

McCallum Fellowship is waiting to help people make a difference



PAUL SULLIVAN

Last December, Elkin McCallum, owner of Joan Fabrics, stood before a crowd at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium at an evening in his honor. During his moving speech, he lamented that the business leaders of the 30- and 40-something age group have not entered the world of volunteerism.

McCallum, one of the region's most generous people, wasn't preachy, just his typical, analytical self.

"The call has simply not been answered by the next generation," he said.

McCallum was also typically self-critical. "I myself never served on a board until I was in my 40s. They never asked, I never offered."

The gathering was held to honor McCallum for his generous contributions to the Merrimack Repertory Theatre.

It is just one of the many, many causes that he,

his wife Donna and daughter Kerry have been involved in through the McCallum Foundation.

From donations to churches and hospitals throughout the region, to helping promote the area as a tourist destination, no need goes unmet when McCallum is around.

Just last week, McCallum donated \$15 million to his alma mater, Bentley College.

The sometimes gruff McCallum usually waves off any tributes. Instead, he chalks his role up to simply giving back to a community that has given him much.

On that December night, McCallum gave credit again to others for his success. His theme remained the same: "We have to teach the next generation to get involved, to be part of the community and to give of themselves."

The lesson was well-received by the gathering made up of the people often seen leading the good causes of the region.

Two of them, Carole Cowan, president of Middlesex Community College, and Sun publisher Kendall Wallace decided that something should be done.

Plenty has been written recently about Wallace's commitment to volunteerism. What hasn't been written has been his years of lamenting the loss of a generation of givers.

Cowan, too, is recognized as one of the region's givers, and wants to pass along the spirit.

As Wallace and Cowan sat through the event, they wondered how they could fill the need.

Separately, but with each other in mind, they came up with an idea to train people to volunteer within their community.

Armed with the best advertisement for philanthropy — Elkin and Donna McCallum — they came up with an idea to offer a fellowship for young men and women within the community who would like to get involved.

The McCallum Fellowship of Community Service was born.

In partnership with *The Sun*, Middlesex Community College will select 12 people and teach them the methods of getting involved in charitable and civic activities.

During this yearlong fellowship, participants

will learn of the needs of the community as well as look within themselves to see their strengths and weaknesses, and see how they can best serve the area.

Lead fellows will be chosen to direct the instruction and help choose those invited to participate.

U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan will head up the fellowship in the first year. The second year, Mayor Eileen Donoghue will be at the helm. These two have shown themselves willing to not only get involved politically, but as part of the charitable community as well.

If you have wondered how you could give your time for the benefit of your community, or if someone within your organization is a giver without a place to give, this might be just the program.

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Jasper Wilcox, left, class of 1942 at Chelmsford High School, proudly holds his diploma while being congratulated by classmate and fellow World War II veteran Frederick Jamros last night. Former students who weren't able to complete their schoolwork due to their wartime military service were given diplomas during the state-run "Operation Recognition" event last night.

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Aggressive campaigners got their reward in Lowell

Hard work put Uong, Martin and Tenczar over the top

By CHRISTOPHER SCOTT
Sun Staff

LOWELL — Historic? Yes. Surprising? Not really.

That pretty much sums up Tuesday's City Council election, in which three new members were elected while two well-known incumbents

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now have lame-duck status.

To be sworn in come January are Bill Martin, Dan Tenczar and Rithy Uong, who is the first Southeast Asian elected to office in Lowell.

Martin's eighth-place finish comes as a mild surprise, because he finished a strong fourth in the primary. Like Tenczar and Uong, he was no

slouch on the campaign trail, but perhaps his unsuccessful run for state representative last fall gave him the bounce he needed.

Tenczar's candidacy proves one thing: With hard work, a candidate can get elected, even if his campaign is missing a clear message.

Tenczar often touted Martin's "Two for Lowell" proposal, which would provide closing cost and downpayment assistance to working families that purchase and make a commitment to own and occupy two- and three-family homes. But voters were impressed that Tenczar spent five months knocking on doors and introducing himself to anyone who would listen.

