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Election 2009 Charlton

Candidate Profile

Cooking up fourth term

Bacon hopes to be back as selectman

BY RYAN GRANNAN-DOLL
STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — He is in the race for the average Joe.

Selectman John R. Bacon, 73, is hoping voters return him to a fourth three-year term in office to allow him to finish work on the many issues currently on the board's plate.

"I have never retired. There is to much to do," he said during an interview last week. "I just out and out like it."



John Bacon

If re-elected, Bacon said he wants to continue work on several projects he and the other selectmen have worked on for several years.

Atop the list is building a new highway garage operations facility. Town meeting voters twice rejected it last year, but voters at the November ballot approved it. Bacon said voters objected to the "form" of the project and not the idea itself. Hopefully, he added, the federal stimulus money the town applied for would give the community a second chance at the project.

Easing the permitting process for builders to obtain their authorizations, should also be deal with, Bacon said. Often times, he said, they wait long periods of time for permissions.

"It seems as though it takes forever," he said.

Despite his desire, Bacon said legal concerns still need to be considered in any modifications made.

Bacon is no stranger to the community. He moved to Charlton in 1970, after graduating Oxford High School. He served 30 years as a Board of Assessor member, and is also a member of the Fire Station Building Committee charged with constructing a new fire department headquarters.

In his professional life, Bacon also helped oversee the construction at Bay Path Regional Vocation Technical High School in 1970. After its completion, he served as a plant maintenance teacher until the 1980s. He has five adult children — four daughters and one son — with his wife, Sandra. His wife owns a real estate company, which Bacon said he has no involvement with.

Also on Bacon's mind is the transparency of the town government. Selectmen have twice been cited for violating the state Open

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New wrinkle in union flap

Lawyer: Selectmen spoke out of turn

BY RYAN GRANNAN-DOLL
STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The dispute between the Charlton Police Alliance union and the town is escalating.

The union is considering filing a prohibited practice against the town claiming it violated state collective bargaining law, while selectmen denied the town had tried to coerce the union out of its legal right to collective bargain a new three-year contract. The union believes the town violated the collective bargaining rules both parties agreed when two selectmen spokes to Stonebridge Press.

The charge, if filed, would be with the state Division of Labor.

The squabble comes soon after selectmen approved laying off

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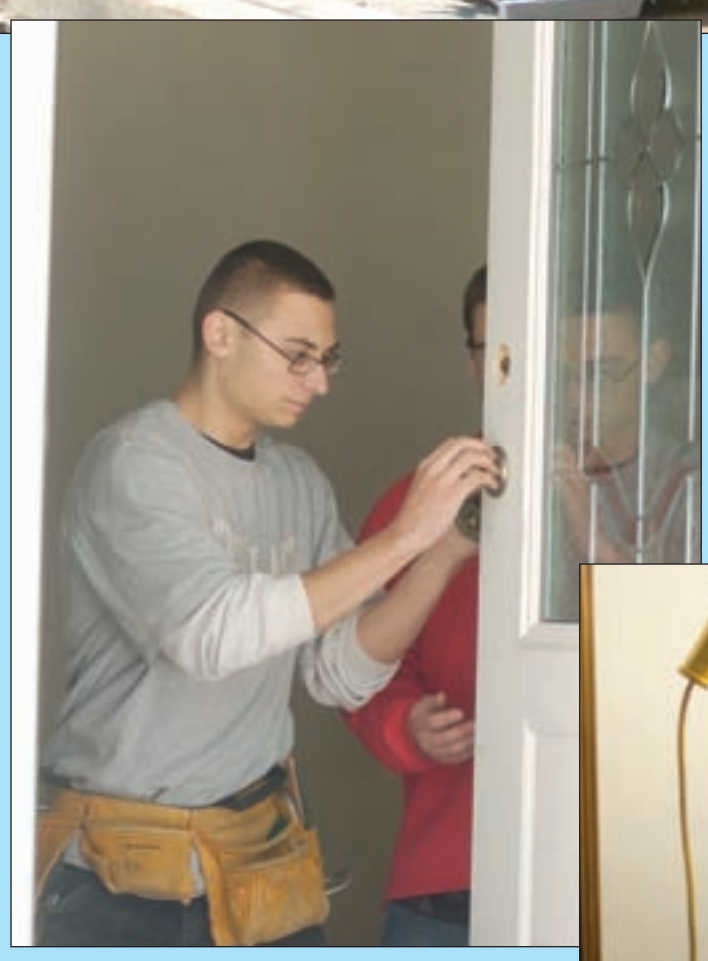
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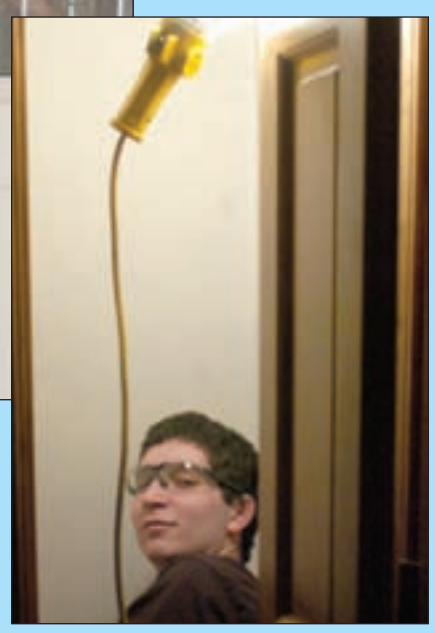


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BUSY BUILDERS







Shawn Kelley photos

Dudley resident Justin Barrows, 17, above, of the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School carpentry division uses a miter saw to cut a post for a railing inside the newly constructed house on Robert Boulevard. Left, Brandon Wing, 17, of Webster, installs a doorknob into the front door. Below, Joe Spooner, 17, of Webster, works on molding inside a closet of the new home. For more photos, turn to page 8.

Barton Center has eyes on camp

Official says no deal imminent

BY RYAN GRANNAN-DOLL
STAFF WRITER

At least for now, the Oxford-based Barton Center For Diabetes Education is not buying the Joslin Camp, according to a Joslin official. A future deal, however, is not out of the question.

"We have no plans to sell Camp Joslin," said Kira Jistive, a spokesperson for the Boston-based Joslin Diabetes Center, which owns the camp.

Barton Center officials, however, said the possibility of purchasing the camp does exist.

"It is something they are certainly thinking about," said its Executive Director Jonas Goldenberg.

The Joslin Camp on Richardson Corner Road in Charlton, educates boys on how to live with diabetes. The Barton Center, which operates its own Clara Barton Camp for girls in Oxford, manages the Joslin facility under an agreement between the two parties. Joslin Diabetes Center retains ownership of the camp.

"We are very pleased with that relationship," Jistive said.

Goldenberg tried to set the record straight saying no decisions, he said, had been made to purchase the property.

"If all of the stars align properly in the future we would be certainly interested in entertaining [buying the camp]," he said.

The possibility emerged when both parties were arranging the management deal, according to Goldenberg. Joslin Center officials, he said, approached Barton officials about a possible deal.

"I am not denying that we are considering it," Goldenberg said. "This is something that is certainly on the table. It is not being considered right now."

The two camps' similar missions make the

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Area youths get 'fast' start on hunger

Group stages 30-hour famine

BY RYAN GRANNAN-DOLL
STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — They may be starving for food, but they're stuffed with compassion.

To draw attention to the plight of hunger around the world, 28 area teens and four adults gathered last Friday, at the Charlton City United Methodist Church to start a 30-hour famine.

The event, which has been held for the past five years, raises money for World Vision, an international charitable Christian organization. The funds will eventually find their way to Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia and Brazil, according to local coordinator Cindy Ertsgard.

"They feel a need to do something about it," she said of the participants.

As of Monday, Ertsgard said the group had not determined how much was raised, but said $3,100 was generated last year. The federal government will quadruple the amount the group raise this year with matching funds, according to Ertsgard. But the event is not primarily about the money, it is partly a test of wills.

"Everybody thinks they are not going to make it, but they will," said 15-year-old Oxford High School sophomore Derek Weagle.

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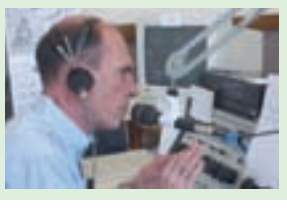
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Above, left to right, Sierra Ertsgard, Jill Bartolini, both of Charlton, and Dudley resident Kaitlyn Marengo clean up outside Charlton City United Methodist Church. Far left, Brian Gerrard, 16, of Charlton, digs a hole in a flower bed.

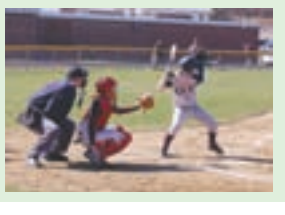
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Trivia
What is the significance of U.S. Postal zip code 01001? Answer inside.

All grown up, runner loves the cause

LOCALS GEAR UP FOR MARATHON

BY RYAN GRANNAN-DOLL
STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — He hated running when he was growing up.

But now 31-year-old Joshua Egan has a good reason to love it since he is preparing to the run the 113th Boston Marathon, Monday, April 20.

The 31-year-old Egan, who lives in Charlton, is gearing up to run the famous annual contest to raise money for the American Liver Foundation (ALF) Run For Research Program. Egan has exceeded his $3,000 fundraising requirement, which will go to education and research for the potentially fatally disease.

In total, 240 runners from 26 states are running for the foundation, according to a press release from the organization.

Other residents are also running the race, including David M. Capuano, William B. Murphy, Tina M. O'Donnell, Roxanne M. Robert and Susan Williams, according to the Boston Marathon Web site.

Egan's late aunt, Moira, who died from liver cancer years ago, helped turn his loathing for running around.

"I thought it was definitely a good cause," he said during a telephone interview last week. "Growing up, I hated running."

Egan has a rigorous training regiment. He frequently runs several miles on weekday morning, but Saturdays, he wakes up at 6 a.m. and travels to Boston run with to run with his father in preparation for the big day.

"It is brutal," he said.

But Egan is trying to make the lives of liver disease sufferers lives a little easier. Approximately 30 million Americans suffer from the more than 100 types of liver disease, according to the ALF.

A supportive network of family and friends are standing strong behind him. Egan said his wife, Jill, has been especially supportive, forgiving him for not being around the home more. His co-workers at Hopkinton-based EMC Corporation have chipped in many donations, he said.

"I was sweating that more than the run itself," Egan said on his fundraising efforts.

Egan himself acts as his own kind of support network. Although he said he does not dwell on the hardship in front of him, he said he never backs down from a goal.

"I have never shied away from a challenge," he said. "I really don't think about it. It is another day. Just keep going."

Egan's attitude is just the spirit in which the running program began. The Run For Research Program started 21 years ago when Bobby Banks, a runner, saw a television commercial spotlighting former Boston Bruins player Terry O'Reilly and his son, Evan's, battle with liver disease. Banks then ran the next marathon, in 1988, with four friends and raised $5,000 for the ALF.

Since then, the foundation has raised more than $12 million for liver disease causes.

The money is not what will keep Egan going during the race.

"The crowd definitely pushes you through … to really get you through the tough times," he said.



Courtesy Photos

At right, Joshua Egan trains for the 113th Boston Marathon with his father. Egan is running this year's race to raise money for the American Liver Foundation.

Until then, Jill will continue to roust him out of bed for his training sessions.

"She is the one that gets me up and pushes me out the door," he said.

To make a donation to the program, visit www.liverteam.org.

Selectmen approve plan for town to care for No. 2

BY RYAN GRANNAN-DOLL
STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The No. 2 Schoolhouse will soon get the attention it has been craving for months.

Selectmen last week approved a contract with the Charlton Historical Society to have the town care for the old Northside Road building, which it owns.

The building is used for various community activities, such as the meeting place for the Charlton Cultural Council. As part of the approval, Town Administrator Robin L. Craver will determine what days during the winter season the building will be closed, in which the temperature will be lowered.

The Friends of the No. 2 Schoolhouse had been maintaining the site, but in cooperation with the Historical Society, recently approached selectmen asking the town to take over caring for the site. They cited a lack of funds in their request to the town.

The new agreement calls for the Historical Society to operate the facility, but for the town to pay for and perform the maintenance.

Officials, however, expressed some concerns over how the building will be cared for. The deal calls for the heat to be turned off during the winter months, which drew some concern from Historical Society President Cindy Cooper. She said she was worried the cold would damage old artifacts, such as chairs and books, remaining in the facility.

Historical Society President Cindy Cooper said she was worried extreme cold could damage the old artifacts in the building.

"There is the possibility of that," she said. "It does not mean that it will be."

Selectman John R. Bacon voiced concern over the floor buckling as a result of the cold, but Building Commissioner Curtis J. Meskus tried to assuage both concerns.

"I believe it is better to leave a building [and let it] go cold," he said. "It is relatively dry air in Charlton in the winter."

Either party can terminate the agreement with a 30-day notice. If the parties disagreed with each other an issue the selectmen would "prevail," according to the contract.

Meskus's inspection of the building Thursday, March 26 brought him to his conclusions. The heating system in the building is operational, he wrote in his report of the inspection, but the oil line that feeds it has had "trouble."

The building suffers from several other small troubles.

It lacks plumbing and has some squirrel and rodent damage

"The bell tower is of the most concern to me," he wrote. "There is visible deterioration around the bottom of the spire."

Otherwise the building is in good shape, according to Meskus. The exterior is decent shape after prison inmates from the Worcester County Sheriff's Community Service scraped and painted the building late last year. All the windows are fine, with the exception of one and the grounds are neatly kept, but several old trees should be removed, he recommended.

The maintenance plan is the latest chapter in for the historical schoolhouse. Built in 1848 on the site of an old church, the school closed in 1949, along with two other schools. That move was part of the town's redistricting plan to accommodate increasing enrollment in the town's schools, according to Historical Society member William O. Hultgren.

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THE WEEKLY QUESTION

Are you planning to watch the Boston Marathon, either in person or on TV?

Last week's question: Do you find the public buildings in town to be properly accessible to the handicapped?

• Yes — 44 percent
• No — 43 percent
• Unsure — 13 percent

We want to hear from as many readers as possible for every question each week. Please keep responses brief. They may either be e-mailed to charltonquestion@stonebridgepress.com or phoned in to the editor at 508-909-4107. Please specify you are calling with an answer to the Charlton Question of the Week. All responses must be received by noon Monday, so that we may tabulate the results for the following issue. No names, addresses, e-mail addresses or phone numbers will be published. This is strictly an anonymous opinion forum.

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THEY SAID IT

"They violated the ground rules for collective bargaining."
— ATTORNEY SCOTT DUNLAP, OPINING THAT TWO SELECTMAN SPOKE OUT OF TURN ON CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

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DID YOU KNOW?

In 1949, the town borrowed $210,000 to add two wings to the 1923 high school.

CHURCH LISTINGS

• Charlton Federated Church, 248-5550,
• Charlton Baptist Church, 50 Hammond Hill Road, 248-4488,www.charltonbaptist.org, Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
• Charlton City United Methodist, 74 Stafford St., P.O. Box 387, 248-7379, www.gbgm-umc.org, Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
• City United Methodist Church Web site: Charltoncityumc.com
• St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Ext, 248-7862, www.stjosephscharlton.com, Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m., Sunday Mass 8 a.m., Sunday Family Mass 10 a.m., Sunday LifeTEEN Mass 5 p.m., Weekday Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m.
• Hope Christian Fellowship, 6 Haggerty Road, 248-5144
• Assemblies of God Southern New England District Headquarters, Route 20, 248-3771, snedag.org, Office hours Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
• Jehovah's Witnesses, Route 169, 765-9519
• Lamblight Christian Church, 166 Worcester Road (Route 20), Charlton, Ma 01507, Rev. Stephen Wade, 508-847-6448, Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.,Bible Study Wed 7:30 p.m., www.visitlamblight.com

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Brookfield.... 7.4
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Douglas 10.2
Dudley....6.2
Holland 9.3
Leicester 7.7
Northbridge 7.2
Oxford 10.5
Southbridge....10.4
Spencer 10.1
Sturbridge 7.6
Uxbridge 6.2
Wales 8.8
Webster 11.1
* Information as of 2000 U.S. Census

SUNRISE/SUNSET

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Sunday, April 19.....6:01 a.m.....7:34 p.m.
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A wind-y proposition

Turbine will power up Nature's Classroom

BY RYAN GRANNAN-DOLL
STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The power of this wind won't take you back to the magical land of Oz — but it will keep Nature's Classroom going.

Installation is nearly complete for a wind turbine at Nature's Classroom, something owner John Santos said is the town's first.

The turbine will provide power to the facility, which is a camp for children to learn nature lessons. The device will official be commissioned and connected Wednesday, April 22, pending approval from National Grid, according to Santos.

Once it is fully operational, the turbine will produce 87,000 kilowatt-hours annually, according to Santos. It stands 120 feet tall, with three 15-foot blades. A grant $270,000 grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC) paid for part of the $432,000 cost, with Santos paying for the remainder.

"Cozy, I call it," Santos said.

The project has been a long time coming, Santos said. As part of a plan to build a Nature's Classroom site at Mount Greylock State Reservation, Santos said he originally wanted to put the turbine there, but did not after the development plans fell through. Eventually, he chose to put the turbine in Charlton.

That decision, he said, did not come easily. Despite the upfront investment he made, Santos felt compelled to build the turbine at the Charlton site because it fell in line with his mission to have the site efficiently consumer energy. He does not expect to make the money back for another 12 years, he said, while other engineers claim it might only take five years.

"That is my judgment," he said. "You have got to weigh the economical [and] ethical decision."

With few of the turbines around the state to review for problems turbines could experience, Santos said he had no safety concerns. The turbine sits right outside his office on the site.

"You deal with problems as they come up," he said. "It is quiet. You can barely hear it, even at full speed."

According to New England Breeze Engineer Bill Carr, whose company is installing the device, the turbine automatically shuts down at 61 revolutions per minute, and will typically spin at 40-45 rpm, depending on the wind speed.

With an eye toward preserving the environment, turbines can cause some problems. They can degrade natural habitats and drive the animals away and birds sometimes fly into them as well, according to the MTC Web site. They also emit no harmful gases and don't use any physical resources.

