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HOME AND GARDEN

The Latest Bad Bug

We now have another Asian import—the brown marmorated stink bug. First detection in Vermont was this year. It feeds on many fruits, vegetables, and farm crops, either making them inedible or unsalable. This stink bug is a nuisance in homes as well.

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Regional News

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LOCAL

CVPS to Merge With GMP

The leaders of CVPS and Gaz Métro today announced that a definitive agreement for the sale of CVPS has been signed. This clears the path for the combination of CVPS and Green Mountain Power Corporation (GMP) into one stronger utility.

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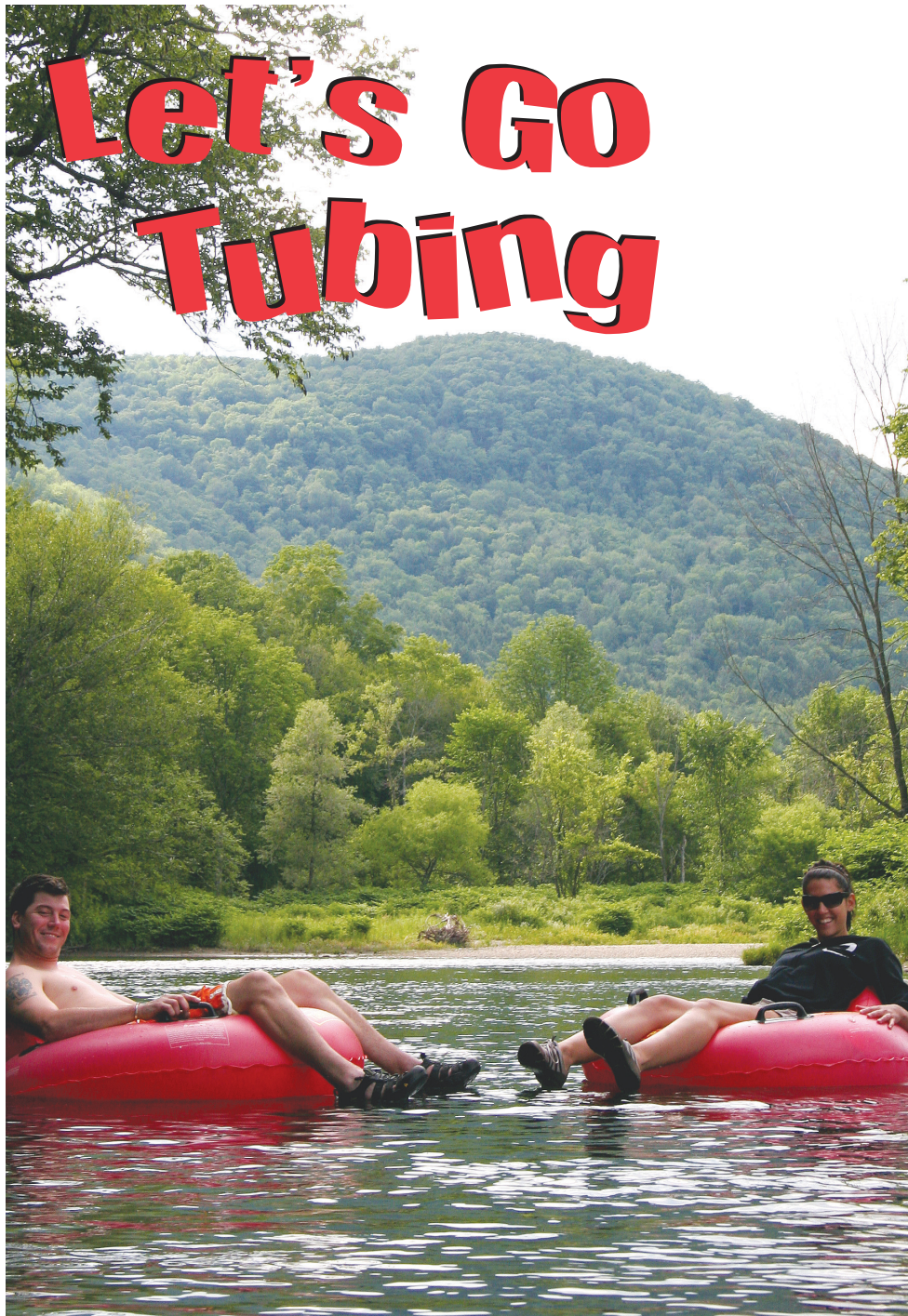
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River Trip

story and photo by Thomas Bartlett

Water is all around us in these parts of Vermont. Not only do we get our fair share of it from the skies, it also rests calmly in the early morning and evening at Lakes Bomoseen and Dunmore, where it is the perfect time of day to be pulled behind a boat. The same time of day offers spectacular and quiet sunrise and sunset on the Chittenden Reservoir, where creeks and streams pour in to replenish the very little bit you remove as you towel off from a swim. There is fishing at Kent Pond, and high jumps and swimming await within hidden marble quarries which hoard the summer sunlight within their high walls. Fly fishing on the Battenkill river, and countless opportunities to step out of your car and go for a quick dip after an even quicker walk in. We denizens of southern Vermont are quite lucky to have

water - water everywhere. Summer playtime in the wet awaits in the deep green bends of a lazy river. If there is more water around than you know what to do with, then here is an idea to consider.

To many, it is called "The Stockbridge Yacht Club." A vague description of more than a destination. The "Yacht Club" is where you pick up your inflatable river-worthy vessel for the day, but the experience on the river will make you a member. Vermont River Tubing (802-746-8106) is the place on Route 100 set up in the old gas station located in Stockbridge, Vt. You can't miss it. It is the old red gas station surrounded by piles of bright red tubes. This welcoming, country structure had been a place where you could pump fuel into your vehicle. Now it stands as a weigh station to a river trip,

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Fur Will Fly as Disc Dogs Compete in Killington



Top dogs from across the country will gather in Killington, Vermont for Killington Dog Days, a full weekend of dog-centric and pet-friendly activities built around two national disc dog competitions from the Unified Frisbee Dog Operations (UFO) and Skyhoundz. The two groups will host a Championship Series and National DiscDogathon Championship qualifier. The weekend event to benefit the Rutland County Humane Society is set for July 16 and 17, with activities beginning at 10 am both days at the Sherburne Library Fields on River Road in Killington.

Dozens of the country's most talented disc catching and jumping dogs will be in attendance, but there's plenty of room for amateur and local dogs and their owners to compete in various categories and levels of play. DiscDog seminars by national pros will help pet owners introduce their dog to the sport, and other demos like dog agility demonstrations, canine free-style dancing, and dog communication will be free for guests throughout the weekend. The competition promises plenty of high-flying entertainment for four-legged or two-legged spectators. "People are always astounded at the way these dogs can jump," says Skyhoundz organizer Ray Lowman.

Along with the discdogs and demos, guests will enjoy vendors offering services like pet grooming, nail-clipping, homemade dog treats, pet tagging, and more. Also on site will be popular pet-and-owner games from the Rutland County Humane Society like the 50-Paw Dash, Musical Carpets and a pet dress-up contest. The event is free, with an on-

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WEATHER

Wednesday	Showers	HI 78°
Thursday	Sunny	77°
Friday	Sunny	82°
Saturday	Sunny	85°
Sunday	Sunny	85°
Monday	Sunny	84°

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Tubing

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and a pump house for inflating river craft. Stockbridge is the gateway for tubing the White River - and new this year, the Tweed River. Just up the road, Tweed River Tubing (802-746-8977) has tubes available as well for the river trip. They are set up at the old Annabelle's Restaurant, at the corner of Routes 100 and 107. Get in on their adventure as well!

Pickering, Brianne, and I showed up at Vermont River Tubing late in the day and just managed to get in on the last ride to the river. We signed the appropriate waiver forms and we jumped into the shuttle vehicle and were on our way. Jen was the shuttle bunny. That is river parlance, meaning the person that does not join in the fun, but gets to cart you around while you have yours. Jen is the safety director at the Vermont Tubing Company and daughter of Commodore Fred who owns the company. We drove north on Route 100 next to the stretch of the White River that we would be floating down. Along the way, Jen gave us the run down on river safety and what to expect along the way. She was a wealth of knowledge and repeated the most important piece of info a couple of times: "Don't float by the take out. You will know you are close when you see the yellow house on the right. It will be the only house you see on the trip." Already the trip began well, knowing we would not see anything less relaxing than the green mountains and white clouds. She warned us to stay away from obstacles in the river such as downed trees. The Commodore told us they check the river weekly for such a thing but you never know. I mean, who will know if a tree falls alone in the forest....

We secured our gear to the tubes for our two-hour tour to the planned takeout, waived good bye to Jen and walked our tubes slowly into the current. I jumped and sat with a splash onto my red tube and slowly joined the speed of the current. Brianne and Pickering mounted their tubes and we set sail in a three tube flotilla. I immediately began looking for a comfy posture to keep while

on my tube and flopped on my belly with my chest on the soft backrest. It collapsed a bit under my weight and I had both arms in the water to paddle and steer my way down river. The three of us cruised along on the current. Sometimes talking in a group, other times relaxing separately in the waning sun. If you get on the river too late, the mountains that the White River is snuggled up against blocks the late day sun, and your river trip is in the shade.

Along the way there were deep stretches where you could swim and a few shallow sections that can hang up your tube if you don't pay attention. This dilemma is easily solved by standing up from your comfortable seat and walking carefully back into the deeper water. The current is slow enough, but care should be taken when walking across the water smoothed rocks. I recommend wearing old sneakers or sandals for your trip. Flip flops work for a time, but these soon remove themselves from your feet in the current, then you have to chase them down as they float away. Much of our time we chatted about matters that were unimportant to our world. The rest of the time, we watched the green riverbanks go by, and basked in the sun. I spent quite a few minutes watching the river bottom go by in a blur of color and texture, as I was lying face down across my tube. A float trip on a tube is not a thrill seeking event. It is a cruiser with your good friends and a chance to experience the river. It is not like anything else. There are forces of nature propelling you down river unto a world of its own. Worries of work and heavy daily stresses sink away beyond the water's surface and your concern is about how dry you want to be or wet if the mood chooses. Eroded river banks ease by showing the Earth's history at a glance and every hu-

man you meet on the river is happy to be there. It's a trip.

