Letters & Opinion

Thank You

To the editor:

I want to Thank those supporters who voted for me in the elections. Also I am offering a \$5.00 donation to any individuals favorite charity for the return of any of my campaign signs I might have inadvertently missed picking up.

> Thanks, Peter Hansen **Amherst**

Thanks to the Voters

To the editor:

Thanks to all of you who came out to vote on November 4th. The record turnout demonstrated to the world once again that the American system of government is the greatest in history. We should all be proud. Special thanks to those who supported me in my campaign. I am honored to once again have the privilege of representing the interests of the residents of Amherst and Milford in Concord. Please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns. Thank you.

> Cynthia J. Dokmo **Amherst**

I'm So Happy And Proud I Could Burst!!!

To the editor:

This election is a great moment in history and very badly needed. I think of the end of World War II, the landing of a man on the Moon, the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, the release of Mandela from prison and a few others-- a time when the whole world can feel as one! Every country and most citizens of those countries were watching us and doubting that we really could pull this off. This is a great BIG SMILE for and from everyone at the same time! A giant "WOW!", a "round the world" sense of "Yes, we can!"

The whole world has been in a funk! Maybe, just maybe, this will alter the mass psyche and help us cumulatively get off the mat. It certainly proves to those who didn't get it before that we are now and forever more just a big, diverse spread-out community. We are all in this together, so we might as well start cooperating.

I don't envy Barack's challenges but I can't get over his demeanor, confidence, articulateness, focus and determination to include. Ain't felt like this since the early 60"s.

I love those reactions from abroad. It empowers the USA to think bigger

I'm so happy and proud I could burst!!!

Rick Katzenberg **Amherst**

Friends of Motivating Miles

To the editor:

It was a spectacular weekend in the Big Apple ... and Caleb turned in a spectacular performance in the NYC Marathon, Motivating Miles' initial fund-raising effort. Inspired by the support of each of you, along with 2 million cheering spectators along the route, Caleb finished with an outstanding time for a first-time marathoner. His official time of 3:32.29 placed him #5125 out of a field of over 39,000 runners ... putting him in the top 12% of all finishers! For more details and great photos of the whole event, check out nytimes.com and photos.

I'm sure Caleb will be offering his own personal reflections in his blog (motivatingmiles.com), but I wanted to extend to all of you my appreciation for all of your efforts, donations and support ... for this very important cause. Thanks to you, and many others, we have raised over \$15,000 for the Pediatric Oncology Unit of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute! And it is still not too late to donate ... any contributions made before the end of December will be included in the Motivating Miles total.

So, again many many thanks! And let's continue to run the race against

Yours for Motivating Miles Michael Ginsberg

Letters to The Editor:

The Amherst Citizen is eager to Please direct your letters, views serve as a community forum. We welcome your letters, opinions, and commentaries and make every effort to run them in their entirety. We do reserve the right to edit. The views and opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the position of the staff of The Amherst Citizen.

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I Thank You for Your Service

Letter to the editor:

I wish to congratulate Shannon Chandley, Cynthia Dockmo, Peter Bergin, Bill Belvin, Gary Daniels, Stephen Palmer, Robert Rowe, and Bob Willett for their victory for State Representative for Amherst and Milford. I thank you all for your service to our community.

I also wish to heartily thank the voters that supported me on my bid to serve.

Len Gerzon

Contact New Rep with Your Ideas and Concerns

To the editor:

Many thanks to the people of Milford and Amherst who voted this past Election Day. The high voter turnout, beautiful weather and general enthusiasm made for an exciting and joyful day.

Thank you to those people who voted for me. I am honored to be chosen to serve the citizens of our district in Concord. I look forward to working for all the people of Amherst and Milford. I wish to express my gratitude to all who supported me throughout the campaign. Your efforts and hard work were invaluable to me. I thank you for the confidence you showed in me and your willingness to inspire others.

I congratulate the seven other candidates elected to the position of State Representative. Each has a record of public service and a desire to continue that service. The voters have now given all of us that opportunity

I offer deepest appreciation to my fellow Democratic candidates, Len Gerzon, Nan and Pete Stearns, Milli Knudsen and John Mendolusky. Your commitment and dedication to others is inspirational. Each of you, in your own way, set an example from which I learned. I have no doubt that you will continue to do so.

Finally, I wish to thank the many people who spoke to me during the campaign. We began many conversations on a variety topics from education and taxes to health care to the size of the legislature. Let us continue these conversations. Please do not hesitate to email me at shannon.chandley@gmail with your ideas and concerns.

> Sincerely, Shannon E. Chandley Amherst

That's Why The Yield Sign Disappeared

To the editor:

When the by-pass was opened in the early seventies I observed that the YIELD sign at the bottom of the ramp from Rt. 101 West onto Rt. 101A East

Having driven to my office in Nashua a few thousand times since, I have encountered the following situation hundreds of times – and not always involving "little old ladies":

The driver in front of me sees the YIELD sign, looks to the left at the traffic in the right lane of Rt. 101A and, even s/he has an empty lane in front of him/er - which leads underneath the overpass and up again onto Rt. 101 East - looks over his/er left shoulder and slows down or even comes to a complete stop, watching for an opening in the traffic flow but obviously backing up the traffic on the ramp.

