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'BUILDING COALITIONS' KEY: MATTIOLI

BY GUS STEEVES NEWS STAFF WRITER

 ${\rm STURBRIDGE-Despite\,his\,lack\,of}$ governing experience, Chris Mattioli hopes the town's voters will elect him to a seat on the Board of Selectmen next month.

"I've always been involved in politics in one way or another, usually

with someone else's campaign," he said, taking pride especially in his effort helping make Tim Murray lieutenant governor in 2006.

Mattioli does claim some elected experi-

EMRICH RUNS ON HIS RECORD

BY GUS STEEVES NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Incumbent Selectman William Emrich hopes enough people in town support the current board's vision for Sturbridge to give him the job for another three years.

"What excites me about staying



He acknowledges that this

candidate field partly reflects a sense of dissatisfaction with the board's decisions. For him, though, it also

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Photo by Shawn Kelley

STURBRIDGE — Julianna Berube, 8, of Sturbridge searches for just the right piece of paper to use for her mini scrap book that she is making in "Scrap booking 101" one of the many after school enrichment programs offered at **Burgess Elementary.**

Regional policing takes step forward

BY GUS STEEVES NEWS STAFF WRITER

BRIMFIELD — The selectmen of Brimfield, Holland and Wales kicked off an effort to create a regional police department Monday by deciding to set up a seven-person committee to look into the fiscal and other issues.

"It would be a very large jurisdiction, certainly one of the largest in the state," said Brimfield Police Chief Charles Kuss.

Combined, the three towns have around 7,500 people, cover about 65 square miles and spend about \$281,000 on police service, he said. The individual departments have significantly different levels of funding and hours of service, with Wales covering much less time than the others. Most officers are parttime, he added.

Kuss said police nationwide are looking at such regional depart-

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URGENT MESSAGE to our Readers....

Chris Mattioli ence on the board of the

Carpenter's Union, where he works as a business representative, but admits he has never been elected or appointed to a

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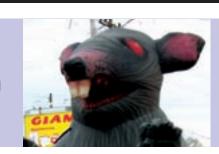
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VILLAGER TRIVIA

Respectively, they are the northernmost and southernmost points of the United States. Answer inside.

Southbridge flushes sewer contract with Sturbridge

BY GUS STEEVES VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Town Counsel dropped a bomb on neighboring Sturbridge Monday, March 24, by voting in executive session to send Sturbridge a letter exercising its option to cancel the contract now providing some of Sturbridge's sewer service.

In a March 26 certified letter, Sturbridge Town Administrator James Malloy contends that his town has indeed held up its end of the bargain.

'The Town of Sturbridge hereby object to the claim that it has breached the Agreement and further objects to any termination of the Agreement by the Town of Southbridge,' Malloy wrote.

At issue is an agreement by which a section of Sturbridge centered on the eastern part of Route 131 now sends about 37,000 gallons downhill to Southbridge's treatment plant rather than pumping it uphill to Sturbridge's own. According to Interim Town Manager John Healey, Sturbridge is "\$92,743.71 in arrears."

"The [council] did agree unanimously to send a letter to [Sturbridge Town Administrator] Mr. [James] Malloy notifying Sturbridge of their intent to terminate the agreement,' he said. By the terms of the contract, he added, they can do it "for any reason or no reason, ... [and] failure to pay twothirds of the bills rendered over the last four quarters is considered a material breach of contract."

If the two towns cannot negotiate some other solution, the agreement will end in three years. By then, Sturbridge will have had to install a new pump station near the town line and sewer lines to pump the flow uphill to its own treatment plant, Chairman of the Selectmen Harold White said, estimating the cost at \$2 million.

Malloy declined to comment because he had not yet received the letter.

Originally, White said, his town paid the same as other Southbridge sewer users. About two years ago, Southbridge "unilaterally put in a new fee structure" that charged the two largest customers — Sturbridge and Millennium Power in Charlton — about twice as much as everyone else, he alleged. After complaints and a failed mediation effort, Sturbridge opted to take the case to court, continuing to pay the original rate while putting the extra money "in abeyance," he said.

He was not certain if that meant the funds are "in escrow," but said he thinks they are.

White described the contract's 300,000-gallon maximum as a 20-year potential, but noted that his board has been calculating the actual use as no more than 50,000 gallons in that time frame.

The latter figure has been used repeatedly in discussions of the new sewer plant on this year's Annual Town Meeting warrant. Planning for the flow's return to Sturbridge was

one of the reasons the Finance Committee cited for supporting a 1.3 million-gallon plant last week.

Former Selectman Charles Blanchard, who was one of the contract negotiators in 1998, said the Southbridge deal was always intended to be a key part of Sturbridge's long-term sewer treatment plan.

"Nobody would pay \$450,000 for an emergency stand-by," he said, referring to the town's buy-in cost. Sturbridge also paid around \$200,000 to upgrade Southbridge's sewer line along Route 131 from the border to Mill Street. The total cost was still better than what Sturbridge was then looking at to upgrade its own sewer plant, Blanchard added.

"Everybody then thought this was a good deal for both Sturbridge and Southbridge, so it's too bad it's gone this way," he said. " ... Even with the extra cost [today], it is cost effective, but that doesn't mean the extra cost was right.'

In his letter of response to Southbridge, Malloy argues that Healey's interpretation of the contract gives short shrift to section 14.13, which lays out the process for resolving disputes between the parties, up to and including litigation.

During a dispute, this section reads, "Sturbridge shall continue to pay all sums that are not in dispute, and Southbridge shall continue to accept sewage flow during this period."

Officials from both towns expect to meet in April to discuss Southbridge's intent to terminate the contract.

According to the contract, "Southbridge will bill Sturbridge quarterly as a regular sewer user at the rate and terms described in the Town of Southbridge Sewer Use Fee Schedule, as may be changed from time to time." Elsewhere, it states that in case of dispute, "Sturbridge shall continue to pay all sums that are not in dispute" and Southbridge shall continue to treat the sewage.

To Blanchard, that means the rate Southbridge residents pay, because most of the Sturbridge users are residential and Millennium Power did not exist in 1998. The deal was negotiated to last 25 years, with the potential for extension and an increase in flow if Sturbridge needed it, he said.

Town Council Chairman Laurent McDonald said he didn't "believe there was a rate increase because that would have come before us.'

He noted rate-setting authority doesn't lie with the council, but with the town manager. In general, he declined to comment in more depth because of ongoing litigation, other than to say, "they're not keeping up their end of the contract."

Healey said Southbridge will contact Sturbridge to set up meetings within the next month "to discuss proper termination of the agreement."

Stonebridge Press reporter Matt Reynolds contributed to this report.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Executive Chef Heenan marks one year at Publick House

to our old traditions, like our home-

made turkey dinner, but has developed

new recipes which now are becoming

experience from his previous positions

at the Beechwood Hotel in Worcester,

Chef Heenan has brought a wealth of

traditions during our holiday feasts."

STURBRIDGE — The Publick House Historic Inn & Restaurant celebrates it's one year anniversary with executive Chef Michael Heenan this spring.

'We would like to thank Chef Mike for his fantastic work in our kitchen over the past year," Michael Harrington Sr., owners representative for the Publick House, stated. "He has kept true

and the prestigious West Lake Country Club in Augusta, Ga. "I have had a wide range of experiences in the restaurant business," Heenan noted dur-

Publick House Historic Inn & Restaurant, in Sturbridge, has served the community by offering traditional Yankee meals and hospitality. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places the Publick House has 11 dining rooms, 17 overnight rooms in the Inn and 92 overnight rooms in the Country Lodge. The Publick House may be most famous for the Pecan Sweet Rolls made fresh everyday in the Bake Shoppe as well as

VILLAGER ALMANAC - QUOTATION OF THE WEEK—

"It's not a good enough solution just to say I want this [landfill] to go somewhere else. We need to have a long-term solution."

— Lindsay Goodwin, of Sturbridge, about the protest rally before the re-start of public hearings on bringing municpal solid waste into the Casella landfill in Southbridge Thursday, March 27. To several participants, the event marked a "historic" cooperation of citizens from the three directly-affected towns - Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton.



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Town	Householder	Leicester	62,383
	35-34	Northbridge	62,847
Auburn	61,397	Oxford	57,621
Brimfield		Southbridge	43,043
Brookfield		Spencer	
Charlton		Sturbridge	65,592
Douglas		Uxbridge	
Dudley		Wales	
		Webster	

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Saturday, April 5 —	6:23 a.m. ——	7:19 p.m.
Sunday, April 6 ——	6:22 a.m. ——	7:20 p.m.
Monday, April 7 ——	6:20 a.m. ——	7:21 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8 ——	6:18 a.m. ——	7:22 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9 —	6:17 a.m. ——	7:23 p.m.
Thursday, April 10 —	6:15 a.m. ——	7:24 p.m.
Friday, April 11 ——	6:13 a.m. ——	7:25 p.m.

-REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS -

STURBRIDGE

\$1, 264 Cedar St., Christopher A. Mathurin and Michelle Saniuk to Christopher A. and Michelle Mathurin. \$295,000, 339 New Boston Road, Cheryl A. Ricard to Erik

J. Lavigne. \$100, Route 131, Donna L. Salamida to Lena and William D.

Spinney Sr.

WALES

\$70,000, 11 Main St., Barry William James Overton and Fiona Audrey Vessio to Paul and Fiona Audrey Vessio.

- THE FIVE QUESTIONS -

1. What major body of water abuts the Ukraine?

- 2. In the twentieth century how many U.S. Vice-Presidents became President?
- 3. "The unexamined life is not worth living." Who said this: Thomas Jefferson, Socrates, Joe Torre, Francis Bacon?
- 4. What are the five boroughs of New York City?
- 5. Which is spelled correctly: mischevious, mischievous,



Hundreds protest Casella proposal

BY GUS STEEVES VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE — With loud chants of "Dump the Dump," "We want to live," and other slogans, roughly 300 people protested Casella's effort to accept more municipal trash at its Barefoot Road landfill.

The turnout Thursday, March 27, forced the first session of the Board of Health's new round of hearings to move from the Casaubon Senior Center to Wells Middle School, a move that delayed the start of proceedings about an hour.

'We can't keep burying our resources in the dump'

To several participants, the event marked a "historic" event cooperation of citizens from the three directlyaffected towns Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton. At least four town councilors were

present at some point during the process, two Sturbridge selectmen and a few candidates, a few people from Charlton's government, dozens of children and even a big inflatable rat. The rat was symbolic of the opposition coalition's name, Residents for Alternatives to Trashing Southbridge (RATS).

'We need to let them know we're concerned," said Sturbridge resident Lindsav Goodwin. "It's not just Southbridge anymore. John [Gatti] and Larry [Bienema] have done an excellent job of letting us all know about this issue.'

Bienema and Gatti have been arguing against the landfill from the beginning of the hearing process, but until earlier this month stood virtually alone. Then it became clear the town of Sturbridge had never been notified despite having a corner of its land within the half-mile legal radius of the landfill, and that sparked a wave of opposition spearheaded by McGilpin Road residents.

One of them, Kirstie Pecci, is an environmental and municipal lawyer who chose to take on the case pro bono and now represents 11 of the 10-person citizen groups the proceedings allow as "interveners."

'I expected more support but I didn't expect the size and the vocal support of this crowd," said Bienema at the senior center. "We have all ages, kids, senior citizens, minority groups, young families. We might have started it, but they really picked it up.'

Gatti agreed, saying he's "delighted we're uniting these towns."

For Lindsay Goodwin and her husband, Sturbridge Selectman Ted Goodwin, the issue is more than just what they see as the shortterm risks of having a larger landfill nearby. They'd like to see this protest be a springboard to open people's eyes to a "need to go to zero

waste." By that, Ted Goodwin said he means changing attitudes in a way that encourages significantly more recycling, less packaging, more efficient technology and a "cradle to cradle" use of resources throughout our society. Doing so, he said, will spark economic growth.

"The waste from one product should be 'food' for the next product," he said. "We can't keep burying our resources in the dump.'

Lindsay Goodwin agreed, saying, "It's not a good enough solution just to say I want this [landfill] to go somewhere else. We need to have a long-term solution.'

Some of the protest signs reflected that long-term focus, typically bearing phrasing that referred to the effect of pollution on children. Among them were references to children being more easily affected by toxins and one reading "We absorb chemicals through our skin.'

Others were simpler and had a more immediate focus, with many "Just say no" messages for the health board. Some played on the general impact protestors felt saying yes would have on the towns, two of them reading, "Don't make Southbridge the brown eye of the Commonwealth.'

