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United States Senator Scott Brown tells seniors at the North Andover Senior Center last month; ***"There's an attack brewing where they are going to cut 3/4 of a trillion dollars of your Medicare. That is something I am not supportive of. I am going to continue to work to protect it [Medicare]. Anyone who is getting it [now] by the way ... will be grandmothered or grandfathered in. There's no discussion, no effort whatsoever to make sure you don't get those care and coverages, none."***

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VALLEY PATRIOT OF THE MONTH

HERO IN OUR MIDST: CORPORAL PHILIP COTE, USAAF

Helen Mooradkian
VALLEY PATRIOT VETERAN COLUMNIST

Corporal Philip Cote, U.S. Army Air Force—who will celebrate his 96th birthday on October 31—was an eyewitness to history on Tinian Island in the Pacific during World War II. Raised in a log cabin in Tewksbury, Mass., and now living in Dracut, he witnessed two momentous events: two B-29s—the “Enola Gay” and “Bock’s Car”—taking off for Japan on top-secret missions.

Philip served as master mechanic and crew chief for the revolutionary Boeing B-29 Superfortresses that first landed on Tinian in January 1945 and, by February 1945, were regularly flying bombing missions over Japan. He was assigned to a specific B-29 and, as crew chief, was responsible for its safe operating condition

before it took off for the 10-hour flight over water to the Japanese mainland. He literally memorized the entire service manual to do his job, thanks to his extraordinary memory, knowledge and skill in mechanics, and ingenious mind. (He has eight inventions to his credit.)

Tinian Island is one of the three largest islands in the Marianas—along with Saipan and Guam—and is located 1500 miles south of Tokyo. From December 1944 to September 1945, Tinian played a crucial role in the final months of the war in the Pacific. It was the largest—and the busiest—airbase in the world. It had six 8,500-foot runways built specifically for the B-29s—four at North Field and another two at West Field. The B-29s brought WWII to an end just two-and-one-half months before the planned invasion of the

Japanese homeland—an invasion that had cost America 5 million casualties.

Two events stand out in particular for Philip.

In the middle of the night at 2:45 a.m. on August 6, 1945, a huge B-29 Super fortress, the “Enola Gay,” piloted by Lt. Col Paul Tibbets, Jr., took off from North Field on Tinian Island. Only hours earlier, the heavy bomber had been towed very slowly over pit No. 1, where a 9,000-lb uranium bomb, “Little Boy,” 28-inches diameter and 120 in. long, had been hydraulically lifted into its specially designed bomb bay. Destination: Hiroshima.

It was an incredible sight. Philip remembers the two huge bomb pits that had been dug for the two atomic bombs: one to be loaded into the “Enola Gay”

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Corporal Philip Cote, USAAF, master mechanic and crew chief on the revolutionary B-29 Superfortresses during WWII served on Tinian Island in the Pacific, where his modified mechanic's tool became standard issue for all ground crews. He received several military medals. An inventor and entrepreneur, he also developed an air distribution system used for cleaning looms that is still being used today by a Dracut textile mill.

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Voters Reject David Torissi - Voter ID a Factor

~EDITORIAL~

Last month one of the strongest opponents of Voter ID in the Massachusetts State Legislature, David Torissi (D) North Andover, was defeated by a conservative, Pro Voter-ID opponent named Diana DiZoglio ... who is also ... a Democrat!

Democrats? In favor of Voter ID?

Who could have thought?

We did.

For years we have reported that approximately 70% of all voters support Voter ID... and that includes Democrats. And for years we have been warning local officials who are Democrats that a tidal wave was coming on this issue. Now an incumbent State Rep., once thought unbeatable, has fallen to a virtual unknown who had no money, no campaign manager, no committee and no help from her party.

How did she do it? In large part it was due to Voter ID, and listening to her constituents.

You see, Diana DiZoglio called into a WCAP radio program when she announced her candidacy months ago. Asked about Voter ID, she said she didn't have a strong view on it but, as she knocked on doors she would ask the voters and report back.

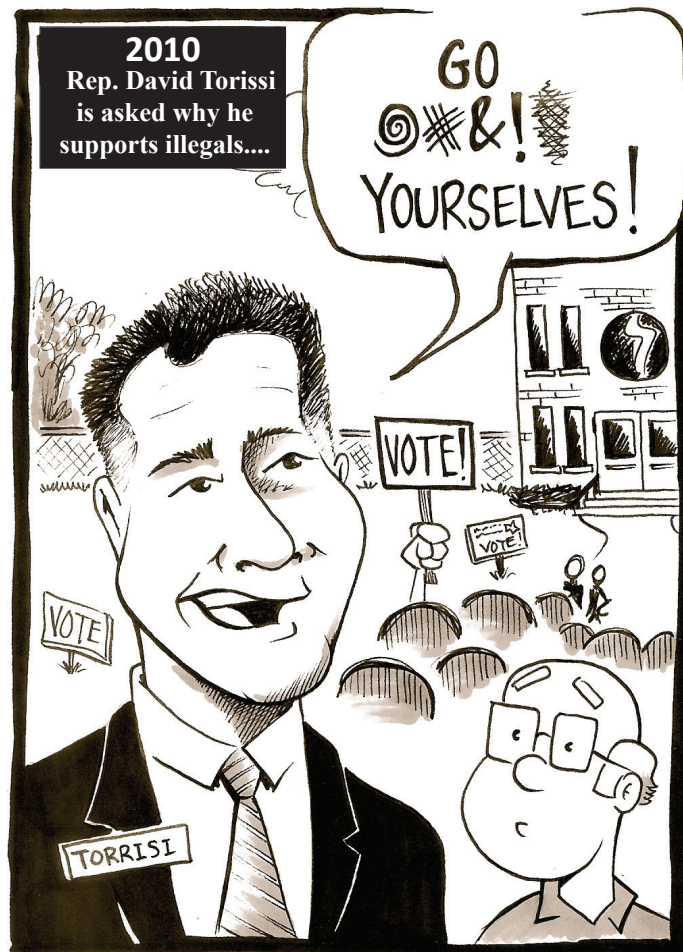
Weeks later, DiZoglio did call back and told Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan on his radio show that more than 2/3 of her constituents (currently being represented by Dave Torissi) favored Voter-ID, adding that she would represent their view if elected.

"After all, I'm not here to represent my views I am here to represent the views of the people in my district. They favor Voter ID, and I will represent that view at the State House," she said.

A Representative who actually "represents".... What a concept!

Of course there were other factors in DiZoglio's defeat of David Torissi:

-DiZoglio out-hustled him and took her message directly to people's living rooms,



one at a time.

-Torissi had burned most of his bridges when he sold out to Willie Lantigua.

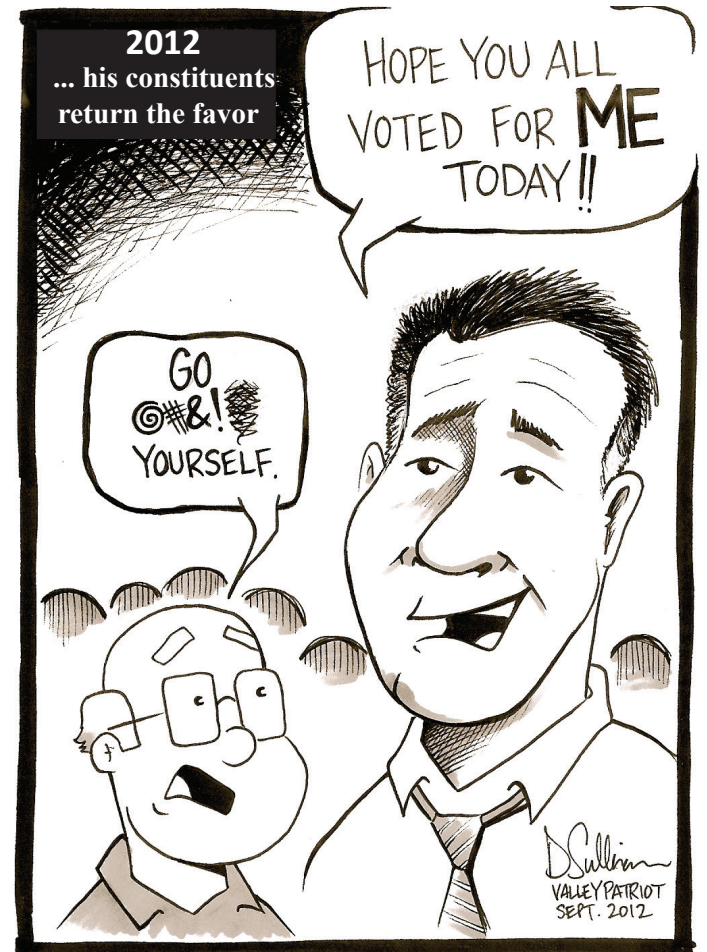
-He supported the \$35 Million bailout loan for Lawrence's Mayor Lantigua, then defended that decision after Lantigua blew the \$35 Million and laid off cops and closed fire stations anyway.

- He supported driver's licenses for illegal aliens.

- He told Michael Graham of 96.9 FMtalk to Go F*% himself when asked to explain his vote for illegals.

- He called people in favor of Voter ID "racist." among other things.

- He ignored the people of North Andover



and supported last year's tax hikes.

Yet with all of the shenanigans Dave Torissi has been involved in, voters we spoke with on Election Day said VOTER ID was largely on their minds when they cast their vote for DiZoglio.

As one voter put it, "Dave adopted the Beacon Hill entitlement mentality. He thinks we're going to vote for him because his name is Dave Torissi. I voted for the girl, she supports 'show-ID to vote' and he supports the illegals!"

Torissi's defeat last month should be a warning to those more concerned with representing illegals than American citizens.

More than 70% of all voters, of all parties

support Voter-ID and are sick of the lies, excuses and insults being fed to them by arrogant politicians and they ... they are not racists.

Diana DiZoglio gets it, she is a Democrat who is cresting that wave and that's one of the reasons she toppled the titan.

She understands that representatives are supposed to represent the views of their constituents, not Willie Lantigua, political insiders or people who are not even supposed to be here in the first place.

We predict that David Torissi is the first of many "untouchables" to fall in years to come as this Voter ID tidal wave starts to surge. And we couldn't be more delighted.

Nope, The Shriners Convention had Nothing on These Guys

Jeff Katz

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

Every four years our political parties hold conventions for the purpose of writing a platform and nominating a couple of folks to lead the free world. In between those functions, we get to see a bunch of balloons and really silly hats and we are entertained with any number of speeches. While this year was really no different overall, there were a few highlights and lowlights which I feel compelled to address.

First up from Tampa, the Republicans had an abbreviated event thanks to an uninvited guest, and I don't mean Ron Paul. The GOP convention was marked by some high and low moments to be sure. On the negative end of things, the party establishment marginalized Ron Paul's

delegates and made sweeping changes in something called Rule 12. Without too much wonk jargoneering let me just say that this was a real attack on the conservative wing of the Republican Party and a major blow to actual boots on the ground activists who deserve to be saluted and supported not slapped down. Look for this to be addressed again. Some of the bright lights of the Tampa affair included speeches by Condoleezza Rice, Susana Martinez, Marco Rubio, Nikki Haley, Ted Cruz and Mia Love. Sadly for the dozen or so viewers of MSDNC they did not get a chance to enjoy these speeches because the MSDNC equipment apparently is unable to hold focus on Republicans who do not fit their description of the GOP as the party of old white guys. It was fascinating to hear Chris Matthews, his leg all tingle, rant about racism while his own lily

white network chose to ignore the many wonderful speakers I've just mentioned. Of course his cohorts and fellow White House staffers Andrea Mitchell and Chuck Todd kept repeating these same lines ad nauseum, facts be damned.

Chris Christie was good but not great. Clint Eastwood seemed rather lost at times, but the visual of President Empty Chair will remain for some time. A real stand out was former Congressman Artur Davis who, as a Democrat, had actually seconded the nomination of Barack Obama four years prior. This time, he gave voice to so many who had signed on to the hope and change promises only to be so very disappointed. Ann Romney was classy, Mitt Romney was solid and Paul Ryan was seriously serious about the crisis we face. I will again remind RINO John McCain that we cannot miss him if he won't go away. Oh and it would be great if he would take that annoying Bipsie McCain with him.

My former hometown of Charlotte, North Carolina was the scene of the Democrats' National Convention and my what an affair it was.

Featured guests included an illegal alien, a mayor whose wife divorced him after he was discovered having an affair, a video tribute to a deceased senator who has the only confirmed kill in the war on women, a former president who was impeached over the issues of perjury and obstruction of justice and a thoroughly fraudulent weather forecast which resulted in the dear leader's speech being moved indoors to avoid a 10% chance of rain and a 100% chance of embarrassment due to the 50,000 empty seats he either created



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or saved.

But I suppose the real punch line to the Obamafest had to be the declaration by our Vice-President and official court jester of the United States who declared that his long dead father was a big fan of his boss. I can only assume that the late Pops Biden will be voting in November, maybe twice if he was laid to rest in Chicago.

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Hey Y’All, Guess What?

We are already in chains, thanks to 75 years of “progressive” policies

Doctor Chuck Ormsby
VALLEY PATRIOT EDITOR/COLUMNIST

“He gonna put y’all back in chains.”- Vice-President Biden speaking to a largely African-American audience, referring to Governor Mitt Romney

Much has been made of Vice President Biden’s gratuitous comment to a crowd in Danville, Virginia. His mimicking of a southern drawl was pathetic and his attempt to exploit racial divisions was despicable – especially given the office he holds. But let’s not dwell on these criticisms since they have been already beaten to death by the media.

Obama-Biden supporters claim that these remarks were taken out of context. Exactly what context would justify them? Putting aside Biden’s disingenuous linguistic contortions and deceitful use of the race card, there is no context that justifies an assertion that Romney or the GOP is intent on putting additional chains on anyone.

In short, Biden’s statement in Danville was a pathetic, disingenuous, despicable and deceitful packaging of a BIG LIE. The

media’s attention has been focused on the “pathetic, disingenuous, despicable and deceitful” nature of these comments while ignoring the fact that they were merely window dressing for the BIG LIE.

In truth, the Romney-Ryan ticket is all about reducing the chains that bind us, not adding to them. The only shackles borne by Americans today are those put in place over the years by our government (federal and state). While Republicans have often been complicit in forging these restraints, they have certainly been the more reluctant of the guilty parties. The Progressive wing of the Democrat Party (now, essentially all that is left of the party) has been actively fighting to shackle Americans while destroying our Constitution in the process.

The onerous taxes imposed by all tiers of government diminish our freedoms and drain our economy. Since taxes are the most easily quantifiable burden of big government, it is not surprising that they are the most often discussed.

The taxes we pay fund over 1300 distinct organizations under the direction of 479

departments and agencies in our federal government. As of FY2011, these organizations collectively spend \$3.7 trillion annually with approximately \$2.2 trillion of that from taxes and fees, and \$1.5 trillion (approx. 40%) borrowed.

Yes, paying these taxes hurts. The spending and resultant diversion of productive economic activity hurts. The increased debt adds a fearsome burden onto the shoulders of our children and grandchildren. And the interest on the accumulated debt threatens to swamp any prospect of escaping a downward economic spiral.

What is less commonly quantified and discussed is the impact of the regulations that are a natural byproduct of the growth of government. As everyone knows, the government has a nasty habit of passing new laws and issuing additional regulations that pile up over time and that discourage economic activity and wealth creation. The loss of this wealth reduces our current disposable income and reduces the formation of capital investments that are needed to improve the standard of living of all Americans.

As it turns out, the cost of this accumulated regulatory burden is nearly as great as the burden of all taxes and fees combined.

What is the annual cost of these regulations? In 2008, the estimated cost of complying with federal regulations was \$1.75 trillion (over \$15,000 for every American family). This amount exceeded all corporate pre-tax profits and dwarfed the \$157 billion in income taxes paid by corporations. In fact, it even dwarfed all personal income taxes which peaked in 2007 at \$1.116 trillion (\$1.032 trillion in 2008, \$866 billion in 2009 and \$936 billion in 2010).

In 2010, the federal regulatory burden represented approximately 12% of America’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP was \$14.65 trillion in 2010). That means that for every \$8 in economic value created, \$1 was destroyed by the compliance costs of our federal regulatory burden.

It must be noted that these figures substantially underestimate the impact of these regulations. Annual costs are just that: annual. If that wealth were produced, much of it would accumulate each year as savings/investments. Those savings and investments would not only make us more financially secure, they would be reflected in the accumulated capital invested in our industries and research, leading to more efficient production and greater knowledge.

The process of national wealth creation is similar to compound interest in a savings account. Every dollar of wealth that is produced and not consumed can be invested in new factories, capital equipment, research, training, etc., and the proceeds from those investments will compound over time.

It is very likely that poverty, as it is defined today, would have been eradicated long ago if government had not declared war on it, but instead merely created half as many regulations. I often wonder what research this accumulated wealth would have spawned, what new products might have resulted and what diseases might have been cured.

If you think about it, the costs expended to comply with regulations and the productive activities avoided because of regulations are two different things. Both cause enormous damage to our economic health. We can only imagine the true cost to our society because entrepreneurs and business-

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Scott Brown Says Warren “Desperate”

Vows to continue fighting for Medicare, Social Security and the Economy

Tom Duggan
VALLEY PATRIOT PUBLISHER

United States Senator Scott Brown said his opponent Elizabeth Warren was “desperate” Monday during a visit to the North Andover Senior Center where he spoke for about thirty minutes on Medicare, taxes, the national debt, social security, abortion and the president’s failure to sign legislation.

During the question and answer period Brown was asked how he deals with the labeling, stereotyping, personal attacks and hate that gets hurled at him by Democrats during the campaign.

Brown said, “You know what I have found, that there are good people on both sides of every issue. Really. It’s on every issue. I have found there are extremes in both parties. What I have tried to do, though, is treat people with dignity and respect.”

Asked after the event if he was offended by the fact that Professor Warren was

“You know you hear about the Ryan Budget and trying to attack Medicare. I voted against the Ryan budget twice. Twice!

I did it because I was deeply concerned about the approach to handling Medicare reform. In order to do it right, and there is a way to do it, but it needs to be done together, a bipartisan, bicameral way in which the president will sign it.”

**~United States Senator
Scott Brown**



exploiting the rape of women to get votes, a reference to her most recent radio commercials, Brown said that it was a sign of desperation.

“As the polling is changing more and more in my favor she is getting more and more desperate,” Brown said. “People de-

serve better, they do, they deserve better.”

Brown said that he didn’t pay too much attention to the polls, if he had worried about them when he was down 41 points during the last election “I never would have gotten out of bed.”

“But I am doing well in the polls and as

the polls are going up and Professor Warren’s are going down there’s a sense of desperation, really, if you notice the uptick in personal attacks and the distortion of my record especially... you deserve better.”

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So, we’ve been talking about our own record and what we plan to do. I was glad that she signed on with me and we have kept them out for six months and that’s a good thing. So, the polls are going well I have been up 5, 6% and seem to be on a good swing but you know I’m running like I am down 25 [points].”

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Notices From the North Andover Senior Center

When you hear senior center, do you picture older people (much older than you, of course) sitting around playing bingo? It’s time to update your vision! Today’s senior center is not what it used to be. September is a great time to get to know your local center—it’s National Senior Center Month.

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Andover Senior Center

Anne Knowles
VALLEY PATRIOT ANDOVER COLUMNIST

As a new resident of Frye Circle, in Andover, I was interested in the location and development of such a pleasant setting for a home for senior residents.

