

# Unborn Child’s Right to Life

To the editor:

In the debate Tuesday, October. 7, Senator Barack Obama cited his single mother and his grandmother for sacrificing so that he could get the best possible education. He should also be profoundly thankful to his mother for one other reason: She chose to have him.

Abortion is not rare in the United States. Each year more than 1 million babies are killed by surgical abortion in our country. Innocent lives are forced out of the womb for no other reason than that they were conceived. Who have we lost? What might they have contributed to our lives and our society?

Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., contends that her uncle would not have condoned abortion. She said in August of this year, “I know in my heart that if Uncle Martin were alive today, he would join with me in the greatest civil rights struggle of this generation - the recognition of the unborn child’s basic right to life.”

Unborn babies are just as human as we are. It is a generous act of love for a mother to let this unwanted gift of God become a special gift for another – or for her.

Carolyn Caprioglio  
Amherst

# Calling All College Students

To the editor:

College students don’t forget to request your absentee ballot from your town clerk’s office well in advance of the November 4th general election day. Why? Because it takes time to turn the absentee ballot process around. You request the ballot, then the clerk needs time to send a ballot, then the student needs to vote the ballot, sign the affidavit envelope accompanying the ballot (critical because otherwise the ballot cannot be counted), and return it to the town clerk all before 5:00pm November 3rd if delivered by hand and by 5:00pm on November 4th, election day if mailed.

This year’s election is critical on many levels. It is important that all eligible American citizens exercise their precious right to vote but your generation has had a tendency to stay on the sidelines in year’s past. NOT THIS YEAR! YOU need to weigh in. Many decisions have been made over the last 8 years which will affect your generation for year’s to come and some of those decisions have not left your generation with a pretty picture (a trillion \$ treasury deficit which eliminates your generation’s ability to do things which help America function for all citizens). While you have the option of voting in the jurisdiction of your college (check with the local town clerk to verify this) we have very important and hotly contested elections taking place in New Hampshire for US Senate and US Congressional Representatives, local state representatives, and executive council. Therefore, your vote is urgently needed here!

If you want to vote in your hometown via absentee ballot because you will be absent from your hometown on Election Day you can do the following:

- 1) Call, fax or e-mail the town clerk and request an absentee ballot;
- 2) Download an absentee ballot request form/affidavit from the NH Secretary of State’s website at <http://www.sos.nh.gov/Absentee%20Ballot%20Application-2007.pdf> and fax or mail it to the town clerk of your home town well in advance of November 4th.

Amherst Town Clerk, 673-6041, FAX 673-4138, [www.http://www.amherstnh.gov/townclerk/index.html](http://www.amherstnh.gov/townclerk/index.html)

Mont Vernon Town Clerk, 673-9126, FAX 673-0914, <http://town.mont-vernon.nh.us/towninfo.php3>

“To make democracy work, we must be participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain.” Louis L’Amour. “Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.” George Jean Nathan. PLEASE VOTE!

Luisa Tassan  
Amherst

# Reelect Bob Rowe Representative

To the editor:

I ask that you support the reelection of Robert Rowe for the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Representative Rowe has served the citizens of the state well, especially in the area of court reform.

As a former judge and retired attorney he has been appointed to the House Judiciary Committee. While on the committee he has been instrumental in a number of changes in the court system. These include providing the citizens with a mandatory right of appeal. In the past accepting appeals were at the discretion of the Supreme Court. Another recent change is including mediation in the court system. This gives citizens a procedure to allow disputes to be settled by the parties rather than by a judge or jury. Another is the establishment of a Family Court. Family Court is designed specifically to resolve family issues in a more congenial process.

All of these have made the court system more sensitive to the needs of New Hampshire citizens.

Please reelect Robert Rowe to the legislature.

Brad Galinson  
Amherst

# Deb Puts Taxpayers First

To the editor:

Once again Debora Pignatelli is running for the Executive Council, and I plan to vote for her because as the Union Leader, our largest state newspaper wrote, “Councilor Debora Pignatelli deserves congratulations for putting taxpayers first.” She demonstrated this when she initiated a program of competitive bidding for state services. Prior to her membership on the Executive Council, No-Bid Contracts were the order of the day. She has also been responsible for initiating public hearings for state agency leaders so that we can all have an opportunity to query potential state agency heads.