Besides the Nature's Classroom turbine, two other local facilities are exploring placing wind turbines on their property. Tests at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School are being conducted to determine whether a turbine could be placed there to provide power to the building. The Masonic Home retirement community is conducting a feasibility study.

The trend is traveling abroad as well. The Washington, D.C.-based American Wind Energy Association predicts wind turbine projects will be the wave of the energy future.

"From 1990 to 2002, wind has been the fastest-growing power source worldwide on a percentage basis, with an annual average growth rate exceeding 30 percent," the AWEA Web site reads.



Ryan Grannan-Doll photos

Nature's Classroom owner John Santos is the proud new owner of a wind turbine that will power his facility. The site is an education center that teaches students about nature.

As of 2004, the United States was ranked third highest on the AWEA's list of leading countries in wind capacity. Only Germany and Spain were ahead of the U.S.

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Credit Union donates $1k to Food Share



Les Gardner photo

SOUTHBRIDGE — Southbridge Credit Union President and CEO Jeffrey Davenport, left and Business Development Manager Paul D. Raffa, right, present a symbolic $1,000 check to Raymond L. Fournier, President of Food Share, Inc., the hunger-fighting volunteer group serving Southern Worcester County.

Headquartered both rent- and utilities-free at the Southbridge office of Catholic Charities, Food Share purchases nutritious food at 16 cents a pound from the Worcester County Food Bank in Shrewsbury, and buys locally, at cost, items unavailable at the Food Bank. Food Share then distributes packaged and refrigerated goods to needful families and individuals.

The Southbridge Credit Union's support is the 66th contribution to area grassroots organizations in its continuing Community Champions Fund, which recognizes community efforts four times each year. Food Share served 4,800 individuals in 2007, then 5,100 in 2008 and, this year, is on pace to serve 6,000 individuals in a completely volunteer program.

— Submitted by Southbridge Credit Union

Accuracy Watch

The *Charlton Villager* is committed to accuracy in all its news reports. Although numerous safeguards are in place to ensure accurate reporting, mistakes can occur.

Confirmed fact errors will be corrected at the top right hand corner of page 3 in a timely manner.

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Editor's Note: The meetings listed below are compiled from Town Hall listings. The Charlton Villager is not responsible for any meetings that are subsequently cancelled, rescheduled or otherwise changed from the postings below. We encourage readers to call or visit Town Hall to verify meeting dates and times.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

The Fire Station Building Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

The Board of Selectmen will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

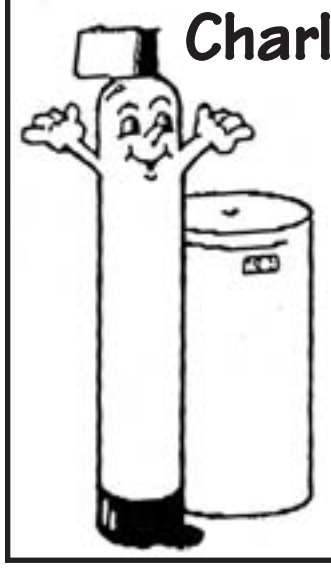
The Historic Districts Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

New property tax deduction

A new deduction is available for 2008 and 2009 for those who don't itemize their deductions. A special increased standard deduction can be taken for state and local real property taxes paid. The deduction is limited to the lower of actual taxes paid or $500 for singles or $1,000 for married couples filing a joint return.

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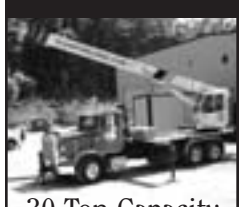
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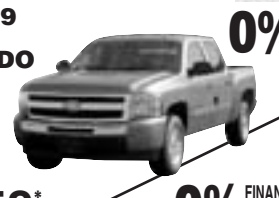
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DMS students 'latch' on to business ventures

BY JOY RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

With owning your own business becoming a frightening prospect for some, Dudley Middle School is teaching its children that it might not be such a bad choice for the future.

Students from the Learning Achieved Through Creatively Helping (LATCH) program at Dudley Middle School were at the district's School Committee meeting Wednesday, April 8, to give their presentation on what they had achieved over the past few months.

LATCH is a program that teaches sixth and seventh grade student how business works. Teams are chosen and someone is picked to lead the business venture. Once a product is chosen to mass-produce, market and sell, the students must go through all of the appropriate steps to make their product successful.

The groups that were represented had made chocolate pretzels, decorated pens and dog chew toys. They went on to tell the committee about how hard it is to run a company and make the product successful.

"This program teaches the kids a little bit about everything when it comes to business," Superintendent Sean Gilrein. "It also teaches them how to work better with their peers and realize just how difficult organizing a business really is."

At the meeting, the group showed a video of their commercials as well as a slide show of all of their programs. The board was impressed by the video and lauded the students for their achievements and creativity.

"I loved the rap in the chocolate commercial. I am hooked, I am going to have that song stuck in my head now," joked Committee Chairman Geraldine Nowicki about one of the presentations. "We are very impressed with everything you have shown us here, you all did a great job."

The students also announced they raised a total of $2,100 at a fair they held in the foyer of Dudley Middle School. They sold their items that they had made and then took that money and donated it to the Mustard Seed in Worcester and the Webster Food Share.


Gilrein

"We are pleased to see the students raise so much money and have it all go to such great causes, we are all very proud of you," said Gilrein.

After the students from the middle school made their presentation, the board moved on to more logistical matters, particularly, an update on the stimulus package and how it would affect the Dudley-Charlton school district.

"People still seem to be slightly confused as to how the stimulus package is going to work for their school district," said committee member Raymond Chalk. "We hope that tonight we can shed some light on the subject, even though we do not know all of the details. We hope that the update can be at least a little helpful."

The funding is split into two groups — Title I, which is money that is reserved for lower-income school districts. This would not help the Dudley-Charlton schools. The second group, Title II, would be for special needs funding, and would greatly help the school district in the long run, according to officials.

"We would get around 50 percent of the state funds in about two years," said Chalk. "We shouldn't even count on seeing the final figures until the budget comes out and that will be in the third week of July."

When the money is applied, it can only be used for books, work to the building and technology. It can also be used for the professional development of teachers.

"This will hopefully help our school district greatly," said Gilrein.

The next meeting of the School Committee will take place Wednesday, April 29, and will take place at the Charlton Middle School, 2 Oxford Rd., at 7 p.m.

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New dispatcher brought on to combat OT


COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

RYAN GRANNAN-DOLL

CHARLTON — Selectmen appointed a new per-diem police dispatcher last week to help the struggling department avoid overtime costs.

Michelle L. Parquette will be taking emergency calls at the Charlton Police headquarters in an effort to bring relief to the department, after selectmen recently voted to lay off three officers. The Charlton Police Alliance union had asked the state to assign a mediator to the town and them that would break their contract negotiation impasse.

"She is well suited for us," said Police Chief James A. Pervier.

NEW VOLUNTEERS

Irene Langevin was appointed to the Council on Aging and Masonic Home resident Jay Larmon was seated on the Personnel Board. Selectmen approved both appointments.

Larmon, who recently moved to the retirement community, was pleased to serve after being involved in other towns he has lived in.

"It seemed like a logical thing for me to do," he said.

DON'T LITTER

Noting a lot of litter around town, Lincoln Point Road resident Stefan Sage urged residents to spend one hour each month patrolling their neighborhood and picking up trash.

"I encourage a family doing it," he said.

NEW FIRE STATION

Citing the need to find a way to build a new highway garage operations facility, selectmen delayed further action on work to build a new fire department headquarters. Fire Station Building Committee member Ralph Fiske said his group had selected an architect to design plans for the project, although the group had not found a suitable site. They have not yet entered into a formal agreement with the architect. Town meeting approved $20,000 for the group to conduct a feasibility study, of which they are using now.

BUDGET UPDATE

The state will be providing $1,304 less in Chapter 90 funding for road repairs in the fiscal 2010 draft budget. Town meeting voters will have the final approval on the spending plan at the annual town meeting Tuesday, May 19 at the Charlton Middle School at 7 p.m.

In other budget business, Selectman Kathleen Walker said nine out of 10 town hall workers she spoke with recently told her they still want to see Old Home Day receive more town funding, despite the wage freeze they were asked to accept recently.

The comments come after the first draft of the fiscal 2010 budget gave no funding to Old Home Day, after spending as much as $5,000 in past years. Donations from the community have also helped pay for the event. After Walker raised concerns recently, the Finance Committee put $1,000 back into next year's budget.

Walker also said a memorial wall could be constructed in which residents to buy a portion and dedicated to a deceased loved one. She thought of the idea after a man who lives at the Masonic Home, whose spouse had recently died, mailed her a donation for Old Home Day.

EVENTS

Earth Day will be celebrated Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 3p.m. on the Town Common. A town-wide trash cleanup will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Environmental seminars will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The annual town election will be held Saturday, May 2 at the Heritage School on Oxford Road. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Charlton Police will be holding a car safety checkpoint Saturday, May 2 on Main Street from 9 a.m. to 3p.m.

The Charlton Lions Club will be holding a voluntary toll road Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the intersection of Route 31 and Masonic Home Road. The money is being raised to help prevent blindness and assist other unspecified community causes.

LANDFILL

The Flint Road landfill liner has been completed, Town Administrator Robin L. Craver reported last week. Taunton-based BATG Environmental Inc. is closing the site, per order of the state Department Environmental Protection. Under an agreement, the firm pays the town to close the site, and once the work is finished, the town is supposed to give the money back. Craver said she will soon meet with Town Counsel James Cosgrove any issues for releasing the funds.

SOUTHBRIDGE WATER AGREEMENT

The town is finalizing the agreement to have Southbridge sell it water, as part of an effort to bring clean drinking water to Charlton, Craver reported. The agreement comes after several gasoline spills contaminating the area in the 1970s and 80s.

WIND TURBINES

An unspecified company will be making a proposal to town to sell the town a wind turbine that would be placed at either Fay Mountain Farm or the Flint Road landfill, according to Craver.

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FIVE QUESTIONS

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2. Name four of the women's colleges once called "the Seven Sisters".
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Police Logs



The arrests and offenses listed herein were listed in each town's police department logs. Those charged are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

This newspaper will publish dispensations of cases at the request of the accused, with proper documentation.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

CHARLTON — 3:03 p.m. — Disabled motor vehicle on Southbridge Road (Route 169). Could not locate.
CHARLTON — 2:53 p.m. — Motor vehicle accident on Muggett Hill Road. Services rendered.
CHARLTON — 2:36 p.m. — Burglar alarm on Jennings Road. No action required.
CHARLTON — 12:18 p.m. — Vandalism on Sturbridge Road (Route 20). Investigated.
CHARLTON — 12:13 p.m. — Disabled motor vehicle on Leland Drive. Removed hazard.
CHARLTON — 11:48 a.m. — Erratic operation on Worcester Road (Route 20). Could not locate.
CHARLTON — 8:29 a.m. — Disabled motor vehicle on Brookfield Road. Investigated.
CHARLTON — 8:20 a.m. — Road hazard on Center Depot Road. Investigated.
CHARLTOKN — 6:31 a.m. — Disabled motor vehicle on Worcester Road (Route 20). Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 6:28 a.m. — Animal hit on Southbridge Road (Route 169). Party spoken to.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

CHARLTON — 10:07 p.m. — Traffic control on Carpenter Hill Road. Services rendered.
CHARLTON — 5:55 p.m. — Animal nuisance on Old Worcester Road. Could not locate.
CHARLTON — 9:23 a.m. — Threats on J. Davis Road. Patient refusal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

CHARLTON — 4:00 p.m. — Burglar alarm on Potter Village Road. Building secured.
CHARLTON — 1:54 p.m. — Animal nuisance on Leland Drive. Referred to other agency.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

CHARLTON — 9:29 p.m. — Neighbor complaint on Harrington Road. Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 5:41 p.m. — Motor vehicle accident on North Sturbridge Road. Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 4:44 p.m. — Neighbor complaint on Harrington Road. Party spoken t4o.
CHARLTON — 3:59 p.m. — Trespassing on Harrington Road. Services rendered.
CHARLTON — 3:22 p.m. — Neighbor complaint on Harrington Road. Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 2:52 p.m. — Burglar on North Main Street. Investigated.
CHARLTON — 7:10 a.m. — Suspicious activity on Old Worcester Road Extension. Investigated.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

CHARLTON — 4:40 p.m. — Suspicious activity on Gillespie Road. Could not locate.
CHARLTON — 4:04 p.m. — Missing property on Lelandville Road. Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 2:44 p.m. — Erratic operation on Muggett Hill Road. Investigated.
CHARLTON — 1:10 p.m. — Larceny, forgery, fraud on Brookfield Road. Investigated.
CHARLTON — 9:46 a.m. — Suspicious activity on Masonic Home Road. Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 7:45 a.m. — Erratic operation on E. Baylies. Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 6:47 a.m. — Road hazard on Southbridge Road (Route 169). Could not locate.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

CHARLTON — 11:33 p.m. — Burglar alarm on Hanson Road. Investigated.
CHARLTON — 10:16 p.m. — 911 hang up on Six Schoolhouse Road. Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 8:40 p.m. — Motor vehicle accident on Bond Road. Vehicle towed.
CHARLTON — 5:19 p.m. — Animal hit on Blood Road. Services rendered.
CHARLTON — 3:15 p.m. — Disturbance on Brookfield Road. Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 1:29 p.m. — Burglar alarm on Pumpkin Lane. Investigated.
CHARLTON — 1:17 p.m. — Burglar alarm on North Sturbridge Road. Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 8:40 a.m. — Suspicious activity on Stafford Street. Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 7:05 a.m. — Erratic operation on Carroll Hill Road. Could not locate.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

CHARLTON — 11:24 p.m. — Building check on Main Street. Building secured.
CHARLTON — 8:30 p.m. — Burglar alarm on Southbridge Road (Route 169). Building secured.
CHARLTON — 6:30 p.m. — Trespassing on Main Street. Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 5:18 p.m. — Suspicious motor vehicle on Stafford Street. Call given to officer.
CHARLTON — 5:08 p.m. — Disorderly person on Sturbridge Road (Route 20). Party spoken to.
CHARLTON — 11:03 a.m. — Suspicious activity on Trolley Crossing Road. Investigated.
CHARLTON — 10:29 a.m. — Disabled motor vehicle on Denfield Road. Removed hazard.
CHARLTON — 12:37 a.m. — Assisted motorist on Worcester Road (Route 20). Services rendered.
CHARLTON — 12:26 a.m. — Building check on Worcester Road (Route 20). Investigated.
CHARLTON — 12:23 a.m. — Assisted citizen on Worcester Road (Route 20). Party spoken to.

ARRESTS/CHARGES

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

CHARLTON — 2:03 a.m. — Sgt. Daniel P. Dowd charged 20-year-old Anthony R. Sebastiani, of 149 Center Depot Road, with driving with a suspended license. Police stopped the vehicle he was driving on Main Street.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

CHARLTON — 2:05 a.m. — Officer Derek C. Gaylord arrested 51-year-old Gerald R. Paquin, of 399 Worcester Road (Route 20), on an outstanding warrant. He was arrested at his home.

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16. 2004 battleground state
17. Johnnycakes
18. Votin' no
19. Chicago charity?
21. Made holy
22. Body of art?
23. Draft order
24. Writing pad
27. Large parrots
29. Loused up
30. Kind of stare
32. Select
34. Stats at RFK
35. Magazine article
36. Achy
37. Armistice Day mo.
38. Eagle's pad
39. Wiser, presumably
40. Like duck feet
42. Star of mummy movies
43. U follower?
44. Camcorder attachment
46. Whistle, maybe
48. Kansas City problem?
52. Actress Sharon of *Dreamgirls*
53. Short Japanese poem
54. Word after "or"
55. Ready to streak
56. Looked leeringly at
57. Gump, to Hanks
58. Pretentious, perhaps
59. Don't bid
60. Watermelon waste

Down

1. Ice-cream flav.
2. *Lost* filming locale
3. Copy covertly
4. Paul and Simon
5. Reverent
6. Musical tempo
7. Census stats
8. Ballot option
9. May bloomer
10. Detroit forest?
11. Mayberry resident
12. Money making business
14. Gracious loser
20. Like many dorms
21. Call's mate
23. Cause of misery
24. Olympic gymnast, often
25. Mouse indicator
26. Atlanta pregame movie
27. Irritating aerosol
28. Bout of excess
30. Frequent flier?
31. 2D keepsake
33. Map abbr.
35. Fruit cover
36. Offended people, sometimes
38. Be up against
39. Exam type
41. Brewer's need
42. White-collar crime
44. Gets dirty
45. Rugrats
46. Sask. neighbor
47. Drama king?
48. Sitar music
49. Lily cousin
50. It may be uncharted
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Free lessons on loom weaving to be offered



CHARLTON — Idly sitting in the attic of the Rider Tavern is something the Charlton Historical Society does not usually use. Many early inhabitants had one, safely stored out of the way, but available when needed. It was a loom. Creating fabric to be used by the family, the loom was most likely operated in the spring.

Weaving on a loom is not a lost art. It is, however, one that is best learned by someone with expertise. Pamela Engberg, who has more than 30 years of weaving experience, is offering free lessons on spinning and/or weaving to all who are willing to commit to demonstrating the technique during one event at the Rider Tavern.

Provide a way for the loom in the attic to once again be active, during guided tours of the tavern scheduled on July 12, Aug. 9 and Sept. 13, from 1-3 p.m., or on History Day, Oct. 4, from noon to 3 p.m.

The demonstrations will be part of an exhibit being developed to show the process for creating textiles: from carding, to spinning, to weaving.

Introduction to the loom, and setting a schedule for lessons on weaving and spinning, is set for Sunday, April 26 at 1 p.m. at the Rider Tavern.

For more information on weaving, contact Pamela Engberg at 413-245-7495 or firewatchweavers@charter.net. To register for the free spinning and weaving lessons, call Cindy Cooper at 508-248-7840.

The power of information

Towns recognized for online efforts

BY RYAN GRANNAN-DOLL
STAFF WRITER

Several area communities are receiving kudos for their efforts to make municipal information more readily available online.

Charlton, Dudley, Sturbridge and Holland have each received this year's E-Government award from the Massachusetts Common Cause organization. The award was given to 118 state communities that post much of their town's official business on their Web sites. It is also part of the organization's effort to honor "Sunshine Week," which has media outlets discuss town government transparency issues. The event was held in mid-March.

