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Lawrence voters bounce five elected officials

Tom Duggan
VALLEY PATRIOT EDITOR

LAWRENCE - Five elected officials in the city of Lawrence were fired by the voters on election day, as growing discontent among voters saw three members of the Lawrence city council rejected on election day and two members of the Lawrence School Committee being replaced by newcomers.

Eight out of the nine current members of the city council sought reelection, only councilor Gil Frechette (District "E") chose not to run.

While voters rejected councilors Marie Gosselin, Nunzio DiMarca and Joe Parolisi, outright, Councilors Patrick Blanchette, Grisel Silva, and Jorge Gonzalez all barely squeezed by their opponents. Only two incumbent city councilors secured a comfortable margin over their opponents on election day: At-Large Councilor Nilka Alvarez-

Rodriguez, and Tower Hill (District "D") councilor Nick Kolofoles.

Of the six current members of the Lawrence School Committee (the mayor serves as chairman and was not up for reelection) all but one decided to seek reelection. Patricia Sanchez-Reyes recently had her second child and chose not to run for a second term.

Of the five who did ask the voters to return them to the committee, one ran unopposed, (Jim Vittorioso) two were reelected with a comfortable margin (Martina Cruz and Peter Larocque) and two were replaced by the voters after serving only one term (Mejia and Morris).

Both Morris and Mejia ran unopposed two years ago.

Filling the vacant seat of Patricia Sanchez in District "C" Pricilla Baez garnered enough votes to edge out Lawrence Personnel director Frank Bonet.

A report on The Green Chemistry Business Summit



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The Valley Patriot's Green Chemistry experts, John Michitson (l) and Seth Itzkan (r) with keynote presenter, Dr. John Warner, (center) at the Green Chemistry Business Summit held at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill.

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VALLEY PATRIOT OF THE MONTH

Sara Payne Hayden HEROES IN OUR MIDST

Kathleen Corey Rahme
VALLEY PATRIOT REPORTER

METHUEN - The Massachusetts Women Veterans' Network named Methuen resident, Sara Payne Hayden the Woman's Veteran of the Year at a special ceremony in the State House in Boston this month.

It was a privilege to nominate her for this honor and according to Heidi Kruckenberg the coordinator for Women Veterans' Network, naming Hayden "was a no brainer!" Wearing the 1944 uniform

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PHOTO: ELIE RAHME

Sara Payne Hayden in the cockpit of a 1944 AT-6 at the Lawrence Municipal Airport in North Andover.

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Editorial

Governor Patrick thanks police

Governor Deval Patrick recently stirred up controversy when he stated on a Boston radio program that he is interested in getting rid of police details on state and local construction sites and replacing them with civilian flagmen.

If Governor Patrick were to issue an executive order, then only state police officers would be replaced with civilians on state highways projects. But, if he chose to propose legislation, then all police officers, local and state could be removed from details at local work sites.

Ironic, isn't it?

When Governor Patrick was running for office, he received endorsements from so many local and state police unions across the Commonwealth. Locally, Patrick received the endorsements of the Essex County Corrections Officers, the Lowell Patrolmen, and the Middlesex County Sheriff's Superior Officers Union. He also received the endorsements from the Massachusetts Coalition of Police (MassCOP), the International Brotherhood of Correctional Officers and International Brotherhood of Police Officers.

Now, after receiving these endorsements, Governor Patrick is considering taking away the benefits and overtime police make while doing details. Massachusetts is the only state that routinely uses police detail at construction sites. Governor Patrick says that removing these police details will save millions of taxpayer dollars as well as reduce the costs for repairing the state and local infrastructure, including the many state bridges and highways that are need of repair.

When Deval Patrick was running for Governor last year, we reported that he was "no friend of the police." (See November 2006 issue "Deval Patrick fought to free cop killer.")

His past history of defending cop killer Carl Roy Songer is just one sad example. Songer killed Florida State Trooper Ronald Smith and Patrick, while working as an attorney for the ACLU, fought to have his death sentence commuted. Patrick had also written to the Massachusetts Parole Board on behalf of convicted Leominster rapist Benjamin LaGuer asking for his release.

It's too bad that the police unions in Massachusetts endorsed Patrick and did not take his past history seriously or heed The Valley Patriot's advice that Patrick was no friend to police officers.

We say to police unions around the state that when election time comes around, stop endorsing candidates whom we all know are no friends of victims or the rank and file cops who must deal with the carnage in our streets.

As a notable philosopher once said; "Those who do not learn from the past are doomed to repeat it."

We will be watching to see if that is true in the next election.

NEWS ITEM: Lawrence Officials Get the bad news ...



Cartoon by David Sullivan of Dracut: Sull93@hotmail.com

My Friends:

We have both a short term and long term process upon which to agree. Clearly, the circumstances by which such a large [water rate] increase has been adopted effective July 1, 2007 will prevail unless we can focus on the job at hand within our power and control.

Second guessing past decisions will not provide us the opportunity to do our job. We will not be able to determine the impact of this flat rate surge in user fees/taxes until the bill actually go out (after the election) so we should be prepared to hold a public hearing probably between the third week of November and the second week of December but no later.

I have been very clear that it is my belief based on experience that a tiered rate is more sensitive to the financial circumstances of the elderly population and those who make the ;east demand on the system.

I do believe that the cost of time spent by each employee should be charged to the operation of the system. We should keep in mind that those costs include retirement, health care, debt and reserve for future or unforeseen costs/ improvements. I do not believe that these operational or indirect costs should be on the property tax levy.

I also believe that we need to understand that the city government made the decision to add \$20 million in additional debt to be financed for the first time in our history entirely by the ratepayers for a 50% increase in plant processing capacity. This decision is questionable in light of the fact that Methuen has no long term contract with

Salem NH which guarantees either a future demand or a future revenue stream for Methuen.

Clearly, that decision did not appear to take into consideration the affect that the removal of Malden Mills from the system (at roughly 18% of the operation according to the latest data using peak demand/capacity)

would have on Methuen ratepayer poses a challenge to our deliberations. The decision we need to make is whether we responsibly include a reserve for that contingency so that there is no rate shock.

As I discussed last week, we will have hard data from the city for the Monday meeting. Hopefully, we can focus on that data and begin to make some decisions. Having said that I favor the tiered system which has worked well for Methuen for more nearly 30 years, I am also thinking in terms of a commercial/industrial tiered rate and residential/agricultural tiered rate. Using this approach the low end user, which includes both small business and residences of no more than two individuals who represent minimal demand users would not subsidize others.

I hope you agree that we need to minimize the affect of rate increases mandated by decisions already made by the Mayor and City Council is a solid objective.

I would appreciate any input you might have and look forward to seeing you at the next Water and Sewer Rate review Committee meeting Monday at 5:00PM at City Hall.

Respectfully,
Robert Crowley LeBlanc Esq
Chair

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Massachusetts Republican rising star

Vincent A.J. Errichetti
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

When we look back on 2007, we will see it as the year rising stars emerged. While many of these candidates have been active in politics, this is the year they really came into their own by the quality of their victories.

First, the story of every vote counts. Lisa D'Arcangelo has won the Ward 5 Malden School Committee seat by an amazing one vote!

School Committee Member Monica Medeiros of Melrose, after serving only one term, moves up to become Ward 2 Alderman, winning 82% of the vote! Also in Melrose, Margaret Driscoll topped the ticket in her first bid for the School Committee.

Two very bright rising stars, who both lost elections for State Rep and City Council in the past, won with hard work and shoe leather. They are Councilor-elect Greer Swiston of Newton and Ward One Councilor-elect Victor Pap of Weymouth. Their victories show what hard work, perseverance and door knocking can do. Both are in the bluest of blue communities.

In Lawrence, a city not necessarily considered a Republican stronghold, David Abdo was elected to the City council in his first run for public office with an impressive 72% of the vote.

With so many candidates doing so much, Marlborough Republicans break the mold. In only his second term, Steven Levy topped the ticket for the City Council at Large. And in second, another Republican, City Council President Arthur Vigeant. (NOTE: Marlborough has 4 At-Large Councilors elected city wide.) Also newly elected to the council is Ward One Councilor-elect Joe Delano.

However, the best Marlborough story is that of Paul Ferro. Paul is the sitting Ward 2 Councilor, and he was targeted by the Democrat State Representative AND Congressman with the State Rep's Legislative Aid. Needless to say, two powerful Democrats would not target just any Republican Councilor in this way. Paul won re-election handily by several hundred votes!

Twenty-two year old Town Councilor Pat O'Connor of Weymouth was re-elected and came close to topping the ticket in a field of ten. (NOTE: Weymouth has 5 At-Large Councilors elected city wide.)

Also re-elected were School Committee member Adam LaMontagne of Chicopee, City Council President Charlie Doherty of Woburn, Councilor Don Conn of Melrose, School Committee Member John Constantine of Melrose.

Look for these star to shine in the coming years.

THINKING OUTSIDE INSIDE THE BOX

Exclusive: A candid interview with Hillary Rodham-Clinton

Dr. Charles Ormsby
NORTH ANDOVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Recently, presidential hopeful Rodham-Clinton's campaign staff accepted my request for an interview with the candidate. The interview was recorded, but, after the interview was completed, my dog ate the tape. Shortly thereafter, my dog died. His last words were, "That was hard to swallow." I couldn't have expressed it better.

This is my best recollection of the interview.

Interviewer: Good evening, Ms. Rodham.

Ms. Rodham: It was, until my handlers told me they had accepted this interview with The Valley Patriot.

Interviewer: Why would that upset you? Don't you like our newspaper?

Ms. Rodham: Of course I like it! That's why I'm a subscriber. Unfortunately, everyone likes The Valley Patriot. That is the problem.

Interviewer: We thank you for your support Ms. Rodham, but how is that a problem?

Ms. Rodham: Well, with Tom Duggan exposing government corruption and the failings of the mainstream media, and other columnists insisting that individuals actually have a right to their property and the right to defend themselves, how do you expect me to pull the wool over the voters' eyes?

Interviewer: Why would you need to do that, Ms. Rodham?

Ms. Rodham: Because I need the voters to think ... scratch that ... I need the voters to believe that I really care about them.

Interviewer: Why don't you want them to think

Ms. Rodham (interrupting): Because thinking is a waste of their time and just makes my job more difficult. You know what they say about trying to teach a pig to sing, don't you? In any case, it is better

for everyone if I just do the thinking for the voters.

Interviewer: You mean so they will just vote for you and you can be President?

Ms. Rodham: Well that's part of it, but only the beginning.

Interviewer: How's that?

Ms. Rodham: Look stupid ... Can I call you that?

Interviewer: Sure, feel free.

Ms. Rodham (interrupting again): Just be quiet and listen. I'm very consistent on this matter. You see, we can't run this country unless people follow orders. Things just can't work by themselves you know! You need to have someone deciding things and then making damn sure that everybody does what we tell them.

Interviewer: But Adam Smith once wrote that ...

Ms. Rodham: Enough of that BS! What did he know. That was over 200 years ago and, anyway, he was a foreigner.

Interviewer: So was Stalin ...

Ms. Rodham: Is that a trick question?

Interviewer: Actually, it wasn't a question. It was a ...

Ms. Rodham: Is this an interview or an interrogation?

Interviewer (Ignoring the question): So, can you give me some examples of where people need to just follow orders?

Ms. Rodham: Now you're talking my language! For example, if someone feels sick and needs a doctor's care, we just can't have that person and the doctor make arrangements on their own. Government forbid! That would lead to chaos! We need regulations on which doctors each patient can see, what degrees they must have, how much they charge, how much the patients pay depen-

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Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra

The Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra (NYSO) will perform a benefit concert for First Church, Ipswich, to support their Thanksgiving Basket Project on Sunday, Nov. 18th 2007 at 3:00 p.m. The Prelude String Ensembles, Junior Flute Choir, and Intermezzo Orchestra will perform music of Mozart, Bach, Rimsky Korsakof and more. A free-will offering will be taken to support the project. The church is handicapped accessible.

Place: First Church Ipswich – 1 Meeting House Green, Ipswich MA

Time: 3:00 p.m. Date: Sunday, November 18, 2007 Cost: free-will donation

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From the desk of Haverhill Mayor Jim Fiorentini

New Purchasing Director/ Procurement Officer for the City

Robert J. DeFusco has been appointed the new Purchasing Director/ Procurement Officer for the City of Haverhill. Mr. DeFusco, C.P.M., has over thirty years of experience in private industry primarily with the Raytheon Company.

It is my hope that Mr. DeFusco can bring some of the innovation and changes from private industry to to city government. If we are going to continue to make government more efficient, we need to streamline and improve our procurement process. For years, private industry has been using things such as reverse auctions to streamline the purchase of goods and services.

The first task for the new Purchasing Agent, will be to speed up the purchase of a new ladder truck for the City's Fire Department. His next task is to find ways to have more regional cooperation, especially in terms of purchasing common goods and equipment.

As soon as the ladder truck procurement is completed, I have told the Purchasing Director that his next task is to find a way to phase out his job and to make his position a regional job. As much as possible, purchasing should be done on a regional basis so as to use the maximum possible leverage in order to realize economy of scale. I have spoken to the mayors of several surrounding communities and we believe we can work together to do more regional purchasing for the benefit of local taxpayers.

City Receives Final Approval for New Boardwalk

State Senator Stephen A. Baddour (D-Methuen), State Representatives Brian S. Dempsey (D-Haverhill) and Barbara L'Italien (D-Andover) and I announced last week that the city has received final State funding approval and completion of 100% design for a new downtown boardwalk along the Merrimack River to be installed behind The Tap Restaurant.

All of the funding for the boardwalk will come from the State. No city funds are involved.

The design of the boardwalk was undertaken by the Earth Tech Company of Concord, MA. The final design was approved by Mass Highway. The project also involves a complete rebuilding of the existing Riverwalk located on Merrimack Street behind the Haverhill Bank.

The boardwalk project has been on the books in Haverhill for approximately fifteen years. The city had been unable to obtain design approval for a variety of reasons, including the necessity of the boardwalk to withstand an earthquake. In addition, it was not yet possible to obtain enough funding to create a boardwalk the entire length of the river between the Comeau and Basiliere bridges.

I made the decision to begin the boardwalk with the stretch behind the Tap and to redo the existing boardwalk.

A boardwalk is a critical economical development vehicle to bring people to our downtown. It also helps bring to greater fruition my vision, shared by many, of reconnecting residents with the River.

Senator Baddour stated he was pleased to lend his support to the proposed project.

"I am always pleased to be a part of any project that helps to highlight the city as a destination for visitors and tourists," said Baddour

"The funding for the Boardwalk project is a vital step towards the continued economic development and revitalization of downtown Haverhill," added Rep. Brian S. Dempsey.

State Representative Barbara L'Italien noted: "The development of a new boardwalk will certainly be a contributing factor to the growth of the city of Haverhill."

Actual construction of the boardwalk is expected to start this upcoming Spring, 2008.

The Installation of GPS Devices in City Highway Vehicles

Last week, I announced that GPS [Geo-Positioning Systems] devices will be placed in several vehicles operated by the City Highway Department.

The GPS devices will enable the city to track at all times the locations of City-owned Highway Department vehicles.

I am pleased that we are able to install GPS devices in our Highway Department vehicles. This will allow us to track progress on important public works projects, provide additional accountability, as well as provide a more efficient allocation of Highway resources to the benefit of all Haverhill taxpayers.

The installation is scheduled to begin in the first weeks of November, according to Acting Public Works Director Robert Ward.

GPS devices are already found working well in vehicles for the City's Health and Inspectional Services Department.

