachusetts dealers and authorized repair facilities.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in existing laws.

**QUESTION #2**

**A YES VOTE** would enact the proposed law allowing a physician licensed in Massachusetts to prescribe medication, at the request of a terminally-ill patient meeting certain conditions, to end that person's life.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in existing laws.

**QUESTION #3**

**A YES VOTE** would enact the proposed law eliminating state criminal and civil penalties related to the medical use of marijuana, allowing patients meeting certain conditions to obtain marijuana produced and distributed by new state-regulated centers or, in specific hardship cases, to grow marijuana for their own use.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in existing laws.

accusations that Republicans hate women and are engaging in a "war on women". It's disappointing considering Tsongas is smart enough and engaged enough with her district to win without lying to the voters.

Yet Tsongas, like her colleague John Teirney, is taking the template set forth by the Democrat National Committee and using hate and scare tactics when she really doesn't have to.

On issues I agree with Jon Golnik more though his inability to keep a commitment and step up to the plate when it counts has me concerned. I was so torn over this race at one point I considered starting a "Republicans for Tsongas" webpage. But it was Tsongas' position (or I should say lack of position) on Israel that finally pushed me to support Golnik in this race.

Golnik gets the Middle East conflict in Israel far more than the incumbent congressman, and she should know better.

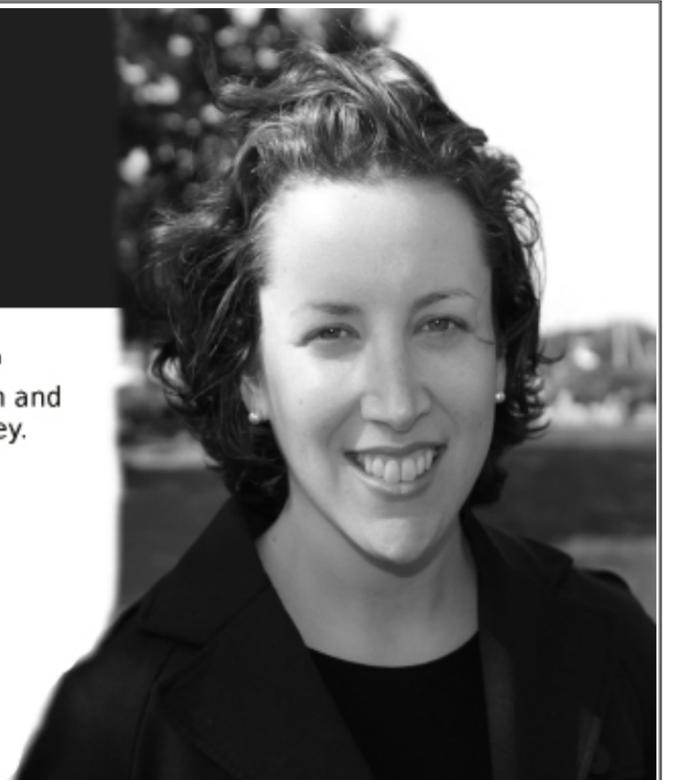
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## Tribune Names Police Source on Drug Cartel

Last month the Eagle Tribune published a story about a police raid on drug gang in Lawrence. In that story, written by none other than Mark Vogler who reported;

“Yesterday, Lawrence Police Chief John Romero hailed the concerned neighbors as heroes after the operation, which began at 6 a.m. Thursday, led to the arrests of 21 people including four charged with heroin trafficking and other drug charges out of the first floor apartment at 21 Tremont St. “Their tip sure paid off — 21 people at one location in a few hours is a significant number of people to arrest in a local drug investigation,” Romero said in an interview yesterday.”

Vogler also identified one of the tipsters in the article who called into my radio program on WCAP the next day. “It has certainly taken its toll on me and my family” the tipster told me on the air.

You know folks, I have made a career out of pointing out the malicious and the negligent things the Eagle Tribune has done in my time, but never have I seen such an egregious disregard for the life and safety of someone they were covering.

The worst part of all is, as of the minute we went to print, the Eagle Tribune has not taken the name of the tipster from their website. And they wonder why news sources and business advertisers come to us first!

Tsongas really believes the Israeli Palestinian conflict is about settlements and land. She told me on WCAP a few months ago that Israel should stop new settlements in the West bank and talked of a “two state solution”. This made it clear to me that Tsongas just does not understand Muslim terrorism or the world wide Islamic, fascist threat.

The fact is, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is not about land, or border disputes or settlements. It’s about the conditions of the terrorists living in the Palestinian occupied territories, it’s about one thing, killing Jews. Jon Golnik gets that.

He understands that if every Jew abandoned Israel tomorrow and moved to the South Pole, the genocidal Muslims who control 100% of the Muslim world would celebrate for a day or two and then begin their plot to invade Antarctica.

And if that ever happened I am sure Congressman Tsongas would be calling for the Jews to stop building settlement igloos because Muslim terrorists will have laid claim to THAT land too.

On energy, Tsongas opposes drilling here in the US while Golnik supports it. Tsongas supports spending billions on “clean energy” which is a 100 year, long-term strategy for energy independence, while Golnik favors more immediate ways of energy independence like nuclear, coal, and drilling at home.

### BROWN VS. WARREN FOR US SENATE

This one has me totally baffled. How the hell do the people of this state really

think you could have a better US Senator than Scott Brown? While every other Massachusetts congressman votes lock step 90%+ of the time with their party regardless of the issue, Senator Brown votes with his party less than 56% of the time. That kind of bi-partisan dedication to representing everyone in his district should have Senator Brown up more than 10% in the polls and yet, as of the time we went to print Brown and Warren were trading leads with only 3 or 4% separating them. Professor Warren may have some great points when it comes to corporate corruption and Wall Street lobbyists controlling Washington, but defeating Brown isn’t going to change that one bit. Brown is also a strong voice against corporate corruption and even spearheaded a measure to stop insider trading in Washington DC. I may not agree with Senator Brown 50% of the time but I do know that when his constituents have expressed concerns about where he stands on an issue he listens and considers those with opposing views. Professor Warren is 100% with the Democrat party on every single issue which shows me she has no intent on going to Washington to represent the entire state of Massachusetts she is going to Washington to represent the Democrat party and we already have 99% of our state delegation doing that.

**DIZOGLIO VS. RHOTON TO REPLACE DAVID TORISSI IN THE STATE HOUSE.** Who wins in the race between DiZoglio and Rhoton for the 14th Essex District State Rep. Race? The people of North Andover, Methuen and Haverhill, that’s who. Oh Boy, how do you choose on this one. I think the most important thing to remember here is that David Torissi will not be on the ballot in

November and for that everyone wins.

### THE 1ST ESSEX SENATE RACE

With four candidates vying to replace Tea Party Democrat Steven Baddour it’s tough to gauge who has a better shot at this seat between Left-wing, tree hugging Democrat Kathleen O’Connor Ives, a Newburyport City Councilor, Republican Shaun Toohey who is supported by crooked Republican Sheriff Frank Cousins, or Independents Jim Kelcourse and Paul Magliocchetti of the Haverhill School Committee.

While I really believe Ives has the best chance the voters have to defeat Frank Cousins and Bill Ryan’s candidate for State Senate (Toohey). Paul Magliocchetti of Haverhill has a pretty compelling case to make. “I am an independent, I can caucus with the Democrats or the Republicans I can truly be independent and represent the district.” Magliocchetti is the only candidate who has released a “plan” (see page 8). And while I like James Kelcourse he made a commitment to come on the radio and talk to our listeners about where he stands on the issues but never showed up.

I say anyone but Toohey in this race, as Toohey, (the Republican) refuses to return

phone calls from the media, has opted not to reach out to our readers, or our WCAP listeners. I do vote in that district and as of right now I am voting for the liberal democrat Katie Ives. I may not agree with her on 80% of her positions but the very last thing Massachusetts needs is another elected official in the pocket of our Essex County Sheriff and I believe Ives has the best shot of beating Shaun Toohey.

**FITCHBURG REPUBLICAN CITY COMMITTEE (FRCC)** The next monthly meeting of the FRCC is Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Destare, 320 Main Street, Fitchburg. The FRCC meets the second Thursday of every month and is open to all registered Republican and Unenrolled voters. There are no cost, dues or fees to attend. There are about 40 days to go before the most important election of our lifetime. Get involved and make a difference. Learn how you can help your candidate and get involved in the process. For more information: [www.fitchburg-gop.org](http://www.fitchburg-gop.org) and facebook. The FRCC needs YOU!!!

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"It is important to note that while the response was eventually forwarded to you, Attorney Boddy's response was not made in compliance with the timeliness requirements of the Public Records Law and its Access Regulations. Attorney Boddy's response is dated July 18, 2012, sixteen days after your original request. A record custodian must comply with a public records request as soon as is practicable without unreasonable delay, and always within ten calendar days."

"But the letter concludes with 'I will consider this administrative appeal closed?'" Duggan said.

"So, in effect, they sent a letter to the city saying that Attorney Boddy broke the law and closed the case without giving any relief for my request for public documents that they, themselves say must be turned over."

"It's now October 3d, and we still don't have the documents. What good is a law if there is no penalty for violating it?"

Duggan's demand for injunctive relief from the court states that he is seeking penalties on Lawrence City Attorney Charles Boddy, The City of Lawrence and the Secretary of State's Office.

"I am hereby requesting the court to:

A) Order the City of Lawrence to turn over the documents that the Secretary of State and the city admit are indeed public documents.

B) Order the city to pay for filing fees and court costs

C) Impose fines or penalties against the City Attorney who has refused to comply with the FOIA law

D) Order the city to comply within the law for all future FOIA filings



The DiAdamo Law Office on Appleton Way in Lawrence right next to City Hall. The DiAdamo's have made millions off the tax payers in the years prior to Mayor Lantigua. Now Lantigua and his City Attorney Charlie Boddy are illegally hiding documents concerning how much MORE the DiAdamos have made since Lantigua took office.

E) Impose a fine or penalty on Secretary of State Bill Galvin's Office for refusing to hold City Attorney Charles Boddy accountable for not complying with the FOIA law.

Duggan's suit also alleges "This is an ongoing pattern of behavior by an officer of the court to purposely and with impunity violate FOIA laws."

State Representative Jim Lyons said that he is outraged by the behavior of the City of Lawrence and pledged to file legislation to put "serious penalties" on individuals who fail to comply with the Freedom of Information laws.

A hearing will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at Lawrence Superior Court at 2pm.

**It's Time to Vote!**

**Peter Larocque**  
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

It's finally here, next month November 6, 2012 we get to do our part as Americans and that is to go vote! All the T.V. and radio ads and phone calls concerning who we should vote for will come to an end and I can't wait and I bet you can't either!

Now, having said that, this particular election of 2012 is not like any other, we have two distinct, very opposite visions for the future direction for our country!

This election is not about being a Democrat, Republican or Independent. It's about a direction of Individual Freedom versus another direction of Receiving Free Stuff! Very simply put, Freedom versus Free Stuff, which do you want?

One Presidential Candidate wants Government to enact policies that provide for every citizen of the United States of America whatever they will need from the time of their birth until the time of their death including free cell phones by means of redistribution of wealth.

The other Presidential Candidate wants Government to enact policies that allow The Free Enterprise System, Entrepreneurism, (those who take on the initiative and risk), be the engine that provides wealth for every working citizen of the United States of America. Also, when and if the need arises, Government as a safety net would provide help and assistance to those who need it. But this assistance is not meant to become a lifestyle!

When I approach the voter's booth, I take with me this principle, which I get from 1 Timothy 2, 1-3. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior..."

I ask myself this question, who on this ballot before me will endeavor to the best of their ability to allow me and my family to lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty? Another words, who will best represent me and my interest both nationally and locally?

Now having put forth my reasoning process on who will I vote for in November, here are my choices,

President and Vice-President: Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan.

Senator: Scott Brown.

Congress: Jon Golnik

State Senator: Blank, why blank? Because both candidates, Barry Finegold and Paul Adams are friends of Mayor Lantigua and they always seem to lend a deaf ear or blind eye when it comes to Mayor Lantigua.

State Representative 16th District: Blank, why blank? Because Marcos Devers also is a friend of Mayor Lantigua and always blindly supports the Mayor.

State Representative 17th District: Kevin Cuff.

Register of Deeds: Jack Wilson.

