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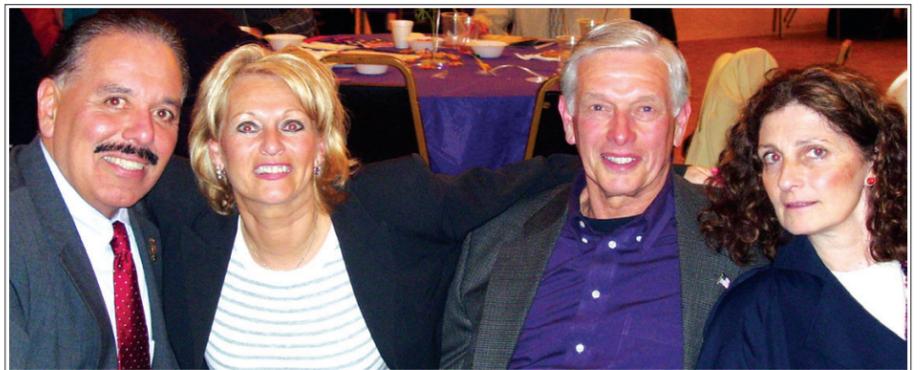
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Scenes from Hispanic Week - 2007



*Innovation Valley (www.ivalley.org)***'A Time Like No Other'****The Boston Foundation's 'Hub of Innovation' Tool is a Model for the Merrimack Valley.****Seth J. Itzkan**

On June 19th, 2007, The Boston Foundation announced the release of their 2006 Boston Indicators report, titled, 'A Time Like No Other'. This data-rich summary of two year's worth of research, examines the local impact of global trends, and identifies critical challenges, opportunities, and achievements for the MetroBoston region. It is the defacto State-of-Region report, and the formal release event on the 19th is a must-attend affair for the region's influential stakeholders. As an indication of its significance, the release is held at the Boston Harbor Hotel, hosted by the Boston College Citizen Seminar, and features keynote and panel speakers such as Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, and MIT president Susan Hockfield.

To cut to the chase, the findings of the Boston Foundation's Indicators Report are worth paying attention to. It is the signature project of The Boston Foundation, the largest community development foundation in New England, and with assets of \$830 million, one of the 10 largest in the country. Last year The Boston Foundation donated \$70 million to nonprofit organizations in the MetroBoston region, so when they state where they believe the challenges and opportunities are for the region, people listen.

I'm writing about this for three reasons: First, the report has findings that are germane to the Merrimack Valley; second, the report is itself a model that should be replicated, and third I have personally been involved in helping to conceive and create a key component of the report, a web-based tool called The Hub of Innovations. If you visit the Boston Indicators website, you will see a section titled Hub of Innovation. The feature highlights over 120 exemplary programs and visionary prototypes from cities and research labs around the world that hold promise for improving the quality of municipal life. Following the lead of the rest of the Indicators project, the Hub tool investigates innovations in 10 categories tracked by the Boston Foundation. These categories run the gamut from Civic Health to Transportation, and include Energy, Housing, Health, and

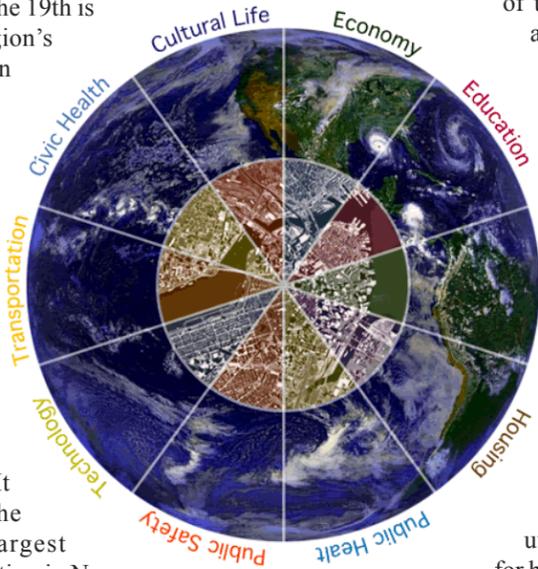
others, as you can imagine. The tool is of great use to regional planners, as it provides a single source for information about what is state-of-the-art for city life, both locally, and afar. I am proud of this contribution to the Boston Foundation's Indicators Project, as are they, and I'm happy to share with you what I believe some

of the most significant innovations are, and also, to advocate for adoption of a similar report and tool for specific focus on the Merrimack Valley.

Those of you that read the Innovation Valley column you will be familiar with many of the cited programs in the Hub of Innovation tool, and some of these, I am happy to say, are from the Merrimack Valley. One such exemplary model from the Merrimack Valley is Monarch Lofts in Lawrence. This is one of world's most ambitious utilizations of geothermal energy for heating and cooling in a residential development. As such, it is a leading

example of Green Architecture, and is bringing a new wave of urban homeowners into an otherwise written-off corner of Lawrence.