"This town is kind of struggling with growth, and it seems if this were to happen, it would crush a lot of spirits," said Sara Tourtellotte, one of the wielders of that sign. "You wouldn't have happy people living here because you'd have sick people living here."

Her friend Jonathan Greene agreed, saying, "You need to take care of yourself and your body, but this is going the complete opposite direction.'

Despite the vociferousness of the crowd outside the senior center and while marching to Wells School, there was no trouble. Police Chief Daniel Charette said he didn't expect any, but had several police officers, a fire engine and an ambulance standing by just in case.

He said the last time he saw a protest anything like this was when the School Committee once debated a plan to eliminate school sports, and that time the crowd stuffed the council chamber.

"This is democracy at it's best," said Charlton Town Administrator Robin Craver just before the hearing finally commenced. "This is what we do — lobby for what we believe in. They certainly seem to have [elevated] the bar of awareness.'





(Residents for Alternatives to Trashing Southridge) looms over protesters holding anti-Casella signs Thursday evening, March 27.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

STURBRIDGE

Monday April 7:

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

The Tantasqua Regional School District Personnel Subcommittee will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the junior high.

Tuesday April 8: The design and Review committee will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall.

Wednesday April 9: The Sturbridge building committee will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the town hall.

The Tantasqua Regional School District Bylaw and Policy subcommittee will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the junior high.

The zoning board of appeals will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall.

Thursday April 10:

The Zoning Study Committee will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall.







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Heavy turnout moves landfill hearing to Mary E. Wells Middle School

BY MATT REYNOLDS STONEBRIDGE PRESS STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE — Breathing room was on short supply inside the Casaubon Senior Center Thursday, March 27 — and something approaching pandemonium

permission for a change to the site assignment of the property.

Under the existing site assignment, the landfill accepts mostly construction and demolition material along with some regular trash from within town limits

and re-submitted an identical copy and thus were the hearings made to start afresh.

During the lengthy intermission between the old and new hearings, opponents of the landfill plan went on the offensive, recruiting more concerned citizens to come forward, staging last night's anti-Casella rally and even launching a Web site cajoling the Board of Health to "just say no." The packed Wells Middle School auditorium gave ample testimony to the fruit of their labors. Several police officers were on hand to keep the peace, although the crowd never became unruly. Among the registered parties to the hearings — those possessed of the right to give testimony and cross-examine other parties — there was a gallery of fresh faces. Eight individuals have signed up as spokesmen for "intervener" groups of at least 10 citizens: John Gatti, Larry Beinema, Ann Beinema, James Sottile, John Pulawski and Ed Bergeron of Southbridge; Will Gallien of Charlton; and Lynne Simonds, head of Southbridge Community Connections.

There is no deadline for becoming a "participant;" an interested citizen can at any point during the hearings.

Casella denies that a shift toward a trash-oriented landfill would result in as well as I can comprehend the spoken any deleterious effects on public health

"Be fair," Gatti said. "This is going to go on for many centuries in this town. this landfill."

"I can't comprehend the written word word," said Pulawski, who noted that a

reigned outside.

These were not propitious circumstances under which to restart a controversial public hearing on what can be dumped at the town landfill, something the hearing officer - Boston environmental attorney Nancy Kaplan - ascertained right away.

Bands of protesters were massed outside, and each time the senior center doors swung open, their chants drowned out whatever was being uttered at the moment. Meanwhile, some demonstrators disrupted the proceedings by whacking their placards against the glass windows

Already close to bursting at the seams, the senior center wasn't in any condition to absorb the crowds, so Kaplan called an audible and had everyone herded into the much more commodious Mary E. Wells Middle School auditorium. There the hearing officially began shortly after 8 p.m., about 90 minutes after the scheduled start time.

"There are a variety of opinions about the project, which is obvious," Kaplan said before the exodus from the senior center. She asked for "respect to everyone on [the Board of Health] and everyone involved, and courtesy."

Casella Waste Systems, operator of the town-owned landfill on Barefoot Road, has asked the Board of Health to grant

Casella's request is essentially to invert the ratio of permitted wastes trash would leap from 25,000 to 405,600 tons per year, while construction and demolition material would fall back proportionally.

About this proposal, "there is a fair amount of information going around that isn't accurate," according to Casella's attorney, Robert Kirsch.

"We're not proposing to change the footprint of the landfill — it's not getting any bigger," Kirsch said. "We're not proposing to change the height of the landfill — it's not going to get any higher."

The request, he said, is merely for a "different mix" of waste.

Authority to accept or reject this request falls to the Board of Health, which must base its decision on the body of evidence and testimony compiled during the public hearings.

These hearings actually started back in January, but three weeks — and six sessions — later, they were aborted midstream. At issue was the exclusion of Sturbridge, which, like Charlton, has the right to be present, since a section of the town is less than a half-mile from the landfill.

Sturbridge officials and health board members were never notified, as state law required. Alerted to this oversight, Casella withdrew its initial application

Gatti and Larry Beinema are holdovers from the earlier hearings.

Kirstie Pecci, an attorney from Sturbridge, has signed on to represent 11 intervener groups.

In addition, eight people, including Sturbridge resident and Southbridge Police Chief Daniel Charette, have registered as "participants" — they can speak on the record but can't cross-examine others.

safety or the environment.

Opponents assert otherwise, seeing the possible infusion of trash as a magnet for birds and rodents, a contaminator of soil and groundwater, a source of noxious odors and a catalyst for greater truck traffic.

Only a few matters of consequence were taken up last night. Among them was the contentious issue of whether the hearings should, in Larry Beinema's words, "start brand new, fresh from the beginning," or essentially pick up where they left off.

Casella favored the latter scenario, having already circulated written transcript and video recordings of the previous hearings in the hopes that new parties could review them beforehand. Many intervener groups' spokesmen objected.

"As painful as this is, the applicant [Casella] made a mistake...and unfortunately that means this must be started anew," Pecci said, who argued that parties have the right to cross-examine Casella witnesses immediately after their testimony.

"This puts us at a disadvantage, because we just came in today," Sottile said.

Gatti observed that interest in landfill issues has mushroomed over the last month, especially among Sturbridge residents.

witness' body language, demeanor or appearance of "discomfort" affect impressions of his credibility.

^{*}I need to hear the testimony from the people," Gallien said.

Kaplan said there were good points on both sides. She mulled things over during a break before ruling that the pre-hearing records submitted by Casella were valid.

"Pre-file testimony is done all the time in these hearings," Kaplan said. "It's not an efficient use of everyone's time to sit through what's already been done."

Kaplan also polled the parties to see if they would consent to waiving the requirement — embedded in state law that the Board of Health render its judgement within 45 days of the first hearing. Every party must agree for the waiver to take effect, but that did not happen

Kirsch said Casella was not prepared to allow more time for deliberation. Pulawski took a pass on the question, saying he didn't want to opine until Kirsch showed his hand.

The next hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 3 in the MacKinnon Council Chambers at Southbridge Town Hall.

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POLICE LOGS

LOG HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, March 24

STURBRIDGE — 10:27 p.m. Responded to a sudden death at the Mobil station, Route 15.

Tuesday. March 25

STURBRIDGE — Until noon – Pulled over eight drivers, issuing six verbal and two written warnings. STURBRIDGE - 3:20 and 4:38 a.m. -Responded to two accidental burglar alarms at Dunkin Donuts and Bron's Firearms. STURBRIDGE — 6:49 a.m.

Responded to suspicious vehicle, Route 148.

STURBRIDGE — 10:21 a.m. Responded to animal complaints, Camp Road.

Thursday. March 27

STURBRIDGE — After 12 p.m. -Pulled over 17 drivers, issuing nine verbal warnings, four written warnings and four tickets.

STURBRIDGE — 6:02 p.m. Responded to car accident at Route 20 and 49, but found no one there. STURBRIDGE — 6:19 p.m. — Gave verbal warning to individual involved with suspicious vehicle, Main Street.

Friday. March 28

STURBRIDGE — All day — Pulled over 23 drivers, issuing 17 verbal warnings, two written warnings and three tickets.

STURBRIDGE — 11:11 a.m. — Responded to animal complaints at

Rom's. STURBRIDGE — 12:33 p.m. — Issued written warning to person in car accident at Route 20 and Fiske Hill. STURBRIDGE — 4:30 p.m. — Aided

two disabled motorists on Route 20. STURBRIDGE — 11:59 p.m. — Took drunken individual into protective custody after incident at Kahula Restaurant.

Saturday. March 29

STURBRIDGE — All Day — Pulled over 22 drivers, issuing 17 verbal warnings, one written warnings and three tickets. STURBRIDGE — 8:21 a.m. — Responded to walk-in report of car accident. STURBRIDGE — 2:15 p.m. Investigated walk-in report of theft. STURBRIDGE — 3:32 p.m.

Investigated car accident, Wal-Mart lot. STURBRIDGE — 5:17 p.m.

Responded to suspicious activity at skate park. STURBRIDGE — 7 p.m. — Traced 911 call to Host Hotel.

Sunday. March 30

STURBRIDGE — Until 2:30 p.m. — Pulled over 16 drivers, issuing eight verbal warnings, six written warnings and two tickets. STURBRIDGE — 10:16 a.m. — Investigated walk-in report of suspicious activity. SOUTHBRIDGE — 12:12 a.m. — Provided escort to bank. SOUTHBRIDGE — 5:47 a.m. — Attempted to deliver restraining order without success, Benefit

ARRESTS

Tuesday. March 25

Street.

STURBRIDGE — 8:29 p.m. — An effort to assist a disabled motorist on River Road led to criminal summonses against three women for being minors transporting alcohol:

Diana M. Santos, 19, of 229 Chandler St., Worcester; Katherine A. Forzley, 20, of 30 Juniper Ave., Worcester; and Denise M. Maldonado, 20, of 1 Silver St., Stafford Springs, Conn.

Friday. March 28

STURBRIDGE — 1:33 a.m. — A call reporting a disabled motorist on Route 15 led to a criminal summons against Paula R. Oliveira, 24, of 215 Bishop Drive, Framingham, for driving with a suspended license (subsequent offense).

Saturday. March 29

STURBRIDGE — 9:20 a.m. — A citizen's walk-in request for aid led to a criminal summons against Kendra M. Grant, 19, of 692 Charlton Road, Southbridge, for larceny under \$250. STURBRIDGE — 1:51 p.m. — A request for service at Quality Inn led to the arrests of two people for possessing class B and D drugs: Arielle R. Chiger-Gose, 36, of 1 Hummel Road, New Paltz, N.Y., and James P. Ferguson, 39, of 8 Northgate Road, Ipswich.

STURBRIDGE — 9:46 p.m. — A car accident on Cedar Street led to the arrest of Micah A. Castonguay, 22, of 575 Dennison Drive, Southbridge, for drunken driving, negligent operation, speeding and a marked lanes violation.

Sunday. March 30

STURBRIDGE — 1:31 a.m. — A 911 call reporting a suspicious vehicle on Finlay Road led to the arrest of Steven D. Pelletier, 24, of 225 Munn Road, Monson, for drunken driving, marijuana possession, improper operation of a vehicle and modifying the height of a vehicle.



Photo by Shawn Kelley

STURBRIDGE - Can you guess where this little doggie is doing something very wrong?

CONTEST ENTRY FORM: April 4, 2008 Deadline: April 10, 2008

My guess for this week's photo is: _____

The answer to last week's "What Is It?

The new tree on the newly constructed Center at Maple Hill located at 135 on Route 131 in Sturbridge.

Who wants **\$25** cash in their pocket? Anyone? The Sturbridge Villager has it to give. Enter 'What is It?' now for your chance to win!

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Please mail your entry form to the Sturbridge Villager, 25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550, attn: Editor, or drop off to the office at 25 Elm St., Southbridge. You may also fax your entry to (508) 764-8015. All photos are of sights seen in and around Sturbridge, Brimfield, Holland and Wales. Responses must identify the subject and where it can be seen. Answers will be given the following week in the Sturbridge Villager. At the end of each month, all entry forms with the correct answer will be included in a random drawing. One lucky winner will receive \$25! Good luck!



Kate T. Payne of Jasper, Ga., the late Mr. R. I. Payne, formerly of Jasper, Mrs. Zilpha A.

High School in Conyers. She graduated from Public Relations in 1995. She received her Master of Education in Instructional Technology from Georgia Southern University in 2001. She is employed by Glynn County





Amherst, Mass. with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Design, and received his Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Georgia in 1996. He is employed by the Jekyll Island Authority as Landscape Superintendent.

A 7 p.m. wedding is planned for June 7, with the ceremony and reception to be held on Jekyll Island, Ga.