City Obtains State Grant to Speed Business Permitting

The City of Haverhill has obtained a State grant designed to speed up permitting for new businesses in the City. Under the Commonwealth's new 'expedited permitting' program in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 43D, the City was awarded a preliminary amount of over \$66,970, with another \$82,950 to be awarded later for a total of \$149,920. The Mayor applied for the grant after learning about the program from the new State Permitting Ombudsman hired by Governor Deval Patrick.

These funds will be used to put business application forms on-line and to hire a new Purchasing Ombudsman.

The Permitting Ombudsman will be a new position and entirely paid for with City funds. The job of the Permitting Ombudsman will be to mediate any disputes between new businesses and City departments, resolving those disputes in the most expeditious manner possible.

The Permitting Ombudsman for the State is Gregory Bialecki. We met with him concerning some of the new businesses coming to the City and he did a tremendous job in shepherding the developments through the State. It is my hope that a new City Permitting Ombudsman can do the same thing for the Haverhill.

Bringing in new businesses to expand our tax base is a key goal of this Administration. We have already brought in BJ's, Target, Lowe's, Starbucks and Magellan Aerospace Industries. I believe that there is much more to do. Businesses repeatedly tell me that the key to coming to a city is expedited permitting.

Time is money and businesses simply cannot afford to wait. We believe that the Permitting Ombudsman and the infrastructure paid by our expedited permitting grant will be key elements in bringing new businesses, jobs and tax revenue to our City.



Jim Fiorentini is the mayor of Haverhill and was just elected to his third term on November 6th. You can email him at Jimfior@aol.com

Haverhill Election Results

James Fiorentini7,302
James Rurak4,456

City Council - Elect 9

Michael Hart.....5,786
Robert Scatamacchia5,590
William Ryan.....5,442
William Macek.....5,286
Mary Ellen Daly O'Brien.....5,036
David Hall.....4,996
Michael McGonagle.....4,934
James Donahue Jr.....4,894
Kenneth Quimby.....4,494

Louis Fossarelli.....4,414
Diane Boulanger-Prescott.....4,264
David Swartz4,038
Krystine Hetel.....3,921
Colin LePage.....2,998
Leo Martin.....2,172
Nathaniel Auger2,144

Dear friends,

I am writing to say thank you for your support of my candidacy for re-election to the Haverhill School Committee in last Tuesday's election. With your help, we had an overwhelming victory. I am the only incumbent in the race for School Committee or City Council who received over 50% of the vote. In fact we received roughly 55% of the vote, which was the highest of all incumbents on either the school committee or city council. I could not have done it without your help. Whether you donated to my campaign, placed a sign on your lawn or simply cast a ballot for me, I will be forever grateful. If I can ever be of any assistance to you at all please don't hesitate to contact me. You can reach me on my cell phone anytime at 978-994-6211 or by email at wood45106@aol.com. Again, thank you for your support and the overwhelming victory you helped me attain.

Sincerely yours,

Scott Wood, Jr.

Haverhill School Committee

White Christmas the Musical

H A V E R H I L L – The Council on Aging is planning a trip to CitiArts Performing Center in Boston on Thursday, December 20, 2007, to see Irving Berlin's White Christmas the Musical.

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Cost of this trip is \$80 per person including transportation. Lunch will be on your own at Legal Seafood prior to the show. Bus will leave Westgate at approximately 10:30 a.m. for the 2:00 p.m. matinee. We have a limited number of tickets, so please call early.

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Tracy Watson announces run for Selectman

Paula Porten
VALLEY PATRIOT EDITOR

Watson announces run for Selectman

Tracy Watson has announced to The Valley Patriot that she will run for the Board of Selectman this March. There are two open seats for Selectmen this coming election with the announcements from Selectmen Licciardello and Xenakis of their intentions not to run for re-election.

Watson is 39 years old, married with one son, and is a lifelong resident of North Andover. Watson graduated from North Andover High School in 1986 and then from Salem State College in 1991. Tracy has over 15 years experience in the housing industry and is a property manager and professor at Northern Essex Community College.

Tracy became familiar to the North Andover community when she was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy on the North Andover Housing Authority Board. With the passing of Bill McEvoy, there became a vacancy on the Board and the Board of Selectmen voted was 5-0 in November 2006 for Tracy to fill the term.



The term ended in March of 2007 and Tracy ran for the position, but lost the election to John Driscoll. Tracy is now running for Selectman and has been involved in the process of getting signatures to place the creation of a Charter Commission on the ballot.

Tracy supports the creation of a Charter Commission to look at options for North Andover and its form of government and whether or not the Charter should be changed.

Article 1. Prior Years Unpaid Bills.
To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment of the following bills of prior years from current year's appropriations.

Article 2. Amend Zoning Bylaw Section 8.9-Wireless Service Facilities.
To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 8.9 Wireless Service Facilities to add the following:

Section D (14) – Temporary Moratorium – To establish a temporary moratorium on issuing, modifying or renewing any special permits for wireless communications facilities, including towers, antennas and related equipment, used for transmitting or receiving telecommunications signals within the Town with the following provisions:

For so long as this moratorium remains in effect, no wireless communications facility or structure appurtenant or accessory to a wireless communication facility shall be constructed, nor shall any building permit, special permits, variance or site plan approval decision for any such facility be issued in the Town of North Andover, nor shall any Town board, department or official accept or approve any application (or plans) for any building permit, special permit, variance or site plan approval decision for any such facility.

The provisions of this temporary moratorium shall expire upon the adoption by Town Meeting of any amendment(s) to this bylaw presented by the Wireless Bylaw Committee at the next 2008 Annual Town Meeting and the approval of any such amendment(s) by the Massachusetts Attorney General.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Petition of Steven R. Tryder and others

Article 3. Acceptance of MGL Chapter 138, Section 12, 14th Paragraph – Sale of Liqueurs and Cordials. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the 14th Paragraph of MGL Chapter 138, Section 12 (Alcoholic Liquors - Licenses authorizing sale of beverages to be drunk on premises), which reads as follows: "In any city or town which votes to accept the provisions of this paragraph, a common victualler, who holds a license under this section to sell wines and malt beverages may, upon written approval, also sell liqueurs and cordials pursuant to said license, subject, however, to all other licensing provisions of this chapter."

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. Petition General Court - Special Act - Change in Liquor Quota- All Alcoholic Beverages for Package Stores -350 Winthrop Avenue (#342 Winthrop Avenue for 911 purposes) – Wine & Beer at the Andovers.

To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to allow the North Andover Licensing Authority to override the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 138 Section 17 (Number of licenses quotas; licenses for wine and malt beverages per population unit; additional licenses; estimates of increased population; decrease in quota due to loss in population; determination of population of city or town.) for the increase in the number of All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses for Package Stores by one (1) for Wine & Beer at the Andovers, LLC;

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Petition of Stephen M. Mancuso and others

TOM DUGGAN'S NOTEBOOK EXTRA

She's back ...

How come when you think a piece of state legislation is dead in the water, somehow it always seems to makes it's way back to the surface.

That's what happened last week at the State House in Boston when Senate Bill 1439, **The Huster Bill**, had a Public Hearing.

Bill 1439 was presented last year by State Senator Steven Baddour and with the support of North Andover State Representatives, David Torrisi and Barbara L'Italien. The bill was initially referred to the Public Service Committee on January 10, 2007.

As reported in The Valley Patriot previously, this bill was written so that former North Andover School Committee

member Diane Huster could apply for retirement benefits with the Essex Regional Retirement System and receive a state pension (golden parachute?) for her 18 years on the North Andover School Committee.

When Huster was a school committee member for those 18 years, she failed to apply for these benefits and now is looking for a second bite at the apple.

We will keep you informed as to how far the bill gets this time. After it was referred to Committee on Public Service last year, it sat until finally, there was a hearing on it last week.

We will inform you of the recommendation of the Committee to the full Senate and House and if there are any votes on the Bill.



Home Health Foundation
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Volunteer Opportunities



These are ongoing programs that require a weekly commitment of 4 hours based at one of our 4 office locations in Newburyport, Lawrence, Peabody or Chelmsford

The Home Health Foundation not-for-profit family of agencies includes Home Health VNA, Merrimack Valley Hospice and HomeCare, Inc. The wide variety of programs and services offered by all three agencies provide patients of every age and diagnosis with the highest quality of home care services. Home Health Partners is a volunteer program designed to enhance our service to patients and staff.

Visiting Resource Volunteers
Home Health VNA

Home Health VNA is recruiting volunteers to work one-on-one with patients and families providing companionship, respite, advocacy and help with routine errands. Matches can be short or long term depending on need and patients reside throughout our service area that includes Greater Haverhill, North Shore, Greater Lawrence, Greater Lowell and Southern New Hampshire. Volunteers can expect complete orientation, ongoing training and support and the chance to make a difference in their own community. Vehicle, good driving record and proof of insurance is required. Mileage reimbursement is .42 a mile.

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Election results show voter discontent with city council

District "A" - Council president survives ... barely

Lawrence city council president Patrick Blanchette rightly brags that his family name has been on the ballot in the Prospect Hill section of Lawrence for more than 25 years.

However, the embattled District "A" councilor nearly lost his seat on the council this month when he placed only 113 votes ahead of first time candidate April Lyskowsky, in one of the dirtiest campaigns this election season.

Blanchette's waning support on Prospect Hill over the last two years was clearly the result of the numerous controversies he created when calling for the firing of numerous Sullivan administration officials, the disbaring of a city attorney and his obsession with using his council position to attack and humiliate anyone who stands in his way.

Blanchette has had his sights set on the mayor's office for the '09 election for over two years and positioned himself as the most vocal critic of Mayor Michael Sullivan.

Blanchette won all four precincts on Election Day, pulling out all the stops and campaigning chiefly on his family name instead of his accomplishments or his record on the issues facing the people of his district.

After a close primary win in September, Blanchette called on his family for help having his mother send

out campaign literature and his older brother Kevin, the former State Representative, greet voters on Election Day at the Parthum School, asking voters to cast their ballots for his younger brother.

When it became clear on election night that Blanchette had defeated his toughest political opponent in the last five elections, he and his supporters, lead by former city employee Andrea Traficanti, stormed city hall chanting "Pat is back!" a reference to his campaign theme and political signs that read "Bring Pat Back". Blanchette has been on the council for eight years.

The council president then took cheap shots at his opponent as he introduced his girlfriend to the crowd of supporters in city hall, who were strategically placed on the second and third floor balconies reminiscent of previous mayoral victories.

With Blanchette's win on election day, the councilor may have retained his seat on the city council, but his reign as council president is all but over as most of the city councilors who were in the "Blanchette camp" in the last two years were defeated. A quick poll of the city council candidates who were victorious on election night shows almost no support for returning the controversial council president to any leadership position on the city council in January.

Despite his weak showing at the polls on Election Day, however, Blanchette is

automatically in the running for mayor in the 2009 election, and to date is considered the front-runner as Mike Sullivan cannot run again due to term limits. The only other candidate to emerge for the corner office in '09 has been former city councilor Israel Reyes. Blanchette's weak showing in this district race will have little or no effect on his chances to take the corner office in two years and as has been evident for the last two, Patrick Blanchette is off and running.

District "B" - Grisel Silva wins tight race, expected to win recount

District "B" Councilor Grisel Silva won decisively two years ago against Ruth Rojas of Lawrence Community Works. This year, Silva barely defeated Rojas by a twenty-six vote margin. Ruth Rojas is the hand picked candidate of State Representative Willie Lantigua.

Like Blanchette, Silva's popularity and political support has dwindled significantly after two years of controversy as she has engaged in personal attacks against perceived political enemies, fellow councilors, members of the Sullivan administration and Lawrence Police Chief John Romero.

Silva's outbursts and unprofessional behavior at the council table, combined with her advocating a \$3 million cut in the city budget that would have resulted in firefighters, police officers, and DPW workers being laid off, all took their toll on Silva's campaign. The numbers on

Election Day bear out the damage done to the first term councilor. Months of manufactured scandals published in the Eagle Tribune and broadcast on Spanish language radio programs did little to ingratiate Silva with voters.

Silva will face a recount in this race, but will most likely survive the challenge by Rojas as it is nearly impossible to pick up the 26 votes in a district race. Insiders say they do not expect Silva to serve out the entire two years of her next term, which begins in January. Should she stay on the council through her term, however, Silva supporters say this will be her last term serving the voters of the North Common Neighborhood.

District "C" - Jorge Gonzalez Reelected to 2nd Term

Incumbent city councilor Jorge Gonzalez defeated former City Councilor Barbara Beals-Gonzalez for the second time in as many years, edging out Beals-Gonzalez by only 30 votes, but winning three of the four precincts in his district.

Jorge Gonzalez voted with Councilors Nunzio DiMarca and Marie Gosselin on the budget and the water rates, opposing Mayor Sullivan's efforts to raise taxes. The difference between Gonzalez and the councilors defeated on election day is that Jorge didn't fight with fellow councilors, attack Mayor Sullivan and his administration, or engage in name calling and screaming matches at the council table.

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PREC	Blanchette	Lyskowsky	WI	Blank	Total
A1	153	139	0	11	303
A2	79	72	1	13	165
A3	174	137	0	12	323
A4	162	107	0	9	278
TOTAL	568	455	1	44	1069

PREC	Silva	Rojas	WI	Blank	Total
B1	189	154	9	43	395
B2	99	92	1	16	208
B3	82	82	0	20	185
B4	122	137	1	34	294
Total	492	466	11	113	1082

Prec	J. Gonzalez	B. Gonzalez	WI	Blank	Total
C1	106	158	2	22	288
C2	73	56	2	15	146
C3	138	102	2	26	268
C4	104	75	1	30	210
Total	421	391	7	93	912

Prec	Kolofoles	Fernandez	WI	Blank	Total
D1	203	94	1	14	312
D2	163	104	2	12	281
D3	64	87	1	14	166
D4	135	172	0	43	350
TOTAL	565	457	4	83	1109



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All the hard work that I have done has returned to me by your vote of confidence for which I will be forever grateful for and I promise to never take for granted.

Lets put politics aside for a moment and lets have an open honest conversation. I realize that my opponent Mr. James Blatchford represents the future in politics for us citizens of Lawrence, and specifically District E. He aught to be commended for running a good campaign. I believe that if the future politicians of Lawrence are just like Mr. Blatchford the City of Lawrence will be just fine.

So to the voters of District E I say Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your vote. I will continue to work hard for Student achievement and do my best so that all our Schools are safe for all Students, Teachers and Staff.

Finally let me end this by saying that it is my prayer that I won't disappoint you. Maybe I won't be able to please everybody all the time but I'll try to continue to do my best!