Charlton Town Administrator Robin L. Craver presented the award, along with a citation from the state Legislature, to selectmen last week. Sturbridge Town Administrator James Malloy did the same to his board last week and Dudley selectmen received theirs at a recent meeting.

"I'm honored that we got it," said Charlton Selectman Kathleen Walker. "I was surprised."

While she hailed the award, Walker said the town should strive to put more information on its site, www.townofcharlton.net. All of the boards and committee minutes and agendas should be posted there, she said, instead of the few groups that do it.

Currently, several boards, including the Board of Health, don't have meeting agendas or minutes online. The Board of Selectmen posts that information, plus much more, on its site.

The town's Web site, Walker said, should be more like the Sturbridge site, which she said offered more information and interactivity.

"I personally have been trying to encourage more and more information be available on the Internet," she said. "It would be great to see all the minutes online."

For Dudley Selectmen Chairman Brian K. Germain, the award is just the continuation of the town's efforts to improve its Web site in recent years.

"I think it is five times the Web site it was a few years ago," he said. "It is just going to get better."

Germain said he would like to have a young volunteer work on the Web site, and add the ability to pay bills online.

Updating town Web sites frequently with items like Town Meeting information, Malloy said, is crucial to keeping residents informed.

"I think the key is that it provides transparency," he said.

That kind transparency is exactly the lifeblood of democracy, according to Karla de Steuben, a Common Cause board member and founder of the E-Government project.

"The foundation of our democracy is built on public access to information about our government," she said.

Despite Charlton's award and efforts, Walker said the town is still struggling to be the open government it should be.

"I know it seems like we have been caught with a lot of violations," she said. "We are progressing. We have to appreciate the efforts of the newspaper. Newspapers will shine a light on a place that is dark. I think all this has gone on for years and it is all coming to a head now."

Stonebridge Press recently filed a complaint with the Worcester County District Attorney's Office alleging the Board of Selectmen, Council on Aging (COA) and Finance Committee all violated the state Open meeting Law stemming from a meeting late last month. Neither the COA nor the Finance Committee had meeting notices posted for the gathering, despite the appearance of a quorum of members. The selectmen had posted a meeting for their group.

Other towns are depriving their citizens of seeing public business on its Web sties. Thirty towns currently lack one, according to Common Cause, leaving them without a place to look up information about the public business. Savoy and Hawley are among them. Gov. Deval Patrick has signed a bill to given $25 million in funding toward providing high-speed Internet services in every state community.

"The goal is for every community to get away from dial-up and have electronic communication at the speed of the modern age," said State Sen. Stephen Brewer, D-Barre.

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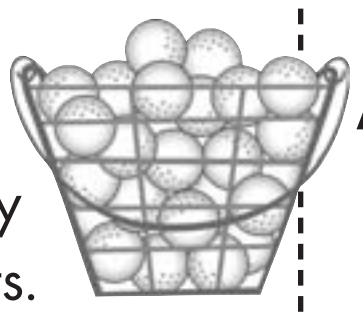
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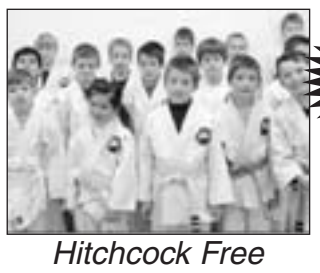
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OBITUARIES

Christo T. Nasse, 102



ORMOND BEACH, FLA./STURBRIDGE — Christo T. Nasse, 102, of 22 San Jose Cir., died Sunday April 5th, in Ormond Beach, Fla. after a brief illness.

His first wife, Edna (Finlay) Nasse, died in 1988 and his second wife, Beatrice (Poole) Lick Nasse, died in 2004.

He leaves a son, Francis "Sonny" Nasse and his wife, Louisa, of Holland; a daughter, Sharon Anderson and her husband, Frank, of Alabama; a granddaughter, Kerrie Mason and her husband, Gary, of Charlton; a great granddaughter, Hannah Mason of Charlton; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by four brothers, Pandi Nasse, Dr. John Nasse, Charles Nasse and George Nasse; a sister, Sofia Nasse; his stepmother, Evgenia Pambuku Nasse and a nephew, Charles Nasse.

He was born in Berat, Albania on Oct. 14, 1906, the son of Athanas Picinane Nasse and Areti (Gjerko) Nasse. He lived many years in Sturbridge before moving to Ormond Beach in 1980.

He graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine in 1932 with a B.S. degree in Mathematics and later earned his Master's degree in Education from Worcester State College in 1961. He was a foreman with American Optical Company in Southbridge for 20 years. Chris then went into the field of education and was appointed a member of the Southbridge school system faculty in 1958. He later taught at Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge and retired in 1976. He was a member of the Ormond Beach Senior Center, where he enjoyed shuffleboard and was playing until the week of his death. Chris also participated in the Ormond Senior Games and won several gold, silver and bronze medals and won a gold metal at the age of 100. Chris was also a member of a bowling league. Chris was very independent and lived on his own in his own house.

His funeral was held Saturday, April 11 at Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 555 W. Granada Blvd., Suite A1, Ormond Beach FL 32174, or to St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 650, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Visit www.morrillfuneralhome.com.

Donald B. Hyde, Jr., 84



STOW — Donald B. Hyde, Jr., 84, of Stow, died April 2 at Emerson Hospital in Concord.

Husband of the late Jean Flewelling Hyde and the late Elaine Phillippi Hyde; brother of the late Jane Hyde Christopher, he is survived by his eight children, James Flewelling and his wife, Sandra, of Bedford, Barbara Hinkel and her husband, Edward, of North Smithfield, R.I., Betsy Krantz and her husband, Karl, of Charlton, Douglas Hyde and Theresa Parsons of Hudson, Peter Flewelling of Jaffrey, N.H., Elizabeth Hyde and George Libby of North Yarmouth, Maine, Virginia Hyde of Wilton, Conn and Melanie Hyde of Stow; his daughter-in-law, Celia Smith Hyde of Stow; and eight grandchildren. Don also is survived by numerous members of his extended family.

Don was born in Newton in 1925 and graduated from Newton High School. He graduated from Middlebury College with an A.B. in Mathematics in 1948 after serving in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Following the death of his first wife, Elaine, he married Jean Flewelling in 1962, whose first husband, Herbert, had died in 1954. Don and Jean each had four children from their respective first marriages and they all moved to Stow in 1962.

Don was president of Hyde Bird Feeder Company of Waltham from 1953 to 1994. The Hyde Bird Feeder Company was one of the earliest national manufacturers of wild bird products starting in the 1940s. By the 1980s they sold bird feeders throughout North America introducing many new and unique designs. Don patented a number of wild bird feeders and was co-author of a pamphlet published by the National Wildlife Federation entitled "Wild Bird Feeding Preferences."

Don was active in Stow town government and held a position on the Zoning Board of Appeals at the time of his death. He served as the Stow Town Moderator for 25 years (1970 to 1995) and also served on the Conservation Commission and the Town Report Committee.

Don was a founder of the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation in Waltham. He was admitted to the Masonic Lodge of Waltham and a former member of the Rotary Club of Waltham.

Don was a jazz and classical music lover. During the 1970s he and his wife, Jean, were sponsors of jazz concerts at their home in Stow for Barry Martyn and his New Orleans style jazz band and living jazz legends, including Louis Nelson and Alton Purnell. He was a loyal patron of local jazz events up until his death. He held the same seats at Symphony Hall in Boston for more than 50 years and thought they were the best seats in the hall. Don also loved the Florida Keys and spent months each year enjoying the relaxed lifestyle of Key Colony Beach and fishing in the Keys.

A memorial service is planned for June.

In lieu of flowers, Don's family requests donations be made to the Charles River Museum of Industry (www.crmi.org), 154 Moody Street, Waltham, MA 02453.

Isadore Lawrence Malouin, 78



CHARLTON — Isadore Lawrence "Larry" Malouin, 78, of 43 Cranberry Meadow Rd., passed away Saturday, April 11, in UMass Memorial Hospital, University Campus in Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Yolanda (Galante) Malouin, and four children, Annette R. Malouin of Charlton, Elizabeth R. Malouin of Sturbridge, Lawrence L. Malouin of Brimfield, and James E. Malouin of Charlton. He also leaves 10 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and seven brothers and sisters and many nieces and nephews.

Larry was born in Fitchburg, one of 15 children of Phillip and Juliette (Robillard) Malouin and has lived in Charlton since 1955.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served in the Korean War aboard the U.S.S. Vesole. He was the owner of Larry's Garage in Charlton Depot since 1973. Larry enjoyed hunting and gardening and was an excellent cook.

Calling hours for Larry were held Thursday, April 16, at the Robert J. Miller-Charlton Funeral Home, 175 Old Worcester Rd. A service for Larry was held following the calling hours.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 17-18, 24-25

OXFORD — N.E.T. Works Productions Inc. presents the comedy "Anybody Out There," by John Patrick, directed by Holly Dion. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, April 17 and 24, and Saturday, April 18 and 25.

Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for seniors/students.

It will be presented at St. Roch's Church on 334 Main St.

Portions of the proceeds will benefit various charities.

For information call 508-842-0867 or 508-832-7150.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

SOUTHBRIDGE — Wally the Green Monster of the Boston Red Sox will be on hand to sign autographs for children as Harrington Hospital Employees will raffle off a variety of unique baskets at the Knights of Columbus, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Raffle ticket sales are as follows: For the baskets: 10 tickets for $5, 20 tickets for $10 and 40 tickets for $20.

High-end items will also be raffled off which include a grill, a laptop as well as other higher end items. Higher-end raffle ticket prices are: 1 ticket for $5, 5 tickets for $10 and 10 tickets for $20.

In addition, the day will feature face painting, light refreshments and music.

All proceeds will benefit the Harrington Cancer Center.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

SPENCER — Have you ever shot a bow and arrow? Novices and experts alike are welcome at Camp Laurel Wood in Spencer on Patriots Day. Morning session, grades 4-6, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Afternoon session, grades 7-12, 1-5:00 p.m.

Deadline April13.

Have questions? Contact information line at Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts, 800-462-9100, or request a registration form.

Registration fee is $25 per session and includes certified instructors, materials, and a snack.

This event is for non-Girl Scouts only.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

CHARLTON — The Charlton Board of Health is holding a rabies clinic from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 54 North Main St., Charlton.

Cost is $10 each.

Dogs must be on leash and cats must be in carriers. Please bring previous rabies certificate to determine if you are eligible for a three-year rabies vaccination. State law requires that all dogs and cats over six months of age have a valid rabies vaccination. The Charlton Town Clerk will be available for licensing dogs.

For more information, call the Board of Health at 508-248-2210.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

CHARLTON — Join the "Green Team" of fifth-graders on the town common, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Earth Fest!

Play games and learn how you and your family can become more GREEN. The Blackstone Valley Blue Grass Band will be providing entertainment. The famous Bag Lady from GreenSchools will be there as well as representatives from The Solar Store, Capen Hill, The Ad Hoc Wildlife Committee, CHPT and others. Get a free evergreen sapling to take home and plant to help offset your carbon footprint. Bring in plastic shopping bags to recycle and get a reusable cloth bag. Come and meet friends, old and new, and celebrate the earth.

Check the Town of Charlton Web site link to Earth Fest to see updates as more vendors and activities are added.

And what would any Earth Day celebration be without cleaning up the Town? The Earth Day Committee will also hold its traditional litter pick-up. Pick up plastic bags at the Charlton Senior Center beginning at 9 a.m. and sign up for a road to clean. As usual, Mrs. Kuehl will reward all volunteers with a lunch in the Senior Center after the cleanup. n addition, volunteers who pick up trash will receive raffle tickets for earth friendly prizes to be given out during the Earth Fest.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

SUPPORT GROUP

SOUTHBRIDGE — Come join a support group for caregivers of those who have suffered brain injuries, as part of the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts.

The group will meet from 2-3:30 p.m. at the home of Dan and Linda Pellegrini, whose daughter, Justine, was injured in a car accident in 2007.

House located at1061 Dennison Drive.

For more information, call Dan Pellegrini at 617-592-5081 or e-mail pelly57@verizon.net

ONGOING

Harrington offers Alzheimer's support grouP- The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 7- 8:30 p.m. in Conference Room I at Harrington Memorial Hospital. All caregivers of persons dealing with memory loss and family members are invited.

For information, contact Roger Lamontagne, LICSW BCD at 508-764-2423.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

CHARLTON —Charlton Baptist Church's Celebrate Recovery celebrated God's healing power in our lives through eight recovery principles and the Christ-centered 12 Steps.

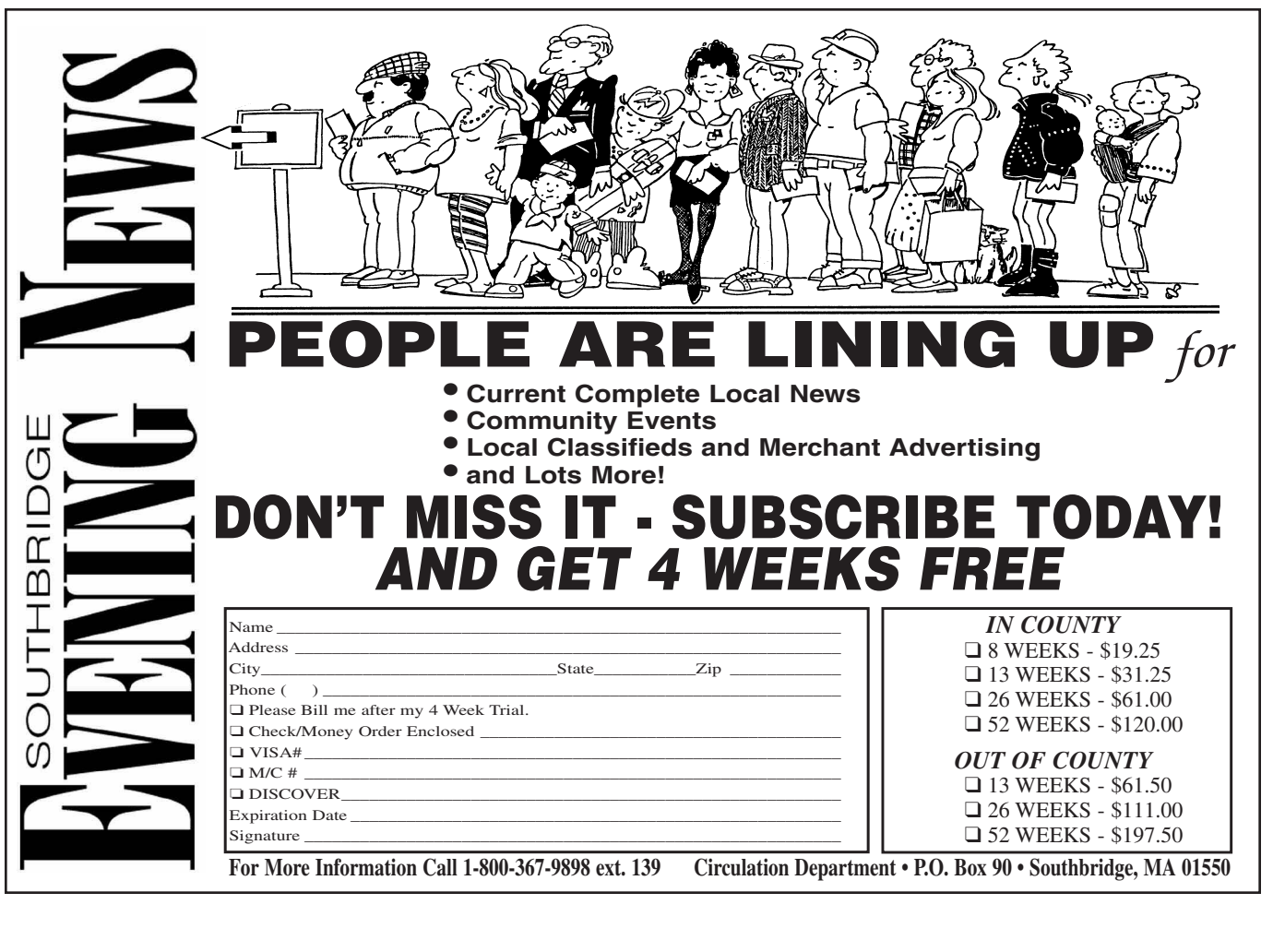
This experience allows us to be changed. We open the door by sharing our experiences, strengths, and hopes with one another. In addition, we become willing to accept God's grace in solving our life problems. By working the steps and applying their Biblical principles, we begin to grow spiritually. We become free from our addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates a stronger personal relationship with God and others. As we progress through the principles we discover our personal, loving and forgiving Higher Power — Jesus Christ.

Celebrate Recovery is held every Friday, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Charlton Baptist Church, 50 Hammond Hill Road.

For more information, call Elaine at 508-248-7597 or visit charltonbaptist.org









Bay Path Builds

CHARTLON — Students from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School's annual house building program have been busy as of late constructing a home on Robert Boulevard.

Shawn Kelley photos



Steven Boivin, 16, of Southbridge, cuts a post in the garage of the new build, using a miter saw.



Josue Lopez, 18, of Southbridge watches as fellow classmates cut posts for what will be a railing for the new build.