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Heads up on bagging a bargain at Wrights

he recent news that Wrights Factory Outlet in Sturbridge is closing looms like a black cloud over the heads of area crafters, sewers and home decorators who have long depended on the outlet for a source of inspiration and materials. But like most industrious types, these do-it-yourselfers are also anticipating the cloud's silver lining - drastically cut prices on ribbons, trims, fabrics and more.

Here's the "heads up" on the store's liqui-dation, according to Store Manager Joyce Parker: From April 1 through April 25, prices will be slashed 25 percent throughout the store. While price are expected to continue to be lowered, Parker explained there are no exact discount percentages planned. Nor is there a projected closing date for the store, which has been housed in the Sturbridge Marketplace for the past 16 years.

'We have no scheduled sales and no scheduled date to shut our doors," she said, adding, "It is just business as usual until we close."

Dismissing early expectations the store would stay open until the end of the summer, Parker predicts the store will sell out quicker than expected as patrons stock up on goods and supplies.

"The initial date (Wrights officials) gave us was September 2008. But we feel the store will close before that," she revealed.

Parker reports Wrights Factory Outlet, which sells sewing trims, ribbons, fabrics and more at factory direct prices, has been business for more than six decades. The first outlet began in the William E. Wright Company plant building in West Warren and moved to two other Warren addresses before settling into its present Main Street Sturbridge location in 1992.



AROUND TANTASQUA TOWNS KAREN TRAINOR

"I really want to thank all our customers for their support through the years. Sharing projects with each other has been lots of fun and we hope they will support us until we're not here anymore," Parker said. The William E. Wright

closed Company the Warren factory operations in 2003 when it began its move to Antioch, Tenn. The company halted manufacture of sewing and craft notions when it closed the plant, and now markets and distributes Wright brand the through goods Tennessee operations. About 50 financial and

marketing officers remain at the Warren plant offices, according to Parker.

TACKLING TRIVIA IN BRIMFIELD

Are you the "go to" person when someone seeks the answer to a pop culture question? Do you volunteer fun facts about sports, recent history or movie stats? Whether you're a walking encyclopedia or simply a warehouse of useless knowledge, your knack of tackling trivia can win you more than bragging rights.

An array of award and raffle prizes are up for grabs when St. Christopher's Parish in Brimfield hosts its Trivia Night, set for 7 p.m. Saturday, April 12.

Area residents are encouraged to bring a group of six to 10 people to compete in a Trivia Team, or join in the fun with those at other tables. Ten rounds of trivia questions will include such categories as sports, TV, movies, history, literature, nature, geography, religion, music and more. Prizes will be awarded, and optional raffles will be offered at the church fund-raiser. Participants will be charge a small admission fee.

For more information, or to reserve a table for your Trivia Team, call Bob at (413) 245-3035.

LOCAL BOUNTY CELEBRATED

Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield is hailing April as "Local Bounty" month, with an array of events that will culminate with the academy's first Farmer's Market for the 2008 season.

Highlights include:

• Garden & Nature classes, which feature hands on seasonal activities and take home project for 2.9- to 5-year-olds, held from 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m. on Wednesdays.

· Food, Flavorings & Flowers for the Family is a class that teaches kindergartners through third-graders to plan and grow vegetables, herbs and flowers. It will be held Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 3:34-4:45 p.m.

· Celebrate Spring with Linda Fuchs is a program for ages 14 to adult slated for 7-8 p.m. Thursday, April 17. Participants will create their own container salad garden.

All classes are held at Hitchcock Academy. Call Hitchcock Academy at (413) 245-9977 for registration and fee information.

Hitchcock Academy will kick off a season of Farmers Markets offering local food and goods with its first market to run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26. The open marketplace will feature offerings from local residents that include a variety of plants, as well as reusable canvas shopping bags. Additional vendors are welcome to set up during this market and the others to follow throughout the season. Call the academy at the number above for vendor fees and information.

VILLAGE THEATRE APRIL SCHEDULE

Spring has sprung, and so has another season of fabulous flicks! The Stephen M. Brewer Theater at the Visitor Center at Old Sturbridge Village runs memorable movies each week or the affordable price of \$5 per ticket. Showtime is 7 p.m. Movies are now in surround sound, and tickets are sold at the door. Popcorn and snacks are available.

This month's schedule is:

• April 4-5: "I Am Legend" (PG-13), starring Will Smith; directed by Francis Lawrence; 101 minutes.

• April 11-12: "Atonement" (R), starring Keira Knightley, James McAvoy and Kristin Scott Thomas; directed by Joe Wright; 130 minutes.

• April 18-19: "Across the Universe" (PG-13), starring Evan Rachel Wood, Jim Sturgess, Joe Anderson and Dana Fuchs; directed by Julie Taymor; 131 minutes.

• April 25-26: "The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep" (PG), starring Emily Watson, Alex Etel, Ben Chaplin and Brian Cox; directed by Jay Russell; 111 minutes.

We welcome items of interest to Tantasqua town residents of Sturbridge, Brookfield, Brimfield, Holland and Wales. Send information on local events and upcoming happenings to Around Tantasqua Towns, c/o The Sturbridge Villager, 25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail me directly at KDRR@aol.com.

OBITUARIES

Gary M. Bouchard, 56

BRIMFIELD — Gary M. Bouchard, 56, of 28 Prospect Hill Road, died Monday, March 24 in the UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester, after a brief illness.

He leaves two sons, Richard E. Bouchard and his wife Julie of Wales and U.S. Army 1st Lieutenant Michael R. Bouchard of Sturbridge; his parents, Euclid and Theresa (Martel) Bouchard of Southbridge; his former wife, Deborah (Lund) Bouchard of Brimfield; a brother, Richard G. Bouchard of Brookfield; a sister, Grace Bouchard of Southbridge; two granddaughters, Alyssa Bouchard and Ashleigh Bouchard, both of Wales and several nieces and nephews.

He was born in Southbridge and was a graduate of Southbridge High School.

After high school he attended and graduated from heavy equipment operator school in Homestead, Fla.

Gary worked at Dublin Steel in Palmer. He previously worked maintenance at Old Sturbridge Village for many years.

He was a member of the former Brimfield Cribbage League and was an avid member of the Warren Horseshoe League.

He enjoyed fishing and most of all enjoyed spending time with his family.

His funeral was held on Monday, March 31 from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass in St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. Burial was in St. Anne's Cemetery, Sturbridge.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Harold E. Tousignan, 75

Winifred R. Page, 89

STURBRIDGE — Winifred R. (Thibeault) Page, 89, formerly of 327 Poplar St., Sturbridge, died Wednesday, March 26 in Radius Healthcare Center of Southbridge.

Her husband was the late George Page who died in 1995.

She leaves a daughter, Gail and her husband David Hmielowski of Woodstock, Conn.; two sons, Michael Desroches and his wife Cheryl of Northborough, and Roger Desroches of San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a brother, Donald Thibeault of North Brookfield.

She was born in North Brookfield, daughter of the late Geoge and Laura (Gendron)

Thibeault and lived most of her life in Southbridge and Sturbridge.

Mrs. Page was a member of Notre Dame Church, VFW Post 6055 Auxiliary, and enjoyed her trips with the Royal Travelers.

She and her husband owned and operated Page Bros. Memorials for many years, and she also was an Avon representative for several years.

The funeral was held Monday, March 31 from the Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy St., Southbridge, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Notre Dame Church, 446 Main St., Southbridge, Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Sansoucyfuneral.com

Milton E. Ross, 85 KINGSPORT, Tenn. — Milton Edward Ross,

volunteer associations such as being a Deacon for the



BRIMFIELD — Harold E. Tousignan, 75, of Hollow Road, died Saturday, March 22.

Born Feb. 2, 1933 in Palmer, he was the son of the late Alphonse and Angelina Tousignan. Harold lived in Brimfield since 1975, previously living in Spencer.

He leaves two sisters, Connie Gavin of Brimfield and Marion Pratt of Easthampton along with nephews, Jim Gavin and David Gavin, both of Brimfield, Nelson Pratt of Florence and a nice, Mary of Goshen.

RICHFIED SPRINGS, N.Y. — Stanley William "Bill" Reed, 69, of East James Street,

passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning

March 25, in Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital,

Cooperstown, after a brief illness. He had the

Reed of Fly Creek; three daughters, Brenda

Reed and her companion Alfred Zoller of

Cooperstown, Lori Wightman and her hus-

band Curt of Richfield Springs, Sue Oleksy

and her husband Louis of Brooklyn, Conn.;

five brothers, Richard Reed and his wife Sally

of Longs, S.C., Gordon Reed and his wife

Linda, of Hubbardsville, Donald Reed and his

wife Susan of Holland, Michael Reed of

Medford, Ore. and Robert Reed of Hamilton;

eight grandchildren, Joshua Cable, Amanda

VanBuren, Teddy VanBuren, Derick Robidoux, Katie Chambers, Julia Oleksy,

Calli Oleksy and Tristen Reed; one aunt, Ann

Kingsbury of Sherburne and many nieces,

Besides his parents he was preceded in

He was born on June 18, 1938 in Sherburne,

death by a sister, Betty Allen, one brother,

Charles Reed and a brother-in-law, Jim Allen.

Mass., son of the late Stanley and Gladys

Kingsbury Reed. Bill was raised in West

He was a graduate of Mount Markham

For 17 years he was employed by the

American Standard Company in Monson. He

later went to work for Hyde Tools in

Southbridge, Mass., retiring in 2001 after 15

comfort of his loving family at his side. Surviving him are a son, William Stanley

Harold was a member of the Wales Senior Center. He retired from Spencer Wire after 15 years of employment.

A memorial Mass will be held at a later date

Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Springfield, MA

Stanley "Bill" Reed, 69

years of service.

Mr. Reed enjoyed gardening and had worked for Williams Landscaping in Holland, Mass. While in Holland he had also served as Cemetery Commissioner.

He left Southbridge in 2001 and came to Richfield Springs where he has remained since.

Bill was a true outdoorsman. He was a member of the Holland Rod and Gun Club. He was a devoted hunter and fisherman and especially enjoyed the winter month's ice fishing.

In his leisure time he found great peace in his garden and liked to can the fruits and vegetables he grew.

In the last few years Bill cherished the time spent with his children and grandchildren and they with him. He will be greatly missed.

A funeral service was held Friday, March 28 in the J. Seaton McGrath Funeral Home, 40 West James St., Richfield Springs, with the Reverend John Young officiating. Interment will take place in West Winfield Cemetery later this spring at a time to be announced.

Expressions of sympathy may be made with memorial donations to the Neuro-Surgery Research and Education Fund, (Brain Cancer Research), c/o Judy Lunden, 750 East Adams St., Syracuse, NY 13210.

The family wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all of the doctors and staff of Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital for all the care and compassion shown to Bill and his family during this difficult time.

Saturday, March 15 at Hoiston vaney Memorial Hospital in Kingsport.

His wife, Edith Marian, and their children, Julie, Peggy, Barb, David, Ed, Joe, Doris, Ginny, Terry, John, and Maggie, survive his passing.

85, left us to join his Savior Jesus Christ, on

During World War II, Milton served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific, where he was awarded two Purple Hearts. He was mustered out of the military in 1949.

He later worked for the U.S. Postal Service until he retired in 1991.

Milton most recently worked with the Tennessee VA Post 183 serving every veteran that came through the door.

There was always room at his table and he never met a stranger. His life included many

Gunhild A. Dunn, 92

WORCESTER — Gunhild A. (Johnson) Dunn, 92, of Lake Avenue and formerly of Sturbridge and Auburn, died Tuesday, March 25 in the Overlook Masonic Healthcare Center, Charlton.

Her beloved husband of 32 years, Edward J. Dunn, died in 1982.

"Gunny" leaves her four children, Sharon Lindgren of Falmouth, William Dunn and his wife Kathy of Charlton, Robin Fitton and her husband Mark of Webster, and Bonnie Coleman and her husband Stephen of Spencer, with whom she lived; eight grandchildren including Kerri Coleman who predeceased her, nine great-grandchildren; her brothers, Walter Johnson of Ludlow and Donald Johnson of Connecticut, and her sister Helen Bergman of Charlton.

She was predeceased by her brother Elmer, and her sister Edna Corcoran.

Gunhild was born in Auburn, a daughter of the late Axel D. and Gunda S. (Broman) Johnson. She spent most of her life in Auburn, later living in Charlton and Sturbridge.

A longtime homemaker and devoted family woman, "MorMor," as she was known to her family, cherished her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Federated Church Sturbridge, Mass., and helping young boys and men through the Boy Scouts of America as a Scout Master for 10 years. He

also headed up the preservation committee for the Federated Church of Sturbridge where his skilled hands refinished and renewed many precious treasures that were auctioned for the benefit of his church.