Too soon we spotted the yellow house as a marker for our take out, and walked across the rocks on unused legs to arrive at our shuttle which brought us back to the awaiting Commodore. He was there beside his tubeladen truck taking care of the gear. Our day was over, and so was his. He explained to us that he had been in the river business in Stockbridge for twenty years and that it is a family business. He was most gracious to the three of us, as we were his guests, and wore the look of a wizened Yachtsman. The Stockbridge Yacht Club was everything to be expected and now that I have been there once, I am sure to be there again. The White River treated us as graciously as the Vermont Tubing Company had, and my friends and I were in high spirits as we jumped into our ride to take the short drive home. I don't know why, but the river always rejuvenates and for a while you look at things with new eyes. For a while. Then you must return to the world of Planet Earth and do what needs to be done. But for the summer months in Vermont, you can make an escape to the water and a river if you choose. You have until labor day to make reservations for your trip at the "Club." Then the Commodore and family close up shop and the fall winds begin and winter will soon be here and your escapes will have to be on a different sort of water. Frozen.

The snow will return once again, and the tubing fun will continue with the opening of an winter tubing park at Killington Resort. Snow tubing after a day of skiing and riding will round out your vacation day. Keep your eyes open and be ready when the new park arrives for the 2011-2012 ski season.

Totally Tubin'

Stockbridge warmly welcomes Tweed River Tubing to the "tubing capitol of Vt." Located at the junction of Rts. 100 & 107 (2056 Rt. 100 North), it's an easy find from Killington and Rt. 89 here in the heart of Central Vt. Hundreds of really great tubes for your "awesome" tubing rides down the Tweed and White Rivers. A perfect

location for "no wait and direct tube put in" then free shuttle ride for your return.

No summer is complete without experiencing some "tubin' down the river" fun! Open daily - Call Tweed River Tubing at 802-746-8977 for more information. Special group rates and picnic sites available. Credit cards also accepted.

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site gift for guests who make a donation to the Rutland County Humane Society.

"This unique summer event is a perfect fit for Killington," says Seth Webb, the town's Director of Economic Development and Tourism. "We're proud to be partnering with the Rutland County Humane Society and look forward to an exciting weekend of top-level canine athletes and laid-back fun for guests and their dogs."

To register to compete in the events or sign up for a free DiscDogs demo from the pros, visit www.DiscoverKillington.com. Please note that doggy cool-down stations and shade will be available, and all dogs not involved in competition or demos must be on a leash at all times. Please, bring only social and friendly dogs.

Four-legged guests travelling to Killington with their families are welcome at several lodging properties including The Butternut Inn, Chalet Killington, and Val Roc Motel. Guests will receive a special rate by mentioning the Killington Dog Days event when booking a reservation.

The Killington Dog Days is a new addition to a robust calendar of events taking place in the resort community throughout the summer. For a complete schedule, visit www.discoverkillington.com.

About UFO:

Founded in 2000, UFO is an organization dedicated to promoting the sport of canine disc, otherwise known as Frisbee Dogs. The UFO World Cup Series is a points event, with Frisbee Dog teams competing at local contests to earn World Cup points and qualify for the World Cup Final.

About Skyhoundz:



The Skyhoundz World Canine Disc Championship Series is the largest disc-dog series in the world. Currently in its 37th year, the Skyhoundz Series consists of Skyhoundz Championships, Skyhoundz DiscDogathon Championships, and Skyhoundz Xtreme Distance Championships.

About the Rutland County Humane Society:

Founded in 1959, for over 50 years the Rutland County Humane Society has been dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. RCHS provides shelter and adoption opportunities for homeless pets and promotes animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people. RCHS is a private, non-profit organization serving the communities of Rutland County, VT.

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BOOMERS

Boomer Birthdays



by Cindy Phillips

I'm mad as hell and I'm not gonna take it anymore!

Most Boomers will recognize this line as spoken by Peter Finch in the movie Network.

His character, Howard Beale, was distraught over the state of the economy, rising crime, and his being fired from his news anchor job over slumped ratings. They thought he was too old.

Well I wish to borrow this infamous line from Network, with a slight edit of my own. "I'm mad as hell and I'm not gonna have them anymore." Birthdays that is. I have another one creeping up on me this month. I'll be damned; it seems like I just finished licking the icing from last year's cake and here is a new one getting ready to smack me in the face. The best description of aging that I have heard goes like this – "Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes."

We loved celebrating birthdays when we are younger. As kids, it meant a party with friends and relatives. Since my birthday falls in the middle of the summer, it often meant a backyard barbecue. Aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents would make the trek from the city to our house in the suburbs. Though the ride typically took about an hour, my grandmother took great pains preparing for this excursion. She would fill jugs with water, pack an array of snacks and insist that everyone visit the bathroom before getting into the car. She took that "Be Prepared" Girl Scout motto very seriously.

After everyone arrived, my mother would begin the food prep process which included her attempts at lighting the charcoal grill. My uncles would stand by watching, wanting to step in and take over. But they knew my mom was quite independent and they feared the wrath. After many attempts with cheap lighter fluid and wooden matches, she would eventually resort to the pouring of gaso-

line from the can usually reserved for filling the lawn mower. She would soak the coals, wait two minutes and then shout for everyone to "stand back." She herself would back up several feet, light a match and throw it toward the grill. I can still hear the loud "whoosh" and feel the heat that emanated from that tiny grill. How no one ever sustained an injury is beyond me, though I am sure we had some after effects from ingesting the fuel that penetrated our burgers and dogs. I find it comical that my mother could have blown up our house with her charcoal-lighting method, yet we were restricted to only sparklers on July 4th because anything more powerful was simply too dangerous.

The birthday cake was always made from scratch. My mom knew I liked vanilla icing, but that chocolate was the more popular flavor. So she would ice the cake half and half in order to please everyone. Opening presents was always the best part of the day. The bulk of them were cards with various bills or checks tucked inside. When you opened the card, you were supposed to act as if the message on the card was the most important aspect of the gift. You got cross-eyed trying to read the card aloud while looking at the amount of the money at the same time. At night, after everyone was gone, you would count up the day's take and create a list of what you were going to buy. My mother always put the kybosh on "spending it all at once" and would dictate how much was for spending and how much was going into the savings account.

Kid's birthdays today are much different. They are not just a celebration, they are an event. Formal invitations are professionally printed and distributed to family, friends, neighbors and school mates. Parties have themes and the accompanying cake is a culinary creation from a bakery. Opening the gifts can take upwards of an hour, accompanied by the obligatory oohs and ahhs. It's a circus – sometimes literally.

I'm not sure at what age I decided

birthdays were no longer fun. I struggled with thirty, but forty didn't faze me nearly as much. Fifty was fun, but was an "aha" moment. AARP mailings arrived shortly afterwards. After fifty, the euphoria of birthday celebrations went downhill quickly. We do cruel things at birthday parties for older people. We decorate in black and post signs about being "over the hill." We give out gag gifts like bottles of Geritol, walking canes and hair-dye kits. We roast the guest of honor, pointing out all their short comings and the things they will never accomplish because they

are now too old. It's supposed to be funny, but at the end of the day, it is a real cause for reflection.

For these reasons, I have chosen to no longer have birthdays. My kids and grandkids can just go right ahead celebrating theirs and getting older, but I am choosing to make time stand still. If I am successful at completely eliminating all remnants of my birthday (and the aging process), I just might not be mad as hell anymore.

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Read my blog at <http://lifeasaturkey-sandwich.blogspot.com>

Rutland Rec News & Events

REMINDER: Rutland Rec Department is now located in the Godnick Adult Center at 1 Deer Street in Rutland.

– Outdoor Expedition Camp is a great way for you to get outside, get off of the couch and learn some things about what Vermont has to offer when you step out your front door. This summer we will check out dozens of hiking trails and mountain bike the fantastic network of trails that Pine Hill has to offer. We'll visit streams, waterfalls, and lakes. Campers will be guided into the Green Mountain National Forest and beyond. You'll hike mountains on and off Vermont's "Long Trail," challenging yourself and 8 to 13 other campers to reach various summits.

Session 4 will begin July 18th with the campers choosing the big trip of the week. We will be going mountain biking, swimming and hiking. The fee for week 4 is \$145 resident, \$156 non residents. Register online or at our office.

– Our fall brochure will be available July 25th. Visit our website for a complete course listing or swing by

our office.

– Rutland Youth Theatre Camp Back again this year your child is welcome come for just one section or join us for the day. In the morning section the campers will have a chance to devise their own characters and write their own script! The afternoon section will feature the Disney Kids' musical Cinderella for grades K-2. All sections will end with a performance for parents. The afternoon sections will perform on Saturday August 6th for the Long Trail Festival. Camp is open for actors entering grades K-2. We will begin July 25th and run until August 5th. Camp will be offered in two sections, a morning section 9:00-11:30AM and an afternoon section from 12:30-3:00PM. Fee to participate is \$163 resident add \$11 for non residents. Register 10 days in advance and receive a \$10 discount. Register online or at our office.

To register for any of these events, please visit www.rutlandrec.com or stop by our office located at 1 Deer St. Rutland VT (Godnick Adult Center).

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By
Dave
Hoffenberg

Budweiser Killington Softball League

Moguls held a "Block Party" on Tuesday with their defense as they blanked the Vermonsters 10-0. Mr. Reliable, Scuba Steve, with the lowest E.R.A in the league backed that up with the shut-out win. Moguls were leading 5-0 in the fifth when "Tweed Bus" Bob pumped up the team and said "Let's get five runs and end this." And they did.

The 4th of July and fireworks were the night before but Ramuntos and Jax had their bats exploding all night long. Lots of hits and lots of runs, so many that they ran out of time. Ramuntos held a comfortable lead in the fifth but Jax stormed back to grab their first lead at 14-9. Ramuntos could only get as close as 14-12 to suffer the heart breaking, inning early, sixth inning loss.

The Heavy Hitters brought everything to their game against the Phat Italian, including marshmallows. Since they couldn't do it with their bats, they figured marshmallows to the face would slow the Phat down. They quickly learned that marshmallows are not the Phat's kryptonite and they still suffered the mercy loss.