Another regional representative in the Hub of Innovation is Andover's InnoCentive Inc. InnoCentive is changing how research is financed. It is the first online incentive-based organization designed to link the global research and development community to the commercial world. In their program, R&D "challenges" are posted to a secure forum where scientists will respond with proposed technical solutions. Rewards for successfully applied solutions can range from \$15K to \$100K plus other arrangements for shared or licensed Intellectual Property (IP). The beauty of the approach is that InnoCentive has learned how to help the R&D community while in the process creating a new industry in "innovation brokering". I believe InnoCentive has a message for the Merrimack Valley. We must find a way to broker innovations across the entire region with buyers and investors across the globe. The Merrimack Valley needs an innovation broker.



The Merrimack Valley can probably be carbon-neutral in two decades... Meeting this goal is a galvanizing vision worthy of the region's legacy.

Of all the compelling programs and visionary ideas in the Hub of Innovation tool, however, I am probably most intrigued by the cited prospect for carbon neutral cities. There are two such cities currently in development that are aiming to be completely free of greenhouse gas contributions. These emerging cities are Dongtan, "China's Carbon-Neutral Eco-City", in Dongtan province, China, and Masdar, a "zero-carbon and waste free" planned community in the land of oil itself, Abu Dhabi. Both are claiming to be the world's first sustainable city. They are being designed from the ground up with state-of-the-art technologies for carbon and waste elimination. Dongtan will be home to 25,000 residents - half the size of Haverhill - and will be powered entirely by wind, biofuel, hydro, and solar. It will feature extensive carbon-free transportation networks, and will have a citywide rainwater recovery system. Masdar city, in Abu Dhabi, will be a car-free community for international workers. Capitalizing on the all-pervasive sun, it will feature a large photovoltaic power plant and personalized rapid transport. The two cities are being designed with consultation of London-based firms, Arup and Foster+Partners, respectively.

These two planned cities, both slated for completion this decade, are clearly indicators of what tomorrow will bring. They will be prototypes of the technology that drives sustainable cities of the future. Although both are clearly, also, top-down, master projects, and will lack the sense of history and diversity that bring endearment to New England cities, these modern marvels are, non-the-less, important benchmarks on the global stage, and it will be our challenge to equal or better them. We can, for example, define as our objective a "Carbon Neutral Merrimack Valley". This is probably achievable in two-decades if we put our Yankee brain and brawn into the challenge. To my knowledge, no other region has claimed to be attempting that. Meeting this goal, even daring to aspire toward it, is a galvanizing vision worthy of the region's legacy. It would clearly make the Merrimack Valley *the* hub of innovation - in New England, and around the globe.



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The Innovation Valley initiative seeks to help stimulate economic growth and quality-of-life enhancements in the Merrimack Valley. Every month we will report on innovative businesses, practices, and ideas that are helping to make Merrimack Valley the place to be. Look for our article in print media and online at www.ivalley.org.

Valley Patriot Wall of Honor

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Each month, The Valley Patriot honors men and women who have served their country in the armed forces with a front page feature called "Valley Patriot of the Month - Heroes in our Midst."

This month, with our chief editor taking some much needed R&R, we honor their service and celebrate the birthday of America by saying THANK YOU to all of the men and women who have been featured previously and all of those man and women who are or have previously served this nation by putting their lives on the line to protect our way of life.

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Benefits for Our Veterans

Susan Piazza, Commander, DAV CH2



VA HEALTH REGISTRIES:

It is now generally assumed that because each war, each conflict, and each country the military visits, has the potential to produce its own host of problems, the VA has set up specialized health care that covers a multitude of health issues. Because some of these problems may take years to arise, registries are set up to monitor these potential problems. Upon recent discharge, members of the armed forces are reminded to register with the Gulf War registry, and/or the Iraqi Freedom registry.

As a collector of information, these registries benefit both the veteran and the system. They provide specific health exams for its members. If a potential health problem arises in the future, the information garnered may be used to show that its members had an increased propensity to a particular health issue. This health problem may then be given legal status as a compensated disability for VA rating purposes.

Eligibility in the registries entitles the veteran to receive free medical exams and diagnostic tests. Actually, any tests your VA doctor feels you may need. Many of these registries are covered under the Environmental Health Agency. We have a coordinator in Jamaica Plain that handles many of the following registries. To enroll, contact a coordinator at Jamaica Plain at (617) 232-9500, extension 45267, or go online to: <http://www.va.gov/environagents/>.

GULF WAR REGISTRIES: Veterans who served in the Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

DEPLETED URANIUM REGISTRIES: Contains two registries for veterans who believe they were potentially exposed to depleted uranium. The first registry is for those who served in the Gulf and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The second exists for those who served in Bosnia, Afghanistan and other potential places.

AGENT ORANGE REGISTRIES: For those possibly exposed to "dioxin or other toxic substances in herbicides used during the Vietnam War, in Korea in 1968 or 1969, or as a result of testing, transporting or spraying herbicides for military purposes." I am told that there are actually fourteen (14) different medical conditions listed under this registry.

IONIZING RADIATION REGISTRIES: Anyone exposed to atomic radiation as a result of any of the following: "atmospheric

detonation of a nuclear device; occupation of Hiroshima or Nagasaki from August 1945 to July 1946; internment as a prisoner of war in Japan during WW II; serving in official military duties at the gaseous diffusion plants at Paducah, KY; Portsmouth, OH; or the K-25 area at Oak Ridge, TN (for at least 250 days before Feb 1992); or in Longshot, Milrow or Cannikin underground nuclear tests at Amchitka Island, Alaska prior to Jan 1974; or treatment with nasopharyngeal (NP) radium during military service."