To my fellow Lawrencians, if we are really serious about healing our city then may I humbly suggest to you that any candidate who at one time or another proudly confessed to be a friend and supporter of Mayor Lantigua is NOT worthy of our vote. Voting for candidates who will just continue to be silent on issues concerning Mayor Lantigua will just empower the Mayor even more. This includes Candidate for State Representative in the 17th District, City Councilor-at-Large, Frank Moran. Candidates Finegold, Adams, Devers and Moran, all allies of the Mayor are doing absolutely nothing while 3 off the job police officers, one convicted and 2 indicted remain on the payroll. This is a perfect example of what I mentioned before about having deaf ears and blind eyes when it comes to Mayor Lantigua. Their non-action places them in a category making them unelectable therefore, undeserving of our vote! They have made the conscience decision to put what is in the best interest of their friend Mayor Lantigua ahead of our best interest! When former Lawrence School Superintendent Wilfredo Laboy was indicted, they all wanted him fired and off the payroll immediately! The difference between then and now is that the 3 Police Officers are also friends of Mayor Lantigua. As I write this column, The Mayor is now playing games with the City's Licensing Board by filling the empty seats with his friends and again these Political allies of the Mayor are silent! So as far as I am concerned, this decision to be silent by Finegold, Adams, Devers and Moran makes them unworthy of our vote!

Together we can begin the Healing process for our city by removing the Mayor's partners from Political Office. One can only hope that eventually, the Mayor himself will no longer be in Office.

In conclusion, let's say that for whatever reason one or more of the above mentioned candidates that I am voting for does not win; does this make our country or our city come to a halt? No! Why, because God still holds me and my family along with all the others who believe in Him in the palm of His Hands and will not let us be defeated by those in politics! He will never leave us or forsake us! That my friend is His promise!

God Bless each and every one of you and don't forget to vote!

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Lawrence Mayor-elect Willie Lantigua on the night of his victory back in 2009 flanked by his (now) wife Lorenza Ortega (l) Lenny Degnan (behind Lantigua) and Israel Reyes who has since been convicted of corruption in connection to the Lawrence School Department scandal.



## Mass DEP Cites Commonwealth Motors for faulty Emissions Testing

Environmental Strike Force, Registry of Motor Vehicles Catch Faulty Auto Emissions Testers, Inspection Stations

An investigation by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Environmental Strike Force, and the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV), has resulted in penalties and suspended emission inspection licenses for three individuals and two inspection stations, after each admitted to conducting fraudulent automobile emissions inspections.

"Our Environmental Strike Force, with assistance from the RMV, will continue to pursue allegations of fraudulent emission inspections throughout the year and across the state in order to maintain an accurate air emissions test that is fair for motorists and inspection stations alike," said MassDEP Commissioner Kenneth Kimmell. "Inspection stickers awarded to cars that don't meet our air quality standard short-change us all."

"The penalties announced today are significant for the stations and individuals involved," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Rachel Kaprielian. "However, even more significant is the negative impact these fraudulent actions have on the quality of air we all breathe. Our customers, as well as the hundreds of emission and inspection station operators, need to remember the RMV and MassDEP are watching their operations closely."

The individuals and inspection stations involved in the investigation include:  
\* Luis Lazala, who was penalized \$8,000 after he admitted to conducting eight

fraudulent emission inspections at Commonwealth Motors in Lawrence between August 5 and November 19, 2011. The financial penalty was suspended entirely based on demonstrated inability to pay. Lazala's emission inspection license was also revoked for eight months, and his license was suspended for another two years. The remainder of his license suspension will be stayed if Lazala successfully reapplies and is granted a license and continues to demonstrate compliance with the regulations over the remainder of that two-year suspension.

\* Commonwealth Motors of Lawrence, which was assessed a \$16,000 penalty after it was determined that Lazala performed the eight fraudulent emission inspections at Commonwealth Motors using a former employee's license holder's log-in and entry code. MassDEP suspended \$4,000 of the assessed penalty pending demonstrated compliance with the emissions testing program for two years. Commonwealth Motors' license to conduct auto emission inspections was also suspended for two years, but stayed, pending demonstrated compliance with the program.

The Massachusetts Environmental Strike Force, an interagency unit, comprised of prosecutors from the Attorney General's Office, Environmental Police Officers assigned to the Attorney General's Office and investigators and engineers from the MassDEP

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which would cost the state about \$112 million. It was defeated in the house but the senate was able to get some money back into the budget which resulted in education funding increased this year for education to local communities."

#### FAIRNESS?

"Everyone talks about fairness," Lyons said. "Currently there is \$152 million out of 158 million going to the City of Lawrence and what we are doing basically is, we are funding what we now know is a criminal enterprise at the expense of well run, efficient communities. And that has to stop. The Patrick administration has to recognize that we should not be funding these corrupt communities at the expense of the honest communities that do it right. It isn't fair to towns like Tewksbury, Andover and North Andover."

Currently The Town of Andover gets 13-14% of their education funding from the state, North Andover gets about 15%. "The city of Lawrence gets more than 95% of their education funding from the state and look at what they are doing with it. This is why we need transparency on Beacon Hill.

The Deval Patrick Administration refuses to tell the public where their money is going. Whether it is illegal aliens getting benefits, the EBT spending, patronage jobs, the process has to be opened up on Beacon Hill and we have to let the people know what we are doing with their money. Right now it is funding corruption and criminal activity and I ask is that fair?"

Lyons says that the Target Share funding for education and a full takeover of the City of Lawrence will protect the taxpayers money and is urging Governor Patrick and his colleagues in the legislature to "move immediately" to take over the city and fairly distribute education dollars.



Tom Duggan is the publisher of Valley Patriot, Inc., a former Lawrence School Committeeman, and hosts the Paying Attention! Radio Program on WCAP, 980AM, every Saturday from 10am-noon. You can email your comments to valleypatriot@aol.com .

## Lantigua Violates MGL, Appoints Campaign Contributor to Licensing Board

Lawrence Mayor Willie Lantigua has, in violation of Mass General Law 138 Section 4 has appointed personal friend and campaign coordinator Jose Alfonso Garcia to the Licensing Board to replace the deceased Rick Fielding.

Lantigua also violated Mass General Laws with Garcia's Appointment because the law says that the board must be comprised of an equal number of republicans and democrats. Lawrence's licensing board already has two democrats, Garcia would make three.

Lantigua made the appointment of Garcia, who is a school department employee, and one of his key campaign organizers in 2009, despite the fact that he was rejected by the city council earlier this year.

Lantigua had Lawrence City Clerk William Maloney swear in Garcia last month

afternoon to a temporary appointment despite the law which says that a rejected appointment cannot be reconsidered and that MGL trumps local ordinances on this matter.

Lawrence City Councilor Eileen Bernal has asked City Attorney Charlie Boddy for a legal opinion on the matter. Boddy, however, has had a history of issuing legal rulings and either taking action or refusing to take action based on the orders of Mayor Lantigua regardless of Massachusetts General Law.

Garcia, a disc jockey on Spanish language radio who has often stoked the flames of racism and racial tensions in the city is former candidate for State Representative and will join Mayor Lantigua's Ex-wife Mayra Lantigua on the Licensing board.



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# UMASS~ Lowell, Bully Emeritus

If you can't beat them with ideas or logic, try slander!

Dr. Charles Ormsby

VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Last August I went to my mail box in the Mathematics Department at UMass Lowell (UML) and opened up the letter printed nearby (please read it).

My initial reaction was a combination of amazement, pity, and laughter. Only after some reflection did I feel any outrage, which is probably the more logical reaction. I never felt any concern for my professional status because I had confidence in the common sense of UML's management team.

Nevertheless, this attack requires a public response since it was broadcast widely (from the Governor and the university's Chancellor to the Afro-American Students Society) and was clearly designed to discourage the exercise of my freedom of speech.

I've been writing articles for The Valley Patriot for over eight years and I estimate that my articles now total well over 125,000 words. As for the requested apology, I do not apologize for even one word in any of these articles, and that includes my use of the term "tarbaby entitlements" in my article in the August edition of this paper (An Open Letter to Mitt Romney, available online at [www.valleypatriot.com](http://www.valleypatriot.com)).

Any objective reader of my article can plainly discern that the discussion has nothing whatsoever to do with race. The term tarbaby was used to highlight a disturbing characteristic of our largest entitlement programs; namely that, once embraced, they are exceedingly difficult to get away from. They are like the tarbaby that Br'er Rabbit gets stuck to in the Uncle Remus stories. The harder Br'er Rabbit tries to get away from the tarbaby, the more engulfed he becomes. A perfect description if I do say so myself.

I refuse to tiptoe around the verboten lexicon erected by the high priests of political correctness. If I want to use a term in good faith and have no immoral intent, I will do so without worrying about gaining the moral sanction of the likes of Gerard O'Connor.

I remember reading the Uncle Remus stories as a child. To this day I can remember the good feelings I had about the ex-slave who was such a wonderful storyteller. Reading these stories, I didn't need to be watching a Technicolor movie; the colorful characters just came to life in my mind.

But O'Connor is not really concerned about racial overtones, nor does he have any real concern about references to tarbabies as described in the Uncle Remus

stories (note that in 1988 the coveted Coretta Scott King Award was given to the Julius Lester version of these much-loved children's stories). What O'Connor objects to is the conservative-libertarian ideas expressed in my articles, which he describes as "fanatically extremist" and as "intellectually bankrupt and morally contemptible."

O'Connor's letter does not discuss or refute any points made in my articles. It is possible that O'Connor has been so isolated intellectually that he thinks that any opinion that diverges from progressive dogma is not deserving of serious consideration or rebuttal. He seems to assume that those he addresses in his letter also share his narrow-minded perspective.

So much for academic freedom and valuing or respecting diversity.

It is also evident that O'Connor is troubled by the listing of my professional association with the university at the end of my articles. Apparently, he believes that a public university should have no employees that espouse conservative-libertarian views. Clearly, he doesn't want anyone with views that diverge from his statist views to be teaching students ... even if the subject is mathematics!!

Does anyone seriously believe that political indoctrination is rampant in university mathematics departments? What departments naturally lend themselves to exerting political influence? Who would dispute an allegation that the liberal arts departments of our universities (public and private) are heavily dominated by those having a liberal/progressive ideology?

With an overwhelming advantage in the percent of student-teacher hours in liberal arts courses reflecting the progressive ideology (probably greater than 95% progressive to less than 5% conservative-libertarian), why would O'Connor want to silence one of the few faculty members holding a minority viewpoint, even when that viewpoint is only expressed OUTSIDE the classroom!?

Why? Because his ideology is impotent. He can't win in the contest of ideas, so he resorts to slander and bullying tactics.

Bullies are inherently cowards. They don't attack unless they have a gang to back them up and they are confident that their target will not stand up to them.

I believe he miscalculated on both counts.

First, I'm confident the UML community will support academic freedom and will not back a bully.

Second, I advise O'Connor to not make the same mistake that Br'er Rabbit made. Continued punching will just get him in



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August 16, 2012

Dear Chancellor Meehan:

As a professor emeritus, a former Chairman of the University Faculty, and a lifelong activist for civil rights, I was appalled to read the enclosed article by Professor Charles Ormsby in which he uses an egregiously racist epithet: "tarbaby entitlement".

At the least, Professor Ormsby should have his association with UMassLowell removed from his monthly right-wing rant in the Valley Patriot. I would also expect that an apology for "tarbaby entitlement" would be obligatory.

That an individual with fanatically extremist views is teaching UMass students is not a reassuring thought. Personally, I find his monthly diatribe both intellectually bankrupt and morally contemptible.

Sincerely,

Gerard O'Connor

Methuen, MA

CC: Professor Ormsby

Governor Deval Patrick

Afro-American Students Society

deeper and deeper because this tarbaby fights back.

PS: O'Connor sent a second letter in early September in response to a UML professor's letter defending me. In this letter (available on The Valley Patriot Web site), O'Connor abandons all restraint referencing the n-word, calling Rush Limbaugh a barbarian (how did he get involved?), declaring that "politically

correct" is the accepted norm in public discourse, and suggesting that words like siesta, urban, food stamps, slut, and foreign are code words implying racial, ethnic or gender slurs. I would consider dementia ut a praecessi stultitiae as a possible explanation, but that would be too kind to Professor O'Connor and might be politically incorrect ... I'll have to go check.

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## 30th Annual Alzheimers walk brings out 3,000 walkers in Andover

Last month was the 30th anniversary of the National Alzheimer's Walk and the third annual walk held in Andover. Above left: the son of Elinor Lee Davis who was stricken with Alzheimer's. Above Right: the "Green Team" of volunteers who helped make it all happen. Lexi Teed, Sarah Katz, Taylor Teed, Kaliegh White, Mia Teed, Madison Lafreniere Micaela Teed, and Stephanie Narath helped organize the runners and set up for the massive event which raised more than \$300,000 for Alzheimer's care.



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Methuen Village Casino Night: Methuen Village Assisted Living on Gleason Street in Methuen (yes they have openings, see their ad on page 33) held their annual Casino Night last month and brought out a couple of hundred people from the community to raise money for the senior living complex. Top: State Rep. Candidate Diana DiZoglio plays Texas Hold-Em, Bottom: Valley Patriot President Tom Duggan with Newburyport City Councilor Katie O'Connor Ives, candidate for State Senate and Methuen City Councilor Lisa Yarid Ferry

The Warrior Dash is held annually throughout the world. It's an intense 5k running event held on the most challenging rugged terrain. The race also includes obstacle courses, mud, crawling under barb wire and fire leaping events. The event is meant to challenge every single ounce of endurance and determination. I didn't run the race to win. I ran the race to raise money for the children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



The St. Jude Warrior program is partnered with the Warrior Dash and those who sign up to be a St. Jude Warrior help raise money for the hospital by securing donations from friends and family. The idea is that while these children are fighting for their lives, fundraising gives hope for these kids and inspires them to also be a warrior and win the fight.