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Andover is quite an interesting town to study as the town progressed down through the ages, so did its citizens, establishing and taking part in almost every endeavor of the new country, first as a colony and then as the United States of America.

In fact the northern area of Andover was formerly known as Frye Village. One of John’s grandsons, Samuel Frye established a gristmill and sawmill on the banks of the Shawsheen River in 1718. From that era, Andover became one of the most influential mill towns in New England.

A series of articles published by the Andover Townsman and written by

Don Robb, Andover Historical Society have many stories about the town.

But, Frye Circle has a special importance in the town. It was built as a model site for residents of Andover, who needed a home when they became senior citizens and were unable to find suitable housing. Frye Circle was established as a low-income residential housing for the town.

The setting is a large parcel of land, surrounded by woods and stone-walls. It is an ideal location to relax, take walks, and enjoy the wildlife. Yes, wildlife. It is quite a shock to be woken up by a flock of turkeys in the morning. They wander about the complex and sometimes ... into the hallways.

Some of the residents have seen deer, foxes and even a coyote. It is like living in the country, with all the amenities of a New England town. A plus is all the activities that residents can take part in all year. If a resident of Frye Circle needs transportation, a bus is scheduled Monday through Friday, so trips for shopping, library and visits to the Senior Center in Andover can be made. Seniors can enjoy the complex and feel secure that they are cared about at Frye Circle.

Anne Knowles
VALLEY PATRIOT ANDOVER COLUMNIST

September has been designated as Senior Center Month, in the town of Andover. Many residents of Andover have not yet made use of this center, and the many programs, recreational activities, trips, and interests, that a fully informed staff can show the 60 plus Andover resident. There is a great range of very interesting things to take part in and no matter what the interests are, the center is there to for the senior.

The center is open Monday through Friday and residents are encouraged to read the calendar for each month to see what interests them. There is transportation available for many activities, so getting to the center would not be a problem for most.

The senior center is located at the rear of the Town Offices 36 Barlett St., and is opened Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4p.m. Some holidays the center will be closed so a monthly calendar of events is available. Contact the Center for information or e-mail seniorcenter@andoverma.gov.

The programs that are being planned for the coming fall season include Adventures outdoor to Workshops of every type. There are classes for exercise, water workouts at the YMCA, tap dancing, strength training, and yoga

and so many interesting activities.

Workshops in computers, piano lessons, photography, group meetings in a multitude of interests – support for those seniors that would like to take part in discussion or simply listen to others, knitting and hand crafting, dance plus more.

The center is a great place to meet others that have an interest that a senior might find of interest, or you may suggest to the staff, an interest that you have that could include others.

The centers message and invitation for Andover seniors is YES I CAN.

“Small changes count and trying something new keeps us young. Take a class, try a craft, put all those pictures in an album, call an old friend, or learn to paint. All changes add up and enrich the quality of our lives. Join us in our commitment to make small changes count.”

So, with another season ahead, it is a great time to take advantage of one of Andover’s treasures and make a point of a visit to the Senior Center. There will be something that can be enjoyed. Oh, with a 24-hour notice, a great lunch is served, at a nominal cost of \$ 2.50 Each day. So go on line or take a drive over to the center, get a brochure and see what going on.

North Andover’s Restaurant Week: Sept 23-Sept 29

Tracey Zysk
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

North Andover, a town that has turned into quite the ‘Restaurant Hub’ within the Merrimack Valley would like to invite you to their Fall Restaurant week.

The mission of Restaurant Week in North Andover is to bring awareness to our large diversity of food establishments in our little town. And encourage everyone to explore and discover all of them. From pizza and subs, taverns, and fine dining, plus bakeries and wine shops all are participating in this one week event! - Sylvie



Foulds, NAMA President

Starting Sunday September 23 until Saturday September 29 several local restaurants will be offering a variety of specials. Each restaurant will offer their own particular discount ranging from \$5.00 off to a free bottle of wine.

A list of the following participants are:

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Please visit the restaurant of your choice at their website or go to Northandovermerchants.com to see what the discount/special will be.

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Old Town Common.

BOWLING GROUP: Starts September 5th

MENS BREAKFAST: Thursday, October 4th, November 1st 9am

ONE ON ONE COMPUTER LAB CLASSES: Thursdays, 9-11:30 am, 45 minute sessions, \$7 each at the Senior Center. Call to reserve your slot. Coming this Fall- Basic Computer Course Thursdays 1-2:30, 9/6-9/27 \$24 for four classes.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Held

every Wednesday, 9 to noon.

SHINE VOLUNTEERS: Free, confidential counseling on all aspects of health insurance to North Andover residents on Medicare. Call the North Andover Senior Center and ask for a SHINE appointment, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from noon to 3 pm (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders).

Mr. FIX IT: Here at the Senior Center. 1st and 3rd Monday every month 12-3 pm. (Sept 10 & 24)

ROCKINGHAM MALL TRIP: Last Monday of every month. Bus leaves at 1-1:30. Call for a ride

Recycle and support the Senior Center. The Senior Center needs donations of gently used jewelry, knick-knacks and other small items for our Unique Boutique. Please leave your gently used treasures at our reception desk anytime. You can also drop off your used cell phones and ink cartridges for recycling.

TRANSPORTATION-PERSONAL NEEDS: Pick up at your home, drop off at local hairdressers, visit a friend at a local hospital, rehab, assisted living. Need a ride to the library, Town Hall etc.? Rides available Thursdays from 12 -3:30. If you would like additional information please call the North Andover Senior Center at 978 688-9560 for available time slots.

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Mirra, Mirra, on the Hill (Beacon Hill that is...)

Lonnie Brennan
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Local businessman Lenny Mirra rocked the newly organized 2nd Essex district topping the ticket in his attempt to bring balance to a lopsided, out-of-control state legislature. Newbury, West Newbury, Haverhill, Georgetown, Boxford, Groveland, and Merrimac are now perched to be 'the' battleground district in the northeast for an open-state representative seat.

You see, Mr. Mirra has stiff competition in the final. He will face-off against a very aggressive, in-your-face, know-it-all and everything, social liberal extremist non-stop-talking (but certainly does do his homework) Democrat lawyer in November named Vogel. Yup, just what we need, another extremist, elitist, liberal Democrat lawyer on Beacon Hill: NOT!

But going back to the primary race for a moment, the race was refreshingly clean, thoughtful, and well-fought. Boxford resident Robert Cronin established a high-visibility office at the corners of Central and

GEORGETOWN TODAY

Main streets in Georgetown, and aggressively worked the district, but in the end, fell short in a valiant race. The race also saw beloved Georgetown Selectman Gary Fowler handily take the win in Georgetown, and bring sincerity, stability, wit and wisdom to the race, but remain a distance third.

The big prize in this primary race went to the voters who had a chance to meet and discuss current issues with local candidates, and most importantly, see, hear, and interact with a businessman, not a lawyer. A worker, not an extremist.

"We were thrilled to have such a lively, interactive Republican primary" state committeewoman Kim Incampo said. "These were

great candidates who worked incredibly hard in the district to get their message out and energize the voters," she explained. "We are very excited to put our energy behind Lenny and help his finish the race to Victory in November."

And that's what the race will be about in November: do we keep electing extremists and lawyers, do we keep our communities struggling to provide for our students, our seniors, and struggling families, or do we begin to bring balance to Beacon Hill, and elect someone with business sense. Someone who's down to earth and not wrapped in an extremist bubble?

"Lenny Mirra is the best candidate at the right time for the district," West Newbury



selectman Glenn Kemper related as he detailed the need to have balance and vote-in a person with business experience to represent the district: "His hard work and experience is what the district needs. We need someone fighting for the district and as a Selectman that's what I look for", Selectman Kemper concluded.

Clearly, the choice will be simple in this race, as in most races this Nov.: are we happy with the status quo, or do we want to balance to Beacon Hill and make our communities, our schools, our seniors, all residents of our district, a priority over ultra-liberal, extremist, endless babbling career politician lawyers?

Do the right thing, get a lawn sign now. Put it up. Donate \$20 (we can all do that), and ask your neighbors to do the same. Remember, you'll be fighting against big unions from around the state and the country who are already lining up to contribute to the extremist lawyer's further left than imaginable sweet-talking agenda. And, most importantly, in November, Vote Mirra.

Deveau case a travesty of justice

Joseph D'Amore
VALLEY PATRIOT CONTRIBUTOR

A week ago I almost struck from behind a motorcyclist who had come to a sudden



stop. I was not looking other than straight away on the road, I was not texting, phoning or changing radio station.

I was simply mulling over a work issue in my mind and in a lapse of unknown seconds the traffic condition had changed into a potentially catastrophic one and my reaction to it was misaligned.

That's it. In one blink of an eye quite literally. So what if I was texting? What if I was reaching for a coffee or looking over to my side, or picking up my cell phone. I still get a shiver just thinking about it.

Aaron Deveau is a very decent young man from all accounts. He is touted by Attorney Blodgett for probable political gains later as the "first" texting-driving-negligent conviction. The plea Deveau made that he was negligent in driving but not texting at the point of impact of a terrible accident was swept away. It was not acceptable to the prosecution. Of course not, the drive to make an example with a brand new law superseded any sense of balance and justice.

Donald Bowley from all accounts was a beloved grandfather and friend to all. He did not deserve his life to be short-lived in the prime of it. Luz Roman a vibrant and active woman did not need her happy path in life erased She has lost a dear friend and lives in pain. Her ability to function has made a future impossible to discern. She continues to be a victim and so do Mr. Bowley's family.

Their sentence will never be "suspended"

So what justice exactly was meted that should make the victim's family and Ms. Roman and her family feel that justice was done? Has the public been served by being in a safer state now?

The September 30, 2010 law spells it out clearly: Driving while texting which causes injury is a negligent act which is a punishable crime. To the extent of the law the punishment can earn a distracted-texting driver 2 1/2 years in the House of Correction. So in this case because Judge Abany correctly surmised that he was dealing with essentially a good kid, he creates a confusing sentence that lead Attorney Blodgett to correctly label it as a "no win" situation for everyone.

Deveau was delivered a sentence of 2 1/2 years in the House of Correction on motor vehicular homicide, 2 years for texting and here's where it gets convoluted, 1 year concurrent on both charges with the balance suspended for five years. Only the

15 year license suspension makes sense here.

So with this sentence anyone who asserts that the victim's families have not been served has a valid point. Anyone who feels that Deveau is being victimized for political gain is right too. Remember, these high profile cases often lead to election wins and pay raises later folks, so let's not sweep that under the carpet too.

What should happen here is something a bit more balanced. How about a healthy dose of community service thrown in along with jail time. In addition to suspended portions and loss of license for 15 years, Deveau should serve 2 years but be allowed to furlough frequently with supervision to talk to teens in Massachusetts schools about the consequences of texting and driving and how his life changed "in the blink of an eye". And where would the money come from to do this? By deferring raises to prosecutors who enjoy career

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Ives Takes Dem. Senate Race will face Toohey

Newburyport City Councilor Kathleen O'Connor Ives pulled off a stunning win in last month's primary election for the 1st Essex Senate race to replace Steve Baddour. Baddour resigned earlier this year. Ives defeated Haverhill's Tim Coco and former Methuen Mayor Bill Manzi. She will face Haverhill School Committeeman Shaun Toohey in November.

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Solomon Decision was Right for Methuen

On Thursday, July 26th, Lawrence Superior Court Judge Robert Cornetta ruled that the City of Methuen had failed to prove its case that the Civil Service Commission erred in ordering the reinstatement of Joe Solomon as Methuen's Police Chief. This was not only the right decision for Solomon, but was the right decision for the City of Methuen as well. Like all of us, the Chief has made some mistakes, but overall Joe Solomon has been an outstanding police chief and has served the City exceptionally well throughout his tenure.

In 2008 Solomon was terminated as Police Chief for alleged mismanagement of Federal grant money and the use of taxpayer money to purchase marine equipment from his relatives. As far as the latter is concerned, this was equipment that the City needed and Chief Solomon actually saved the City money even though at a glance it may have appeared to violate ethics laws. In either case, the Civil Service Commission imposed a one-year suspension on Solomon as Chief in 2009 and ordered his reinstatement as Methuen's Police Chief in 2010. Even though many ethics laws and rulings are well-intentioned, they often lead to negative consequences such as this one.

In praising the Judge's ruling, Chief Solomon's attorney, Andy Gambaccini, stated that the move to terminate Chief Solomon was "poorly conceived, poorly constructed, and poorly executed." I could not agree more! Termination was not necessary.

Upon learning of the ruling, members of the Methuen City Council and current Mayor Steve Zanni announced that they will not likely be seeking an appeal of the Judge's ruling. This too is the right decision. The City has spent tens of thousands of dollars fighting the Civil Service Commission and trying to remove Solomon as Chief. It is time to move on. As City



Councilor Jennifer Kannan observed, "I don't think it's in the best interest of the city" [To appeal the ruling]. City Councilor Mike Condon also remarked, "I don't want to appeal anything. Enough is enough. I want to get this issue behind us. I think the chief is doing a good job."

Currently, the City and Chief Solomon are deadlocked in negotiations over Chief Solomon's federal lawsuit against the former Mayor and the City; and a Superior Court decision in which Solomon was awarded lost wages in the amount of \$49,000.

Chief Solomon has been vindicated and has rightfully prevailed. It is now time for the parties to reach an agreement on these issues and move on in the best interest of Methuen.

D.J. Deeb is a Methuen resident. He served as a member of the Dracut School Committee from 2005-2008 and the Greater Lowell Regional Voc-Tech School Committee from 1997-2009. Deeb is an Adjunct Professor of History/Government at Bunker Hill Community College and an Adjunct Political Science Instructor at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. He teaches Social Studies full-time at Reading Memorial High School.

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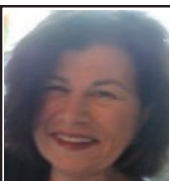
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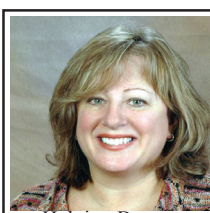
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EMILY'S KID CORNER: ONE DIRECTION

Everyone's heard of this new boy band One Direction right? Well, this is just a little article to give a little more information about these five singing pop stars.

The five -Harry Styles(18), Niall Horan(18), Liam Payne(19), Zayn Malik(19), and Louis(pronounced Lou-ee) Tomlinson- auditioned for the 2010 X-Factor in England as solo acts. Each of the boys made it through auditions and moved on to boot camp where they did not make it through.

On July 23rd, the judges decided that they would not have been good enough on their own. So, the judges decided to put them into a group. The name 'One Direction' was made up by their very own Harry Styles. He said that they were all trying to go in 'One Direction', and that was to become famous for their singing skills.

The boys sang 'Torn' by Natalie Imbruglia at their mentor, Simon Cowell's house. Once again, the boys made it through. Each week, the boys made a video diary for the X-Factor website.

Jokes for their fans such as "'No!' Jimmy protested!", "Kevin the pigeon", and "'I like girls who... eat carrots!'" came up in these videos.

After making it through many weeks of live shows, the boys were voted off in third place on December 12th. The boys were signed by Simon Cowell, or as the boys call him, "Uncle Simon" to SYCO RECORDS.

In September, a little less than a year later, the boys came out with their single What Makes You Beautiful which sky rocketed to #1 on the pop singles chart. "Directioners" -which is what their fans are called- were ecstatic and couldn't wait for the album to be released.

Then two months later, on November 21st 2011, their album titled 'Up All Night' was released. The boys became more and more popular.

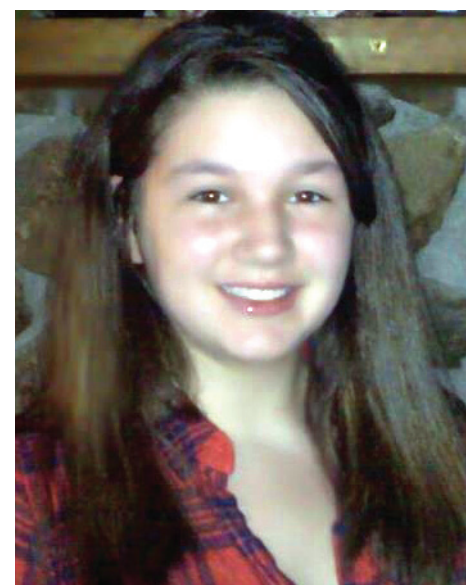
In December 2011, the boys announced that they were going on tour. Starting with Europe, then going to Australia in February, and ending in North America in April. The boys performed their songs

"Na NaNa", "Stand Up", "I Wish", "Moments", "Gotta Be You", "More Than This", "Up All Night", "Tell Me A Lie", "Everything About You", "One Thing", "Save You Tonight", "What Makes You Beautiful", and "I Want." Followed by covers of the songs, "I Gotta Feeling", "Stereo Hearts", "Valerie", and "Torn". The tour ended in July 2012.

While on tour, the boys' book, "Dare To Dream" came out in stores. The book is packed with information, pictures, and funny stories about the boys. Such as birthdays, favorite colors, baby pictures, rare photos, and stories about times on the X-Factor or just random times at home.

On February 21st 2012, the boys were nominated for a Brit award. Being up against an artist like Adele, the boys thought they wouldn't win. But they did. They won against some of the biggest names out there. The fans were extremely proud.

And just recently, the boys were nominated for three Video Music Awards (or VMA's). Most Shared Video, Best Pop



Video, and Best New Artist. The boys went home with a clean sweep. Yes, they won all three awards! Being against Justin Bieber(18), the boys weren't sure if they were going to win. But they did, and Directioners were so proud of them.

-Emily Lacouture, junior columnist for the Valley Patriot

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Ronnie Ford

VALLEY PATRIOT OPINION COLUMNIST

The Campagnone Memorial Common as it has been known since 1948 is still the center of the City of Lawrence. This Common was named for the three brothers, Albert, Carmen and Bernard, sons of Stephen and Maria Campagnone. The Italian community erected a granite monument in their memory.

These brothers made the supreme sacrifice for their country. How heart-breaking for a Mom and Dad to lose three beloved sons. The memories are still there for many of us, the bandstand, the wading pool, playing ball, or just strolling through the walk.

These images are part of our own human experience and always will be. Those who went to Lawrence High School used the Common for recess for years. However, The Valley Patriot has discovered from another local newspaper that some people are referring to this common as the Squirrel Park.

The three Campagnone brothers left their home never to return to the city that they loved. The Italian customs and food, their language and traditions, would no longer excite their senses. Freedom and striving for a better life was far too important for these American Sons of Italy!

Now, some people on the local radio and their callers have been calling this Campagnone Common the squirrel park? How insensitive, how callous, how disrespectful it is to the memories of these brothers. I'll bet those who use this name squirrel park never served their country! STOP IT! Have some respect for the memory of these men and their surviving family, namely Steve and Joyce Campagnone and their children.

When the multitudes strolled along Common Street and The Campagnone Memorial Common this Labor Day weekend for the feast of the Three Saints,

I hope they remembered the sacrifice of the Campagnone Brothers, and not think of squirrels. Shame on you!

While we are talking about nice places, you should try Raff's Restaurant in Haverhill, Mass. Raff's is a very nice place to dine. Top notch food, great people, and loads of friendly people are always showing up every day.

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The campaigns for election are getting cruel and nasty. I do not ever remember such lies and deceit, in past campaigns. Where is Character, Fair Play and Honesty? Then they say "I did not sanction what was said" Bull, it went out under your name.

I see Lizzie Tish Warren needs the help of news anchors Diane Sawyer and that Cuomo man in her TV ads. They are supposed to be impartial! Ha! Their ABC bosses tell them what to say, they front most of the money that goes to the Democratic coffers. The Fourth Estate is on the road to hell, they do not have an original thought in their collective heads. They are all puppets spewing out words from the hands that pay them. How utterly immature!