He was a member of the American Legion and had lifetime membership in the DAV, the NRA, the VFW, and the Third Marine Division Association.

He lived his life as a man of faith, integrity and honor and all who knew him will miss truly miss his gentle spirit."

She enjoyed crafting and volunteering was a big part of her later life.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Parish in Charlton and a former member of Saint Joseph's Parish in Auburn.

Her funeral was held on Friday, March 28 from the Britton-Wallace Funeral Home, 91 Central St., Auburn with a funeral Mass celebrated in Saint Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Road, Charlton. Burial wasin Hillside Cemetery, Auburn.

The family requests that memorial gifts be sent to Sherry's House Helping Kids with Cancer, 1152 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602.

To leaves a message of sympathy for Gunhild's family, please visit www.brittonfuneralhomes.com



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nephews and cousins.

Winfield.

High School.

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THE FIVE QUESTIONS —

- 1. The Black Sea
- 2. Six: Teddy Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, George H.W. Bush
- 3. Socrates
- 4. Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, the Bronx
- 5. Mischievous

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After School Enrichment at Burgess







Photos by Shawn Kelley







3.







1. Gabriella Berube, 6, of Sturbridge stands in place with her baton during her Baton twirling class after school.

2. Ben Zwiebal, 10 Jimmy Reyes, 9, Aliya Corkery, 10, all of Sturbridge, keep track of how many steps it takes to walk around the school with the help of a pedometer and "Healthy Living" instructor, Erica Juozaitis, of Sturbridge.

3. "Earthday Everyday" instructor, Terese Joseph, smiles with her group of earth friendly children.

4. Danielle Ivey, 6, of Sturbridge, spreads glue on a sheet of paper.

5. Megan Curboy, 6, of Sturbridge, carefully places her project together during her scrap booking 101 class at Burgess Elementary.



10.

6. Noelle Haslem, 10, of Sturbridge smiles for the camera before she puts her hand- print on an environmental flag.

7. A group of future actors and actresses AKA the "Burgess Players" pose for a picture with Drama class instructor, Dan Lindgren, during the after School Enrichment program at Burgess Elementary School.

8. Brynlee Beaucge, 6, of Sturbridge, strikes a pose during her baton twirling class after school at Burgess Elementary.

9. "Scrap booking 101" instructor, Angela Berthiaume lends a helping hand to William Durkan, 6, of Sturbridge.

10. Mrs. Juozaitis, reads to her after school book club at Burgess elementary School.



BRIMFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, April 7: Egg and sausage on English muffin, potato puffs, fruit and milk. Tuesday, April 8: Nachos with cheese sauce, vegetable - or chef salad - fruit and milk.

Wednesday, April 9: Pasta with meatballs, garlic bread, cheese stick, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Thursday, April 10: Turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, biscuit, cranberry sauce — or chef salad — fruit and milk. Friday, April 11 — Pizza, vegetable, fruit

and milk. Lucky Plate Day.

TANTASQUA REGIONAL JUNIOR, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, April 7: Chicken or cheese quesadilla, potato stick, broccoli, fruit, juice, milk. Alternate: taco with meat, cheese, lettuce and tomato, brown rice.

Tuesday, April 8: Assorted wraps with tuna, ham and cheese or diced chicken, Italian pasta salad, carrots, cookie and cream whip, fruit, juice, milk. Alternate: pizza and salad.

Wednesday, April 9: American chop suey, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, juice, milk. Alternate: chicken patty on a roll and pasta salad.

Thursday, April 10: Chicken pot pie with mixed veggies, fresh salad, dinner rolls, cheese cake, fruit, juice, milk. Alternate: cook's choice.

Friday, April 11: Hamburg stroganoff on whole wheat rotini, corn, cinnamon bun, candied pears, juice, milk. Alternate: chicken nuggets, rice, wheat roll.

WALES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, April 7: Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cereal choices with milk, fresh fruit and cheese.

Lunch: Pork patties with flavored rice, green beans, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, April 8: Breakfast: Muffins. cereal choices with milk, fresh fruit and cheese.

Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich with pretzels, celery sticks, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, April 9: Breakfast: Doughnuts, cereal choices with milk, fresh fruit and cheese.

Lunch: Elbow macaroni with or without meatsauce, peas, cheese, fruit and milk. Thursday, April 10: Breakfast: Waffles,

cereal choices with milk, fresh fruit and cheese. Lunch: Hot dogs on rolls, oven fries,

cucumber slices, fruit and milk. Friday, April 11: Breakfast: Hash

browns, cereal choices with milk, fresh fruit and cheese.

Lunch: French bread pizza, corn, fruit and milk.

TANTASQUA REGIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL **GRADE 7**

HIGH HONORS

Brianna Blomgren, Esther Commans, Thomas Cormier, Ashley Deleon, Kaylee Desroches, Kayla DiBiasie, Taryn Fitzgerald, Jessica Frio, Alison Garrett, Jason Girouard, Connor Goyette, Kaylyn Hajko, Aubree Hanks-Witaszek, Ashley Hunter Mason, Kathleen Knox, Remi Lamothe, Amanda Lataille, Mikayla Mercado, Melissa Nollstadt, Paige Pellaton, Olivia Ricci, Bidget Shreve, Alllison Tichy.

HONORS

Austin Avanesian, Elizabeth Barrett, Jonathan Beaudry, Kassidy Beyerlin, Austin Biron, Emily Boltz, Brittany Boudreau, Thomas Bouteillier, Alexander Bowler, Erika Brauns, Joanna Brown, Hannah Burdick, Adam Burtt, Taylor Caldwell, Briana Campiglio, Thomas Canavan, Emily Chasse, Danielle Clark, Thomas Cloutier, Shannon Connolly, Jared Cruz, John Cruz, Erin Cunningham, Stephanie DaSilva, Tyler Desmarais, Michael Dobos, Erin Donovan, Miranda Dry, Andrew Dunkum, Madeline Durpre, Eric Fleshman, Rose Foulis, Olivia Fournier, Brianna Fulginiti, Joshua Galuska, Corey Gatta, Joshua Gervasi, Julia Gervasi, Emily Gustavson, Urooj Haider, Bryce Haley, Matthew Hanesian, Randall Harrington, Alexander Hellyar, Courtney Holmes, Michelle Hellyar, Jackson, Laura Jedynasty, Caleb Jodoin, Lindsey Judson, Elexis Jutras, Tessa Kemp, Rachel Kennedy, Shaelin Keville, Jordan Kingman, Ariel Kushner, Alyssa Lalashius, Morgan Laliberte, Leslie LaMay, Hannah Lavin, Savannah Leboeuf, Patrick Lucas, Savannah Lundwall, Sean Lyons, Jessica Magnuson, Kasey Mantyla, Davis Markham, Lindsey McGann, Kelley McLean, Teagan



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Sabrina Suarez, Brian Trafford, Alyssa Tremblay, Sage Vadenais, Nicholas Valcour, Christopher Via, Joseph Vincent, Brianna Walther, Kelsey Wicker, Anna Zimmerman.

GRADE 8

HIGH HONORS

Julie Boyd, Charles DeCataldo, Benjamin Dunbar, Benjamin Faucher, Melissa Frio, Justin Gustafson, Rachel Keller, Emily King, Kyle Lavallee, Allison LeBrun, Ryan Little, Allison Minchoff, John O'Connor, Connor Parker, Ashley Piascik, Rachael Smith, Abigail Soraci

HONORS

Cecile Afable, Aaron Anderstrom, Ariana Andrewes, Kenneth Bernier, Patrick Bourbeau, Jaclyn Bouvier, Tyler Bresse, Olivia Brooks, Megan Brothers, Kelsey Buchanan, Michael Celmer, Leanna Ciukaj, Rebecca Cloutier, Katie Coderre, Shane Conaboy, Kelly Creamer, Nicole Curbelo, Alyx Darger, Sophie Day, Jordan DeSousa, Lauren DiCarlo Emily DiFederico, Samantha Erricolo, Jessica Farland, Devon Farrell, Evan Ferrarone, Amber Forsman, Mary-Kate Frey, Cameron Fuller, Courtney Gatta, Jennifer Goddard, Caitlyn Griffin, Desiree Hagen, Joshua Hall, Ryan Hodge, Brittany Hufault, Erin Keifer, Georgia Kirker-Head, Emily Lavin, Nicholas LaBlanc, Matthew Little, Alexander Lucas, John Lynch, Stacey Mauro, Grant Mckeon, Corrie Molleur, Julia

Molloy, Leigh-Anne Molnar, Sean Moynagh, Patrick Mulhern, Connor Munnis, LeeAnne Naujoks, Isaac Nichols, Amberlee Parker, Danielle Parker, Ryan Phifer, Sydney Phillipo, Michael Placella, Taylor Plumley, Eric Proulx, Samantha Robinson, Jenifer Sartanowicz, Kate Schoenberger, Emily Serio, Stephanie Sexton, Nathan Simonelli, Jessica Skowyra, Cassandra Stagias, Tyler Sweet, Randi Thayer, Emily Waugh, Maleek Wedderburn, Stephanie Weldon, George Zikos.





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Spring Discovery Camp at Old Sturbridge Village April 12-13

WESTFIELD — The following area students

Westfield State College Dean's List

Above left: Discovery campers at Old Sturbridge Village — Cousins Mary Grace Millar, 10, Martin Davis, 8, and Erin Shields, 9, (I-r), all of Shrewsbury, Mass.

have been named to the Dean's List at Westfield State College for the fall semester: FISKDALE: Evan Bomba and Janine Anderson.

HOLLAND: Jessica Taylor and Laura Satkowski.

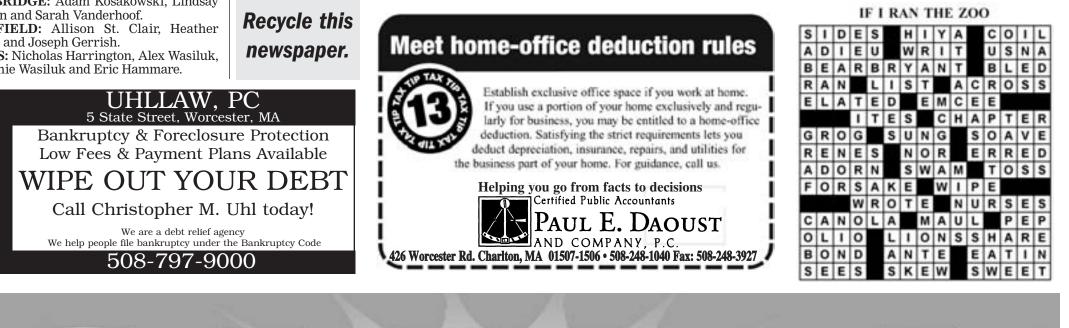
STURBRIDGE: Adam Kosakowski, Lindsay Domijan and Sarah Vanderhoof.

BRIMFIELD: Allison St. Clair, Heather Moores and Joseph Gerrish.

WALES: Nicholas Harrington, Alex Wasiluk, Stephanie Wasiluk and Eric Hammare.

BANKRUPTCY

enjoyed wearing authentic costumes at a recent camp session at OSV. Activities planned for the April 12-13 Discovery Camp session include cooking over an open hearth, doing traditional farm chores, and playing 19th century games. The April session is open to children 8-17, cost is \$135 for non-member youths; \$125 for Old Sturbridge Village member youths. Longer, five-day Discovery Camp sessions are offered each week during the summer from June 23 – August 15. For details: www.osv.org or call 1- 800-SEE-1830. Right: Discovery campers at Old Sturbridge Village enjoy 19th century activities dressed in authentic historic costumes.





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AT-LARGE

EDITORIAL Sewer flap hurts both towns

he stink is now in the open, after Southbridge town councilors this week voted to terminate an agreement with neighboring Sturbridge that has allowed that town to send some of its wastewater downhill to Southbridge's treatment plant.

The result is an angry Sturbridge Town Administrator James Malloy disputing accounts by Southbridge's interim town manager, Jack Healey, of just how the agreement turned sour.

As a result of the vote, which was taken in executive session Monday night, the agreement will end in three years if the two sides can't come to some sort of agreement.

That would be most unfortunate, but it shouldn't be at all surprising, because there has been a simmering resentment between the two towns for years. Some Southbridge officials have, in the past, bristled at being held up for ridicule by their Sturbridge counterparts. More than one councilor has, in public session, lamented the town's less than stellar reputation among other communities.