This same driver, if s/he, e.g. one quarter mile further down on Rt. 101A driving in the right lane, wants to turn left onto Rt. 122, will not stop the car, look over his/er left shoulder, etc., but will turn on the left blinker, look in the left rearview mirror, merge into the left lane and then turn left.

So why did s/he not use this procedure to merge coming off Rt. 101? Because the YIELD sign is in the wrong location: when the driver sees the sign the car is still in the curve of the ramp, i.e. the traffic on Rt. 101A does not show in the rearview mirror. The sign should be at least 100 ft further down the road, where and when the driver realizes that s/he is in an empty

third lane and can merge into the next lane using the normal procedure. This intersection has been rebuilt twice in the last 30 years but this YIELD sign both times was put back in the same wrong location.

As an architect/planner I have some knowledge in this field but I could not find any standards for the placement of YIELD signs at the bottom of ramps, neither in the AASHTO Green Book - A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, nor on-line on the MUTCD site - Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The Traffic Expert at the Nashua Regional Planning Commission could not find any references either.

I am looking forward to your response and your interpretation of the language in AASHTO and MUTCD as it relates to this situation. Thank you.

> Martin Michaelis Amherst, NH

The final response by the DOT was even better than I had hoped for:

"We did remove the subject sign as we have done in similar situations around the state. When a ramp enters a highway as an additional lane, there is no yield regulation and having the sign is confusing. If we move it to the point where the two lanes merge into one, that really isn't a yield situation either."

I should have written this letter 35 years ago!

Martin Michaelis

Thanks... Thanks...

To the editor:

To all who contributed to my being elected NH State Representative, your encouragement helped me to keep-on-keeping-on in my campaign ef-

Individual's involvement in allowing my signs on their property, assistance with printing/mailing, advisory, and financial support is much appreciated. All these, especially your all-important VOTE brought us to vic-

I will do my best to represent Amherst, Milford, and the State of New Hampshire to honor the confidence you have invested in me.

> Gratefully, Robert "Bob" Willette Milford

Belvin Appreciates Your Vote

To the editor:

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the voters of Milford and Amherst for my election to the NH House from Hillsborough District 6. I will have the privilege and obligation to represent you responsibly, and to seek what is good and proper for Milford, Amherst and all of New Hamp-

> Sincerely, Bill Belvin **Amherst**

Bergin Looking Ahead to Legislative Challenges

To the editor:

Thanks to all who voted for me last week in the election. I also want to thank all my supporters who helped me over the last several months.

The next two years will be very challenging. The Legislature will have to deal with the economy, energy issues, and our state's response to finance, transportation, and health concerns, along with many other subjects that impact the everyday life of our citizens.

I look forward to working hard on these issues. As in the past, I invite all District 6 citizens to bring their ideas to the Legislature by contacting me. Thank you for your vote. Together with you, I can continue to work hard

to keep strong families, excellent schools, a healthy economy and a fine community spirit, the core of our New Hampshire tradition.

> Sincerely, Peter Bergin, State Representative, Hillsborough District 6, Amherst and Milford

Halloween Fundraiser a Success

To the editor:

On behalf of Amherst Boy Scout Troop #613, I would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for contributing to the success of our annual Halloween Night Hotdog and Chili Booth fundraiser:

Wal-Mart Of Amherst

Department Of Public Works, Town Of Amherst Clark School

Amherst Junior Women's Club

Coca-cola Bottling Group **Currier Orchards Amherst Fire Department** Congregational Church Of Amherst Wilkins Elementary

Wendy Hunt Hotdog and Chili Booth Chairman Amherst Boy Scout Troop #613

Hillsborough 4th District Citizens

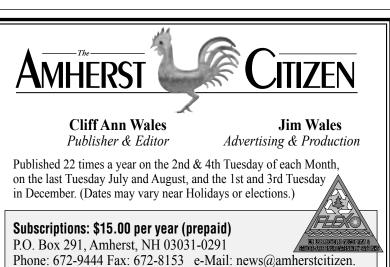
To the editor: Unfortunately, I came up short in my bid for the New Hampshire State-

house. I worked hard, shook hands, sent out mailings, spent every moment of free time either canvassing, phoning, or at candidate meet and greets, and generally had the time of my life, but it did not translate into enough votes for a trip to Concord. To those of you who sent donations, encouraging words, prayers and many, many good vibes, I want to again extend my sincerest thanks for your incredible support. Your friendship means more than any end result could ever mean. So, thank you from the bottom and the top of my heart. To those who did win, I congratulate you and will support you in your

quest to do what's in the best interest of all New Hampshire citizens and not just those at the top of the chain. A special congratulations and thank you I send to Linda Foster whose guidance and support was truly appreciated.

Also, I plan to get back on the horse, and do it better next time. After all, in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Every artist was first an amateur." Please check www.ayvazianfornh.com for updates during the next two vears!

Sincerely, Mary Beth Ayvazian, Esq.



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