READJUSTMENT COUNSELING SERVICES: The VA provides counseling to help combat veterans readjust to civilian life. To be eligible, the veteran must have served active duty in a combat setting during WW II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, or during campaigns in Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq or in the Global War on Terror. Veterans who served during the Vietnam War but who did not actually serve inside the country of Vietnam may still be eligible if they sought help prior to January 2004.

Nowadays the military tries to lessen the stress associated with transitioning to civilian life with a new program. Transition Assistance Programs (TAP) provide a three-day informational course for those transitioning back to civilian life. Covered are issues of employment, dealing with stress, health issues, etc.

Veteran centers provide for individual, group, family, military sexual trauma, and/or bereavement counseling. Issues that affect one's family, work, or for that matter any subject that relates to one's everyday life, can be covered if those issues stem from one's military service.

These centers do more than mental health counseling. They cover education, assist with coordinating non-VA services, help with finding jobs, etc. They are really a one-stop shopping center for all manner of assistance and information.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE: If the veteran is entitled to receive medical treatment from the VA, then the veteran is also entitled to mental health care treatment. Treatment for post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse are available.

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING: All family members of a service member who

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Taking Care of Our Veterans

John Lenotte, American Legion



Independence Day, July 4th

Independence Day, July 4th. What does it mean to you? Another day like Memorial Day for cookouts, family gatherings, perhaps a baseball game? All are wonderful events on a day we definitely should celebrate. But is that the true meaning? Can we take a few minutes to reflect upon why it is a holiday?

Remember, July 4, 1776 is the date of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, separating the 13 colonies from England. We were in the early stages of the American Revolution. This document was significant then and still is today. And the struggle was long, hard and cost many lives. Our own Massachusetts was a leader in the War for Independence.

We had leaders like John Adams, Sam Adams, Paul Revere and many others. Let us also not forget that it was the Boston Tea Party and the later battles of Lexington and Concord that were local events that set our country in motion.

When the Declaration reached all of the 13 colonies, there was only a brief time to celebrate as the focus was on getting the British out of our land. Of the 56 men who signed the Declaration, 5 were captured, tortured and treated as traitors by the British soldiers. The homes of 12 of them were ransacked and burned. Several who were merchants or farmers lost all their possessions and were driven into poverty. Others, 9 of them, died of battle wounds or hardship.

And then there were many colonists who sided with Britain, called Loyalists. The country was in deep unrest.

But we won the struggle. Peace was made and the United States was established.

In 1781, Massachusetts was the first state to recognize July 4th as a holiday. The day became known as Independence Day in 1791.

It was not until 1870 that the U.S. Congress recognized July 4th as a holiday. There are still a few parades around and certainly the flag is flown high and proud that day. Fireworks are a hallmark of the day with most cities and towns having some type of demonstration. This is a tradition that dates back to 1777. Bristol, Rhode Island holds the record for the longest continuous celebration, having started back in 1777. And of course the show put on by the Boston Pops and the city of Boston is always a spectacular event shown on television every year.

Who does not get stirred by Old Glory flying proud, the guns and firecrackers over the Charles River, and the 1812 Overture being played at the Hatch Shell? And the display of fireworks resounding throughout the land?

Yet many forget the price we pay for this celebration. The sacrifices of Lexington, Valley Forge, Gettysburg, San Juan Hill, Argonne Forest, Guadalcanal, Normandy, Pork Chop Hill, Khe Sanh and Baghdad, among countless others, are part of the price. The families who have lost a family member have paid a price. Those who have served in any capacity have paid a price. All gave some - but some gave all. Let us not forget there are many costs for our liberties. And that there are men and women, our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as friends, who are doing their utmost to preserve our way of life. Let us remember them this day. Send them a card, a letter, an email or a prayer.

God Bless America is more than a song.

Let us remember that FREEDOM IS

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5th District Congressional Race

Is Nikki Tsongas Unstoppable?

Tony Accardi



I'll admit it from the beginning ... I hang around with political junkies. People who love to talk about politics. And when you're in Lowell, the conversation inevitably turns to the special election to fill the Fifth Congressional District seat, especially the Democratic primary.

I know Donoghue supporters, Finegold believers, Eldridge devotees and Miceli converts ... but I don't think I've talked to anyone who denies that Niki Tsongas has led the Democratic field in all aspects from the start (sorry Eileen, Barry, Jamie and Jim).

Let's take a look back ... it started with her website. Self-anointed political experts (like me) were smugly ruminating, "does the wife of a former U.S. senator who never held elected office have a chance against five seasoned politicians?"

Then bam! Tsongas kicks it up a notch ... Meehan had barely finished his resignation speech and www.NikiTsongas.com was launched. She has raised more money and captured star power endorsements like Congressman Barney Frank, former Congressman Jim Shannon, EMILY's List, and now the latest ... Tsongas is the first to advertise on TV.

Please don't misunderstand me ... I do not believe Tsongas has the 5th wrapped up (sorry Niki). It is way too early for anyone to believe that, but she is unquestionably the frontrunner.