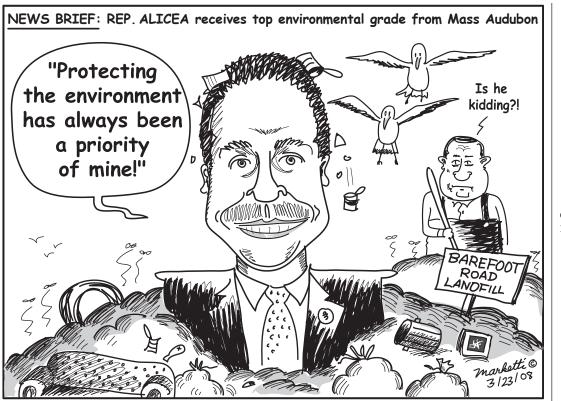
The back-and-forth now is really just an extension of long-existing hostilities. Perhaps, then, there is an opportunity for officials on both sides of the town line to come together and apply some ointment to those wounds that have not fully healed.

Continuing to use inflammatory language will do nothing to resolve the situation. Town Councilor Ronald Chernisky, for example, was quoted as saying maybe Sturbridge selectmen would "get their nose out of the air and come and and sit down at the table ..."

Rather than seize on those words as fuel for the fire, officials in Sturbridge could turn them into a joke and say, for example: "We certainly need to get our noses out of the air when we drive by the Big Y plaza."

Individuals on both sides need to come to the table, whether to broker a new agreement or simply end the current deal in amiable fashion. While they're at it, they could talk of ways to work together as neighbors to get through what are troubled times for both communities. That is certainly a much more appealing alter-

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teen's bag ban idea an appropriate response to real world

To the Editor:

Kudos to the high school students for their research and proposals regarding the unchecked glut of plastic bags. These young people are open-minded enough to look for good ideas wherever they may be found, without the bias so condescendingly expressed by Mark Ashton in his column of March 21.

It will take inquiring and innovative thinking, plus all of the energy and commitment our youth can produce, to resolve the disastrous problems we, the earlier generations, have left them. Such young people as Ryan White and Conor Neal deserve encouragement and a willingness to listen and act when they demonstrate an eagerness to do something constructive. This is what is called for in times of trial. Innovators borrow good ideas, adapting and improving them to the immediate circumstances.

Contrary to Mr. Ashton's assertion, these young people do live in the real world — a

Students defend their proposal to ban plastic shopping bags

To the editor:

In response to a recent opinion piece entitled "Time to get off the ban wagon" we now feel it is our time to share some of the "common sense" on plastic bag usage. Our proposed bylaw to ban the use of plastic bags does exactly what it says, completely ban the use of plastic bags in stores over 35,000 square feet (Stop N Shop, Shaws, and Wal-Mart), rather than mirroring the bill proposed in the Massachusetts legislature to tax plastic bag users. That proposal would have little affect on Sturbridge if plastic bags are not used in the large stores. We are aware that plastic bags can be recycled. Some people do, but the fact is that general research shows that only 1or 2 percent of plastic bags end up in the recycle bin. The "Please recycle me!" slogan on plastic bags might be more effective if it were not placed at the bottom of the bags in font sized smaller than the font printed in this newspaper. Through our research we have found that plastic bags do not in fact biodegrade in a landfill. Plastic bags actually "photodegrade", which means the sun breaks the plastic into smaller and smaller pieces but the plastic does not entirely go away. This potential plastic bag ban is a relatively easy way to help the environment in a way that the stores have already started to promote. These three stores have already put

degraded world of polluted air, water and soils. You can't get any more "basic reality" than that. I expect and commend our young people for "thinking out of the box," trying to join in a positive dialogue to develop solu-tions to real problems that will only become much worse if efforts on a grand scale are not employed soon.

Mr. Ashton deserves credit for recycling his own trash (don't we all?) and for expressing one positive idea — making the recycling of plastic bags profitable. Unfortunately, he buried this idea at the bottom of his column as an afterthought after trying his best to discourage the efforts of the students.

I say to Mr. White and Mr. Neal, keep up the good work. We all depend on it, as we depend on each other.

> Robin Jenks FISKDALE

Fat chance that life will ever become fair

ith all due respect to all the plus-sized folks out there, is there any more ridiculous proposal than that being offered by state Rep. Byron Rushing to outlawing weight discrimination?



WALTER BIRD

Oh, wait, yes there is just about any number of other ludicrous proposals that have been pushed by pols whose egos and own sense of self-importance seem to know no limit.

First of all, discrimination of any kind should not be tol-erated, but what next? Employers already make sure prospective workers know they won't be discriminated against based on age, race, sex and religion.

Let's face it: There are a number of jobs where a particular individual simply

wouldn't be a good fit. Are we, for example, to tell a fitness center it's breaking the law by not hiring 450-pound John Smith as a receptionist?

Oh, and let's not forget the other outlandish piece attached to Rushing's bill. He is waging a war on behalf of the vertically challenged, as well.

Whether we like it or not, life sometimes deals us a bum hand. If you end up being 5 feet tall, chances are you're never going to be a basketball star.

Is that fair? No. But it isn't discrimination, either.

I have a severe hearing loss. Several years back, I thought briefly about joining the mili-tary. I was told I wouldn't qualify because of my disability.

I could have, as too many others do nowadays, cried discrimination and filed a lawsuit. Why should I be prohibited from serving my country just because I happened to not hear as well as the next guy?

Why? Well, because my safety, and perhaps that of other soldiers, might have been in jeopardy. Of course, I could have ended up as a military journalist, but that wasn't even a thought at the time. I wanted to hold a gun and fight for my country.

Maybe I could have sued, and maybe I would have won.

As it turns out, I ended up not doing too bad, falling in love with journalism, busting my rear end and becoming the executive editor of a chain of newspapers

native to playing the blame game.

SOUND OFF Keep working to boost local business

Sound Off:

It seems that the Sturbridge Finance Committee has come to appreciate the wisdom of the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen. Hopefully they will continue in that vein and help create a quality town that encourages local businesses.

Kudos to Selectmen for defending environment

Sound Off:

The Sturbridge Selectmen deserve appreciation for their professionalism, support of education and of town employees, as well as advancing ecotourism - all while carefully watching taxpayer dollars. You'd think from the frequent brickbats thrown their way that they weren't doing what a lot of us in town elected them to do. They are, and they're doing it very well.

There are alternatives to plastic shopping bags

Sound Off:

I would like to commend the two young men who went before the Sturbridge selectmen to put forth their idea for replacing plastic bags with reusable bags, and I commend selectmen for supporting that idea in the form of a bylaw that will be before town meeting.

I was in Wal-Mart and Stop & Shop; both stores have the reusable bags out there for people to buy. They're under a dollar, like 98-99 cents. Stop & Shop has sound bites playing while you're in the store, telling you to use these bags, so it's apparent that these stores were very prepared for this change.

I just think it's a great effort and it's about time. I commend everyone for going forward and doing it.

three stores have already noticed the negative affects of plastic bags. It was suggested in the editorial that people be paid to recycle their plastic bags, but that effort would cost money to fund, no? The use of just one reusable bag has the potential to eliminate 1,000 plastic bags in the reusable bag's lifetime.

their own reusable bags on sale, which could

be a sign that corporate management of all

And we haven't even mentioned oil yet! Every year it takes 12 million barrels of oil to manufacture the plastic bags that Americans use. Why not support a cause that could lower America's use of oil?

The proposed ban on plastic bags does not necessarily mean that there would be an increase in paper bag usage because of the option to buy reusable bags from the stores. The proposed bylaw encourages the use of reusable bags, while discouraging single use bags of any variety.

All options considered we find this bylaw to be a simple way to help the environment that would not be an inconvenience to a typical consumer.

Although we are mere teenagers, as Thomas Paine said, "We have it in our power to begin the world over again".

> CONOR NEAL AND RYAN WHITE Sturbridge

SOUND OFF

Sturbridge must work together to control growth

Sound Off

Our present Sturbridge Board of Selectmen have worked harder than most to delve into issues and accommodate the needs of the residents and businesses in Sturbridge. While the proponents of a large sewage plant are clamoring for the need for more growth, only the selectmen are concerned about the actual sewer user fee. In 2010 it will cost Sturbridge sewer users considerably more if they do not listen to the selectmen. We have had so much growth since the year 2000 that it is incomprehensible how certain candidates and discontents cannot see what this growth has cost the town. This cyclical course of paying for the cost of services caused by growth with new growth is a fool's folly. The Finance Committee's 1.3 million gallon plant radical-

ly increases proposed residential growth. Who will be willing to pay for a new elementary school in addition to the new Burgess Elementary? The Burgess Elementary School proposal only allows for 50 additional students. New houses mean new young families and the 2008 kindergarten class is eighteen students larger as a result of the last building boom. What we need is a unique plan for Sturbridge to revitalize Route 20 and create more economic activity like the present Selectmen are advocating, not the easy growth that sprawl brings. We have innovative business people in Sturbridge who are investing heavily in our community, and that innovation is the standard that should be pursued into the future. It is time to work together.

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My hearing never got any better; in fact, I wear a hearing aid and should probably be wearing two.

The simple, hard truth in life is that we can't always be anything we want. It just doesn't work that way. Maybe you really, really want to be a horse jockey, but you ended up being 6-feet 10-inches and weighing 300 pounds. Sorry, but jockeying is out of the question.

And maybe you don't think it's fair that you get passed over in soccer because you weigh a hundred pounds more than the other players.

There's a boy I know who's about to turn 10. For his age group, he is rather tall and quite big. Not fat, by any stretch of the imagination – just big. In fact, he has the kind of body seemingly perfect for football. He played football for a year, struggling mightily to adhere to a strict 90-pound weight limit. His parents helped him make better food choices and took him to the track almost every night, where he would walk a lap, then run a lap, then walk a lap, then run a lap — a total of 1 mile.

Come time for the official weigh-in, he still tipped the scales at 5 or so pounds over the limit.

But he had busted his butt and the powers that be had noticed. He got a pass and was able to play.

The following season, however, was different. He had grown, and his weight increased.

This time, there was no football.

He stood in line with his parents on equipment day, when players were fitted for pads and pants, and was about to get his turn when he stepped on the scales and got the bad news. In front of everyone - teammates, adults, coaches, and friends — he was told he couldn't play. So off he went.

Was it fair? No. Embarrassing? Yes.

It's even less fair, it says here, because football used to be a big boy's sport. Now, you have 60-pound kids being allowed to play — who will almost assuredly never play past youth group level — while big, strong kids who could end up loving the sport and be quite good at it are told they're too big.

Too big.

Unfair? You bet it is.

But that's life.

There was a weight limit and he didn't make it. Maybe he'll end up playing football someday. Maybe he won't. The betting here is that no matter what this particular young boy chooses to do, he'll make out just fine.

In the end, life isn't about fair. It's about doing the best with what you've got; dealing with the hand that's been placed before you. You can blame the dealer, or you can pick up the cards and play your best.

Or you can call Byron Rushing.

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Safety hearing planned about recreation area

BY GUS STEEVES NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — For the second time in recent years, the town is reaching out to residents to help solve problems at the Cedar Lake Recreation



But neighbors differ on what those solutions might be, and can share their views at 7

p.m., Tuesday, April 8 at Town Hall. The effort was sparked by a

March 1 letter from neighbor Erin Abrams, who said she

unsafe issues" and was circulating an informational petition on her concerns.

"'I'd really like the whole area redesigned for safety," she said, claiming numerous issues are being sparked by the increasing numbers of users in recent years. Among them were loud profanity, youths riding their bikes on the skate park ramps and even slides (often without helmets), people parking on her land and neighbors', and teens having sex in her driveway, she said.

Despite the problem element, Abrams said "there's a lot of great kids who come here to use the park as well." She said she does not want to close it, but wants to remove bushes and other hiding

wished to "discuss many spaces, change how parking works and otherwise eliminate the facts that make it 'very well hidden so it invites mischievous behavior," she said.

Abrams was also a key player in a similar effort in 2004 that led to some parking restrictions, stepped-up police patrols and other changes in the area.

At that time, town staff discussed her concerns and Town Administrator James Malloy wrote her a letter saying, "A new sign will be posted informing the skaters that they are (a) not to park on neighbor's property; (b) are to ensure they police the area themselves to keep it clean; and (c) they are not to play music so loud as to be a public nuisance. That failure to

abide by these rules will result in the skate park being closed and the equipment removed and stored.'

To fellow neighbor Bruce Curboy, the time has come to invoke that threat.

"We should tear it down and put it behind the police station or behind the DPW, in the woods so people don't have to hear the swearing," Curboy said.

Curboy said he has observed trash being thrown on neighbors' property and into the lake, young children not being properly monitored, youths on skateboards holding on to moving cars and shattering bottles on Abrams' rocks, and, on Sunday, a teen in a tree "acting like a monkey" while his friends threw things at him.

