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WHAT'S UP

## Laughing it up in Franklin

### ELECTION Who's who on the ballot

By Gerry Tuoti  
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Hundreds of candidates in Massachusetts will learn their fate when voters cast their ballots Nov. 4. The election will decide races for everything from Congress to county commissioner, and dozens of offices in between.

Here is a look at some of the statewide candidates on the ballot.

**Governor**

The race for the state's top executive post features a Republican and a Democrat who are each looking to bounce back from losses in 2010.

Republican Charlie Baker, who lost four years ago to incumbent Gov. Deval Patrick, has public- and private-sector experience. The former Harvard Pilgrim Health Care CEO served in the 1990s as the state's secretary of administration and finance in the Weld and Cellucci administrations. He has said he opposes tax increases and wants to lower the cost of doing business in Massachusetts.

Democrat Martha Coakley has served as attorney general since January 2007. Four years ago, she lost to Scott Brown in a special election to fill the U.S. Senate seat previously held by the late Sen. Ted Kennedy. Coakley's office filed a 2009 legal challenge against the federal Defense of Marriage Act, resulting in the Supreme Court striking down a section of the law last year. Among her policy priorities, Coakley has called for universal access to early education and bolstered statewide mental health resources.

Evan Falchuk, founder of

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Time to Fall Back



Don't forget: Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2 a.m.



Your vote counts

Tuesday, Nov. 4 is election day. Polls are open in Bellingham, Foxborough, Medway, Millis, Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and in Franklin from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Check out our pre-election coverage on pages A5, A6, and A7-A11

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PRESENT 'TOM,  
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HOMEFRONT



Linda Hamaker, a certified laughter yoga teacher, laughs in a laughter yoga session at the First Universalist Society in Franklin on Monday. Bill and Linda Hamaker of Let's Laugh Today, are celebrating their fifth anniversary of laughter yoga. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS/DAN HOLMES



Marita Spencer, of Blackstone, laughs in a laughter yoga session at the First Universalist Society in Franklin on Monday. Bill and Linda Hamaker of Let's Laugh Today, are celebrating their fifth anniversary of laughter yoga.



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