I was immediately drawn to the St. Jude Warrior program. These kids inspired me to do something I never thought I could ever accomplish. I spent almost 12 years in the Army, and the Warrior Dash made boot camp look like rainbows and cupcakes. I am glad I did this and will continue to be a St. Jude Warrior for as long as I will be able to run 5k races through rugged terrain.

~Christine Prescott

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Joe DePietro of North Andover, Congressional Candidate Richard Tisei and Valley Patriot Publisher Tom Duggan at a recent fund raiser for Tisei who is challenging Democrat Congressman John Tierney on November 6th.



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In Memory of Walter Pomerleau - Members of Walter Pomerleau's two families, The Mount Vernon Neighborhood Association (left) and his blood family (right) got together last month to honor Walter's dedication to the Mount Vernon Neighborhood. A Bench at the corner of Mount Vernon and Beacon Street was dedicated to Pomerleau as well as the corner across the street in honor of Walter's service as a veteran. Pomerleau was our Valley Patriot of the Month in August of 2004 and passed away this year. Pictured Above (left) are: Walter Pomerleau Junior, Lawrence City Councilor Eileen Bernal, Roger Twomey, Walter's daughter Jan Pomerleau, Bob and Dot Comeau and Frank and Dorothy Incropera. Photo right: four generations of Pomerleaus were there to honor Walter's dedication to the City of Lawrence.



Ben Safford of Pelham NH was given a special greeting by both Ovide Lamontagne, candidate for Governor of NH and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie during a campaign stop at Freshwater Farms in Atkinson NH. Christie endorsed Ovide Lamontagne for Governor. See Story page 29



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United States Senator Scott Brown debated his Democrat challenger Professor Elizabeth Warren at the Tsongas Arena last month (sponsored by the Boston Herald) and the Valley Patriot was back stage to get all the actoin.



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Republicans Pow Wow- Former Lawrence Mayor Michael Sullivan, Jack Wilson, candidate for Registry of Deeds, Jon Golnik candidate for the 3rd congressional seat and State Senator Bruce Tarr were all on hand at Culpeppers in North Andover to help raise funds for Wilson's run to replace Registrar of Deeds Bob Kelley.

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VALLEY PATRIOT LESBIAN COLUMNIST

Next year I'm going to demand that I don't have any straight students in my classroom.

I just want the gay ones. Straight students aren't as good as gay students. I don't care if the straight students are all excellent learners and lack any behavioral problems.

It doesn't matter if they are self-directed learners who come with a plethora of background information, have excellent insight into historical events, have a natural curiosity about the motivations behind mankind's actions or are enthusiastic about learning. I don't want them. They're straight. Ew. There's no place for straight students in this gay teacher's classroom. I no longer want to be exposed to them.

I wonder how my administration will react to this request. How about the general public? Is this an acceptable and reasonable request? My guess is no. I would never dream of ever making such a request. The thought would never enter my mind. A student is a student regardless of sexual orientation, abilities, personality or academic standing. A request such as that is outrageous and unacceptable and yet, a parent did just that. A parent actually said, "I don't want the gay teacher."

This parent took nothing into account except my sexual orientation in deciding that my classroom was no place for their child. They did not inquire about my personal academic record. I hold three separate certifications in art, middle school education and history. I was inducted into Pi Lambda Theta, the National Honor Society for educators at the master's level. I received a perfect 4.0 during my masters and I have not received less than that on the more than twenty graduate courses I've taken over the last ten years. Since instituting a specific learning technique in my classroom over seven years ago, not one student has failed my class. That's close to 1,000 successful students.

I doubt they bothered to look into how my classes are run. Do they know that

I do a great deal of hands-on projects where I immerse my students in many of the cultures they learn about by becoming a farmer, trader, merchant, member of an ancient Indian caste, knight, king, castle builder, or ancient Asian philosopher just to name a few?

Have they read the number of letters I've received from past students telling me how much they loved my class and how my instructing them on how to take better notes and become stronger students was such a great help to them in their future academic endeavors? Have they seen how many times I'm stopped in stores, supermarkets or when walking my dogs by ex-students who want to say hello and tell me how much they miss me and my class. I think not.

If that is not enough what of my own three children? My daughter is a survivor of a life-threatening tumor that I refused to allow to dictate her future. She is now a senior in college, pursuing a career as a social worker, a second year resident assistant, inducted into the social work program at the honors level and has been on the Dean's list for every year in college.

My son is an Airman. He protects our rights as Americans to pursue our happiness and freedom to be accepting or prejudice, as the case may be. My youngest son is a full time landscaper who puts in long hours and takes pride in his work. Being a gay mother has been incredibly detrimental to their wellbeing as you can all see.

This parent who thinks they know it all and is protecting their child from whatever obvious threat they've produced in their mind is blinded by their ignorance and the big rainbow flag they have draped over me to hide the outstanding abilities I have as an instructor and the love and deep devotion I have for every single one of my students who have come before their child and who will keep coming after. It's shocking that in this year 2012, eight years after Massachusetts made gay marriage legal, that

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**Morality Matters!**

**Paul Murano**  
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Now that we are in the month of the popular reality series called 'Presidential Debates' we recall the spontaneous line, the rehearsed cry, and subtle movement of body language that won and lost elections in the past and altered the course of history. The first televised debate was Nixon vs. Kennedy in 1960 and then debates became a regular part of the presidential cycles from 1976 on. Television helped Kennedy win the 1960 election. Since then TV has played a major role. The following are 12 pivotal moments in campaign history that have altered elections and the course of the world:

**"The Cry" #1**

Edmund Muskie of Maine, frontrunner for the Democratic nomination in 1972 was reported to have cried on camera after someone attacked his wife. He claimed it was really melted snowflakes on his face, but soon after resigned from the running. Male politicians crying had not yet become fashionable as it is today, and was seen as a sign of weakness. George McGovern took the Democratic nomination that year and ended up losing to Richard Nixon in a landslide.

**"There is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe."**

This gaff in his 1976 debate against Jimmy Carter did in President Ford, losing to Carter by an extremely slim margin.

**"I am paying for this microphone, Mr. Green!!"**

This one angry line from Ronald Reagan during a 1980 NH primary debate, when the moderator tried to turn his mic off, probably landed Reagan the Republican nomination. George H.W. Bush had

just won the Iowa Caucus. Although this debate forum was paid for by the Reagan campaign there was confusion in the room as to who would be allowed to participate. After Reagan delivered this memorable line the crowd went wild; and he went on to win the NH primary and the Republican nomination.

**"There you go again."**

When Reagan delivered this line to Jimmy Carter in the 1980 presidential debate he got laughs from the audience and it assured the American people he was not the Monster the Carter team had painted him to be. His poll numbers immediately surpassed Carter and he went on to become president.

**"Where's the beef?"**

As a take-off on the Wendy's Hamburger commercial, Walter Mondale delivered this line to Gary Hart, who was polling much better than Mondale at the time, for the 1984 Democratic nomination. The numbers quickly turned around and Mondale became the nominee.

"I will not make age an issue of this campaign; I am not going to exploit for political purposes my opponent's youth and inexperience."

In 1984 when people were considering voting for Walter Mondale because of Reagan's age and poor debate performance in round one of Reagan vs. Mondale, he came out with this line. Doubts were erased and he won a second term by a wide margin.

**Dukakis' death penalty answer**

In the first question of the Bush/Dukakis 1988 debate CNN's Bernard Shaw asked Michael Dukakis if his wife Kitty were raped and murdered would he support the death penalty for the killer. Dukakis gave

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# Finally, It All Makes Sense

Christine Morabito  
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As Erma Bombeck once said, "I haven't trusted polls since I read that 62% of women had affairs during their lunch hour. I've never met a woman in my life who would give up lunch for sex."

So, how do we know who is really ahead - Barack Obama or Mitt Romney? Scott Brown or Elizabeth Warren? And why the discrepancies in polling data?

The firm, Rasmussen Reports seems to have the best track record among all public opinion polling companies. Bucking the trend of other pollsters, their data accurately predicted Scott Brown's victory over Martha Coakley and George W. Bush over John Kerry. Rasmussen's final poll of the 2008 presidential race had Obama leading McCain 52% to 46% (Obama won 53 - 46). In 2009 they were remarkable for reporting Chris Christie's lead over then incumbent New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine.

An analysis by Fordham University chose Rasmussen along with The Pew Research Center as the most accurate in predicting the results of the 2008 election. The key to Rasmussen's success seems to be their methodology. The telephone surveys they generate, reaching 500 likely voters per night, are automated as opposed to the more traditional operator-assisted surveys used by Gallup, Harris and Roper. Rasmussen believes the automated survey "... insures that every respondent hears exactly the same question, from the exact same voice, asked with the exact same inflection every single time ..." Furthermore, "... In a place like Massachusetts, people might not want to admit to

another human being that they are voting for a Republican ..."

Public Policy Polling (PPP) is another firm, although admittedly Democratic, that receives high marks for accuracy. The Wall Street Journal ranked them one of the top swing state pollsters in 2008.

While there are far too many companies to compare here, where most fall short is in surveying "registered" rather than "likely" voters, which, in the current presidential race, tends to assume the same level of support for Obama that he had in his first election. It is doubtful that Democrats will flock to the polls in the same numbers as in 2008. This method, as well as oversampling of Democrats, would skew the results in Obama's favor.

Deliberate manipulation of data is not rare. Josh Gerstein, writing for Politico ("A pollster under oath," October 2, 2012) reported that pollster Harrison Hickman, who worked for the John Edwards campaign, testified that "... in the final weeks of Edwards's 2008 bid, Hickman cherry-picked public polls to make the candidate seem viable, promoted surveys that Hickman considered unreliable ..."

These days, polls conducted by CNN, CBS/New York Times and Washington Post/ABC can hardly be considered unbiased. The mainstream media is stuck on Obama like oatmeal on a baby's chin, and have proven they will stop at nothing to get him reelected. With media bias at an all-time high, it is not surprising that some MSM polls claim the president is ahead by anywhere from 8-10 points in some battleground states. Massachusetts saw evidence of this perversion of the polls during the special election for U.S.



Senate, where ABC missed the memo regarding the close race between Brown and Coakley, while Rasmussen and PPP both showed something unusual was happening. Using such sampling chicanery helps organizations in their goal to reelect President Obama and threatens to undermine and depress the conservative vote.

Given the accuracy of Rasmussen's and PPP's results, you might think other companies would emulate their approach, as they readily provide their methodology online for everyone to see. Oddly, some pollsters seem more concerned with being gatekeepers than they are with reporting accurate polling data.

In 2010, PPP Director Tom Jensen's automated polling method was attacked by ABC News Polling Director Gary Langer, who opined that polls should be judged by their methods, not their accuracy. If that leaves you scratching your head, you're not alone.

At the time of this writing, going into the first debate, the major tracking polls have Obama holding steady at about 49% with Romney 3-4 points behind. Ras-

mussen has them closer -- Obama 49%, Romney 47%, with the remainder either undecided or preferring another candidate. Brown and Warren are tied at 48%.

So remain calm, and remember: In 2004 liberals were predicting a landslide victory for John Kerry over George W. Bush. Even exit polls had Kerry winning by a huge margin. And who in Massachusetts can forget the "neck and neck" Brown -- Coakley race, where Brown won 52-47.

This time around, liberals are not energized. Conservatives are. The architect of hope and change is in trouble and perhaps preparing a narrative in case he loses this election.

Here's my prediction: If Obama loses in November, watch how quickly liberals start believing in voter fraud.



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## GAY TEACHER: FROM PAGE 24

they think it's okay to say, "I don't want the gay teacher." They didn't disguise it in anything but what it is, blatant bigotry. It's not homophobia. They're not afraid of gays and lesbians, they're ignorant bigots and they're passing it along to their children. The legacy must stop here.



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# FROM THE FEDORA: The poll the media isn't talking about

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For most of September we were treated to the narrative of a surging Barack Obama, going into the debate this week the word was if Mitt Romney didn't perform it was pretty much all over.

Mitt Romney's strong performance ended that meme but what you may not realize is the premise it was based on, President Obama's dominance was, frankly false.

While we saw poll after poll showing the President ahead there was one poll never discussed the Rasmussen Poll of Party identification.

This monthly poll tracks party affiliation and the figures the last 10 months are revealing. Starting in December 2011 the Rasmussen poll showed the GOP leading in party identification with a margin varying from a minimum of .9% to a Maximum of 4.3% (now 2.6% as September).