Many political observers believe a significant percentage of Tsongas' support is soft (me being one), and this race is not going to be won by a large margin. Still, the question remains, can any of the other candidates take away some of her support?

It is becoming obvious "the usual" strategy is not going to work in this special election. Finegold, Donoghue, Miceli and Eldridge need to slow the Tsongas train down and soon.

Obviously, Tsongas' high profile name gave her an instant advantage, but there is more to her early success. Her staffers have put together a campaign that has given her "the momentum" in the race.

The usual campaign strategy is to "end load" the spending. In other words, fire everything you've got in the final few weeks of the campaign.

It is becoming obvious "the usual" strategy is not going to work in this special election. Finegold, Donoghue, Miceli and Eldridge need to slow the Tsongas train down and soon.

Anyone who knows anything about politics knows if the public believes a candidate is going to win, then he/she usually does.

But Tsongas faces a strong group of politically savvy challengers. Barry Finegold, Eileen Donoghue, Jamie Eldridge and Jim Miceli are all experienced, competent elected officials, and all have the ability to derail Tsongas.

Here are a few of my impressions of each: I love Barry Finegold's emphasis on "lunch pail" issues. Recently, WCVB Channel 5 featured Finegold on their nightly newscast. During the piece, the candidate talked about the need to reduce the high cost of gasoline, college tuition

and housing. Everyone relates to these issues. It is old-fashioned "bread and butter" politics and it resonates.

Many experts see Eileen Donoghue as Tsongas' primary threat. Yet up to this point, a clear distinction between Donoghue and Tsongas has not emerged. Donoghue must avoid becoming the "other woman from Lowell in the race." I have followed Donoghue on the Lowell City Council for many years and can unequivocally say she is a first class candidate. During her two terms as mayor of Lowell, she earned praise as being articulate, smart and fair.

Jamie Eldridge is the most liberal of the Democrats in the race. He has attracted a group of hard-working liberal supporters, especially from the blogosphere. He states his positions without ambiguity ... he leaves no doubt where he stands on an issue. He works hard and has tapped into an energetic grassroots network, similar to Deval Patrick.

State Representative Jim Miceli has covered Wilmington and Tewksbury for the past 30 years. His name is synonymous with constituent service. Miceli offers 5th District voters a conservative alternative. He opposes gay marriage and a deadline for troop withdrawal from Iraq. But he has a big problem, "money," or should I say lack of it. In his first quarter campaign financial report, the veteran representative raised only a fraction of what his opponents raised. Miceli knows being the conservative is useless if he can't get his message out ... and you don't get the message out without the money.

In the next few weeks I believe we will see an attempt by one or all of these candidates to stop Niki Tsongas' momentum ... if not, she may become unstoppable.

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All About Georgetown

Georgetown Selectman Lonnie Brennan

Georgetown Education Community Honors Superintendent Larry Boren

Some of the most serious moments in one's life occurs when one realizes just how deeply and sincerely someone has touched their soul, or that of their son's or daughter's - and how one never thought to say thank you along the way. Well, an attempt at saying 'thanks' took place last month in a gala event that showcased legends of educators and school supporters, all present at the Haverhill Country Club for a grand celebration and tribute to outgoing school Superintendent. Larry S. Borin. The room was packed.

Somewhere between the conga line led by former Perley Principal Rita Pezzuto, dance moves of former high school Principal Joe Casey, penmanship quips from Lorraine Tardiff, an enormous birthday cake, jokes, roasts, and hilarious stand-up comedy, everyone had an opportunity to finally say thank you.

The most touching moment occurred when Mrs. Alazono, Spanish teacher and basketball coach, summed up Mr. Borin's commitment to the schools: "He gave up his afternoons to watch field hockey and lacrosse, and his evenings to come to basketball games and other sporting events. He's given up other evenings for music and concerts and plays. He seems to have given so much for the education of the kids of Georgetown, so we thought it appropriate to give our 'giving tree' a tree," said Mrs. Alazono, in reference to the book "The Giving Tree," as the staff presented Mr. Borin with a live tree and presents.

After calling out the names of many former School Committee members and colleagues in attendance, including noting the contributions of beloved "Bill Hart, God rest his soul," former School Committeeman John Anderson related his story of interviews and how Mr. Borin was not his first choice as they went through the interview process. But he quipped, "he turned out great," and the room exploded in laughter and applause.

"Supportive both to his staff, and above all to the ideals of the education of kids," Anderson continued, "kids to that moment where kids really appreciate a subject matter and are really inspired by it, and Larry himself had that aspect about his own personality, and I knew that, because I was lucky to spend some time with him ... everyone in this room, I'm going to ring a bell, and everyone, including Larry, is going to take their old jobs back for one year, and this system, will be a great system once again," he exclaimed to a roaring audience.

Having served for 21 years on the School Committee, revered former School Committeewoman Eileen McLaughlin spoke clear and straight from the heart, and pulled no punches: "We are so grateful of all that time that you gave to us. As a School Committee person for many years, I can't begin to tell you how grateful I was for your leadership because we could do what School Committee people are supposed to do, get the hell out of the way and let the educators do what they are supposed to do for the community." Standing ovation.