A big shout out to St. Monica's Church and their priests especially Father Patrick Armano for having Perpetual Adoration. For those of you who have not dropped in, please go in for a visit. You will be surprised how great you will feel. Thank you for having this comfort Fathers.

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VALLEY PATRIOT IRISH COLUMNIST

On the 29th of April, 2006, Ivan Dragievic, one of the visionaries of Medjugorje, Bosnia, was coming to Abbeylara to share his apparition with the community.

Abbeylara is on the Cavan, Longford border, right up the road from Ballyjamesduff, in the Republic of Ireland.

As I approached the village, I was struck by the way it was so clean, decorated with flowers and banners in Ivan coming. It seemed that every house was cleaned, painted and decorated the same as they did in the old days when the "Station" was celebrated in a special house. Two large marquees were erected on each side of the church. Certainly they were expecting a large gathering.

I arrived two hours before the ceremony and I was lucky enough to get a seat close to the sanctuary where Ivan was going to witness another apparition. He has apparitions every day, and at the same time.

After a half-hour Mass, Ivan approached the altar and knelt down. It was 6:40 PM, There was utter silence in and around the church as Ivan seemed to be in a trance as he looked up into the upper part of the altar. After about ten minutes Iven stood-up and faced the congregation.

Through an interpreter he told us what Our Lady had said to him, and that all her messages were the same, pray, reconciliation, fast, Eucharist and conversion. He continued speaking for about an hour, telling us about his encounter with the Blessed Mother and how he ran and hid in his bedroom, afraid that he might see her again. Now, he was a young lad at that time. He said that while he was in

his room "hiding" from the apparition, he thought, "what if she came in while the door was locked, what would he do?" so, in fear of this, he opted to go to the hill and see her again.

It was raining in Abbeylara when Ivan began seeing the apparition in the church. A note was handed to a priest and he gave it to Ivan, the note said, "the sun had come

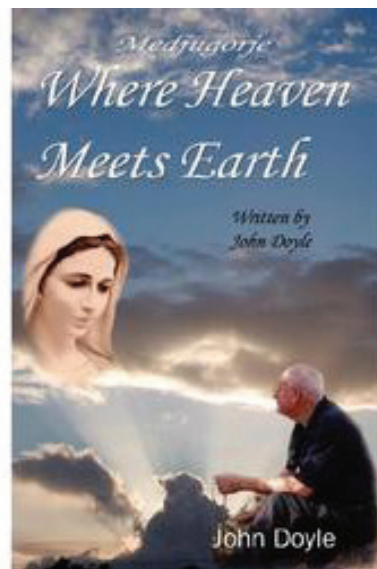
out and the sun is "dancing". Ivan said the sun always dance's when the Blessed Mother is in our presence.

Sitting in back of me was a young lady, around seventeen years old. She was sitting with parents and siblings. During Ivan's apparition, she slumped over and was "slain in the spirits". Her father picked her up and let her down in the prone position, in the isle where she remained until Ivan was finished "talking" to

Our Lady. When she returned to her seat, I turned and asked her what she saw, her reaction was, "I saw the Blessed Mother in front of me, she was standing on a cloud." There is no doubt that the Blessed Mothers presence was real. The peace and serenity in the little village of Abbeylara could be felt.

Now, I first heard of Medjugorje while sitting in the office of a friend of mine in 1992. In came a woman, the late Marie Balter, and she came over to me and handed me medal of the Lady of Medjegorje and said to me, she's calling you. Well I didn't know what she meant by that at that time, but after seeing and hearing Ivan it became known to me that I had to make a journey to the holy village of Medjegorje. I did, two times. You can read more about my trip in my little book at www.LULU.com/602203.

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FROM PAGE 5: BROWN'S SENATE RECORD

Abortion

During the event, Brown was questioned on his stand on abortion and surprised some in the audience. "I am pro-choice and I have been since Gail and I have known each other. There are differences though between Professor Warren and me on that issue. I am not in favor of federal funding. I am not in favor of partial birth abortion. I am not in favor of lowering the age of consent for abortions like she is. And that's a difference. But I believe these issues are best decided between a woman and her doctor."

On the National Debt

"Our country is facing many challenges," Brown said.

"We are facing some real struggles. When I went down [to Washington] there was a 11.95 trillion dollar national debt, it's up to 16 trillion dollars. We are borrowing 40 cents on every dollar.

There's an attack brewing, where they are going to cut 3/4 of a trillion dollars of your Medicare. That is something I am not supportive of. I am going to continue to work to protect it [Medicare]. Anyone who is getting it by the way, let's put the mystery to bed right here, anyone who is getting Medicare or will get it, will be grandmothers or grandfathered in. There's no discussion, no effort whatsoever to make sure you don't get those care and coverage, none.

Will my daughter get the same coverage as my mom if we are going to keep the system viable?

Probably not, but that's a conversation we need to have together. It's not going to be a Democrat thing. I know there are some good Democrats here. There are some good Republicans and Independents here, the one thing we have in common folks is we are all Americans first. The only way we are going to solve these national problems is work together. Right now!"

Bi Partisan – The Only Guy

"I am the second most bipartisan senator in the United States Senate. I vote 54% with my party. Every other member of the delegation from Massachusetts votes 96-97% and above. So what does that mean? It means that I am the only guy in the delegation trying to work together to move our country forward.

Brown noted several bills he has worked on with Democrats saying, "As evidenced by my voting record. Insider trading, I didn't know you could go down to Washington and do insider trading and not go to jail.

"But let me tell you something, they will now. I was honored to be in the rose

garden when the President signed that bill to prohibit that kind of thing. I'm hoping it went a long way to reestablishing some trust between you and us, the people who are working in Washington."

Brown also hailed his work on the "Hire a Hero Veteran Bill." It's now law. The three percent withholding, which is; any contractor that's doing work with the government, that stealth tax that was going into effect, it's gone.

[The] 1099 fix, that affects businesses, that's gone. The Arlington Cemetery Bill, the crowd funding bill these are all things that I have been working on, [and] trying to save the Post Office, I'm pushing a bill through with Senator Collins, Lieberman, Carper and I, to make sure that the post office will be viable so you can get your mail.

These are the things I am working on each and every day. The things that people care about, right now. Debt, deficit, taxes spending, jobs, national security, and energy, that's what people care about.

They want to know if their sons or daughters, husbands or wives, go off to battle they are going to come home safely. And if they don't come home safely and they come home hurt, injured, mentally or physically, that they are going to get the care and coverage they need to get better.

I'm on Armed Services, Homeland, Veterans, Small Business [Committees]. I am the ranking member on Armed Services, ranking member on Homeland Security, working very hard to make sure when we send the soldiers out, they are actually able to go out and do their jobs with the tools and resources [they need] to do their jobs well and come home safely.

An Attack on Medicare and Breaking with Paul Ryan

"There is an attack as I said it's an attack on your Medicare.

You know you hear about the Ryan Budget and trying to attack Medicare. I voted against the Ryan budget twice. Twice. And I also put out an op-ed as to why I did it. I did it because I was deeply concerned about the approach to handling Medicare reform. In order to do it right, and there is a way to do it, but it needs to

be done together, a bipartisan, bicameral way in which the President will sign it.

It's not going to be just ramming it through with the scare tactics to scare all of you.

And you are all very intelligent people. You know better. You know you are going to have someone like me down there who is looking out to make sure that you are going to have that contract that was informally signed between the federal government and you, to give you those benefits that are in place. You are not going to be affected at all.

For other generations, in order to make it viable there are going to need to be some changes. I am going to continue to do my best and listen. I don't know it all. I am going to make mistakes. I said that the night I was elected, if you watched my victory speech I said; you know what, I am going to make mistakes and I started right off the bat. I said my daughters are available on national TV. How' that for a pretty good doosie? That being said, I have learned from that mistake and I will continue to learn from that mistake."

Senior Centers

"But I wanted to thank you. I visit senior centers, being on the elder caucus when I was a state rep. and state senator, being a former selectmen, and I am working very hard in Wrentham for our senior center to get that built. Looking at Norfolk and Franklin and visiting the 12 cities and towns in my [former state senate] district is something I enjoy, [like] playing pool, having events, participating in events, it's important. It's a very important part of who I am."

Social security and Taxes

"At the end of this year you are going to wake up on January 1st to a very different country in terms of our tax policy. The child care tax credit is going to be cut down to \$500. You are going to have the lower rates go from 10% to 15%, from 35% to 39.6%. A lot of the tax policy would change dramatically that's the fiscal cliff that even Bill Clinton in a moment

of candor said we can't go close and we can't go over, and I am paraphrasing but I agree with him.

We need to address these issues. I shouldn't be here with you right now. I should be in Washington right now working on these things and I have called for it, I've asked for it, others have as well and some people unfortunately want to go over that fiscal cliff.

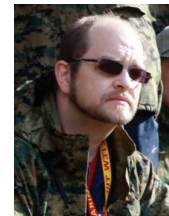
I think it sends a very, very bad message to our world partners and others throughout the world who are looking at us as role models, economic role models. Social Security? Listen, it's stable. Does it need to be fixed? Yes. It can be done within the system. I don't think they need to raise taxes on the social security programs like Professor Warren wants to do. She wants to raise the cap and I don't think that's necessary at this point.

Congressman Akin

Asked about Congressman Akin's comments on opposing abortion in cases of rape, Brown said he was the first to ask Akin to apologize and not run. "I was first in the country," He said. "Professor Warren hasn't even asked him to step down and that's putting politics ahead of this every important issue."

Honored to be a United States Senator "And let me tell you something. Besides my marriage to Gail and the birth of my two daughters, being your senator is the greatest honor I've ever had in my life. I mean, to think someone like me, a guy whose mom and dad were married and divorced four times each.

I had lived in 17 houses by the time I was 18, and you have read and heard about some of the abuse and other challenges I have had. But those life experiences I tell you, have made me who I am today. They have given me that foundation, that rock to know what the value of a dollar is. I know what the value of a dollar is. Each and every day I go down there, I read the bills. I understand them and if I don't, I find a way to understand them. I see how those bills affect Massachusetts, how they affect our country, our debt, our deficit, and I vote. That's it. Period ... Period."



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Bitter Sweet Primary Election 2012!

Peter Larocque
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Before I give my two cents on the recent primary Election, please allow me to reflect on the exciting agenda of Hope and Change of four years ago that we were all told would usher in a new era of politics and change how things would be done in Washington. Unfortunately, hope and change soon turned into finger pointing and blame. Class warfare and the implementing of policies that continually move the country from the free enterprise system to a more government dependent society, all the while disguising these programs with the propaganda of fairness!

According to the Wall Street Journal, almost half of Americans are receiving some form of government assistance! In the end, all this hope and change resulted in larger and larger deficits!

Here at home, since Governor Deval Patrick took office, cities and towns across the Commonwealth have had their local aid cut dramatically by some 500 million dollars to support other big government programs. These cuts resulted in police and firemen being laid off which impacted greatly the safety of their citizens and their property. We are constantly being told by the occupants on Beacon Hill, (the majority of which are Democrats like our State Senator Barry Finegold), that their vote to support the Governor's Budget which resulted in the layoffs of police and firemen was Bold, Courageous, Brave and Difficult. They also want us to believe that cities and towns are better off today because of their vote. Now these same politicians expected to be re-elected so that they could do more of the same!

Let's make something very clear, it is never Courageous, Brave or Bold to vote in such a way that results in layoffs of police and firemen putting the citizen's safety in jeopardy! I would say deciding to serve our country in the military is Courageous, Brave and Bold, not cutting local aide!

The Big Sweet part of the Primary

Election which took place on Thursday September 6, 2012 was the citizens of Lawrence and surrounding communities took their turn to make the Courageous, Brave and Bold decision to NOT re-elect Representative Mr. David Torrisi. This time around being a friend and ally to the Mayor of Lawrence, Mayor Lantigua didn't come to his rescue like two years ago!

So the process of the loosening of the hold that Mayor Lantigua has on Lawrence has begun.

The Bitter part of the Primary Election was Andover's Selectman Republican Mr. Alex Vispoli, losing his attempt to represent The 2nd Essex District in November to go against another friend and ally to the Mayor of Lawrence, Senator Barry Finegold. Mr. Vispoli, a man of proven integrity and business experience would not have stood by silent as the Mayor of Lawrence messed with the police and fire departments. Unfortunately, the winner of this contest was State Representative Republican Paul Adams who also is an ally and friend to the Mayor of Lawrence.

This I believe was a huge missed opportunity to remove another friend and ally of the Mayor of Lawrence. Going forward it will take some kind of miracle for Mr. Adams to defeat Mr. Finegold. Although in the end it really doesn't matter because both owe their political carriers to Mayor Lantigua and will continue to give a blind eye and deaf ear to whatever the Mayor of Lawrence attempts to do! Their loyalty to Mayor Lantigua caused them to stand by and do absolutely nothing while Mayor Lantigua laid off policemen and firemen in Lawrence putting our safety at risk!

They sat by idle, giving their support while the City of Lawrence was placed under a State Overseer. They sat by idle giving their support while Mayor Lantigua gave up on and supported our Public Schools being placed under Receiver-ship.

Two years ago, Mayor Lantigua endorsed them and placed them on

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Educator Resigns, Moves out of City, Pulls Kids Out of Schools

Tom Duggan
VALLEY PATRIOT PUBLISHER

After a year of demanding public documents and information about how Deval Patrick and his Department of Education is planning to turn around the Lawrence Public Schools with zero results, one member of the Lawrence School Committee has chosen to take her children out of the Lawrence school system and has resigned from the school committee.

Jen Cooper, who was elected over incumbent Mark Gray in 2011 to represent the Mount Vernon "District E" section of Lawrence, says in her resignation letter to Mayor Lantigua that she can no longer allow her children "to NOT be educated in Lawrence."

Cooper, a lifelong Democrat whose party took over the Lawrence Public Schools and stripped the school committee of their power by installing a state appointed receiver says she can no longer trust that the Deval Patrick Administration or Commissioner of Education, Mitchell Chester have the best interest of her children at heart.

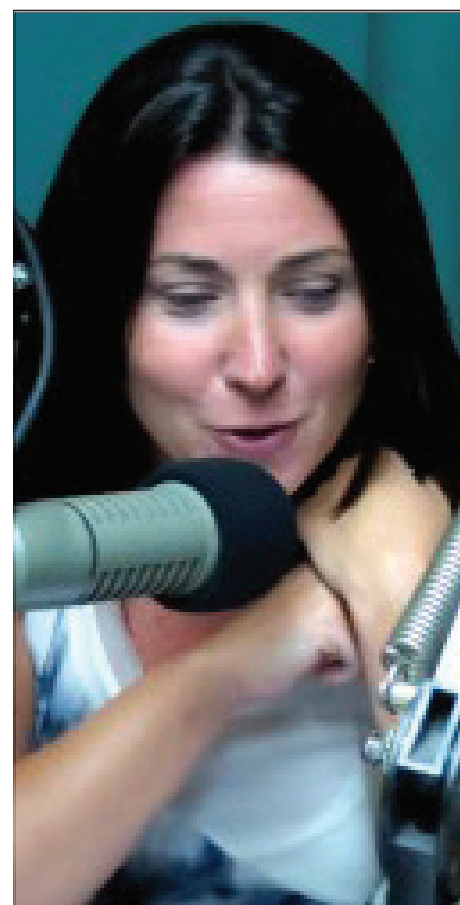
Cooper had two small children at the Frost School, Wesley who is seven years old and going into the 2nd grade and Kaitlin who is eight years old and going into the 3rd grade.

"As a parent of two Lawrence Public School students," Cooper writes in her resignation letter, "I no longer trust that my children will receive an adequate education under Receiver Riley's new turnaround plan. As a result, I have chosen to remove my children from the Lawrence Public Schools and have moved out of Lawrence, so that they can attend a school system which will give them the best chance of receiving an excellent education in their formative years."

Cooper says that her decision was not made lightly and cited as one factor, the Department of Education's failure to hire teachers in the classroom who are in the field of education. Cooper says that Receiver Riley and Commissioner Chester are placing teachers in the schools that do not have the experience and are not educators by profession.

"I am a firm believer that every child in public schools should be taught by certified teachers who have dedicated their careers to the teaching profession. Receiver Riley, Governor Deval Patrick and Commissioner Chester do not share that view," Cooper said.

The Valley Patriot obtained an advance copy of the resignation letter which was posted in its' entirety on the web. Cooper says that Receiver Riley and Commis-



Former Lawrence School Committeeman Jen Cooper on WCAP's Paying Attention! radio program in Lowell. Cooper resigned last month.

sioner Chester continue to spend the tax payers' money in secrecy and refuse to release their spending and curriculum plans to the public.

"Furthermore, their refusal to disseminate information to the public concerning what changes are being made to the curriculum and their insistence on doing the public's business in secret has left me no choice but to remove my children and resign from the Lawrence School Committee."

Under the City Charter a special election must be called to replace Cooper on the School Committee. The Lawrence City Council can obtain a home rule petition from the legislature to forego a special election.

The Lawrence School Committee has not met in more than 60 days and has no authority over spending or curriculum under the takeover legislation passed last year. The legislation does not disband the committee nor does it take away the committee's role as representatives of the voters of Lawrence to question spending of the tax payers' dollars on the Lawrence Public Schools.



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New Owners of Historic Club Restore Image and Neighborhood

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The Valley Patriot had the opportunity to sit down with the owners, Tony Fiore and Michael Pelletier, of the newly renovated Ward 6 Club earlier this month. Tony shared the colorful history of this private club which was originally founded in 1931 two years prior to prohibition ending. Mike adds the club was a genuine a speakeasy at one time. The Ward 6 Club is one of the oldest bars still operating in Lawrence. Tony says, “So many people from Lawrence have memories of coming to the club when they were just kids with their fathers and grandfathers.” While in the 50’s the club was geared to the polish population of the city, today it does not gear itself towards one nationality, but is proud to be inclusive.

Michael Pelletier, the partner who stumbled upon this opportunity explains the chain of events. “I went into my attorney’s office and he had asked me if I wanted to buy a two family. I asked him. ‘Where is it?’ He said Springfield Street. When he said Springfield I was like ok, am from Spruce street, I can make that work because my background and given I was brought up in the city. I said why not, let’s go take a look. When I did, sure enough it was a two family and then he told me about the bar. They didn’t want any money for the bar,

but he said ‘if you are going to do something with it you need to go and get the license fixed right away.’ I brought Tony to take a look at it.”

Tony added, “We got wind that the club was for sale and so we came down

came into the space it looked like a dive from the 1970’s. It was very old and dated. The ceiling tiles were yellow from smoking and the bar was dark and not very inviting. Mike added that when making the decision to purchase, “We looked at it and got a



and investigated the property. The history behind it was that the club used to be very involved in community and had a large membership. But since there were problems with the neighborhood in the 80’s and 90’s, business dwindled down. Over the past 4 or 5 years the club was stagnant doing nothing. It had a small aging membership and the club did not have any money invested in it in quite some time. It looked like a dive from the 1970s. In fact when we first

bunch of advice from people. We said that if we are going to do this let’s do it right, and that’s what we did.”

Tony described the undertaking of the huge renovation. “We pieced everything together and family and friends helped us out. We got it going. We just put it together. I got an artist to give me color coordination’s on the walls. Basically, we went over the entire space. All the walls have been repainted and re-paneled. The bar top is

all new. We salvage what we could which was 3 or 4 pieces from the original bar. We added new shelves and ceiling tiles, and we went through the bathrooms; everything is all updated now. The main function room has a new floor.”