"We don't want to be their has seen youths without hel-buddies," he said. "We're mets file out of the park and sick of the trash, foul language and other problems.'

To Curboy, most of the problems are caused by people from out-of-town. He'd like to see the park made res-idents-only, but said he believes the fact it gets some funding from the hotel taxes may prevent that.

"The cops have better things to do than baby-sit the skate park," he added. "What happens if a senior citizen over on Leadmine has a problem [at the same time]?'

In fact, the park does frequently appear in town police logs, usually as the site of a disturbance or suspicious activity, but only rarely is anyone arrested there. Curboy noted that he drive away when the police get called, only to return later.

"We're concerned that [neighbors] have a concern,' Malloy said about the April 8 meeting. "The town itself has no other concerns."

In a March 28 letter to Abrams, he said hers was "the only complaint I have received ... but please feel free to pass this on to your neighbors." He later noted the meeting will also discuss changes the town is already planning for the park area, including speed bumps.

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Ken Burns Returns to Old Sturbridge Village

FILMMAKER HONORED BY OSV AT FUNDRAISING DINNER

STURBRIDGE – Filmmaker Ken Burns discovered his awardwinning technique for filming archival photographs and paintings at Old Sturbridge Village, so it was perhaps only fitting that OSV has named its visual archives the Ken Burns Visual Resource Collection.

"My interest in history was born right here at Old Sturbridge Village," Burns recalled at a March 27 fund-raising dinner in his honor hosted by OSV. The village was the subject of his very first documentary film, "Working in Rural New England," made in 1975 during his days as film major at nearby Hampshire College.

"I still remember every shot. In the very last scene, I did a pan across an archive — a painting and literally found what I would spend the next 34 years doing. I began my professional life in this place," Burns said, adding that today, "Old Sturbridge Village is in the midst of a welcome Renaissance.'

He added that making the Old Sturbridge Village film also taught him the essentials of the filmmaking business. "This is where I learned how to do what I do — how to write a budget, write a proposal, stay on budget and speak in public.³

More than 180 people attended the fund-raising dinner honoring Burns at OSV's Oliver Wight Tavern. Old Sturbridge Village CEO Jim Donahue and Vice Chairman Mike Brockelman presented Burns with gifts unique to the village, including a handmade tin lantern and a signature OSV "tall hat" and suit of authentic 1830s-style clothing. U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., introduced Burns, touching on the highlights of his career, including his series "Jazz", the recently-broadcast "Jazz", film about WWII, "The War," and his 1990 landmark series "The Civil War," — the highest rated series in the history of American public television,

attracting an audience of **STURBR** 40 million people.

"We treasure the 🛇 role that Old Sturbridge Village plays." Need plays," Neal said, • adding "American history is an unfolding documentary, and Ken Burns has told the story better than anyone. He has popularized American history as no one else has.'

Burns said Boston Red Sox fans will be glad to know that he is updating his Emmy-awardwinning film Baseball, which aired in 1994 — before the Red Sox' World Series wins — and became the most-watches series in PBS history, attracting more than 45 million viewers.

"Before, I had to edit the ball going under Buckner's legs over and over, and it was hell. Now, I get to edit Dave Roberts' steal of second base," Burns said, referencing the Sox' 1986 loss to the New York Mets, and their win over the New York Yankees on the road to the 2004 World Series. The sequel will be called "The Tenth Inning."

Burns surprised OSV with a gift of a restored copy of New "Working in Rural England.'

We're deeply grateful — our copy of the film was scratched and faded from so many years of viewing," Donahue said.

"America's best idea." This six-part film will air on PBS in 2009. His production company is based in Walpole, N.H.

Meeting with a predinner gathering of Old Sturbridge Village employees, Burns recalled getting up at 4 a.m. to get to the village early for filming. He also shared with them his view of history,

"We're all in the public history business," he said. "You can't tell all the stories; I've tried to just tell good stories. I'm interested in showing a true, honest and complicated past."

Speaking of his films about war, Burns said that because war is so horrible, he feels honorbound to show it in a realistic way. He criticized traditional documentaries like "Victory at Sea" for glamorizing war, and making them seem bloodless and gallant.

"Politicians and celebrity gen-erals don't do the fighting," he said, recalling that after seeing his film "The War," one viewer told him "It's terrible, but don't take out one dead body.

Burns, who has been making films for more than 30 years, is perhaps the most critically acclaimed documentary filmmaker in the country. According to the late historian Stephen Ambrose, "more Americans get their history from Ken Burns than any other source." Old Sturbridge Village, one of the oldest and largest living history museums in the country, celebrates New England life in the 1830s and is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tues.-Sun., and all Mon. holidays. Admission: \$20; seniors \$18; children 3-17, \$6; children under 3, free. For more information visit: www.osv.org <http://www.osv.org/> or call 1-800-SEE-1830.



Courtesv photos

Award-winning documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, above at right, discusses American history with U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., at a recent dinner given in Burns' honor by Old Sturbridge Village. Burns made his very first film at Old Sturbridge Village as a college student. OSV named its visual resource collection in Burns' honor and presented him with gifts unique to the village, including a handmade tin lantern and a signature OSV "tall hat" and suit of authentic 1830s-style clothing. Below Burns pauses for a photo with Sturbridge residents Therese Hillman, left, and Angela Cheng-Cimini.



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OSV also recognized Burns accomplishments by naming its visual archives the Ken Burns Visual Resource Collection. Used by historians and researchers, the collection hundreds of photoimages including graphic daguerreotypes and glass plate negatives, and more than 100,000 additional images of early graphics, drawings, artwork, and other artifacts.

Burns is currently producing and directing a major series on the history of the National Parks, focusing on the ideas and individuals that helped propel into existence what the writer Wallace Stegner once called

- Submitted by Ann Lindblad, for Old Sturbridge Village

CALENDAR

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY April 1, 2

Food, Flavorings, and Flowers for the Family. For children in indergarten to third grade, at Hitchcock Academy. Choose Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 3:34 – 4:45pm. Kids learn about garden planning and basics, and complete projects involving growing vegeta-bles, herbs, and flowers. Call Hitchcock Academy at 245-9977 for registration information

WEDNESDAY April 2

Garden & Nature classes for 2.9 to 5 years. Start at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield. There are still openings on Wednesdays, 10 -11a.m. or 1 - 2 p.m. Explore the wonders of nature through seasonal, hands-on activities, stories and take-home projects. Call Academy at 245-9977 to regis-Hitchcock ter.

SUNDAY April 6

The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is hosting a Kick-Off dance from 2 to 5 p.m., as a way to herald in the upcoming 50th New **England Square and Round Dance Convention** being held in Sturbridge. The dance will feature dancers, cuers and callers from all over New England. You are welcome to stop by the club located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge to "check out" the various dance forms. The whole family will find it very interesting to watch and a fun way to spend a few hours on a Sunday afternoon. There is no charge to sit and watch. For more information contact the Hayloft Club at 508-347-9130.

SATURDAY April 12

Sturbridge Girl Scout Troop 31000 will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, from 8-11 a.m., at the Sturbridge Federated Church located next to the Joshua Hyde Library. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat breakfast are \$5 per person, children under 3 are admitted free. Ticets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

Come join us for a hearty breakfast and to support your local Girl Scouts in their effort to

raise funds for a trip to New York City. For more information about the pancake breakfast or Girl Scouting, please contact Angelina Ostrenga at 508-347-5352.

BRIMFIELD — Trivia Night is coming to St.Christopher's Church in Brimfield at 7p.m. Bring your own team of six to 10 people, or join in with another table. We incorporate a wide variety of question categories, including history, literature, sports, nature, geography, music, television, movies, religion and more. This will be a ten round contest of team trivia, with prizes awarded to the winners! A small admission charge is asked and optional raffle tickets will be available for sale. For more information, or to reserve a table for your team, call Bob at 413-245-3035.

<u>TUESDAY</u> April 15

Book Discussion, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Brimfield Public Library of Animal, Vegetable, Miracle, a new work of non-fiction by Barbara Kingsolver. The discussion will be led by Old Sturbridge Village horticulturalist Christie Higginbottom and will focus on the book, followed by brainstorming ideas to take advantage of the local food sources available. Contact Hitchcock Academy at 413 245-9977 for information.

THURSDAY April 17

"Celebrate Spring" 7 to 8 p.m., at Hitchcock Academy. Participants ages 14- adult will cretheir own container salad garden to ate welcome in spring with Linda Fuchs. Call Hitchcock at 245-9977 for registration information.

SATURDAY April 19

Town-wide Earth Day cleanup in Brimfield. Gather at The Apple Barn on Route 20 for free coffee at 9 a.m. Bags and gloves are provided. Pizza lunch will be served at Hitchcock Academy for pre-registered participants. Contact Regina Cromack at 413 531-5365 for more information.



Farmers' Market opens for the season 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Support local bounty! Linda Fuch Green House will have a variety of plants and Regina Cromack will have reusable canvas shopping bags to decorate and purchase for \$1.50. Additional vendors welcome. 413 245-9977

SPORTS

Safety cited for moving softball pitching circle



Shawn Kellev file photo

Sarah Chenier, a pitcher on the Southbridge softball team last year, throws a pitch last year from the 40-foot circle every team in Massachusetts worked with. This year, the organization that oversees high school athletics in the Bay State moved the circle back 3 feet from home plate.

MIAA JOINS COLLEGE RANKS IN Moving hurlers back to 43 feet

BY JOHN RADZINSKI SPORTS STAFF WRITER

As softball pitchers arrived to their first practices of the season, they may have noticed something odd: their pitches took a tad longer to get to home plate than they used This is because the to. Interscholastic Massachusetts Athletic Association moved the pitching circles from 40 feet to 43 feet away from home plate.

For years, the official distance from the pitching plate to home in college has been 43 feet. In 2005, Florida's high school interscholastic governing board was the first to decide to increase the distance to replicate that of the college game.

The MIAA, according to the association's media spokesperson, Paul Wetzel, decided to do the same three years later, citing the same reason that Florida did — safety.

"It had been discussed for a while. It was a safety thing," said Wetzel.

That safety "thing" is the safety of the pitcher, and protecting the pitcher who can be at risk when balls are However, every bit helps for the bathit back at them.

The discussion about moving back the pitching point came to fruition when the MIAA deliberated whether to ban aluminum bats for high school baseball and permit only the use of bats made of wood. That idea was met with both positive and negative criticism, so much so that the MIAA decided not to go through with banning aluminum bats.

"There were no real conclusive engineered studies that prove aluminum bats put the pitcher in danger any more than wood bats," said Wetzel.

When the argument for or against wooden bats turned into a stalemate, the MIAA turned its attention to softball. Moving back the pitching point, unlike the bat debate, garnered little criticism, said Wetzel.

Some might wonder how much a difference 3 feet could possibly make. The answer is approximately .04 seconds more. That does not sound like a lot, and it isn't.

ters, and Wetzel believes that we will see a small increase in offense as a result of this.

"Creating more offense was part of the discussion," said Wetzel.

In high school softball, a good pitcher can dominate a season for a team. But is it likely that an extra few feet will give batters a sudden advantage against good pitchers? According to Shepherd Hill head coach Tom Cafelle, probably not.

"The new rule has more impact on weaker pitchers than better pitchers," Cafelle said. "There will be a little advantage to the hitters, but the kids who are better pitchers and worked on their game in the off-season and got used to the distance should pitch at similar levels."

One thing is certain: no one really knows if this measure will make things safer, or will add noticeable difference in run production.

"We'll be analyzing the results throughout the season," said Wetzel.

Good things expected from Warriors' strong lineup

BY JOHN RADZINSKI

STURBRIDGE — The Tantasqua Warriors baseball team is expected to have a strong lineup this season. Last year they beat Shepherd Hill in the first round of the district playoffs before getting knocked out by perennial powerhouse St. John's in the second round.

The mood around the team is optimistic. Coaches and players believe they can improve and be better than last year's squad that finished 12-8 en route to their district playoff birth.

Last year's captain and first baseman, Andy Kazanovicz, will be sorely missed. The 6-foot-4 slugger, who now attends and plays baseball at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, hit the team's lone home run last season.

Picking up the slack for the graduated players, which include Jonah Facher and John Blais, from last year's team will be a slew of six seniors and six juniors. This core group of kids has head coach Mike Farrell feeling very optimistic about his

2008 squad.

"Last year, once we got the lineup settled, we won our last eight games of the season, and we're returning most of the players from that team. I expect overall improvement, and I'd be disappointed if we did not do well this year," said Farrell.