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Official election results city council at-large

DISTRICT "A" PROSPECT HILL

Prec	Alvarez	DiMarca	Parolisi	Matos	Moran	Twomey	WI	Blank	Total
A1	142	124	116	88	97	109	2	231	909
A2	90	50	30	77	85	27	2	137	498
A3	132	129	150	84	109	125	0	240	969
A4	111	92	116	88	108	94	1	224	834
Total	475	395	412	337	399	355	5	832	3210

DISTRICT "B" NORTH COMMON NEIGHBORHOOD

PREC	Alvarez	DiMarca	Parolisi	Matos	Moran	Twomey	WI	Blank	Total
B1	197	142	152	128	174	133	6	253	1185
B2	141	69	41	109	119	24	1	123	627
B3	95	78	42	80	92	34	0	134	555
B4	129	101	44	121	173	50	3	261	882
Total	562	390	279	438	558	241	10	771	3249

DISTRICT "C" ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD

PREC	Alvarez	DiMarca	Parolisi	Matos	Moran	Twomey	WI	Blank	Total
C1	110	113	97	81	131	119	4	209	864
C2	107	53	26	76	77	14	0	100	453
C3	193	83	29	110	164	24	2	199	804
C4	128	84	27	107	110	38	0	136	630
Total	538	333	179	374	482	195	6	644	2751

DISTRICT "D" TOWER HILL

Prec	Alvarez	DiMarca	Parolisi	Matos	Moran	Towmey	WI	Blank	Total
D1	137	120	96	99	109	115	1	259	936
D2	114	87	104	81	121	113	4	219	843
D3	110	53	39	80	102	29	0	85	498
D4	206	110	49	141	216	48	1	279	1050
Total	567	370	288	401	548	305	6	842	3327

DISTRICT "E" MOUNT VERNON

Prec	Alvarez	DiMarca	Parolisi	Matos	Moran	Towmey	WI	Blank	Total
E1	149	123	284	85	179	307	2	350	1479
E2	127	143	315	81	149	366	0	352	1533
E3	63	60	95	50	82	110	0	128	588
E4	105	78	107	76	103	132	2	156	759
Total	444	404	801	292	513	915	4	986	4359

DISTRICT "F" SOUTH LAWRENCE EAST

PREC	Alvarez	DiMarca	Parolisi	Matos	Moran	Twomey	WI	Blank	Total
F1	106	133	263	81	157	277	5	343	1365
F2	76	73	65	64	80	62	1	131	552
F3	72	38	35	73	78	41	1	130	468
F4	118	96	127	70	108	103	2	201	825
Total	372	340	490	288	423	483	9	805	3210
Grand Total	2,958	2,232	2,449	2,130	2,923	2,494	40	4,880	20,106

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2,958	2,923	2,494	2,449	2,232	2,130

Two incumbents defeated in At-Large Race

The Lawrence City Council is made up of three at-large (elected city-wide) councilors and six district councilors.

Lawrence voters rejected two (out of three) incumbent Lawrence City Councilors with two very different styles and philosophies, electing newcomers Frank Moran and Roger Twomey in their place.

City Councilor Joe Parolisi, one of the more reserved members of the council placed fourth out of six candidates, only 45 votes behind third place finisher Roger Twomey. Parolisi has long been considered an ally of Mayor Michael Sullivan and supported Sullivan's 2008 budget, which called for an increase in property taxes.

By contrast, Councilor Nunzio DiMarca was one of the most vocal antagonists of the Mayor and his

administration and placed fifth out of six candidates making him a one-term city councilor for the second time in four years.

Voter discontent with the current crop of city council candidates had no effect on the campaign of incumbent Nilka Alvarez-Rodriguez who topped the ticket with 2,958 votes but placed only 35 votes ahead of first time candidate Frank Moran.

Moran stunned political observers when he came out of nowhere in the September primary to place second out of eight candidates and then again in the final election when he placed second out of the remaining six.

For his part, former Licensing commissioner Roger Twomey won a seat on the council placing third on Election Day. Twomey edged out incumbent Joe Parolisi by only 45 votes.

Twomey was the only candidate in this election to raise a specific issue that fell outside of the usual mantra of "police, education, and quality of life issues."

Twomey said one of his top priorities is to pass an ordinance requiring all city boards to video tape their meetings and show them on local cable access as a service to the public, adding that many Lawrence residents are unable to go to city hall every night to personally observe the work done on their behalf by the various boards in the city.

With Parolisi gone, Mayor Sullivan has lost one ally on the council, but with DiMarca not returning to the council in January he has lost one of the most obstructive councilors who seemingly opposed him at every turn.

"I plan to work with Mayor Sullivan," Twomey said. "I think we will work well together and I will be neither a proponent

nor an opponent of the Mayor's proposals. When we agree on issues, I will support his proposals and when we disagree I will sit down with him to try and find some common ground. Hopefully we will be able to come up with a compromise that's best for the city, that's what being a leader is all about, working together."

Frank Moran echoed Twomey's sentiment, saying he believes it is wrong for many elected officials to support or oppose something based on who is making the proposal or who will get the credit.

"I'm not really in this for credit," Moran said. "I am here to serve the voters and if I am voting for or against something it will be based on how it will effect the city not based on who proposed it or how it is going to make anybody look."

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The two Gonzalez's ran a very low-key campaign and despite the fact that neither of them raised any significant amounts of money, both candidates were visible in the neighborhood and both ran a grassroots campaign.

For the most part, this was a very clean race where the candidates preferred to campaign on name recognition rather than issues or personalities. Rumors that Barbara Beals-Gonzalez may call for a recount will most likely be a waste of time as thirty one votes is nearly impossible to make up with the new electronic voting machines.

District "D" - Kolofoles handily defeats Franklin Fernandez

Incumbent city councilor Nick Kolofoles won an easy reelection against Franklin Fernandez, taking all four precincts and putting to bed any speculation that he is in trouble with the voters. Kolofoles is one of the few city

councilors who won by a wide margin on Election Day and despite the fact that he did so well, supporters of the Tower Hill councilor say this may be his last term on the Lawrence City Council. Kolofoles had a well-organized campaign team headed by Keith Wlodyka, (formerly of Tower Hill Variety).

For his part, Fernandez, a substitute teacher at Lawrence High School, is now in trouble with his superiors in the school department for using city owned computers and a City of Lawrence e-mail account to send out campaign press releases. Sources in the school department say Fernandez will be disciplined for his improper use of city e-mail accounts to send out campaign material.

District "E" - Newcomer David Abdo to replace outgoing councilor Gil Frechette

Lawrence City Councilor Gil Frechette is being replaced by Planning Board Chairman, David Abdo. Abdo defeated Mill City Maulers co-founder Matty Brien by 598 votes in one of the most civil campaigns in the city.

Abdo enjoyed the support of the outgoing District "E" councilor as well as the president of the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Association. The incoming city councilor is a favorite among newly elected (or reelected) city councilors to replace Patrick Blanchette as the city council president. Abdo himself has not indicated whether he is interested in the position, but campaign supporters say Dave is "ready to take on whatever position his fellow councilors bestow upon him."

District "F" - Fielding defeats Gosselin ... Again

Four years ago, City Councilor Marie Gosselin was defeated by newcomer Michael Fielding, retiring the five-term incumbent in what she said was her last campaign. Two years later, Gosselin came back to reclaim her seat as Fielding decided to abandon his district seat on the council to run at-large. Upon winning her sixth term in 2005, Gosselin again reiterated that she would not be seeking reelection in two years, but true to form, Gosselin ran again this year and the results were almost exactly the same as they were in 2001.

This year, Fielding came back to repeat his trouncing of Gosselin in South Lawrence East section of the city, beating the incumbent councilor by 72 votes. Gosselin lost three out of four precincts, winning only the Colonial Heights section of the district by 14 votes.

Prec	Abdo	Brien	WI	Blank	Total
E1	325	146	1	21	493
E2	397	103	1	10	1530
E3	116	67	1	11	579
E4	155	79	0	19	759
Total	993	395	3	61	1452

Prec	Gosselin	Fielding	WI	BLank	Total
F1	220	206	5	23	454
F2	62	108	0	12	182
F3	62	84	1	9	156
F4	121	139	1	14	275
Total	465	537	7	58	1067



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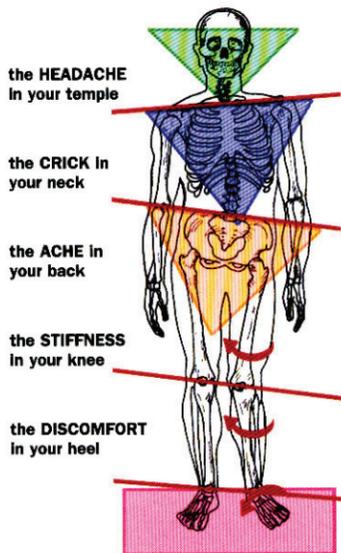


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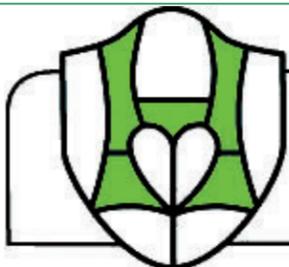
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1. Birth control and abortion services should be offered to all schoolchildren upon demand, with or without parental consent.

2. I resent my father and all father figures.

3. All people of color incarcerated in America's prisons are political prisoners and should be freed immediately and unconditionally.

4. Conservatism is a pathological condition that arises from strict upbringing and sexual repression.

5. Stalin wasn't as bad as they say. The West's propaganda machine glossed over his good points.

6. There are limits to academic freedom on college campuses because self-evident truths require no debate. Columbus' enslavement of indigenous peoples and the systemic homophobia of western civilization are examples of self evident truths. Students who question these truths should be censured.

7. State and federal agencies have the right and duty to oversee families. If privacy is a concern, then those who have done nothing wrong have nothing to fear. It takes a village to raise a child.

8. We could end poverty if the government would stop funding war and just redis-tribute that money to the poor and needy.

9. Some men are child molesters, which means that all men are at least potential child molesters- and are not to be trusted around children.

10. The paradigm of cultural materialism implies that patriarchy has intrinsic mean-ing, but only if art is distinct from language; otherwise, any contemporary rubicon of semanticism is merely structural discourse.

11. I could have gone farther in life but the capitalist system held me back.

12. All paradigms are based on language. And since language manifests the power of the oppressor, all language is corrupt and should therefore be restructured by experts who are trained to perceive and remediate these biases.

13. He made mistakes, but Mao Tse-tung did an admirable job with urban planning and birth control- and he ended starvation in China.

14. Former U.S Surgeon General, Jocelyn Elders was right about masturbation. It releases tension, prevents pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, and should be taught in school.

15. The decision of whether or not to wear clothes in public should be left to the individual—as it is in Brattleboro, Vermont.

16. The family is a dysfunctional institution that should be done away with. Social scientists using new knowledge and the latest technologies can develop better forms of social organization.

17. More and better designed state and federal programs could rebuild America.

18. All heterosexual relationships are based on power and are therefore a form of rape.

19. We need to re-educate youth away from the culture of individuality and encourage their collective aspirations.

20. Neighborhood committees would be a great way to deconstruct capitalist ideas about gender, race and the environment

21. The government should institute an affirmative action hiring program for gay people. Not to do so would be taxation without representation.

22. All Americans should be screened for mental illness. The government could then provide services and medication for those who need them.

23. All guns should be outlawed except for police and military.

24. The consumption of meat makes men more aggressive, territorial and domineering.

25. Planned Parenthood does valuable humanitarian work that supports parenthood.

26. All property is theft.

27. Sex education should begin in pre-school.

28. Capitalism is the greatest cause of alienation in the world.

29. Instead of the patriarchy, it would be better if women ran things.

30. The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles.

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FROM THE CONGRESSMAN

Tsongas votes to override Bush veto on waterways and natural resources bill

WASHINGTON, DC – Fifth District Congressman Niki Tsongas has voted to override President Bush's veto of H.R. 1495, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, a bill that authorizes the Army Corps of Engineers to undertake hundreds of projects and studies related to navigation, flood control or environmental protections. The veto was overridden in the House on a 361-54 vote. The bill now moves to the Senate for an override vote.

"I was proud to vote to override President Bush's veto on a bill that helps communities protect against natural disasters like floods and invest in infrastructure that protects our natural resources," said Rep. Tsongas. "Two projects important to the Fifth District were included in this bill at the request of former Fifth District Representative Marty Meehan. The bill authorizes the Army Corps to proceed with a study to determine the feasibility of dredging the Merrimack River in Haverhill. This is the first of many steps toward completing an important piece of the city's continuing redevelopment and would advance the larger economic development plan to improve the city's waterfront.

"The bill also will authorize the Army Corps to conduct a study to evaluate the restoration of Mill Pond in Littleton. These projects are significant not only to improve our region's water quality, but will also help to ensure that these waterways are operational for recreational and economic purposes as well," Rep. Tsongas added.

"I believe that the federal government works best when it is in a partnership

Tsongas names Katie Elbert Chief of Staff

Newly elected Fifth District Congressman Niki Tsongas has announced Katie Elbert as chief of staff in her Washington, DC office.

"I am very pleased to have Katie and Brian [district director] come on board to help lead my congressional staff and I believe they will each serve as a valuable resource for the residents of the Fifth District," Tsongas said.

"Katie brings broad experience from Washington and has demonstrated her dedication to advancing the interests and addressing the needs of the families living in this remarkable district."

Katie Elbert served as the communications director for Tsongas' congressional campaign. Prior to that, she managed media relations for Hunt Alternatives Fund, a nonprofit foundation based in Cambridge, MA. From 2003 to 2005, Elbert served as the press secretary for U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer (D-MD), now the Majority Leader in the House of Representatives. Elbert has also worked for U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and served as the deputy communications director for a Congressional campaign in Florida.

"I have come to know so many people throughout the Fifth District over the course of the past seven months and I have seen firsthand the tremendous commitment Niki has to this district," said Katie Elbert. "I look forward to help

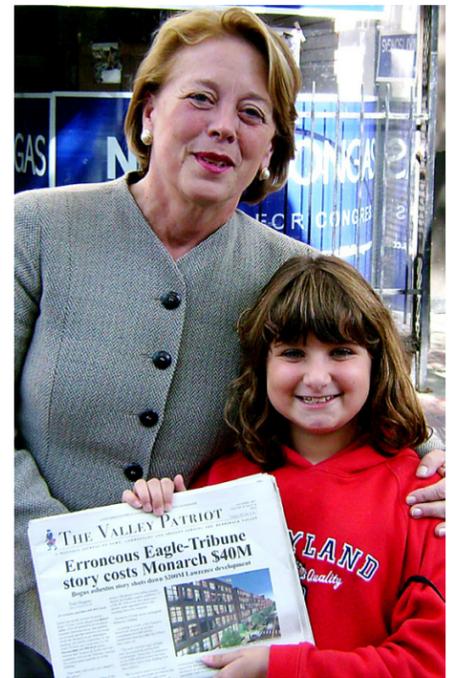


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Valley Patriot photographer Rachel Porten (right) with newly elected congressman, Niki Tsongas the day after her win against Jim Ogonowski last month.

with state and local government. I look forward to continuing to make strategic alliances and bring federal resources home to help the Fifth District," Rep. Tsongas concluded.

The WRDA bill authorizes studies of these projects. If the studies show that these projects are feasible or appropriate, the Army Corps of Engineers can then proceed with carrying out the project.



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put in place a talented team who can be a strong partner to the people living here."

Elbert was one of the more visible campaign workers during the race for congress over the last six months quickly gaining a reputation locally as a woman who "gets things done."

"It has all happened very quickly, and I'm still trying to take it all in," Elbert told the Valley Patriot shortly after being named chief of staff, but I'm thrilled to continue working for Niki and this is very exciting."

Valley Patriot editor Tom Duggan said that Tsongas made "a very wise move" in hiring Elbert. "Everywhere I went on the campaign trail while covering this race, Katie was one step ahead of everyone else, even me. And that's not very easy for anyone to do."

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Lowell voters speak out - here is what they said

Richard Howe, Jr.
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Lowell voters returned seven incumbents to the city council and selected two newcomers to fill out the nine-member board. Veteran councilor Rita Mercier topped the ticket with 7107 votes, more than 1200 ahead of second place finisher Edward "Bud" Caulfield. There was some speculation – some might call it wishful thinking – that both Mercier and Caulfield would slip out of the top positions, but their strong showings proved once again that the majority of Lowell voters place a high value on the type of constituent service driven approach to local government that is the specialty of both Mercier and Caulfield.