Michael reveals the biggest surprise of the club- the backroom. “You don’t know about the backroom until you look into it and it’s like an Egyptian tent. You look at the building at front and you just see it as a little hole-in-the-wall two family. When you open the door it’s like a huge ‘shand-la’ type thing. When I went into the back room and saw the oak that had been done, that inspired me to continue the oak to the other side. A little bit of clean up, paint and refurbishing the back hall brought it back to life! We just changed everything.”

“We have a new sprinkler system coming up within the next 3- days and we are rehabbing the downstairs now. Downstairs is going to be for dancing and live bands and live entertainment in general. Some of these underground bands are going to be coming in and we hope to mimic the vibe of the middle-eastern restaurant in Cambridge. We want to being in what people want to listen to which could be anything from jazz to Kenny Chesney to country line dancing.” Mike and Tony both echo the

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Fairness in Probate Court

Mark Gray

VALLEY PATRIOT GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Meet Rob Page, an ex-Marine who served from 1990-1994. On June 28th 2012, Rob was arrested, no Miranda rights, no warrant shown and when put in front of the Judge he wasn’t allowed due process, the right to representation or a chance to make a case for himself.

He was shackled and not allowed to make any phone calls, for a week he was unable to let anyone know where he was. He was placed in a 24 by 30 foot room with 24 other inmates, some of which were ‘dope sick’ shaking violently, vomiting, and very loud all hours of the day and night. This room was also on lock down 24 hours a day, so Rob wasn’t able to move even to the bathroom without having to walk over people and avoid the issues of vomit, leftover food and detoxing addicts.

Eventually Rob was moved to ‘the farm’, although it was a short lived stay since his diabetes and blood pressure medicine was kept from him for 5 days and caused adverse effects and he eventually told a nurse about chest pains. He was then shipped back to Middleton for observation and placed into another confined room full of people. Despite being put back in Middleton for observation when he complained about chest pains he was yelled at and told

to wait for other shift workers to come on duty. Well, after waiting 4 hours Rob had to be sent to a hospital because he had a heart attack. He ended up having a stent put in his artery and is lucky to be alive today.

While being imprisoned Rob noticed what others convicted of his vicious crime noticed and that was that they did not get any programs (in fact programs were kept from them), they did not get the same considerations, jobs, resources, or ability to live like the other inmates. What did Rob do that was so horrific that he was denied his Constitutional Rights and treated in a manner that would land people in jail for years on animal cruelty charges? He lost his job. Although Rob was a very successful restaurant owner in Arizona he longed to see his kids like all good fathers and was told that he would be able to see his kids as long as he moved to Massachusetts.

However when he came to Massachusetts, he was only allowed to see his kids for 4 hours over 2 years ago. Judges in Massachusetts don’t care. They don’t care because men don’t have rights unless you have a lot of money to spend on a team of attorneys and then, it only levels the field a little bit. To add injury to all this, the DOR took his license which impacts his ability to get a good job. In fact he landed a

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The State House Let Lawrence Down

And the \$34million bandaid the State threw at it fell off fast.

Karin Rhoton

VALLEY PATRIOT GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

The City of Lawrence has been put in a financial position that is untenable, and the House Representatives has enabled the city to drift for many years. The Lantigua Administration has been reckless in its financial decisions and it is time to have someone with backbone to stand up for the citizens of Lawrence and take the city back.

Fire Chief Jack Bergeron recently spoke at the Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association and outlined the challenges the Lawrence Fire Department is currently facing. Because of the understaffing of the Massachusetts Firefighters Academy in Stow, the Chief can’t get new potential firefighters trained until next April. Two fire stations remain closed, fire apparatus is on its last legs and the stations are in disrepair. The Chief has had to apply for a federal public safety fire grant in order to avoid a layoff of Firefighters.

Police Chief John Romero was excited about the ability to hire a dozen new police officers. However, because the funding source for these officers comes from a federal grant that must be applied

for annually, the city potentially must lay off all those officers after just one month of graduating the academy.

At the state level the amount of revenue that has been received by the City of Lawrence in the form of structured local aid has dropped dramatically. Much of the Merrimack Valley has seen these cuts in local aid over the past years, yet the cost of living continues to increase.

How did Lantigua and his accomplices allow this to happen? Why did the City ever get in the position of having to rely on federal funding in order to staff and operate the public safety instead of the general budget of the city? How come one-time funds are continually applied to multi-year needs?

At a local level the budget passed the City Council, but it was definitely not unanimous.

Councilor Marc Laplante voted against the budget because what was presented was not responsible to the safety of the citizens of Lawrence. The Mayor presented a budget that increased people’s taxes yet decreased their services. Councilor Laplante was also looking for a budget that added funding for additional police

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ADD-ADHD and Other Learning Disabilities

Dr. Jin Sung

VALLEY PATRIOT CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN

Most people view Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), hyperactivity and learning disabilities as behavioral problems or psychological issues. However, these disorders are actually a complex net of neurological, immunological and nutritional problems.

ADD, ADHD, hyperactivity disorders, etc. are just labels, and not good ones. They put expectations on a child that they often will live up or down to. Traditional diagnoses of ADD and ADHD are understandable, but they do not tell us what to do to find the mechanism of the child's "behavioral" problem, in order to balance, improve and or correct it.

The "behavioral problems" stem from neurological and metabolic imbalances. It is not that these are socially dysfunctional children, per se. Their behavior is a result of multiple "functional" imbalances.

The latest research is clear on what causes most "behavioral problems" and that is an electrical imbalance between the two sides of the brain. This is called the Functional Disconnection Syndrome (FDS). Here's how it works.

The brain has two completely different sides with completely different functions which need to be coordinated for the whole brain to work in a balanced fashion. These two sides of the brain must fire at an equal frequency for us (humans) to be "normal." If one side fires less than the other (due to trauma,

severe emotional stresses, virus, infections, inflammations, etc.) then that part

of the brain will express less function and less ability to express itself.

In many (not all) behavioral children, the right side of the brain is deficient. The right side of the brain houses our social skills, likes soft music and sounds, houses the stop mechanism of our brain, is the "sad" side of our brain, controls body awareness, concentration and self-control.

The left side of this child's brain likes rote memorization; it's where our "academic" skills reside, likes loud noises, flickering lights (think computer, TV, etc.), likes sameness, or doing things over and over again. This is a very minimal description of the cerebral hemisphere functions but it should serve to educate in this scenario.

Going back to the functional disconnection syndrome, we can see very quickly what happens in the ADD, ADHD, learning and behavioral disabled

child. Something occurs to cause the brain to "disconnect" the wiring between

the two brain hemispheres and in this example, the right brain becomes weakened and not working very well and the left brain becomes dominant.

This produces a child who likes TV, video games, computers and all things loud (left brain). They interrupt, due to the right-sided weakened social skills. They "perseverate," do the same things over and over again (left brain). They like routines, rituals (left brain). They have a good memory (left brain) usually they have poor social skills (weak right brain), poor body awareness (weak right brain) cannot concentrate (right brain) have tantrums (right brain) and cannot control themselves. This is the ADD, ADHD and frankly OCD, Aspergers and Autistic brain patterns.

This is the hallmark of learning disabilities and "behavioral problems." It is a brain that is functionally disconnected, or out of balance. Coordination and balance are key in functional recovery.

The bottom line remains; one side of the brain becomes very dominant, the other neglected. Over time if the FDS is not corrected, the neglected side (the weak side) almost never gets better on its own. In fact many times it gets worse.

Modern understanding of the neurology of the brain and the metabolic imbalances that trigger and drive imbalances and prevent them from correcting themselves are well understood; as are the specific individualized nondrug methods for their correction. Unfortunately, very few practitioners utilizing the current models of care have ever heard of the syndrome, know how to recognize it or how to treat it successfully. Finding a practitioner with a background in functional neurology and metabolic work is the first step toward a successful recovery.

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FROM PAGE 15: LAWRENCE

officers. Alternatively the budget passed because a majority of the city councilors and the mayor favored increasing taxes while public safety remained understaffed and a second priority.

The city continues to have financial issues, and the passed budget shows increasing property taxes is the answer. I disagree.

The answer should be to build the economy with good, solid long-standing businesses in all the empty space to gain

revenue and also grow jobs. But why should anyone come and invest in Lawrence when the leadership has cared more about themselves than the city?

New leadership at City Hall and Beacon Hill is desperately needed. Bring in new people. Get things moving. Change the direction of this city and get Lawrence growing again.

Karin Rhoton is a former member of the North Andover School Committee and is a candidate for State Representative.

FROM PAGE 15: JUDGES

great job, the company impressed with his work history and talent, however they had to renege on the offer because the DOR had taken his license and it showed up in a back ground check.

Rob has been trying to find steady and better paying work to pay the mandated child support because losing your job and having no place to live isn't a consideration in modifying the support order that was based on having a full time job. Ironically and sadly, the Massachusetts DOR and the

probate courts are actually hindering Rob's ability to get a job and make the payments they are forcing him to make for kids they won't allow him to see. Don't for one minute think that this is an isolated or minority incident, it's actually the majority of near identical cases where men are treated in similar fashion.

There will be more stories forth coming as I will make this the issue of who should be elected to state offices. You see the state reps have the ability to address these gender bigot judges who have no oversight, but refuse to do so. As you may be aware through media sources there is a relationship between state reps and the court system. For this reason NO attorney or lawyer should ever be elected to office. I hope that you are outraged, that you call any person running for office and tell them if they won't fix these out of control judges that they do NOT deserve support.

Mark Gray is a former member of the Lawrence School Committee.

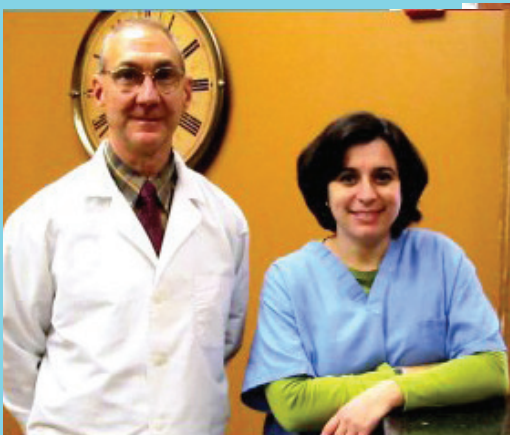


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TOM DUGGAN'S NOTEBOOK

METHUEN MAYOR HOSTS SENIOR CENTER FORUM

Methuen, MA – In an effort to open City Hall up to the public, encourage greater familiarity with local programs and policies, and create an opportunity for residents to ask questions, Mayor Steve Zanni has hosted a monthly forum at Methuen's Senior Activity Center. The Mayor's September forum will include Methuen's City Treasurer, Ann Guastafarro; and City Assessor, Michele Mastrangelo.

Guastafarro and Mastrangelo will be joining the Mayor for a public discussion at the Senior Activity Center from 10:45am – noon on Thursday, September 27th. The discussion will include a brief overview of what the City Assessor's and Treasurer's offices do and the services they provide. Following these introductions, Guastafarro and Mastrangelo will detail the local tax policy and different programs that are available to residents.

"I think people are eager to hear about these departments," said Zanni. "I think residents are even more eager to hear about programs they may qualify for that could save them money."

The Senior Activity Center is located at 77 Lowell St in Methuen. All residents are invited to attend.

NORTH ANDOVER - SENIOR PROPERTY TAX-WORK-OFF PROGRAM

On Monday, August 27th the North Andover Senior Center will have applications available for the 2012, Senior Property Tax Work-Off Program. You must be at least 60 years of age, own and occupy the property for which North Andover property taxes are paid. There are 35 funded positions available. Eligible participants may be chosen through a lottery. Workers must complete 90 hours of service by Friday, May 24th, 2013. A maximum of 10 hours per week is required to receive abatement in the amount of \$652.50. If you are interested in applying, packets and additional eligibility information will be available starting, Monday, August 27th at the North Andover Senior Center, reception area at 120R Main Street, North Andover.

9TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH PRAYER SHAWL TEA

Communities Together, Inc., formerly The Greater Lawrence Council of Churches, and St. Augustine Parish in Andover will sponsor the 9th Annual Interfaith Prayer Shawl Tea at St. Augustine Parish, Center for Education and Ministry, 35 Essex Street, Andover on Tuesday,

September 18, 2012 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Please join us for light refreshments as we celebrate the Prayer Shawl Ministry, offer shawls for a blessing by clergy, and share stories of how the ministry touches lives. Our speaker will be Deborah Scionti, Director of Spiritual Care at Mary Immaculate Health/Care Services. Come and hear Debbie speak about her work as a chaplain and how giving a SHAWL is like Sharing His Abundant Warming Love. This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 13 to the St. Augustine Parish office (Klara) at: 978-475-0050 x37 or klara@staugustineparish.org.

LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL 50TH REUNION, 1962-2012

Calling all 1962 classmates!! Fifty years - can you believe it? You and a guest are cordially invited to attend this gala reunion of the best class to ever attend LHS!

Here are the details:

WHEN: Sunday, October 28, 2012

WHERE: Brookstone Event Center

14 Route 111, East Derry, NH

TIME: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Buffet Dinner and Dancing

Classmates who are interested in attending and have not received an invitation can contact Linda (Dolce) Lemerise at llemer@aol.com or call (978) 973-0964. Deadline for tickets is October 1, 2012.

GIANT TOWN YARD SALE

It's a Recycle Day party in The Park with The Andover Department of Community Service's Giant Yard Sale on Saturday, September 22. Held from 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Support your planet by finding that perfect object for your decorating needs, or that collectible you should have bought years ago! Bargains can be found all over the park in every corner and on both sides of the sidewalk. Sections on the lawn will be full of items for you to browse. Buy something from your neighbor, or meet someone you haven't seen in awhile. It's like a town wide block party! Over 50 families usually are found selling you their treasures each fall!

Find baby & children's clothing on sale, household & kitchen items, doll accessories, books, knickknacks, toys, sports equipment, decorative pieces and an amazing assortment of treasured recyclables that you can put to a new use. The Park is located at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut Streets. Rain date is Sunday, September 23. Shoppers will find so many great deals! Swing by on your way through the



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

down town area either before or after your errands. Plenty of purchases for everyone! If you want to sell some items, late spots may be purchased before 4 pm on Friday for \$10/spot. For more information, call 978-623-8279, or stop by the DCS office, 36 Bartlet Street.

HAM AND BEAN SUPPER

September 29th 2012, 72 Elm Street Trinitarian Congregational Church, North Andover. 4:30-6PM

Ham, two kinds of beans, home made cole slaw and potato salad and plenty of desserts. Cost \$8 per person, \$7 seniors and children under 12. Children under 4 free.

METHUEN MAYOR, SCHOOL COMMITTEE TOUR CITY SCHOOLS

Methuen, MA – As Methuen readies for another school year, Mayor Stephen Zanni joined with School Superintendent Judy Scannell and School Committee members Mary Jean Fawcett and Lynne Hajjar Kumm in taking one last look at Methuen's school-buildings.

"Students may get a break for the summer, but we use the time to get our facilities up to a level that our parents and students expect," explained Scannell. "I am extremely proud to show the Mayor and

School Committee the exemplary work done throughout our buildings. I think our students and parents will be impressed."

"I think our City is really proud of our elementary school buildings," said Mayor Zanni, "and I think the best way to continue to instill pride is to maintain the quality of these buildings."

Scannell, who will provide the same tour to the remainder of the School Committee at a later time, showed off new carpets, flooring, and paint jobs.

"The staff has done a phenomenal job at making our facilities look brand new," said Fawcett.

"The schools are bright, clean, and ready for our students," said Kumm. "It was great to see so many teachers already getting their classrooms prepared. I am really excited for this school year."

Tickets Available for September 27th Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley Benefit Concert Headlined by Pauline Wells

WHO: Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley (FKMV), a local organization dedicated to serving the needs of foster kids throughout Merrimack Valley, is hosting a fundraising benefit event Thursday, September 27, 2012 with Pauline Wells at the Blue Ocean Music Hall. FKMV is a certified 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving foster children in the Merrimack Valley, including Lawrence, Methuen, Andover, North Andover and the greater Haverhill region. FKMV's goal is to bring a positive influence into the lives of these children and support them as they grow; they offer a range of programs for local foster children of all ages. Funds raised at the Pauline Wells Benefit Concert will be used to support FKMV programs. FKMV works closely with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to make sure all programs offered are complementary and needed, and do not overlap with the state and federally funded programs.

WHAT: Pauline Wells Benefit Concert for Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley. Ms. Wells will perform together with DEVRI and featuring the Boston Police Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums as they take the stage at the Blue Ocean Music Hall in a special evening to benefit the Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit programs offered by Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley. Tickets are \$35 or a table of 10 for \$210 and can be purchased online at www.fosterkidsmv.org/paulinewells. There will be a silent auction with items from the Boston Red Sox, Terri O'Reilly, New England Patriots signed football, themed gift baskets, wine and more.

WHERE: Blue Ocean Music Hall, 4

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SUMMARY: The Families and Youth Initiative program provides holistic, integrated support services and activities to families with children and are based on the philosophy to "do whatever it takes" to help the family better meet their needs. The Site Director will oversee ongoing operation of the FYI program, working collaboratively with families, public agencies, private agencies and community agencies. S/he will supervise and coach staff and volunteers to assess strengths and needs, and to link families to local supporting resources.

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WHEN: Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

WHY: This is a show not to be missed! Pauline Wells is an accomplished singer, performer and patriotic vocalist who captivates audiences with her powerful melodic voice and energy. Over and above her vocal talents, Ms. Wells is a highly respected Lieutenant with the Cambridge Police Department, well known throughout New England and beyond. She's been called upon consistently to perform her moving rendition of the National Anthem. When Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley called out for Ms. Wells' help— she was more than willing to dedicate a performance for FKMV as a fundraising event. She is committed to supporting our troops as well as American veterans in conflict. Pauline works and performs tirelessly raising needed funds for many worthy charitable organizations and her devotion and dedication in the fight to help those less fortunate is what brings her to the Blue Ocean Music Hall on behalf of Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley on September 27, 2012. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.fosterkidsmv.org/paulinewells>

SALISBURY LIONS CLUB PARTICIPATES IN ANTON'S CLEANERS' COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE. The Salisbury Lions Club is participating as a Community Partner in Anton's Cleaners Coats for Kids winter-coat collection drive. As a Community Partner, the Salisbury Lions Club is collecting gently used, warm winter coats and winter jackets (infants to adults, all sizes) to assist Anton's Cleaners in reaching its goal to collect 60,000 good, quality coats – the kind someone would give to a friend – in this, the 18th anniversary of Coats for Kids. The 2012 - 2013 Campaign kicks off now and will continue through January 12, 2013, Coats may be dropped off at

the Salisbury Senior Center, 43 Lafayette Road (US Route 1) or Tom's Discount Store, 175 Elm Street (SR 110). Please let them know the coats are for the Coats for Kids Program.



Once collected, the coats will be delivered to Anton's Cleaners to be cleaned at no charge and distributed through distribution partners such as Massachusetts Community Action Programs, Salvation Army, BUMC Outreach Van Project, and Catholic Charities, among others, who will insure that coats get to those who cannot afford one during the cold winter months.

Anton's Cleaners is a family owned business with 43 stores in Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire.

SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOPS CALENDAR: Community Teamwork, Inc.'s Merrimack Valley Small Business Center.