And former School Committeeman Bill Ford detailed Mr. Borin's "ability to listen to others. Put the individual perspective to every issue. To work with others, colleagues and children of Georgetown ... we will miss you, and the way you led and supported us through the past 16 years."

"A couple of things from the heart," former high school principal Joe Casey, now superintendent in Melrose, began. "We were in there every year trying to win the pennant for our students, to help them hit the home runs ... the key to being a leader is to help other people to be leaders ... and Larry, you've done that for me. When you stop and think about community ... community working with us, very rarely you get to be a part of this," Casey said as he thanked Mr. Borin.

In contrast to current School Committee negotiating skills, high school principal Peter D. Lucia detailed Mr. Borin's handling of negotiations that are within his realm. "You have never negotiated until you have negotiated with Larry Borin ... you have no idea how much money Larry Borin has saved the town in negotiating with his administrators ... his nickname is Larry Scissorhands" he said to an explosion of applause. "A true mentor. A true friend. And I thank you very much. We're going to miss you so much it's not funny. Thank you, Larry,"

Finally taking the microphone, Mr. Borin thanked many, including former school committee members McLaughlin, Anderson, JoAnn Kelley, Gail Fennesey, Margaret Messelear and many others. As for his front office staff: Tricia, Julie, Lorraine, "the best, absolutely the best," he said.

"Really, I'm overwhelmed, believe me," Mr. Borin said. "This is all and much more than I ever could expect. To see so many friends ... it's really an honor and privilege to serve you for so many years. There really is no doubt in my mind, that at the end of the day, what makes the difference in a child's life, is you folks. What takes place in that classroom. You can talk about everything else, but that's really where ... we make the difference," he said.

"There's so many people who deserve credit for that. So I appreciate all that you have done as professionals, as educators, and the children of Georgetown are absolutely so fortunate ..."

"It really has been an honor and privilege to work with such outstanding people over the past 16 years. Each year when school starts, it's really, it's exciting, it really is exciting because I know the kind of ... what comes from your hearts and how that's delivered to the children, each and every day. As I've said before, you give of yourself, you give your hearts away, each and every day ... I see that time in and time out, whether it's pre-school or seniors in high school.

"You're only as good as the people that you work with, and the people who work for you. The purpose of school is to make sure that each child absolutely pulls their potential." He said. "You gave them new beginnings, a brighter future, and an opportunity to look to the future. And so I thank you from the bottom of my heart, it has been an honor and privilege to serve you, and to know that the best is yet to come."

It was a night of sincere thanks and best wishes. Surrounded by friends, teachers, administrators, support staff and community members. I was honored to be at the event. A pity for those unable to be there. They missed a great evening

with great people, the soul of the educational community. In thinking back on the night's events, it was clear why the graduating class was filled with students tugging at Superintendent Borin to have their pictures taken with him: Mr. Borin poured his enthusiasm into his work and into the teachers and the children. Above politics, above other considerations. He lived for the schools. He knew each child and almost every parent. By face and by name. He knew the graduating class members personally, having ushered them from Mrs. White's and Mrs. Chick's pre-school classes all the way through senior year and honors English classes. And he cared. Thank you Larry.

Fire Department Re-Organization on the Horizon



Having been directed by voters at the May town meeting to adopt a 'strong chief' structure, the selectmen are currently poised to appoint an interim chief at our meeting of July 16, and dissolve the Board of Fire Engineers. The purpose: to put one person in charge, not a board of five members. With this change, many have scammed forward to make inquiry for new chief's position. Let me take this moment to sincerely thank each of the current board members for their tremendous service and dedication to the town. John Durkee, Brian Coolidge, Chris Dubois, Michael Anderson, and Glenn Silva.

Recreation Path on Danger Course?

Phones have been ringing and ringing as local residents along the abandoned rail track are screaming in opposition now to a proposed non-motorized recreation path behind their homes. Long abandoned, plans continue to be developed on the best way to allow non-motorized transportation from Danvers to Newburyport. Some provisions for routing the path around dangerous areas and residential homes may be in the works. Stay tuned and sharp as we need to get more information on the path, it's location, timeline, and any changes which should be made to ensure the safety of all.

It's All in the Priorities List

The list of projects and priorities facing the selectmen continues to grow and includes many items, some of which are: standard operating procedures for hiring for all job positions in town (this has been my personal pet peeve recently as the processes has been 'fluid' and inconsistent and needs to be documented and codified out of fairness for all; Annual Report - where is it?; town code (bylaws) need to be made available electronically and updated just like the Massachusetts General Laws are available online so that all boards and residents can have easy reference to these currently less-than-accessible documents; budget development process must start this month to prevent the problems of the past; financial bluebook - projections and capabilities with 5, 10, 15, and 20 year projections; cable TV 24 hours/day broadcast; medical response personnel... a whole issue to discuss. We're making progress, but these are just some of nearly three dozen critical issues which need short and long-term attention and need to be prioritized and assigned champions to deliver results in a timely fashion. Go on vacation. Enjoy the weather. Support Sport's Booster's Carnival July 8. I'll be helping to raise some money for the teams and learning to swim in the dunk tank Saturday night. Hope to see you there.