Outgoing Mayor Bill Martin placed third, his highest finish in five elections, defying the historic tendency of mayors to struggle in their first re-election campaign after serving as mayor. Martin, more than any other councilor, seemed to benefit greatly from the near citywide satisfaction with current operations at City Hall. He was also able to sidestep any controversy while serving as chair of the School Committee, a difficult task in even the best of times. Following Martin was newcomer Alan Kazanjian, the former chair of the city's Zoning Board of Appeals and a prominent real estate developer and business owner. Kazanjian waged an extremely vigorous campaign and final campaign finance reports will

undoubtedly show that he spent more than any other candidate in this race. His hard work paid off with a very solid fourth place finish.

Council veteran Armand Mercier finished a surprisingly strong fifth. In the days leading up to the election, there was much speculation that Mercier would slip precipitously, perhaps even out of the top nine finishers. This perception was enhanced by the Lowell Sun's failure to endorse Mercier, a decision the newspaper has never publicly explained. Right behind Armand Mercier came Kevin Broderick who duplicated his sixth place finish in the 2005 election. Broderick was perhaps the most aggressive incumbent in terms of supporting City Manager Bernie Lynch, an approach that earned him the enmity of those who are not Lynch supporters, a situation that may have kept him anchored in sixth place.

The final three spots on the council went to two pro-Lynch incumbents, Rodney Elliott (seventh place) and Jim Milinazzo (ninth place) and to newcomer Mike Lenzi (eighth place). While this was Lenzi's first council election, he has been serving on the Greater Lowell Vocational School Committee. He was also re-elected to that office tonight.

Mehmed Ali, a U.S. Marine veteran and current employee at the Lowell National Historical Park missed the final seat on the council by only two hundred votes in this, his first try for elective

office. Besides being actively involved in many local civic organizations, Ali registered more than 1000 new voters from the city's Southeast Asian community, most of whom undoubtedly voted for him given his strong finish. In years past, many tenth place finishers have ascended to the city council to fill vacancies, so the odds strongly favor Ali joining the council before this term ends.

Following Ali came Joe Mendonca who had finished tenth in the last council election and who had joined the council several months ago to fill a vacancy. His short incumbency was not enough to improve Mendonca's finish this time although his performance this year was respectable enough to make him a strong contender in the next city election. Following Medonca came Bob McMahon and Jo-Ann Keegan, both members of prominent local political families who ran strong, well financed campaigns. Rounding out the council field were Curtis LeMay, Lou Stylos, Kristin Ross-Sitcawich, David Koch, Dave Laferriere, Patricia Stratton, Edward Mackness and Darius Mitchell.

In the school committee race, newcomer Dave Conway topped the ticket after running a strong, well-financed campaign. With all six incumbents seeking re-election, Conway's victory cost incumbent Kevin McHugh a seat on the school committee. The other five seats on the school committee were captured by incumbents Regina Faticanti, John Leahy, Jackie

Doherty, Jim Leary and Connie Martin. Retired Lowell High teacher Dennis Canney finished eighth.

While this year's election results certainly didn't amount to an upheaval of the status quo, it did raise some questions about the future course of city government here in Lowell. The defining event of the outgoing council was the decision by a six member majority back in April 2006 to inform then City Manager John Cox that they had lost confidence in him. Cox resigned, but the bitterness felt by him and his closest supporters has been palpable. With this election, two newcomers heartily endorsed by Cox – Alan Kazanjian and Mike Lenzi – replaced Eileen Donoghue and George Ramirez, two of the six councilors who moved against Cox. With Kazanjian and Lenzi joining Rita Mercier, Bud Caulfield and Armand Mercier, who were all strong Cox supporters, there will be an entirely new dynamic on the city council. And while City Manager Bernie Lynch's job is certainly not in jeopardy, his political life just got a whole lot more complicated.



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Gary Francis
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Hello....I'm "The Lowell Guy". It's a name I gave to myself to talk up and promote the city of Lowell. The city I was born in, raised in and have done business in for 55 years. (OK so I don't live here now...I moved to Chelmsford – but I'm only ¼ mile away).

A little background information about me. My name is Gary Francis. I've owned and operated "Gary's Ice Cream" since 1973. We currently have 2 locations – Gorham Street in Chelmsford and Pawtucket Street in Lowell (the former Burbecks). We're a throwback to the 1950's – 2 roadside ice cream stands selling home made ice cream (all made at our Chelmsford location) from recipes handed down to me by John A Glennie who used to operate a chain of ice cream shops in Greater Lowell (cousin to Glennie's Dairy in North Andover).

In addition, I've been in radio since 1968 – starting off as a producer and air talent at WCAP in Lowell. Over the years I worked at WXPO-TV, Lowell – that was an experience – the place was on the air for 6 months. From there I was at WSLB in Ogdensburg, NY.....WDRG in Hartford.....I spent a year at WBZ as producer for Dave Maynard and Bob Raleigh.....and a few weeks producing for Larry Glick ("let me check").

For 6 years I was the fill-in host for Gene Burns on WRKO on his "Dining Around" show – I got to spend many hours with Gene visiting restaurants all over New England and later after Gene left RKO I did the show for a few months on my own. I also spent some time at WNNH- Oldies99 in Concord, NH

working for Andover's Clark Smidt (who just bought WCAP). Since 1999 I've been back at WCAP as a talk host, overnight voice and originator of "Music & Memories" and since 2005 have been the stations morning news anchor and news director.

From 1990 – 95 I had a Gary's Ice Cream shop on Salisbury Beach and during that time my landlord, the late Roger Shaheen, asked me to do something to entertain folks on a Saturday night in front of my store. Thus was born "The Saturday Night Sock Hop". What was planned as a "once in a while" performance has now lasted 18 seasons (we just wrapped up the season on Sept. 8th – season 19 will start in mid-June.) The Sock Hop has also been aired from time to time on WCAP. Thousands of people have attended every Saturday night from June – Labor Day to enjoy their favorite hits of the 50s, 60s and 70s.

So now you know a little bit about me. What can you expect in the months to come in my column? Well....I'm going to bring you the "lifestyle" side of Greater Lowell. The social events, the new eateries, the hot spots and the fun parties. Of course your input is welcome – as well as your hints as to what you'd like to read about. You can also see video reviews of places I visit and lots more at www.thelowellguy.com. Feel free to browse the website and contact me at lowellguy@thelowellguy.com.

Next month, we'll get serious about Christmas and I'll tell you where I think the best decorated homes are.....let me



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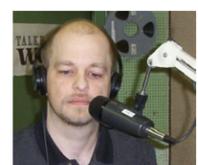
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Georgetown Selectman Lonnie Brennan
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Georgetown resident Christopher Rich

In many ways, the building he designed, built and lives in is much like the man: a mansion, disguised as a barn; an unsung hero, disguised as a helping neighbor. To an outsider, one would never suspect the incredible glamour and seamless comfort contained within the now landmark building on Andover Street.

Like the building, it's owner holds treasured secrets of his own. After struggling through eight

brain surgeries and 10 strokes, Attorney Christopher Rich still sails his boat by himself, runs a law practice and finds time to help in many ways (and, he took first place in the October Georgetown Auto Show, sporting his antique Auburn Boat Tail Speedster). In a phrase: he doesn't give up. He'll never give up. And so, it was that he was the recipient of the 2007 Bruce R. Massie Award for "Never Giving Up."

The awarding ceremony and plaque, named after Mr. Massie, a founding member of the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association "who fought a long losing battle...but never gave up" brought Mr. Rich to tears." His widow presented it to me, and she knew what good friends we were. Don't you wonder why you're here, and they're gone?" Mr. Rich said. "What's the alternative, really, to not giving up? You can't give up. I'm Jesuit educated, it's not in my vocabulary. But I didn't think they gave awards for it." he said.

"I don't know what to say, I was absolutely speechless when they gave it to me," he said.

Mr. Rich has served on the Georgetown Planning Board, currently sits on the Board of Health, is a fourth degree (the highest degree) member of the Chapter 6064 Knights of Columbus, and has recently stepped forward to assist the Personnel Board. During the January 2007 apartment fire, Mr. Rich helped with the support efforts and helped with equipment, storage, and activities at the Knights of Columbus building to support the 24 displaced families.

"When you have the time and can afford to, you must give back," he said about volunteerism and his work as volunteer and as a Knight. "Georgetown has been good to me, God has been good to me. You must give back. I just like to do this stuff (help out)," he said. "It's what I do, it's what many do."

Georgetown Selectman Lonnie Brennan
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Today's water forecast: a touch of swampiness, followed by periods of brown metallics, and occasional sulfur smells. And, your water bill just rose \$60/yr this month because YOU are not using enough of this stuff!

Welcome to Georgetown, circa 2007. To be fair, the water quality isn't always bad, and for the most part, it's just "cosmetically" challenged (the water might taste or look bad, but lead and such nasties are within acceptable parameters). But, \$60 more each year? For what?

Noted residents Jack and Cathy L'Hommedieu summed up our situation in a letter to the water commissioners: "This is to express our displeasure with your addition of a \$15 per quarter "billing fee" for basic service. Previous reduction in the minimum usage, rate increases...have resulted in doubling our bill from 1996 to 2006. More money for less water of lower quality."

But, never to criticize without offering a solution, they suggested: "if you really have the need for more money that you charge more for over-use rather than burden those who strive to conserve. We feel the numerous green lawns in Town created by sprinkler systems that result in our water literally running in the streets represent a disgraceful waste."

Their timing couldn't have been better. Resident George Commisky had just presented the selectmen with yet another photo of an automatic sprinkler system, flooding the streets, in a rainstorm.

These residents are joined by many others in their frustrations with paying more for less: less quality, less quantity. Long-time resident Arthur Greenberg addressed the board of selectmen to express his concern with constantly deteriorating water quality, and the \$60 fee. Mr. Greenberg opined that NO conservation, reductions, creative thinking, alternatives, or administrative changes have been forthcoming from the water commissioners. "Arthur" as everyone knows him, isn't one to pull punches. He said loudly what many have whispered.

Water commissioners present at the selectmen's meeting responded that we are not using enough water. They also noted how they've increased pumping from 1 million gallons/day to 1.5 million gallons/day in the summer, but they need to pump more, or charge more for less. "The less you use, the more we have to charge" we were told. Their comments drew some concern from Margaret Kearns, Watershed Ecologist from the Mass Riverways, a division of Mass Department of Fish & Game. Ms. Kearns and Mr. Comisky had just presented a lengthy slideshow depicting the condition of the Parker

What's brown and wet and smells like sulfer

River, and the apparent effects of changes to flow and increased pumping, and the resulting dry river beds, increased swamp land, and decline in 'good' fish species. In simpler terms, we've gone from flowing water to stagnant, smelly, green, muddy, yucky, froggy, slime, where nice fish once frolicked (if fish frolic).

And the concern continued after the meeting. Former Conservation Commissioner and current Planning Board member Harry LaCortiglia related that the Water Dept has done a great job of building a first class treatment facility and improving the water distribution network throughout the town. "They've built a formula one race car of water delivery for our town and that race car is now roaring down the track bringing us what comes out of our faucets. The only problem is that somewhere along the line, as well as they have done, they forgot to install a brake pedal in the vehicle and Georgetown's now coming into a tight turn on the track."

"You could walk across the Parker River this summer without getting the sides of your sneakers wet," Mr. LaCortiglia said. "The Planning Board, in its recently completed Master Plan, and the Conservation Commission in its Open Space Plan, have both, separately concluded that the town needs to have what is called a "Safe Yield Analysis" performed for the river that recharges our water supply. Those two town boards can't usually agree on much of anything, so it's noteworthy that they've come to a single mind in this instance. There are State grants coming out this month for studies such as the one that's being called for in both of those Plans. Conservation, Planning, and the Water Commissioners should collectively apply for the State grant to do this analysis. Or will they all give us the same old song and dance and say they are "too busy" for this and point fingers at one another saying that it's someone else's job to do?"

So, what does one conclude when such a diverse group of individuals and some on polar opposites on topics of faith, family, and politics, all come together and agree that something is dreadfully unfair and unjust and un-ecological, etc. regarding our water usage? Got my attention. Did it get yours? Nothing will change unless you make it change. Send your comments to the selectmen and to the water commissioners and to the conservation commission.



Lonnie Brennan is a selectman in Georgetown and the owner of the Chocolate Cellar. He was the Republican candidate for state representative in 2006 and is active in the Republican party. You can email him at lonnie@thechocolatecellar.com.



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ding on their income, when they pay, how much their employer pays, who bills for the service, what health codes are put on the form, who files the claim, the reports the patients receive for tax purposes, ... It takes a village run by the government, you know, to make all this work.

Interviewer (laughing nervously): You're kidding?

Ms. Rodham: Watch yourself. The last time a man laughed at me I kicked him in the ... (Cell phone rings)

Ms. Rodham: Hold on for a moment, my cell phone is ringing. Hello Darling. ... long pause ... No, I'll be late. This interviewer is giving me a hard time. No, she's not cute. In fact, it's not a she! ... That makes two of us, but I can't talk about that now ... I love you too darling. Goodbye.

Interviewer: Was that Mr. Bill?

Ms. Rodham: You figure it out. OK, where were we?

Interviewer: We were talking about government run healthcare.

Ms. Rodham: Well, you get the picture. Something as complicated as healthcare needs to be fully regulated or people won't know what to do and it wouldn't be fair.

Interviewer: I suppose that goes for just about everything from birth control, to wages, to retirement planning ... from womb to tomb as they say!

Ms. Rodham: You guys at The Valley Patriot sure are sharp. Nothing gets by you!

Interviewer: OK, let's talk about education.

Ms. Rodham: It's for the children. Oh, sorry, it just blurted out.

Interviewer: Must have been the E-word.

Ms. Rodham: You know I have the full endorsement of the teachers unions and the government school administrators.

Interviewer: Is that because you love the children?

Ms. Rodham: Well, I guess you're not so sharp after all. Look, you don't expect me to make every itty-bitty decision about the schools by myself, do you? I need some loyal bureaucrats to tell everybody else what to do.

Interviewer: You wouldn't need to do that if there were a lot of independent schools where people could decide for themselves ...

Ms. Rodham (interrupting): There you go again! Were you listening? Nobody decides but me ... and my guys. If people made their own decisions, there would be chaos. Central planning - government planning - that is the wave of the future.

Interviewer: So you don't support food stamps?

Ms. Rodham: Of course I do, Stupid. What gave you the impression that I didn't?

Interviewer: Well, food stamps are a government guarantee to the poor that they can go to the grocery store and use the stamps like money to buy the food they need.

Ms. Rodham: So what?

Interviewer: Well, that means they get to decide where to shop for food, when to shop, what food to buy, how much, and so on. Food stamps are very much like the proposed concept of Education Stamps, which would allow parents to make similar decisions in education.

Ms. Rodham: So it was a trap! You tricked me! You think you're a smart a**, don't you?

Interviewer: Just trying to make sense of your opposition, Ms. Rodham.

Ms. Rodham: Well, I'll help you out. If the government ran the grocery stores, I'd be against food stamps too. We'll get to that in my third term.

Interviewer: But I thought the Constitution ...

Ms. Rodham: Don't be quaint! The Constitution? You actually want to cite the Constitution! Listen, if I and my party can ignore the Second, Ninth, and Tenth Amendments to the Constitution, we sure as hell can ignore that other Amendment!

Interviewer: That would be the 22nd Amendment, Ms. Rodham. If you read it, you will find that it is very specific! "No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice ..."