This is significant because this has not been reflected elsewhere, that is: there

hasn't been a single major poll with a sample weighed to reflect this GOP advantage. Every major poll of 2012 contained samples with Democrat advantages from +4 to as much as 11.

This means if the Rasmussen poll is correct, the national polls have been overstating the President's support by an incredible margin. Of course the question becomes. Is the Rasmussen poll correct?

Fortunately Rasmussen has data available online dating back to 2004 so it simply becomes a matter of matching the Rasmussen data to the results of elections to see if they match.

For 82 months from Jan 2004 through Oct 2010 the Democrat party had a registration advantage of varying sizes.

In Nov 2004 for example the Democrat party had a small 1.6% advantage in registration which was not enough to prevent President Bush from winning re-election barely, with small gains in both the House and Senate for the GOP.

By 2006 The Mark Foley scandal

became the news of the day and a year that started with a 1.6% Democrat lead reached 6.1 % in November. Accordingly they had a good midterm with a shift of 31 house seats and 5 in the senate.

In 2008 Democrats soared to unprecedented heights at one point managing a gap as large as 10.1% and a share of the electorate at 41.7%. By election day that had dropped to 41.4% but the gap of 7.6% was still the biggest of any election day in the 9 year period. As might be expected the Democrats expanded their lead by a further 21 house and 8 senate seats while Barack Obama won election to the presidency with plenty of electoral votes to spare.

2010 was the most incredible of years, the rise of the tea party reached its zenith in November as the GOP picked the perfect time to have their very first lead in the survey. It was only 1.3% but that small lead resulted in a historic swing of 63 house seats winning back every one that had lost since 2006 and more.

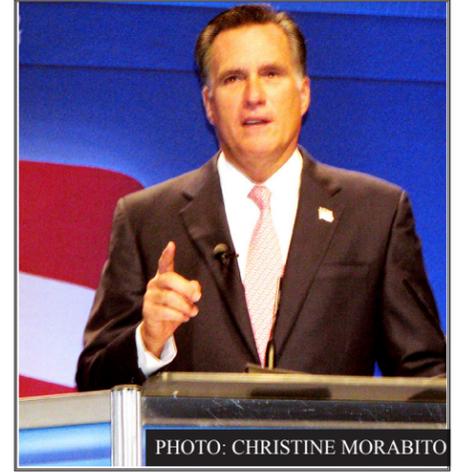


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In 2011 the lead changed hands repeatedly with "other" managing a tie for the lead for the only time in nine years but by December the GOP took the lead that they hold to this day.

So what can we conclude from all this? Three things

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## Rocky Horror Picture Show? Must be Halloween! Come to the Firehouse to share the fun of this cult-classic

Newburyport MA, September 13, 2012. A recent Firehouse e-mail: "Quick question - will you guys be showing "Rocky Horror" again this year for Halloween? Did it for the first time last year and really enjoyed it!"

Yes, Virginia - it will be a Rocky Horror Halloween this year! It's time once again to check your prop list and practice "The Time Warp". You loved it last year so why not join MC John Budzyna again for this most tricked-out of all Halloween treats?!

Come celebrate yet another year of the pop culture phenomenon "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" on Friday, October 26, 2012 at 11PM at the Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport, MA. Tickets, the price of which includes all the props you need, are \$16 and are on sale now at the Box Office Wed-Sun 12N-5P or until curtain (978/462-7336), and online at [www.firehouse.org](http://www.firehouse.org). Once again, as an added bonus to the regular shenanigans, prizes will be given out for the best costumes.

The Firehouse's favorite emcee, Newburyport's own John Budzyna, adds to the success of the annual Halloween ritual.

His warmth and humor add to the atmosphere and make every audience member a seasoned Rocky Horror Picture Show veteran. "I love the interaction with the audience and the movie," says John. "It's great when you know what lines are coming up next: you can create your own lines and have the actors on screen respond to you as if it were a two way conversation. Usually your lines make the on-screen actors look pretty ridiculous. There is nothing like Rocky Horror."

This film adaptation from Richard O'Brien's British musical horror comedy/rock opera, produced by Lou Adler and Michael White, The Rocky Horror Picture Show features venerated performances by Tim Curry (Clue, Home Alone) as a bizarre and self-proclaimed "sweet transvestite from Transsexual, Transylvania," and Susan Sarandon (Dead Man Walking, Thelma and Louise) and Barry Bostwick ("Spin City"), as Brad and Janet, a couple who find themselves lost on a cold, rainy night. The madcap, musical mayhem begins when the newly-engaged couple takes refuge in the castle of Dr. Frank-N-Furter as he is about to unveil his greatest creation - and have a bit of fun with his

reluctant guests.

The greatest cult film of all time and still in limited release, The Rocky Horror Picture Show is the longest-running theatrical release in film history. With an estimated production budget of 1.2million, the film has gone on to gross nearly \$140million at the Box Office in the US and has amassed nearly \$50million in rental fees.

Part of the film's cult-appeal lies in the audience participation that is encouraged. Fans across the country continue to show up at theaters dressed as their favorite Rocky Horror characters and follow along with the dialog -- both verbally and with an assortment of props! In addition, Rocky Horror Picture Show conventions keep the fan base alive and thriving. It has become a well-loved tradition for many, and is a fitting event for Halloween weekend, marrying costumes with theatrics.

Now the film is well-known to mainstream audiences and has even been selected for preservation in the US National Film Registry by the Library of Congress for its cultural significance. Although reviews initially were negative, the critics praised the music and the performance

of newcomer Tim Curry as the lovable Dr. Frank N. Furter. Susan Sarandon and Barry Bostwick played the newly engaged Janet and Brad early on in their film careers. You'll also see Meat Loaf playing the delivery boy, Eddie, as he zooms in on a motorcycle singing "Hot Patootie"!

Grab your costume and come learn to dance like an alien transvestite to the tune of "The Time Warp" down at the Firehouse - "It's just a jump to the left, and then a step to the right. With your hands on your hips, you bring your knees in tight..." Let's do the Time Warp again!

Calendar Listing

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FROM PAGE 27: THE POLL NOBODY TALKS ABOUT

The flow of registration matched the election results.

Democrats win when they have a large advantage 6.9 & 7.6% in registration.

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Does this mean it's over, well the current 2.6% September lead can change over two months but that GOP lead is the one of their largest in history.

Even worse for Democrats the trends of this poll have not only been accurate for a decade but the 10 month GOP lead matches current events from Scott Walker's win in Wisconsin (Where the MSM insisted was a dead heat as late as an hour after the polls closed) to the improbable victory in NY-9 a district within the city itself that

nobody in their right mind would have predicted even in 2010.

And all of this happened without a single Mainstream media poll reflected this reality of the national GOP majority.

Tell me with the economy in the tank, the Arab Spring becoming a winter and embarrassing revelation on Libya coming daily, what is the prospect of a swing of that size to the Democrats happening right now? What are the chances of this happening in an environment so dismal that you actually have the New Yorker Eastwooding Barack Obama?

People are saying that debate forced the media to expose president's weakness, but even if it had not on Election Day the people votes, unskewed by sample bias would do have done it for them.



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U.S. CONGRESS

# New Jersey Governor Chris Christie Stumps for Ovide

**Tom Duggan**  
VALLEY PATRIOT PUBLISHER

With New Hampshire at the center of the national presidential election, big name politicians have been jaunting up to the Granite State to increase crowd sizes and shore up support for their presidential candidate.

And while the Democrat candidates always get prime coverage and favoritism by the national press, Ovide Lamontagne, the Republican candidate for Governor of New Hampshire says he is not letting the media dictate the direction of his campaign.

"I don't know what the national press is doing. I know what I am doing. I am working hard every day to get out and meet people of New Hampshire and encourage them to vote on November 6th and I hope I can earn their support. It's about earning their support."

Last month The Valley Patriot interviewed Lamontagne after a campaign rally in Atkinson NH where New Jersey Governor Chris Christie endorsed Lamontagne.

"Governor Christie spoke clearly and spoke the truth," Lamontagne told us afterward. "New Hampshire, don't be like NJ don't let spending [get] out of control, don't let taxes go up like we did when Maggie Hassan was state senate majority leader, [and] it went up 99 times, spending

went out of control. He (Christie) is sending a clarion call to the New Hampshire citizens to be fiscally responsible and I am the candidate for candidate who believes in fiscal responsibility, but also reforming state government, being pro-business and making sure New Hampshire is the best place to do business."

But Don't you care about Poor people? "Absolutely I do," he said with a smile.

How are you going to show you care about poor people?

"Well, I ask them to look at my life story, and take the evidence of what I do and how I live my life," he said.

"I have been a foster parent of a special needs young man. I know what it's like to

work in the system. And we are going to make sure that safety net is there. for citizens with special needs, [and] the poor. I've worked on the food bank capital campaign, I know what I means to provide food support to the poor throughout the state, through a private organization with 400 pantries. I know what it's like

to work with children who have been the subject of abuse and neglect I will be there for them."

Asked what he thought of the bias and/or absent coverage by the partisan news media New Jersey Governor Chris Christie was not deterred.

You don't win elections by complaining about the media. You work over them and through them and that's what I do."



PHOTO: ALLAN KNOWLES



PHOTO: TOM DUGGAN

I know what good strong conservative governance can do and what it can do here for NH is even greater than what it has done in New Jersey. You see we have already done the Maggie Hassan experiment we've already tried it everybody and it isn't pretty. ... Our spending went up 60% a year, this is a crazed liberal experiment brought to life" ~ New Jersey Governor Chris Christie on Democrat candidate for Governor Maggie Hassan.



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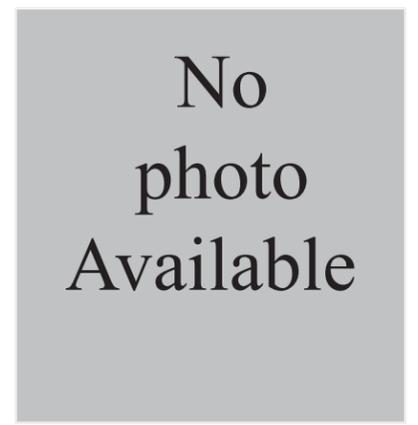
**Jack Wilson**  
Republican



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**M. Paul Iannicullo**  
Democrat



**Steve Battle**  
Independent

## Little Attention Paid to Registry of Deeds Race

**Alan Knowles**  
VALLEY PATRIOT GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

With all the attention devoted to Mitt Romney and Scott Brown at the top of the ticket, as well as all the other lesser area races, including local congressional races, state senate contests, and several hot state representative contests, it is little surprise that the candidates for Northern Essex Register of Deeds are going largely unnoticed this election year.

The four candidates in the race are Republican Jack Wilson of Andover, Democrat M. Paul Iannucillo of North Andover, and two Independents, Brian Corrigan of Andover and Stephen Battle of Methuen.

Each are vying to replace Robert Kelley, the current Register and attorney who held the office for six years before being defeated by Iannucillo in the Democratic primary last month, due in large part to

media scandals, accusations that he did not devote himself to his elected position on a full-time basis and challenger with high name recognition.

The Registry of Deeds is the branch office for land transactions in the Northern Essex County communities of Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover which handles the recording of instruments such as deeds, mortgages, attachments, liens, plot plans, orders of condition, and municipal liens certificates in addition to many other types of real estate documents.

Republican John J. "Jack" Wilson, Jr., a former Democrat, longtime political activist and local real estate attorney, has been working hard since the primary knocking on doors and distributing campaign literature, as well as manning the phones, calling would-be constituents.

Wilson says "taxpayers deserve a reg-

ister who is accountable, transparent and dedicated full-time to the elected post." He is the former budget assistant for the city of Lawrence, a former candidate for State Senate as a Democrat (he was defeated by Barry Finegold) and has been a staple of local politics for decades. Wilson also comes from a famous political family, being related to former Senator Patricia McGovern and the Patriarch of Democrat Politics in Lawrence "Red" McGovern.

Wilson was the very first person to call for the resignation of Lawrence Mayor Willie Lantigua and the complete takeover of the City of Lawrence

Well-known Democratic candidate Iannucillo, who is also an attorney as well as a former state representative, Lawrence city councilor, and presently counsel for the MA House of Representatives, is a father of three who says he has been "keeping an eye on this seat" for several years.

He says he will not practice as an attorney or hold any outside business if he is elected and promises to be a "full time" Registrar.

Independent Brian Corrigan is an experienced real estate lawyer with an office in Wilmington and also a father of four who resides in Andover. He is a former firefighter and originally hails from Lawrence.

Corrigan says he is the candidate who brings the most relevant experience to the race since the main focus of his daily law practice for the last ten years has been conveyancing, which includes the proper recordation of the pertinent documents necessary to successfully complete every real estate transaction, the very activity that would be the chief responsibility of the new Register of Deeds. Unlike his opponents, Stephen Battle is not an attorney, but rather a retired firefighter.