In a game not like those above, the Clear Cottage and Slips, Trips and Falls stymied each other for runs. Cowboy Justin scored first for STF but Johnny "Lightning" Hurley took the lead 2-1 with an RBI and a run scored. The Clear held a slim 4-2 lead into the bottom of the seventh where they shut STF down 1-2-3 to complete the season sweep with their lowest scoring game of the season. STF won the "CBK" battle 3-0 striking out "12 Pack" Jack, DJ Dave and "Perfect" Rob. The Clear fired up the bats in their next game against Ramuntos, scoring six in the first and eventually built a 12-0 lead. Ramuntos

squeaked in a run in the fifth, but that was all they'd get. These games all have 12 packs and cases but it's Ramuntos pitcher and 2nd oldest league player Kelly with the six pack, abs that is. Seeds ripped a shot off Kelly's chest, planting his seed and leaving a mark, but that only fired Kelly up as he shut out the Clear the rest of the game with six straight outs. This game featured a battle of the web gems. Ramuntos had Josh and Russell while the Clear had Will and Judd, and all made spectacular grabs.

The Heavy Hitters put a scare into Moguls as they built a 4-0 lead, all on back-up pitcher Pryor. #1 Pitcher Scuba Steve came in and shut them down but they shut him out as well. Luckily the rest of the team scored and sealed a 9-4 win. Defensive stars were Hitter's shortstop Mild Megan who was a throw away from a perfect inning and Moguls outfielder Joe Montemurro with the web gem of the year.

Schedule:

Monday, July 18:

Ramuntos vs. Charity's Hitters Bridgewater 5:50 PM

Vermonsters vs. Phat Italian Bridgewater 7:00 PM

Clear Cottage vs. Moguls Killington 5:50 PM

Slips, Trips and Falls vs. Jax Killington 7:00 PM

Wednesday, July 20:

Phat Italian vs. Slips, Trips and Falls Bridgewater 5:50 PM

Jax vs. Moguls Bridgewater 7:00 PM

Charity's Hitters vs. Clear Cottage Killington 5:50 PM

Ramuntos vs. Vermonsters Killington 7:00 PM

There will be a Budweiser sponsored post game party Wednesday, July 20 at Moguls from 7-12am.

Tri-Town Stars Eliminated From Cal-Ripken State Championship

by Stacy Bates

The Tri-Town Stars Cal Ripken Team was knocked out of the running for the state championship this past weekend when they suffered back to back losses to Connecticut Valley and North Country. The Stars made the tournament a couple of weeks ago when they battled back in the Division Three championship tournament to win second place and gain a bid into the next round.

Their first opponent of the day was the Conn. Valley All-Stars. The Stars had Ace Kyle Cassarino as starting pitcher and even though he pitched a good game, Conn. Valley had strong hitters. The Stars once again looked like they needed to shake some nerves away as they made several errors contributing to the long innings and Conn. Valley runs. The Stars were also shut down at the plate with the only hit coming from catcher Daniel Allen. The final score was 16-0 after 4 innings.

The Stars faced North Country in the second game and looked like they were evenly matched in size and talent. Kyle Cassarino started the first inning off with a single and was able to score on past balls and a throwing error to give the stars a 1-0 lead. Cassarino once again got on in the third inning with a hard hit triple over the right fielder and scored on a single by Zach Bates. That was all the stars could muster as they were unable to score any more runs for the game. The Stars were getting the bat on the ball, unfortunately they seemed to just be getting under it or on top of it as many of their outs were pop flies and soft ground balls. The Stars pitcher held North Country scoreless until the 3rd inning when they scored 3 runs off 3 singles. North Country continued to hit the ball hard scoring another 7 runs throughout the game. Tommy Kenosh was the starting pitcher for the Stars with Zachary Bates coming in as relief in the sixth. Kenosh also had a hit in the game with a double in the



Coach Rich Alercio talks strategy with his pitcher Kyle Cassarino in game 1.

bottom of the sixth.

Although this ends their run for the state championship, I overheard many times from their coaches at how proud they were of the team for making it this far considering this was their first year participating in the Cal-Ripken League. As a parent and spectator I look forward to the teams in the years to come as they gain more experience and knowledge. Congratulations to all the players and coaches for a job well done. The Tri-Town Star's will next participate in the Proctor tournament this coming weekend to try and win their first tournament championship.

NASA Research Offers New Prospect of Water on Mars

NASA scientists are seeing new evidence that suggests traces of water on Mars are under a thin varnish of iron oxide, or rust, similar to conditions found on desert rocks in California's Mojave Desert.

Mars could be spotted with many more patches of carbonates than originally suspected. Carbonates are minerals that form readily in large bodies of water and can point to a planet's wet history. Although only a few small outcrops of carbonates have been detected on

Mars, scientists believe many more examples are blocked from view by the rust. The findings appear in the Friday July 1, online edition of the International Journal of Astrobiology.

"The plausibility of life on Mars depends on whether liquid water dotted its landscape for thousands or millions of years," said Janice Bishop, a planetary scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center at the SETI Institute at Moffett Field, Calif., and the paper's lead author. "It's possible that an important clue, the presence of carbonates, has largely escaped the notice of investigators trying to learn if liquid water once pooled on the Red Planet."

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NATURE'S WAY

Carpenter Bees, at Work Near You

by Kent McFarland

At first I thought that the bee was attacking me. As I dashed out of our garage, the bee suddenly appeared and hovered before my face in a seeming challenge. It looked like a bumble bee with a white face. After a few days of this, I realized that every time I walked from the garage to the house, the bee was there to greet me.

I quickly found out that this is common behavior of male carpenter bees as they patrol their small territories looking for intruders or mates. There's no reason to be alarmed; males don't sting. Only the dark-faced females can muster a sting, and usually only if handled. Male territories encompass about 60 feet around the nest site or food-plant area, and they will chase any interloper that comes near – birds, flying insects, people, and even, reportedly, the occasional airplane high in the sky.

There are over 275 species of native bees in our region, but there's only one carpenter bee, the eastern carpenter bee (*Xylocopa virginica*), and they're fairly easy to identify. At first blush they look like large bumble bees, but if you look more closely you'll notice that they have shiny, black, and hairless abdomens. Peer even closer and you'll see massive and sharp appendages, called galea, hanging down from the mouth. These are used to chew their way through wood, giving them their name.

Carpenter bees don't eat wood. They chew through it, creating tunnels for nesting and resting in dead trees or



branches, logs, or unfinished wood on structures. They prefer softwoods like pine, fir, or cedar, which are easier to excavate. With their sharp galea, a female chews a round entrance hole about a half-inch in diameter. It can take her up to two days to chew across the wood grain. Once the tunnel is about as deep as the length of her body, she turns ninety degrees and excavates more quickly going with the grain. If she comes to a knot, she'll tunnel around it. Some nests have two or more tunnels that parallel the main hall, each over a foot long. They can use the same nest site year after year, sometimes by adding a new tunnel or lengthening an existing one. One studied colony was used for 14 years.

Carpenter bees are so-called solitary bees. Unlike honey bees, there are no queens or workers, just individual males and females. Newly hatched females may live together in the nest with their mother during their first year, but after that each female will have its own nest and brood.

At the end of a tunnel, the female lays an egg on a loaf of pollen the size of a kidney bean. At just over a half inch, it's one of the largest insect eggs in the world. The female chews the surrounding wood into a pulp to create a cardboard like partition that seals the egg within its own cell. Each tunnel can have up to eight cells. When they hatch, the grubs feed on the loaf of pollen.

Here's what gets them in trouble. Carpenter bees can create nests in fences, outdoor furniture, and buildings. They select bare wood on roof eaves, fascia boards, porch ceilings, decks, railings, siding, and shutters. They

will seldom bore into painted or varnished wood.

It takes years for carpenter bees to cause significant structural damage. You can minimize their damage by filling and sealing nest holes in the fall or winter with a small dowel or caulk and covering with fresh paint. Filling them in the spring or summer will just cause the female to make a new entrance hole. You can also provide alternative nesting sites in untreated cedar boards, their favorite wood.

Why not just eradicate them? Carpenter bees pollinate plants in 19 different families, from spring lupines to late-summer goldenrods. Like most bees, they enter the opening of a flower and reach in with their glossa, like a long tubular tongue, to suck nectar. They also gather pollen to carry away on their bristled-covered rear legs.

Carpenter bees are also cheaters. If the flower is too small or too long for them to reach with their relatively short glossa, they put their carpenter's skill to work and simply cut a hole into the base of the flower for direct access to the nectar. Other bees will also sometimes feed at these nectar holes as well.

Over the last decade, carpenter bees have been moving farther and farther north. Keep watch for the hovering male signaling his territory around you.

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Water on Mars

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Scientists conduct field experiments in desert regions because the extremely dry conditions are similar to Mars. Researchers realized the importance of the varnish earlier this year when Bishop and Chris McKay, a planetary scientist at Ames, investigated carbonate rocks coated with iron oxides collected in a location called Little Red Hill in the Mojave Desert.

"When we examined the carbonate rocks in the lab, it became evident that an iron oxide skin may be hindering the search for clues to the Red Planet's hydrological history," McKay said. "We found that the varnish both altered and partially masked the spectral signature of the carbonates."

McKay also found dehydration-resistant blue-green algae under the rock varnish. Scientists believe the varnish may have extended temporarily the time that Mars was habitable, as the planet's surface slowly dried up.

"The organisms in the Mojave Desert are protected from deadly ultraviolet light by the iron oxide coating," McKay said. "This survival mechanism might have played a role if Mars once had life on the surface."

In addition to being used to help characterize Mars' water history, carbonate rocks also could be a good place to look for the signatures of early life on the Red Planet. Every mineral is made up of atoms that vibrate at specific frequencies to produce a unique fingerprint that allows scientists to accurately identify its composition.

Research data were similar to observations provided by NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) spacecraft, as it orbited an ancient region of Mars called Nili Fossae. The area revealed the strongest carbonate signature ever found. Although MRO recently detected small patches of carbonates, approximately 200-500 feet wide, on the Martian surface, the Mojave study suggests more patches may have been overlooked because their spectral signature could have been changed by the pervasive varnish.

"To better determine the extent of carbonate deposits on Mars, and by inference the ancient abundance of liquid water, we need to investigate the spectral properties of carbonates mixed with other minerals," Bishop said.

The varnish is so widespread that NASA's Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, used a motorized grinding tool to remove the rust-like overcoat on rocks before other instruments could inspect them. In 2010, scientists using data collected by Spirit also identified a small carbonate outcrop at a crater called Gusev. NASA's newest and most capable rover, the Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity, is scheduled to launch in November. It will use tools to study whether Mars had environmental conditions favorable for supporting microbial life and for preserving clues about whether life existed.