Ms. Rodham: Spare me. So what isn't specific about the Tenth Amendment? "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited

by it to the States, are reserved for the States respectively, or to the people." Heck, we don't reserve hardly anything for the states. We just tell them what to do. Require seatbelts or lose federal highway money. Obey No Child Left Behind or lose federal education funding. And you damn well better have enough wheelchair ramps or we'll sue you're a** from here to eternity. As for reserving any powers to the people ... well, you can just forget about that!

Interviewer: So now I understand why you don't want the voters to think for themselves.

Ms. Rodham: Well, Stupid, that took long enough to sink in. By the way, be careful about what you write. My people are watching ...

Interviewer: Maybe they will learn something.

Ms. Rodham: Keep that up and we'll shut you down right after we deal with that Limbaugh problem.

Interviewer: But the First Amendment ...

Ms. Rodham (getting up to leave and looking disgusted): Don't you get it?

I think my dog got it. Apparently, it is lethal.



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Methuen Rt. 110 Convenience Store sells 2nd million-dollar scratch ticket



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Hasmu Vora (above), owner of the Rt. 110 Convenience Store on Merrimack St. in Methuen sold his second 1 million dollar lottery ticket in a month. Hasmu will receive \$10,000 from each winning ticket from the state lottery commission for selling the winning ticket. Hasmu says he is going to use the money to help defray the cost of college for his two sons Hem and Deep. The Rt. 110 Convenience store carries The Valley Patriot.

Lawrence Honors Veterans With Walk of Honor



(Above) Lawrence Mayor Michael Sullivan (l.) and his mother, Anne Sullivan (r.) with Andy Ramone Jimenez, father of missing US soldier Alex Jiminez, at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. (Above, right) Mayor Sullivan is moved to tears after Veterans Services Director Francisco Urena unveiled the POW/MIA plaque. Sullivan is comforting Andy Jiminez.



PHOTOS: TOM DUGGAN

Veterans and their families crowd around the Walk of Honor at Veterans Memorial Stadium where the names of local heroes are inscribed on bricks beneath the bandstand.



This plaque honoring the Civil War Veterans of Lawrence was found recently by city workers near Mr. Tux in South Lawrence, overgrown with brush. Mayor Sullivan ordered DPW workers to remove the plaque, have it restored and placed at the Veterans Memorial Stadium.

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PowerHouse brings green innovations to Lawrence

Constantine Valhouli

VALLEY PATRIOT CORRESPONDENT

LAWRENCE – If Thoreau were alive today, he might have moved to Lawrence instead of Walden Pond.

South Lawrence is becoming a center for environmental innovation. The Riverwalk features one of the largest solar roofs in the state. Monarch Lofts has the largest geothermal system in New England. Just down the road, an innovative PowerHouse home in the historic Loring Park neighborhood is becoming a showcase for green features and modular construction techniques.

“Green houses don’t necessarily look any different from other houses, but they have a very different relationship to the environment,” said Quincy Vale, CEO of PowerHouse Enterprises, which created the innovative home at 79 Market Street. PowerHouse received funding for the project from Robert Ansin of MassInnovation, a Lawrence-based sustainable development company.

The LEED-certifiable, factory-built home is the first of its kind in Lawrence. Besides the extensive environmental features, it uses reclaimed maple flooring from the nearby Duck Mill. “This is another good example of local sourcing and adaptive reuse,” said Vale.

The house at 79 Market Street is twin to a project in Cambridge, MA. PowerHouse’s other projects include a condominium complex in Portland, ME and one in Tenants Harbor, ME, and a single family home in Wellfleet, MA.

What gave you the inspiration for PowerHouse?

QV: I ran the green buildings and schools program for Massachusetts. From 2000-2004, I had been a project manager for almost every green project that happened in the state. The projects involved architects, engineers, energy-efficiency and renewable energy specialists. I saw a need for a company like PowerHouse to act as a construction facilitator, to simplify the green construction process.

Why modular construction?

QV: I grew up around apparel factories, so the idea of factory-built housing made intuitive sense. All the reasons to make every other thing in a factory apply to houses as well: a stable work force, the ability to buy raw materials in bulk, and quality control.

It is inherently greener to build in a factory. There are many things you can do in a factory that you can’t do as easily onsite. This means less waste and higher quality construction.

I am starting to believe that it is impossible to have a truly green house unless it’s made in a factory using modular construction.

What defines a green building?

QV: The short answer: a green building is greater than the sum of its parts.

A true green building is the integration of the systems, components, and site. It’s about using materials that don’t deplete scarce resources and which don’t incorporate hazardous materials.

Above all, it’s how the house operates. The systems should be designed to work together and complement each other. For example, you can have natural systems and mechanical systems. Natural ventilation techniques using the positions of windows as well as mechanical ventilation. Passive solar heating as well as mechanical heating. Our PowerHouses generate their own electricity through solar panels on the roof.

A true green house is all these things, working together.

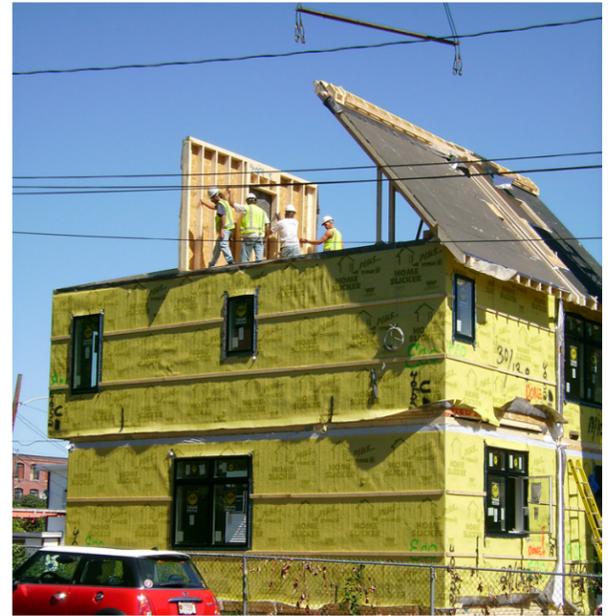
Why are green building techniques so important right now? What is driving consumer interest in these projects?

QV: Oil, gas, and electricity prices are at or near record high prices. And they’re likely going to go much higher.

In the past, these sorts of prices were driven by a huge crisis – Hurricane Katrina knocking out pipelines, or the OPEC embargo in the 70s. Take the situation we’re in now, and then add in a serious supply disruption, another storm or earthquake, especially in the middle of winter when demand is high. Solar and geothermal energy reduce exposure to that sort of supply risk.

People are spending more of their income on home costs and energy costs. How can living in an energy-efficient home help?

QV: Living in a PowerHouse home is a hedge against rising energy costs - you own your energy instead of renting it.



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Do energy-efficient features make houses more valuable?

QV: Yes. Recent sales studies of energy-efficient houses show that they are worth more than comparable, conventional houses. Until recently, the real estate mantra has been “location, location, location.” In the future, it should be “performance, performance, performance.”



Constantine Archimedes Valhouli is a principal of The Hammersmith Group, a firm which advises developers of luxury properties, and consults to cities on reviving historic downtowns. The firm and its projects have been featured in CNN/Money, Forbes, Fortune, NPR, Oprah, Urban Land, and the Wall Street Journal. Valhouli is a Charles G. Koch Fellow with the Institute for Humane Studies.

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Now That's Good Chemistry!

Turning ideas into dollars and jobs: A report on The Green Chemistry Business Summit

Seth Itzkan

"I was very impressed with the Green Chemistry Business Summit. This has to be the wave of the future" - Jim Fiorentini, Mayor of Haverhill

With that comment, Haverhill Mayor Jim Fiorentini captured the sentiment of most who attended the Green Chemistry Business Summit held at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill last week. The Summit was an unprecedented gathering of scientists, investors, industry executives, and regional planners, specifically for the purpose of harnessing the economic and workforce development potential of nontoxic manufacturing through Green Chemistry.

"Our challenge as a community", continued the Mayor, "is to find ways that this new technology can take hold locally. That is our challenge, and we intend to meet that challenge here in Haverhill".

By the looks of it, there will be plenty of opportunity to rise to the occasion. The speakers and attendees at this summit represented a regional, state, national, and global who's-who of talent and resources ready to help make it happen. "I bring you greetings from the Governor", said Greg Watson of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Hearing Mr. Watson's welcoming message were no less than three state representatives, 2 senior state officials, 2 college presidents, 2 directors of regional economic development programs, and, at least 1 mayor, not to mention the many leaders in finance and industry.

"You have an opportunity to create jobs, stimulate an economy, and get students to stay in school", said Dr. John Warner, co-founder of Green Chemistry and a native son of Massachusetts. "There are so many ways that this infiltrates society that we need an opportunity to get it all together, and here in the Merrimack Valley we may have the tools to do it".

Adding the power of the Governor's office to Warner's vision, Mr. Watson explained that the work being done regionally in Green Chemistry compliments perfectly the objectives of New England Clean Energy Alliance,

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that's number one priority for the state is to help grow the clean energy economy. In fact, a recently completed clean energy "census" commissioned by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative shows that clean energy is the fastest growing industrial sector in The Commonwealth.

Of course Green Chemistry isn't technically an energy industry, but it is complimentary, because, as Mr. Watson further explained, to have a completely benign energy sector, we must be able to manufacture wind turbines, solar cells, biofuels in ways which are themselves nontoxic and energy frugal. Green Chemistry helps close the loop in what is otherwise an expensive and environmentally burdensome manufacturing process.

As impressive as this is, those of you who have been regularly reading this column know well that Green Chemistry offers promise far beyond the clean energy sector. It's application spans the manufacturing spectrum, from electronics to pharmaceuticals, and includes industrial products, building materials, consumer goods, personal health care, apparel, and everything in between - all items that can be manufactured or have a research component here in the Merrimack Valley. As Dr. John Warner, reminds us, "Every product made involves chemistry", and as the twin specters of high fuel costs and environmental regulation tighten the screws on America's traditional manufacturing base, the appeal of Green Chemistry grows.

"Green Chemistry represents a cost savings to industry", explains Warner, "because it avoids all the incidental costs of handling hazardous materials, waste disposal, and regulatory fees. It is inherently more cost effective".

This point was echoed by Dr. Berkeley Cue, former Vice President of the

pharmaceutical giant Pfizer. "Green Chemistry can save the pharmaceutical industry approximately \$10 billion per year", he said, adding that this equates to "\$700 million over the lifespan of a typical pharmaceutical drug". Many other examples of new products on the market created through Green Chemistry applications were presented, including products from companies that had won the "Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge", and national awards program that Dr. Warner and his colleague and fellow speaker, Dr. Paul Anastas helped establish through the EPA. Dr. Cue informed the audience that with over 200 bio-pharmaceutical companies in Eastern Massachusetts, there was abundant local opportunity to learn from the exemplary Green Chemistry products on the market and to harness the cost saving potentials.

"I think this could be the new Microsoft", said one of the attendees. "And why not", I would add myself. After all, chemistry is nature's software.

The Summit covered 5 themes: (1) Green Chemistry Science, (2) Economic Opportunity for Industry, (3) Investment Opportunities, (4) Workforce Development, and (5) Technology Transfer & "Open Innovation".

Addressing the investment opportunities, Daniel Hullah of Rockport Capital Partners said Green Chemistry fit perfectly within their three portfolio areas: Energy and Power, Advanced Materials, and Process and Prevention. Rockport Capital Partners is one of the leading venture capital houses specializing in green technologies, but they aren't alone. This is a fast growing sector within the finance community, and if Green Chemistry fits nicely within their portfolio, we can assume it will have wide VC appeal.

Dr. David Hartleb, President of Northern Essex Community College, Dr.

Mahesh Sharma, President of Cambridge College, and Dr. Amy Cannon, Co-founder of the Beyond Benign Foundation, each discussed the workforce development opportunities for Green Chemistry and other green technologies. Dr. Cannon elucidated the activities of the Beyond Benign Foundation that is helping to build a robust regional network of New England colleges active, or becoming active, in Green Chemistry education. These include Cambridge College, Hampshire College, Simmons College, Bridgewater State College, and others. Ms. Cannon also discussed the role of Green Chemistry in supporting regional economic development. The benefits include attracting and maintaining companies, creating a steady supply of jobs, and using local resources.

Dr. Eugene Buff of Yet2.com, and Dr. Jon Cronin of InnoCentive, each discussed a compelling new approach to rapid R&D called "Open Innovation". In the Open Innovation model, intellectual property is shared and brokered on the "online supermarket of ideas" through a trusted brokering service. This breaks the "silos" of traditional R&D departments and allows for much faster idea generation and product development. It creates avenues for cross industrial and industry-collegiate collaboration.

One of the key findings from the Summit is that a regional innovation network for Green Chemistry and other emerging green technologies should be developed here in the Merrimack Valley.

State representatives present at the Summit included Cory Atkins, Harriett Stanley, and Brian Dempsey. Senior state administrators, in addition to Greg Watson, include Pat Cloney, Director, Massachusetts Office of Business Development, and Art Roberts, Industry Specialist for Defense and Alternative Energy.

Also present were Jim Jajuga, President of the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, Bob Halpin, President of the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council, and Susanne Ferrara, Executive Director of the Merrimack Valley Venture Forum.

The summit was organized by John Michitson, former Haverhill City Council President, and Seth Itzkan, President, Planet-TECH Associates.

A full summary of the report including speaker comments is available on the Innovation Valley website, ivalley.org.



Seth Itzkan is president of Planet-TECH Associates, a consulting agency identifying innovations in economic development.

Recently, Mr. Itzkan helped The Boston Foundation to conceptualize and implement its Hub of Innovations tool. You can email him at seth.itzkan@gmail.com. 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.



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The Valley Patriot's Green Chemistry experts, John Michitson (l) and Seth Itzkan (r) with keynote presenter, Dr. John Warner, (center) at the Green Chemistry Business Summit held at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill.

RAISE 'EM RIGHT™

"Cell curfew"

Barbara Peary, M.Ed.

VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Am I being unfair? I have my daughter leave her cell phone in the hallway at night when lights are out at 10 p.m. Friends are leaving her messages up until 1 a.m. Is this ridiculous or what? I don't think I am being too strict making her turn it off at night and leave it off. What do you think?

You are the parent and you are in charge. You know your daughter needs sleep. What is the point of a 1 a.m. call anyway? Stick to your decision.

My two youngsters have a running argument going. The issue? Who gets to sit where in our van. Of course, once they're in one seat, the other is preferred.

An excellent solution with no referee needed is using the odd and even days of the month. Assign the children a particular seat on the odd and even days and have them sit there all day, no matter how many trips are made in the car.

Why do teenagers deface public property? It is such a pain to clean up and looks such a mess!

Beats me. I guess they are bored and/or drunk. Unfortunately, their parents did not succeed in "Raising 'Em Right."

Our twenty month old insists on feeding himself and sometimes gulps down his food. I am concerned about choking.

Parents want to encourage independence when it comes to children feeding themselves, however, safety measures need to be taken. Place only small amounts of food in front of your son. *Never leave him alone while he is eating, even if he is in a high chair.* Children have choked on tiny amounts of food when left unattended for very short periods of time. Hazardous foods for toddlers include: grapes (take the skin off and half them), hot dogs (cut in small pieces and remove the skin), peanut butter (best served with jelly so it is not as sticky), nuts, raisins, and popcorn. (It is better not to serve nuts, raisins and popcorn to young children.) As a child matures, emphasize the importance of

sitting while eating, this alone prevents a lot of accidents.

Complaining that she doesn't feel well, my preschooler wants to stay home on a semi-regular basis. I am a stay at home mom, so it is not an imposition on my schedule to keep her home, as it would be for some people. However, my feeling is she should not be missing school unless she is ill. My husband says it's my problem, what's your opinion?