For a city so proud of its melting-pot heritage, it should come as no surprise Uong got elected. He adroitly made Lowell's diversity the focal

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Hour delay in reporting Tuesday election results

By MATT WICKENHEISER
Sun Staff

LOWELL — Relatively few problems arose as Lowell used the computerized AccuVote system for the first time on Tuesday, though there was an hour-long delay in reporting final tallies at City Hall.

Precincts were closed and data disks were returned to City Hall soon after 8 p.m., and the Election's Office had final results from all 33 precincts at about 8:45. Elections Commissioner Jessica Cruz said.

However, when information was first presented

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Kouloheras reportedly considering recount

By MATT WICKENHEISER
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LOWELL — City Hall sources say School Committee Member George Kouloheras is exploring the possibility of seeking a recount in the election that saw him lose by 18 votes a seat he has held periodically since 1963.

Kouloheras' son, Bill Kouloheras, was in the Elections Office yesterday morning to inquire about the procedure and obtain a sample

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Kouloheras

'Late coming, but worth it'

Chelmsford World War II veterans who left school are granted diplomas

By DARRIN BERARD
Sun Staff

CHELMSFORD — Pomp and circumstance more than 50 years overdue felt glorious yesterday to a group of veterans who exited Chelmsford High School during the 1940s — without ever obtaining diplomas — to serve their country in World War II.

"I feel like a learned man,"

said John Mackey, class of 1945, as he gripped his fresh, leather-bound diploma. "It was late coming, but it's worth it."

Mackey, now 72, served as an army cook in Germany and upon his return, worked locally as a machinist. He and his wife of 48 years, Janice, have eight grown children. The couple now live in Tyngsboro.

Mackey was among 10 veter-

ans honored yesterday during a moving ceremony in the high school gym as part of "Operation Recognition," a state-run initiative designed to recognize the service of those people who left high school to serve their country in World War II between 1940 and 1946 and never graduated. The town's Veterans' Services

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Lowell General day-surgery center opens in Chelmsford

CHELMSFORD — Hoping to making outpatient surgery more convenient for patients, Lowell General Hospital has opened a new Surgery Center in Chelmsford.

Officials yesterday held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Lowell General at Drum Hill — a new Surgery Center, Patient Service Center and medical office building.

The center is located at 10 Research Place, at the corner of Technology Drive in the Drum Hill Technology Center.

This freestanding center — the first of its kind in Greater Lowell — will give patients better access to Lowell General's outpatient surgical program by increasing the number of operating rooms available, at a site accessible to all major highways.

"Patients in Greater Lowell have made Lowell General their clear choice for surgery. Now we're giving them a choice of two convenient locations," said Robert A. Donovan, Lowell

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Clementine Alexis, chairman of Lowell General Hospital's Board of Trustees, cuts the ribbon to signify the official opening of LGH's new Surgery Center at Drum Hill in Chelmsford. With her are, from left, Chelmsford Town Manager Bernard Lynch; LGH President Bob Donovan; Surgery Center Medical Director Dr. Greg Gardner; Chief of Surgery Dr. Akmal Khan; and Surgery Center Executive Director Susan Gallagher.

SUN/DAVID BROW

Tyngsboro ponders next move for old Town Hall

By CHRISTINE McCONVILLE
Sun Staff

TYNGSBORO — The town has been denied its request for state money to spruce up the former Town Hall.

Town Planner Mark Whitehead said he wasn't surprised that his application for \$216,000 to make the structurally unsound building safe was rejected last week. The state received \$19 million in requests for community development block grant monies but only \$12 million was disbursed, he said.

"People are a little disappointed, sure, but it was not totally unexpected," Whitehead said.

Whitehead said he is applying for a state Historical Commission grant to help pay for a comprehensive \$15,000 survey of the town's historical buildings and sites. Under the grant's terms, the state provides \$9,000 and the town pays the difference.