Volunteers Needed For VT 100 Endurance Race

As the sun rises on 300 runners in this year's Vermont 100 Endurance Race on Saturday, July 16, participants will experience weather, friendship, exhaustion, and hope during their grueling run through covered bridges, ski mountain trails, backroads, and the hills of Vermont. For a lucky fast few, there will be only one sunrise; however many will run through the day, night and through a second sunrise to finish Sunday morning.

To pull off this massive event, which is one of Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sport's most important fundraising events, more than 200 volunteers are needed throughout the course of the weekend. Volunteers can help anytime from July 14 through post race clean up on July 18. To volunteer, contact the race's Volunteer Coordinator, Maria Lesperance at vt100volunteers@gmail.com or 802-309-9599.

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GolfNews

News From Green Mountain National Golf Course

by Spider McGonagle

It was another perfect night for Twilight League and a full field of 12 teams hit the front nine to battle it out for the top spot last week. Four teams tied at -3 but that was only good enough for 3rd place. Joe Havelka and "Bermuda" Mike Dismont's team thought they had it wrapped up at a solid -4 but had to settle for second as Sally Bridges' and Jeremy "Creep" Rayner's team crept by at -6 for the big W! As we head into the heart of the summer be sure to call early Thursday mornings or you'll miss out on all the fun!

Congratulations to GMNGC member Dick Humphreys who had the first Hole-In-One of his long and distinguished golfing career last week! "Doc" Humphreys pulled the perfect club from his bag on Hole #7 and found the bottom of cup in one shot!

We are still taking reservations for our "Wine & Nine" event on July 24 but we are filling up fast. It is going to be an afternoon of great wines and great golf, followed by a delicious dinner in the clubhouse... a fitting conclusion to the Killington Wine Festival. We have selected some amazing wines for you to enjoy but be sure to sign up soon as this event is always sold-out. \$55 per player (\$50 for GMNGC members) includes golf, cart, prizes, an as-

sortment of wine samples and dinner.

President's Cup brackets are up and there are some great first-round matches in the works. Austin Blackman will look to stop last year's Champion Ken Lee from defending his title and former Champion Mikey Day needs to get by Bill Vines if he hopes to reclaim his crown. In the ladies' bracket newcomer Lorrie Castelli will look to knock out the #1 seed Toni MacLeod. It will be a great summer of match-play golf...check back for results.

Our complete Events Calendar can be found at www.gmngc.com and we can't wait to see you back here on the first tee. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 422-GOLF.



Rules of the Game

By Alan Jeffery

USGTF Certified Golf Professional
Green Mountain National Golf Course

QUESTION: John and Peter are playing in a tournament. On the 4th hole, John strokes his tee shot and he believes it might end up out of bounds to the left. He then plays a provisional ball and it lands short of where his original ball might rest. As he walks toward the area where the balls should be, he sees his original ball and believes it to be in bounds. He picks up his provisional ball and then discovers his original ball is out of bounds. Peter says John should incur a penalty for lifting the provisional ball. Is Peter correct?

ANSWER: Since the original ball was out of bounds, the provisional ball became the ball in play. When John picked up the provisional ball, he lifted a ball in play and incurs a penalty stroke. Peter is correct. See USGA Decisions On The Rules of Golf, 2010-2011, 27-2b/8.

Clinics continue on Tuesday evenings, 5:30-6:30 and Saturday mornings, 10:30-12:00. Individual concerns are addressed. Private lessons can also be arranged by calling me at GMNGC, 422-GOLF. Video can also be included for a minimal amount during the private lesson when you call the Pro Shop. Remember, the swing's the thing and continuous improvement is what it's all about.

OVGC Men's League Results

The Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League continued on July 5 with a team-of-four scramble. Snagging the top spot and extending their lead was Honey Dew Man. Peter Girouard, Ed Whitman, Richard Bondareff and Jeff McKenzie shot a 32. Finishing second was Tom's Loft. Rod Roelants, Craig Peters, John Boehrer and Tony Forte shot a 32. Taking the third spot was M&M Excavating. Mark Kattalia, Jack Hurley, Mike O'Neil and Jim Wallis shot a 32. Closest to the pin winners were Paul Doyle on the 14th hole, and George West on the 17th hole.

Weekly Results:

- 1st Honey Dew Man score 32/ 15 points
- 2nd Tom's Loft score 32/ 13 points
- 3rd M&M Excavating score 32/ 11 points
- 4th ID3 Designs score 32/ 10 points
- 5th Stryhas Builders score 32/ 9 points
- 6th First Line Security score 32/ 8 points
- 7th UBS Financials Rutland score 32/ 7 points
- 8th Diamond Realty score 33/ 6 points

- 9th Green Mountain Appraisals score 33/ 5
- 10th Built Rite MFG. score 34 / 4 points
- 11th Ludlow Insurance score 34/ 3 points
- 12th UBS Financials Chester score 36/ 2 points

Season Standings:

- 1st Honey Dew Man 92 points
 - 2nd Green Mountain Appraisals 77 points
 - 3rd ID3 Designs 70 points
 - 4th Diamond Reality 64 points
 - 5th Built Rite MFG. 64 points
 - 6th First Line Security 58 points
 - 7th Tom's Loft 58 points
 - 8th UBS Financials Rutland 56 points
 - 9th Stryhas Builders 56 points
 - 10th M&M Excavating 52 points
 - 11th Ludlow Insurance 50 points
 - 12th UBS Financials Chester 47 points
- For more information about Okemo Valley Golf Club, please call (802) 228-1396 or visit okemo.com.

This Week at Base Camp Disc Golf

by Mike Miller

League is back and tags are changing quickly. Last Tuesday night was quite a night due to a softball conflict and people on vacation. None-the-less, we still had a good turn out. Not many of us played very well that night, with the exception of Peter Gile who fired a two over, and that earned him the low tag of the night.

With all the great weather we had last week, there was a ton of non-league play going on all week long. Last Saturday was a huge day on the course with changes banging all day long. We had a handful of new members come out and play and one of them broke into the top ten just after a few rounds under his belt. Mark Bragg shot his best round of his short season and grabbed the 7 tag but turned it over on his second round of the day. Big B has been trying to break into the top ten all season and he had that

number 7 tag in his hands with a 5 shot lead over everyone, and then he hit the 11th hole and the total melt down began. So he still has not had his name etched into the "Chalk" board, yet. Maybe he should change his ring tone on his cell phone to something a bit more masculine.

Sunday's turn was great and the number one tag was back in play. John Mowery is still holding that tag and defended it again Sunday. Unbelievably, no tags changed hands on Sunday so the top five in the clubhouse are John Mowery, Zach Podhorzer, Peter Gile, Tyler Teed, Mike Miller.

Other big news from BCODG was a hole-in-one last Saturday on the 14th hole. I happened to be the lucky one who threw the perfect shot witnessed by Jeremy Wood.

Let's keep up the good turn-outs. See you soon.

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Golf Capsules

by The Associated Press

—LPGA Tour
 COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) - Hee Kyung Seo of South Korea moved to the verge of winning the U.S. Women's Open on Sunday, finishing with a one-shot lead over So Yeon Ryu, who had three holes left when play was suspended by darkness.

On a grueling 36-hole day at the Broadmoor, Seo shot a pair of 3-under 68s to finish at 3-under 281 and close in on her first major championship.

Returning along with Ryu on Monday are Cristie Kerr, who is two shots back with two holes to play and Angela Stanford, who is three behind with four holes left.

Barring a playoff, Seo won't have to hit a shot Monday. If nobody catches her, she'll collect the trophy for her first major victory and only her second on the LPGA Tour.

—PGA Tour
 John Deere Classic
 SILVIS, Ill. (AP) - Steve Stricker sank a 25-foot putt from off the 18th green to win the John Deere Classic for the third straight year.

The putt capped a roller coaster afternoon for Stricker, who led by five strokes when he made the turn, fell behind rookie Kyle Stanley by two shots on the back nine, then birdied the final two holes to close with a 2-under 69.

Stricker became just the 10th different golfer since World War II to win a tournament three straight times. He finished at 22-under 262 to beat Stanley by one stroke.

Stanley kept the lead by salvaging par on 17 after sending his tee shot into a grove of trees, but he missed a 101/2-foot par putt on 18 to open the door for Stricker.

—European Tour
 Scottish Open

INVERNESS, Scotland (AP) - Luke Donald shot a 9-under 63 to win his first Scottish Open by four strokes, cementing his position as the world's top-ranked player in dominant fashion.

The 33-year-old Englishman was a shot behind a trio of players sharing the lead going into the third and final round at the Castle Stuart links course but rolled in nine birdies to cruise home ahead of Sweden's Fredrik Andersson Hed, who fired a 62 - the week's lowest score - and finished at 15 under.

Donald's third victory of the year will provide him with a perfect tonic ahead of the British Open at Royal St. George's starting Thursday, where he'll attempt to land his first major.

Scotland's Scott Jamieson finished in a six-way tie for third at 14 under, clinching a qualifying berth for the Open.

—Champions Tour
 First Tee Open
 PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Jeff Sluman shot a 2-under 70 and overcame a pair of bogeys on the back nine, holding on to win the First Tee Open for the third time.

On a day when most of the leaders struggled just to break even, Sluman had five bogeys and closed with three straight pars to finish at 10-under 206 and seal his first victory since winning here in 2009. He also took the title at Pebble Beach in 2008, making Sluman the only three-time winner of this event.

Jay Haas entered the final round with a two-stroke lead, but struggled all afternoon and had a 75 to finish in a three-way tie for second. David Eger (72) and Brad Bryant (73) joined Haas at 208, while local favorite Bobby Clampett (74) ended in a five-way tie for fifth.

Defending champion Ted Schulz shot 75 and was tied for 27th at 215.

PGA Tour Statistics Through July 10

by The Associated Press

Scoring Average
 1 (tie), Steve Stricker and Nick Watney, 69.40. 3, Luke Donald, 69.42. 4, Matt Kuchar, 69.51. 5, Webb Simpson, 69.71. 6, Sergio Garcia, 69.76. 7, Charles Howell III, 69.82. 8 (tie), Fredrik Jacobson and Brandt Snedeker, 69.86. 10, Spencer Levin, 69.89.