LOWELL - CTI's Merrimack Valley Small Business Center (MVSBC) announces the arrival of four new trainings starting in October in addition to a variety of workshops. Workshops start in September and run through June 2013. MVSBC's newest trainings include: Entrepreneurial Boot Camp where an entrepreneur can define their personal vision and goals to determine whether their concept is a feasible business opportunity. The Financial Tune Up Boot Camp is an opportunity for a business owner to learn how to become more profitable by understanding financial basics, bookkeeping, financing, and how to improve their credit. The Business Plan Course leads an entrepreneur through the process of a plan and is very hands on so they can start to write each section, including the financials. The Loan Prep Course leads entrepreneurs through the loan preparation process, helping them prepare for a loan application with a financial institute.

"Being with a group of others who were also going through the same steps, and experiencing similar issues helped me to

FALL FESTIVAL IN NORTH ANDOVER

By: Tracey Zysk

September 22, 2012 is going to be a very busy day in North Andover! The North Andover Merchants Association would like to invite you, and your family and friends to their 2nd Annual Fall Festival held on the grounds of the Knights of Columbus at 505 Sutton St. North Andover, MA.

This event is a combination of a merchant market and a fun filled day of activities for your kids. As you are browsing along the merchants booths, your children can take a pony ride, jump around in a bouncy house or have their adorable faces painted. They will also be able to build a scarecrow and decorate a pumpkin. This is truly a "family day" event. There is a little bit of something for everyone including live entertainment, a bon fire at dusk and a beer tent too!

A portion of the proceeds from this

event will be donated to the Knights of Columbus Handicap Children's fund. Last year the North Andover Merchants Association was able to donate a check totaling over \$1000.00 to this fund. Terry Holland, North Andover's Merchant of the Year, will once again be donating the proceeds from the Stachey's Pizza booth to the North Andover Santa Parade fund. Bands typically spend \$1500.00+ to march in a local parade. Stachey's was able to sponsor the cost of a band to participate in the Santa Parade.

NAMA had over 40 businesses set up a booth and will be expecting even more this year. Merchants surrounding towns are welcomed to participate. If you are a merchant and would like to participate please contact Sylvie Foulds at northandovermerchants@gmail.com

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The Valley Patriot sponsored the 1st Essex Senate debate among the Democrat candidates seeking to replace the retired Steve Baddour. From Left to right: Candidates Kathleen Ives, Bill Manzi and Tim Coco with moderators Christine Morabito of the Greater Boston Tea Party and Valley Patriot Publisher Tom Duggan. Kathleen Ives won last month's primary and will go on to face Republican Shawn Toohey in November.



Republicans vying for the nomination for 3rd Congressional district, John Golnik and Tom Weaver debated at the Chelmsford Police Station last month. The Debate was sponsored by the Chelmsford Republican Town Committee and The Valley Patriot. Tom Duggan and Tom Gilroy both moderated the debate. Golnik won in last months primary and will go on to face Niki Tsongas in November.



Republican Candidates for State Senate, Sandi Martinez and Greg Howes debated last month in Chelmsford, sponsored by The Chelmsford Republican Town Committee and The Valley Patriot. Moderators were Tom Gilroy and Tom Duggan. Martinez won last month's primary.



United States Senator Scott Brown and his Wife Gail Huff with Gail Holleran of the North Andover Senior Center during Brown's visit last month. See story page 5.



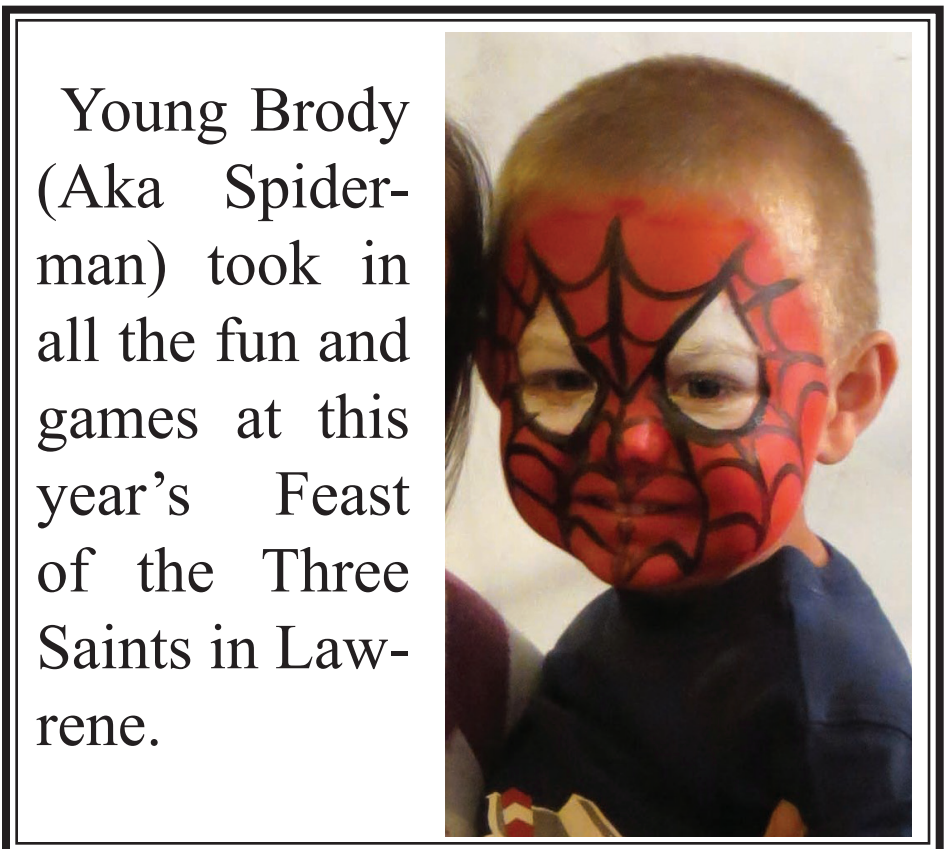
Republican candidate for State Representative Karin Rhoton got a welcome endorsement last month from former candidate for Governor Charlie Baker at the China Blossom Restaurant. Rhoton will face Diana DiZoglio who defeated David Torissi in the Democrat primary last month.



Republican candidate for State Senate Shaun Toohey may refuse to talk to the press, other candidates, or his constituents but he did show up at a recent Tea Party "candidate forum" where only Republicans were invited to attend. Toohey will face the "progressive" Democrat candidate Kathleen O'Connor Ives in November to replace Steve Baddour who resigned earlier this year.



Master Catherine Chang, Chang's Tae Kwon Do (230 Pleasant Street, Methuen) likes ro rub noses.



Young Brody (Aka Spider-man) took in all the fun and games at this year's Feast of the Three Saints in Lawrence.

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Dracut Happenings

By Connie Molinaro

Locations for all town meetings can be found on our Town website: www.dracut-ma.us/calendar

Sept 12th,
Wed - Planning
Board – 7 pm
Sept 17th,
Mon. - Cultural
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6pm
Sept 19th,
Wed. Council
on Aging -
2:30pm
Sept 25th,
Tues. Selectmen
Meeting – 7pm
Sept 26th,
Wed. Planning
Board - 7pm

Finance Study Committee The Town is looking for some intersted individuals to serve on the Finance Study Committee. If interested please send in a letter of interest with a resume to the Town Manager’s Office, 62 Arlington Street, Dracut, MA 01826. This is a voluntary position.

Senior Happenings

For a more detailed list of all the activitis for our vital Dracut Seniors, please check: councilonaging@dracut-ma.us Dracut Council on Aging 951 Mammoth Road Dracut, Ma 01826

Sept 11th, Mon. - Grocery shopping - 10am
MOVIE: Mirror, Mirror - 12:00pm
Sept 12th, Wed. - Sr. Club Meeting – 1pm
Sept 13th, Thur. - Sr. helpers of Westford – 10am - Bingo – 1pm-Nurse Nancy - 1:30-3:30pm
Sept 14th - Fri. - Bowling – 9AM
Dollar Tree & Irish Cottage in Methuen-9:30am
Sept 18th, Tue. Veteran’s Breakfast – 9am
Fashion Show Rehearsal – 10am
Grocery Shopping - 10am
Sept 19th. Wed. - Senior Citizens Club at Pelham Inn - 11am
Dracut COA Board Meeting - 2:30pm
Sept 20th, Th. Coffee w/the Director – 10Am - Bingo – 1pm - Nurse Nancy - 1:30-3:30pm
Sept 21st, Fri. – Bowling – 9AM
Pheasant Lane Mall & lunch at food court

- 9:30am
Sept 25th - Grocery Shopping - 10am
Fashion Show!! NOON!
Sept 26th, Wed. - Sr. Club Meeting – 1pm
Sept 27th - Bingo - 1pm



Nurse Nancy
- 1:30-3:30pm
Fri. Sept 28th
– Bowling - 9a
Line Dancing
- 9-10am
Kohl’s
Chelmsford &
China Buffett in
Lowell - 9:30am

Dracut School Happenings

Dracut wel-comes a “new” Superintendent to the system that is not so new! Mr. Steve Stones takes the helm of the Dracut School system on Aug 1. Please feel free to call Mr. Stone if you have any questions regarding your child’s education in the Dracut System:
Steven Stone - (978) 957-2660
New School Website address: www.dracutps.org don’t forget to bookmark the site for all of you school needs.

General Teachers meeting is Tuesday September 4th ALL DAY
Elementary parents may pay for school lunch on a weekly basis each Monday - the amount for the week is \$10.50 for the 2011-2012 school year. Just double check with your child’s school that these prices are still current-this information came off of the www.dracutps.org website.
Elementary Lunch- \$2.10
Secondary Lunch - \$2.35
Milk - 50 cents
Breakfast - 75 cents

Don’t Miss the Bus! Please be informed that the Bus Fee Program for students in grades 7 through 12 who wish to ride the bus during the 2012-2013 school year will be \$200.00 per student rider with a \$600.00 family cap.
If you wish to have your child participate in this program, kindly remit payment no later than August 24, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year. Checks should be made payable to Dracut Public Schools Please see the www.dracutps.org website for the form to accompany your payment.

Forfeiting Civility in Tewksbury

The 1st in an ongoing series on the Caswell Hotel

Catherine Van Arnam
VALLEY PATRIOT GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Imagine a thief who is able steal without sneaking, in broad daylight. “I need it,” he says, and walks off with property that was earned by another, belongs to another. In America, you couldn’t get away with that – there would be consequences, or at least a halt to the theft, you would think.
But consider the very real case of Russ and Pat Caswell and their family. Over six decades they have built a small business that proudly serves as a motel in Tewksbury. Slowly and carefully, through sweat and smarts, the Caswell’s have maintained a motel that has succeeded through the years. They have now hosted some 125,000 rooms over just the past 20 years. No thief should get away with stealing from them, certainly not stealing their whole motel.

Oh but it’s happening, in broad daylight, by the very people who are tasked with protecting life and property: the Tewksbury Police, the US Justice Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency. It is a shameful moment for departments with long proud histories. Surely it must be a mistake, you may think. What reason could they possibly give? The law enforcement officers are literally claiming that because some of their residents are criminals, the Caswell’s have forfeited the right to their property they earned and maintained over generations.

These customers are individuals. And as any adult is aware, there is a small percent of people who aren’t law-abiding. In this case a meager 0.05%, of the Caswell’s guests who were arrested over two decades. Throughout this time, the Caswell’s have been not only themselves law-abiding, but quite eager, as you’d imagine, to work with local police as they investigate any criminals or possible crimes committed on their premises.

Apparently this is not enough for local government, perhaps especially since the Caswell’s have managed to pay off the mortgage, and now own it in full. They’ve chosen to target a mom-and-pop operation, instead of a big company with lawyers on call. The fact that criminals during some small percentage of time resided on the premises is apparently a great excuse to take the property, by force. It’s as if the

motel property itself has been declared guilty.
Sure Russ Caswell and others have made numerous 911 calls over the years. But the government is actually using that proper use of government services as evidence against the Caswell’s. One supposes they should have never called the officials, had they known they were forfeiting their property rights in doing so. The property, near Main Street, is 4.5 acres, and worth \$1million. The government is actually claiming it’s trying to stop criminals by seizing this property of law-abiding Americans. The building and land could be used by the local government, or sold, with proceeds going mainly to the police department. It makes no sense; they claim to be fighting crime while punishing the victims of crime.

Back in 1986, a profit motive was added to America’s previously limited civil forfeiture laws. The chance for local police departments to bypass their budgets by this means became huge. Successfully seize and it’s yours, with a small portion of the worth going to the federal government. As you may guess, since 1986 civil forfeiture use has blossomed, from \$93 million to a stunning \$1.6 billion. The DEA now has agents who specialize in identifying properties they can seize, giving the appearance of a department focus on acquiring properties of value with ease, over a desire to protect and serve.

The Tewksbury Police and the US Justice Department perform a multitude of essential and even heroic acts. In this story however, the heroes are the upstanding Mr. Caswell and Mrs. Caswell, and the government is playing the role of a miscreant.
The Caswell’s, and a group called Institute for Justice, who are working for free on their behalf, deserve our support.

When Russ and Pat head to federal court in Boston on November 5 to defend themselves and the business they built to fund retirement, they also defend the rights each of us possess to the property we have earned.

Please support Mr. Caswell, Mrs. Caswell, and the Institute for Justice, as they try to bring this shameful story to a righteous end.

Ten Reasons Why You Should Become a Trained and Certified Tax Volunteer

The Internal Revenue Service is seeking community volunteers to provide free tax help to qualified individuals during the tax filing season.
Managed by the IRS, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs are community based partnerships that provide free tax return preparation for low-to-moderate income taxpayers, seniors, people with disabilities and those with limited English skills. If you are looking for a way to help in your community, then consider becoming a tax volunteer. People helping people - it’s that simple.
Here are 10 things the IRS wants you to know about becoming a community volun-

teer for VITA or TCE.
1. No previous experience is required. Volunteers receive specialized training and - if tax preparation is not preferable - have the option of serving in a variety of other roles.
2. If you are fluent in a language other than English, you can help those who do not speak English understand their tax return.
3. IRS provides free tax law training and materials needed to prepare basic individual income tax returns.
4. Volunteers become familiar with deductions, allowable expenses and credits that benefit eligible taxpayers, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit and the Credit for the Elderly.
5. The hours are flexible. Volunteers gen-

erally serve an average of three to four hours per week from mid-January through the tax filing deadline, which is April 15, 2013.
6. Volunteer sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls and other convenient locations.
7. Most VITA/TCE sites offer free electronic filing for both federal and state tax returns.
8. As a tax volunteer, veterans (and non-veterans alike) may choose to help military personnel and their families.
9. Volunteers will become part of an established program that has helped community members file tax returns at no charge for more than four decades.

10. You can make a difference as a tax volunteer.
Last year nearly 99,000 community volunteers answered the call and made a difference by preparing over 3.3 million tax returns for free at more than 13,000 locations nationwide.
In Massachusetts 1,776 volunteers prepared 55,697 tax returns at 350VITA/AARP sites this past filing season. Anyone can volunteer for this exciting, educational and enjoyable experience. Sign up to become a tax volunteer and see what a difference learning about taxes and helping others makes in your life.
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Anonymous donations open up new possibilities at the Firehouse in Newburyport

Newburyport, MA, - H. Jackson Brown, Jr. once said “Opportunity dances with those already on the dance floor.” The Firehouse Center for the Arts has had a pretty impressive dance card the last few years when it comes to theater offerings. Since the Firehouse’s inception twenty years ago the mission of the Firehouse has always been to advance the arts and humanities in the Greater Newburyport area. But demands are many and budgets are never quite enough, and so to grow a quality theater program has taken time. In the more recent past, the local arts venue has been making a concerted effort to step up the growth of Firehouse-produced theater and that effort shows in the list of theatrical events on the boards in the Arakelian Theater: Waiting for Godot, House of Gold, Boxed In, The Christina Experiment, Forbidden Newburyport, The Gin Game.

So when an anonymous donor stepped forward last year and expressed a desire to support one specific show, the Firehouse was, needless to say, thrilled at the

vote of confidence. Commenting on how the Firehouse seemed to have put forth a new-found energy and rededicated itself to quality programming, the theater angel decided to make a substantial gift to last year’s production of Proof, which was already slated to be in the spring lineup. The play was staged over two weekends last March and received rave reviews on many levels: the directing, the acting, the set design and construction, the lighting. James Atkins has in fact been nominated for an Eastern Massachusetts Association of Community Theaters (EMACT) DASH Award (Distinguished Awards and Special Honors) for the category “Best Lighting Design (Play) for this production.

When the Firehouse produces a show it means that the Firehouse controls the budget. The Firehouse hires the director and then collaborates with that director on choosing the cast. Due to the ever-increasing costs of staging dramatic shows this model has always meant that only minimal sets have been possible for the local theater arts company. Another piece of the

complex puzzle is that the Firehouse has always strived to keep its programming accessible to the community members it serves. The delicate balancing act of overseeing funds to provide quality programming while at the same time keeping ticket prices affordable AND ensuring the financial health of the historic theater that occupies a prominent place in our community can at times be daunting.

However, it was thanks to this particular donation for Proof that a full boxed set, something usually out of range for the Firehouse, was now possible due to the breathing room provided by the extra funds.

It was the success of Proof that led to the recommitment by the donor – this time to John Patrick Shanley’s Doubt, A Parable. Headlining the fall calendar at the Firehouse, the drama will be directed by Suzanne Bryan and will star Caroline Gulde (Somerville) as Sister James, Kathy Isbell (Newburyport) as Sister Aloysius Beauvier, Kathy Ann Hart (Somerville) as Mrs. Muller and Damon Jespersen (Byfield) as Father Flynn. That the donor was willing to repeat their generosity shows that the Firehouse had been a good steward of the funds bestowed them last year. The trust in the Firehouse has not been misplaced.

“To have a moment when the focus is truly on the art and the creative community -- and not solely on the bottom line -- is a real luxury. What we found from Proof, is that the resulting success and energy left everyone bolstered and ready to bring this energy to everything we touch,” said Firehouse Development Director Beth Falconer as she expressed her overwhelming thanks for the generous gift.

Indeed the contribution has buoyed the little arts center that could. It is not news that many arts organizations have had to close their doors during the last few years because of difficult economic times. The Firehouse Center for the Arts has, at least for the time being, come through thanks in large part by some serious belt-tightening and the hard work of a very dedicated staff, board and the local creative community. Falconer says “...we struggle to make our beloved arts center affordable and accessible (key to our mission) and financially sound. It is work we take seriously, because we know that the joy and shared experiences at the Firehouse help build a positive, thriving community. [This] investment helps us on every level.”

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Partners Judy and Randy Loubier and Ben and Nancy Paquin were inspired to open Seniors Helping Seniors services after being moved by their individual experiences caring for aging parents. Through the trials and challenges of these experiences, they came to realize how valuable it is to have providers who are also seniors bring care and compassion to every task.

“Through caring for our own parents we have gained a deep appreciation for the unique needs of seniors. It is so pivotal that the person providing care is able to really relate to the person they are serving,” said franchise partner Judy Loubier. “When care is provided by loving, attentive and active seniors, both the giver and receiver are truly blessed.”

“Through all of our experiences,” said Ben Paquin, “what has been most important to us is that we offer our parents the quality of life that they deserve. Our parents deserve to live comfortable independent lives, without the burden of tasks and activities that have become too difficult with age.”