I think you are right to have her attend every day, unless she is in poor health. Attendance is a big issue once a child begins to attend elementary school. Teachers have what they call "four day a weekers"-children that miss so much time. This happens even in the primary grades. Talk to your daughter about what she is learning and stress the idea that the work of young children is attending school. Just like a parent's responsibility is to go to work, a child's obligation is to attend school.

This is bizarre. I feel that my son is not ready for kindergarten, but the school insists that he must begin, so he is ready for first grade by age six. He is my third child and my other two were ready and I know that he is not. His preschool teachers agree that he could use the extra year. What are my options?

Unfortunately, this rigidity is found in some systems. The only choice I see is going with a private system that may be more flexible and then moving back into the public system when he is older, if you chose to do so. Although it is not common knowledge, often day care centers provide kindergarten programs in addition to their preschool offerings. These programs tend to have a lower teacher to child ratio which for gives many children the extra boost needed before entering first grade.



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Northern Essex offers on-line advising

Beginning this month, prospective and current Northern Essex Community

College students with questions regarding appropriate degree selection and requirements as they relate to career choices, registration, and transfer can communicate live with an academic advisor via the college's website – www.NECC.mass.edu/advising/index.php



Academic advisor Jayne Ducharme of Lowell recently joined the college's Academic Advising Department and will be available two hours each day Monday through Friday to answer academic advising questions online. Ducharme, who has worked at NECC for nearly two years as an advisor for NECC's Pathways to Academic and Career Excellence (PACE), as a faculty cooperative education advisor and as a cooperative education job developer in NECC's Office of Career Planning, holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and English from Assumption College and a Master's of Education in Higher Education Administration from UMass Amherst.

"Jayne has developed a close relationship with students, faculty, staff, and alumni and has a solid understanding of the college's mission and vision," says Lane Glenn, vice president of academic affairs at NECC. "Jayne has the diversity and experience that is needed for this position."

NECC's Academic Advising department, working closely with the Management

Information Systems Department, purchased site licenses and customized a web-based advising tool called "Provide Support". Now when NECC students, faculty or staff have an academic advising

question, they can contact an advisor via the school's website. Individuals can contact Ducharme via either the self service link or advising feature of the college's website.

The online advising is available Monday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.; Thursdays 5 to 7 p.m. and Fridays 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.

In the future there are plans to extend this service to include faculty advisors, who wish to advise their advisees using this technology. The plan is to extend this service as broadly as possible to faculty and professional staff who are in constant contact with students in terms of advising them on all levels. As the demand increases, there are plans to increase the number of hours that this service will be available to meet the needs of our students.

For additional information contact Jayne Ducharme at 978-556-3441 or jducharme@necc.mass.edu or Grace Dimmick, associate dean academic affairs, transfer, articulation and advising at 978-556-3449 or gdimmick@necc.mass.edu

SIMPLE WISDOM

Lockjaw

Gail Van Kleek

VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

I must have been about nine years old when I tried to stay awake all night by sitting on the toilet with my fingers in my mouth.

It was summer. The neighborhood kids were putting on a play in our garage. I was the playwright and director. I was also the star. Ty McConnell, the handsome prince had just arrived on his bike. I could see him from the kitchen window. I had an enormous crush on Ty and there was a kissing scene in the play. While he'd been willing to play the handsome prince, I'd been somewhat vague about the kissing part. The other kids hadn't arrived yet. Ty was waiting for me in the garage and I was anxious to begin rehearsal.

"Don't run outdoors barefoot!" my grandmother warned. "There's glass out there. If you cut your foot you'll get lockjaw." Ignoring her warning, I dashed out the door without wearing my shoes. This is how I cut my foot, which completely ruined the only opportunity I ever had to kiss Ty McConnell. It is also the reason I tried to stay awake all night with my fingers in my mouth. Somehow I believed if I could make it until morning without my jaws locking shut, I'd be alright ... and I didn't want to die.

Looking back, it's easy to smile at the memory of the little girl I once was and to see the foolishness of her fear. Yet, when I think of the fears of my more grown-up years, many of them seem equally as foolish.

My younger sister Chris was afraid of the dark. This was probably because there was no light on the back stairs to our bedroom. This gave me lots of opportunity to leap out at her from the shadows, causing her to scream in the most satisfying manner ... until our mother ended my fun by giving her a flashlight so she could see more clearly in the dark.

Sometimes, I think we keep our fears to ourselves because we feel afraid or ashamed to share them. Instead we store them in the darkened back stairs of our mind where they can cast increasingly terrifying shadows on the quality of our lives. Sharing our fears appropriately can help us to shine the kind of light on them that allows us to see our possibilities and potential actions more clearly. Looking back over the shoulder of our lives can help us shine that light as well. It helps us to notice how challenging our darkest fears, has often given us the tools we need to live a fuller, richer life.

If the frightened little girl who once was me had told her mother about lock jaw and the cut on her foot, chances are she'd have slept peacefully in her bed that night so long ago ... and I would never have had a story like this to tell.

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American Cancer Society and Caritas Holy Family Hospital working together to help cancer patients in the Valley



LAWRENCE - Recently, many leaders and volunteers from prominent community organizations around Lawrence were on-hand for the Hospital Collaboration Agreement signing between Caritas Holy Family Hospital and the American Cancer Society. The agreement will ensure that all newly diagnosed cancer patients at Caritas Holy Family Hospital will be informed of all resources, programs, and services provided by the American Cancer Society. Caritas Holy Family Hospital services 850 newly diagnosed cancer patients every year.

Many of the programs and services provided by the American Cancer Society are aimed at improving the quality of life for local cancer patients by providing transportation for patients to and from treatment through Road to RecoverySM; helping cancer patients cope with appearance related side effects from chemotherapy or radiation treatments by teaching hands on cosmetic techniques through Look Good. . .Feel Better®; and many other programs and services available to patients in the Merrimack Valley.

The signing took place during the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month luncheon, organized by the Mayor's

Health Taskforce of Lawrence and hosted by Caritas Holy Family Hospital. Community partners and members of Greater Lawrence were invited learn about exposure to environmental agents that may increase the risk of breast cancer, the importance of early detection, and breast cancer care available at Caritas Holy Family Hospital.

Caritas Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center is a 271-bed, acute care hospital serving Greater Lawrence, the Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire and is a member of Caritas Christi Health Care, the second largest health care system in New England. More information about the hospital's programs and services is available at Holyfamilyhosp.org.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 13 regional Divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States. For more information anytime, call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Two New Health Professionals Hired at NECC

Northern Essex Community College is pleased to announce two new appointments in the Health Professions area. Ann-Marie DePalma of Stoneham, has been hired as assistant professor in the dental assisting program and Patricia Demers of Peabody, who has been teaching at the college since 2004, has been named director of the nursing program.



Pat Demers

in Nursing from Saint Anselm College and both a Master's of Science in Health Services and a Master's of Science in Parent and Child Health Nursing from Boston University.

Demers is a past nursing supervisor and guest lecturer for the Leadership Development Series for Winchester Hospital. She also served as executive director for Winchester Home Care at Winchester Hospital, was an adjunct faculty member at Emmanuel College, clinical instructor at the University of Boston, and lecturer at Bunker Hill Community College.

"Ms. Demers has an extensive background in nursing, teaching, and administration," says Glenn.



Ann Marie DePalma

Northern Essex Community College offers an Associate of Science degree in Registered Nursing as well as certificates in Critical Care Nursing and Practical Nursing. The college also offers a certificate in dental assisting.

For additional information on these programs as well as other health care related programs at NECC contact Jackie Long-Goding, Dean of Health Professions at NECC, at 978-738-7481.

DePalma, brings more than a decade's experience with her. A graduate of Northeastern University's Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene, she recently received her Master's of Education in Instructional Design from UMass Boston.

"Ms. DePalma has 13 years of experience as a dental hygienist and surgical assistant and is very committed and qualified in the area of dental assisting. Ms. DePalma also designed the Bachelor of Science of Dental Hygiene Program while a faculty member at Mount Ida College," said Lane Glenn, vice president of academic affairs at Northern Essex Community College.

Patricia Demers of Peabody was a faculty member at NECC before being named director of the NECC Nursing program. She holds a Bachelor of Science

HOME HEALTH VNA

Two home nurses receive certification

Lawrence, Mass - Home Health VNA is pleased to announce the certification of two of its nurses, Barbara Botto, RN, CRNI and Gina Consentino, RN, COS-C.

Barbara Botto, RN, CRNI, recently completed 9 intensive months of study to achieve her status as Certified Registered Nurse in Infusion. Botto has been with the agency for 6 years, and serves on its Intravenous Therapy team as an Infusion Nurse Therapist. Botto resides in Hampton, NH.

Gina Consentino, RN, COS-C, recently received her Certificate of OASIS Specialist in Clinical. This special certification requires intense training in the OASIS assessment tool used to develop the patient plan of care. Consentino has been with Home Health VNA for 10 years and is their Quality Assurance Specialist. Consentino resides in Lawrence.

"Our staff is committed to providing the highest level of care to our patients, and by striving for professional excellence they enhance the quality care our patients receive," said Patricia Finocchiaro, Clinical Director at Home Health VNA. "We are proud of both



Barbara Botto, RN, CRNI and Gina Consentino, RN, COS-C

Barbara and Gina, and applaud them for their hard work. Their knowledge will benefit our patients and staff in tremendous ways."

Home Health VNA is a not-for-profit agency affiliated with Merrimack Valley Hospice and HomeCare, Inc. The three agencies are Joint Commission certified considered the gold standard in quality care. Together, they serve more than 80 communities throughout Northeastern Massachusetts, the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire. For more information, visit www.homehealthvna.org.

Kerry Hughes, (City of Lawrence, DPW, Working Foreman, Municipal Garage), is a 40 year old, hard working husband and father. He has two beautiful children; a thirteen year old daughter, Johni and an eleven year old son, Patrick.

In July of 2006, Kerry noticed muscles in his arm pulsating. Being an avid fisherman, he assumed it was fatigue from a long day of fishing at the beach. However, the pulsating did not go away and in fact began in other parts of his body. He visited his family physician for a check up and was sent for many tests and then to several specialists. After several months of testing he was diagnosed with ALS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, "Lou Gehrig's Disease". This disease is progressive neurodegenerative disease. He continues to work full time in the Lawrence DPW, where he has worked for eight years. He rests most of each weekend in hopes that he will feel well enough to return to work each Monday. Kerry is a proud, honest, hard working Dad, who is doing everything in his power to provide for his family. He is truly an inspiration. Kerry faces many challenges during the course of his battle with this disease. Most of them carry with them tremendous financial risk, loss of income and the energy it takes to provide for your family. His doctors have told him that the course of the disease is uncertain and he will need to adjust to many physical challenges, as well as make costly home modifications. We continue to pray for a miracle. However, the reality is that his ability to provide for his medical needs and his family's needs is at best, uncertain. We are asking for your support to help him through what is sure to be a difficult and exhausting journey.

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An unpredictable electorate

D.J. Beauregard
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

The people of Methuen have spoken, and have shown that they have a knack for being very unpredictable.

When I was tallying the results at Kathleen Corey Rahme's election night party at Sebastian's Restaurant, I couldn't believe what I was seeing. Many political observers, including myself, predicted that the race for Mayor of Methuen would be a "nailbiter," as would the At-Large, Central and West District City Council races. I was wrong.

Unfortunately, the people of Methuen lost out on a great public servant in Kathleen Corey Rahme. They also missed out on several candidates who have always had the interests of the citizenry at heart, including the likes of Joyce Campagnone and newcomer Jamie Atkinson. However, they made wise decisions when voting for the likes of Jeanne Pappalardo, Ken Willette, and Jack Cronin.

These candidates, whether you agree with them or not, are very independent-minded and people-oriented. I am confident that the new City Council will be able to move forward in January and get the job done for Methuen.

When it came to the mayoral race, I had quite the decision to make. I interned for the incumbent Mayor, Bill Manzi, for over a year. It was an amazing experience, one that I will never forget. I learned how to "work the ropes," and observed the day-to-day operations of the highest office in the City. However, Kathleen Corey Rahme and I have been close friends for years. In 2005, I managed her successful campaign for City Councilor At-Large. She was the one who inspired me to immerse myself in the wonderful world of public service. I decided that Methuen couldn't go wrong with this remarkable and inspiring woman.

I was saddened about her defeat, but remain absolutely confident in her ability to come back and do great things for Methuen once again. She will always have my support.

With that being said, Mayor Manzi does deserve congratulations for his performance in this year's election. By looking at the election results, one would assume that there is not a great deal of division in the City. Believe me, there is. As a citizen of Methuen, I hope that the

Mayor can work with Councilor Corey Rahme in some way to bridge that divide. With the election behind us, I am looking forward to seeing what happens in the next two years. I am very excited and elated about the prospect of having Jeanne Pappalardo on the Council, as she will be a real voice for the people. I hope that she will maintain the sense of political class and dignity that was contributed by Councilor Corey Rahme during these next two years. She is a great addition, and I know that the people of the West District will be proud of their choice.

As a student at UMASS Lowell and an "honorary Lowellian," I can't go without commenting on this year's Lowell City Council election. Kudos to Rita Mercier for topping the ticket for the sixth consecutive time. She has done a wonderful job for the City of Lowell, and has undoubtedly made constituent service a top priority.

Mayor Bill Martin also pulled off an excellent showing, as did newcomer Alan Kazanjian. Newcomer Mehmed Ali should be praised for his performance as well. With the possibility of a special election to replace State Representative Dave Nangle looming, several City Councilors are expected to jump into the fray to succeed him. Rita Mercier, Kevin Broderick, and Bill Martin have been mentioned as potential candidates. This would mean that Ali, who finished tenth, would likely become a City Councilor himself should Mercier, Broderick, or Martin be elected.

Congratulations to the winners in all of the races in the Merrimack Valley. To the folks who didn't do so well this time around, please don't give up on public service.

As Councilor Corey Rahme frequently says, "It is a truly noble profession." It is indeed.



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In 2005, he managed Kathleen Corey Rahme's campaign for City Councilor At-Large. You can e-mail him at DBeauregard2@comcast.net.

Mayor Manzi announces public awareness night

METHUEN – Mayor William M. Manzi, in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Management is please to announce the first "Emergency Management Public Awareness Night." The event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at the Tenney School auditorium. The evening will run from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, and light refreshments will be served.

Officials from the police, fire, health, school and emergency management departments, as well as a representative from the Holy Family Hospital, will discuss their respective department's preparations for emergencies and disasters. Each department will provide details for residents and business owners regarding what the department's role would be in an emergency or disaster scenario, and will allow time for a question and answer period.

Informational booths will be available with brochures and giveaways for attendees who wish to take home more

information about how to prepare for an emergency. In addition, citizens will be able to register for volunteer opportunities that are available citywide relative to emergency preparedness and involvement during a disaster.

"This is a great opportunity for the public to stay informed and participate in Methuen's Emergency Management efforts," Manzi said. "Since the major flooding in the spring of 2006, I have met monthly with Emergency Management professionals. Now it is time to share our latest information with our citizens."

