Thanks for Successful LAX **Memorial Game**

To the editor:

I am writing this letter of thanks to the wonderful LAX community who helped make the Kevin Tyska Scolarship Tournament such a success. The coaches of the Hollis/Brookline and Amherst High Schools, - Bob Zimmerman and Dave Macpherson, did so much so make it a memorable day, as well as all the Lacrosse players who gave up a day of vacation to participate in this tournament. Special thanks go to Debra Elliott of Amherst whose idea it was to have this event. She organized everything from food, tee shirts and so much more. Kudos also go to photographer Gail Maloney who donated her time and talent to document this fun day.

Our son Kevin would be as humbled as we are by the show of love and support and the knowledge that a deserving student/athlete from each school will receive a scolarship in his name. Kevin got to live his dream furthering his beloved sport, both at the high school and college levels. He inspired so many to do their best - 'Live to Lax and Lax to Live! His spirit lives on

> Sincerely, Julie and Lou Tyska

Chrysler Doesn't Value Personal Service Provided by Ed Medlyn

To the editor:

In 1987, we purchased a new Laredo from Medlyn Motors and acquired a new puppy. My kids were young and the puppy, Daisy, was chewing everything in sight. Daisy's tenure was on a proverbial short leash. My wife, Crystal, went shopping and left Daisy in the car. There was a dog biscuit in the center console and Daisy wanted it. After seeing the destroyed center console. Crystal called Ed Medlyn and told him about the problem. Ed had Crystal come in immediately; and we later found out that Ed called his wife and took the console from his wife's car. Problem solved for Daisy.

Chrysler may look at the numbers and other factors, but they don't value the personal business Ed runs at Medlyn Motors. Dealing with local merchants and businesses like Medlyn Motors, has its many rewards. While we don't have a Jeep at this time, we have brought all of our foreign and domestic cars to Medlyn Motors for service and repairs and will continue

> David Chen **Amherst**

Something In The Air

To the editor:

I was compelled to voice my concern after the latest of seemingly weekly letters supporting all the change that is going on around us. There's a "fresh breeze blowing...it feels so good" was how one letter concluded last week.

Feels good? Seems to me we have even more fiscal irresponsibility than the previous administration, an overwhelming desire to avoid personal accountability, complete moral ambivalence, and a lack of focus on the most pressing issues at hand from our elected leaders at both the state and federal level. More time has been spent on dumping as much partisan social and economic policy feed into the stimulus trough than actual rational thought about the repercussions of all this. Taxation without representation? How about spending without ending?

Instead of discussions about improving government accountability (ie: line item veto, term limits, etc.) many seem more concerned with "broadening" social horizons and making sure others are "politically correct".

Fresh breeze? For these social engineers, "inclusion" is not about tolerance of differing views but rather the militant promotion, coerced acceptance, and entire political dominance of social and moral issues. They are very well organized, educated, and politically savvy enough to know one should never waste a good economic downturn when it comes to furthering their social ideology. Let's lose the thought that having voted for candidates in one political party, or for some from both major parties, makes one open-minded, accepting of diversity of opinion, more "enlightened", or more compassionate than your neighbors.

We are in obvious financial turmoil in this country and our elected officials, regardless of party affiliation, need to have their priorities in order. Unfortunately, it appears to me that we have a number of politicians, and many who elected them, more interested in pushing their social agendas as wide and as far as they can while brandishing the gavel of power. How about a bit more focus on addressing our most urgent fiscal needs of job creation, home ownership, and financial mobility?

The winds are blowing alright, but there's nothing fresh about that

Jim Dermody Amherst

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.

and commentary to the Editor, The Amherst Citizen, P.O. Box 291, Amherst, NH 03031-0291, or e-mail your submission to: news@amherstcitizen.com. We will attempt to run your letter as submitted (space permitting) providing it is signed and phone number is included.

Proud to Vote for Robert Rowe

To the editor:

Transparency in government is essential in a free society. It is important for constituents to know how their elected representatives voted, especially on issues of great concern to public safety.

Representative Robert Rowe is a long-serving, distinguished member of ne General Court. He has served Amherst and Milford honestly and honorably. He listens to all of his constituents, not just the most vocal.

The critics of Representative Rowe have suggested that he is not in touch with the new president's policies regarding gay issues. Actually, he is in agreement with President Obama's policies on gay marriage.

