

## Panagiotakos staying put

### Says he will not pursue Lowell manager's job

By CHRISTOPHER SCOTT  
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LOWELL — Sen. Steven Panagiotakos said yesterday he is not interested in the city manager's job, ending speculation that he would likely

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succeed Lowell's top municipal executive, John Cox. In a survey conducted Monday by *The Sun*, five city

councilors representing a majority of the nine-member board expressed no confidence in City Manager Cox's job performance.

Panagiotakos, a Lowell

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*"The city has never had all four of its representatives on Beacon Hill in leadership positions and we see a lot of opportunity ahead."*

Sen. Steven Panagiotakos

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Warm showers; high of 68°

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#### He earned it

Kathy Moore's husband, Jerry, died from exposure to Agent Orange. On Monday, she will see his sacrifice recognized.



Chelmsford attorney Susan Gates hugs Dimitri Kyriakides after the unveiling of his father's statue in Hopkinton.

## A SURVIVOR, A WINNER

### Hopkinton statue honors Greek runner, thanks to local attorney's marathon effort

By DAVID PERRY  
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HOPKINTON — Yesterday morning, about 200 yards and eight days shy of 60 years from where Stylianos Kyriakides began his 26-mile, 385-yard run to eternal Greek glory, a 10-year journey crossed the finish line.

And the work of Susan Julian Gates, the Chelmsford attorney who never hesitated to make the next phone call, was done.

None of this should have ever happened.

But there was Jim Davis, president and CEO of New Balance Athletic Shoe of Boston, who had commissioned this

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The Spirit of the Marathon shows Stylianos Kyriakides, left, on his way to winning the 1946 Boston Marathon, guided by Spiridon Louis, who won the first modern Games in Athens in 1896.

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## Welch: I won't budge on contract

By BRIDGET SCRIMENTI  
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WESTFORD — Police Chief Robert Welch said he refuses to renegotiate his new contract with the Board of Selectmen.

In a telephone interview yesterday, Welch said his contract was ratified in executive session and signed by Town Manager Steve Ledoux.



Robert Welch ... deal should be honored

"As far as I'm concerned, I have a ratified contract and I expect them to honor that," Welch said.

On March 16, *The Sun* received a press release from Ledoux's office announcing the ratification of Welch's contract, which stated: "The Selectmen's vote in this matter was unanimous and recognizes Chief Welch for his 30 plus years of service to the citizens of Westford."

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## Amid pain, seeking justice

### Family members endure as 9/11 trial revisits the horror

By KRIS PISARIK  
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Families whose loved ones were murdered in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks will never escape that painful horror.



Linda Gay ... watching trial closely

But as the fate of admitted al-Qaida terrorist Zacarias Moussaoui plays out in a federal courthouse in Virginia, those left behind are coping in very different ways as the defense attempts to convince a jury to spare his life. And they all want him to know



The wreckage of United Flight 93 in Somerset County, Pa., shown in an image from a court exhibit.

While she won't say whether she believes Moussaoui should live or die — his lawyers say killing him would

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#### TODAY'S QUESTION

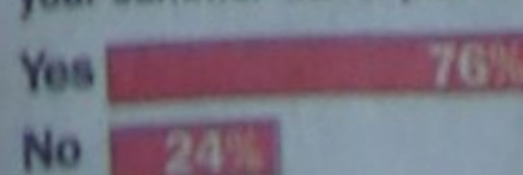
How should Lowell close the \$4.5 million funding shortfall for the new parking garage?

- ▶ Raise taxes
- ▶ Raise parking rates
- ▶ Reduce the scope of the project
- ▶ Cut back services elsewhere

Log on to lowellsun.com to record your answer

#### YESTERDAY'S QUESTION RESULTS

Will rising gasoline prices affect your summer travel plans?



Total responses: 180

## Dems fume as Romney signs health-care bill

By REBECCA FATER  
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BOSTON — For all the fanfare that accompanied Gov. Mitt Romney's signing of the state's health-

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care reform bill at Faneuil Hall yesterday, one may have thought he was single-handedly responsible for the new law.

Democrats, however, were quick to remind him that the so-called landmark reform was a bipartisan effort promising to

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