# News from the American Legion: It's Election Time

**John Lenotte**

VALLEY PATRIOT VETERAN COLUMNIST

Here we are with the election almost upon us. The next month will fly by as the national debates begin and the local debates continue. Myself, I will be glad when all the ads are done! And as noted before, I continue to be amazed by the amount of money that will be sent by all who are running for office. If half of that was put to helping those in need or pay-

ing down the national debt, it would have been better spent.

At the risk of repeating myself, we all need to be educated voters. Forget what the ads say. Listen to the debates check the facts at [www.factcheck.org](http://www.factcheck.org) or at [www.votessmart.org](http://www.votessmart.org). If you like the incumbents then vote for them. If you do not like the incumbent, vote for their opposition. The major parties today have very different solutions to the problems

our nation faces.

Which one do you want for at least the next four years?

One issue very dear to me and many others is the protection of the U.S. Flag. In 1989 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that burning the flag is protected as being freedom of speech. I would say that since the beginning of our nation, over 1 million patriots have given their lives for our country. Many more have been seriously wounded or maimed. The flag is not just a piece of cloth. It is the symbol of our nation. Do you not see it being burned by those in countries around the world that do not like us? Coming up again in Congress will be voting for a constitutional amendment to protect the flag. The wording is very simple: "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

"The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." In the Senate, it is Senate joint resolution 19 with 36 cosponsors. In the House of Representatives it is joint resolution 13 with 89 cosponsors. Congressman Lynch is a cosponsor. Congressmen Keating and McGovern have said they will vote for it as has Senator Scott Brown. The rest of our Congressional delegation does not support it. I do not know how their opposition stands. If you care about this, perhaps

you should ask them! I know I plan to do so. All 50 state legislatures have voted to support this. Let Congress put this to the test and let the voters decide!

Lost in the current headlines seems to be the issue of budget cuts and specifically those to the Defense budget. There will be continuing resolutions so the bills can be paid but due to hit on January 1 are massive cuts to Defense.

Given what is going on in the world, this is hardly the time to cripple our military. Also hard hit will be the Defense contractors. This could lead to many thousands of layoffs. Not what our economy needs at this time.

Let us all get out and exercise our right to vote. Many are dying all over the world because they want to live free as we do in this great country of ours. Too often we take it for granted. Please join me this November as we make our voices heard. Let us show the politicians and media that the silent majority has a loud voice!

May God bless America, the troops who defend our freedoms and their families who support them.



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## FROM PAGE 3: THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

This would be bad enough, but over time the monster started growing multiple heads. The government became a mechanism to fund retirements. It became the mechanism for big businesses to gain competitive advantages over their less well connected competitors through tariffs, regulations, contracts, government-granted monopolies, and the tax code. It provided special privileges to unions. It grew government employment to provide a loyal corps of big-government advocates. It took control of education so it could shape the attitudes and minds of our nation's youngsters.

Finally someone yelled, "But what

about the Constitution?" The answer came back, "Shut up! We don't care about no stink'n Constitution."

Over time, the barriers to government control evaporated. Recently, penalty fees for refusing to buy government-directed healthcare policies were declared taxes and another constitutional protection against government control of our lives was erased.

We are now left with Obama's vision of America. We openly embrace "The Life of Julia" and encourage our fellow citizens to live off the dole.

There are at least two major problems with this, both leading to a catastrophic re-

sult. The first is that this vision is degrading to those who try to live it as well as immoral because it is based on force and theft.

The second major problem is equally damning: it won't work. A society based on Obama's vision is destined to end in dictatorship and will ultimately collapse.

Alexis de Tocqueville knew this 175 years ago when he wrote the words at the beginning of this article in his treatise, "On Democracy in America." His conclusion wasn't based on supposition; it was based on thousands of years of human history.

The average lifespan of a democracy noted by de Toqueville was 200 years. This estimate probably has a large variance, but we are now at about 225 years and the disease he cites is rampant and

all the forces that drive the dynamics of the predicted collapse - both political and financial - are clearly evident.

Which America do you want? One characterized by Alfange's Creed that promises liberty and prosperity? Or a society that collapses in tyranny around lawless mobs demanding handouts?

You will decide our fate on November 6th.

Consider the choices carefully. Your children and grandchildren are depending on your good judgment.



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# FROM PAGE 1: ANGELO GIAMBRUSSO - USAAF

Captain Angelo Giambusso, U.S. Army, 13th Combat Engineers, 7th Infantry Division, in front of a bunker in Korea. He received a Bronze Star for Achievement for "outstanding engineering" in building a road for tanks on a mountain ridge during mid-winter, and Commendation for a tramway used for evacuating troops and supplies in mountains during winter storms and spring thaws.



B-24 heavy bombers, carrying the maximum payload of 8,000 lb., set course for Ploesti's marshaling yards and refineries. Nearing target, the B-24s were aggressively attacked by 40 to 60 enemy aircraft firing rockets, cannon and heavy machine guns—trying to destroy the formation before they reached their target. Angie's squadron, being in the lead, took the brunt of the attack. First the Germans attacked in pairs, threes, and fours—diving through the B-24s' formation and up under the second attack unit. Then they attacked from all angles—many from the 6 o'clock position in formations of six abreast. Planes at the 10 o'clock position fired a volley of rockets. The battle raged about an hour. Through it all, the B-24s severely wiped out Ploesti's oil supplies and marshaling yards, destroyed at least 27 enemy fighters, and damaged many more.

"Our plane was badly shot up and crippled. If it weren't for the Tuskegee Airmen (the famed all-black unit) who came to our rescue, we would have been dead. We had to make an emergency landing but came through OK. I tell you, we were grateful! We had barely touched ground when one of our crew literally flew out the cabin door and spontaneously grabbed the biggest, tallest Tuskegee guy and locked him in a huge bear hug. That's a sight I'll always remember—that rural boy from the deep South will never forget who saved his life!

Giambusso also flew on strategic bombing missions to Yugoslavia, Romania, northern Italy, Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, and the Balkans. In southern France, they supported the Allied landings on the coast under very difficult circumstances, with night take-offs and rendezvous executed with exceptional precision and skill. They often engaged in "shuttlebombing," going from one target to another.

**THE HEARTBEAT OF A PATRIOT**  
Angie Giambusso loves America. It's a

fire burning in his heart. He openly talks about love of country with youth (he was a substitute teacher at North Andover High). "I love my country. I love the military life. When I see the American flag flying or recite the Pledge of Allegiance or sing "The Star Spangled Banner" or hear a bugler play taps or a military band playing, it stirs my heart," he says with emotion. In high school, he enrolled in the Cadet Corps, the Citizens Military Training Corps in Boston, where he trained one month a year for four years before entering the service.

Angie's military career spanned two wars—WWII and the Korean War—and two branches of the service. He went from flying on B-24 Liberator bombers in Europe to clearing land mines and building roads for the infantry and tanks in the mountains of Korea. The latter, he says, was far more grueling.

After his discharge in 1945 from the USAAF, he entered the reserves and was called up during the Korean War. By then an MIT graduate working as a mechanical engineer, he wanted to stay in his field so, after overcoming many hurdles, he transferred into the Army. He went before a board of three generals and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He later rose to Captain with the 13th Combat Engineer Battalion, Company A, which supported the 17th Infantry "Buffalo" Regiment, 7th Infantry Division.

**FROM B-24S TO LAND MINES**

From September 1951 to September 1952, Angelo Giambusso served in Korea where he cleared both anti-personnel and anti-vehicle land mines. Early in the Korean War, the U.S. had set anti-personnel mines to protect the borders. These followed a specific pattern and were set with trip wires, making them easier to find. Far more dangerous and difficult were the "shoebox" mines laid by the Chinese Communists. These rectangular wooden boxes, about 1 ft. long, held a tiny explo-



Navigator Angelo Giambusso (front, 2nd from left) and crew members of "Belle of the Orchard," the 720th Squadron's B-24 Liberator heavy bomber that pounded Hitler's oil fields in Ploesti, Romania, during saturation bombing in WWII. The extremely hazardous missions earned the crew double credit for each of their five flights. Front, from left: Joseph Simpson, bombardier; Giambusso; Sherwood Cooke, pilot; John Deigman, co-pilot. Rear, from left: James Lawry, S/Sgt. Raymond H. Sherwin; Robert Rees; Harvey Seminisk, top turret gunner; Robert Halfhicle, crew chief; James Jordon, nose gunner.

sive inside. They lay hidden under a thin layer of soil. "You had to push a prong to find them." Most dangerous of all were the anti-tank or anti-vehicle mines. Much larger and often booby-trapped, they had to be exploded first.

Giambusso also did "lots of road work"—maintaining existing roads and building dirt roads on mountain ridges for Sherman tanks and the infantry.

He was awarded the Bronze Star for his "outstanding engineering achievements" during October 21, 1951, to August 20, 1952, in constructing a ridge-line tank road in the mountains during mid-winter despite the "tremendous hardships of weather and terrain." He laid mines "under enemy observation and fire." He "maintained supply lines despite landslides and washouts during the winter months and the spring thaw." Nothing "thwarted the firm resolution of Captain Giambusso... (whose) determination and leadership... inspired his men..."

Angie Giambusso also received a Letter of Commendation as commanding officer for "outstanding performance of duty," November 21, 1951 to January 6, 1952, in building a road through the mountains,

needed for the supply and evacuation of troops, under "the most adverse conditions." He not only stabilized existing roadbeds but also built roads closer to battle lines and a tramway that hauled supplies close to Hill 1243, near Kumhwa.

Angie Giambusso knows what it means to go through the fire, protected. Aerial battles over Europe. Crash landings. Enemy fire on mountains in Korea. Hidden explosives and land mines.

As the Lord promises: "Fear not... I have called you by your name; You are Mine... When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you... Fear not, for I am with you..." (Isaiah 43:1-2, 5).

Thank you Angelo for your service to our country and for being a hero in our Midst.



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Combat engineers in Korea clearing mountain-pass road of hidden Communist-planted "shoebox" mines for an advancing M-4 tank.

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VALLEY PATRIOT COOKING COLUMNIST

It's fall & my thoughts, perhaps like yours, are turning to comfort food & things that make the house smell awesomely delicious. Isn't it wonderful to "taste the air?"

That's part of this month's focus. I've got quick breads, almost cakelike, on my mind & family so I thought what a better idea than to share some of my family's recipes?

My coworker came in about two weeks ago with one of those enormous zucchinis asking me to do something with it.

I made zucchini fritters & zucchini pancakes, but my favourite of all is the old standby, zucchini bread. It's wonderful to share, it freezes well, transports well, & frankly, is just darn tasty!



**Aunt Mary Jane's Zucchini Bread**

- 4 eggs - 1.5 t salt - 3.5 c flour
- 1 t cinnamon - 3 c grated zucchini
- 1 c chopped walnuts - 2 c sugar
- ¼ c canola oil - 1.5 t baking soda
- ¾ t baking powder - 1 c raisins
- 1 vanilla

Preheat oven to 350°F.  
In a large mixing bowl, beat the

eggs well. Add sugar & oil. Beat until light & creamy. In a separate bowl, sift dry ingredients. Alternately, add dry ingredients & zucchini to egg mixture. Mix only until just combined. Add raisins, walnuts, & vanilla. Mix only until just combined.

Pour ½ of the batter into 2 well-greased & floured loaf pans. Bake for 50-60 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool in pan for 5 minutes, remove, & cook completely on a rack.

I haven't made the following for many years & I honestly don't know why.

It's SO good! It's my grandmother's applesauce cake/bread. I made it in the largest loaf pan I had & it was barely contained by the pan. Grammy used to make it in a tube pan. Either way, it's still flavorful, aromatic, rich, & moist.

**Grace's Applesauce Cake/Bread**

- 1.5 c applesauce
- ½ c each brown & white sugar
- ½ c butter, room temperature
- 1 egg or 2 egg yolks
- 2 c flour
- 1 t cinnamon
- 1/8 t cloves
- 1 t baking soda
- ¾ c each chopped walnuts, maraschino cherries, & raisins

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In a mixing bowl cream butter & sugars. Add egg, baking soda, &



spices & mix. Add applesauce, mix. Add 1 c flour & mix until combined. Add rest of flour & mix until just combined. Add nuts, cherries, & raisins. Mix until just combined.

Pour batter into either a well-greased & floured tube pan or a large loaf pan that has been lined with parchment paper well-greased & floured. Bake for 55-60 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. 30 minutes into baking, loosely tent the loaf with foil to ensure loaf does not burn on the edges.

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**Thomas Connors**  
VALLEY PATRIOT WOW! COLUMNIST

Simply amazing isn't it? There are actually people in, this, the greatest country on the face of the earth, going around promoting the idea that people who succeed in life do so only because of the involvement of others in their lives. They deny individual success and achievement. (You can't make this stuff up.)

Balderdash! That's my response to such complete and total nonsense.