Driving Distance
 1, J.B. Holmes, 317.6. 2, Bubba Watson, 311.6. 3, Robert Garrigus, 309.8. 4 (tie), Steven Bowditch and Dustin Johnson, 307.8. 6, Gary Woodland, 306.6. 7 (tie), Angel Cabrera and Kyle Stanley, 302.6. 9, Scott Piercy, 302.3. 10, Jhonattan Vegas, 302.2.

Driving Accuracy Percentage
 1, David Toms, 74.41%. 2, Brian Gay, 73.79%. 3, Heath Slocum, 72.88%. 4, Ben Curtis, 72.80%. 5, Joe Durant, 72.23%. 6, Jerry Kelly, 71.87%. 7, Zach Johnson, 71.56%. 8, Brian Davis, 69.44%. 9, Justin Hicks, 69.20%. 10, Rocco Mediate, 68.97%.

Greens in Regulation Pct.
 1, Bubba Watson, 72.43%. 2, David Toms, 71.86%. 3, Justin Rose, 71.56%. 4, Hunter Mahan, 71.11%. 5, Bill Haas, 71.00%. 6, Heath Slocum, 70.99%. 7, Chad Campbell, 70.83%. 8, Boo Weekley, 70.20%. 9, Ernie Els, 70.03%. 10, Bill Lunde, 69.49%.

Total Driving
 1, John Rollins, 68. 2, Brandt Jobe, 70. 3, Adam Scott, 76. 4 (tie), Chris Couch and Bo Van Pelt, 80. 6, John Merrick, 81. 7, Nick Watney, 90. 8, Chez Reavie, 97. 9, J.J. Henry, 102. 10, Kyle Stanley, 105.

Putting Average
 1, Steve Stricker, 1.676. 2, Luke Donald, 1.694. 3, Rickie Fowler, 1.706. 4, Brandt Snedeker, 1.707. 5, Lucas Glover, 1.712. 6, Kevin Na, 1.719. 7, Greg Chalmers, 1.724. 8 (tie), Andres Romero and Nick Watney, 1.727. 10, Webb Simpson, 1.728.

Birdie Average
 1, Steve Stricker, 4.68. 2, Rickie Fowler, 4.44. 3, Dustin Johnson, 4.43. 4, Luke Donald, 4.38. 5, Hunter Mahan, 4.37. 6, Webb Simpson, 4.34. 7, Nick Watney, 4.33. 8,

Aaron Baddeley, 4.31. 9, Bubba Watson, 4.30. 10, Phil Mickelson, 4.29.

Eagles (Holes per)
 1, Sunghoon Kang, 74.0. 2, Sergio Garcia, 76.5. 3, Bubba Watson, 86.7. 4, Scott Piercy, 90.0. 5, Derek Lamely, 95.1. 6, Nate Smith, 99.0. 7, Scott McCarron, 100.3. 8, Bobby Gates, 100.8. 9 (tie), Bo Van Pelt and Steve Marino, 106.2.

Sand Save Percentage
 1, Jason Day, 65.56%. 2, Brian Gay, 65.52%. 3, K.J. Choi, 64.29%. 4, Ian Poulter, 63.93%. 5, Paul Stankowski, 63.24%. 6, D.J. Brigrman, 62.26%. 7, Rod Pampling, 62.12%. 8, Greg Chalmers, 61.48%. 9, Mike Weir, 60.00%. 10, Kevin Na, 59.32%.

All-Around Ranking
 1, Webb Simpson, 249. 2, Steve Stricker, 279. 3, Matt Kuchar, 284. 4, Hunter Mahan, 288. 5, Nick Watney, 289. 6, David Toms, 295. 7, Chris Couch, 336. 8, Bo Van Pelt, 358. 9, Zach Johnson, 375. 10, Jason Day, 402.

PGA TOUR Official Money Leaders
 1, Nick Watney (14), \$4,189,233. 2, K.J. Choi (15), \$3,665,704. 3, Luke Donald (10), \$3,550,248. 4, Steve Stricker (12), \$3,371,139. 5, Bubba Watson (15), \$3,017,350. 6, David Toms (15), \$2,920,730. 7, Matt Kuchar (15), \$2,878,861. 8, Jason Day (14), \$2,729,452. 9, Mark Wilson (18), \$2,716,845. 10, Phil Mickelson (13), \$2,496,784.



Killington Golf

Tom's Tip:

At Killington Golf Course we have seven "dogleg" holes- 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, & 15. The top priority on these holes is to accurately place your tee shot. At least twenty-five percent of golfers' shots are errant due to incorrect alignment. To accurately aim, pick a point on your target line that is no more than three feet in front of your ball (a leaf, divot, etc.). Correctly aiming your club at an intermediate target is much easier than one over 150 yards away!

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Killington Golf Course League Results

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Hole-in-One at Killington Golf Course

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Health & Fitness

Heartburn: a Growing Concern

by Anita Creamer

Heartburn is the new normal.

Acid reflux is on the rise in America, with 25 million people experiencing daily symptoms, according to the American Gastroenterology Association, up from 15 million only a decade ago. Another 60 million people say they have heartburn once a month.

That's a whole lot of tummy trouble. Blame stress and an aging population -- and above all, experts say, blame Americans' habit of eating too much.

Turn 40, and suddenly conversations about digestive issues take on urgent fascination. Garlic just doesn't sit right any more. Or Mexican food or onions or red wine. Or all of the above.

The ubiquity of acid reflux has turned it into a touchstone of middle-aged American culture, with over-the-counter medications proliferating in TV commercials and a loony variety of remedies like magnetic bracelets offered over the Internet.

Relax, midlife Americans. It's not age. It's chronic overindulgence.

"There was one guy who came in, it turned out that it was Girl Scout cookie season," said Dr. Ronald Hsu, a

Sutter Roseville Medical Center gastroenterologist. "Instantly, we had a diagnosis."

Extra weight around the middle is a major culprit behind chronic gastroesophageal reflux disease. More than 40 percent of the population reaches for antacids more than once or twice a week, suffering from heartburn serious enough to check out with the doctor.

But acid reflux can occur in any age group. Don Gloor, for example, remembers dealing with chronic heartburn as a college student whose diet included cheeseburgers and tequila.

"I always had a roll of Tums nearby, but I didn't really think about it," said Gloor, now 53, who works for the state of California and lives in Carmichael. "As I mellowed out, it occurred less."

Here's how acid reflux works: When the sphincter muscle at the top of the stomach is weak, acid can backwash into the esophagus during digestion, leading to a range of reflux-related symptoms -- from heartburn and queasiness to coughing, asthma and a predisposition for hiccups.

The problem can be especially troublesome at night, with episodes of heartburn disrupting sleep. The solution? Don't go to bed with a full stomach: A light dinner eaten three hours before bedtime is a good idea. Also, avoid sleeping on your back.

"Anything that increases stomach pressure increases reflux," said Hsu. "People who are more obese have more symptoms. Pregnant women can have more reflux."

Even modest amounts of weight gain can lead to problems with acid reflux. Women with a body mass index of 25 to 27, considered only slightly overweight, are more than twice as likely to develop the disease, Boston University researchers have found.

So what to do? First, avoid mint-flavored antacids.

Mint relaxes the valve between the stomach and the esophagus, worsening the problem.

For many people, losing weight eases the stomach pressure and resolves reflux. For others, avoiding chocolate, spicy foods, citrus, alcohol and caffeine -- can help alleviate acid reflux symptoms.

A range of over-the-counter medications can help, too. Proton pump inhibitors, like Prilosec and Prevacid, can block the release of acid in the stomach and, taken regularly, provide long-term relief.

Unfortunately, for a small percentage of sufferers, chronic acid reflux is more than a discomfort -- it's a factor in making esophageal cancer the fastest-growing cancer in the country.

Repeated exposure to stomach acid over many years can alter cells in the esophagus, leading to a disorder called Barrett's esophagus. Left untreated, it can contribute to the development of esophageal cancer.

There are only about 16,600 new cases a year, but experts consider it a particularly difficult cancer. More alarming, the incidence of esophageal cancer is rising quickly, while other cancer rates are decreasing, said Hsu.

Particularly at risk are middle-aged and elderly men with a long history of acid reflux and, much of the time, problems with obesity.

DEALING WITH ACID REFLUX

Stop smoking.

Cut down on the foods and liquids that can contribute to symptoms and further weaken the valve between the stomach and esophagus. These include spicy foods, chocolate, tomatoes, citrus and citrus juice, alcohol, caffeine and mint.

Lose weight.

Don't eat after 6 p.m.

Don't sleep on your back, and consider positioning yourself in bed so your head is several inches higher than your body.

Antacids actually increase stomach acid. Stronger over-the-counter medications such as histamine-2 blockers may temporarily reduce symptoms. Proton pump inhibitors block the release of acid in the stomach and help for longer amounts of time.

If the problem is chronic, see a doctor.



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HORRIBLE BOSSES

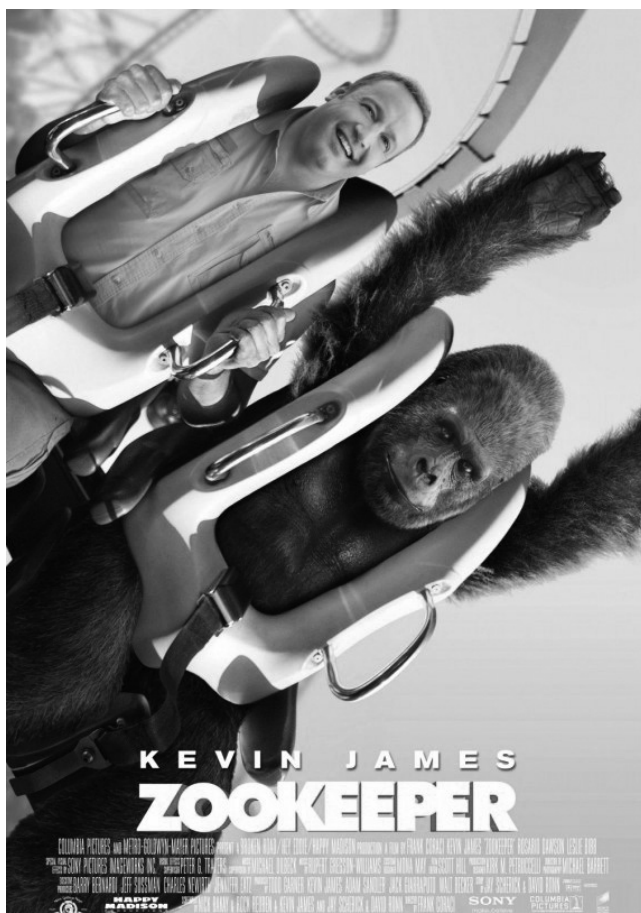
“Horrible Bosses”

by Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

This raunchy buddy comedy wallows in silliness - gleefully, and without an ounce of remorse or self-consciousness - and even though you're a grown-up and you know you should know better, you will be happy to wallow right along as well. It's a film that's wildly, brazenly stupid - but also, you know, fun. Because like "Bad Teacher," "Horrible Bosses" knows exactly what it is and doesn't aspire to be anything more, and that lack of pretention is refreshing. It isn't trying to say anything profound about society or the economy or the fragile psyche of the post-modern man. It's about three guys who hate their jobs and want to kill their bosses. And really, who among us hasn't pondered such a plan? Naturally, no member of this trio is nearly as clever or sophisticated as he thinks he is. Together, they bumble and bungle every step of the way and occasionally, by accident, they get something right. But the dynamic between Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis and Charlie Day as they bounce off each other is cheerfully loony, and the energy of their banter (which often feels improvised) has enough of an infectious quality to make you want to forgive the film's general messiness. Kevin Spacey, Colin Farrell and Jennifer Aniston, as the titular bosses, are clearly enjoying the freedom of playing such showy, inappropriate characters.