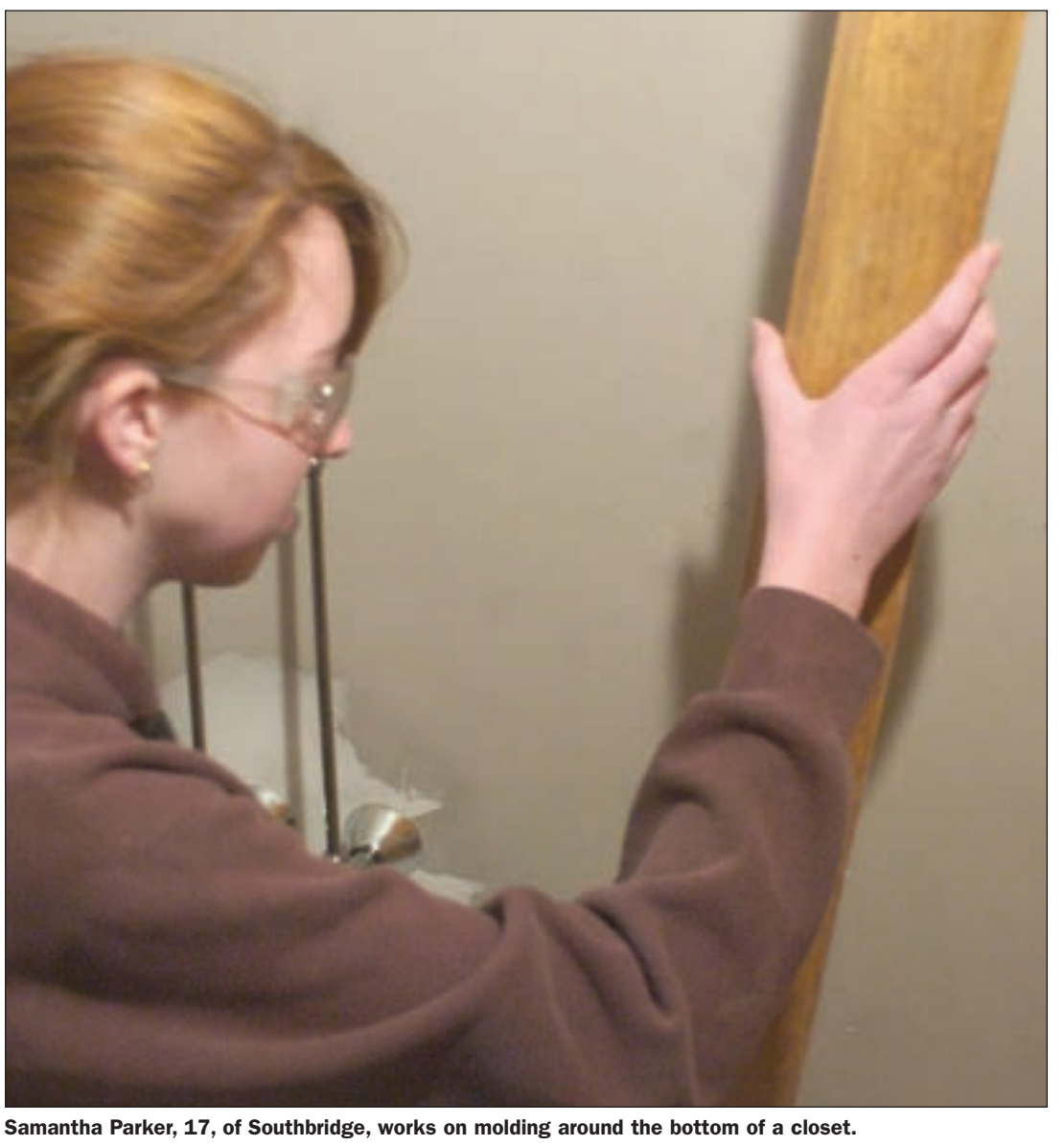


Brandon Wing, 17, of Webster, and Steven Carito, 16, of Southbridge, install a doorknob into the front door.





Bryan Kowal, 17, of Spencer, trims down a piece of molding.



Samantha Parker, 17, of Southbridge, works on molding around the bottom of a closet.

Bay Path Builds

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James Zigmont, 16, of Oxford, makes sure measurement are correct.



James Zigmont, 16, of Oxford, looks on as Justin Barrows, 17, of Dudley uses the miter saw.

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OPINION

Views and commentary from Charlton, Charlton City, Charlton Depot and beyond

Hope springs eternal in baseball, life

In the midst of a global economic crisis that has us all on edge — rich, poor and everywhere in between — a game involving a piece of wood and a small, white, red-stitched ball might seem quite inconsequential.

Yet, even with the weather as rotten as the economy yesterday, there was still a bit of a thrill to be felt. It was Monday, April 6 — officially the opening day in Major League Baseball. What made it all the more exciting for local fans is that the Boston Red Sox were slated to open up at home for the first time in several years.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature, who has over the past few months played quite the party pooper, had other plans. Rain forced the cancellation of yesterday's game against the Sox' newest rival, the Tampa Bay Rays. The Sox, instead, opened their season today at Fenway Park.

There has been talk that the Red Sox are in danger of seeing their long streak of home sellouts end, especially with many folks living paycheck to paycheck. Opening Day, however, wouldn't see an empty seat — at least one that didn't have a ticket purchased.

People have lost jobs. Companies have gone under. Workers have taken pay cuts.

Yet you can bet Fenway Park last week would have among its customers people in any of those categories. Why? What is it about baseball that has seen it stand the test of time, even survive through the Great Depression?

Many a poet and writer has tried to capture the essence of what is, essentially, a boys' game played by men.

In the end, baseball is about hope. The hope that our team will be the last one standing at season's end. The hope that our son or daughter might catch a foul ball hit in their direction, or that their favorite player might stop to sign a ball.

It is also a diversion; a couple hours or so of escape from work, from familial pressures and other burdens. Never mind the astronomical cost of actually attending a baseball game in Boston. Fans don't seem to mind that, even when times are tough.

Baseball doesn't make our troubles disappear. For a few precious moments, though, it brings us back to a simpler time. It reminds us that hope springs eternal.

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To the Editor

Must be more to do than smash mailboxes

To the Editor:

To the young people who get great pleasure out of hitting mail boxes with a bat or whatever.

They must make their mamas proud, especially when it comes to doing it to 80-year-old seniors who have already replaced that box twice. I especially feel bad that they cannot find anything better to do.

From seniors on Denfield Road.

Carol Mason
Charlton

God can't interfere with free will

To the Editor: This last week, starting Friday, March 27 to Saturday, April 4, has been one of the most horrific.

With the murder of the two sisters by their brother in Milton, followed by the New York murder of 14 people, including the murderer, and then turning on the TV Saturday to hear of the three officers in Pittsburgh that were killed in a domestic violence scene, people are asking, "Where is God?" and "Why didn't He stop this?"

God is pure love. He created us out of that love knowing that murders and violence and evil will be in the world. He also gave us a free will. He cannot and will not interfere with our free will. People choose their actions because they are in an evil world. The world is evil because of Satan, who also has a free will. People who follow Satan will be of this world. People who choose God, their actions will be from God and will be good.

When evil is made to look good, that is when we choose it. God has created us to do good and to choose Him each day. The people who do evil, choose the worldly things like cheating, stealing, murder; all the things contrary to the Ten Commandments. We don't have to belong to any religion in order to follow the Ten Commandments. We just have to look into our hearts and listen. Our thoughts will say one thing and our hearts will say another. Will your actions be from the heart or from your thoughts?

The answer to the reason why is this: God loves each and every one of us the same, even the murderers, and He can't interfere with our free will.

Renata Cox
Charlton

Appreciated outpouring of support for illness

To the Editor:

I would like to take this time to simply say thank you.

As many of you know, I underwent surgery on Feb. 13 for prostate cancer. My doctors expect a full recovery and while I have taken some time to heal, I am slowly returning to the job I love, serving the residents of this unique area.

The outpouring of support and well wishes that I have received has been truly remarkable. I have thoroughly enjoyed the cards, gifts, prayer cards and anecdotes many of you have so thoughtfully shared. While I can never begin to tell each and every person personally how their support, wisdom, and humor have aided in my recovery, please know that I am overwhelmed by the kindness and consideration. It is during dark times in one's life that your faith, your family and your friends help carry the burden. They have lifted me up.

I would also like to take this opportunity to again stress how important regular screening is for surviving prostate cancer. I have been vigilant with my annual checkups and I hope that if you are a man over 50, you will take the time to be screened.

Once again, thank you for the support. I hope to see people around the district in the weeks and months to come.

Stephen M. Brewer
State Senator
Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin District

Live free or die?



Kristal Klear

KRIS REARDON

The New Hampshire state motto "Live free or die" took on new meaning a few weeks ago as protesters made national news.

What, do you ask, were they protesting? They were up in arms — metaphorically, of course — about the recent discussion of a seatbelt law. No, the state does not have one already, and yes, having one would apparently prohibit some New Hampshire-ites from living free. Or something like that.

Whether or not legislators seriously take up this proposal, I've always wondered what would happen if this, the 46th largest state in the Union (yes, that does mean only four are smaller), were to make good on its motto. For example, if a seatbelt law were passed, would the protesters literally have to say: "Dear New Hampshire state Legislature, We warned you that we disapproved of your threats to prevent us from living free. Now we shall die." Or maybe, if they're really feeling rebellious and want to turn the motto on its head: "My name is Ignacio Montoya. You killed my liberty. Prepare to die."

Obviously, I know this would not happen. But then again, it is New Hampshire.

And what's more, it's New England.

All New England states have their own quirky mottos, including our own. And whether they are officially recognized or unofficially adopted, most states in the U.S. have a motto. Here's a rundown of the very official and very not so official mottos of the rest of the New England states:

• Maine: Dirigo.

It's Latin for "I lead." Where they are leading us, I am not sure. The last time my family was in Maine and asked for directions we were told, "Ya can't get the-ya from he-ya."

• Vermont: Freedom and Unity.

Freedom I'll give it, but unity is a big maybe. Don't forget, this state is home to the town that impeached former President George W. Bush during a town meeting. Seceding from the Union is always a possibility. And if the state decides to go that route, it will go one town at a time.

• Rhode Island: Hope.

Yes, the Rhode Island state motto is only one word. And the state has hope for a lot of things. It hopes that maybe one day it won't be the smallest state in the nation and will therefore actually garner enough seats in Congress to make a difference. And it hopes it won't be ranked as home to the worst drivers in the nation in this year's national surveys (again).

• Massachusetts: Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem.

Ah, dear home state, with your Latin motto meaning "By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty." Dear, dear home state, I can only say: Really, Massachusetts? You seek peace with a sword? What kind of Ignacio-Montoya-New-Hampshire-crazy peace are you seeking, and why must it come with an income tax? At least New Hampshire doesn't have that.

• Connecticut: Qui Transtulit Sustinet.

The translation from the Latin here is: "He Who Transplanted Still Sustains." It's a lovely, lovely sentiment, and the official website for the state of Connecticut notes that "the origin of the motto is uncertain." I note: so is the meaning.

As wonderful as the other New England states' mottos are, I'd still venture to say New Hampshire's is the most well known. And it's also the only one which could inspire such wonderfully thoughtful remarks to the Wall Street Journal from opponents of an issue such as a seat belt law: "…The state is moving toward, basically, communism," and "What's next? Will they mandate that I can't have more than three cheeseburgers a week at McDonald's?"

Kristina Reardon contributes a column to Stonebridge Press and Villager Newspapers.

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Bird's Nest

WALTER BIRD

My son goes to school in Worcester, where, not unlike several other parts of the state this winter, snow wreaked havoc, causing many districts to extend their school year.

In my son's case, he'll be sitting in class into late June, almost — but not quite — threatening his first trip of summer vacation.

Last Friday, he was also sitting in class. And while it wasn't snowing or sleeting or doing anything weather-wise to threaten the school day, there was one very important reason he shouldn't have been in class.

It's Good Friday.

My son's school, apparently, decided too many snow days have been lost and that one more missed day would be disastrous.

We shouldn't be surprised. Organized religion has been under attack for years, with many critics using the sex scandal in the Catholic Church as yet one more excuse to slam the door shut on organized religious teachings and practices.

We shouldn't be surprised because, if you type in "Good Friday" on Wikipedia, you get this definition: "Good Friday, also called Holy Friday, Great Friday or Black Friday, is the Friday preceding Easter Sunday ('Pascha'). This religious holiday commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Golgotha, an event central to Christian mythology."

Mythology. Like we're talking about Homer's "Iliad."

Of course, taking into account the source, one shouldn't get angry. But this writer does, largely because you can bet your refrigerator drawer full of apples that there are many, many folks who think the birth and death of Christ is pure fiction — and not just because their religion is different. That would be OK.

No, what we see in some circles is a deliberate and coordinated attack on the mere belief in God and Christ. Witness the annual desecration of the Christmas holidays, which now are simply "holidays."

Defend yourself by citing the Bible and some will say it was made up by a bunch of men, that it's old and outdated.

Right and wrong certainly appear outdated. We have nutcases shooting up buildings and killing innocent workers. We have young moms either killing, helping to kill or knowing about the killing of their babies and becoming celebrities.

We have a Hollywood that has fattened its wallets by sensationalizing sex and violence to the point where movies whose central plot involves the torturing and dismembering of women capture No. 1 on the weekly movie gross chart.

Right and wrong has gotten harder and harder to discern, never mind teach. But how? When did right stop being right and wrong stop being wrong? Right around the time we introduced the infamous "gray area."

That's a common thing to throw around now; people telling you, "Well, it's not that easy. There are shades of gray."

Sometimes, there are. Life isn't always black and white. But just as often, right is right and wrong is wrong. We just don't like it when what we think is right might be wrong, so we use the old "gray area" defense.

Fact: If your kid is watching more TV and playing more videogames than he or she is spending outside or reading or constructively playing, that's wrong. Plain and simple.

Forget how much you work. Forget, "Oh, well you have to consider the neighborhood or the culture or the so-and-so."

No, it's wrong and you as the parent can either fix it or not — hard as it may be. No gray area, sorry.

We have, it says here, abandoned the Bible and Jesus largely because of just that — it has become too damn hard to do what's right and teach what's right and stand up against what's wrong. It's so much easier to go along with the popular crowd.

Gay marriage is in, and if you're against it, well, by George you better change your zip code because you're a homophobe, a hate monger and worse.

So we'll just sit back and accept what we cannot change.

The betting here is that's probably why a lot of parents last week didn't say "boo" that their child doesn't have the day off. Because there are more than just Christians in school. Jews, Hindus, Muslims … we have all sorts of faiths in our schools now, and that's as it should be. What shouldn't be is that because of that, or because a little too much snow got dumped on the area, that what is a sacred day to millions gets lost. Surely, the Jews, Hindus and Muslims aren't offended by having the day off from school.

Here's a question: If too many days have been lost, would they still have had school if they woke up to snow on Good Friday?

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Collective bargaining process has town, union at odds

UNION

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three police officers, citing budget woes. Both parties were set to negotiate the impact of that decision on this past Monday.

The union, according to its attorney Scott Dunlap, believes Selectman Scott D. Brown and Vice Chairman Peter J. Boria broke the negotiation grounds rules after they reached an impasse, by speaking to Stonebridge Press without being the designated spokesman for the town.

The rules, which Dunlap said both parties agreed to, require each side to pick a media spokesman. Dunlap acts in that role for the union, while Town Administrator Robin L. Craver is the town's spokesman.

"They violated the ground rules for collective bargaining," Dunlap said.

He said he informed the town he would be talking to the media, but said he did so only after a 72-hour cooling off period had expired. The rules also state both parties must wait 72 hours after reaching an impasse before speaking to the media.

Both Boria and Brown last week took umbrage with Dunlap's prior allegation that Craver had tried to "coerce" the union out of its legal collective bargaining rights. Craver, last month, delivered a letter to CPA President Sgt. Graham Maxfield, inquiring about the status of the negotiations. Dunlap called the incident "bullying."

Brown denied the town was coercing the union out of its legal collective bargaining rights in a letter he asked be given to the union president.

"I don't see where the coercion is," he said.

Boria voiced his opinion about the letter as well.

"It is just a statement of facts," he said.

The state Joint-Labor Management Committee has been asked to assign a mediator to break the logjam. If that effort bears no fruit, the matter will go into arbitration.

Also at issue is who made the decision to deliver the letter. Responding to recent media reports, Brown said he and Boria, as the selectmen members of the bargaining team, chose to have the letter drawn up and have Craver deliver it. Brown characterized the decision as one made by the Board of Selectmen, but also said, "I asked Robin [Craver] to write that letter."

"[Craver] was acting as the spokesman," he said.

After last week's selectmen's meeting, Selectman Kathleen Walker sharply disagreed.

"The bargaining team decided to send this letter," she said. "The [selectmen] did not vote on sending this letter."

The negotiations themselves were not without debate. The bargaining team and the union disagreed with the terms and how a proposed one-year wage freeze was floated. The union objected to accepting the deal outside of the collective bargaining process, while selectmen said they refused to bargain the idea.

A union proposal for a "small" increase in the road detail rate, also raised dander. Walker said she believes increasing the rate, which is currently $35 per hour, would benefit generate more revenue for the town and the officer. It would also give the department more money to hire more officers, she said.

The way the detail proposal was made has also drawn criticism from selectmen. The union proposed the idea in a "hypothetical" way, according to Brown, which angered him.

While it is unclear whether the layoffs will still happen, the police department is implementing its plan to use 16 officers, down from 19, to operate during the next fiscal year.

Walker has also voiced concerns that she did not "have the whole story" in casting her vote to layoff the three officers. Walker, who is not a member of the bargaining team, said she did not know, until speaking with Maxfield, the union was seeking the detail increase and would be willing to accept the wage freeze.

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Group fasts to raise awareness of hunger plight

HUNGER

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The children started fasting at noon, after enjoying a last meal of pizza. From there, they broke into teams and started cleaning up the church grounds. The children also went on a scavenger hunt around Charlton in search of certain food items, the labor was meant to simulate a day of work on empty stomachs, as many starving people do everyday.

"In the beginning," said Shepherd Hill Regional High School sophomore Danielle Pelletier, 16. "it is hard to relate to" starving people, but as the day goes on, the daily struggle sets in.

"They don't eat for days and weeks at a time," Pelletier noted.

That is a lesson hard learned.

"They don't know how hard it is to be hungry all the year," said 14-year-old Tantasqua Regional Junior High School eighth-grader Lilly Ouellette. "They still have to do all the same work."

The lesson is not lost on the students. Ever since he undertook the cause four years ago, Weagle said he has thought twice when he reaches into his cupboards for a snack at home.

"It taught me that we need to wake up and help those countries," he said.

Assistance is also needed in Massachusetts, according to Project Bread, a group working to fight hunger.

"The prevalence of food insecurity in low-income communities in Massachusetts has reached an unprecedented high," according to a 2008 report from Project Bread. Some of the highest concentrations of food-insecure households are in Webster, Southbridge and Worcester, according to the report.

Pelletier said she has learned that food, and other things, don't grow on trees.

"I don't take much for granted now," she said. "I am really lucky."

Completing the group's task, however, is a challenge. As people who do not typically struggle for food, Weagle said most participants are nervous at first, but do finish the task.