People Living the WOW! achieve the level of satisfaction and accomplishment they do because THEY went for it! THEY rolled up their sleeves, sacrificed and, in many cases, made the most of less than stellar situations. Nobody did it for them. Nobody took them by the hand and led them down some primrose path to a land of plenty. THEY DID IT THEMSELVES.

Why do you think the Good Lord made us all unique and equal in His eyes? Why do you think he gave us the ability to think

for ourselves and find our own purpose? Why is it written, "In God We Trust"?

As individuals we control our own destiny; make no mistake about that. We can choose to make our mark in this life in a positive and effectual manner or we can choose to spend our time aimlessly watching Jerry Springer or some mindless soap opera. It's really a simple decision we get to make every day. By our very being we are blessed with a freedom to become who we want to become.

Those are called certain inalienable rights. Foundations of freedom that allow and encourage us to bring out our best. It's all up to us.

Strike out on your own. Ignore those telling you it's not your fault. That you can't do better by yourself.

Excusing failure and lack of industriousness to "everyone else's fault" raises serious questions in my book. In fact, I question what the hidden agenda really is. Why would anyone encourage people not

to try? Why would they pawn off any lack of achievement to the inaction of others in your life or worse, failure of government?

Your ultimate success and ability to shape your life by Living the WOW! rests with YOU! Make no mistake about it!

If you think otherwise or if anyone tells you it isn't so, they are wrong. Period.

I know what it is like to see people take responsibility for their own lives. I have seen the passion and determination first hand. I have seen the discipline people employ to go for their goals and reached them because that is what they want more than anything else in life. These are people with disabilities who make no excuses.

These are people who have the courage and grit to hang in there and succeed at all cost. These are the very same people who beat back disabilities and overcome all odds of dysfunctional family life. These are people who ignore discrimination and bigotry to get ahead. People who rise above financial crisis to pull their lives back together again.

They do it because they have purpose in their lives. They find the inner strength to hurdle barriers put in their way. They create meaning in their lives. They do it themselves. I know, because I have witnessed it for over 30 years at my company, American Training.

Be very wary of those who want to take you off track and point you in another direction. Look closely at their motivation.

Why would anyone discourage you instead of ENCOURAGE you to be your best? Is there some other agenda at work?

Those are the questions you should be asking when you hear these new-found excuses for lack of achievement. For people in positions of influence to attribute lackluster performance or mediocre results to conditions "beyond your control" or to the actions of "outside influences", you really have to wonder what their real purpose is in making these statements. Whose benefit are they really looking out for? Maybe keeping certain people discouraged and down on themselves serves a sinister

purpose not easily identified.

When you think of it, why would any one hesitate, even for a minute, to encourage people to strike out of their own and make Living the WOW! a lifelong goal? Maybe those sticking to this philosophy do so because they have never had to really work for anything.

Let's give credit where it is due.

People Living the WOW! take advantage of their individual freedom and mold their lives into rewarding and proud moments that are cherished for a lifetime. That's the kind of life we are all capable of creating by taking responsibility for what ultimately happens to us.

Here's a fact that you ought to keep close to your heart. One that just might drive you to consider making your Life Matter more than ever before.

For all those people out there who continue to claim that any one person can't achieve success alone, I have one thing to bring to your attention. Throughout history people Living the WOW! didn't create an outrageously memorable life just for themselves or their family. They didn't rise to a level of competence, spiritual fulfillment and purposeful living for selfish reasons. No, they chose to go far beyond that. They built a Country for others to follow their example for individual freedom and choice. They called that country, the United States of America.

Now, that's a WOW!



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# Unresolved Thyroid and Hashimoto's

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According to the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, more than 27 million Americans suffer from thyroid dysfunction, half of who go undiagnosed by conventional medicine. Of the detected cases of hypothyroidism, 90 percent are due to an autoimmune disorder called Hashimoto's disease, in which the immune system attacks and destroys thyroid gland tissue.

Thyroid replacement hormones ignore what caused the thyroid to become depressed in the first place. For example, irregular immune function, poor blood sugar metabolism, gut infections, adrenal

problems, and hormonal imbalances can all significantly depress thyroid function. While prescription thyroid hormones might bring serum thyroid levels into a normal range, they do not address what caused the thyroid to falter in the first place.

The drugs may make some people feel better, but for many others the relief is short-lived, if it occurs at all, even when they have normal blood test results.

In the case of Hashimoto's, taking thyroid medication has no effect on the autoimmune disease that destroys the thyroid gland. The first step is to dampen the immune response and slow its attack on the thyroid gland. When the immune

system flares up, it destroys thyroid tissue and releases a flood of metabolism-stimulating thyroid hormone into the bloodstream, which causes a racing, pounding heart and anxiety. When the attack slows, the compromised thyroid gland returns the body to the hypothyroid state of fatigue and depression. Also, studies show that eating gluten triggers and exacerbates the condition.

The functional and conservative management of thyroid care often begins with balancing the blood sugar. A gut-repair regimen, which includes eliminating foods that repeatedly fire up the immune system, is also typically necessary. In some cases more extensive testing to search out parasitic or bacterial infection is required. Many people also suffer from some degree of adrenal stress, which must be addressed and chiropractors are known to do this very well with diet, nutritional and stress management procedures.

A functional approach to thyroid care: A synopsis

The following is brief outline on the functional approach to thyroid care and does not replace the many hours of education, study, and experience required to address thyroid dysfunction.

- Assess symptoms and run comprehensive blood chemistry laboratories including thyroid panel using functional ranges to identify the pattern of thyroid dysfunction.

- Assess whether the thyroid condition is autoimmune by positive antibody markers in blood chemistry or other means of immune testing. If positive, identify, using lab testing and symptoms, whether the autoimmune imbalance is driven by an active antigen or a dysregulated immune system. Modulating the immune system using functional means with nutritional compounds formulated for this response, and, if necessary, address the active antigen and provide TH-1, TH-2, or TH-3 support as needed with nutrition and lifestyle management.

- Assess whether blood sugar imbalances, i.e. hypoglycemia, insulin resis-

tance, or diabetes are an issue and address through functional means: diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle management. Adrenal function and cortisol levels are a part of this evaluation.

- Assess whether gastrointestinal infections and/or dysfunction are an issue and address through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle management. Lab testing may be necessary.

- Assess whether hormones are imbalanced by symptoms and lab testing and support through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle management.

- Assess whether neurotransmitter imbalances are an issue and address through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle management.

- Re-evaluation of thyroid markers made on an on-going basis during active care of the patient and involvement with the patient's primary care provider who can monitor any medication is often necessary.

- The risks in functional medicine management of thyroid conditions are minimal because diet regimens are employed, natural nutritional compounds are recommended, exercise protocols are advised, and lifestyle management issues are addressed. Almost every chronic disease is lifestyle driven and the reversal of it must be made to repeal the chronicity of the health condition.

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# PUPPY LOVE! with Kate Whitney

## Keep Your Dogs Safe: Dog Theft is on the Rise

Kate Whitney

THE VALLEY PATRIOT'S PUPPYGIRL

Have you ever walked by a car heading into the grocery store, only to see a dog sitting in one, anxiously waiting for its owner to return? The car is in park, shut off, and the dog is alone. Even though this seems to be a common occurrence, it is extremely dangerous, and in this article I will tell you why. According to Petfinder.com, up to two million animals are stolen each year. Of those two million, only about 10% are returned to their owners. Heartbreak from a stolen or lost pet will work both ways, so if not for yours, please be safe for your pet's sake.

As we enter into the fall months, people will begin to leave their dogs in the car more frequently because they assume temperatures are cooler and there is no risk of a dog overheating. You may even hear the commonly recited line, "it's not hot out and I'm only running in to grab something quickly."

In my opinion (and that's what these columns are), that should never be acceptable. The number of dog thefts is on the rise, and no matter what the temperature is, what neighborhood you're in, or your length of stay, it is never safe to leave a dog unattended outside of the home.

Maybe you have done it before, your dog was fine and nothing happened, so you continue to do it. But why take the chance? As we all know, there are numerous motives for a car being broken into. There could be a purse or wallet on the seat, a camera or briefcase in the back seat, money in the cup holder...if a thief

targets a car he/she will most likely see value in something there. Studies now show one of those items on a thief's value list is a dog. Locked or unlocked, I think we have all seen enough on the news to know that these people are desperate, and they will stop at nothing when they see something they want.

There are many other avoidable ways dogs can be dognapped. I've seen them wrapped around or tied up outside a coffee shop or grocery store - easy targets. Busy dog parks attract dog thieves as well. Often time's owners are so distracted by other dogs or conversations at the park, they forget to monitor their pet.

This delay is enough time for dog thieves to swoop in. By the time the owner realizes they haven't been paying attention, the thief has already left with their pup in tow. There have also been reports of dogs stolen out of their own backyards. Similar to the car, don't ever put your dogs outside and then leave to go

do errands. Even if your gate is locked and your fence is secure, there are obvious ways to access and exit and a dog thief only needs a few seconds to be in and out of your yard. Another word of caution, please don't let your dog roam the neighborhood. Not only is there a risk of the dog being hit by a car or

attacked by a wild animal, but there is also the risk of your dog getting picked up by a stranger.

Have you ever seen the "free to a good home" ads in the newspaper, Craigslist, or other similar sites? To some, these look like innocent advertisements from a desperate pet owner, to me these are



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PuppyGirl Kate Whitney is affiliated with One Tail at a Time Rescues in Haverhill. You can email her at [Puppygirlkate@gmail.com](mailto:Puppygirlkate@gmail.com). To foster or adopt a shelter dog you can visit One Tail at a Time on line at [www.onetail.org](http://www.onetail.org)

extremely scary. Dog predators prey on ads like this. They promise a loving home with good care and will even pay a small "adoption fee" or "re-homing fee" if necessary. If you must give up your dog and the online route is the way you choose to go, please make sure you find out everything you can about the home your dog is going to.

Ask for references, have a meeting at the home, call the vet (if the person has other animals) to make sure they are a responsible dog owner. Petfinder.com also suggests making a photocopy of their picture ID, recording their driver's license number and license plate number. If they don't want you to do any of the above, then be skeptical of them and maybe seek

out another adopter.

So where do these stolen dogs end up? The answer isn't as cut and dry as you may think. I originally assumed that most stolen dogs were used in dog fighting rings (a lot of them are - they are used as fighters or bait dogs), but there are many other "fates" that stolen dogs often meet. Stolen dogs have been sold to research laboratories (research labs like to experiment on family pets because they tend to be docile and easy to handle), sold to breeders at puppy mills, sold to meat manufacturing plants for human (ew!) and/or exotic animal consumption, made into clothing and accessories, sold in pet stores (think that puppy in the pet store window

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# October is National Adopt a Dog Month

Tracey Zysk

VALLEY PATRIOT DOGGIE COLUMNIST

Well when you have three animal writers for the Valley Patriot all PRO ADOPTION...you know we are all very excited about the month of October being the American Humane Association Adopt a Dog Month.

Why adopt? Well why wouldn't you? There seems to be many misbelieve and stereotypes about adoption dogs that are simply not true. People believe if they adopt a dog it will never be able to be trained. They also believe the dog will have several emotional issues or may be aggressive. Then there are those that feel they can only have a pure breed from a breeder.

Well, all of these are totally incorrect. Infact, dogs want to please, they want to make their owners happy. Therefore, if you are compassionate enough to adopt a dog and give him a good home, your dog will realize and appreciate that. He will want to learn and will enjoy being trained. He wants to do well and since he was in a shelter he is now ready to please. He has already been through more pain and hurt than we can ever imagine. Several of these dogs, were abandoned, abused or tossed aside.

Behavior is a learned trait. It can also be corrected. It doesn't matter if the dog has been in a shelter or from a breeder and with one owner. The question is what are YOU teaching the dog? The dog will reflect what you taught him. Believe me,



I have seen some of the most unruly dogs come from homes that purchased the dog from a store or a kennel. The dog acts on what it was taught. Don't punish him for your behaviors or lack of discipline. Take a good look at what you are doing and then take the corrective action from there. Once again, a shelter dog wants to make you happy. If you have concerns about his behavior when you adopt, start him in a six week training program and I promise you will be amazed at how well he actually does. Patience is the key and with positive reinforcing and some encouragement your dog will be a very well trained and behaved dog.

The breeder theory... really? You honestly think that because you purchase a dog from a breeder you will be buying a better quality dog? No. That is not true. All you are doing is spending way too

much money. Breeders charge \$800.00 - \$1500.00 and even over \$2000.00 for a dog. Not to mention you will still be spending on spay or neuter and then a couple more series of vaccinations. A shelter dog tends to cost \$300.00 - \$500.00 which includes spay or neuter and will be completely up to date on shots. Then there are those that say they only want a pure breed. Well, guess what? 1 out of 4 dogs in a shelter is a pure breed.