Lonnie Brennan is a selectman in Georgetown. You can email him at lonnie@thechocolatecellar.com.



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Methuen Businessman Receives Rotary Award

METHUEN, - Andrew "Andy" Carace, owner of Pest End Exterminators Inc, Methuen received the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Salem-Methuen Rotary Club. Andy was presented with the distinguished award on the same evening he was inducted as the Club's President. Andy was elected to receive this prestigious award by the Paul Harris Fellow Committee of the Salem-Methuen Rotary Club.

The Paul Harris Fellow Award is named after Rotary founder, Paul Harris. Rotary is the world's first service club. The Paul Harris Fellow Award is granted to someone who personifies Rotary with their outstanding service to the community while promoting high ethical standards in business. The motto for Rotary is "Service Above Self."

Past President Stephanie Lane noted, "Andy was chosen to receive the Paul Harris Fellow Award for his efforts in global and local community service work as well as his hard work and dedication to the Club."

Veronica Calixto, Club Treasurer, added, "Andy sets a wonderful example for us all. He runs a successful business, he is very devoted to his family, and still finds the time to give back to the community. A lot of people talk about what could be done or what should be done in the

community, Andy doesn't talk about it, he just does it without ever expecting anything in return."

In addition to local service projects, Andy was the project organizer for the Club's recent international projects in the Dominican Republic. Andy oversaw the building of a school and basketball court, both in poor communities of the Dominican Republic.

Andy runs his own business with three store locations including Methuen, Plaistow, and Derry NH in addition to being the Club's newest President. Andy is also Board member and director of the Methuen Board of Trade, member of Saint Monica's Parish, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, Holy Family Men's Guild, National Pest Management Association, Son's of Italy, Northeast Builders Association, and the Plaistow Area Commerce Exchange.

Andy lives in Kingston, NH with his wife Nancy.

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John Breen (l) presents Andy Carace (r) with the Paul Harris Fellow Award

The Salem-Methuen Rotary Club meets at the Sweetheart Inn in Methuen every Friday at 12:15. For more information about the Salem-Methuen Rotary Club, visit www.salemmethuenrotary.com.

Manzi Team Endorses Donoghue for Congress



Left to right: Methuen State Senator Steve Baddour, former City Councilor Mike Condon of the Sweetheart Inn, Methuen State Rep. Linda Dean Campbell, former Methuen Senator Jim Jajuga, Mayor Billy Manzi, Lowell City Councilor and candidate for congress, Eileen Donoghue and West End District Councilor Debbie Quinn.

METHUEN - Lowell City Councilor Eileen Donoghue received a badly needed boost to her congressional campaign last month when Methuen Mayor Billy Manzi and his political "team" stood before a podium outside city hall and declared their public support for Donoghue's efforts to replace Marty Meehan in congress.

Donoghue is facing Niki Tsongas, Barry Finegold, Jamie Eldridge and Jim Miceli in the Democrat Primary on September 4th. If successful, she will face the Republican nominee in the fall.

"There is one candidate in this race whom I believe will best serve the people of Methuen, and that's Eileen Donoghue," Manzi told the Valley Patriot.

"The fact is, I have talked to some of the other candidates and it seems they are far

more concerned with stepping onto the national stage and tackling the national issues than they are in directly helping the people living in their district."

"And, though I agree that the field of candidates is filled with talent and energy, with all due respect I believe Eileen Donoghue will be working at the local level to help Methuen deal with issues like Malden Mills, highway funding and community development."

Manzi said that he believes national issues like the war in Iraq, and taxes are an important part of a congressman's job, but added, "what makes a really effective congressman is someone who is in touch with what their constituents need and then providing their constituents with those services as effectively and efficiently as possible."

"Eileen is not interested in going to congress so she can build a dynasty or be the face of some national issue. She wants to go to congress to do for the fifth district what she has been doing for her constituents in Lowell for years."

Manzi was joined by what some in Methuen call the Manzi "team" including State Senator Steve Baddour, former State Senator Jim Jajuga, Methuen State Representative Linda Dean Campbell, former City Councilor Mike Condon of the Sweetheart Inn, and West End District Councilor Debbie Quinn, all of whom stood by Manzi's side in an announcement ceremony outside city hall.

Oddly enough, The Valley Patriot reported three month ago that Methuen Mayor Billy Manzi was supporting Eileen Donoghue for the 5th Congressional district seat being vacated by Marty Meehan. But, within days of our report, Manzi issued public statements denying his involvement in the Donoghue camp, stating that he was not endorsing anyone.

Appearing on a local radio program days later, Manzi further denied his support for Donoghue adding "When I'm ready to support a candidate publicly you will hear it from me not from anybody else."

As for other Methuen officials, former Methuen Mayor Sharon Pollard is backing Niki Tsongas and At Large councilor Kathleen Corey Rahme is endorsing Barry Finegold.