The key to any successful team, especially in high school, is pitching. Luckily for the Warriors, they potentially have a lot of strong arms.

The rotation will most likely be led by junior Cory Lavallee. Last season, as a sophomore, Lavallee was undefeated, going 7-0.

"If Lavallee can win seven to eight games again, that would be huge," said Farrell.

For the most part, the Warriors know what kind of things to expect from Lavallee on the mound, but simply being good at pitching will not be enough for the Warriors to have success

"I expect him to play strong in the outfield when he's not pitching," said Farrell.

Two other seniors will pitch the majority of the games for the Warriors, Curtis Orlik and Jared Lowe. They will once again look to provide strong starts and good depth in the pitching rotation. A potential surprise for the team's pitching staff will be senior Matt Brown. Last season, Brown missed the entirety of 2007, but this year he is back on the team and has looked strong on the mound, according to Farrell. Of course, being only March, most of what Farrell has seen from the senior has been indoors in the Warriors' gym. As for now, Brown could make several pitching appearances while also playing infield.

On the offensive side, the Warriors will look to be equally potent. The team's best hitter on the team, Dan Kemp, returns for his junior season after hitting over .400 last year as a sophomore. Kemp is excited to be playing the sport he loves.

was the only one smiling after we lost in the (basketball) championship," joked Kemp, who is a forward for the Warriors' 24-1 basketball team.

Kemp will look to improve even more this season, playing primarily shortstop and most likely hitting in the third spot in the order.

"I expect that Kemp should be the best shortstop in the SWCL this year. He's physical and is a big-time athlete," said Farrell.

Hitting cleanup will be third baseman and pitcher Jon Kazanoivcz. The senior showed good power strokes during Monday's practice, and that's something Farrell will be looking for the fourth year

student to keep doing. "He wields a big stick," said Farrell. "He also plays a real solid third base. He doesn't get down on himself or let an error get him down."

Junior outfielder Brandon Forcier is the fastest player on the team and should bat leadoff, setting the table for Lavallee, who will bat second often, then Kemp and Kazanovicz.

Andrew King, a senior is another player who the Warriors expect a lot out of. Last season, King primarily was a designated hitter, but this season could see time in the outfield and at the catcher position.

"He had a lot of big its for us last year," said Farrell. "This should be a good hitting team."

Handling the pitchers at the catcher position will be Richie Davis. Davis started every game last season at catcher, and will most likely do the same again this year. Farrell believes that he is one of the best he has seen at this level at getting in front balls in the dirt and preventing passed balls.

According to Farrell, the only weakness the team will be looking to fill as the season approaches is to get another infielder.

The team was scheduled to play a scrimmage yesterday against Worcester Vocational, but field conditions were unsuitable for play.

The first regular season game of the season is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Friday against Northbridge at the "Reservation."

BY JOHN RADZINSKI SPORTS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — After missing out on the district playoffs by only one game last season, the Tantasqua Warriors' softball team returns a very young team, but one that knows what it takes to win.

Head coach Phil Lagerstrom enters his eighth year at the helm of the squad. Last season the Warriors finished the regular season 9-11, precisely one win short of making the playoffs. Tantasqua was in an ideal position to get into districts, holding their own destiny to get in, but could not come up with a victory in the final game of the year.

"We had an opportunity to win. We just came up short. We have to learn how to win still. There are certain times where you just need to come up big at the end of games, and we're in the process of understanding that," said Lagerstrom.

Graduating from the team were several strong players, chief among them is Lydia Sampson, an outfielder, and the team's cleanup batter. This year's team will miss the leadership those seniors brought to the field, but optimism is high so far this spring.

The Warriors will have a core of four seniors, Erin McGrath, Kim Hurley, Kelly Moran, and the team's lone captain, catcher Ali Baillargeon. Baillargeon is



honored to be the team's only captain, but with that also comes a lot of responsibility as she has quickly found out.

There's a lot of leadership things I need to do. It's a little intimidating," said Baillargeon. "I want to do a good job leading the team. (The seniors last season) kept morale up all year no matter what, and I want to do the same."

With only four seniors, the Warriors are young, but Lagerstrom was quick to note that this season, in no way falls under the category of the dreaded "rebuilding year."

'There's a lot of talent on the team. It's a young team, but that doesn't mean it's rebuilding though,' said Lagerstrom.

As for the younger players, the Warriors will have a roster complete with five juniors — Tabitha Ruggieri, Kelley Stewart, Amanda Galonek, Katie Misiaszek and Amber Trafford — and four sophomores — Cassie Wadden, Marissa Sampson, Courtney Moen and Amanda Balderelli.

The team is full of good athletes who can play multiple positions, which is a terrific luxury to have.

"At least three girls on the team can play every position and step in when needed to," said Lagerstrom. "This is a very versatile group."

"It's nice to have the depth we do this year," said Baillargeon. "We don't have to worry about players playing at other positions they may not be so good at."

The name of the game in softball is pitching, and the Warriors boast two very good pitchers in Wadden and Hurley. Although Wadden lacks the experience that Hurley does, she is expected to start as the team's number one pitcher out of the gate. Hurley is expected to get an increasing role as the season goes along, but nagging injuries will keep her limited at first.

"I just want her to get 100 percent. I rather have 100 percent of Kim's abilities later, than have to settle for having 80 percent for the beginning and not let her heal completely," said Lagerstrom.

On the offensive side, Ruggieri could likely hit in the third spot in the lineup. That was her home for much of last season.

Baillargeon is also a strong hitter, along with being a good defensive catcher and overall team leader. According to Lagerstrom, she could see time at other positions at certain times this season, but that seems to be the M.O. for most of the players. Fellow senior Erin McGraf should hold down the left or right field position. Moran will play second base.

As for the younger kids, they have looked impressive, according to Lagerstrom. Ruggieri will play center field, along with second base when needed. Moen will be given the important duty of playing shortstop, Simpson will play third base, and Galonek will fill the first base position.

Overall, the team is expected to be better, but how much better, the eighth-year coach does not know.

'We should be better," said Lagerstrom. "I don't know our goals as far as records go, but I do know that my goal is to get them to compete and play to their potential.'

The team will have an uphill climb competing with the likes of Shepherd Hill.

"Shepherd Hill is in the SWCL, of course, and they have a terrific program. We want to try and get in their league. It's a credit to them and their success," said Lagerstrom.

Coaches and players are hopeful that as the season goes on, the Warriors will only get stronger.

"As we get more experience, we will be better. We want to get to the tournament of course, especially being only one game away last year," said Lagerstrom.

We're definitely looking to make the districts this year," said Baillargeon.



Arndt departs BOS race

STURBRIDGE — The town's huge field of candidates for selectman narrowed a bit last week when Prescott Arndt dropped out of the race just after the first public candidate forum.

"With so many candidates running, my skills may be put to better use in another capacity for our local government," he said, tossing his support to candidate Mary Blanchard.

"There were other people with similar ideas, so, in the long run, it's what's best for the community," he said. "I don't think it makes sense to spread those votes around."

The aborted effort was Arndt's first try for a public office, and he said he might seek appointment "to something appropriate," but didn't yet know what that might be. He said he entered the race originally because he "thought there was a need for change," especially regarding the sewer plant project, alleging the selectmen went into it with a "predetermined" outcome.

"It will be interesting to see if [the field] winnows any more than me," Arndt said.

Seven candidates remain vying for two BOS seats: Incumbent William Emrich, Blanchard, Jeff Bonja, Kevin Smith, Scott Garieri, Chris Mattioli and Priscilla Gimas. Election day is Monday, April 14, with all voters casting ballots at the Burgess School gymnasium.



BOS candidates take the stump

STURBRIDGE — All eight candidates for the Board of Selectmen took advantage of their first formal chance to talk to the voters Tuesday at a "meet and greet" organized by the Chamber of Commerce. Each got about 10 minutes to summarize their platforms before an audience of about 40 people at Old Sturbridge Village.

Above left: Candidate Scott Garieri picks a number that will determine the night's speaking order from a bag held by Chamber of Commerce member Michael Cimini. Incumbent Selectman Bill Emrich looks on. Right: The eight candidates listen to time keeper Michael Cimini before their speeches. From left (back to camera) Kevin Smith, Priscilla Gimas, Chris Mattioli, Prescott Arndt, Mary Blanchard (indicating her number was called), Bill Emrich, Scott Garieri and Jeff Bonja.

Emrich wants to control growth in Sturbridge

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reflects a continuing desire to "give back to the town" after growing up in it, raising his family here and working as a gym teacher 24 years at Burgess Elementary School.

When he won his seat in 2005, it was his first term in any elective office. Among the issues that prompted him to run was his concern over the future of Sturbridge's involvement in the Tantasqua/Union 61 school district; he supported it, but there was then some talk of, and a Town Meeting article proposing, withdrawal. It failed.

Since then, Emrich has had to look at equally controversial issues, typically related to growth in town. For much of his term, the board has been discussing a new sewer plant, and Emrich said he supports the board's recent decision to seek voter approval of a 1-million gallon plant despite Tighe & Bond's and the finance committee's larger recommendations. "We feel we're filling the need for extra industrial and commercial development," he said, adding he doesn't feel a similar need for much residential growth and noted the town's last master plan predicted Sturbridge would have a higher population now than it does.

Emrich himself predicted the town's population would be around 12,000 in 2018 and around 14,000 ten years later.

"I'm trying to look at how we've grown in the last few years and go by that," he said. "... My concern about a spike in residential growth would be its effect on services in town. You have to really watch how you grow as a town."

He was referring to a commonly cited finding that every \$1 in residential development requires \$1.14 in town services, a figure that's higher than for industrial, commercial or open space.

Somewhat less controversial, but much more expensive, is Emrich's support for the larger of two Burgess School reconstruction plans. He hopes the town will vote for a \$41.3 million proposal instead of a \$17.9 million plan to "give space to people who are working in spaces they shouldn't be," among solving other problems. But he acknowledged the town's status regarding state reimbursement is currently in limbo members of the Building Committee (on which he also sits) are due to meet with the School Building Authority Wednesday. If that agency delays listing the Burgess project, the town needs to "break down some numbers" to see how long it can afford to wait, but he said it cannot wait 10 years or more.

Emrich holds a similar attitude to a proposal some in town have floated to improve the town's business climate — hiring an economic development director.

"It's a very good thought. If it worked right, it would pay for itself," he said. "I'd want to be sure of our need and make sure it'd be cost-effective having that person here."

That said, however, Emrich said he wants to see good communication between his board and the new Economic Development Commission so he can "understand where they need to go." Specifically, he wants to focus on ecotourism, taking advantage of the town's open space acreage, the proposed Grand Trunk Trail and other natural resources to "bring in a significant amount of tourists."

That will take time, Emrich notes. "There's a long way to go here, and figuring out how to do it will take some brainstorming," he said. "... I looked at what makes ecotourism work and said, 'We have all that."

Among other things, Emrich said, he'd like to see the town do more to promote existing events like the Pan-Mass Challenge (an annual fundraising bike race which starts off in town), create new ones, find outdoors-oriented firms to take over some of the vacant business sites (especially the former Basketville) and build a bridge over the Quinebaug from the rail trail to the commercial tourist district along Route 20.

"It could really make things work well there," he said regarding the latter. "I think we [also] need to find municipal parking in that area. That's been a bit of a problem for years now."

Within Town Hall, the incumbent said his priority issue is finding a way to give the town clerk a full-time assistant, add a person to the town accountant's office, and create the third public works crew the town has proposed for years now. When asked how he'd fund these and other changes, Emrich was not clear, but said he'd try to "find some way to save" town funds. In the past, he said, the town has done that by instituting or increasing fees for such things as clerk's services or sports, but he did not have an example of one he'd advocate increasing now.

Otherwise, Emrich said most of the things he hopes to continue working on are "already out there" in public discourse — building new ball fields, promoting a town gateway, making properties more attractive by tweaking the bylaws or promoting contests, and implementing a revised town code of conduct for board members.

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public office. Besides being chairman of the town Democrats until recently, the closest he has come, he said, is having taken out papers he never returned, even though his wife and friends have encouraged him to run several times.

"My experience is that of building coalitions and addressing problems, not the personalities," he said. "The divisiveness we've seen is not good for the town."

More directly, he argues the town can benefit from his experience dealing with building issues, noting most town officials don't know a lot about individual contracting firms who might bid on projects.

Other than that, his stance on the issues is very similar to many of the current selectmen, especially regarding the sewer plant. He said he finds the argument for a 1 million gallon plant convincing, but wasn't quite sure when he first saw the board vote for it.