All of the partners have a strong desire to support those who are aging in their own community. Their service to older adults and the community, as well as their busi-

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It's Parents AND (not VS) Teachers

D. B. Langevin

VALLEY PATRIOT LESBIAN COLUMNIST

On the news earlier this month, there was a story about a mother who had enough of her teenaged son's behavior. "Nothing worked", she said. He'd been punished by his mother, his school and even the law and, still, his behavior continued to escalate. Mom was at her wits end so she decided to do something some have considered drastic. She resorted to good old fashioned public humiliation. She made a large sign that said, "I lie, I steal, I sell drugs," hung it around her son's neck and made him stand on a busy street corner for two hours. The reaction was mixed. Some cars beeped in agreements, others actually stopped and gave the mother a piece of their mind for humiliating her son. Since then, mom says that her son's behavior has made a major improvement. Way to go mom. It's nice to see a parent parenting and for those who thought it was terrible, what would have been a better solution? Should she have waited until the boy hurt himself or, worse yet, someone else?

As a seasoned teacher of fifteen years I have seen all kinds of parents. Parents are much like the story of the three bears. Some parents are too hot, some are too cold, and others are just right. Sadly, over the years, parents are getting less and less just right and more of them are too cold. In other words, they do not take an active part in their child's life other than buying them the most expensive shoes, clothes and latest electronic devices because that's what they think good parenting is. Their kids don't have to earn it, they just have to ask for it and because many parents don't want to parent, they want to be their children's best friends, they simply plunk down the money and hope that it is appreciated.

Because I am a teacher I am required to jump through hoops to make sure no child is left behind and my school wins the race to the top. I have to speak with students who are underachieving or misbehaving, contact parents and administrators for the same reasons and even counselors if my attempts do not change things. I have

to make sure I have a very lengthy and solid paper trail so that if a student fails or does something that causes damage to school property, themselves, or someone else I and my school will not be held accountable. But, somehow, no matter what proof exists that everything possible was done to help said child, the teacher and/or the school are always held accountable. Where is the student's accountability and, more importantly, the parent's?

Is there anything put in place, by law, that parents have to do and, if they don't, they will be written up, reprimanded, or called out on the carpet? There's the obvious: keep your children fed, clothed and safe. But what about all the other things that is needed to mold a person into a happy, healthy and productive adult? Expensive clothes and electronics is not a part of that equation.

For the most part I usually get positive feedback from parents and students. I have not had a child fail my class in at least half a dozen years and my file is filled with resounding teacher evaluations. But, every once-in-awhile, I do get negative feedback. It's inevitable. With over one hundred students coming through my door every given year, one or two of them won't like me every few years or so. I don't have a problem with this. I didn't become a teacher to be friends with my students. I certainly didn't have children of my own to make new friends for myself.

I am not the perfect parent, but I am proud to say that my daughter is in her third year of college, on the dean's list and a Resident Assistant in her dorm. My son is a United States Airman and my youngest is a senior in high school and may not be the strongest student, but he works hard and is well liked by any one who meets him. I read to my kids religiously when they were growing up, I disciplined them when they misbehaved and I rewarded them with positive love and attention. None of them has ever been suspended or in trouble with the law. I followed through, backed off when they

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Forward?

Paul Murano

VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Once again America has been subject to the game of psychological and emotional manipulation called politics. It is offensive to anyone devoted to the truth. In the two national conventions this past month we've learned that Mitt Romney and Barack Obama help their wives with the dishes, love their children, and can cry at puppies being exploited – all in an attempt to get the woman's vote. We heard a number of speakers rip off a line or two in Spanish - for the Hispanic vote, the cameras continuously pan to black and Asian faces to prove the candidates care about minorities, and the constant claim of having trust in "the American people" – a senseless platitude to everyone adding insult to our intelligence.

There is one word, however, that the Democrats chose as their slogan this election season to replace Change, which needs to be challenged: "Forward". Just like we were never told what change would bring us, the new one-word slogan demands an answer to: Forward to where? In what direction? I propose the cultural left is indeed moving forward, but straightforward into the woods of Genesis 3:8, where they "hid from God among the trees of the garden" -- deeper into the darkness that is inevitable for those who believe progress means being liberated from God. This is man's attempt at freedom de-linked from truth, a false liberty resulting always resulting in death. Our culture of death was upheld and promoted at the 2012 Democratic convention with the typical euphemisms. Let's look through the rhetoric of six points and translate the substance of what was really being communicated:

1) After chipping away in the past few election cycles at ant references to God in their platform, Democrats left out all references this time. Political pressure forced an awkward floor vote that sounded like a rejection of the motion to insert God and Israel into the platform, but was forced, prompting a loud chorus of boos from the delegates.

Translation: God gets in the way of our "progress", but for political purposes we progressives will bow to the pressure...for now.

2) The Democrats say they trust women to make their own healthcare decisions.

Translation: Women have the right to kill their children from conception to birth, and even after birth if the child survives abortion, as has occurred with Gianna Jessen, Sarah Smith, and many other abortion survivors who grew up to tell about it. Obama not only supports legal-

ized prenatal homicide but voted against the Born Alive Infant Protection Act.

3) No one should be discriminated against based on "who they love".

Translation: The disordered attraction and desire for sexual acts with persons of the same sex should not only be encouraged by referring to homosexual behavior as an alternative lifestyle, but this crime against nature should also be publicly and legally honored with the term "marriage".

4) Sandra Fluke, given the honor of speaking in prime time at the Democratic National Convention, is a heroine, becoming the symbol of a strong woman who chooses to be sexually active outside of marriage and then demands taxpayers pay for her birth control.

Translation: Religious institutions must be forced by government to uphold their employees' chosen lifestyle of fornication and promiscuity by paying for birth control to impede pregnancy – clearly a violation of conscience for Catholics, an attack on the dignity of women, and an erosion of the sacredness of marriage and family. To top it off a popular radio talk host is demonized for describing this lifestyle common today in similar terms as it has been recognized throughout most of history, as playing the harlot.

5) For his comments about rape and pregnancy, Senate candidate Todd Akin is called a fool and a dangerous white man symbolizing the war on women.

Translation: The cultural left with its partners in the media drummed up a scandal out of a clumsy sentence. The stress of rape does not make the "female body..shut that whole thing down". However such stress can inhibit ovulation lessening the possibility of pregnancy.

The truth is that although abortion from rape accounts for less than 1% of the 1.2 million abortions per year, an innocent child should not have his or her arms and legs ripped off before being sucked into the abortion suction machine at the beginning of their lives – whether they or not they have been conceived in rape. Abortion for the woman is like being raped twice, a false fix, gravely harming her and diverting the penalty from the criminal father to the innocent child. Promoting this second rape is a common but inexcusable instance of misguided compassion. Google the name Rebecca Kiessling to hear another very important perspective on this.

6) Ironically, Cardinal Dolan was allowed to give the closing prayer at the Democratic convention, reciting a number of petitions that included indirect condemnations of what the Democrats just spent

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Finally, it All Makes Sense

Christine Morabito
GREATER BOSTON TEA PARTY

I judge a film by how much time I spend thinking about it. A movie that haunts me is "2016: Obama's America," which asks us to consider what America will look like if our president is reelected.

The runaway documentary by directors Dinesh D'Souza's and John Sullivan, attempts to explain the enigma that is President Obama. Relying on years of research, interviews and family records, the film presents a compelling theory that holds-up where previous theories have fallen short.

Frustrated critics of Obama have theorized that he is a socialist, a communist sympathizer, a closet Muslim, or at the very least, completely incompetent to lead the free world. Somehow, none of those labels quite fit. As D'Souza explains, we have been trying to define our President by American history, while ignoring Obama's own history.

Earlier theories have failed to explain why, for example, Obama would do something as bizarre as returning the bust of Winston Churchill, a gift from the British after 9/11. Why on earth would he box up this statue and ship it back to England, insulting our greatest ally?

Why would he not allow the Keystone Pipeline to be completed, creating thousands of American jobs, yet with taxpayer dollars, subsidize and encourage oil exploration indeveloping countries like Mexico, Brazil and Columbia? Clearly, he is not opposed to drilling for oil, just to America doing it.

And why would the President deliberately reduce our nuclear defense capacity

while our enemies are eagerly enriching theirs? We got a frightening glimpse into his motives when he was caught off-mic, at the Nuclear Security Summit, telling Russian President Medvedev, "... After my election I have more flexibility."

Unlike other U.S. Presidents, Obama has been no friend to Israel, supporting regimes that mean to eradicate the Jewish people from the region, if not the planet. He endorses the ludicrous proposal to return Israel to its pre-1967 borders, leaving the country only 9 miles wide at its center, and the Palestinians frighteningly close to Ben Gurion Airport, armed with the capacity and the desire to shoot down jumbo jets. What's more, Obama has done nothing to stop Iran from developing its nuclear program, a direct threat to the Jewish state.

It is clear to anyone paying attention that our President sought out extremist mentors, like card-carrying Communist, Frank Marshall Davis, radical associates

like domestic terrorist, Bill Ayers and the outrageous Reverend Jeremiah

Wright, whom Obama snubbed while campaigning and offered hush money. We knew that Obama taught workshops based on Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals," a how-to for Marxists. And we knew about his close connection with rabid anti-Israel professors, Rashid Khalidi and Edward Said. Obama's law school mentor, Roberto Unger was so hard-left, he purposely laid low during Obama's first campaign lest he damage the candi-

date's chances of winning.

But less was known about Obama's familial influences. What this movie explores is the shared world-view of these early and significant role models, which was anti-colonial -- thus anti-capitalist, anti-Israel and anti-American. Both Barack's father and step-father were European colonizers.

The President's father, though conspicuously absent in young Barack's life, had an enormous impact on him.



For evidence, we need only consult Obama's autobiography, "Dreams from My Father."

While living with his maternal grandparents, he was exposed to similar anti-colonial attitudes. If Obama's closest relatives believed that Europe, and by association, America, were occupiers and plunderers of the world's resources, it is plausible that if allowed the opportunity, he might seek to level the playing field. No doubt he is narcissistic enough to believe he could.

"2016" was produced by the acclaimed Gerald Molen, who is best known for "Schindler's List." To attract a neutral audience, the promoters chose the perfect tagline, "Love him or hate him, you don't know him."

Judging by the documentary's phenomenal success, I was not the only one deeply moved by the film. At the time of this writing, it is number 3 at the box office, with an estimated revenue of \$20 million, unheard of for a conservative film; a film that started in one Houston theater and hit 1800 theaters nationwide in just over a month.

For me, it was surreal to relax in a movie theater, watching a not-so-favorable documentary about a sitting President, knowing that in many countries this would be impossible. May we never take our freedom for granted.



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three days promoting. As the delegates stood uncomfortably silent the Cardinal prayed for respect for children not yet born in the womb, respect for religious liberty and conscience, and respect for traditional marriage and the family.

Translation: The Democratic party needs Dolan to appear as if they respect Catholics while trampling on their religious liberty, and to appear to be spiritual while rejecting the basic tenets of decency shared by all religions on human life and the family.

All of this is not an endorsement of Republicans. It's only an honest look at the partially hidden agenda of the cultural left displayed proudly at the Democratic National Convention, which sees truth as

hate, regress as progress, and backward into the shadow of death by hiding from God as "Forward". Take courage and begin to disallow the euphemisms of the cultural left that have dominated society for the past four decades from keeping you from the light of life.



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needed to pick themselves up, never said I'd do something and didn't and NEVER blamed their school, teachers or administrators for their failures. And I did make mistakes.

Parents aren't friends. They are disciplinarians, nurses and doctors, therapists, dispensers of hugs, kisses and cuddlers. Teachers are not miracle workers. We should be working together to build successful young adults who can take a failure and learn from it instead of demanding someone else to fix it.

Bill Gates gave a speech some years ago to a high school graduating class laying out a list of rules for the future adults.

Here are a few. 1. Life isn't fair, get used to it. 2. If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. 3. Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT.

I will continue to teach. I'm damn good at it. As parents, be damn good at what you do, too.



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My Dream Speech for Mitt Romney

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My fellow Americans, my fellow Republicans: The 2012 election is not an election between two men but between two entirely different visions of America. President Obama and I are simply the standard bearers of opposing, and may I add, irreconcilable visions of what America is and should be.

The Republican Party and I represent American values as they have been understood since the founding of our country. The Democratic Party and President Obama represent different values. This does not make any Democrat, let alone President Obama, less American or less patriotic than anyone of us here. But millions of Americans who love our country hold values that emanate from elsewhere.

How could it be otherwise? Given the influence of academia, Hollywood, and the news media, of course many Americans have embraced more of the French Revolution's values than those of the American Revolution.

And, to make things worse, too many Americans of the last few generations never learned what American values are. Schools stopped teaching them. And parents often did as well.

Let me be specific:
American values are not a matter of any individual's, or newspaper's, or professor's opinion. We can surely have different opinions about how to realize those values or how to apply them in any given situation. But American values exist beyond personal opinion. They have been enshrined for nearly all of American history on our coinage and our bills, not to mention in our hearts and in our minds, and emblazoned on the walls of Congress. They are: Liberty, In God We Trust, and E Pluribus Unum (From Many, One)

The Democratic Party seeks to replace liberty with equality. Not equality before the law — that we all believe in. Not the equality of human worth — all Americans believe that all men are created equal. But the Democratic Party and this president believe in material and social equality — and for them this equality is a greater value than liberty. That is why they seek to control more and more of Americans' lives — in other words, take away more and more of our liberty — for the sake of some Utopian ideal of equality.

The basic liberty to keep the money you have earned is the most obvious example. For most of American history, when some of our fellow Americans honorably earned more than others, they were not resented,

they were emulated. But in the eyes of today's Democratic Party and in the eyes of our president, such Americans are to be resented — and as much of their money as possible must be taken from them — in the name of equality (sometimes referred to as "fairness").

Our opponents do not value prosperity as much as they value equality.

And instead of a society rooted in God-based values, the Democratic Party seeks a society as devoid of reference to God as possible. God can barely be mentioned in our nation's classrooms. I do not think it is a coincidence that in a little more than one generation, we have gone from students saying a blessing for their teachers to too many students abusing, sometimes even cursing, their teachers.

In the moral confusion that inevitably flows from devaluing God, many Americans have replaced the sanctity of the unborn human with the sanctity of rodents and fish.

And this president and his party have also rejected the third great American value, E Pluribus Unum, which has created the uniquely successful American experiment in rendering blood, race, ethnicity and national origins insignificant — by replacing all of them with one unifying American identity. They seek to replace "From many, one" with so-called multiculturalism, with a cult of "diversity" and with the hyphenation of all Americans.

That is why, my fellow Americans, the upcoming election is not merely an election. It is a referendum on whether

America retains its unique value system or not.

Big and bigger government is not an American value — because the bigger the government, the smaller the citizen.

Handing our children and grandchildren unprecedented debt is not an American value — because selfishness and irresponsibility are not American values.

Dividing Americans by race and class is not an American value — because race and class are not American values.

And a weakened America is not an American value either. Indeed, given the unique role America's

military strength has played in spreading liberty, a weakened America is not a moral value either. No peace movement on earth and no peace studies program in the world has done for peace what the American military has done for peace.

A vote for Paul Ryan and me is a vote to return America to its values, the values that are the reason this country became the greatest nation on Earth. Unlike our opponents, we are proud to say — here and abroad — that America is exceptional.

My fellow Americans, few elections in our history have offered Americans such a clear choice.

And the clearer Americans are about these differences, the larger will be our margin of victory.

Dennis Prager's latest book, "Still the Best Hope: Why the World Needs American Values to Triumph," was published April 24 by HarperCollins. He is a nationally syndicated radio show host and creator of PragerUniversity.Com.



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News from the American Legion

John Lenotte

VALLEY PATRIOT VETERAN COLUMNIST

Labor Day has come and gone. Summer has ended and Fall has begun. This month we vote in the primary elections and prepare for the final surge to the November election. There continues to be a lot of misinformation in the news, Internet, social media.

As I have mentioned in the past, there are some Internet sites that sort through all the baloney. I will repeat them: www.votesmart.org and www.factcheck.org. Both are worth looking at for voting records and information on the "facts".

I recently heard on the news that it was expected that up to 90 million eligible voters would NOT vote in the November elections.

That is truly sad.

Obviously they don't care about the country. This election is critical at both the state and national levels. There are several contested seats in the Massachusetts legislature, including the vacated Senate seat of Steven Baddour. And all the Congressional seats are up for reelection. With the recent redistricting, all the current members of the US House of Representatives are scrambling to introduce themselves

to new constituents. Senator Brown faces a tough battle against Elizabeth Warren. Then we have the Presidential race. This is truly a critical election. How anyone can choose not to vote is beside me. If you are unhappy, you should vote. If you are happy and do not want change, you should vote for your candidate. As I have and will continue to say until the November elections are over, I will make my voice heard in the voting booth. I hope you will join me!

I had the recent opportunity to attend the American Legion National convention in Indianapolis, IN. The early part of the convention presented the Eagle Scout of the Year, Oratorical Contest winner and President of Boys Nation among several youth champions.

In addition to winning several thousands of dollars in scholarship money they represented contestants from all over the country. What outstanding examples they are, and right after them were the Spirit of Service award winners. These are service members from every branch who are recognized for their volunteer work in the community. Following them were the Police and Firefighters of the year. Unfortunately, this is all good news so it received little attention from the press.



Donations were received for a number of American Legion charities. One was the Legacy Scholarship fund. This fund is for the children of service members who have died since 9/11. This year the Legion Riders raised over \$668,000 with over \$8,000 coming from 2 groups in Massachusetts. Another charity, the Child Welfare Foundation received over \$58,000 with over \$5,000 coming from Massachusetts.

The new National Legion Commander has selected Operation Comfort Warrior to emphasize this year. OCW funds are used to supplement the high-quality care provided at most military hospitals and transition units in the United States and abroad. Funds go toward items such as exercise equipment, rehabilitation gear and entertainment. More information on all the above can be found on the national American Legion web site at www.legion.org or through www.masslegion.org.

On a local note, the American Legion Post 4 family will be hosting a fundraiser to benefit Boston Children's Hospital on Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 7 – 11pm at the post function hall, 1314 Main Street, Haverhill.

There will be an Italian style dinner and a DJ. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 by calling 978.373.6885 or emailing me at JohnLDistrict8@verizon.net.

May God bless our troops and their families and bring them all home safe.



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FROM PAGE 3: WE ARE ALL IN CHAINS

es were dissuaded by existing or threatened regulations.

The pure volume of regulations is intimidating. In 2010, federal regulations amounted to 81,405 pages. There were 3,573 new "final rules" in 2010, contained in 24,914 pages of the Federal Register. The Obama administration for the three years of 2009 through 2011 added 10,215 new regulations. Over 38,000 rules were promulgated between 2002 and 2010.

Since the Republicans captured the House in the 2010 elections, the number of new laws has dropped dramatically; but this has not slowed the regulatory bureaucracy. In a trend that should scare all Americans, the growth of regulations has not subsided—just because Congress is deadlocked. Over the years Congress has ceded substantial authority to unelected bureaucrats. It is the unelected bureaucracy that now passes the

rules largely independent of the Congress we elect.

Today, President Obama rules our lives through the federal bureaucracy and via executive fiat – NOT through the legislative process as was intended by our Founders. EPA regulation of carbon dioxide emissions and ICE declarations regarding immigration are only the most publicly discussed examples.

Regulations are like hidden spending and taxation. Instead of the government spending taxpayer money to achieve some goal, why not just mandate that businesses shoulder the burden? Whether it is job training, health benefits, or sweeping the streets ... just dictate what must be done. The costs will rarely be reported by the media or recognized by the public.

Why don't powerful business interests fight these regulations?

The answer is simple. Small firms (less than 20 employees) spend 36% more per employee (\$10,585/employee) than large businesses (\$7755/employee for firms with more than 500 employees) to comply with federal regulations. Larger businesses often condone new regulation because it gives them a competitive advantage over their smaller but scrappier competitors.