The survey is the first step

toward allowing the town to list the building — built in 1834 — on the National Register of Historic Places, Whitehead said. Then the town could apply for historic preservation grants, he added. The whole process will take about three years.

Whitehead, as the town's official grant writer, is at the center of a town controversy. Renovation supporters say the former Town Hall is an important anchor in the town's center. But critics say saving the termite-infested, barn-style building isn't worth the effort.

Marie Lambert, chairman of the town's Historical Commission and a vocal supporter of efforts to save the white clapboard building, said the CDBG rejection isn't all bad news.

If the town had won the money for the Kendall Road building, the building could not be used for town government purposes, although civic groups would be allowed. Now, no such restrictions apply, Lambert said.

LOCAL NEWS

Murdered man's son testifies, confronts accused Lowell woman

By LISA REDMOND
Sun Staff

CAMBRIDGE — Sorrow turned into an angry outburst in court yesterday, as the distraught son of murder victim Manuel Martin Sr. confronted the woman who allegedly stabbed his father to death last year.

"She knows she did it... She knows she killed my father," Manuel Martin Jr. yelled to Michelle Tourigny as he walked from the courtroom after testifying.

During his testimony, the younger Martin wiped tears from his eyes as he recalled his father's last words: "She stabbed me. It hurts."

As he held his dying father in his arms, the younger Martin testified he

looked up and saw Tourigny, his father's girlfriend, standing in the doorway to her apartment, holding a knife by her side.

Hours later, Manuel "Papi" Martin Sr., 55, died from a single stab wound, prosecutor Julie Dale said.

Tourigny, 33, formerly of 240 Jackson St., Lowell, is on trial in Middlesex Superior Court charged with first-degree murder, which carries a mandatory life in prison sentence without parole.

Police say that on Sept. 11, 1998, Tourigny and Martin were drinking and arguing in their apartment when she allegedly stabbed him in the midsection with the 8-inch blade of a kitchen knife.

Attorney Brian Chance will use a battered woman's defense to try show that his client was not criminally responsible for the killing. The move was made famous in 1994 by the "Framingham Eight" case, a group of women who were released from prison after convincing authorities they had killed their partners to end years of abuse.

Chance plans to provide testimony from mental health experts that at the time of the murder, Tourigny suffered from post traumatic stress syndrome from years of an abusive relationship.

But in her opening statement, Dale said it was Tourigny who abused Martin, having broken Martin's nose and jabbed him with a sharp instrument six months before his death.

"Michelle Tourigny was the aggressive one," Dale alleged. "That violence grew until Sept. 10, 1998, in that apartment in an argument over money and alcohol, she took an 8-inch knife and plunged it into Manuel Martin," she said.

As Martin staggered into the apartment building hallway, his son came to his aid. While emergency crews were on their way, Martin, who had four grown children and three grandchildren, said, "I don't want to die," Dale said.

When police arrested her, Tourigny told police several stories, always adding that Martin beat her and it was self-defense. But Dale claims that during her arrest, Tourigny "didn't have a mark on her."

In his opening, Chance described Tourigny as a "perpetual victim," who has been committed six times to psychiatric hospitals since 1983. The diagnosis is always the same, Chance said — post traumatic stress syndrome from years of abuse.

"I don't want to smear his (Martin's) name," Chance told the jury, "but he was an abuser just like every other man Michelle Tourigny has ever been with."

Chance alleges Martin regularly beat Tourigny, whom he described as borderline retarded. "She was incapable of making good decisions... She acts emotionally without thinking," he said.

Describing his client as "a mess," Chance told the jury, "This is a very sad case with two victims."

Veterans given diplomas

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Office began accepting applications from veterans or their families a few months ago.

"It focuses on education and that it's still important, no matter how old you are," said School Committee Vice Chairman Evelyn Thoren. She presented diplomas, along with Superintendent Richard Moser, CHS Principal Stephen Meidell, former CHS Principal George Simonian and State Sen. Susan Fargo.