While the students sleep during the event, Weagle noted getting some shuteye with an empty stomach is tough.

Shepherd Hill senior Jill Bartolini, an 18-year-old, third year veteran of the event from Charlton, said waking up with hunger pains is trying.

"Waking up is the hardest because it is breakfast time," she said.

While the kids don't eat solids, they are allowed to consume clear juice and water throughout the fasting period.

"That is all they will have," Ertsgard said.

Marilyn Gerrard, a local nurse and Charlton resident who was also participating in the fast, was there to oversee the children's health.

"It will be a test of their character," she said.

By the time a reporter left the site Friday, the students were on their way to earning a passing grade.

"You are really lucky that you have so much in America," Ouellette said.

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From left to right, Jill Bartolini, of Charlton and Dudley resident Kaitlyn Marengo, cleanup the site of the Charlton City United Methodist Church last week. The girls and others were just several of a group that fasted for 30 hours to draw attention to the cause of world hunger.

SPRING COLLECTION



Shawn Kelley Photo

SOUTHBRIDGE — Jenastina Dunn, son Jamison Proulx, 2, of Charlton, and Eric Rodriguez, and daughter Anielys Rodriguez, 4, of Southbridge, enjoy a spring afternoon as they walk down Wallcott Street yesterday.

'Something they are thinking about'

CAMP

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Joslin site doable, Goldenberg said.

"It advances our mission to empower and inspire kids with diabetes," he said.

If a deal to buy the camp was ever reached, Goldenberg said, a separate contract would have to be negotiated.

Jistive did not answer questions about the camp's financial stability, but Goldenberg did, adding the camp's budget was part of the Barton center's budget.

"Is it a bailout? No," he said. "This is obviously a very difficult economic time. We need to be very careful about our funds."

According to its 2007 annual report, the Barton Center improved its finances over 2006, prior to the new management deal. Revenue in 2007 jumped to more than $2 million, ahead of the $1.9 million in 2006. By the end of 2007, the report listed $1,952,324 in expenses, a slight drop below the $2 million-plus spent in 2006. The center had nearly $6 million in total assets in 2007.

Goldenberg referred a reporter's further questions to Joslin Center's Senior Vice President of Joslin Ventures Paul O'Brien who did not return calls for comment. Vice President of Communications and Public Relations Rachel Whitehouse also did not respond to requests for comment, after Jistive said she would.

Both camps have storied histories.

The Unitarian Universalist Church established the Clara Barton Camp in 1932, when Dr. Elliot P. Joslin, a Oxford-native and diabetes research pioneer who founded the Joslin Diabetes Center, suggested they turn the facilities into a diabetes camp, which happened. Now, including the Joslin Camp, the Barton Center runs day camp programs in Boston, New York, Worcester, Springfield and Greenwich, Conn.

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Selectman hopes voters send him back

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Meeting Law while Bacon has been on the board. But he said he does not see transparency in town government as a huge problem.

"I think every department has to be more aware," he said.

Despite his decision to run again, Bacon hesitated. Earlier this year, Bacon said he would probably not run for another term, but now said he changed his mind for two reasons. The first, he said, because he will have extra time now that he is selling his home in Florida, which he travels to during the winter.

As the oldest selectman, Bacon said he does not see his age as an issue for serving another term.

"Age," he said, "I think is an attitude. I think very young."

To keep the youthful energy in him, Bacon creates oil paintings, plays golf and cooks a mean pineapple upside down cake among other dishes. After all, life knowledge is also good for seeking another term.

"There is nothing like experience," he said.

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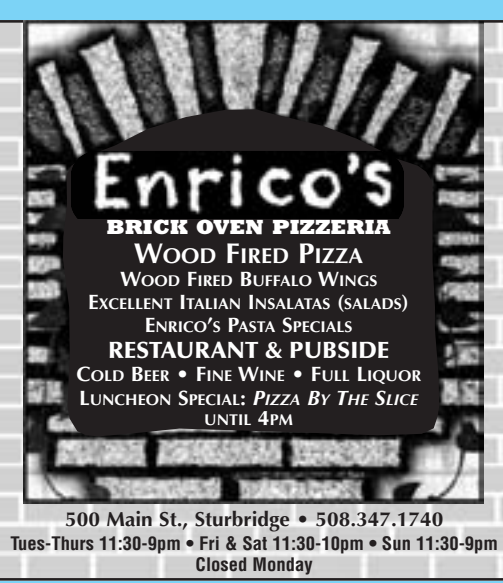


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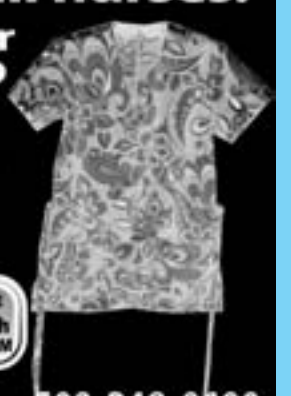
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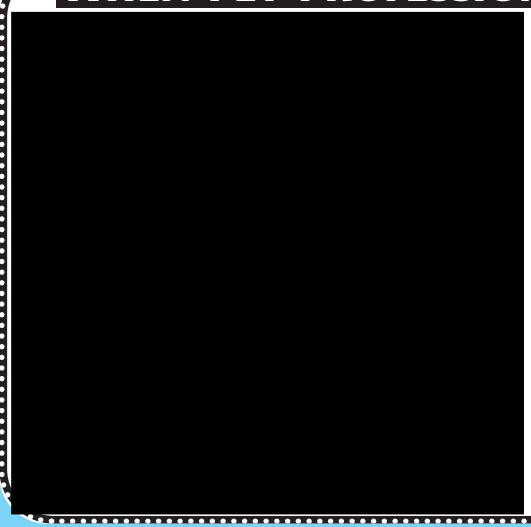
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Around the Region

Radiothon raises over $20K for FoodShare

BY GUS STEEVES
STAFF WRITER

Despite a lousy economy, this community turns out to help those in need.

That was the clear message from yesterday's 30th Annual FoodShare Radiothon, which raised more money than ever before — $22,403.

"The difference today was that it never really slowed down," said FoodShare President Ray Fournier. "We kept busier than we did in the past and it built up."

The money collected fast — it took from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. to amass the first $7,000; the remainder came in over the next four hours. As always, the vast majority came in cash and small checks of under $100 — in one case, it was a bag of rolled coins totaling $46 — but four donors gave more than $1,000 apiece — Southbridge Credit Union, United Lens, Yanka Associates and Bill and Judy McClurg.

Additionally, Fournier said the community donated "thousands of pounds of food, and that's of vital importance." But he and others involved noted that money is critical because FoodShare can get about six times the food for the same dollar at the Worcester County Food Bank.

"Thanks is so inadequate, but it shows that when the chips are down, people come through," said Dick Vaughan, general manager of WESO 970 AM in Southbridge. The station has hosted the event every year in April.

"When you consider the economy and where we started, I'm angry at the amount of sleep I lost over this," he added later, praising the community's generosity.

The total — which will continue to rise over the next few weeks as late donations straggle in — was "mind-boggling" to guest host Russ Dowd, who admitted to being "speechless." "This is an amazing response from an amazing community."

When Fournier admitted he'd expected to collect maybe $18,000 — a figure slightly lower than last year's — because of the economy, Dowd said he'd though even that number was "over-optimistic."

"Last night, as I lay tossing and turning in bed, I wondered what happens if we don't make it?" Dowd said during the concluding few minutes of the Radiothon. "I had myself convinced that if we reached $12,000 to $15,000, I'd be thrilled."

The money and supplies donated will go to pantries in Southbridge and Webster and a soup kitchen in Webster. FoodShare also runs a pantry in Palmer, but that one is self-sufficient and did not participate in Radiothon, Fournier said.

Fournier's agency only meets some of the need for emergency food in the Southbridge area. There are public pantries at St. Mary's and St. Anne's churches, one run by the Masonic Lodge on Route 131 for its members, and smaller efforts run by individual churches for their own congregants. Additionally, there's a community garden in Webster, farmers' markets in Brimfield, Brookfield and Auburn, and several local businesses have collections at various times in the year.

A wide variety of people took half-hour slots on the air, including current and past town officials, representatives of several local non-profit agencies, a couple of Evening News writers, and Sen. Richard Moore.

During his stint, Moore said FoodShare "fits in quite well" with the state's health care reform, a process he played a key role in about two years ago. Having a good diet is critical to ensuring children are able to study and adults to work; diabetics and others need small, nutritious meals regularly to stay stable; and so forth, he said.

Regarding the economy, "It goes somewhat in cycles. I suspect there are reason for it, some that we know … [but] I don't think anybody saw a situation where the value of property would drop so much," Moore said.

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SOUTHBRIDGE — At left, Ted Kwiatkowski, of Southbridge, donates a box of food to FoodShare yesterday afternoon. Above, Food Share President Ray Fournier waves to motorists outside radio station WESO his special guest, the Easter Bunny. Below , Radiothon volunteer Russ Dowd, of Woodstock, Conn. talks to patrons over the air about the need for food share. Dowd is a former DJ with the radio station.





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Around the Region

Fingers crossed for Quinsigamond

Southbridge hopes to land college campus

BY GUS STEEVES
STAFF WRITER

Although the formal process is still underway, Southbridge may have reason to believe it's on a short list of sites for a new Quinsigamond Community College campus.

According to QCC Vice President Dale Allen, the college visited 14 sites in and around Southbridge, but has its eye on two favorites "we believe the owners will submit proposals on."

He's referring to the ongoing request for proposal process, which ends April 29. The college is looking to lease 7,500 square feet somewhere in Southbridge, Sturbridge, Charlton, Dudley or Webster.

One of the favorites, Allen said, is a vacant school building in one of the towns' downtown areas, but he declined to be more specific. The other "you could probably guess at," he added, and he appeared receptive but noncommittal when asked if it was the American Optical property.

If AO ends up being selected, it would complete an idea that's been in limbo for many years. When AO was being renovated for the failed Department of Defense project, it was supposed to receive a UMass campus, but "it never materialized," Building Inspector Nick Tortis said. For a while afterward, it housed Bay Path College, but that soon moved to Charlton.

"The space is already prepared for that [use]," Tortis said. "There's really not much else in Southbridge that's prepared for a school."

In fact, he said he could think of just two other available sites that have the 7,500 square feet QCC seeks, but both would require interior redesign work. One is the old mill on Mill Street, which has lots of vacant space but bad parking and other issues. The other is the old Simons Machine Shop on Route 169, now owned by United Lens.

Allen said the college is actually looking to build satellite campuses in three areas — South County, the Blackstone Valley and near Marlborough. It opted to do our area first "because of the collaborative spirit of local CEOs and town officials," he added.

Furthermore, Southbridge hosts the college already. Although there's no sign out front indicating its presence, QCC has held night classes at the high school for nearly 40 years, paying a "nominal rent" that basically just covers the necessary extra maintenance work on those nights, Allen said.

"They're just individual classes and don't get someone anywhere in terms of a program," he added. He praised the current collaboration with Southbridge High School as being "extremely positive," but admitted being a tenant in the building "is not the most desirable situation."

"Having our own campus allows us to be a lot more efficient, cost effective deliverer of services, and we need a space we can be in 24/7," Allen said.

Regardless of where the new campus lands, that will happen. The plan is to start this fall with a wider array of non-credit classes like those it now offers, "but by that time we'll already know what we're offering" for credited classes, he said.

Regular programs for credit are slated to start in September 2010; exactly what they'll be Allen doesn't yet know. The college's ongoing survey process has found that significant numbers of the roughly 1,100 students from our area who commute to QCC's Worcester campus focus on five majors: general studies, criminal justice, business, nursing, and other health fields. But that doesn't take into account the fact that some people here may want college but are unable to make the 26-mile drive, nor does it include specialties that might be attractive to people working in this area.

The selection criteria "are not strictly dollars and cents," Allen said. "The character of the neighborhoods matters; we want our students and faculty to have that campus feel."

Such amenities include easy access to local restaurants, fitness facilities, businesses and other less-describable items.

"Classrooms and office space are easy to figure out," he added. "It's the other things that will really give it a campus feel."

To Councilor Catherine Nikolla, Southbridge has almost everything QCC might want, and QCC itself could be a catalyst to bringing other things to town.

"When I think of a student body, I think of places to eat, places to be entertained and a decent library," she said. "I think we are well-suited to the environment Quinsigamond would be bringing in."

Allen said the new campus will ultimately serve around 1,000 students and probably have about 30 faculty, most of them full-timers already on the staff, but possibly with a few new adjunct teachers for specific classes. Additionally, he projected needing about 10 full-time support staff jobs to run the facility from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Nikolla said she visited some of the sites QCC was looking at, although not at the same time they did, and described AO as "ideal for what they're looking for." Noting that any negotiations between QCC and a landlord are out of the town's hands, Nikolla said the fact they've done so much legwork so far is "almost cart before the horse."

"I think an awful lot of businesses that might have written Southbridge off in the past would give us a second look" if QCC were here, she added. "If you were to pick a school that's tailor-made to Southbridge, you couldn't do better than QCC."

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Malloy preps for farewell

BY CHRISTOPHER TANGUAY
STAFF WRITER

With the job search finally over, Sturbridge Town Administrator James Malloy is ready to pack his bags and head for Westborough, but not before he gets the ball rolling on finding his replacement — or at least a temporary one.

Malloy, who was offered a position as town manager of Westborough last week, said he does not plan on formally resigning from his post in Sturbridge until his contract is finalized in the new town.

Following the appointment, Malloy said he would meet with Westborough Selectmen late last week to begin the process of negotiating his contract.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Steven Halterman said while he is happy for Malloy's career move, his exit from the town will leave a large pair of shoes to fill.

"I have very mixed feelings because as much I wanted him to have what he wants, he'll be missed, and now we have to go and find a new town administrator," Halterman said.

"The first thing well have to do though is snag an interim town administrator," Halterman continued.

"It'll be an anxious time for everyone," Halterman said of the inevitable vetting process that will be undertaken by a search committee comprised of selectmen, department heads, and three other Sturbridge residents.

"We've got to get somebody that's really proven themselves in other towns, that they can handle multiple large projects at the same time," Halterman continued, thinking of the wastewater treatment plant and Town Hall, Center School and Burgess Elementary building projects as some of the larger issues on Sturbridge's horizon.

"We all would hate to see somebody of lesser ability than Jim to come in because we've got some very important issues we've got to deal with over the next few years," Halterman said.

Yesterday, Malloy reflected on his more than 14 years in Sturbridge — prior to which he served in similar roles in New York and Colorado — calling on both positive and negative experiences as tools to help him face future challenges.

In the positive category, Malloy said he was particularly proud of his work with the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) in acquiring many of the parcels of land that now make up the town's open space inventory, including the former Camp Robinson Crusoe property that was once owned by Old Sturbridge Village.

"The Village has such an impact on our local economy," Malloy said, that he saw it as a win-win situation when the town purchased the land in 2006, helping the Village through a tough economic time.

Not everyone shares his enthusiasm though for that specific facet of his work though, one former member of the CPC saying under the guise of anonymity, that Malloy gave off an air of superiority and may have allowed personal feelings to cloud his judgment when it came to town dealings.

Malloy went on to say that involvement in the early stages of the Town Hall/Center School and Burgess Elementary School projects are things he is proud of as well, along with personnel and community involvement in town government.

"Bringing a higher level of professionalism to all the departments in town," he said, calling the Town Hall staff "very high quality," is something he views as an accomplishment as well.

The Citizens Leadership Academy, a course that teaches citizens about the ins and outs of town government is something Malloy credits with being a tool that has driven interest and participation in government up too.

On the flip side, Malloy said having a salary increase debated on open Town Meeting floor was a less than stellar moment during is tenure in Sturbridge.

"That created some controversy and was uncomfortable," he said.

When Selectmen gave him a negative review last year, Malloy said the time after the review was made public, was one of the most difficult snippets of his career.

"When you put 110 percent into your job, from my perspective, receiving as poor of an evaluation as I did last year, it was very demoralizing," Malloy said.



Christopher Tanguay photo

The groundwork for finding his successor is among the business on Sturbridge Town Administrator James Malloy's desk in the coming days.

With that hatchet buried, Malloy is looking forward to getting used to the local nuances of Westborough and facing the challenges of handling an $86 million budget — three times that of Sturbridge.

"I see that as a challenge, but not as a bad challenge," he said.

Halterman agrees.

"I am glad that he's got an opportunity to go to a larger town with a lot more complex issues than we've got here," Halterman said. "It'll really be a challenge, and I think he'll be up to it."

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This Week in History (April 18-24)

APRIL 18

2004: Following commuter train bombings in Madrid, which caused 191 deaths and outrage all over Spain, new Socialist Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero orders a withdrawal of Spanish troops from Iraq.
2003: Scott Peterson is arrested in San Diego for the murder of his wife, Laci, who was eight months pregnant when she vanished on Christmas Eve. (He was later convicted and sentenced to death.)
2002: Actor Robert Blake is arrested in the shooting death of his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley. (Blake was later acquitted of murder but found liable in a civil case.)
1956: Academy Award-winning American film and stage actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco.
1955: Celebrated physicist and Nobel Laureate Albert Einstein died today at the age of 76.
1923: The first baseball game is played at Yankee Stadium in New York City, with the Yankees beating the Boston Red Sox, 4-1.

APRIL 19

1995: A truck full of explosives destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Okla., killing 168 people. (In 1997 Timothy McVeigh was convicted of the bombing and on June 11, 2001 he was executed by lethal injection.)
1993: An assault on the Waco cult headquarters of the Branch Davidian sect near Waco, Texas ends in a deadly fire (believed to have been started by those inside) and ends with the death of 70 cult members, including the cults leader Mr. Koresh.
1987: "The Simpsons," which had originally been created as a series of shorts for "he Tracey Ullman Show," debuts with the first showing on April 19, 1987.
1927: Mae West was sentenced for an obscene stage performance to 10 days in a workhouse and fined $500.

APRIL 20

1999: Two students wearing balaclavas go through Columbine High School in Denver, Colo., firing automatic weapons and throwing homemade bombs. Thirteen people were killed and 24 others injured, before the two students committed suicide.
1974: The continuing violence between the two paramilitary organizations in Northern Ireland claims its 1,000th victim with the death earlier today of a petrol station owner James Murphy in County Fermanagh.
1929: Plans were announced to build the tallest building in the world in New York for the bank of Manhattan, which will be 63 stories high.