R for crude and sexual content, pervasive language and some drug material. 98 minutes.

Three stars out of four.



KEVIN JAMES ZOOKEEPER

“Zookeeper”

by David Germain, AP Movie Writer

Movies where humans and animals converse are a bad idea in principle, and this Kevin James comedy is not here to prove that interspecies ensembles have simply been a misunderstood, underappreciated sub-genre. It's as dumb as they come, the movie that finally allows Adam Sandler to lend annoying voice to a Capuchin monkey as it talks incessantly about flinging poop around. This is a comedy whose filmmakers know what they want - stupid gags and obnoxious slapstick - and goes for it without restraint. James is dopily likable as the title guy able to commune with his zoo critters, which try to help him win back an old flame (Leslie Bibb). Yet his character and the other humans are so thinly drawn that a melancholy gorilla voiced by Nick Nolte shows more personality and comes off as the movie's highest primate. Rosario Dawson co-stars among the human cast, while the animals speak in a variety of famous Hollywood players' voices - Cher, Nolte, Sylvester Stallone, Jon Favreau, Judd Apatow. As the monkey, Sandler seems to be aiming for a screechy impersonation of Gilbert Gottfried, in case that's something you've been dying to hear.

PG for some rude and suggestive humor, and language. 104 minutes.

One and a half stars out of four.

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This week's solution on page 26

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ACROSS

- The Holy Land
- Each
- Irregular
- Treat rudely, in a way
- The Beatles hometown
- Withers from grief
- "Malcolm X" director
- Dresden's river
- "I, Claudius" role
- Arctic ____
- Order to attack, with "on"
- Flamingo, for one
- Deliver
- Its motto is "Industry"
- "Dig in!"
- U.S. helicopter squadron (acronym)
- Calf-length skirt
- Balaam's mount
- Cheque recipients
- Accustom to urban ways
- Gloomy
- Acquire
- Moray, e.g.
- Seat of White Pine County, Nev.
- ____ brat
- Agency to aid children in developing countries
- Drive
- Victorian, for one
- Chip dip
- Pepsi, e.g.
- Acceptances
- Decide to leave, with "out"
- Related maternally
- Self-centered
- Reduces to bits
- Oily skin disease
- Lilac, e.g.
- Extremely furtive

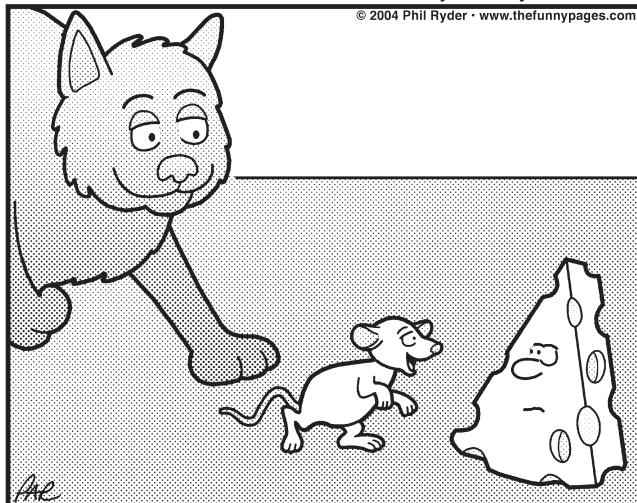
DOWN

- "White as a ghost"
- Each
- Embankments to prevent flooding
- "... ____ he drove out of sight"
- "Dear" one
- Hit the bottle
- False gods
- Atomic number 41
- Varied
- Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
- Fine dinnerware
- Inability to discriminate musical notes (2 wd)
- Eggs cooked ____ (2 wd)
- Getaway spots
- Hurting
- I, for one
- Bleaches
- Arab leader
- "Farewell, mon ami"
- Affecting the lungs
- Unspecified locale
- Monotony
- Hip bones
- Frost remover (pl.)
- Flammable substance
- Cover
- Catches sight of
- Big shot (2 wd)
- Consumed
- Building block
- Ancient colonnade
- "C" ____ la vie!"
- Aggravate
- Mr., in India

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Zookeeper - PG	12:40 3:45 6:45 9:05

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Art & Entertainment

Tuesday, July 12

Killington Yoga 8:30 AM - Mon., Tues. & Thurs. Killington - Anusara Inspired Yoga classes at Killington Yoga, Mon. 8:30am mixed level, Tues Level 1 & Thurs Level 2, 5:30pm. killingtonyoga.com. 422-4500.

Clarendon Girl's Camp 9:00 AM - Rosie's Girls Summer Camp for girls entering 6th, 7th, 8th grades. Trades-based camp - try carpentry, welding, fire fighting, more. 9am, M-F at Mill River UHS. \$250 includes tshirt, toolbox w/ tools. rosiesgirls.org

Bone Builders Class 10:00 AM - Tues. & Thurs. Bone Builders free exercise classes. 10-11am, Mendon Methodist Church, 773-2694. Bridgewater Mill, 2nd floor, 3-4pm, 672-3384.

Killington Arts Guild Workshop-Sherburne Library 10:00 AM - Killington - Sherburne Memorial Library: Killington Arts Guild acrylics workshop meets every Tues., 10am-noon, free.

Time Travel Tuesdays 10:00 AM - Try hands with late 19th century chores & pastimes in 1890 Farm House. Presented by Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT. Tuesdays thru Aug. 23. 10-5. 457-2355.

Sherburne Library Matinees 2:00 PM - Killington - Sherburne Memorial Library Event: Tues, 2pm - Matinees

Killington Library Movie Matinee 2:00 PM - At Sherburne Library. This week: Eat Pray Love. Bring popcorn.

Tuesday Farmers Market 3:00 PM - Rutland. Downtown Rutland Farmers Market, Tues. 3-6pm, in Depot Park.

Walker Bros. Circus 5:30 PM - Rutland. The VERMONT STATE FAIRGROUNDS is SPONSORING the exciting Walker Bros. Circus under the BIG TOP July 12 and July 13. The list of breathtaking acts includes performances such as aerialist, contortionist, horses, juggling, tons of comedy, along with an astonishing array of circus acts. 90 minutes. At VT State Fairgrounds. Show times 5:30 & 7:30 both days.

Rutland Chess Club 7:00 PM - Rutland. Chess Club, Godnick Adult Center, 1 Deer St. Open to public, free, all ages. Beginners welcome. 773-1853.

Castleton Concerts 7:00 PM - 16th Annual Castleton Concerts on the Green. Rain or shine, on the Green next to Federated Church. This week: Bluegrass Gospel Project. Rain site, Tent.

Paramount "Big Flicks" Film Series 7:00 PM - Castleton Concert on the Green 7:00 PM - July 12 - Castleton. 16th Annual Castleton Concerts on the Green. Tuesdays, rain or shine, 7pm sharp, on the Green next to Federated Church. This week: New York Players. Rain site, Casella Theater, Fine Arts Center.

Ramunto's Entertainment 7:00 PM - Tuesday Nights Open Mic entertainment

Wednesday, July 13

Kripalu Yoga 8:45 AM - Killington - Kripalu Yoga LouiseHarrison@live.com or call Louise 747-8444. Weds. 8:45am, ongoing class. Private & small group classes by appt.

Clarendon Girl's Camp 9:00 AM - Rosie's Girls Summer Camp for girls entering 6th, 7th, 8th grades. Trades-based camp - try carpentry, welding, fire fighting, more. 9am, M-F at Mill River UHS. \$250 includes tshirt, toolbox w/ tools. rosiesgirls.org

Mother Goose Story Time 10:30 AM - Killington - Sherburne Memorial Library Event: Weds - Mother Goose Story Time - 10:30am. 422-3824.

Wagon Ride Wednesdays at Billings 11:00 AM - Wagon Ride Wednesdays begin on July 6 and run through September 28. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. included in the admission.

Arthritis Help 11:30 AM - Rutland. 10:30-11:30am - Arthritis Pool Class. You don't need to have arthritis to benefit from this comprehensive fun exercise program. Locker room & towels included. \$40/10 classes. Holiday Inn Pool, 775-1911.

Wednesday Afternoons with Farmer Fred 1:00 PM - Plymouth Notch. Wednesday Afternoons with Farmer Fred at President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. 1-5pm. Demos of historic farming activities. Weekly program. 672-3773.

Reading Program at Sherburne Library 1:00 PM - Woodstock Farmers Market 3:00 PM - Woodstock. Farmers Market on the Green, 3-6pm.

Killington Rotary Club Meeting 6:00 PM - Killington. Killington Rotary Club meets at Summit Lodge 6-8pm for full dinner, guest speaker and/or discussion. Seeking new members.

Bingo in Bridgewater 6:30 PM - Bingo at Bridgewater Grange Hall

Free Concert in Brandon 6:30 PM - July 14 at 6:30 pm The Avant Garde Dogs Band in Brandon's Central Park. The band's songs range from John Hiatt, The Subdudes, Bruce Cockburn, Greg Brown, Ry Cooder. Los Lobos, The Rolling Stones, The Band, and even a little R&B... come dance, or just listen. Rain location tba.