My Lani, my sweet, sweet Lani, you all have read my articles about her. She is a beautiful pure breed Boston terrier that I adopted from a rescue league. Her history was horrible; she was a puppy mill mother. All she did for three years was live in a crate in a puppy mill in Texas. Her purpose in life was to reproduce puppies so her pure breed litter could be sold in stores. You would walk into the mall

and buy one of her pups for approximately \$900.00 as Lani was still living in that crate, in that mill, still reproducing more puppies to have them taken away from her for you to purchase at your local pet store.

After three years, my Lani was rescued and then adopted by me. She is the most compassionate loving dog I have ever encounter, she is well trained, is healthily and a complete love. I ADOPTED my pure breed, well behaved, Lani.

With October being Adopt A Dog month I hope you consider adoption as an option. Puppy Girl Kate Whitely is with One Tail at a Time Rescue and Chris Arnott, freelance writer for the VP is with the Lowell Human Society. Both organizations have information in our paper and I hope you reach out to either Kate or Chris when considering adding a furry friend addition to your family.

Save a Life Adopt a Rescue and please don't shop - ADOPT!

*Tracey Zysk, owner of Wiggles & Jiggles Pet Care in North Andover MA is a local pet care professional. She has been featured on local radio, tv and newspapers educating the general public on animal care and animal health & wellness. Tracey is a proud supporter of Police, Fire & Military K9 units. Tracey may be reached at wigglegwalk@comcast.net. Become a fan on facebook at Wiggles & Jiggles Pet Care and follower of www.traceythedogwalker.blogs.com*



## FROM PAGE 36: PUPPYGIRL

is just from a puppy mill? WRONG, it could be someone's stolen pet!), used for ritual sacrifice for satanic cults, used in sadistic acts, or used in crush videos. I won't go into detail on these last three because they are absolutely vulgar. If you need clarification, just do a web search.

If you are looking for ways to help prevent the theft of your pet and others out there, here are some easy ways. Always adopt animals from shelters.

All shelters have a "stray hold" which means a dog must be held for a certain number of days before the animal can be adopted or put to sleep, with the hope that the original owner will find the dog. Never buy from retail pet stores, as reports show that some stores sell stolen pets.

Make sure to spay or neuter your dogs, as experts believe that fixed dogs are less likely to stray from home. If you are a dog owner, be certain that your dog has a collar with ID tags, is micro-chipped, and even tattooed (vets can do this when your dog is under anesthesia during a spay or neuter).

The easiest way you can help prevent dog theft can be done right when you are done reading this article, through spreading the word. Educate family, friends, and neighbors about pet theft and what they must do to keep their animals safe. You'd be surprised...many people don't know about the potential dangers that are lurking right around the corner.



## State Rep. Saves Shelter Puppy



State Representative Jim Lyons (R) Andover, saved the life of one of our furry friends when he adopted a puppy that was rescued by One Tail at a Time Rescue Shelter in Haverhill.

The Valley Patriot's PuppyGirl Kate Whitney of One Tail at a Time said she was delighted to see one of our Massachusetts State Legislators helping to save the lives of rescue dogs by adopting.

"We are happy to introduce our new puppy to everyone," Lyons told the Valley Patriot. We are still not sure what to call her but the kids are happy and the family loves her."

"Special thanks to Deborah Kealey Pappalia, Kate Whitney (The Valley Patriot's PuppyGirl), and One Tail at a Time Rescue in Haverhill for all their great work. I encourage everyone to adopt a shelter pet today and save dog's life today."

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# Single Family Home Sales Rise 24.6 percent in August vs. Last Year; Condo Sales Flat

Median Sales Prices Rise Slightly for Both Property Types Region's Median Prices Down 3.2% for Single Family Homes and a Slight 0.3% for Condos

(MERRIMACK & NASHOBA VALLEYS) — The Northeast Association of REALTORS® (NEAR) reported today that the number of single family homes sold during the month of August in the 15 cities and towns from Boxford to Littleton increased again compared to the same time last year for the eighth straight month. In fact, single family home sales were up by a significant 24.6 percent versus August of 2011. Meanwhile, condominium sales were flat compared to the previous year, with 122 condos sold in both August 2012 and 2011. The report is based on data from MLS Property Information Network in Shrewsbury.

The report also indicated that the median price for single family homes sold locally in August was \$329,000, a 3.2

percent drop versus last August, and a 0.3 percent decline over July's median price of \$330,000. Additionally, condominiums sold in August posted a median sales price of \$163,500 which represents an 11.6 percent decrease compared with last August and a 17.0 percent decrease versus July's median price of \$197,000. The median price is the point at which half the properties sold cost more, and half cost less.

The average length of time it took for a single family home to sell in August was 110 days, exactly the same number of days it took last August. For condominiums, it took an average of 105 days for those sold during August to close, a decrease of 10.3 percent compared with the average from last August of 117 days

on market.

Meanwhile, the number of pending sales — those now under agreement but not yet closed — for single family homes in the region during August rose by 7.2 percent compared with August of 2011, with the agreed-upon median price for those properties at \$316,250, an increase of 9.1 percent versus last August. The number of pending sales for condominiums locally during the month was also up, rising by 6 percent versus last August to 124 contracts signed, with the median price down by 3.4 percent compared with last year, to \$168,900.

The report also provided inventory levels of area homes for sale as of September 15, which at 1,460 available single family homes and 526 condominiums have each

dropped markedly below last year's levels of 1,738 and 666 respectively. The inventory for both single family homes and condominiums locally also remains well below the peaks set in 2006 and 2007, which were 2,242 for single family homes and 1,251 for condos.

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Closed Sales August 2012 vs. August 2011	# Sold Aug 2011	# Sold Aug 2012	Yr over Year Change	Median Price Aug 2011	Median Price Aug 2012	Yr over Yr Change	Avg. DoM Aug 2011	Avg. DoM Aug 2012	Yr over Year Change
Single Family	309	385	+24.6%	340,000	329,000	-3.2%	110	110	0.0%
Condo	109	122	+11.9%	185,000	163,500	-11.6%	117	105	-10.3%
Multi Family	40	44	+10.0%	191,000	193,750	+1.4%	134	116	-13.4%

Closed Sales August 2012 vs. July 2012	# Sold July 2012	# Sold Aug 2012	Mo over Month Change	Median Price July 2012	Median Price Aug 2012	Mo over Month Change	Avg. DoM July 2012	Avg. DoM Aug 2012	Mo over Month Change
Single Family	361	385	+6.6%	330,000	329,000	-0.3%	112	110	-1.8%
Condo	122	122	0.0%	197,000	163,500	-17.0%	122	105	-13.9%
Multi Family	50	44	-12.0%	206,450	193,750	-6.2%	64	116	+81.3%

Closed Sales Jan-Aug 2012 vs. Jan-Aug 2011	# Sold ytd 2011	# Sold ytd 2012	Yr over Year Change	Median Price ytd 2011	Median Price ytd 2012	Yr over Yr Change	Avg. DoM ytd 2011	Avg. DoM ytd 2012	Yr over Year Change
Single Family	1,713	2,160	+26.1%	309,900	306,000	-1.3%	115	121	+5.2%
Condo	634	770	+21.5%	180,000	167,700	-6.8%	126	128	+1.6%
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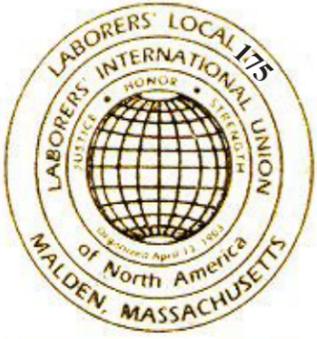


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## Methuen Taekwondo Owner to Visit Israel on Mission of Peace Will Join Israeli & Palestinian Women in an Oxytocin Project

Master Catherine Chang of Chang's Taekwondo America in Methuen and Haverhill has been Selected as One of 33 Western Women by "The Brave Heart Women Foundation" to Collaborate with Israeli & Palestinian Women in an Oxytocin Project.

In late October, Catherine Chang, as one of 33 Western women chosen by BraveHeart Global Vision, will be heading to Jerusalem for four day collaboration with 33 women from each: USA, Israel and Palestine. The genesis of implementation of the Oxytocin Project which began in 2009 and is a unique project due to culminate in the Middle East in 2014. A documentary will be released worldwide in 2015, for the purpose of integrating a new wave of peaceful global collaboration.

What if the key to creating a harmonious world were hidden in our hormones? What if peace and love were chemically coded into our bodies? Oxytocin is the essence of empathy, the bonding mechanism that motivates sympathy and suppresses aggression.

The reason that we know so little, comparatively speaking, about this hormone, which is essential for natural birth, breastfeeding, bonding, sexual love, is that our culture values these so little. Oxytocin is a more natural feminine trait and we lack an abundance of female leadership in the business and politics of this modern world. Rather, our male dominated

political strategy puts more emphasis in adrenaline rushes, and the primal fight-or-flight, dog-eat-dog approach to life than in the values of peace and love.

In that spirit, a tour bus traveled across dozens of cities throughout the US in 2011, continuing this experiment, with thousands of women impacted similarly, further preparing it to be launched in the Middle East. (Master Catherine Facilitating for the Connecticut/Boston Event) In early July 2012, fifty plus women gathered from Israel, from Palestine, and from the Western world to initiate the Oxytocin Project in Jerusalem. An e-mail from a BraveHeart representative there in the Middle East from Canada reported to Project participants: "The women cannot believe we are here, or that we would come all this way to be with them. I felt so safe and loved by these beautiful people in such a treasured region."

Oxytocin is the hormone that creates the feeling one receives after a comforting hug, or by being greeted with a delightfully infectious smile. It is also activated by a deep, cleansing, audible out-breath. This experiment ties this in with true connection and collaboration. As Master Catherine takes a deep Oxytocin breath, she states, "I am honored to be chosen as part of this process, and I will hold a space for women to journey from conflict to collaboration. To me, it's not about a particular geography; it's about a deeper

shift that affects all of humanity."

Master Catherine Chang is no stranger to community service. Chang's Taekwondo America has been a leader in Merrimack Valley raising thousands of dollars for organizations such as W.I.C., Women's recourse center, Community Action and Haverhill Public Schools Book Fund. Chang believes that the best education is an education that not only includes books and tests but one that includes action and dedication. Having been a leader for the last 10 years in Taekwondo it is time to expand her knowledge of martial arts education and support the empowerment of women world-wide.

Master Catherine Chang had attended BraveHeart Women's global annual conference in 2010 for the first time and every year after that until now. In the three day conference, a special event took place which transformed not only her in her communication with people, but it transformed every person in the room: over 500 women, including 11 Israeli women and 11 Palestinian women. Without a dry eye in the room, an abundance of unconditional love permeated the soul of every woman present. The feeling stayed for the entire weekend, with a relaxed atmosphere throughout the rest of the conference. As participants went home, they continued to live the impact it had on them as revealed in many blogs. Lives will be touched forever by the transformations in that room that Friday afternoon in October 2010.

"Taekwondo is an international organization and we are all one family it is time to spread our wings and use that power to unite for good in the world not just in our collective communities." The Israel Taekwondo Federation will support Master Chang in her visit with Braveheartglobalfoundation.com. BraveHeart Women is a global, internet-based organization represented in more than 80 countries, with almost a half million members. It is based in the Los Angeles area, and has a 501c3 non-profit foundation.

Oxytocin affects every aspect of social and economic life, from who we choose to make investment decisions on our behalf to how much money we donate to charity. Please take a deep Oxytocin breath and contribute to this most worthy cause. Women all over the world need us, they need us to advocate for them, to share our freedoms with them and to know that they and their children are not alone.

Catherine currently seeks funding for her participation in the peace process this October in Jerusalem. A deadline is set for October 20th. There will be a fun-raising event held on Sunday October 14th at



Master Catherine Chang of Chang's Taekwondo America in Methuen and Haverhill has been Selected as One of 33 Western Women by "The Brave Heart Women Foundation" to Collaborate with Israeli & Palestinian Women in an Oxytocin Project.

Salvatore's in Lawrence from 4P-8P. Light fare and cash bar. Tickets are \$25.00 all proceeds will go to the BraveHeart Global Project. Master Chang will be traveling October 21st returning on October 30th.

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craft fair on Wednesday, November 28 from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm at the Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St. This fair will provide the perfect opportunity for knitters and crafters to sell their items and for holiday shoppers to purchase beautiful hand made items. Please call Kathy Bresnahan ext. 11 or Rita LaBella ext. 16 at 978-374-2390 if you are a senior who would like to sell items.

**TREBLE CHORUS OF NEW ENGLAND** present, Hansel and Gretel, A Fully staged and costumed production of the classic children's tale by Engleburt Humperdinck produced and performed by our TCNE choristers. The opera will be performed at the Doherty Middle School, 50 Barlet Street, Andover, MA on Friday, November 2 at 7 pm and Saturday, November 3, at 2 pm. Ticket prices are \$16/adults, \$10/students and seniors. For tickets and more information, please contact Anna S. Choi at 978.794.4600 ortcnenamanager@treblechorusne.org or visit the "tickets" page on our website www.treblechorusne.org.