APRIL 21

2004: Five suicide bombers detonated car bombs by police buildings in Basra, Iraq, killing at least 74 people.
1992: Robert Alton Harris became the first person executed by the state of California in 25 years as he was put to death in the gas chamber for the 1978 murder of two teenage boys.
1989: 100,000 students gather at Beijing's Tiananmen Square to commemorate Hu Yaobang, the deposed reform-minded leader of the Chinese Communist Party, and voice their discontent with China's authoritative communist government.
1956: Elvis Presley has his first number one hit with "Heartbreak Hotel," which tops of the Billboard charts.

APRIL 22

2000: The 6-year-old little boy Elian Gonzalez who survived a shipwreck in which his mother who was trying to enter the U.S. as an illegal immigrant drowned, is taken by a swat team from other Cuban relatives in Miami.
1993: Holocaust Memorial Museum opens in Washington, D.C.
1988: Two new Florida basketball teams are announced: the Miami Heat and Orlando Magic.
1970: Earth Day was observed for the first time, coordinated by "Denis Hayes," and 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment.
1961: President Fidel Castro of Cuba will make his first public announcements since the insurgent forces invasion on the Bay of Pigs last week on TV and Radio nationwide.

APRIL 23

2003: U.S. troops rescue Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch from a hospital in Nasiriyah, Iraq, where she had been held prisoner since her unit was ambushed nine days earlier.
2001: Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is arrested on suspicion of corruption, abuse of power and embezzlement by Serbian authorities at his Belgrade villa.
1998: James Earl Ray, the convicted killer of the black American civil rights leader Martin Luther King, has died from a terminal liver disease while still incarcerated. He protested his innocence to the murder until the end.
1985: The Coca-Cola Company announced it has changed its formula for Coke and will be known as New Coke (less than six months later they returned to the original formula).
1984: Researchers announced have discovered and isolated a virus they say is likely to be the primary cause of AIDS, the mysterious and deadly disease that destroys the body's protective immune system.
1984: Marvin Gaye, the Motown singer who had numerous hits, including "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," was shot to death by his father at age 45.

APRIL 24

2008: The problem of Somalia Pirates on the coast of Africa continues to worsen, with more tankers being boarded by pirates who then use the Somalia territorial waters to make good their escape.
1982: The first British casualty in the Falklands campaign is Petty Officer Kevin Stuart Casey, who is missing presumed drowned after the Sea King helicopter he was traveling in ditched into the sea.
1951: The U.S. Army plans to cut its draft call for the Korean war to 20,000 in June and to bring home 20,000 Korean Veterans.
1936: Benny Goodman and his trio recorded "China Boy."
1920: The rebels in Mexico led by Pancho Villa are to launch a major drive against federal forces and are continuing to gain ground.

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Around the Region

America's new declaration



As You Like It

MARK ASHTON

It's official. I didn't read it firsthand (because I was nowhere near my dentist's office and therefore had no easy access to a mainstream magazine), but last week — sort of as a nice Easter present, I suppose — Newsweek magazine declared America officially "no longer a Christian nation."

Because I didn't read it, I suppose I shouldn't take issue with such a declaration, or the article supporting it, but because it's such a far-reaching notion, I'll comment anyway.

Is it true? Is America "no longer Christian"? If they mean that America is no longer a solely Christian nation, then that's no revelation at all, for that's always been the case. Even though it was founded on Christian principles by principled Christian forefathers, America has never been a nation of religious unanimity — just religious freedom! Even when Christianity was perceived as the "official religion," say, back in colonial times and the early days of the new republic, there were and always have been dissenters — and thank goodness for them. Without opposition, it's hard for the truly faithful to test their mettle, to practice what they preach, to put their faith into action. The diversity of Christian sects in America has always served as testimony to the reality of an ongoing quest for the truth (justice, and the American way).

If the Newsweek declaration means that America is no longer a Christian nation by majority, then that could very well be the truth. Certainly the influx of non-Christian immigrants accounts for some of this, and again that's a welcome part of the melting pot nature of our nation for some 233 years. But the more disturbing aspect of this conclusion may be the rise of a class of Americans so disaffected with "mainstream religion" that they nowadays call themselves nonbelievers. (By declaring their non-belief in God, of course, they argue for the existence of the very being they claim to deny, but that's a philosophical discussion for another time. Today we will acknowledge that there's a large segment of Americans who claim no affiliation with, nor a belief in, an Enlightened Omnipotent Creator or Supreme Being. Other than the glorified all-important Self.)

If the Newsweek premise then is that, strictly by the numbers, America is no longer predominantly Christian, they may certainly have a point. However, the very nature of Christianity is such that its practitioners are obligated to succor, serve, warn, and otherwise watch over both their non-enlightened neighbors — who are considered brothers and sisters, albeit sometimes of the "lost sheep" persuasion — and even their avowed enemies. So even without a majority of faithful Christians living in the land, the nation might continue to "be" Christian by way of living in accordance with Christian virtues, tenets, and teachings. The faith itself began in a captive country some 2000 years ago, with only a handful of leaders and a groundswell of humble followers willing to die (or, even more difficult, to live) for their beliefs. The world has never been the same since.

But there is something truly frightening in the Newsweek declaration, for if it reflects the state of a proud and arrogant people so bereft of faith, so wayward, so decadent, so selfish and prodigal that they willingly assume the non-Christian mantle, then we are about to enter times so awe-inspiringly profound that they will make the current "economic crisis" seem like the good old days.

The foes of Christianity in America may be legion, but they'd better hope that Newsweek is wrong and that we are yet a Christian nation. For only a Christian nation will have the Christ-like temperament to accept all other religions, to embrace free agency, the charity to tolerate dissent; only a Christian nation can look on temporal problems (war, famine, earthquakes, poverty, hunger, disease, social injustice) with a spiritual eye toward comforting the afflicted (and afflicting the comfortable when necessary); only a Christian nation has the firm foundation to withstand buffetings from within as well as without. Has atheism ever gotten anyone through the night? Can radical Islam build bridges of peace and prosperity by knocking down American icons? Where will the cynicism and hopelessness of the religion of humanism get us?

Whatever Newsweek's motivation, methods of research, and purpose in declaring America estranged from its religious roots, certain things DO remain true: America is no longer a Newsweek-reading nation, or much of a newspaper-reading nation, for that matter. Though our longstanding news sources may well be on their own deathbeds, the nation will somehow survive. But if we truly are "no longer Christian," then there won't be an America at all for any of us very much longer. That same God whose providence established America as the world's beacon of freedom, that same God previously declared dead by American news magazines (about 30 years ago), will see to that — and restore order to the universe.

Of course, there will be great shame and sadness involved, and they both will have been sorely earned. But it doesn't have to be a done deal as of today. America can still become Christian enough to stave off such judgment. Are there enough Christians in your own America to make it so? Are you one of them?

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Hospital merger in state hands

DPH to work on Harrington-Hubbard union

BY GUS STEEVES
NEWS STAFF WRITER

After inking a deal for greater reimbursement from major insurers, the proposed merger of Harrington and Hubbard hospitals now needs only state approval to go forward.

According to state Department of Public Health spokesman Jennifer Manley, there is no clear timeframe of when that might happen, but hospital leaders plan to make it official Monday, May 4.

"We just got the letter from them [Harrington] that they're trying to do this," she said. "… We're at the very beginning of this process and still need to discuss elements of the deal."



Courtesy photo

A woman participates in a CPR class at Hubbard Hospital.

Manley noted the department doesn't really have a boilerplate way of handling such combinations; they have to work out the details with the players involved. For that reason, she said she doesn't expect a decision "in the near future."

The issue came about because Webster's Hubbard Hospital has been in fiscal trouble for years. Southbridge-based Harrington starting managing Hubbard in January and, after both hospital boards approved the proposal, announced a full takeover Tuesday, March 30.

Among the concerns over the years has been insurance reimbursement, particularly from the area's two largest carriers, Fallon Community Health Plan and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Between them, they amount to more than half of Hubbard's patients.

Last week, Harrington CEO Edward Moore noted negotiating an increase with both insurers was crucial to the viability of the takeover, and Harrington had already done so with Blue Cross.

"The rates Hubbard was receiving were very low, well below average. … That was one of the main criteria that caused the financial landslide," said Hubbard spokesman Blaine Moffa. "[The new rates] are significantly higher for Hubbard than what we were receiving in the past."

She was not able to say what the old or new rates are, but noted they're now "right in line with other hospitals in the nation."

To provide an example of how that works, at least from the state's side, 114.1 CMR 36 covers Medicaid payments to hospitals. Under that regulation, the state Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (DHCFP) pays hospitals a sum equal to "a capital payment amount" of $506.04; a "pass-through amount" to cover part of the facility's costs for education, malpractice and organ acquisition; and "a statewide average payment per discharge" of $7,952.26, all modified by various local factors including wage rates, percentage of Medicaid cases and average length of stay.

"For any hospital that is party to a merger, sale of assets, or other transaction involving the identity, licensure, ownership, or operation of the hospital during the fiscal year, the DHCFP may make adjustments to the hospitals' rates," the law states elsewhere. "The DHCFP will determine the best available data source(s) for these adjustments."

Under the merger, Hubbard Hospital will cease to be a corporate entity, although Hubbard Health Systems will continue to exist to act as landlord and run the Webster EMS. Instead, the facility will be called Harrington Health Care at Hubbard.

The biggest changes patients will see include the elimination of all in-patient services, but continuation of emergency, diagnostic and other outpatient services, upgrades in technology and, in time, more primary care and specialist doctors. People needing hospitalization will be transferred to Harrington or another nearby facility.

Moore said Harrington is prepared to invest approximately $1.5 million in Hubbard within the first year.

"Our hope is that it'll have a huge positive impact," Moffa said. "We'll be able to get more operating cash flowing."

She noted Hubbard currently has five in-house physicians plus a few at an office on Cudworth Road. It used to have access to several at the neighboring Fallon facility, but Fallon cut staffing there to part time some time ago.

Although not part of the merger, Harrington recently renovated and reopened its office at 161 West Main St., Dudley, which has a doctor and a physician's assistant now and will add a pediatrician in May.

Fallon spokesman Chriss Cassidy said the insurer was "not able to answer any specific questions" regarding the agreement, but she emailed a brief general statement.

"Keeping health care within the local community has always been a priority for Fallon Community Health Plan," said Eric Hall, Vice President of Network Development and Management at Fallon. "Our agreement with Harrington Hospital demonstrates that commitment. During these difficult times we are pleased to be able to continue partnering with the Harrington health care system to meet the needs of our members in the Webster region."





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SPORTS

Rams suffer first defeat in wild seventh

JV squad surrenders eight runs in final frame

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

MILLBURY — With the Shepherd Hill varsity baseball and softball games vs. Millbury Monday, April 13 postponed a day due to poor field conditions in Dudley, the coinciding junior varsity contests held in Millbury were still played and received full attention from Rams and Wooly fans.

The crowd was not disappointed in the intensity and madness of the final few innings of the baseball game, as Millbury battled back twice to eventually drop Shepherd Hill, 14-13, walking off in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"One thing leads to another and the next thing you know they have a run, two runs, three runs … " Shepherd Hill coach Jerry Millette said.

The Rams led, 13-6, heading into the bottom of the seventh, but no lead was safe in this contest.

Millbury was able to plate eight runs in the frame due to four hits, six walks and five passed balls. The final blow came when the Millbury batter hit one toward the sky that the Rams catcher, pitcher and infielders could not grab, and the ball landed in play about 3 feet from home plate. The ball that went 36 total inches was good enough to score the winning run, and the Woolies celebrated.

For Shepherd Hill it was their first loss of the season, as they now sit at 5-1.

"What killed us was we had too many walks," Millette said, noting that passed balls and bloop hits from Millbury also did the Rams in.

"It started out as a real good pitching game," Millette said.

And it was, as Shepherd Hill starter Tyler Leblance went the first five innings only giving up one run. He took the mound to start the sixth but only retired one batter while walking three more. His final numbers (5 1/3 innings pitched, 3 hits, 7 walks, 7 strikeouts) were solid.

"He played very well, but he got tired," Millette said.

Reliever Pat Massad took over, but he had trouble finding the strike zone. Massad went 1 1/3 innings, walking eight batters that fueled Millbury's comeback. Massad may have been tired before he even took the mound, as the righty has pitched in recent Shepherd Hill contests.

The offense was there for the Rams, with seven of 10 batters getting a hit and the other three reaching first base at least once.

Jordon Weber, Bryan Stearns and Sean Dunn all had two hits for Shepherd Hill.

The Rams scored five runs in the third inning and one more in the fifth to take a 6-0 lead. The Woolies then plated a single run in the fifth and got five more in the sixth for a 6-6 tie.

The Rams tried to put the game away in the final inning with seven runs of their own, with RBI hits from Jonathan Preissler, Brian Hagan, Stearns and Dunn, but the huge Millbury comeback was too much to overcome.

Regardless, Millette knows mistakes will be made on the field, as the main purpose for the JV players is to better prepare them to make a step up in the high school level.

"The main goal is to get ready to play varsity," he said.

Hagan, a freshman shortstop, has already been called up to the varsity level, but with no games Monday he was able to make the JV start. Dunn, a catcher, did a fantastic job of blocking many balls in the dirt, and left fielder Craig Snow made a diving catch in the seventh inning with the Rams still protecting their lead.

Even with the tough loss to Millbury, it's one Shepherd Hill will take a look at and move on from.

"It's a building block," Millette said.



Led by coach Jerry Millette, the Shepherd Hill JV squad talks strategy after the first inning.



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's Craig Snow awaits a pitch during his first at bat in the first inning.



Shepherd Hill starting pitcher Tyler Leblance begins his motion to throw one of his many pitches. Leblance faired well, throwing 5 1/3 innings. He left the game with the lead, but in a wild two innings, the Rams fell to Millbury 14-13.

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SPORTS

South Central Express to roll into CNEBA

Charlton team gives men chance to play ball

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Central New England Baseball Association, a highly regarded Stan Musial league that caters to men 18 and older, is welcoming a new team to its league, and they happen to be based in Charlton.

The team will be named the South Central Express, giving the CNEBA a 10-team league to give people throughout New England a quality baseball experience to come and enjoy.

The Express will play their home games between Charlton Memorial Field and Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

South Central manager Bob Snow wanted to form a team for the guys in the area that could no longer play organized ball in other leagues that end after the age of 18.

"I was coaching a Senior Ruth team," Snow explained. "I've known these kids since they were eight, nine years old."

Since Senior Ruth and American Legion leagues have age restrictions, Snow began scouring the Internet for leagues throughout Massachusetts, and found the CNEBA.

After contacting Joe Ruth, the man in charge of the league, a meeting was set up and the Express were finally allowed into the league.

The CNEBA runs from the last week in May through the first weekend in August, and there are 31 scheduled regular season games. There are about three games a week, where most of the games take place on the weekend or during nights.

The league isn't all fun and games either, as it is quite competitive and features an All-Star Game pitting the North Division vs. the South Division. A playoff format follows concluding the regular season as well.

"I'm thinking a good 50 to 60 percent of them are playing college ball," Snow added.

South Central will have a 25-man roster, and though not complete, the team already has players competing in the collegiate level at Nichols, Quinsigamond, American International, Western New England, Elms and Holy Cross, among others.

Three players hail from Leicester: Snow, pitcher/second baseman Ed Nevalsky and pitcher/first baseman Mike Rockwood.

The Express also have a 26-year old on the roster, Dennis Howard, who is known for a very sharp fastball.

For all the non-collegiate athletes on the team, those players have been honing their skills over the past six weeks at Extra Innings in Auburn, an indoor facility.

Scouts have also been known to show up at CNEBA games to see if there is any talent available to make a step up in their baseball career.

"It's a competitive league," Snow said. "People do come out and scout them."

Past players have landed positions with the Worcester Tornadoes of the Can-Am League, while some have been given the opportunity to try and make it big with some professional organizations.

With the team located in Charlton, nine of the 25 men on the roster are Shepherd Hill graduates, but players from as far away as Florida, Maine, and Connecticut will stick around Central Massachusetts this summer to play for the Express.

Tim Keddy will assist Snow this season, and is available to fill in as a catcher when needed.

Charlton isn't the only local team participating in the CNEBA either, as the returning Central Mass. Expos are based out of Southbridge.

With summer right around the corner, these teams can't wait to take the wooden bats out and hit the diamond for some summer fun.

Shotokan claims 44 medals at karate championships

LEBANON, N.H. — On Sunday, April 5, 18 students from the Shotokan Karate Academy of New England competed in the New England AAU Karate District 2009 Championships in Lebanon, N.H., hosted by Ken Bladyka's Okinawan Karate Academy.

Shotokan Karate Academy of New England is located at 184 W. Main St., Dudley, under the direction of Sensei Aldo Nolle. Shotokan Karate-Do Academy of New England is dedicated to the study of the methods and techniques of Shotokan Karate-Do and Okinawan Kobudo. Kata is an open hand form of martial arts where prearranged moves such as blocks, punches, and kicks flow together. Kobudo is weapon forms and Kumite is point sparring.

Winners from S.K.A. of N.E. were as follows:

• 5/6 Boys Beginner Division: Joshua Lundquist, first place in Kata.



Courtesy photo

Front row, from left, Patrick Noonan, Alex Jankowski, Haley Armstrong, Joshua Lundquist, Michael Rose, and Colin Bent. Back row, from left, Sensei Barbara Zastawny, Kevin Noonan, Camille Harvanek, Patrick Lundquist, Jack Bugan, Senpai Jessica Lamey, Colin Matson, Rocky Puzo, Zachary Ernst, Devon Teague, and Sensei Aldo Nolle (missing from the photo are Senpai Gary Labreck and Anthony Galgano).

• 7/8 Boys Novice Division: Alex Jankowski, first place in long weapons and Kata, second place in Kumite.

• 7/8 Girls Intermediate Division: Haley Armstrong, first place in long weapons, Kata, and Kumite.

• 9/10 Girls Intermediate Division: Camille Harvanek, first place in long weapons, second place in Kumite, and third place in Kata.