Triathlon Training 7:00 PM - Rutland Concerts 7:00 PM - Summer Concerts in the Main Street Park, Wednesdays, 7-9pm. This week, George's Back Pocket. Bring a picnic, friends & family, and enjoy! Free.

Seven to Sunset Concert 7:00 PM - July 13 - Rutland. Summer Concerts in the Main Street Park, Wednesdays, 7-9pm. This week, Enerjazz. Bring a picnic, friends & family, and enjoy! Free.

Rutland Concerts in the Park 7:00 PM - Enjoy free music in Main Street Park in Rutland. Corner of Route 7 and West Street. Great tunes in a fabulous family environment.

Thursday, July 14

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Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinic 10:00 AM - RAVNAH Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinic 10:00 AM - Benson Heights. Suggested donation \$2 blood pressure, \$5 foot care. 775-0568.

Wells Bingo 10:15 AM - Wells. Modern Woodmen of America holds Bingo, including special game to benefit a local charity or good cause. Note that Thursday Bingo is 10:15a.m. and Sunday Bingo starts at noon.

Brown Bag Concert 12:00 PM - On the Village Green in Woodstock, rain site, Woodstock Town Hall Theatre. This week: Mellow Yellow. Free.

RAVNAH Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinic (1) 12:30 PM - Castleton Meadows. Suggested donation \$2 blood pressure, \$5 foot care. 775-0568.

Marble Valley Bridge Club 1:00 PM - Marble Valley Bridge Club. ACBL Sanctioned Bridge Games 1:00pm Monday and 6:45 Thursday at Godnick Senior Center. guaranteed partner. 287-5756.

Small Business Workshop (1) 1:00 PM - Starting Your Own Small Business Workshop at REDC, 1-4pm. Includes planning workshop & 5 online workshops. \$40. Registration/info, 773-9147.

Senior Citizens Gathering for Meals (1) 4:00 PM - Mendon. Mendon Sr. Citizens monthly gathering for meals at Countrymen's Pleasure, 4pm or Sugar & Spice 11:30am. 2nd Thurs. of month, rotating location. \$5 donation. RSVP 773-4187.

Rochester Singing Group 5:00 PM - Thurs. - Rochester. Acapella singing group meets Thurs., 5-6pm, Federated Church of Rochester. Practice spiritual music to sing to ill folk. Come & sing! 767-3012.

Concerts in West Rutland 6:00 PM - The Town of West Rutland is embarking on its first summer concert series held on the Town Hall Green. Thursday evenings beginning 6-8pm July 14 through August 4th. Chad Hollister with Trevor McCullough on July 14.

Killington Summer Concert Series 6:00 PM - Killington Summer Concert Series. Pack a picnic dinner, bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music and views of the Valley from the lawn of the Sherburne Memorial Library on River Road in Killington at 6 p.m. This week, Dan Walker Trio...Americana/Roots Music.

VINS Free Film 7:00 PM - On Thursday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m., the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) will host a free screening of a new film called Green Fire, the first full-length, high definition documentary film ever made about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold

Fair Haven Summer Concert 7:00 PM Music

Bridgewater Historical Society Meeting 7:30 PM - Bridgewater - Legislative Review and Discussion with State Representative Jim Eckhardt, at Bridgewater Grange. Review & discuss this year's Legislative Session and how the bills passed will effect the people and businesses of Vermont. Refreshments served.

Poultney Farmers Market 9:00 PM - Poultney. Farmers Market on Main St., 9am-2pm.

Friday, July 15

Friday Farmers Markets 12:00 AM - Brandon. Brandon Farmers Market in Central Park, 9am-2pm.

Pittsfield. Farmers Market on the Village Green, Fridays, 3-6pm.

Fair Haven. FH Farmers Market, 3-6pm, FH Park, rain or shine.

Ludlow. Ludlow Farmers Market open, Okemo Mtn School front lawn, 4-7pm.

Rutland Town/Killington. Home Depot Plaza, 4-8pm.

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Foodways Fridays at Billings Farm 10:00 AM - Discover how Billings Farm & Museum uses seasonal produce from its heirloom garden in historic recipes every Friday as part of Foodways Fridays, July 15 - October 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Solarfest 10:00 AM - Renewable Energy Festival at Forget-Me-Not Farm, Tinmouth. Music, vendors, food, workshops, more - all solar powered! 1776 Military Road Hike 10:30 AM - Meet at the Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site (802-273-2282) in East Hubbardton. B.Y.O. lunch or snack. Sat., July 16, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. Walk a strenuous guided hike on a very rarely-explored stretch of the "1776 Military Road" There is no charge for this hike. Leave your question for Tom at 802-388-2967.

Arthritis Help 11:30 AM - Rutland. 10:30-11:30am - Arthritis Pool Class. You don't need to have arthritis to benefit from this comprehensive fun exercise program. Locker room & towels included. \$40/10 classes. Holiday Inn Pool, 775-1911.

Yoga in Rutland Park 12:00 PM - Rutland. Fridays, Noon, Free Yoga in the Main St. Park sponsored by Rutland Rec. Rain site, in the gazebo.

Sherburne Pre-School StoryTime 1:30 PM - Killington - Sherburne Memorial Library Event: Fris - Preschool StoryTime, 1:30pm. 422-3824.

KAG Opening Reception 3:00 PM - Killington Arts Guild New Show Opening Reception, 3-6pm, KAG Gallery, Upstairs at Cabin Fever Gifts, Rte. 4 across from Killington Access Rd. Open 9am-6pm daily. Show thru Sep. 1. 802-422-3852.

Friday Night Live Downtown 5:00 PM - Fabulous fun and entertainment in Downtown Rutland. Center street is closed off to make room for vendors, food and festivities. Great family fun.

VINS Drawing Workshop & Reception 5:00 PM - Adult Women's Basketball 6:00 PM - Pittsford. Adult Women's Basketball - Open Gym. Friday nights, 6-8PM. Police Academy, Furnace Road. More info: Tara 417-7331.

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Lake House Entertainment 6:00 PM - Eve-Aaron Audet performs "The Butties" at Jackson Gore 6:00 PM Music

AA Meetings 7:00 PM - Rutland - Al Anon: Call Pete: 773-9548 or Marcia: 775-7479 for meeting info. Beginner meeting Fris, 7pm, The Evergreen Ctr. You may also call Rutland - AA Hotline, Rutland area: 802-775-0402, 24 hours.

Killington Music Festival Free Concert 7:00 PM - Killington Music Festival presents free concert at Friday Night Live in Downtown Rutland. Includes works of Mark O'Connor, Piazzolla, Brahms & Mendelssohn. 773-4003.

Grace Church Presents "Miss Saigon" 7:30 PM Variety

Saturday, July 16

Saturday Farmers Markets 9:00 AM - Rochester. Farmers Market on the Village Green, 9-1pm.

Rutland. Downtown Rutland Farmers Market, Sats. 9am-2pm, in Depot Park.

BROC Flea Market 9:00 AM - BROC 3rd Annual Flea Market/Craft Fair in the President's Building at the Vermont State Fairgrounds in Rutland on Friday, July 15th & Saturday, July 16th. Flea Market hours 9am-3pm, Free Parking, Public Restrooms, food. No reasonable offers refused. 802-773-9480.

Chittenden VFD Annual Auction 9:30 AM - Auctioneer Steve Taylor. At Barstow Memorial School. Checks/cash accepted. Food concession. Bring a chair!

Killington Dog Days 10:00 AM - Killington Dog Days benefitting the Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) will take place on Saturday & Sunday, July 16 & 17 at the Sherburne Library Fields on River Road in Killington. Top dogs from across the country will gather in Killington for a full weekend of dog-centric and pet-friendly activities built around two national disc dog competitions. Demonstrations, vendors, grooming, games, Pet/Owner Look Alike Contest, Longest Kiss and Fastest Dresser. Free, with an on-site donation to RCHS. Activities begin at 10 AM on both days for dogs and dog lovers alike!

National Ice Cream Day 10:00 AM - Billings Farm & Museum will celebrate National Ice Cream Day on Sunday, July 17, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Visitors can participate in making and tasting hand-cranked ice cream several times a day, while learning the history and science of the "great American dessert." Admission includes all programs and activities. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For information about programs and activities contact 802/457-2355.

ARC Rutland Car Wash 10:00 AM - West Rutland Price Chopper Parking Lot, 10-2. 775-4544.

Basket Party Raffle 11:00 AM - Castleton Community Center Basket Party Raffle from 11 to 3 at the American Legion Hall in Castleton. Drawings start at 1pm. \$5 admission includes 25 chances to win over 100 gift baskets and \$1,000 in raffle items. 802-468-3093.

Family Fun Day 1:00 PM - Duck Days Benefit 3:00 PM - The Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) is hosting its annual Duck Derby to raise money for the homeless animals in its care. At 3 pm on Sunday, July 17 at the Library Fields on River Road in Killington (part of the Killington Dog Days. Cash prize. Info www.rchsvt.org or call 483.9171.

Goshen Gallop 4:00 PM - Rugged 10K (or 5K) race, begins 4pm at Blueberry Hill Inn. \$35 pre-registered. \$40 day of. Proceeds Moosalamoo Assn. www.moosalamoo.org

Baked Ham Dinner in Belmont (1) 5:00 PM - The Masons of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 96 invites the community to enjoy a home-style

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baked pies for dessert. At Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. The admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 11 and under.

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Killington Music Festival Weekly Performance 7:00 PM - Killington Music Festival presents Souvenirs from Abroad, Brahms' electrifying chamber masterpiece, the Quintet for Piano & String Quartet in F minor. Rams Head Lodge. 422-1330 for tickets. 422-4003 for info.

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Sunday, July 17

BROC Flea Market 9:00 AM - BROC 3rd Annual Flea Market/Craft Fair in the President's Building at the Vermont State Fairgrounds in Rutland on Friday, July 15th & Saturday, July 16th. Flea Market hours 9am-3pm, Free Parking, Public Restrooms, food. No reasonable offers refused. 802-773-9480.

Killington Dog Days 10:00 AM - Killington Dog Days benefitting the Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) will take place on Saturday & Sunday, July 16 & 17 at the Sherburne Library Fields on River Road in Killington. Top dogs from across the country will gather in Killington for a full weekend of dog-centric and pet-friendly activities built around two national disc dog competitions. Demonstrations, vendors, grooming, games, Pet/Owner Look Alike Contest, Longest Kiss and Fastest Dresser. Free, with an on-site donation to RCHS. Activities begin at 10 AM on both days for dogs and dog lovers alike!