State regulations merely add to the oppressive federal burden.

During the 2009-2011 year period, the state of Washington slapped on over 4000 new permanent regulations. Washington's regulations now take up over 5 feet of shelf space. Would you want to start a business knowing you had to comply with over 100,000 state regulatory requirements? And that is before the Feds even show up!

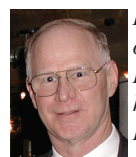
You probably wouldn't be surprised if I told you that the state of Washington has the nation's second highest failure rate among new businesses. After "poor sales," small business owners list regulatory compliance and red tape as the second most

important problem facing them.

The resulting transformation of America – from a mostly free nation where simple common sense dictates if an action is permissible to a nation where hundreds of thousands of pages of impenetrable regulations must be deciphered first – is mind-boggling. That the free market has been able to survive this onslaught is even more amazing.

Only Br'er Rabbit, after wrestling with the tar baby, could appreciate the difficulty of dealing with today's regulatory environment. So ... Joe Biden, GET A CLUE! We are already in chains!

The Romney-Ryan ticket should shout from the roof tops: "America: Elect us and we will take off your chains!"



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FROM PAGE 1: CORPORAL PHILIP COTE, USAAF

destined for Hiroshima, and the other—a 10,000-lb plutonium bomb named “Fat Man,” 60-inches diameter—to be loaded into “Bock’s Car,” destined for Nagasaki. He saw them take off on August 6 and August 9, respectively. In fact, he serviced one of the two bombers that followed the “Enola Gay.”

When Philip enlisted in the USAAF in 1942, he had his heart set on becoming an aircraft mechanic. Much to his chagrin, however, he was assigned to serve as a medic in the regular Army. “I couldn’t stand the smell of hospitals,” he said of his one-year tour of duty in Pensacola, Florida. With dogged determination, he took his appeal all the way to Washington. His persistence paid off, and he was reassigned to the Army Air Force and sent to Tinian.

“The heat was oppressive,” he recalls of the broiling semi-tropical sun that beat down on Tinian. “Temperatures climbed well over 100 degrees every day the whole time I was there. And I was there exactly one year to the day. During that time, it rained only one day!”

The ground crews on Tinian were recognized as the hardest workers on the base. “We worked around-the-clock, day and night, to get our B-29s ready for their next mission, sometimes fixing the plane’s engine from one raid while preparing it for its next mission. Our only rest came when the aircraft was away on a mission.” Philip was responsible for the engines, controls, and accessory systems. At best, he may at times have one assistant and perhaps a mechanic. He could call on specialists from the Service Groups for help whenever needed. Often working 24-hour shifts with little time for meals, Philip dropped in weight from 164 to 124 lb. The sun also turned his skin a deep mahogany color. “It took me two years before I lost my suntan,” he smiles.



Philip Cote’s indomitable spirit got him into the USAAF as a B-29 master mechanic and during his “three years, one month, and eight days” in the Army Air Force he witnessed the take-off and return of the “Enola Gay” and “Bock’s Car” that dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, respectively.

The Boeing B-29 Superfortress of WWII reached its outstanding combat potential in the Marianas in the Pacific for long-range flights (10 hours to Japan’s mainland) over water, flying at altitudes to 34,000 feet.

Innovations included remote-controlled guns, radar, pressurized sections for crew. The B-29s laid mines in rivers, and destroyed Japan’s war-making capability. Prince Konoye of the royal family said Japan surrendered due to “the prolonged bombing by the B-29s.” When shooting stopped, B-29s dropped medical supplies, food, clothing to Allied POWs in Japan.



B-29 master mechanic/inventor
As the premier heavy bomber of World War II, the B-29 was developed for long-range, high altitude combat missions. It had a range of over 3,500 miles and flew at altitudes of 27,000 to 34,000 feet. Payload capacity was 20,000 lbs. of bombs.

It featured many “firsts” in American aviation. It was the first bomber to feature pressurized sections (separate sections for flight crew, gunners, and tail gunners).

It was the first to feature remote-controlled guns, the first to use radar units to navigate and locate the target in bad weather. It was the first to use four giant engines (each 2200 hp).

As a result, the crew chief had a heavy responsibility. “We often faced problems never faced before,” Philip said. Engines would overheat, catch fire, and crack—a tendency made much worse by the 100-plus degree heat on Tinian. Engine overhaul took more than a day to complete. Some engines almost never made it to the 100-hour mark. “We constantly had to change those big engines when they developed problems.”

In order to get at the giant engines, Philip had to remove the cowling (outer metal cover) by unscrewing numerous “quarter-turn” fasteners. He found a simpler, faster way to do this by modifying the design of the existing tool then had the machine shop on the base produce it to specifications. When the supervisor saw Philip using the new tool, he took it away. But a few months later, all mechanics on Tinian were using Philip’s new tool.

After the war, Philip and his wife Cecile raised their family—Tom (a Vietnam veteran), Carl and Philip Jr. who passed away at 10.

Philip worked for a Lowell textile mill. There he developed an air distribution system to clean textile looms still in use today, although by law his employer holds the patent. Other inventions include: a suction device for a hand-held auto vacuum using compressed air available at any gas station; a zippered vacuum cleaner bag. He even cut a 1939 Buick in

half with a hacksaw, attached a plow to the back and used it to plow his farm.

Doctors call him “amazing”

Philip has escaped many close calls with death. Once while he was working on a B-29, and the co-pilot was sitting in the cockpit, a couple of bombs were accidentally released and rolled out near him. Fortunately, they were not “armed” and did not explode.

The long hours of exposure to the tropical sun on Tinian did wreak havoc. After his discharge from the military, Philip developed melanoma or skin cancer on his arms and back. He’s had 41 surgeries to remove these tumors. “Every single doctor told me, ‘you are an amazing man to survive all this.’”

When asked how he managed to over-

come these trials, Philip points heavenward, to the Lord. His long, productive life is a testimony to his faith, work ethic, sense of duty and honor. “I’ve never sworn in my life,” he says proudly.

As the psalmist wrote: “He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation” (Psalm 91:15-16).



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Single Family Home Sales Up 38% in July

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The Northeast Association of REALTORS® (NEAR) reported today that single family home sales during July in the 15 cities and towns from Boxford to Littleton climbed by 38.3 percent compared with July of last year, while the number of condominiums sold soared by a whopping 60.5 percent during the same period. Year-to-date, sales of both property types were up by more than 20 percent, with a 26.2 percent increase in single family home sales and a 23 percent gain in condominium sales. Compared with June, transactions in July were up for single family homes by 6.2 percent, and condominium sales month-to-month were basically flat -- down by a slight 0.8 percent. The report is based on data from MLS Property Information Network in Shrewsbury.

The report also reflected increases in the median sales price for both single family homes and condos sold locally

during July, compared with July of 2011. Specifically, the median price for single family homes sold in July was \$330,000, a 3.4 percent increase versus last July, but a 5.7 percent drop over June's median price of \$349,950. For condominiums sold in July, the median price of \$197,000 is an increase of 6.5 percent compared with last year and a jump of 14.5 percent versus June's median of \$172,000. The median price is the point at which half the properties sold cost more, and half cost less.

Reacting to the news, NEAR President Mary O'Donoghue said, "The fairly brisk pace of sales this spring and summer has been a welcome change from last year's doldrums. The numbers are definitely supporting, as we are experiencing, a slow and measured housing recovery." She added, "Renewed homebuyer activity has diminished our inventory of homes for sale, so more listings are needed to satisfy the demand. Would-be sellers should be

aware that well-priced homes continue to attract lots of interest and even multiple offers."

The average length of time it took for the single family homes that sold in July to go from listing to closing was 112 days, an increase of 27.3 percent over last July's average of 88 days. It took an average of 122 days for the condominiums sold during July to close, an increase of 14 percent compared with last July.

Additionally, the number of pending sales — those now under agreement but not yet closed — for single family homes in the region during July were up substantially, by 13.7 percent compared with July of 2011, with the agreed-upon median price for those properties at \$329,000, up 9.7 percent versus last July. The number of pending sales for condominiums locally during the month was also up dramatically, rising by 63.6 percent versus last July to 126 contracts signed, with the median

price down by 5.6 percent to \$169,900.

The report also provided inventory levels of area homes for sale as of August 15, which at 1,474 available single family homes and 535 condominiums have each dropped condominiums locally also remains well below the peaks set in 2006 and 2007, which were 2,242 for single family homes and 1,251 for condos.

The Northeast Association of REALTORS® is one of 1,500 local chapters of the National Association of REALTORS®. Officially, NEAR covers 15 cities and towns from Boxford to Littleton, though it has members from more than 50 cities and towns in the Merrimack and Nashoba valleys as well as southern New Hampshire. The term, REALTOR®, is a trademark for use exclusively by members of the National Association of REALTORS®, whose members subscribe to a strict Code of Ethics.

Closed Sales July 2012 vs. July 2011	# Sold July 2011	# Sold July 2012	Yr over Year Change	Median Price July 2011	Median Price July 2012	Yr over Year Change	Avg. DoM July 2011	Avg. DoM July 2012	Yr over Yr Change
Single Family	261	361	+38.3%	319,000	330,000	+3.4%	88	112	+27.3%
Condo	78	122	+60.5%	185,000	197,000	+6.5%	107	122	+14.0%
Multi Family	41	50	+22.0%	190,000	208,450	+8.7%	81	84	+21.0%

Closed Sales Jan-July 2012 vs. Jan-July 2011	# Sold ytd 2011	# Sold ytd 2012	Yr over Year Change	Median Price ytd 2011	Median Price ytd 2012	Yr over Year Change	Avg. DoM ytd 2011	Avg. DoM ytd 2012	Yr over Year Change
Single Family	1,404	1,772	+26.2%	300,000	299,950	0.0%	117	123	+5.1%
Condo	525	648	+23.0%	180,000	188,000	+8.7%	128	132	+3.1%
Multi Family	288	273	-5.2%	179,950	207,500	+15.3%	88	82	-6.8%



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The Valley Loses Four K-9 Dogs in the Past Few Months

Tracey Zysk

VALLEY PATRIOT DOGGIE COLUMNIST

In the past few months the Merrimack Valley experienced the unexplainable and unbelievable. The loss of four very well established and experienced K-9 dogs. Three to cancer and one to retirement. It normally doesn't happen this way, but in this case it did. This is a major hit for the K-9 program in the Valley and one that our local police departments are definitely feeling.

Chelmsford Police - On March 23, 2012 Chelmsford Police K-9 Axel took his final ride in his police cruiser with his handler David Leo. Axel, a 5yr old Czechoslovakian shepherd passed away from a strong fought battle with cancer.

Mass State Police - June 18, 2012 Nero completed his last shift and passed peacefully on June 22. Nero became ill and was diagnosed with a fast moving cancer. Nero conducted over 500 narcotic searches in his six year career with his handler Officer Pat Silva. He was also a fan favorite at the Topsfield fair.



Andover Police - August 15, 2012 Andover Police Officer Mickey Connor said his farewells to his partner 9 yr old Niko. Niko had a very long and successful career and was a frequent in helping surrounding towns with their search needs.

North Andover- Kyzer is still with us but officially retired this summer. He is

now adjusting to home life and transitioning into become a family pet. Kyzer earned regional and national recognition when he saved the life of his handler Lt. Gray and three other officers during a shooting at the Lawrence municipal airport. He was also named a National K-9 Hero in 2011.

The entire Merrimack Valley is really feeling this loss. K-9's are an essential part of law enforcement and must remain even with the tightest of budgets. These dogs are trained to do what most humans are incapable of accomplishing. They train endlessly and they never have a day off. They are always on duty, ready and waiting for the call. To the handlers: You lost your partner, he was your defender and he was your love. RIP ..

In October there will be another K-9 academy class. Let's just say these rookie pups are going to step into a Merrimack Valley legacy and we will be anxiously awaiting to meet the next generation.



Tracey Zysk, owner of Wiggles & Jiggles Pet Care in North Andover MA is a local pet care professional. She has been featured on local radio, tv and newspapers educating the general public on animal care and animal health & wellness.

Tracey is a proud supporter of Police, Fire & Military K9 units. Tracey may be reached at wigglewalk@comcast.net. Become a fan on facebook at Wiggles & Jiggles Pet Care.

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gains with high profile cases when the underlying "criminal" is really not a criminal. In Massachusetts this remains a clear incentive to impose inadequate justice.

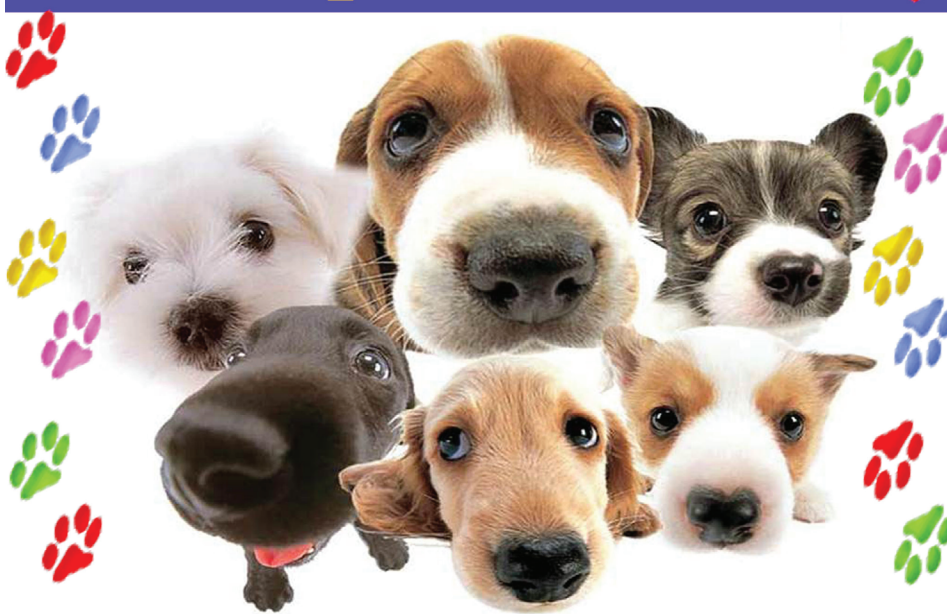
Are there any state legislators willing to write legislation to address this?

My daughter is a new driver and approaching 17 years of age. I would wish for her to meet Aaron Deveau and hear

from him directly what happened to his life and those he changed without being a bad kid.

That will never happen with the current inward looking and self-serving justice system.

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PUPPY LOVE! with Kate Whitney



Mrs. Massachusetts Barrie Lynch, Comedian Leo Barrett, Kate Whitney, comedian Dave Russo, Christen Grugnale, and comedian Steve Halligan.

Comedy for Canines Brings Out Puppy Lovers

I can't believe Labor Day has passed and we are well on our way to Fall! These next couple months are so pleasant and enjoyable – the cool air in the morning is refreshing and for the most part the weather is perfect. Most of the beaches are "closed" for the season and we are now allowed to bring our dogs to play in the sand and the water. We took our dogs, Honey and Dash, and our foster dog, Josh, to the beach in Salisbury recently; they had so much fun chasing the seagulls, and running in and out of the waves. I recommend you get out there and enjoy the salty air and cold water with your four-legged

pooch! Some of my readers may remember that I mentioned a comedy show/charity event I was going to hold in August. Our first annual Comedy for Canines charity event for One Tail at a Time Rescue took place on August 16th, and what a fabulous time it was! Over 100 people came out to support our rescue and the cause, and we are so thankful for everyone's support. The night consisted of a buffet style dinner, a custom dog shaped cake, over 20 great raffle items, a 50/50 raffle (winner took home over \$200!), a magician, Mrs. Massachusetts, and four comedians. Talk about a fun-filled night! Let me elaborate a little... A few months ago, my friend Christen Grugnale (of Reflections by Christen – a



local photography business), and I had a vision. We wanted to do an exciting type of fundraiser for One Tail at a Time Rescue (a 501c3 non profit dog rescue here in Massachusetts). I had recently finished the successful charity golf tournament in May, and this time I wanted to do a swanky night event. We decided to do a comedy show, because who doesn't like to laugh? For anyone who has ever organized an event like this, you know that the planning and execution of something like this is no small feat. We spent the next few months organizing, planning, and spreading the word. Christen found the perfect place for this event to be held; Rain Nightlife in Malden. It was a relatively convenient location from all directions and could accommodate the large group we anticipated. They were also extremely welcoming and supportive, a big thanks to Rain

management for all their help! A flyer was designed that we posted all over Facebook and anywhere else we could. We pounded the pavement getting local businesses to donate items for our raffle, stocked up on dog themed napkins and balloons at the local party store, and did our best to tie up all loose ends. We were determined to make this event memorable for our guests, as well as a success for the charity. On Thursday August 16th, Christen and I transformed the function room into an exciting atmosphere with a great dog theme. We created a fun ambiance with the lighting, dog pictures on each table, banners were hung, raffle items displayed, paw print napkins strewn around the bar, and balloons sporadically placed throughout the room. It looked awesome! At 7pm, we were finally ready and

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Let’s Talk About Food Addiction: with Pennie Hale

Pennie Hale
VALLEY PATRIOT FOOD COLUMNIST

I recently had an appointment with a doctor. I was due for a physical and as we all know, weight measurement is a part of that exam. I was not looking forward to finding out my actual weight. I did think to myself at one point: hey, if my height increased by twelve inches, my weight will be perfect!

My weight was not as high as I had imagined. Although that was a major relief, I was still reminded of the fact that I am still overweight. I started to think about all the extra calories I had consumed over the past several months. It wasn’t a good feeling. I’ve been off track for some time now and I wonder every day how it is that I’m going to get a grip on my diet.

I receive a lot of advice regarding diet and exercise. I have received emails

from readers of this column sharing their stories. I have been encouraged and discouraged. I have started and re-started diet and exercise programs. What I have learned and shared before is that most diets work. Most exercise routines help people lose weight. There really is no secret. Exercise more and eat less. I have lost a significant amount of weight before. I know how to do it. Right now, however, I have no weight loss success.

So, let’s talk about food! Food is meant to be a source of nutrition. Plain and simply put, food is fuel. It’s what we use for energy.



PENNIE HALE

However, if food is nothing more than a source of energy, why do I (and most people I know) talk about food so much? Why are there so many posts and photos on Facebook about food, desserts, restaurants, recipes and cooking methods? Why are their TV networks, magazines, blogs and newspapers devoted to food? Perhaps it’s because food means so many different things to so many different people. I know that I enjoy reading food-related material.

However, I equally enjoy reading about a friend’s weight-loss success.

How do I find a balance between

healthy eating, enjoying food, exercising, losing weight and feeling satisfied? I want to be able to manage my weight, on a long-term basis, in a consistent and conscious way. It seems so easy for some people to have a healthy attitude toward food. Some people are thin and healthy throughout their life. They never struggle with body image, weight, eating disorders or unhealthy food cravings. I am a carb addict. I binge eat. I eat when I am not able to fulfill an inner need. I am aware of this and will continue to confront that issue. I don’t know if I will ever have it under control but I know I will always try to understand myself better so that I can ultimately treat myself better and be a better role model for my children.

If you would like to share your weight or food-related story, please email me at pennielacouture@verizon.net

SHEILA’S RECIPE CORNER: BREAKFAST

Sheila Mullins
VALLEY PATRIOT COOKING COLUMNIST

By Sheila A. Mullins.

I’ve had this idea floating around in my head for a couple of months & decided to finally make it. I call it Chinese Risotto. It’s not as crazy as it sounds: think about it; when do you have Chinese & there’s not rice? Why not do a fusion IF it’s good?