• 9/10 Boys Beginner Division: Colin Bent, first place in Kata; Devon Teague second place in Kata and Kumite; Michael Rose, third place in Kata and Kumite.

• 9/10 Boys Novice Division: Anthony Galgano, first place in Kata and Kumite.

• 9/10 Boys Intermediate Division: Patrick Noonan, first place in long weapons; Kevin Noonan, second place in long weapons, second place in Kata, and first place in Kumite; Zachary Ernst, third place in long weapons and second place in Kumite; Patrick Lundquist, third place in Kumite.

• 11/12 Boys Intermediate Division: Jack Bugan, first place in short and long weapons, second place in Kata and Kumite; Rocky Puzo first place in Kumite and third place in Kata.

• 16/18 Girls Advanced Division: Jessica Lamey, first place in short and long weapons, second place in Kata, and third place in Kumite.

• 16/18 Boys Advanced Division: Colin Matson, first place in short and long weapons, second place in Kata and Kumite.

• 19+ Womens Advanced Division: Barbara Zastawny, first place in short weapons, long weapons, Kata, and Kumite.

• 19+ Mens Advanced Division: Gary Labreck, first place in Kumite and second place in Kata.

A total of 44 medals were awarded to students of the S.K.A. of N.E. Dojo. This event is sanctioned by the AAU as the qualifying event for the New England District. Many karate schools and clubs from throughout New England participate each year. The top eight athletes from each division qualify for the 2009 AAU National Karate Championships, to be held June 15-20 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The top four athletes from each Division qualify for the 2009 AAU Junior Olympic Games, to be held July 27 to Aug. 8, in Des Moines, Iowa.

- Submitted by the Shotokan Karate Academy of New England.

News Briefs

Charlton Little League to offer two scholarships

CHARLTON — Charlton Little League is accepting applications for the Joe Fortier Scholarship Awards. These two $400 awards are available to all high school seniors that have participated in the Charlton Little League program as a player or volunteer.

Qualified applicants must submit a typed 150-word essay titled "How Charlton Little League Enriched My Life." All entries must be received by May 15 to be eligible.

For information and application forms, call Rob Larson at (508) 248-1916.

Charlton Youth Basketball offering scholarships

CHARLTON — Charlton Youth Basketball is offering two $500 college scholarships for eligible high school seniors. One of the scholarships will be awarded to a boy and one to a girl. Applicants must have been a player or a volunteer in the Charlton Youth Basketball League for a minimum of two years.

To apply for the scholarship, the candidate must submit an essay that explains how their experiences participating in the Charlton Youth Basketball League enriched his or her life. The essay must be submitted by April 30 to Charlton Youth Basketball, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 811, Charlton, MA 01507.

The scholarship will be paid upon receipt of a copy of the award winner's first semester grades for the 2009-10 school year.

For more information, contact Charlton Youth Basketball Director Doug Higginbotham at (508) 248-0252.





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House passes transportation reform bill

State Rep. Geraldo Alicea, D-Charlton, joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in passing a sweeping transportation reform package that would eliminate the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, bring down insurance and pension costs and help ensure a better future.

These transportation reforms will create new pension rules for new MBTA workers, eliminating the "23 and out rule," put existing and future workers under the auspices of the Group Insurance Commission (GIC), which will lower healthcare costs and create a more efficient structure.

"This bill contains many important measures that focus on efficiencies, cost savings and oversight, and I was proud to join my colleagues in passing legislation that would help reform and streamline the state's tenuous transportation infrastructure," said Alicea.

A few highlights of the transportation reform package include:

A More Efficient Structure

· The bill establishes the independent Massachusetts Transportation and Infrastructure Authority.

· The bill eliminates the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

· The Authority will be governed by a 5-member board chaired by the Governor.

· A Secretary will be appointed by the Governor and be responsible to both the Governor and the board.

· Under the Authority, there will be a Department of Transportation responsible for the following divisions: Aeronautics, Massachusetts Highways, Mass Transit, Registry of Motor Vehicles and Constituent and Municipal Services.

· The Authority will receive an annual appropriation from the Legislature.

· The Authority will maintain a separate fund, consisting of dedicated revenue streams, including turnpike, tunnel and Tobin Bridge tolls to satisfy bond obligations.

Reform

· The existing "23 and out" pension rule for MBTA employees will be eliminated.

· New MBTA employees will now have to serve at least 25 years and attain the age of 55 to qualify for retirement benefits from the MBTA.

· All current MBTA employees and new hires will be required to join the state's Group Insurance Commission.

· MBTA employees will have to decide between pension and disability if out on disability.

· Current turnpike authority employees will become members of the GIC health insurance group.

· Current Tobin Bridge employees will become members of the GIC health insurance group.

· The new Authority becomes responsible for all administrative functions creating cost-savings and efficiencies by eliminating individual, legal, accounting, management, accounting and other back office administrative activities.

Oversight

· The bill creates an Office of Performance Management to help the Authority and its constituent divisions meet benchmarks and run in a businesslike fashion.

· It also creates an Office of Taxpayer Advocacy, to function as a dedicated inspector general or ombudsman for the state system of transportation; it will be empowered to investigate reports and complaints from the general public.

· Health Transportation Compact – the Secretary will work with the Secretary of Health and Human Services to attain positive health goals as it oversees and maintains the state transportation system.

— *Submitted by the office of state Rep. Geraldo Alicea*

Harrington designated a teaching hospital to UMass

The first University of Massachusetts Medical School students, being supervised in psychiatry, arrived at Harrington Hospital last week, following the recent signing of an affiliation agreement that designates Harrington as a teaching hospital for UMMS and its medical students.

Medical students will receive supervision from Harrington-based physicians and staff. The new agreement initially calls for six-week rotations with Harrington physicians who hold faculty positions at UMMS. Students will get experience with inpatient and outpatient cases.

"We are very pleased to have been chosen by the University of Massachusetts Medical School as a training site for their medical students," said Edward Moore, president and chief executive officer of Harrington Hospital. "UMass students will receive hands-on medical training second to none at Harrington. The benefit to our area will be on-site educational programs that will enhance the professional fulfillment for our physicians and other allied health care workers, which ultimately supports state-of-the-art care."

UMass officials are excited about partnering with Harrington.

"An important component of our academic strategy and medical school class expansion entails partnering with community hospitals, which provide primary care for many local communities in Central Massachusetts, and exemplify the importance of quality community health care," said Terry Flotte, MD, dean of the school of medicine.

— *Submitted by Harrington Hospital*

School recess activities offered at Capen Hill

CHARLTON — Come join Capen Hill for a fun filled week of learning, seeing and doing at Capen Hill from Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24.

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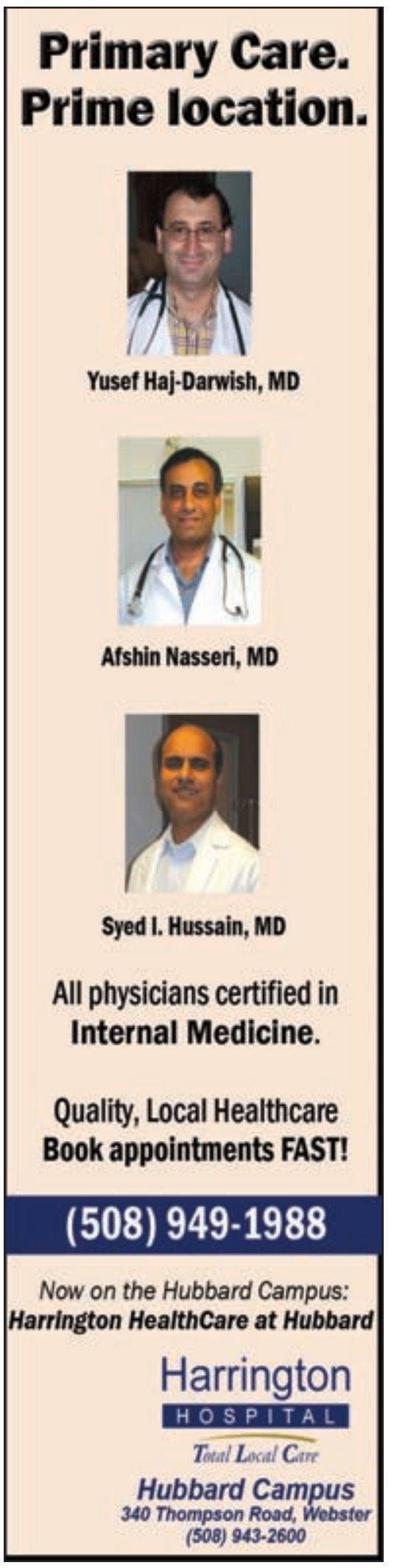
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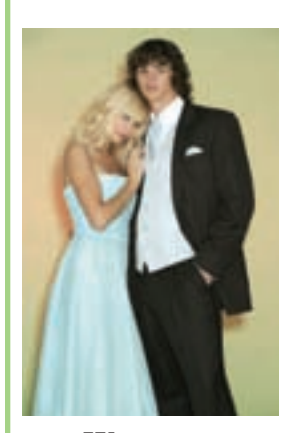
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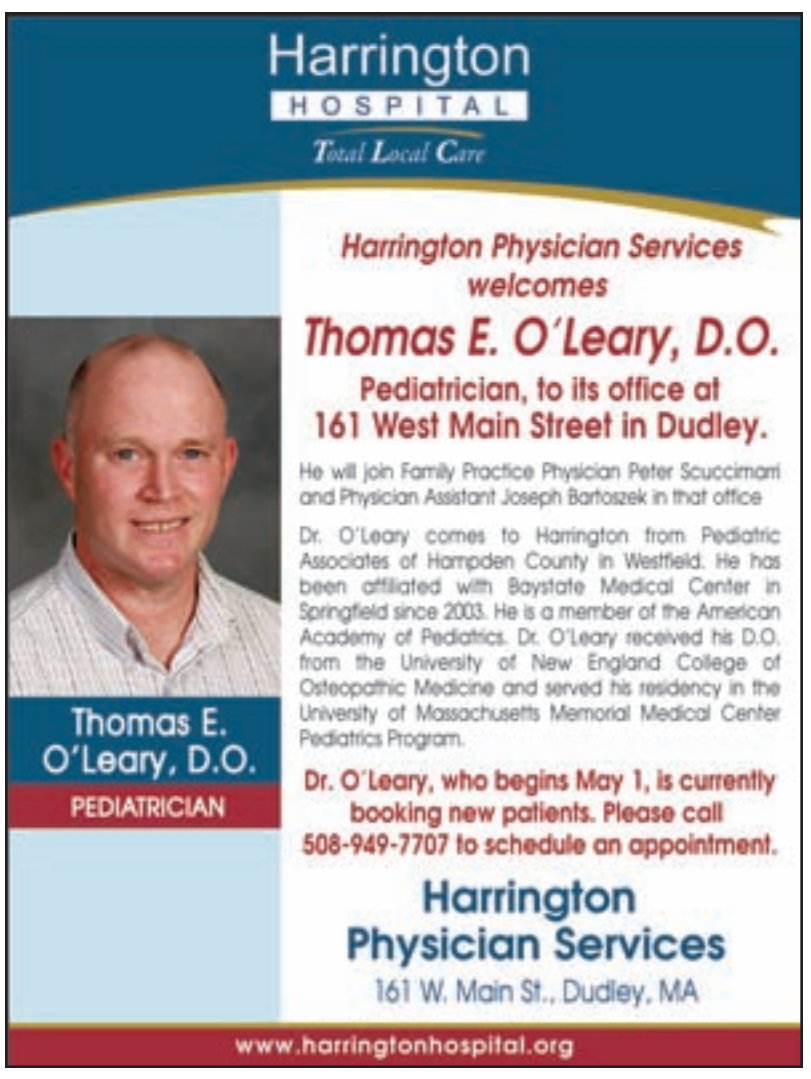
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Getting In Tune

Mark Renburke

Says drummer and "Don Henley" lead vocal sound-alike Tim Plouffe, "Our goal is for our audience to close their eyes and hear the Eagles.

With his "Glenn Frey" vocals, guitar, and keyboard talent, Paul Hawkins completes the other crucial half of the bands sound. But the band's efforts at authenticity don't stop there. Rick Serafini does guitar and Joe Walsh vocals, while Rick Steineau handles bass guitar and the "Tim Schmitt" and "Randy Meisner" vocals. Rounding out this six-piece act are Dave "Fingers" Dreher on lead guitar and talk box, and Bob Peterson on keyboards and backing vocals. The band replicates the Eagles music as close as possible, but only use live musician performances to do so. They don't use any computer "MIDI" files, pre-recorded nor "canned" music.

Performing at casinos, fairs, and hotels has kept SE busy, but you still can catch them at the occasional local clubs gig. Hear them spread their wings Friday, April 24 at The Cannery Music Hall in Southbridge. Visit www.eaglestributeband.com for more info.

Spread Eagle

On Friday, April 17 Connecticut based jam monsters The Breakfast will play Mill Street Brews in Southbridge. Local groups Goodnite Ghost and Jeff Bujak will open.

The hard-hitting jazz rock experimental group earned a Jammy award for Best New Groove in 2004 at the Madison Square Garden Theater and hasn't looked back since. Playing venues and festivals throughout the country, these road warriors have been touring non stop for the last five years. Performing with other national acts such as The Wailers and North Mississippi Allstars, the band is now reaching national status. The Breakfast is tighter, funkier and more versatile than ever.

Says Keith McBride of "Relix Magazine," "The Breakfast can stand up with any jam or progressive band in America."

The show starts at 9 pm and tickets are $10 at the door for this 21+ event. Visit www.thebreakfast.org for more info.



The Breakfast

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

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• The Satellite Rockers, 6th Degree, Wrightous 'L', 8 p.m., Lucky Dog, Worcester

• The Fever Band, 9 p.m., Crossroads, Route 20, Palmer.

• The Breakfast w/Goodnite Ghost, also Jeff Bujak, 9 p.m., Mill Street Brews, Southbridge

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• John Austin Band, 9 p.m., The Pump House, Southbridge

• RAM, 9 p.m., Altones, Jewitt City, CT

• Nelson, 8 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

• Jim Perry, 8:30 p.m., Spruce Street Tavern, Clinton

• Salsa Social w/ Curubande, 7 p.m., Fiddler's Green (Worcester Hibernian Cultural Centre),Worcester

• Old School, 9 p.m., Greendale's Pub, Worcester

• Sonic Garden (Grateful Dead tribute) w/The Remuck Brothers Band, 8 p.m., Lucky Dog, Worcester

• Podunk Ramblers, 7 p.m., Sturbridge Coffee House, Route 20, Fiskdale

• Weight of Gravity (CD Release), 8 p.m., Mill Street Brews, Southbridge

• The Valves, 9 p.m., The Cannery, 12 Crane Street, Southbridge, $8

• 1220, 9 p.m., The Pump House, Southbridge

• Ninesixteen, 8 p.m., The Vanilla Bean Cafe, Pomfret, CT, $10

• White Rose Confession, 8 to 10 p.m., Victoria Station Café, Putnam, CT

• DoubleShot (Mark Renburke duo w/Stan Forostoski), 9:30 p.m., The Gold Eagle @ The Laurel House, Route 395 Exit 94, Dayville, CT

• Spyro Gyra, 8 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

• The Sunset Strippers, Mike & Amanda Lirange, 8 p.m., Lucky Dog, Worcester

• Dana Lewis, 8 p.m., Caffe Sorrento, Milford

• Blues Jam, 2 p.m., The Cannery, 12 Crane Street, Southbridge.

• The Outlyers, 4 p.m., The Music Lady, Plainfield, CT

• The Outlaws, 7 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT

MONDAY, APRIL 20

• Open Mic, 8 pm, Dark Horse Tavern, 12 Crane Street, Southbridge

Tuesday, April 21

• Bill McCarthy's Open Mic, 7:30 pm, Greendale's Pub, Worcester

• Mass-Conn Fusion, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Station Café, Putnam, CT

• Souled Out, 7 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

• Steve Willey, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., TJ O'Brien's, Sturbridge

• RAM, 9 p.m., Lucky's, Foster, R.I.

• King For A Day 7 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

• Battle of the Bands w/Lawless Coast, The Patmos Brothers Revival, Jabooda, 9 p.m., Mill Street Brews, Southbridge

• Dana Lewis, 7:30 p.m., Caffe Sorrento, Milford

• Bill McCarthy's Open Mic (upstairs), 8 p.m., TJ O'Brien's, Sturbridge.

• Dean Bagley, 7 to 10 p.m., Point Breeze, Webster

• Johnny Hiland Band, 8 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT

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Suffer From Hay Fever? No Problem.

BY TRESA ERICKSON

Anyone suffering from hay fever knows how difficult it can be to spend a few hours outdoors when everything is in full bloom, much less a few hours gardening. All of that pollen whirling around can give hay fever sufferers a hard way to go. If you suffer from hay fever and would like to work in your lawn and garden but don't in fear of the pollen, don't despair. You may still be able to do so and keep your symptoms under control.

The first step is to deal with all of the major producers of pollen in your landscape. You may ask your allergist for a list of common culprits or do a search online. When possible, you should replace male plants with female plants. It is the male plants, not the female ones, that are responsible for the production of pollen. You should also consider removing any non-native species from your landscape. Non-native plants will experience more stress and produce more pollen than native plants. If you have ornamental grasses in your landscape, you may want to cut off the flowers to stop the production of pollen.

As for the remaining plants in your landscape, you will want to do some research and find out how they are pollinated, whether by bee or by wind. Plants pollinated by bees have male and female parts in the flowers, and again, you may want to cut off the flowers to reduce pollen production. Plants pollinated by wind release pollen into the air, and if possible, you may want to move them to the downwind side of your landscape where the pollen will float away from your yard rather than into it.

These are just some steps you can take to reduce the pollen in your landscape. You will not be able to get rid of it entirely, of course, so you must take some precautions when working outdoors. Check the pollen index and go outside when the pollen count is reasonable and at its lowest level in the day. In the spring, pollen counts are lower in the afternoon and evening, while in the summer, they are lower in the morning and evening. If you take antihistamines or use nasal spray, do so before you go outdoors and drink plenty of water while outside to keep your respiratory and immunity systems in good condition.

Creating a pollen-free landscape is virtually impossible. You can, however, reduce the amount of pollen floating around in your landscape considerably. You can also be aware of the best times to go outside and work in your lawn and garden. With some effort, you can be a pollen-smart gardener.