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Bottom row, left to right Martha Lucius, volunteer transportation coord. Judy Wetmore, age information specialist Millie Torres, age information specialist. Middle Row, left to right, Joleen Doucette, age information specialist Pat Hughes, resource database specialist Suzanne Gonzalez, age information specialist Sheila Gitschier, home care admin. assistant. Top row, Left to right Meredith Carver, assistant director of home care Vivian Garcia-Lebron, help desk specialist Maria Rodriguez, age information specialist Carmen Melendez, Age Information Specialist. Missing from photo Linda Dillon, age information specialist Carol Crossman, help desk specialist

"Band of Angels" Recognized

The Age Information team at Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley was recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at their annual 2007 Outreach Educator Day as the recipients of the "Band of Angels" Transforming Lives community service award presentation.

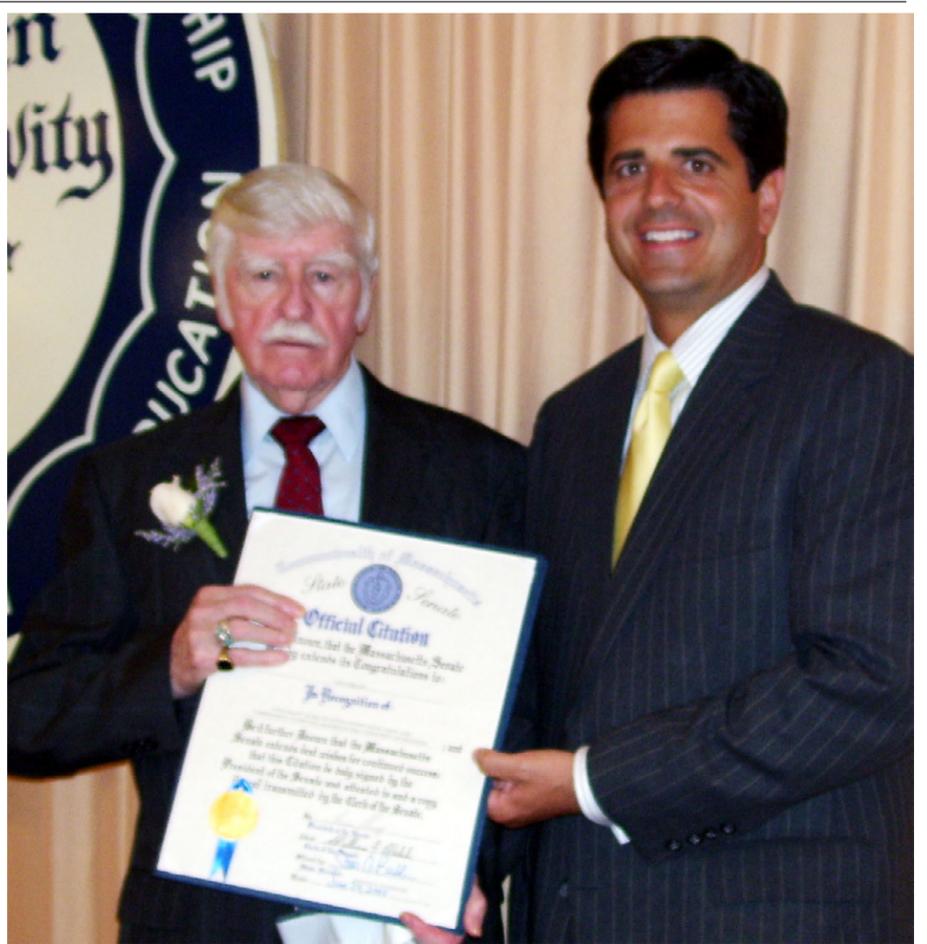
All 13 members of the Age Information team were honored at the Andover Country Club. The "Band of Angels" Transforming Lives award is a joint recognition program among the Community Health center, The Boston Public Health Commission and The Massachusetts Department of Public Health

The Elder Services Age Information team is charged with the responsibility of responding to over 30,000 phone inquiries annually. These calls range in nature from giving out general information on programs

and services to elders and their families to placing protective service reports due to elder abuse.

Twice this past year, the team had to relocate due to spring flooding throughout the Merrimack Valley that caused their office to shut down. The team led by assistant director of Home Care Meredith Carver made temporary arrangements, accessed the necessary resources, carpooled some 30 miles to a sister agency and set-up a temporary call center to ensure that clients and vendors continued to receive the highest caliber of customer service in a seamless transition.

The team fields calls from individuals in a host of other languages, primarily Spanish. Their sensitivity to cultural and language barriers combined with their extensive training in elder issues has earned



Methuen Exchange Club Service for Seniors Award Banquet

The Methuen Exchange Club recently honored Leo Kirane (pictured above) as Senior of the Year at the Methuen Senior Center on June 27, 2007. Kirane has been a long time volunteer at the center and was given a citation by State Senator Steve Baddour, State Representative Linda Dean Campbell and City Councilor President Steve Zanni on behalf of Mayor Bill Manzi who was unable to attend.

Also honored at the banquet were the "Youths of the Year" for their dedication to helping the senior citizens of Methuen.



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to orgasm, it affects all aspects of her life, her relationships with her children, at home, with the city and at work." The event features panel discussions by sex therapists on topics like premature ejaculation. Is America ready for this? Orgasms are important to all nations, but we must proceed with discretion. Like Nixon opening up China in 1972, only a prominent Republican with stature and gravitas can initiate National Orgasm Day. This is a job for Dick Cheney.