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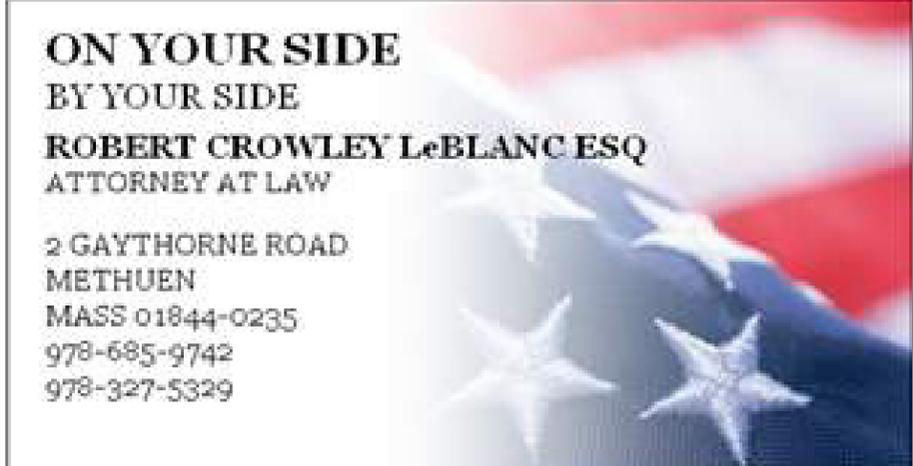
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Debbie Quinn

Methuen City Council

(West District)



Fund for by the Committee to Elect Debbie Quinn

Methuen Exchange Club hosts 13th Annual Recognition Dinner and Awards Night at the Guesthouse Suites

METHUEN - Methuen Exchange Club President Ken Willette recently announced that the organization will host its 13th Annual Recognition Dinner and Awards Night on Tuesday, November 13th at 6 p.m. at the Guesthouse Suites on Pelham Street in Methuen. The event will publicly recognize the heroic actions of Methuen Police Lieutenant Kevin Mahoney and Methuen Firefighters Steven Moriarty and Michael Hennessy, Jr. who performed emergency resuscitation on a 62 year old male who had collapsed while jogging in the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood. Their joint efforts saved the man's life.

"The Methuen Exchange Club has always recognized our public safety heroes, and we are honored to recognize the lifesaving efforts of Lt. Mahoney and Firefighters Moriarty and Hennessy, Jr.," said Willette.

The Methuen Exchange Club will also showcase two Methuen residents and a business owner in Methuen who properly and prominently display the American flag on their property. Methuen residents Richard and Ruth Hassett and Jimmy's II Restaurant owner Dimitrios Zygouris will be celebrated as our Proudly We Hail Award winners for their unswerving patriotism.

The Methuen Exchange Club will also honor Book of Golden Deeds Award winners Bob & Mickey DeFrancesco for their outstanding dedication to local youth and high school sports, the Methuen Ranger Boosters Association and the Dollars for Scholars Telethon. "Bob & Mickey have been indispensable supporters of sports teams in Methuen and our annual scholarship drive for graduating seniors," added Willette. "We are pleased to highlight their decades of widespread community service."

Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased by calling Exchange Club



member Linda Buell at 978-725-7544. Additional tickets can be purchased at the door starting at 6 p.m.

Phil Lahey

Methuen

City Councilor

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METHUEN NEWS

It's all smoke and mirrors

Kathleen Corey Rahme
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Politics is not always what it appears. I have stated on numerous occasions that it is a lot different looking in than looking out. The world of politics is not about ribbon cutting. It is all smoke and mirrors. It is not what you think it is. There are true public servants out there. There are people who truly want to serve. If you do it right, it is rewarding. I am proud to be part of it. It is a lot of work. A word of caution however; if you are self-serving, it is not good.

When I formed an exploratory committee to look into a possible run for mayor, it was not full of experts in the field. It was made up of people like you. I decided to run for mayor because you asked me to run.

I will acknowledge that my announcement to run was met with mixed response. Some people were elated. They felt that it was time for a change and that the city was not going in the direction it needed to go. The reputation of the city is tarnished and they are tired of being fodder in the local daily. Others of you felt I should wait my turn. You have convinced yourself that Methuen is somewhat of a monarchy and that when the reign of the current administration was over in 2011 (or later if someone is successful in changing the term limits) I

was to be next. I found myself stating over and over that I was not at a deli and I did not have to take a ticket.

For me, complacency is a sin. When you are complacent in anything, it is not good. I would like to think that I would have been successful in being reelected to a third term as councilor at large. I did not want it. I wanted a challenge and the mayor's seat was it. Some political insiders told me that I didn't have the money to run. That is why my family decided to loan my campaign \$100,000. As it turned out, I did not need it.

There is less than 30 pages in the Charter and the only thing people ever look at are term limits. I decided to run for mayor because I favor term limits. You, the people, favor them and that is why you voted overwhelmingly to put them in the amendment to the charter in 2000. There is a movement to undo what you have decided and we should not stand for it.

I have had a great campaign. I have learned so much about myself and about our city. I was recently asked what I have learned since my run. My answer is I have called it the great equalizer. I have cut my Christmas card list in half and then had to add an additional half. I have had some unique experiences. Why would anyone want to run for office if they would be potentially exposed to

aggravation? Win or lose, I would do it again in a heartbeat. I am writing this column before the election so I do not yet know the results.

Running for office is educational. I have learned that many people are not that knowledgeable about local politics. Some people registered for the first time for this very important election. The youth became very enthusiastic about this race and made efforts to register and also secure absentee ballots. I have learned that some people take politics personally. People whom I have never met have felt at liberty to lash out. I always felt the necessity to explain that we live in America and everyone has a right to run for office. For goodness sakes aren't we in the Middle East teaching them how to do elections? I think Methuen deserves the same.

Working with my campaign team, especially Christine Ryan has been a wonderful experience. She became my campaign manager and it has been so rewarding to see her work. She is a volunteer in our city and she brought her giving spirit to my campaign. I have enjoyed her enthusiasm. She often told me she would walk through fire for me and I believe her! In all seriousness, she has exceeded all expectations. Della Ata has been invaluable in her efforts with my publicity. She developed my face book account and my website www.rahme4methuen.com. She has

developed a way to reach a diverse voting population, especially the youth.

Strategies are very important in any campaign. We decided that my color should be red because it is strong, patriotic and traditional. Who could imagine that a color would invoke so many adjectives? Going door to door has afforded me the opportunity to meet so many of you. Your warm reception did not go unnoticed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family, especially my husband Elie. I want to thank all of my supporters who provided me with words of encouragement, financial assistance, telephone calls, and emotional support. Public service is something I would recommend. It is personally satisfying. Knowing you have made a difference in the lives of your constituents makes it all worthwhile. If you do it right, politics is the best thing in the world.



Kathleen Corey Rahme is the former Central District Councilor in Methuen and was elected as a city councilor "at large" in 2005. She is also the vice chair of the city council and founder of the Meth-uen Youth Corps. Kathleen is a candidate for mayor of Methuen. She also hosts "Call to Serve." E-mail her at kcoryerahme@comcast.net

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METHUEN ELECTION RESULTS & ANALYSIS

It takes a village "team"

Paula Porten
VALLEY PATRIOT EDITOR

In the world of Methuen politics, elected officials go round and round but never really go away. Sometimes they are up, sometimes they're down, then they win an election, but the next time around they lose an election, and if they wait around long enough, they win again. It is a full circle of politics in Methuen.

Sometimes they win big, as with this year's election due to the efforts of "Team Manzi's" political machine.

Two years ago, I wrote an analysis of the Methuen elections entitled "New faces of Methuen." The title was tongue in cheek because most of the winners and losers in 2005 were either past or current elected or appointed officials. Again, this year, there didn't seem to be many new faces running for office in Methuen.

Two years ago, the East End District city council race was won by Larry Giordano and Joseph Leone. Giordano was a former State Representative and a former City Councilor and Leone was a former Zoning Board member, former Planning Board member and sat on the High School Renovation Study Committee. Both Leone and Giordano ran unopposed in the East End District this year.

Also two years ago, politico Ken Henrick won a seat on the School Committee and the Greater Lawrence Technical School Committee. At that time, Henrick was a City Councilor and former School Committee member. Again this year, Henrick ran for re-election on both the School Committee and the Technical School Board and topped the ticket in the school committee race. Neither of these seats were being challenged, so Henrick is now a member of both Committees.

There were six candidates for the six school committee seats and two tech candidates for the two tech seats.

I say that Methuen politics goes round and round because two years ago, some very familiar faces lost their races, and this year they were all back. The Grondines, the husband and wife team of Barbara and Tom, lost last time around. Tom lost his school committee race and Barbara lost the West End city council election. This year, Barbara ran for School Committee and Tom ran for the Greater Lawrence Technical School Committee, both Grondines won their respective boards as there was no opposition in either race. Barbara has been a previous school committee member while Tom previously sat on the Tech Board for three terms.

Bob Vogler is also back after losing his at-large race two years ago. At that time, Bob had been a member of the Methuen



West End Councilor Debbie Quinn with Methuen State Senator Steve Baddour. Quinn inched out fellow Councilor Bob Andrew.

School Committee for 34 years and will now be a School Committee member again after winning this election. Bob came in second place to Tom Grondine. The other school committee members will be incumbents Gary Marcoux and George Kazanjian (who were elected to a second term) and newcomer Evan Chaisson.

Former school committee and city council member Joyce Campagnone tried to make a comeback but lost again this year after barely losing in the At-large race two years ago to Councilor Steve Zanni. Two years ago, Campagnone lost by 5 votes and after a recount, Zanni still had more votes ending out Joyce. At that time, Campagnone was a School Committee member. Joyce ran again in the At-large race this year, but there will be no recounts as Zanni topped the ticket with newcomer Jennifer Kannan coming in second and incumbent Ken Willette winning the third at-large seat.

Another race closely watched was the west end city council election.

Running to oust one of the incumbents in the west end was newcomer Jeanne Pappalardo. This was Jeanne's first time running for office but her name may have sounded familiar to many voters because her husband, Joe is a former City Councilor.

Pappalardo won big in the September primary, topping the ticket with 765 votes, leaving the two incumbents: Debbie Quinn and Bob Andrew vying for that second open seat. Debbie Quinn came in second place in the primary, beating Bob Andrew with 488 votes to Andrew's close third place finish with 471 votes.

The Valley Patriot predicted that Pappalardo was going to top the ticket in the final election based upon those primary numbers, with Quinn and Andrew fighting for the second seat.

In the end, Pappalardo did top the ticket with Quinn coming in second, and West End councilor Bob Andrew being defeated by 177 votes. The Valley Patriot received reports from West End residents before the final election who said that they saw Pappalardo and Andrew going door to door campaigning together.

The difference was that Councilor Debbie Quinn was a member of "Team Manzi" enjoying the advantage of having Manzi supporters casting a bullet vote (voting for one instead of two candidates) for Quinn.

In the Central District race, four candidates were running for two open seats.

Both incumbents, John Cronin and Phil Lahey, were running for re-election. Both councilors topped the ticket in the primary election which saw seven candidates on the ballot. Newcomers Donna Talbot and Jamie Atkinson placed third and fourth place respectively in the primary election, putting them on the final ballot.

Based upon the primary outcome, the voters in the Central district seemed happy with their present councilors, even though they are both quite different.

Councilor Cronin is a vocal and outspoken councilor against former Police Chief Joe Solomon, whose son is suing Solomon while Councilor Lahey is considered much more independent. Lahey is the former Superintendent of the Elmwood Cemetery. Both Lahey and Cronin won their re-election to the Central District, but in the final election Lahey closed the gap to come within 2 votes of the popular Cronin, largely due to the support of "Team Manzi" who campaigned hard for Lahey.

Of course the race everyone was watching was the mayoral race between Mayor Billy Manzi and At-Large Councilor Kathleen Corey Rahme.

The Valley Patriot/WCAP debate between Manzi and Rahme was quite heated and both candidates took this race very seriously, raising and spending lots of money and hosting many events. Polls showed Manzi had a favorable lead with the endorsements from his "team" State Senator Steve Baddour and State Representative Linda Dean Campbell. At-Large Councilor Kathleen Rahme, who was a top vote getter two years ago, garnered only 5% more support among voters than Ellen Bahan received when she ran against Manzi two years ago.

This race was a blowout with Manzi declaring a "mandate".

Senator Baddour always says that "Team Manzi" is strong and that they worked "as a team" to help their candidates in the at-large council races as well as the district council races.

Well, the election results showed that the Manzi team won big with Zanni topping the at-large race, Quinn winning her west end seat, Lahey winning his central district seat and of course, Manzi winning the mayor's race... BIG.

Two years ago it was considered a "throw the bums out year" with many incumbents losing on Election Day. But, this year the Methuen voters were happy with their incumbent elected officials; with only one incumbent (Bob Andrew) losing his district council seat.



City Council President Steve Zanni, topped the ticket in the at-large city council race, Zanni was endorsed by (from l. to r.) Methuen State Senator Steve Baddour, Methuen State Representative Linda Dean Campbell, and Methuen Mayor Bill Manzi.

Mayor	Votes	Win
Manzi	5271	✓
Rahme	2695	

At-Large	Votes	Win
Zanni	4618	✓
Kannan	4121	✓
Willette	4070	✓
Campagnone	3896	

East End	Votes	Win
Giordano	2008	✓
Leone	1528	✓

Central Dist.	Votes	Win
Cronin	1067	✓
Lahey	1065	✓
Talbot	813	
Atkinson	611	

West End	Votes	Win
Pappalardo	1775	✓
Quinn	1445	✓
Andrew	1268	
Sweet	415	

We'll have to see what the voters have to say two years from now, but whatever happens, Methuen voters will always see familiar faces running for office.

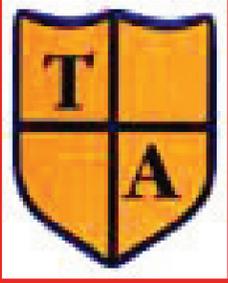
The Valley Patriot also anticipates the "Manzi Team" to be out in full force and dominating the election.



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Former city council candidate, Chris DiBella with Central District Councilor Phil Lahey, Methuen Mayor Bill Manzi, former Veterans' Services Director and Valley Patriot Hero, Ed "Hoppy" Curran, and former City Councilor Mike Hennessy at a Lahey fund-raiser at the American Legion.



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BENEFITS FOR OUR VETERANS

We cannot forget the past

Susan Piazza

VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Veterans Day was originally set aside to commemorate the end of World War I - the war to end all wars.

Unfortunately, wars continued. Today, Veterans Day is the one day a year we set aside to remember those who currently serve in the military, and those still alive who served in the past.

Remembering our military and its veterans is important considering the events of recent months. Memorials dedicated to those who fought and died defending this country in several communities have been desecrated. We cannot help but be angry at those who committed these acts, and yet, I think each one of us bares a certain amount of responsibility for these acts.

There is an obvious breakdown in society, somewhere, for this type of behavior to exist. I know veterans' agents and organizations, educators, and community organizations do a great job supporting veterans.

The media work tirelessly with veterans' groups to bring to light issues relevant to veterans, their families, and the community at large. And yet, with all these different groups of people, attacking veterans and military issues from various angles, we still have

individuals defacing tributes to our deceased brethren.

It is obvious that we as a community have somehow failed these young people. We must make this right.

We must work harder and join forces. Any of the local veterans agents, or veterans' organizations would be thrilled to speak with your group, from the smallest child in Cub Scouts or Brownies to the students at High School. I know we here at Chapter 2 have spoken in high schools in the past. We would love the opportunity to do so again. I also know first hand that the American Legion speaks with school groups, and many of those same schools invite the veterans in for breakfasts around this time of year. I know other groups would also be thrilled to share their stories. It is vital we pass on these stories. They cannot be left to die with the individual.

We cannot let people forget the past, for when they do, society, as we see from the recent past, suffers.



Susan Piazza is the past Commander, Chapter 2, Queen City, DAV and was the first female commander of the DAV in 75 years. She has been involved with

the DAV for over twenty five years. You can email Susan at WithMara@aol.com

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Veterans Day

John Lenotte

VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST
AMERICAN LEGION

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Let me address some views that are not often reflected upon.