"I've been trying to wrap my head around things people have been studying for two years now," he said. "I originally supported the 1.1, but when the selectmen changed their mind I was kind of shocked and nervous. But now I believe we can get by with the one million, and it's the most economical for the people who are affected."

Likewise, Mattioli opposes changing the Planned Unit Business Development bylaw to include retail on Route 15 or extending the sewers there, but supports changing it to include commercial recreational enterprises and extending public water. He said he'd like to see a movie theater, sports complex or small office park there.

To him, allowing retail businesses there would only encourage drivers to "just jump off [the highway], shop, and get back on." He compares it to what he does at Blackstone Valley Shoppes in Millbury, where most people stay in the mall without ever visiting downtown Millbury.

"I don't think the Village or ecotourism or any one thing is going to bring tourism back, but a combination of ideas will," he said. Among other things, he advocates giving tax-increment financing plans for some kinds of light industry and "walking [businesses] through the process [of coming to town] before they walk away."

A big part of making things happen, he said, will involve cooperation between various town boards and the Chamber of Commerce to "dispel the myth that Sturbridge is bad for business."

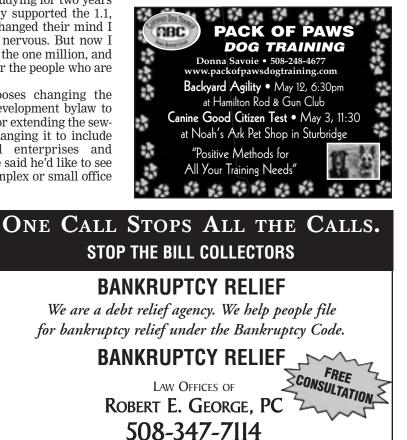
"If we're not working together, we're not going anywhere," Mattioli said.

When asked what he wants for the future of Sturbridge, Mattioli refers to the town's Dialog for the Future. In that document, he notes, people said they want "a family-oriented and rural community."

"That's what an overwhelming majority of people want and that's why I moved out here" from Medford, he said.

That picture definitely does not include a big Casella landfill just over the Southbridge border — Mattioli argues the town should've been working to oppose it long ago.

"I think it's amusing we can spend so much time discussing a tree and wastewater treatment plant when that landfill could affect



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Sturbridge for generations," he said.

His vision, however, does include the bigger of the two Burgess School projects on the warrant, especially if the town can recruit new business to offset the taxpayers' burden for its cost.

"I hope we as taxpayers don't have to pay for it ... but \$500 million a year for schools doesn't bode well for us. I don't think we can wait," Mattioli said, referring to the state School Building Authority's annual funding limit. "We



live week to week, too, but I'd be willing to pay my share."

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Three communities set up panel on regional policing

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ments, but it hasn't made much headway in Massachusetts. Here, he knew of two

Berkshire towns that share a force, but could not recall exactly which ones. Many police officers, however, work for more than one department.

"My question looking at consolidation was

if we had three departments combined into one, would we realize an economy of scale in pur-

chasing power ... and could it be done something similar to a regional school district?" asked Holland Selectman James Wettlaufer.

Kus said it probably wouldn't be less expensive, mostly because the towns already buy cruisers and other gear as part of the state's buying pool. The goal, instead, would be to improve the service across the area and make the towns a more attractive place for police officers.

"I'd like to create an environment ... to encourage officers to stay," Kuss said. "... You're going to get the best level of service that way. These towns can't be served by nameless, faceless officers; they need to have officers that know the towns."

Wales Selectman Jeffrey Vannais said almost any regionalization would increase the frequency of service in his town. Recently, there was some "indignation" over a plan to hike the police budget in Wales, but a public meeting on it drew a vast majority of supportive residents, he said.

The idea, however, may turn out to be affect more than just police. Wettlaufer said it started as an inquiry into combining police, fire and highway departments, and he believes it could become one element in an inter-town exchange of several kinds of services.

'We may along the way be paying per capita the same amount for a bundle of services," rather than reducing the cost for any particular service, he said.

Kuss agreed.

"This thing has more tentacles than these three pages could possibly describe," Kuss agreed, referring to an overview of the concept he handed out at the meeting.

Among other things Kuss hopes to see is "an officer on duty at all times, or even two or three on at some times." Currently, none of the three towns have 24-hour coverage on its own; they rely on the State Police for latenight service.

Wettlaufer noted State Police coverage is also not equal - since Holland has no state highways, it sees troopers much less frequently than the other two. In his report, Kuss noted, however, that Holland has the most local coverage, with two full-timers, while coverage in Wales "has been reduced to some evenings and parts of the weekend." Brimfield is in between.

Among the issues a regionalization plan

would have to solve are how to choose the chief (most use a police commission with representatives for each town rather than selectmen) and how to define funding (options include by population, by number of calls, by land area, or others). Kuss noted later concerns would eventually include a regional station, since none of the towns have lockup facilities, but that

"A regional police station for 7,500 people would be a \$3 to \$4million building, and doing it now wouldn't be diligent," he said. "We want to see how much we can get for

The research committee will include the three current chiefs, one citizen from each town appointed by the selectmen and a seventh person chosen by the three citizens. The selectmen said they want to have the mem-



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Dana grew up in the early 60s surrounded by the music of the Kingston Trio, Peter, Paul & Mary, Bob Dylan. When he was about 12 years old, his older brother (with whom he shared a bedroom) bought a red and black Stella acoustic guitar. Says Dana. "Every time he went out the door he told me 'Don't touch my guitar!' Of course, as soon as he left I'd close the bedroom door and slide the guitar out from under his bed."

Being left-handed, Dana naturally held the guitar opposite way, strumming with the left hand, and fretting with the right.

"I turned the instruction book upside down and taught myself how to play. I'll never forget the first time I played a C chord. It was like the sound of heaven and I was hooked," he said.

By the late 60s The British Invasion had begun. Dana taught himself how to play music of the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Herman's Hermits, the Bee Gees, and the Moody Blues. Throughout the next decade he sang and played guitar in bands like 290 East and Windfall. After performing in countless bars, restaurants and colleges throughout New England he decided to take a break from music in the early 80s.

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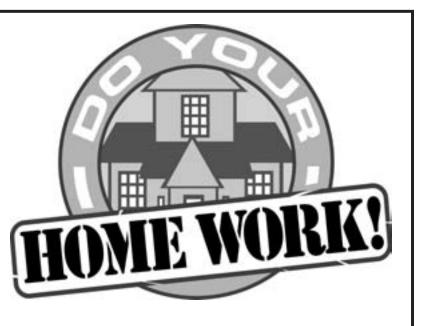








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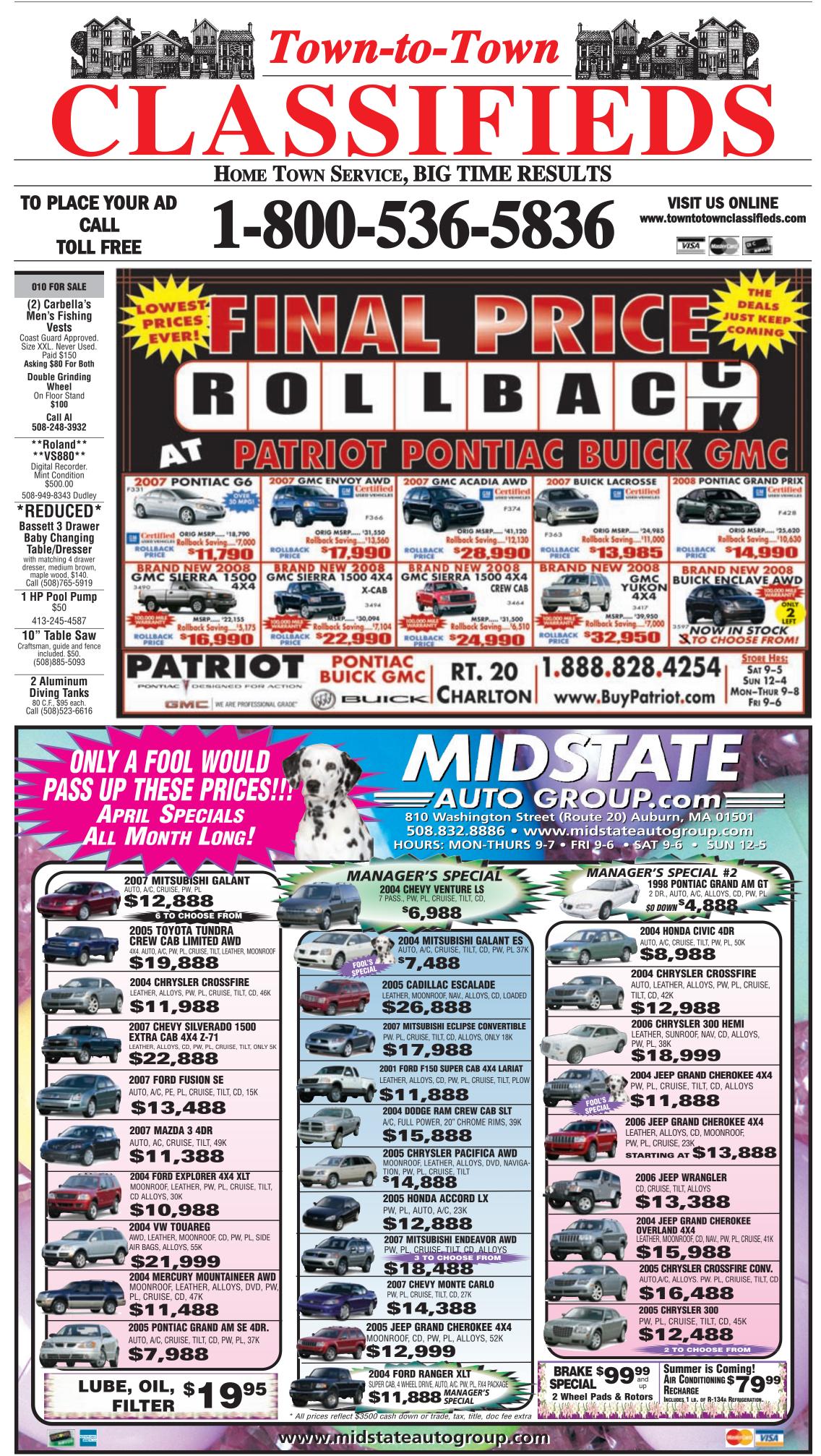
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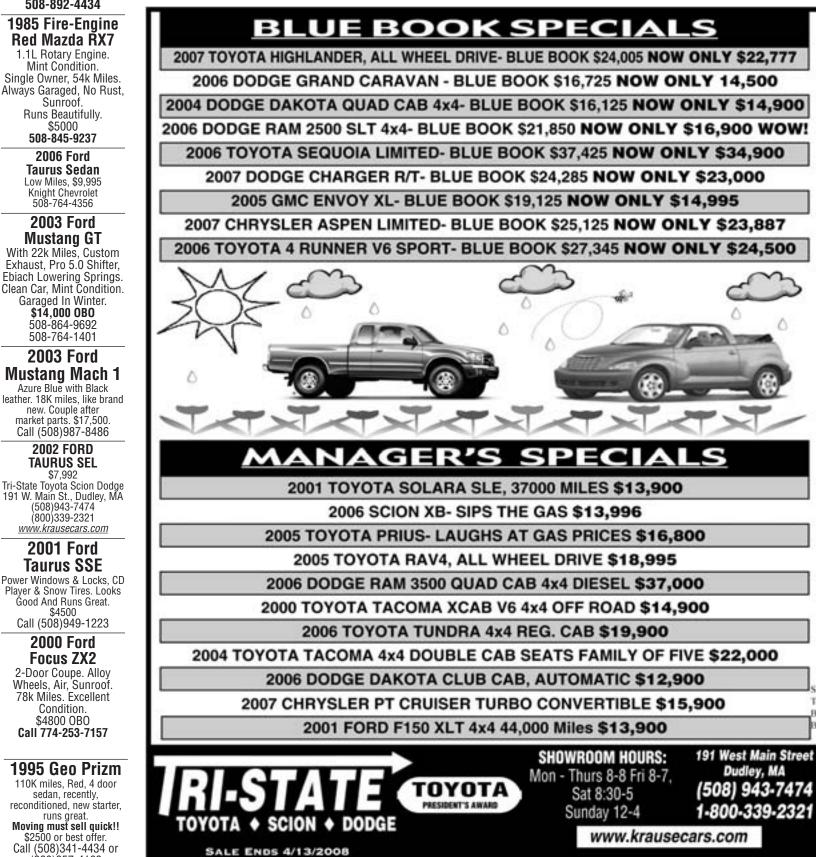
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