Deb has been an easily accessible councilor as well by attending various functions and informal gatherings where she shows her willingness to listen to my concerns as well as those of the other attendees. Ever the gracious lady with a realistic grounding in governmental processes as well as common sense, I would urge you to vote for her November 4th and send her back to the Executive Council.

Nancy Iannuzzelli  
Amherst

# MacDonald Supports Coughlin

To the editor:

I am the current Hillsborough County Register of Deeds. I am retiring after 28 years of public service. I would like to thank the voters of Hillsborough County for their many years of support, trust and confidence as your Register of Deeds.

With great pleasure and excitement, I am supporting Pam Coughlin for the position of Hillsborough County Register of Deeds in the November 4th election.

I am aware of the work Pam accomplished as a New Hampshire State Representative. She served as chair of the State and Federal Relations and Veterans’ Affairs Committee. Pam also was the chair of her local elementary school board. Pam has experience working on budgets at the local, state and county levels where she closely scrutinized local, state and county budgets and is well known as a fiscal conservative who watches out for taxpayers. Pam’s experience, leadership, organizational skills and respect when with working others will make a direct and positive impact on Hillsborough County government. Please join me in supporting Pam Coughlin for Hillsborough County Register of Deeds on November 4.

Judith MacDonald  
Hillsborough County  
Registrar of Deeds  
Nashua

# The System is Substandard

To the editor:

The reason ACA has been asking questions about the decision to start an Amherst only dispatch center is simple. The original argument was that it would be cheaper for Amherst to go it alone. Our Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen and several Department heads at the time insisted the town could dispatch itself at a first year savings of \$30,000.00. We asked questions about the finances and no answers were forthcoming. We had solid information that was leading us to believe it was not cheaper and we were told we were wrong. We got our own estimate from MACC base on what it would cost for Amherst to still be part of the regional dispatch center. They calculated the cost to be \$190,000.00. We were, at the time, looking at a proposed Amherst Communication Center budget for 2006 of \$269,000.00. We asked more questions and again we got no answers. The Amherst Communication Center budget for 2008 is over \$350,000.00.

Since 2004 the Amherst Communication Center budget has more than doubled. In 2004 the budget was \$164,996.09 in 2008 it is \$353,457.09. We would like to know when or if, that trend will stop. We are still paying more and getting less.

The Police Department budget was reduced because there were some part time people who wouldn’t be needed anymore, but the people never disappeared. The numbers didn’t work then and they are even further off now.

The real issue was control and nothing but control. The result is that the town of Amherst walked away from a cost effective, efficient regional dispatch center that was providing excellent service to Amherst and several other communities. They walked away from a system into which the taxpayers of Amherst had invested tens of thousands of dollars. Over many years, this investment was needed to both improve upon and maintain a high level of service. We have now lost that investment and received a lower level of service at a higher annual cost.

They walked away from the Milford Area Communication Center knowing that they didn’t have the infrastructure (antenna system) that was needed to provide service throughout the town of Amherst.

When one of our own ACA members needed an ambulance at their home for a medical emergency, the EMT’s had to use the phone in their kitchen because they couldn’t reach the Amherst dispatch center by radio.

We are not knocking the dispatchers at the Amherst Communication Center. They do the best they can with the system that they have to work with.

It is the system that is substandard. It will cost thousands more of our tax dollars and take a few more years before the level of service that we had at MACC base is equaled here in Amherst.

This is just another example of appointed and elected officials doing whatever it takes to get what they want regardless of the affect on the folks who are picking up the tab.

Rick Crocker  
Amherst Citizens Association

# How Quick We Forget!

To the editor:

Watching the Jeanne Shaheen ads on TV I just sit and shake my head. Did she not tax anything and everything she could! Are we not years later still paying for taxes she initiated as Governor. Jeanne Shaheen brings new meaning to the words Tax and Spend Democrats, How quick we forget!

Now lets look at Senator Sununu, our other choice. He backed the “Pork Barrel Reduction Act” which aimed to bring transparency to Washington. He was Honored as a “Taxpayer Hero” by the Council for Citizens Against government Waste.

He has proven to be independent thinking even when it meant going against his President. He led the effort to oppose the Patriot Act until our civil rights were protected. Senator Sununu was the first Republican to call for the resignation of Alberto Gonzales. He has proven to be his “own man,” an independent leader, a strong voice for us here in NH.

If you want to protect your wallet and your country the only option this year is to support Senator Sununu and not give Jean Shaheen another opportunity to milk us dry.

Alice Bury  
Amherst



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