It is tragic that the men and women who allow us to be safe in our homes are often without homes themselves when they shed their uniforms. 23 percent of America's homeless population is veterans. 89 percent of these were honorably discharged and 47 percent served during the Vietnam War.

Too often today's tattered citizen of the street was yesterday's toast-of-the-town in a crisp uniform with rows of shining medals. This is hardly the "thanks of a grateful nation."

But all is not grim. When Past American Legion National Commander Paul Morin of Massachusetts asked Americans to donate \$50,000 so wounded warriors at Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany could receive comfort items, The American Legion family and its friends responded in a big way - raising more than \$300,000 for these heroes.

Many communities across our great country have recognized the value of military service, honoring heroes and their families with Blue Star salutes. And the American GI consistently tops public opinion polls and surveys as the most respected person in America.

In 1979 author Tom Wolfe wrote a book about the Mercury 7 astronauts called "The Right Stuff." As heroic veterans they certainly earned the distinction, but, my friends, I would not limit the title to that group only. Anyone who has honorably worn a United States military uniform has

The Right Stuff.

Remember that - the next time you see a homeless person on the street, a man in

a wheelchair or a difficult co-worker who is experiencing PTSD.

Historians have said that Dwight Eisenhower was prouder of being a soldier than he was of being the president. And while relatively few veterans ever reach the rank of general, pride in ones' military service is a bond shared by nearly all who have served. This pride is on display on every obituary page in the country, where military service - regardless of how many decades have passed and subsequent achievements reached - is mentioned with the death notice of nearly every deceased veteran.

And while the successful real estate mogul may have sold hundreds of homes and raised a wonderful family, what single accomplishment tops the decisive actions he took during the siege of Khe (Kay) Sanh (Sahn) which saved the lives of several of his fellow Marines?

Yes, my friends, nothing they ever do will be this important and they **do have the right stuff!** Fewer than 10 percent of Americans can claim the title "veteran." When remembering the millions of people who have been liberated by American forces around the globe, another cliché' rings true. "Never was so much owed by so many to so few."

In 1789 George Washington said, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country." We have the best Armed Forces in the world. They need our support while they are in harms way. And they need our support when they return. Let us remember that all gave some but some gave all.

God bless our veterans and God bless America.



John Lenotte is the American Legion, Commander, Wilbur M. Comeau Post 4 Haverhill and Vice Commander, Dept. of Massachusetts. You can Email him at JohnLDistrict8@verizon.net

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Sara Payne Hayden, WWII WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilots) was a member of the Class of 1944-10. They were an experimental, non-military group until they finally received veterans' status in 1977 from the federal government. She went to Washington with the WASP's to testify. This was the G.I. Bill Improvement Act of 1977 and it granted these women full military distinction.

During WWII, these women were responsible for testing the aircraft that were shot up during the war and also for ferrying supplies. They were also used for target practice using live ammunition for gunnery trainees; they towed targets for ground to air anti-aircraft gunnery practice and targets for air-to-air gunnery practice.

Her duty station was Randolph AFB, CIS. She was commissioned to the Air Force in July 1949. She served in active duty from August 1951-September 1953 as a Recruiting Officer. Sara Payne Hayden was born and raised in Granite Falls, NC in 1919. She was in a movie theatre in the early 1940's when she saw a reel before the show advertising and recruiting for WASP. She knew instantly that was for her. She did not have the support of her family or friends and against all odds; she borrowed money and entered the WASP program at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, TX. She borrowed money to gain the necessary flight hours before her application and during these lessons many obstacles both financially and socially were overcome in order to complete her flight time.

Sara Payne Hayden has a long history of service and the furtherance of military endeavors. She served as WASP Vice Pre-sident 1975-1978 "Order of Fifinella" (the mascot designed by Walt Disney for WASP); and the Ways and Means Chair-person; Class Secretary 1965-1975; Military Veterans Affairs Chair, 1994-2007.

For the past 15 years Sara has filled out application forms for WASP's who have not received their discharge or families of WASP's and have helped them with the requirements. She sends them to Randolph Field for processing and the issuance of the DD-214 form.

Hayden was Women Military Pilots, Inc. president from 1980-1983. The Clerk of the Corporation, 1978-present, Officer;

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Hayden is a member of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. She has been a member since 1945 and has served as Treasurer and Secretary of the New England Section, on many Chapter and Section Committees, and current Legislative Chair.

She received the 1994 New England Section Honor Award.

Locally, Hayden is active in the Methuen Women's Post 417 of the American Legion. She is the Past Commander, Life Member just receiving her 50 year, Post Adjutant, Finance Officer and the Boys' State Chair. Boys' State is an annual one week study of our democratic form of government sponsored by the American Legion. It is open to young men finishing their junior year of high school. Hayden interviews these young men after they have been approved by the high school principal.

Since 2004, Hayden has assisted the families of five of the thirty-eight WASP's killed on active duty who have been buried without a marker on their gravesite. Their memorial services were held in May of 2007 with their Veterans Administration markers in place.

Hayden's activities in the community are well known. They include speaking engagements for various groups especially schools. She was the WASP representative at the opening ceremony of the WWII exhibit at the JFK Museum; Color Guard on women's day at the Viet Nam Moving Wall; and "In Defense of Hanscom" Conference on January 30, 1995. She has been an active contributor at the Woman's Texas University archives. She was featured on MCTV (Methuen Community Television) on the series "Call to Serve" which works with the Veterans' History Project at the Library of Congress. She is part of the permanent exhibit at the Women at Work Museum in Attleboro, Massachusetts where she was also part of the keynote address for the Women Who Fly program at the museum.

Hayden is a pioneer in American military history. She broke through barriers that most can only imagine. She trail-blazed through the skies and her work and sacrifices have made it easier for military women of today. A day



Women Airforce Service Pilots

Sara Payne Hayden

<p>Sara Payne Hayden</p>  <p>1919-</p>	Class:	44-W-10
	Base Assignment:	Randolph Army Air Base
	Planes Flown:	PT-17, BT-13, AT-6, UC-78, C-47
	Personal Collections:	C&T 195, Oral History

ARCHIVAL COLLECTION AT TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY:

- * Sara Payne Hayden - WASP 1944.
- * Served in the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), Class of 44-W-10 until deactivation Dec. 20, 1944.
- * Aviator and native of Granite Falls, North Carolina. Served in the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) of World War II, class of 44-W-10.
- * Served as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserves, 1949-1951.
- * Served briefly at Randolph Army Air Base, San Antonio, Texas, before the WASP were disbanded in December, 1944.
- * After deactivation, **Hayden** obtained her Commercial Pilots license and Flight Instructors Rating and worked in the aviation industry as an instructor and ferry pilot. In 1949.
- * **Hayden** joined the Air Force Reserves, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, and was called to active duty in 1951 to serve as the WAC/WAFS recruiting officer.
- * **Hayden** also served as vice president of the post-war WASP organization, during reorganization from Order of Fifinella (OOF) to WASP, Inc.
- * **Founding member of Women Military Aviators (WMA) and served as a past president.**

For further information contact the Woman's Collection, Texas Woman's University Library, Denton, Texas, 940-898-3751.

doesn't go by that Sara Payne Hayden doesn't celebrate women's role in the U.S. military.

We thank you Sara Payne Hayden for your military service, for your undying loyalty to your country and your community, and we are honored to call you our Valley Patriot of the Month. You are truly a hero in our midst and the people of Methuen and our nation should recognize forever the sacrifices you have made to make life better for the rest of us

who have reaped the benefits of your service and sacrifice.



Kathleen Corey Rahme is the former Central District Councilor in Methuen and was elected as a city councilor "at large" in 2005. She is currently the vice-chair of the city council and is the founder of the Methuen Youth Corps. She also hosts "Call to Serve." You can E-mail her at kcoryerahme@comcast.net

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Media Services Dept. Coordinator
Lawrence Public Library
Grade 8 (\$534.47 - \$610.79/wk)
plus educational & evening incentives
Union: Library

Duties: This is a challenging public service opportunity in a pleasant work environment. The Coordinator attends to routine tasks in the Media Services Department, including assisting customers at the Main Library media services desk using computerized systems, answering and directing telephone calls, putting materials away and performing data entry. The Coordinator is responsible for planning, developing, executing and supervising all library media services policies and procedures. Supervises all Media Services staff. Assists the public in making effective use of the library. Attends to a variety of routine activities and functions as part of the daily operation of the library with emphasis on work in the Media Services and Interlibrary Loan Depts. 1. Works at the Media Services desk on a regular schedule. Checks A/V equipment, video and audio cassettes, LPs and other items in and out; orders AV materials and supplies; assists patrons with their A/V needs. Searches newspapers on microfilm for patrons and assists with genealogical inquiries. 2. Checks-in, shelves and organizes all issues of all newspapers. Keeps shelves orderly, discards newspapers according to schedule, and checks-in newspaper microfilm. 3. Handles duties related to daily Interlibrary Loan requests for patrons and other libraries via the computer terminal and on paper. 4. Is familiar with and instructs patrons in the use of the library's audiovisual equipment. 5. Presents film and video programs with staff supervision. 6. Maintains A/V equipment, including repair of videocassettes. 7. Oversees the operation of the public computer word processing lab. Performs a variety of other routine tasks as assigned by the Assistant Directors.

Qualifications: Must be well organized individual who enjoys working with the public and does so in a positive manner. Knowledge of computers and library procedures required. At least three years progressively responsible public library work experience, including work in the circulation area required. Bachelor's degree preferred. Bilingual English/Spanish a plus.

Appointing Authority: **Michael J. Sullivan, Mayor**

Posting Date: October 26, 2007 Deadline: Until Filled

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Animal Control Officer
Police Department

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Local # 3, Labor

Duties and Responsibilities - Under general supervision of the Patrol Commander, performs specialized work in the enforcement of state statutes and municipal ordinances pertaining to the regulations and control of dogs and other animals. Investigates complaints concerning the regulations, licensing, and control of dogs and other animals. Impounds loose animals as provided for in municipal ordinances and state statutes. Determines if any state statutes or local ordinances have been violated and take appropriate action such as catching, confining, quarantining and destroying animals. Issues citations to animal owners and appears as a witness in district court should circumstances require such action. Arranges for and attends vicious or barking dog hearings held before the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

Rescue or aid in the rescue of trapped, wounded, sick, or injured animals. Destroy sick, wounded, or injured animals and dispose of their bodies. Coordinates and cooperates with area and state animal control officers and humane organizations. Assists local veterinarians with immunization programs. Wear the prescribed uniform during each tour of duty and otherwise present a neat and clean appearance. Cleans and maintains all issued equipment. Performs other related duties as assigned by supervisor.

Physical Requirements: Some lifting required.

Qualifications - Minimum Associate of Sciences in related field. Specialized knowledge of state and municipal ordinances pertaining to animal control. A valid Massachusetts driver's license is required.

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City of Lawrence Job Posting



Crime/Disorder Analyst
Police Department

TWO positions (One Full Time, One Part Time (NTE20 H/W))

Grade 2

(35,000 - 45,000) yearly salary

Non-union

Duties: • Assist with the direction of the Crime Analysis process and related tasks. • Daily maintenance and updating of Crime Disorder Data Bases. • Perform extensive quantitative and qualitative research on wide range of crime and community related issues. • Conduct various types of analysis on Data Sets. • Contribute to the grant writing process. • Familiarize themselves with social, crime and demographic data on citywide, community and street levels. • Reports to Police Chief, Chief of Staff and Crime Analysis Director. • Perform other related duties as required

Requirements: • Working knowledge of GIS software • Have exceptional verbal and written communications skills (so as to formulate reports, present briefs, and interact routinely with Patrol, detectives, command staff, citizens & community leaders). • The successful candidate will demonstrate a working knowledge of computer applications (Excel, Access, Word, PowerPoint & the internet). • Ability to perform research utilizing several different methods on crime related topics. • Ability to collect, organize, analyze & disseminate information on tactical & strategic operations. • Requires a high level of attention to detail. • Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Required.

Entrance Requirement: Applicants must possess an understanding of rules of Chain of Command, have the ability to operate general office equipment and pass an extensive background check.

Appointing Authority: Michael J. Sullivan, Mayor

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City of Lawrence Job Posting



Library Assistant
Lawrence Public Library

Grade 6

(24,311.56 - 27,736.28) plus educational incentives

SEIU - Local 285

Schedule: Work may be performed at the Main Library and/or the South Branch. Work may be scheduled Monday-Saturday during the hours the library is open to the public. Every other Saturday and one or two nights per week is required.

Duties: • Assist the public in making effective use of library materials offering reader and reference assistance to all age levels - children and adults - using the online catalog and accessing the Internet. • Perform Library Assistant duties at the Lawrence Public Library. Work may be performed at the Circulation Desk, Audiovisual Department, Children's Area, and/or in the Technical Services Department. • Duties may include checking in and out materials, collecting fines, handling ILL transactions and reserve requests, providing assistance to patrons visiting the library and the computer lab - basic instruction on how to use available software; processing new materials. • Community outreach including some offsite work is required, such as manning the library information booth at community events and delivery of library materials to shut-ins. • Perform other duties as assigned by the Assistant Directors.

Qualifications: Associate's degree or currently enrolled in an AA program which will result in obtaining a degree within one year after hiring. Bachelor's degree preferred. Good knowledge of computers and their use in the library environment - MS-DOS; Windows; Word; Internet. Good organizational skills. Strong customer service. Team player with a lot of creativity and initiative. Fluency in Spanish preferred.

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City of Lawrence Job Posting



Director of Community Development
Community Development Department

Grade 8

(80,000 - 95,000) yearly salary

non-union - exempt

Duties: Under the administrative director of the Mayor, provides leadership and oversight, supporting the implementation of programs relating to economic development, community development and housing activities in the City. Employee is responsible for managing employees, programs and services to achieve specific goals in activities related to neighborhood revitalization, economic development and housing development. Performs all other related work as required.

Qualifications: Master's Degree (M.A.) in Community Development, Urban Planning, Public Administration or equivalent. Experience must include substantial experience (10+ years) in community development, management of publicly funded programs, budget preparation and management, experience at the local level and grant writing experience or equivalent combination of education and experience. Prior management/supervisory experience required.

Appointing Authority: Michael J. Sullivan, Mayor

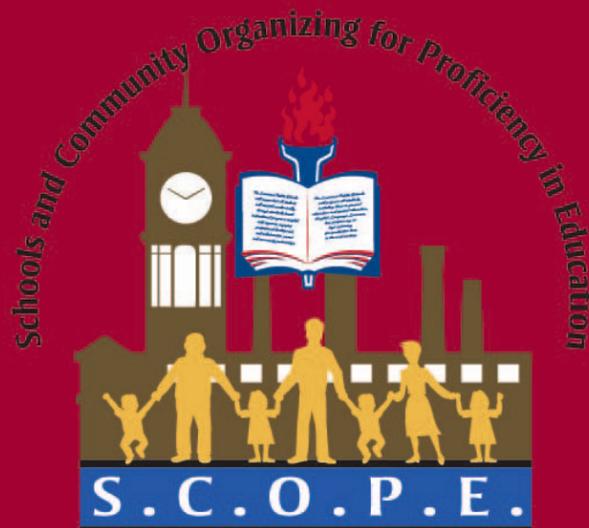
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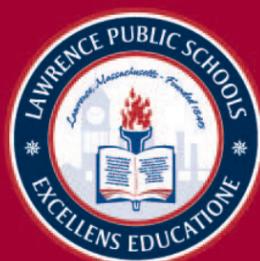
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