"Remodel" Your Kitchen For Less



"RemGiving your kitchen a hot new look may be easier and less expensive than you realize.odel" Your Kitchen For Less

(NAPS)

A kitchen remodel is one of the most common and expensive upgrades made by homeowners. New appliances, countertops and cabinets can be budget busters for many families. However, you can have a designer kitchen at a "real world" price. Now you can "remodel" your kitchen at a fraction of the cost. All it takes is some paint and a little imagination. Here are a few ideas from the decorating experts at Rust-Oleum:

• Give old appliances a sleek modern look. Have your appliances seen better days? Are scratches, chips and discoloration making them look old and tired? Rust-Oleum Specialty Stainless Steel Paint is great for updating the look of your appliances and much less expensive than the cost of replacement. Stainless Steel Paint gives appliances, such as the outside of dishwashers and fridges, a sleek, modern appearance for about $30. The paint includes real stainless steel pigments, giving the look of the factorylike finish without the expensive price tag. Plus, unlike real stainless steel, it's fingerprint resistant—and easier to keep clean. If a white or black appliance is what you are looking for, also try Rust-Oleum's line of Appliance Epoxy paints. Appliance Epoxy is available in an easy-to-use spray and also traditional brush-on formulas.

• Change the look of your kitchen countertops. Don't spend thousands buying new countertops when you can refinish your existing ones for less than $100 with Rust-Oleum Countertop Coating. It's designed to give laminate countertops, or even laminate cabinets, a "like new" look. It's tintable to any one of 16 colors such as Haystack, Cobblestone and Putty. Countertop Coating is the perfect way to coordinate your counters with your existing kitchen color scheme.

• Create designer hardware. Instead of replacing your cabinets, update their look with new knobs and handles. Visit your local garage sale, flea market or discount store, buy cabinet hardware and paint to accent your "remodeled" kitchen. Try giving knobs a unique look with Universal Silver or the new Copper Hammered. Or try Universal Gloss Black to give pieces the sophisticated, upscale appearance you see in specialty stores.

• Make a custom message center. Because of busy schedules, message centers give families a great way to communicate and easily keep track of telephone messages, to-do lists and appointments. Instead of purchasing a standard board, consider creating one to match your kitchen decor. Use Rust-Oleum Magnetic Primer and topcoat with Chalkboard Paint for a magnetic, writable-erasable area in your kitchen.

For more inspiration and project ideas, visit www.paint ideas.com.

Tips For Choosing A Cooling And Heating Contractor

(NAPS)

As seasons change, the inevitable change in temperature may trigger a need for repairs or perhaps replacement of many heating and cooling systems. Choosing the right contractor to repair or replace your home comfort system is an important decision. Homeowners can make an informed decision by considering the following tips for choosing a qualified contractor:

1. Search for contractors who employ NATE-certified technicians or belong to professional trade organizations. Technicians certified by North American Technician Excellence (NATE) are skilled professionals who have proven their knowledge in the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) industry by passing specialized certification exams. To locate a contractor who employs NATE-certified technicians, use the contractor locator at www.hvacradvice.com.

2. Don't hesitate to ask to see licenses, certifications, proof of insurance and customer references. When checking references, ask previous customers about the contractor's performance, customer service and whether the project was completed on time and within budget. When the contractor gives you a price, request a written estimate. Ask the contractor detailed questions.

3. Less is not always more. Don't choose a contractor solely on price. Find out the range of services offered, such as repairs, scheduled maintenance, 24-hour service and so on. Be wary of low bids, as they may not cover routine services and customer warranties.

4. Do your homework. Before calling a contractor, familiarize yourself with your current unit and its maintenance history. Learn as much as you can about HVAC systems through newspapers, magazines, trade journals, online resources and dealer and manufacturer Web sites.

5. Recognize a good contractor. He or she bases estimates on a heat-load calculation, conducts on-site inspections and asks questions about your heating and cooling needs and concerns before making any equipment or service recommendations. A good contractor also demonstrates knowledge of up-to-date technology and is comfortable discussing newer, more efficient units.

By following these tips from the experts at Coleman Heating and Air Conditioning, you're more likely to find a contractor who will best suit your needs and keep your home more comfortable.

LEARN MORE

To learn more about selecting a quality HVAC contractor, visit www.colemanac.com.

Simple Landscaping Tips To Reduce Your Energy Costs And Protect Your Home

(NAPS)

Everyone wants a yard that looks as if it could appear in a magazine. But many plants, from the massive oak to the dry prairie grasses, could be as dangerous as they are beautiful. With a little planning, however, your landscape can work for you, providing curb appeal, energy efficiency and safety.

First, to help cut down on your energy bill during the warmer months, plant deciduous trees— those that lose their leaves during the winter—in the southeast and southwest areas of your property. These trees will cast a shadow during the morning and afternoon and can block 80 percent of the radiant heat from the sun, seriously cutting the heat a house absorbs, as well as cutting your cooling bill. "Just remember before planting shading trees, homeowners need to consider their mature size in relation to their distance from the house to avoid damage during a storm," advises Tim Bowen, director of homeowner's claims, MetLife Auto & Home.

To help during the colder months, especially in the Northern states, plant a windbreak of evergreen trees on the north and northwest side of your house to save up to 25 percent on your energy costs. The windbreak should be planted twice as far from the house as the height of the tallest tree at its maturity. "During the winter, the cold air can seep into your home, but a windbreak can deflect the wind over your house and diminish the effect of the windchill, saving you money on your heating bill," adds Bowen.

Finally, when designing your landscape, use native plants for best results, especially in drier climates. "For example, research shows that native plants often need less water and easily acclimate—preserving the environment and your wallet," says Bowen. These plants can even provide extra protection in areas prone to wildfire, such as the Southwest, where native plants are last to catch fire and can actually slow down flames.

By following these easy landscaping tips, you can enhance the beauty of your yard, conserve resources and save on energy costs, all while protecting your home.

For more tips on landscaping to protect your home and reduce your energy bills, please visit www.MetLifeYourLife.com to see the Summer 2008 issue of MetLife, Your Life!.

Add Style To Your Outdoor Spaces



(NAPS)

Each year, homeowners across America spend approximately $40 billion upgrading, enhancing and decorating their outdoor living spaces. Don't have a fortune to spend on landscaping, outdoor furnishings and backyard accessories? It's easy to add a touch of style and create the perfect outdoor living space with some paint and a little imagination. Here are some ideas from the outdoor decorating experts at Rust-Oleum:

• Transforming the look of patios, porches and walkways can accentuate the beauty of your outdoor spaces. Does your concrete look old, dated, weathered? Now you can refresh concrete surfaces and make them look new again with Rust-Oleum Semi-Transparent Concrete Stain Kits. Add warmth with colors like Terra Cotta or Tuscan Rock. Want to give your patio a trendy look? Try deeper, neutral colors like Sandstone or Slate. The water-based Concrete Stain is easy to apply and adds durable color and dimension to concrete surfaces.

• Designer patio sets, lawn chairs and other outdoor furniture can cost thousands of dollars. Why not give your old furniture a "facelift" with spray paint like Rust-Oleum Universal? It's the first all-surface spray paint, so you can paint plastic, vinyl, metal, wood and more without worrying about it chipping or peeling. Use Espresso Brown or Real Almond to give your patio set a sophisticated, chic appearance. Want to add a burst of color to your outdoor spaces? Try vibrant colors like Crimson Red or Canary Yellow.

• Planters and garden accents are a great way to add a personal touch to your patio and garden—but they can end up costing a pretty penny. Instead of spending a small fortune on decorative accessories, pick up some unfinished concrete pieces from your local store and spray them with a concrete stain such as Rust-Oleum Concrete Stain Aerosol. Transform ordinary planters into decorative accent pieces with colors like Burnished Gold and Sienna. Give statuary a classic look with Concrete Stain Aerosol in Earth Brown and Pewter. Protect your stained pieces with Concrete Sealer Aerosol, available in two sheens: gloss and natural. These UV- and chemical-resistant sealers add years of durability to concrete, stone and masonry.

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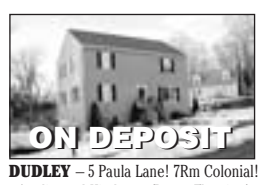
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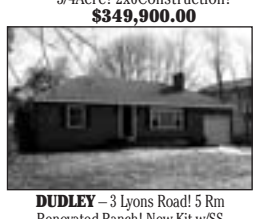
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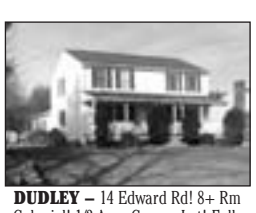
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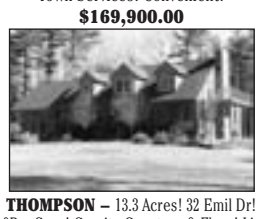

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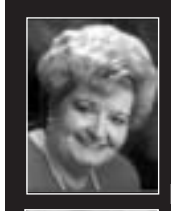
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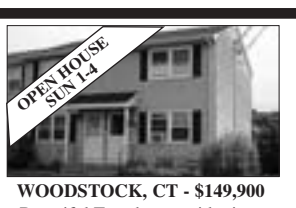
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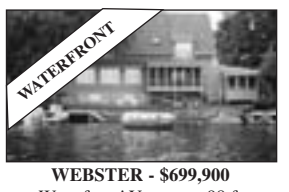
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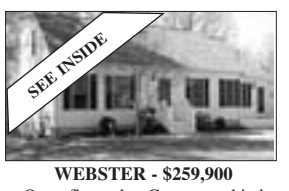
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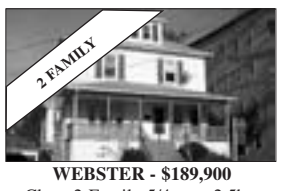
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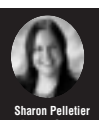


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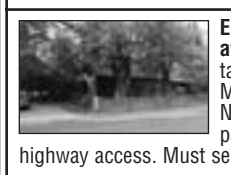
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(STATEPOINT)

With Earth Day on the horizon, it's the perfect time to get the whole family involved in doing something at home for the good of the environment.

Composting is a great project to get you started going green: It's easy for the entire family, costs nothing, is simple to keep doing and can save you money on fertilizer.

A natural form of recycling, composting turns your organic garbage — such as food waste, paper, disposable tableware, grass clippings, and much more — into one of nature's best mulches for your garden or yard. By setting up a compost pile or bin, your family can take positive steps in reducing its carbon footprint while saving money on commercial fertilizers.

"The average American produces four pounds of landfill waste daily. That's more than 50 tons over a lifetime. About half of this waste is compostable, which means we have fantastic opportunities to put our garbage to use to help save the planet," says Julie Stoetzer, brand manager and environmental expert for Chinet disposable tableware.

And with gardening the number one pastime in America, all that waste can be added to yards to improve soil fertility and root development in plants and grass.

Here are simple steps from Stoetzer and the experts at Huhtamaki, the makers of Chinet, to get underway composting:

* Select a convenient spot. It should be semi-shaded and well drained. Don't put your compost pile under acid producing trees like pines. If you do not have space for an outdoor pile, use a bin indoors which can be purchased or made at home.

* Combine organic wastes such as yard trimmings, food wastes and biodegradable paper plates into a pile. Add bulking agents such as wood chips to accelerate the breakdown of organic materials, allowing the finished material to fully stabilize and mature through a curing process.

* When choosing disposable tableware such as plates, bowls and platters, select those made of 100 percent pre-consumer recycled content, such as Chinet Casuals and Chinet Classic White lines that also are biodegradable in home composting.

* A properly managed compost bin will not attract pests or rodents and won't smell badly.

* Typical compost will turn into rich soil in two to five weeks. Use compost in home gardening or donate it to city or public benefit projects.

* Examples of what can be composted: Cardboard rolls, clean paper, biodegradable disposable tableware, fruits and vegetables, yard trimmings, coffee grounds and filters, dryer and vacuum cleaner lint, eggshells, fireplace ashes, hair and fur and tea bags.

ITEMS THAT SHOULD NOT BE COMPOSTED:

* Coal or charcoal ash which may contain substances harmful to plants.

* Dairy products such as butter, egg yolks and milk, which can create odor problems and attract pests.

* Meat or fish bones and scraps may contain parasites, bacteria and germs. Fats, grease, lard and oils which can create odor problems.

* Diseased or insect-ridden plants that can contaminate other vegetation. Yard trimmings treated with chemical pesticides may kill beneficial composting organisms.

"Composting is a simple solution to reduce the waste your family puts into a landfill. We kept this in mind when developing premium disposable Chinet tableware, using recycled materials that otherwise would have gone into a landfill, to produce new biodegradable plates and bowls," stresses Stoetzer.

For more tips on composting and other environmental activities, visit www.mychinet.com and click on "Environment."



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1 Concord Ct		1:00-4:00		Weichert Realtors 508-943-7669
SPENCER:				
Candlewood Dr	SF	11:00-2:00	$229,000	Century 21 Toomey Lovett Inc. 508-885-3443
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DUDLEY:				
19 Sunset Dr	SF	1:00-3:00	$429,900	Weichert Realtors 508-943-7669
EAST BROOKFIELD:				
162 West Sturbridge Rd	SF	12:00-2:00	$179,900	Century 21 Toomey Lovett Inc. 508-885-3443
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LEICESTER				
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PAXTON:				
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863 Dennison Dr	SF	12:00-2:00	$229,900	Olde Village Realty Partners 508-347-6556
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8 Starr Street	SF	11:00-12:30	$199,900	Century 21 Toomey Lovett, Inc. 508-885-3443
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18 Meadow Road	SF	12:00-2:00	$175,000	Century 21 Toomey Lovett Inc. 508-885-3443
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1 Concord Ct		1:00-4:00		Weichert Realtors 508-943-7669
WEST BROOKFIELD:				
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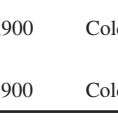
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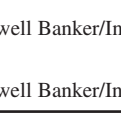
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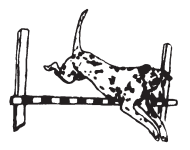
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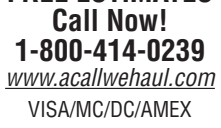
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Automotive

Suzuki Equator in RWD Form Does Little To Set Itself Apart from the Competition

BY KEITH GRIFFIN



The 2009 Suzuki Equator is a midsize pickup truck that faces a tough, competitive market.

Try as I might, no compelling reason comes to mind to buy the Suzuki Equator, the rear-wheel drive pickup truck introduced by the Japanese car company so it could have an "entry into the midsize pickup truck market and expand the company's offering of activity-oriented cars and trucks." Those last words are straight from the Suzuki press release that announced the Equator when it was first introduced last year.

Frankly, I found no compelling reason to actually write a review about the Equator, which visited my driveway for a week in February until almost two months later. (Other more interesting topics and reviews had come my way in the interim.) The lack of compulsion on my part derives mostly from the fact that there are a lot of great midsize pickup trucks on the market right now and I just can't recommend the Equator over the Dodge Dakota, Honda Ridgeline or Toyota Tacoma.

But, if you're still with me, the converse is true. There's nothing wrong with the Equator. It's just in a very competitive field where it stands no chance of sticking out. I should qualify my statements by saying the Equator rear-wheel drive that Suzuki loaned me for a week did little to differentiate itself.

Apparently, the four-wheel drive version has been a big hit among those that know trucks. The magazine "4-Wheel & Off-Road" named the Equator its "4X4 of the Year." So, consider my views to be strictly on the rear-wheel drive model.

Built at Nissan's manufacturing facility in Smyrna, Tenn., the 2009 Equator offers a standard 2.5-liter DOHC inline four-cylinder engine with 152 horsepower and 171 lb.-ft. of torque or an available 4.0-liter, V6 DOHC engine producing an unsurpassed 261 horsepower with 281 lb.-ft. of torque. The Equator comes equipped with either a five-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission or five-speed manual transmission (available only on four-cylinder models), and offers an available shift-on-the-fly 4WD system that features an electronically controlled two-speed transfer case. For enhanced off-road capability, the Equator offers a comprehensive off-road system, including four-wheel active limited slip traction control, electronic locking rear differential, vehicle dynamic control, hill descent control and hill hold control.

Hmm, maybe there are compelling reasons to buy an Equator, but only if you regularly take your truck off-road into hazardous conditions. The features mentioned at the end of the last paragraph indicate a willingness by Suzuki to play with the big boys at a relatively affordable $28,095.

Now that I think about it some more, the thought of the RMZ-4 Off-Road version does whet my appetite for the hills of Asheville, N.C., where I put some Land Rovers through the paces on an off-road course. The RMZ-4 comes fully equipped with Dana 44 axles, electric rear locking differential, Bilstein high-performance shocks, skid plates, BFGoodrich Rugged Trail P265/75R16 tires, fog lamps, chrome mirrors and door handles, unique RMZ-4 seat material with red contrast stitching, chrome instrument cluster and vent trim and leather-wrapped steering wheel. The Equator Crew Cab RMZ-4 carries a starting MSRP of $29,325 (includes $775 destination and handling charges) and offers an optional moto-style bed extender.

OK, enough dreaming about living an off-road adventure. Back to reality and the rear-wheel drive Equator. On road, it was particularly uninspired, which isn't a bad thing. It was neither bad nor good. It was just average.

The interior space was a tad cramped for somebody who pushes 6'2' and fights a losing battle against the bulge. It's not a truck I could imagine comfortably driving for hundreds of miles.

The all-new Equator includes a comprehensive list of standard safety equipment, including zone body construction with front and rear crumple zones, dual-stage front supplemental air bags with seat belt sensors and a front occupant classification sensor. It is also equipped with supplemental front seat side-impact air bags and supplemental curtain air bags for side impact and rollover protection for front and rear outboard passengers.

In the market for a new midsize pickup? I can't recommend the Equator RWD because it has such strong competition and little to set it apart. However, the 4WD version has received some high marks, so it should be worth consideration.

(Questions and comments about this review and other automotive concerns can be e-mailed to used-cars.guide@about.com. All queries are answered.)

VITAL STATISTICS
Wheelbase: 125.9 inches
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Height: 68.7 inches
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No complaints with the clean interior design of the dashboard.
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