Accepting diplomas were Mackey, Frederick Jamros, Jasper Alden Wilcox, Thomas Firth, Albert Jones, Richard McClure, and Kenneth Millman. Firth also accepted a diploma for his brother, Harold Firth, who lives in Arkansas and could not make the trip. Granted diplomas posthumously were Edward Campbell and Harold Stott.

"I'm going to put (my diploma) up on the wall and admire it," said Jamros, class of 1942, following the ceremony.

Jamros, 76, served in the Army between 1944 and 1946, mostly in the Pacific. Upon his return, Jamros took advantage of the G.I. Bill and learned a trade, repairing watches. He has run Jamros Jewelers in North Chelmsford for more than 50 years. He and his wife, Dolores, have two grown children, including Doreen (Jamros) Bonney, who attended the belated graduation.

"It was nice to see him excited about it," Bonney said. Other families felt the same.

"It's our turn to take pictures of him getting his diploma," said Firth's daughter, Valerie.

Firth, class of 1944, enlisted in the Navy and was stationed in Pensacola, Fla., during the war. He returned home to take a job as an accountant with B&M Railroad, where he worked 43 years before retiring in 1986. He also served 33 years on the Chelmsford Planning Board and 35 years as an East Chelmsford Water District commissioner. Firth and his wife, Nancy, have five grown children — four of whom were present yesterday.

Also on hand were current students at Chelmsford High. Several interviewed veterans and their families on camera and compiled video segments.

"It meant a lot to the kids," Meidell said. "It really put history in a new light for them."

"You can't replace hearing from someone who lived through (the war)," agreed History Department Chairman Dick O'Donnell.

And for those who served in the war, the ceremony supplied a happy ending to a chapter in their lives that seemed somehow incomplete.

"After all these years, it feels great," said Wilcox, class of 1942, who served in the Navy. The 75-year-old Peterborough, N.H., resident had tears in his eyes. His wife of 55 years, Marion, and son, Donald, stood nearby.

"It's something I wished that I could always have, but I never had the chance — until now."

Lowell man pleads innocent to indecent assault charges

LOWELL — A 36-year-old Lowell man pleaded innocent to charges that he abducted a teenage girl off a city street, dragged her behind a building and then indecently assaulted her.

Eddie Pagan was held on \$25,000 surety or \$2,500 cash bail at his recent arraignment in Lowell Superior Court. Pagan pleaded innocent to three counts of indecent assault and battery on a person who has attended age 14, and assault and battery.

A pretrial conference is scheduled for Nov. 17.

According to court documents, on June 28, about 8:30 p.m., the girl was walking down Appleton Street in Lowell near the Salvation Army when she thought she heard someone call out her name.

The girl glanced over her shoulder and saw Pagan, who allegedly grabbed the victim by the arm and dragged her behind the building, documents state. As the girl screamed and cried, Pagan allegedly pushed her down on the ground and began kissing her.

At one point, he covered her mouth with her hand to quiet her and then sexually assaulted her, according to court documents.

The girl was able to wrench free after she kicked Pagan in the groin, document state.

The victim ran to a nearby store and called the police. She was able to identify Pagan at the scene, documents state.

— LISA REDMOND

LGH day-surgery center opens up in Chelmsford

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General's president and chief executive officer.

"This center offers patients the tradition and expertise of Lowell General surgeons and staff in a pleasant, accessible location."

The 45,000-square-foot building has two floors, the first floor featuring a 15,000-square-foot surgical unit with three operating rooms.

The first floor also features a Patient Service Center providing outpatient and pre-admission testing, blood drawing and routine diagnostic X-rays for patients of all physicians — not just those using

The Surgery Center.

The second floor contains 22,000 square feet of office space for physicians.

The \$9 million structure was designed by DiGorgio Associates Inc. of Boston, with construction under the general contractor Monitor Builders Inc. of Boston.

This ambulatory surgery center will complement the surgical program on the Lowell General Hospital main campus.

The hospital currently performs more than 6,000 outpatient surgeries every year. The new surgical center can accommodate 3,000 to 3,500 cases a year.

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