Chinese Risotto

4 T toasted sesame seed oil

1 small zucchini, cut into little “sticks”

1 carrot, cut into little “sticks”

1 medium onion, diced

½ large bell pepper, cut into little “sticks”

3 large shiitake mushroom caps, cut into thin slices

2 c Arborio rice

7 c vegetable or chicken stock, hot

Garlic sauce:

Adapted from http://chinesefood.about.com/od/sauces/t/garlic_sauce.htm



the sauce thickens very quickly.

For garlic sauce:

In a small bowl, stir together oyster sauce, stock, soy sauce, rice vinegar, & chili paste. In another small bowl, dissolve cornstarch in the water.

Heat oil in a saucepan on medium-heat. Add the garlic & stir briefly until fragrant.

Turn the heat to medium low. Re-stir the sauce & add it into the saucepan. Stir in sugar. Bring sauce to a boil, stirring.

Re-stir the cornstarch & water mixture. Add into the saucepan, & stir quickly until sauce has thickened.

Note: Adjust the heat up or down as needed to bring the sauce to a boil or keep it from cooking too quickly.

For rice:

Heat a Dutch oven over medium high heat & add 3 T oil & then onions. Cook onions until translucent. Add rice & cook, stirring, until rice is translucent. Add two cups of stock, stirring constantly until rice has absorbed almost all of the stock. Keep adding stock one cup at a time until the rice is cooked.

Heat a small frying pan on medium high heat & add 1 T oil& the carrots. Cook, stirring occasionally, until carrots are almost fully cooked. Remove from heat & reserve.

When the 2nd to last cup of stock is added to the rice, add carrots & peppers. When last cup of stock is added, add the zucchini & mushrooms. Stir until nice & creamy.

Add the reserved garlic sauce & serve.

What I did discover is that one can add shrimp, tofu, or any other meat that is fully cooked at the end. The shrimp, if small ones are used, can be added along with the last vegetables & they will cook in no time as will the tofu.

Serves 6-8 as main course or 8-10 as a side.

My second dish is something that I love to make for breakfast. Yes, I’m still at breakfast from last month! It’s Dutch apple pancakes! Perfect going into apple season.



sliced (with or without peel) (for each frying pan)

2-3 T brown sugar (for each frying pan)

1 T butter (for each frying pan)

In a medium mixing bowl add dry ingredients, egg yolks, & milk. Mix well.

In a separate bowl, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form.

Fold egg whites into mixture. In a small frying pan, heat butter over medium heat until melted.

Pour in batter& turn temperature to medium low.

Cover entire top of pancake with apples in a pretty fan pattern.

Top with sprinkled brown sugar.

Place a lid over pan & steam over medium low heat until done.

This takes approximately 5-7 minutes. Serves 2 per frying pan. Total number of servings: 8

NOTE: Any leftover batter will become very stiff & glutinous. There is no need to thin out batter unless it becomes so glutinous that it is unmanageable. When batter is placed in pan, just spread it out & proceed as usual.



Sheila Mullins lives in Newburyport & is a personal cook. She can be reached at sheila_a_mullins@hotmail.com.

VALLEY PATRIOT FOODIE: A NIGHT TO TEASE ALL YOUR SENSES

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FOOD COLUMNIST -MASSBYTES.COM

Being the creator of MassBytes, I find myself talking to a lot of foodies. These foodies could be stay-at-home moms to owners of well-established restaurants. I found a passion in this world and to spend my summer months with all kinds of people while surrounded in a sea of amazing foods, I knew I did exactly what I wanted.

I had burritos and tacos at El Pelon Taqueria near Fenway Park for my birthday. I had a farm dinner at Smolak Farms, North Andover with Celebrity Chef Andy Husbands. I had Asian-inspired sandwiches at Fómami in the Financial District. I had coconut based ice cream at FoMu

in Allston with lactose intolerant radio personality Dex Ter. I had a lady date with Jackie Soriano of Three Strange Women at Bella Luna in Jamaica Plain. I had appetizers, drinks, and burgers at Joe’s American Bar and Grill on the Waterfront in Boston with one of my favorite Mass-Bytes’ blogger, Kosta. I had many pub burgers at J.J.Foley’s in Downtown Crossing with my dear friend Emily Elman.

I had the best mussels at Salvatore’s Seaport Restaurant in Boston with Kc Hoyer from <http://www.whywalkabout.com>. I had a tour of cheap eats in Allston, MA which included an amazing Bánh mì Sub from Super 88’s Pho Viet and cheap, clean sushi from Sakanaya. I could keep going but I think you get the point. What a

summer, and this is just the beginning for me and MassBytes.

Here comes the fall season.

MassBytes has some cool things lined up; however, the one thing I cannot stop smiling about is our very first MassBytes’ event! On Friday, September 21, 2012 at 7:00pm, MassBytes will be heading to Out of the Blue Gallery, 106 Prospect Street, near Central Square, Cambridge for a potluck style event with a food and model photography shoot, live acoustic music by some very talented musicians (Nicole D’Amico especially...wow!), and absolutely neat art from artists like James Neville, sponsored by Narragansett Beer, El Pelon Taqueria, and Something Sweet. Not only will we have food on the grill

and dishes brought in by our food enthusiasts, but we will have some great treats from the sponsors. Food, beer, music, photography, models, art, networking, and a good ol’ time! All this fun for ten dollars! I’m pretty darn excited.

If you are interested in getting all your senses teased and surrounding yourself in the world of art and food, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at sarahsparksma@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook to get more event details: <http://www.facebook.com/MassBytes>.





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ness experience, makes Seniors Helping Seniors services a “natural fit,” said Ben. Aligned with their faith, each saw Seniors Helping Seniors in-home services as a great opportunity to accomplish this desire and build a well-qualified and sustainable workforce.

“The citizens of New Hampshire are known as independent people,” said Judy. “Our ‘Live Free or Die’ motto denotes the pride of independence held by our older adults. People want to live in their family homes. They want to remain independent. There are also countless healthy and active seniors who desire to make a positive contribution.” Seniors Helping Seniors care allows both parties to do just that. Providing a venue for seniors to help other seniors also supports the New Hampshire initiative to reduce reliance on nursing home care, while encouraging the use of home and community-based services.

The partners have a wealth of experi-

ence in caring for older adults and giving back to the community. Judy Loubier, who has lived in Southern New Hampshire since 1986, has been a practicing physical therapist for 27 years. Her husband and franchise partner, Randy, originally from Worcester, Massachusetts, runs a street ministry that cares for the destitute of Southern New Hampshire. Ben Paquin, who was raised in NH, has always been inspired by servant-leader values. He is a small group leader of a Christian recovery program in Nashua, NH. Nancy Paquin, who has lived in southern New Hampshire since 1970, is an active servant in her church and is involved with the inner city ministry in her community.

“Judy, Randy, Nancy and Ben bring a warmth and understanding to seniors and their families throughout Southern New Hampshire,” shared Lynn Svindland, Seniors Helping Seniors Regional Owner. “They are all so passionate about helping

others and giving back some of the blessings they have received. I am so excited to have them as part of our New England Seniors Helping Seniors team.”

Philip Yocom, and his wife, Kiran Yocom, co-founded Seniors Helping Seniors in-home services, which began as a non-profit organization serving Berks County, Pennsylvania over ten years ago. The original Seniors Helping Seniors center continues that tradition, providing over 1,000 hours of service every month.

Philip Yocom said, “What began as a heartfelt mission to fill a need that was not being served by our local community is now being recognized as a prime business opportunity being fueled by the fastest growing demographic in our society,” he continued. “We want the existing Seniors Helping Seniors organization and our franchises to be the first place that seniors in need of non-medical services and those seeking extra income call.”

Seniors Helping Seniors organization has grown to over 200 franchises in more than 40 states including Arizona, Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

“We support all of our franchises with the expertise we have gained in running the Seniors Helping Seniors Berks County office,” said Philip. “We also provide marketing, sales, management, and technology support. We believe we have found a practical, cost-effective way to help seniors remain independent and to continue contributing to their community.

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importance of giving the members exactly what they want.

Michael is pumped up about the dart teams! “We also have a very large dart group that plays here regularly. Now that the fall is coming we anticipate darts here 5 days a week. We have become the biggest dart bar in the whole area! The way we did that is by asking them (the dart players) what they wanted and found out what the problems were with the other bars. They would not sponsor them, not give them food, they were not helping them with drinks like giving them the first round, and just did not offer good service. The players came here and just loved it! We will have 16 new dart boards which is the most around and people love playing with the special lighting on the panels.”

Nicholas ‘The Bone’ Pavone walked in during the interview, who Michael and Tony both jokingly referred to as the chief bartender, the chief of staff and president of the members association. Nick states, “We want to let people know it’s a great place

to come down to even though it’s in a rural neighborhood on a city side street. The people are awesome here and they are great friends and everyone who has come here so far has had a great time. They dance, they laugh, they play darts, and they play pool. Cars are safe. Everyone in neighborhood loves us here we help them out, give them ac units when it’s hot, furniture, and help carry their groceries upstairs. They love us. We haven’t had one problem with the neighbors here since we started doing construction here.”

Mike and Tony are proud of their accomplishments on many levels, but definitely on a community level, “We have been able to change this whole neighborhood. Now we are so welcome here because of the clubs generosity and being one on one on one with them (the neighbors) and friendship and mentoring. We mentored several of the kids here with total respect of where they are and where they are coming from that we have changed the feeling of this place as a friendly bar instead of an ‘us

and them’ thing with white guys in here. It’s a neighborhood bar and social club, but its huge on families.”

The owners and management are proud of their working relationship and friendship. Family members pitch in and volunteer at the club. Many of the people who used to work at the old Ward 6 have become members of the bar and talk about the old times, but focus on the negative such as the poor management. Tony I says it’s not like that anymore under their new management, “the staff is good, we are all truthful none of us take off each other and we are friends. Me and Mikey go out tubing on the Merrimack River. Me and Tony go out fishing. That’s the way it should be.”

The Valley Patriot wanted to know if they preserved any of the history of the bar and asked if they had any old pictures. “Yes, check out some of the old pictures we have right here,” said the owners. They would date one picture to the late 50s and 60s from the style of clothing the people are wearing and it’s showing the back hall

from two different sections.

There is a lot going on at the Ward 6 Club. The club is involved in the Merrimack Valley’s 45 league. The 45’s tournament starts late September and will be every wed night at 730 PM. Mike and Tony hope to combine the Sunday 45’s with football games and have wings and all eat out and have a great time. Its \$ 5 dollars per person to join the league and even non-members can join the 45’s for now, but that may change in the future. They plan to have another pig roast in the near future, BBQ, and are going to do the season opener for the Patriot’s at the club wings. The Ward 6 club is also having a pre-Halloween party the second week of September with costumes.

The newly renovated club has 142 members in less than three months of being open and is showing no signs of slowing down! Come check out The Ward 6 Club located at 57 Springfield Street in Lawrence, MA.

FROM PAGE 35: PUPPYGIRL KATE WHITNEY

the doors to our eventful evening were opened. To our delight, the guests poured in. Lots of family and friends, as well as some unfamiliar faces, we were happy to greet and meet. Those we didn’t know had heard about the event and showed up just to support the cause: helping to save homeless dogs from kill shelters. People were appreciative and happy to be there to have a fun night out with some laughs, all while supporting the fight.

As people entered, they were greeted at the check-in table with a swag bag filled with coupons from local businesses. People mingled with each other, grabbed a drink at the bar, and were entertained by magician Eric Robitaille while they enjoyed

food and drinks at their tables. There was a photo area set up with different costumes and accessories so people could dress up and have their picture taken by one of Christen’s photographers. Also hanging out in the photo area and posing with guests, was Barrie Lynch also known as Mrs. Massachusetts. She was on hand to support our night, crown and all. After picture time, guests were treated to a delicious buffet dinner.

The comedians for the show were Steve Halligan, Leo Barrett, Johnny Pizzi, and Dave Russo (host of “The Wicked Funny Comedy Tour on Boston’s Dirty Water TV). All four of these guys were hilarious and put on amazing performances, the

crowd was laughing all night. After the show, we drew the winners for the raffle. The raffle prizes consisted of jewelry, gift cards, huge gift baskets (think fully stocked Margarita basket), and other great items. After the raffle winners were announced we cut into the life-size cake of a dog named ‘Sugarplum’ that One Tail had saved and adopted out last year. The dog and dog bowl were made out of rice crispy treats and dog bed was made out of cake. Jessica of BaylaBoo Cake Boutique was the talented cake artist behind the creation.

This event turned out better than we could have ever expected. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the night, to all the local businesses for donating

items, all of our comedians, Rain Night-life, and everyone else who helped make this a huge success. We are already looking forward to doing an event like this again next year. The funds raised at events like this are put directly back into the rescue to help pay for vet bills and will allow us to save more shelter dogs on death row. Thank you to all those who believe in our mission and who are constantly supporting us, we are greatly appreciative. For more updates on our upcoming events and ways to help, friend One Tail at a Time Rescue on Facebook!

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FROM PAGE 14: BITTER SWEET ELECTION

his list of who should be elected and distributed this list to all his supporters in Lawrence. It was the Mayor Lantigua supporters in the City of Lawrence who gave these two individuals their victories because they lost in their home towns. Their response for this endorsement was their silent support for what the Mayor would do in Lawrence!

But all is not lost I believe with the defeat of State Representative Dave Torrisi, Mayor Lantigua’s stronghold on the Merrimack Valley is beginning to slowly come to an end!

As citizens of Lawrence and the surrounding communities, we need to continue to Shake Things Up and elect “New” Legislators in November’s General Election to go to Boston and Washington and stand up for our interest! Here is a list of individuals who in my humbled opinion would do exactly that:

State Representative 14th Essex District, Republican; Karon Rhoton.

State Representative 18th Essex District, Republican; James Lyons.

State Senator 2nd Essex District, Re-

publican; (Reluctantly) Paul Adams.

Congress 3rd District, Republican; Jon Golnik.

Register of Deeds Republican; Jack Wilson

These individuals are not perfect, no politician is and to think otherwise is asking for trouble. But some of these individuals have demonstrated to me and others a willingness to put our interest in front of theirs. They want to represent us and bring our local issues to Boston and Washington.

Our present group of Elected Officials

has demonstrated over and over again that they only represent what is in their best interest!

So I ask you, do you think they deserve to be re-elected? I know what I think! Please vote responsibly on Tuesday November 6, 2012!



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stay motivated and focused because I never felt like I was in it alone,” Olga Saratova, recent graduate from the MVSBC and new business owner of Olga Saratova Photography.

“The goal of our trainings and workshops are to provide small business owners with additional tools to strengthen their capacity. We work with them to better manage their financial information, or improve upon a marketing strategy to help stabilize or grow their business,” said Stacie Hargis, Director.

MVSBC provides assistance to empower entrepreneurs through education and training to increase their chances for success. They do this by providing one-on-one counseling and trainings that focus on realistic and practical information, presented in an easy to understand format in an environment that is supportive and empowering. MVSBC has a proven track record of success. From summer 2011 to now, the Center worked with 80 entrepreneurs, providing hours of training and one-on-one counseling. They assisted 17 business starts, creating 18 jobs. One such business start was Olga Saratova, a photographer who came to the MVSBC for trainings and counseling.

The MVSBC was created in 1999 by founding partners CTI, Middlesex Community College, University of Massachusetts Lowell, and the City of Lowell, to provide support to entrepreneurs interested in creating, sustaining or growing their small business in the Merrimack Valley. For more information about the Merrimack Valley

Small Business Center or its Merrimack Valley Microloan Fund, please contact them at 978-322-8400, www.merrimack-valleysmallbusiness.com or stop by at 88 Middle St., 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852.

MOODY’S GIVES HAVERHILL FINANCES A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

September 4, 2012
Mayor James J. Fiorentini today announced that Moody’s Investment services, which rates Haverhill’s municipal bonds, has improved their outlook for the city and removed a “negative outlook” placed on the city several years ago. Moody’s kept Haverhill’s bond rating at A1, its highest rating since the start of the Hale debt twelve years ago.

Haverhill’s finances and municipal bonds are rated by two Wall Street firms, Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s. Moody’s both gives a rating and a bond “outlook” that is a predictor of how they feel that the city finances will do in the future. A few years ago, Moody’s outlook for the city was negative, and at that time Moody’s pointed to unsigned union contracts and the lack of adequate reserves. The latest bond rating removes the negative outlook and upgrades the city’s outlook to stable.

In this year’s budget, the city made it a point to add \$1.2 million to its reserves, boosting reserves their highest level in many years. At the time, Mayor James J. Fiorentini said that one reason for adding to the reserves was protect the city’s bond rating.

In upgrading the city, Moody’s specifi-

cally credited the city with settling the collecting bargaining agreements and the city’s focus on improving its financial reserves. Moody’s rating said:

“Removal of the negative outlook is based on Moody’s expectation that the city’s financial position will stabilize as a result of recently settled collective bargaining agreements and an overall improved economic environments and focus on improving reserve levels.”

In making the announcement, Mayor Fiorentini said that the new outlook reflected a confidence by Wall Street rating agencies in the direction that the city has been taking, and was a vote of confidence in the budget priority of adding to reserves.

“In the most recent budget, we strongly resisted the urge to spend every dollar that came in. Instead, the city concentrated on building its reserves and planning for the future. We saved money this year because of our hard choices in having a new health care plan which saved us \$1.1 million, and we were fortunate to have had a warm winter and State money to help with the Hale debt. There is always pressure to spend everything that comes in, but we resisted that pressure. We did not add significantly to our workforce, kept overtime in check and added to our reserves.

“Now a major Wall Street firm, Moody’s, has given our focus a vote of confidence. Keeping a stable financial rating and stable bond rating is a major goal of this administration. It is gratifying to have a bond rating agency recognize that the direction we are heading is the right direction.”

SALISBURY MAN JOINS NECC TRUSTEES

Ronald J. Guilmette of Salisbury was recently elected to the Northern Essex Community College Board of Trustees by alumni. Guilmette, a retired Lt. Col. in the Massachusetts State Police Department and the former chief of police at Merrimack College in North Andover, is a graduate of Northern Essex’s associate degree criminal justice program. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from UMass Boston and a Master’s of Science in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College. He currently teaches

criminal justice at UMass Lowell and Merrimack College.

“It is exciting for us to have a prominent alumnus join the trustees,” says NECC President Lane Glenn. “He will offer a unique perspective.”

The college’s Board of Trustees includes nine members who are appointed by the governor of the state to a maximum of two five-year terms as well as an alumni-elected member, who also serves a maximum of 10 years, and a student trustee who serves for two semesters.

Two Haverhill Nursing Homes Receive Commonwealth’s Top Ratings

HAVERHILL - Pizza parties greeted employees of two Haverhill nursing homes upon release of top ratings for each home by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

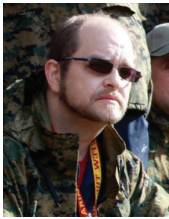
Lakeview House Skilled Nursing and Residential Care Facility and Baker-Katz Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, both of Haverhill, were again deemed “deficiency free” by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s Division of Health Care Quality after separate surveys.

The Commonwealth inspects nursing homes at least every nine to 15 months

According to the state, five critical areas of each nursing home with more than 100 items are evaluated. These include administration, nursing, resident rights, kitchen and food services and the environment.

Lakeview House Skilled Nursing and Residential Care Facility, founded during the mid-1940s, provides 26 licensed skilled care beds and 65 residential care beds.

It came under current management in 1983. Baker-Katz Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, founded during the mid-1960s, provides 72 licensed skilled care beds. It came under current management in 2001.



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