As for HB 415, it was commonly referred to as the Bathroom Bill by the media, the legislature and the public at large.

This legislative session also produced parental notification for tattoos, but not for abortions. New Hampshire's underage girls and out-of-state ninors can now go behind their parent's back for invasive medical procedures. Make sure and bring a note if you want to get a tattoo on the way home from the abortion clinic.

Physician Assisted Suicide has been a controversial issue in this country for many years. Why should it be less so in New Hampshire?

Life has a way of keeping us too busy to keep up with the hundreds of bills that are heard and become law in the short legislative sessions. It is important to know how our representatives vote. When we vote, we should know who and what we are voting for. I appreciate Representative Rowe's efforts to keep his constituents informed.

Hmmm! I think the 'change 'thing is wearing thin. Fresh breeze? More like low tide.

> Respectfully, Ann Conceison **Amherst**

Two-Party System Works Toward Solutions in a Democracy

To the editor:

My decade plus in the New Hampshire Legislature has resulted in my being a strong believer in the American two party political system. Yes, political activity is distasteful to a large portion of the public, but it works not only during election processes but in the democratic form of government. The reason why democracy is the best form of government is not a result of its efficiency but because it is the only form of government that encourages groups having opposing views to talk, debate and work together to achieve an acceptable compromise for the good of the state and country. The goal of achieving consensus is especially important in the legislative branch. If compromise fails then, and only then should the party system enter the quation with the majority party ultimately prevailing in its position. Politics as the determining factor in the Legislature should be used only as a last resort to eliminate indecision and be the determining voice on issues. Unfortunately in the New Hampshire Legislature there is no, absolutely no, effort being made to seek consensus. The heavy hand of the majority party is used as the first, not the last resort. This has resulted in an autocratic form of government between elections. The minority, no matter how large, is disenfranchised.

What is really tragic is that this heavy handed control results in a profound reduction in respect and cordiality between the two political parties. Each election that results in a change in the majority party, the new majority now seeks to get even. The partisan hostility escalates. In the short run, the majority party may win, but the public consistently loses every time.

> Robert H. Rowe NH Representative for Amherst and Milford

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Property Tax Relief Applications Due June 30

To the editor:

The State of New Hampshire has a property tax relief program for low and moderate income homeowners, and the annual application deadline of June 30 will be upon us soon. The tax relief program has been in place since 1999 and applies to homeowners with total household income of \$20,000 or less for a single person, or \$40,000 or less for a married person or head of household. Last year more than 700 homeowners in state Senate district 11 were granted some relief through this program, including more than 100

Application forms (form DP-8) are available at town halls or at www. nh.gov/revenue. Completed forms, which must include copies of pages 1 and 2 of last year's federal income tax return and a copy of your final property tax bill from last year, must be postmarked by June 30. Further questions on this program should be directed to the NH Department of Revenue administration at 271-2191.

> State Senator Peter Bragdon NH State Senate - District 11 Milford Phone: 554-7730

SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETINGS

Conservation Com.	2nd Sunday	7:00 p.m.
Cemetery Trustees		
Fire Department	1st Monday	7:00 p.m.
Historic District Comm.	3rd Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees	3rd Monday	7:30 p.m.
Planning Board	1st & 3rd Wed.	7:30 p.m.
Recreation Commission	2nd Tuesday of Mo.	7:00 p.m.
Rescue Squad	1st & 3rd Wed.	7:30 p.m.
Selectmen	Mondays	7:00 p.m.
Zoning Bd. of Adjustment	3rd Tuesday	7:30 p.m.
Heritage Commission	2nd Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Souhegan Reg. Landfill	1st Thursday	7:30 p.m.

Most of the above meetings are held in the Town Hall, 2 Main

Fire Department meets at the Central Station, 177 Amherst Street Library Trustees at the Town Library, 14 Main Street Rescue Squad at the Rescue Bay, 175 Amherst Street.

Cemetery Trustees meet at the Highway Barn, 22 Dodge Road Contact the Landfill District at 424-4128 to confirm the meeting place and time.

*The meetings are open to the public.

Members of the Amherst and Mont Vernon communities: If you have a news tip, photographs to publish, or an interesting story to share, become a Contributor to The Amherst Citizen.

We'd like to hear from YOU!

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