I wish Ron Paul were the Republican presidential candidate, but look for him to be marginalized and excluded from the debate by any means necessary. Paul is too interesting and forthright. Apparently, I am not the only one who thinks so. A Google search of his name rendered 48 million hits, while a search for so-called frontrunners Mitt Romney and Rudy Giuliani rendered a paltry 2 million hits each. If other Republican candidates look wooden and scripted next to Ron Paul, that's because they are all skills in service to the New World Order.

I wish the media would refrain from the childish naïve practice of referring to

those who doubt the "official version" of 9/11 as "conspiracy theorists." As if there were never a conspiracy in this country or anyplace else. Polls repeatedly indicate the vast majority of Americans believe the government covered up the facts of 9/11. The conspiracy belongs to those who have concocted the lie, not those who perceive it.

I wish the Tribune would stop referring to those who want to vote on gay marriage as "anti-gay." There's nothing anti-gay about letting the people decide. An end run around the democratic process may achieve an important short-term objective for gay people. On the other hand, winning hearts and minds by persuasion and discourse is the democratic way. In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "...if we think them (the citizens) not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education." Massachusetts state reps take notice.

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Veronica Calixto (left) is presented with the Rotarian of The Year award by Club President, Stephanie Lane.

Local Banker Named Rotarian of The Year

METHUEN, MA-Veronica Calixto, Assistant Vice President, and Branch Manager of RiverBank in Methuen has been named Rotarian of the Year by the Salem-Methuen Rotary Club. This award is presented annually. The recipient is selected by club members based on his/her service to the club, the community, and Rotary International.

Stephanie Lane, President of the Salem-Methuen Rotary Club, noted that "Quite honestly, I do not know how Veronica held a full-time job, had family responsibilities and did all she did for this Club." Stephanie continued to say, "Choosing this year's Rotarian of the Year was rather easy. Rotarian of the Year goes to a Rotarian who not only espouses the values we as Rotarians value, but also dedicates themselves to making the club a better one through efforts in operations as well as in community service. Our Club is in a much better position administratively and public relations wise because of Veronica's efforts for the Club."

In addition to serving the Club as Treasurer, Veronica provides leadership to local service projects such as the Club's Annual Charity Golf Tournament. She also traveled to the Dominican Republic on behalf of the Salem-Methuen Rotary Club earlier this year to oversee an international service project the Club had undertaken along with fellow Rotarian, Andy Carace.

Veronica is also a member of the Methuen Board of Trade. She resides in Haverhill with her husband Johnny and two children, Mikhayla and Ava.

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Methuen Gets Option of Enrolling into State Health Insurance, State Pension also to Affect the City

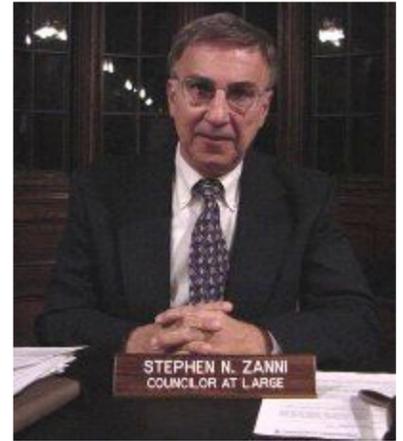
(State House) - Rep. Linda Dean-Campbell, D-Methuen, today announced that the City of Methuen now has many options regarding future health care under the legislation passed last week by the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and this week by the Senate. "This legislation would allow city and town employees and teachers to receive the same health coverage as state employees under the State Group Insurance Commission Plan.



Under this legislation, commented Campbell, Methuen will have the option of enrolling in the plan starting October 1st 2007. Once a community signs on however, they are obligated to stay with the state plan for a minimum of three years. "Cost increases are significantly lower under the state plan. For example health care coverage at the local level has skyrocketed. In Methuen the percentage increase between FY01 and FY06 is approximately 90%. The state increase during the same period was approximately 48%." Campbell and Methuen Mayor Bill Manzi agree that Methuen will need to evaluate the plan to determine whether October entry makes fiscal sense for Methuen. Health Care under the state's plan is expected to rise 5% during FY09 which is substantially lower than expected for local plans. "I will be working very closely with Methuen's leaders on this particular issue. We must reduce health costs or face layoffs or raise taxes - this is a way the state can help" stated Campbell.

Methuen will also be directly affected by legislation passed this week by the House pertaining to pension funds currently managed at the local level. Under this legislation, cities and towns performing 2% below the state's Pension Reserve Investment Trust Fund (PIRT), and whose obligations outweigh assets by over 35% will be required to join the state's pension fund. According to Campbell, "Methuen falls into both categories by a narrow margin. Actually, Methuen's retirement board has performed exceptionally well." Tom Kelly, Methuen's City Auditor concurs, "Like most communities in the Commonwealth, other areas of municipal spending have impacted retirement funds, for example early retirements." Campbell expressed the positive effect on the City by stating, "Methuen will have the benefit of a historically excellent performing fund with over 47 billion in assets managed by a staff of 23 full time professionals. This legislation will indirectly help with property tax relief and will help to ensure that there will be sufficient funds to fund all future local public employee retirees."

Rep. Campbell serves the 15th Essex District, comprising of the City of Methuen.



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