**NECC OFFERS PIANO WORKSHOPS** - The Music Program at Northern Essex Community College will offer two, free masters workshops in the art of piano playing by renowned NECC music faculty member Christina Dietrich, Sunday, Oct. 14, and Sunday, Nov. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Technology Center on the Haverhill campus.

The purpose of these free workshops will be to give piano players the chance to perform and learn in a cooperative group setting. Solo piano works and instrumental and vocal works with piano accompaniment of various levels of difficulty will be explored. Various aspects of piano performance and preparation will also be discussed.

Students at all levels of playing ability will benefit from attending these workshops.

Dietrich has appeared as a soloist with several orchestras. She has performed on the stages of Jordan Hall in Boston, Symphony Hall in Boston, and Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center in New York.

She earned a bachelor's in music from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, her master's in music from Boston University and pursued her Doctor of Musical Arts degree at that institution.

In addition to maintaining a concert career, Dietrich is currently on the piano faculty of Indian Hill Music, Northern Essex Community College, and is founder and administrative director of the Chopin Conservatory of Music on the North Shore.

For more information about these workshops or about the music program at Northern Essex, contact Ken Langer, coordinator of the program at 978-556-3223 or klanger@necc.mass.edu.

Northern Essex Community College offers an Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies: Music and a Music Technology Certificate.

## MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS TO MEET

Merrimack Valley Quilters comprised of quilters from all over Merrimack Valley, Seacoast, and Southern New Hampshire will hold its next meeting, Thursday, October 18 at 7pm at Holy Angles Church Gym.

New members encouraged to come join and guests welcome for \$5 fee.

The speaker will be Susan Smith talking about Zentangles. For more information view our website www.mvquilters.wordpress.com

## HOME HEATING AID AVAILABLE FROM GLCAC INC. -

LAWRENCE - Applications for home heating assistance are now available from the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council Inc. Families meeting federal and state income guidelines may be eligible for financial assistance in paying part of their winter heating bills and are encouraged to contact GLCAC.

First-time applicants should call GLCAC at (978) 681-4950 to make an appointment to apply in person. Handicapped and elderly first-time applicants who are totally homebound may call GLCAC and request a home visit. Previous LIHEAP recipients will receive an ap-

plication in the mail that can be returned to GLCAC by mail.

Households where heat is included in the rent may be eligible for assistance. The amount of heating assistance is based on a sliding scale and determined by the gross household income.

"The approaching cold temperatures, rising cost of energy and financial uncertainty for many families all combine to make home-heating assistance a critical lifeline for many low-income households," said Evelyn Friedman, Executive Director of the GLCAC Inc.

GLCAC Inc., a non-profit social services agency based in Lawrence, administers the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program in Lawrence, Methuen, Andover, North Andover, Reading and North Reading.

As a federally funded and regulated program, GLCAC is required to follow the federal program rules. To be eligible for assistance with paying a portion of their heating bill, applicants must prove they meet federal and state income guidelines by providing documentation of the gross household income for all household members 18 years and older for a minimum of four weeks prior to their application date.

In the last heating season, GLCAC served 9,234 clients with LIHEAP grants totaling \$5.1 million. Of those assisted, 2,552 were disabled households, 2,511 had children under age 6, and 2,212 had adults age 60 or older.

For more information on LIHEAP or to schedule an appointment as a first-time applicant, call (978) 681-4950. Additional information is available online at www.glcac.org.

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We start with a 1/2 hour ceremony of music, speeches, etc., then start the planting of the flags. The flags will be left on display through December 5th so that people can feel free to come and look, walk through them, pray, or whatever they feel is the best way to Honor Our Heroes. Of course we see this as a way to also Honor those who have served and those who are still serving our Great Country! This event is open to everyone and we hope you can participate in this amazing community event, and/or put the word out in the local community about this event.

This is the final result of our efforts last year with an aerial shot of the flags. It's quite a site to see, and a very humbling event.

**METHUEN MAYOR HOSTS FUEL ASSISTANCE FORUM** - Mayor Steve Zanni has invited Linda Soucy of the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc; Veterans Agent Tom Hargreaves; and representatives from National Grid and Columbia Gas, to join him at the Methuen Senior Center for a Fuel Assistance Forum on Thursday, October 25th.

"I hosted this same forum last winter, and I received a great response," said Zanni. "I want to make sure residents know about the different programs that are available for them to save money and keep warm."

The forum will provide an opportunity for residents to learn about different public and private programs that are available to reduce energy costs and provide payment

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a non-emotive statistical response, which didn't go over well with the electorate and earned him much negative press. As a result, after leading Bush by a substantial margin in October he lost to him in November.

"Read my lips, no new taxes."

The famous line of George H.W. Bush in his 1988 acceptance speech at the RNC came back to haunt him. He lost to Bill Clinton in '92 largely because he raised taxes after making that promise.

Staring at his watch

While debating Bill Clinton in 1992 the cameras picked up George Bush 41 staring at his watch as if he had better things to do with his time. This seemingly aloof attitude was the headlines for a while afterward, leading to a Clinton victory.

"I served with Jack Kennedy; I knew Jack Kennedy; Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

This line from Lloyd Bentsen directed at Dan Quayle during the 1988 vice-presidential debate was the talk of campaign. However, it wasn't enough to catapult his running mate Mike Dukakis to the presidency.

The Nod

As if Al Gore's sighs during the first 2000 presidential debate were not enough to seal the deal, when he got in the face of George W. Bush during a town hall style debate, Bush simply looked to his left, gave him a nod, and continued answering. Gore's inconsistent debate performances cost him the election.

The Cry #2

This one was produced by Hillary Clinton right before the 2008 NH primary where she was down in the polls after losing to Obama in the Iowa caucus. Most of the press called it genuine but I have my doubts. During a televised interview her "cry" won her the sympathy vote and hence the NH primary. Without that cry there would not have been a long drawn-out race for the 2008 Democratic nomination.

After watching one debate in this 2012 presidential season I still await that one moment or that one line that will change the course of this election. So far the best line has come from outside the campaigns, from comedian Dennis Miller in a Tweet during the October 3rd debate: "Obama better hope a Kicked Ass is covered under Obamacare."

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**1st Annual Michael B. Christensen Community & Family Support Center Believe in the Blue Health & Wellness Fair**

The Michael B. Christensen Community & Family Support Center had their 1st Annual Believe in the Blue Health & Wellness Fair on Saturday, June 23, 2012. It was held at the North Common in Lawrence, MA. There were over 20 local vendors ranging from child care centers, businesses, Mental Health Services, Gyms, etc. The CFSC staff along with the Believe in the Blue Sub-Committee Co-

Chairs Tricia Lawler and Kat Anderson put together a wonderful event.

Over 150 families attended. Free food, literacy book bags, books, balloons, and many other outreach materials were given out at the event. Many volunteers from the community helped to make this event a success. The sub-committee is already planning next year's fair!

assistance. While primarily focused on programs for seniors, all homeowners are invited to learn more about programs that they may qualify for.

"I know that people don't always have the time to research every potential program, and I am hoping this forum makes people aware of resources that they otherwise wouldn't have known about," said Zanni.

The forum is from 10:45am – Noon on October 25th at the Methuen Senior Center, located at 77 Lowell Street. For more information, contact Phil DeCologero in the Mayor's Office at 978-983-8506.

**ANNUAL PENNY SOCIAL - FOREST STREET** Union Church, Saturday, October 20, 2012

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**NECC PARALEGAL PROGRAM RECEIVES ABA APPROVAL**

The nearly 30 year-old Northern Essex Community College Paralegal Program recently received reapproval from the American Bar Association (ABA) for another seven years. It is one of just six

ABA approved paralegal programs in Massachusetts. The American Bar Association, through its Standing Committee on Paralegals, has promoted the role of the paralegal as a vital member of the legal services delivery team for more than 30 years. The approval process consists of several stages, including the preparation of a self-evaluation report and supporting documents, review by educational consultants, a site visit to the program, and consideration by the Standing Committee on Paralegals Approval Commission.

Students were first admitted to the Northern Essex Paralegal Program in 1983. The program was first approved by the ABA in 1988. To date, more than 600 students have graduated from the NECC Paralegal Program.

Graduates work in all areas of the law including criminal, family, real estate, corporate, insurance, administrative law, personal injury, bankruptcy, and immigration. Northern Essex offers both an associate degree and certificate in paralegal studies. For information on the Paralegal program go to <http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/courses-programs/areas/paralegal/> or contact Judith Ciampi at [jciampi@necc.mass.edu](mailto:jciampi@necc.mass.edu) or 978-738-7409

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interest in the subject and his talk will be very entertaining.

On October 30th, there will be A Pumpkin Patch Story Hour for children. Costumes are encouraged. Please call the AHS for more information.

Other events are also scheduled please visit the event calendar at the

website.

Also, tours of the Amos Blanchard House are available for visitors. Please call for the schedule of when the tours are available.



**Shawn Hansen's Sports Corner: Remembering the Great Johnny Pesky**

Nearly two months ago the Boston Red Sox lost an icon in their family. John Michael Paveskovich, known to all as Johnny Pesky passed away at the age of 92 on August 13, 2012.

Most people might not recall seeing Pesky play in a Red Sox uniform because his career stretched out between the years of 1942 and 1952, but when he played he had some outstanding numbers as a hitter.

Playing in 147 games his rookie season for the Red Sox in 1942 at the age of 22 in 620 at bats, Pesky picked up 205 hits, 29 doubles, 9 triples, 2 home runs, 51 runs batted in, and 12 stolen bases.

Taking time off from baseball to serve in the United States Navy for the next three-years, Pesky rejoined the Red Sox in 1946 and played with them until 1952 when he was traded to the Detroit Tigers. He ended his career playing with the Washington Senators in 1954.

In his career with the Red Sox he played in 1,029 games picking up 1,277 hits, 196 doubles, 46 triples, 13 home runs, 361 runs batted in, and 48 stolen bases all on 4,085 at bats.

Having the honor to meet Pesky on May 01, 2010, and being able to sit down, and interview him at the Beantown Bonanza sports card show at Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy was something I will remember for a lifetime.

Telling Pesky that I saw him sign a million baseballs, and asked how he did it, he laughed, and said he had no clue.

"The fans here are very good," said Pesky. "I don't mind doing it because it's part of the business. When you get to be my age, you're quite flattered that they ask for it."

Talking about a number of different players, Pesky said he liked Ted Williams, Bobby Doerr, and Dom DiMaggio of the Boston Red Sox, Tommy Henrich, Phil Rizzuto, and Billy Johnson of the New York Yankees, and George Dickie of the Chicago White Sox, just to name a few.

Mentioning the fact that players eventually get to the stage where they have to retire from the game they love, Pesky said Jim Rice, Rico Petrocelli, and so many others where phenomenal athletes in his mind.

Thinking back on his most memorable game, Pesky said, "I hit a homerun one day to win a ball game for us. Went down the right line, which is 290 feet. If it was a little bit longer, I couldn't have done it,

but I pulled the ball."

When Pesky's number six was retired in 2008, he said it was an honor.

"That was very flattering because I didn't think I was that great of a player," said Pesky. "Ted's number was retired, Bobby Doerr's number was retired, Jimmy Rice, Carlton Fisk."

As Jacoby Ellsbury was Pesky's favorite current Red Sox player, he said he loves the kid who grew up in Oregon, the same state he did.

"He is a kid from Oregon," said Pesky. "He's an Indian kid. I played ball up where he was raised. He's quite a kid. He's a good kid. He's very congenial. He's a handsome kid. He's a very good player. He does everything well. He runs well. He's a good hitter. He's a very good outfielder."

Interviewing Pesky roughly an hour before he left the card show in Quincy, employees who worked with the individual sports companies at the show handed Pesky bats, and baseballs telling him to sign, "Ted, we did it."

Stating the fact that he had a good career, Pesky said he was on good teams, and played with great players who carried him on their back.

"It's quite flattering signing all these bats," said Pesky. "I do have a lifetime batting average of over .300 you know? .307 I think. I got 200 hits a couple of years too."

Telling Pesky that I read in "Diary of a Red Sox Season" that his real last name was Paveskovich, he said, "You know you're the first guy who pronounced that right? Ted Williams used to say, 'How do you spell that, Johnny?' He did this TV show. He said 'Pesky's Christian name was Johnny Pavasovich,' and he said what is that a disease?"

Telling me that his parents were upset when he legally changed his last name, he told his mother she was in America now.

In Pesky's life aside his baseball career, he was a coach, and a manager. He was a family man to many, and was known as Mr. Red Sox to all. Seeing the Red Sox win the 2004 and 2007 World Series titles most likely meant the world to him.

Pesky will be remembered, and missed by all. He leaves not only Red Sox Nation behind, but leaves a legacy for many to share with their loved ones. Rest in peace, Johnny Pesky.



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