ATV Trail Grand Opening 10:00 AM - BMAC-Bird Mountain ATV Club Grand Opening of Yamaha Gap, BMAC ATV Trailhead, W. Rutland. Raffle Ride, food vendors, live music, ATV dealer demo rides. \$1 dessert table benefits Ira VFD. Must be VASA member - memberships avail at event, bring registration & insurance. Please bring non-perishable item.

Wells Bingo 10:15 AM - Wells. Modern Woodmen of America holds Bingo, including special game to benefit a local charity or good cause. Note that Thursday Bingo is 10:15a.m. and Sunday Bingo starts at noon.

Shrewsbury 250th Anniversary 1:00 PM - The Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum located on Route 103 in Cuttingsville is celebrating the Town of Shrewsbury's 250th Anniversary. Museum hours are Sundays from 1 to 3 pm, until the end of October. Free admission, handicapped accessible, with parking. Info: contact Ruth Winkler, (802) 492-3324.

Rochester Concerts 6:30 PM - Annual summer concert series on the park, Sunday evenings, 6:30pm. This week, Bearquarium - Afro funk, Latin rhythms, blues, rock, soul. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, picnic basket & enjoy!

Poultney Concerts 7:00 PM - Band Concerts on the Green. Sundays in July. Visitors welcome! 287-5185.

Rutland City Band 7:00 PM - July 10 - Rutland. Rutland City Band performs summer concerts on the Green/Rte 4 & 7 - Main St. Park. 7-8:30pm. Every Sunday thru Aug. 21. Themed concerts. Free! Bring a chair or blanket.

Poultney Band Concert 7:00 PM - July 10 - Poultney. Band Concerts on the Green, 7pm, Sundays in July. Visitors welcome! 287-5185.

Rutland Concerts in the Park 7:00 PM - Enjoy free music in Main Street Park in Rutland. Corner of Route 7 and West Street. Great tunes in a fabulous family environment.

Monday, July 18

Outdoor Expedition Camp 7:45 AM - Rutland Rec Dept offers Outdoor Expeditions Camp, Session 4. Mountain biking, swimming, hiking. \$145 resident/ \$156 non. Register at Godnick Center or rutlandrec.com

Killington Yoga 8:30 AM - Mon., Tues. & Thurs. Killington - Anusara Inspired Yoga classes at Killington Yoga, Mon. 8:30am mixed level, Tues Level 1 & Thurs Level 2, 5:30pm. killingtonyoga.com. 422-4500.

Bone Builders Program 9:00 AM - Mon. & Thurs. - Rochester. Bone Builders exercise program meets 9am, Park House. Lightweight resistance training to help slow down or reverse osteoporosis. 767-3416.

Clarendon Girl's Camp 9:00 AM - Rosie's Girls Summer Camp for girls entering 6th, 7th, 8th grades. Trades-based camp - try carpentry, welding, fire fighting, more. 9am, M-F at Mill River UHS. \$250 includes tshirt, toolbox w/ tools. rosiesgirls.org

Arthritis Help 11:30 AM - Rutland. 10:30-11:30am - Arthritis Pool Class. You don't need to have arthritis to benefit from this comprehensive fun exercise program. Locker room & towels included. \$40/10 classes. Holiday Inn Pool, 775-1911.

Marble Valley Bridge Club 1:00 PM - Marble Valley Bridge Club. ACBL Sanctioned Bridge Games 1:00pm Monday and 6:45 Thursday at Godnick Senior Center. guaranteed partner. 287-5756.

Parkinson's Exercise Group 2:30 PM - Rutland. Low impact exercise group for those with Parkinson's Disease, 2:30pm Mondays, Godnick Adult Center. Free. RSVP sponsors.

Zumba in Bridgewater 6:30 PM - Bridgewater. Zumba at Bridgewater Grange, \$4. 6:30pm.

Brandon Band 6:30 PM - July 11 - Brandon. Brandon Town Band plays in Central Park, 6:30-7:30pm. Bring a chair or blanket & enjoy! Weather permitting.

Rheumatoid Arthritis Group 6:30 PM - 1st Floor of RSVP/FGP/One-2-One Office next to Grace Congregational Church. 775-8220.

Pittsfield Historical Society Meeting 7:00 PM - Pittsfield. Pittsfield Historical Society meeting, Town Hall 3rd Monday of the month, 7pm.

Triathlon Training 7:00 PM - Curbstone Chorus Practices 7:00 PM - Rutland High School. Open invitation for any men interested in singing - join them!

Paramount "Big Flicks" Film Series 7:00 PM - Big Flicks at Paramount 7:00 PM - Carving Studio Workshop 2

West Rutland. Soft Stone Carving. Call for details, 483-2097.

Tuesday, July 19

Killington Yoga 8:30 AM - Mon., Tues. & Thurs. Killington - Anusara Inspired Yoga classes at Killington Yoga, Mon. 8:30am mixed level, Tues Level 1 & Thurs Level 2, 5:30pm. killingtonyoga.com. 422-4500.

Clarendon Girl's Camp 9:00 AM - Rosie's Girls Summer Camp for girls entering 6th, 7th, 8th grades. Trades-based camp - try carpentry, welding, fire fighting, more. 9am, M-F at Mill River UHS. \$250 includes tshirt, toolbox w/ tools. rosiesgirls.org

Bone Builders Class 10:00 AM - Tues. & Thurs. Bone Builders free exercise classes. 10-11am, Mendon Methodist Church, 773-2694. Bridgewater Mill, 2nd floor, 3-4pm, 672-3384.

Killington Arts Guild Workshop-Sherburne Library 10:00 AM - Killington - Sherburne Memorial Library: Killington Arts Guild acrylics workshop meets every Tues., 10am-noon, free.

Time Travel Tuesdays 10:00 AM - Try hands with late 19th century chores & pastimes in 1890 Farm House. Presented by Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT. Tuesdays thru Aug. 23. 10-5. 457-2355.

Sherburne Library Matinees 2:00 PM - Killington - Sherburne Memorial Library Event: Tues, 2pm - Matinees

Killington Library Movie Matinee 2:00 PM - At Sherburne Library. This week: Eat Pray Love. Bring popcorn.

Tuesday Famers Market 3:00 PM - Rutland. Downtown Rutland Farmers Market, Tues. 3-6pm, in Depot Park.

Summer Reading Program 3:00 PM - Rutland Chess Club 7:00 PM - Rutland. Chess Club, Godnick Adult Center, 1 Deer St. Open to public, free, all ages. Beginners welcome. 773-1853.

Castleton Concerts 7:00 PM - 16th Annual Castleton Concerts on the Green. Rain or shine, on the Green next to Federated Church. This week: Bluegrass Gospel Project. Rain site, Tent.

Paramount "Big Flicks" Film Series 7:00 PM - Ramunto's Entertainment 7:00 PM - Tuesday Nights Open Mic entertainment

Castleton Concert on the Green (1) 7:00 PM - Tuesdays, rain or shine, 7pm sharp, on the Green next to Federated Church. This week: Nathan Childers Band. Rain site, Casella Theater, Fine Arts Center.

Genealogy Meeting 7:30 PM - Bridgewater Historical Society Meeting, genealogy meeting, at Grange Hall.

Wednesday, July 20

Kripalu Yoga 8:45 AM - Killington - Kripalu Yoga LouiseHarrison@live.com or call Louise 747-8444. Weds. 8:45am, ongoing class. Private & small group classes by appt.

Clarendon Girl's Camp 9:00 AM - Rosie's Girls Summer Camp for girls entering 6th, 7th, 8th grades. Trades-based camp - try carpentry, welding, fire fighting, more. 9am, M-F at Mill River UHS. \$250 includes tshirt, toolbox w/ tools. rosiesgirls.org

RAVNAH Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinic - Dorset 9:00 AM - Dorset Nursing Office. Suggested donation \$2 blood pressure, \$5 foot care. 775-0568.

Mother Goose Story Time 10:30 AM - Killington - Sherburne Memorial Library Event: Weds - Mother Goose Story Time - 10:30am. 422-3824.

Wagon Ride Wednesdays at Billings 11:00 AM - Wagon Ride Wednesdays begin on July 6 and run through September 28. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. included in the admission.

Arthritis Help 11:30 AM - Rutland. 10:30-11:30am - Arthritis Pool Class. You don't need to have arthritis to benefit from this comprehensive fun exercise program. Locker room & towels included. \$40/10 classes. Holiday Inn Pool, 775-1911.

Wednesday Afternoons with Farmer Fred 1:00 PM - Plymouth Notch. Wednesday Afternoons with Farmer Fred at President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. 1-5pm. Demos of historic farming activities. Weekly program. 672-3773.

Reading Program at Sherburne Library 1:00 PM - RAVNAH Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinic-Residents Only 1:15 PM - Rutland. The Meadows, 1:15pm; The Gables, 3:15pm. Suggested donation \$2 blood pressure, \$5 foot care. 775-0568.

Tea for the Soul (1) 2:00 PM - Rutland. Tea for the Soul support group for those with chronic illness or life-threatening illness. 1st & 3rd Wed., 2-2:30pm. CVPS/Leahy Ctr at RRM. 747-1693.

Woodstock Farmers Market 3:00 PM - Woodstock. Farmers Market on the Green, 3-6pm.

Killington Rotary Club Meeting 6:00 PM - Killington. Killington Rotary Club meets at Summit Lodge 6-8pm for full dinner, guest speaker and/or discussion. Seeking new members.

Bingo in Bridgewater 6:30 PM - Bingo at Bridgewater Grange Hall

Triathlon Training 7:00 PM - Rutland Concerts 7:00 PM - Summer Concerts in the Main Street Park, Wednesdays, 7-9pm. This week, George's Back Pocket. Bring a picnic, friends & family, and enjoy! Free.

Free Concert in Main St Park 7:00 PM - Rutland. Summer Concerts in the Main Street Park, Wednesdays, 7-9pm. This week, Chad Hollister. Bring a picnic, friends & family, and enjoy! Free.

Rutland Concerts in the Park 7:00 PM - Enjoy free music in Main Street Park in Rutland. Corner of Route 7 and West Street. Great tunes in a fabulous family environment.

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Brandon Music - 62 Country Club Rd., Brandon. Art Gallery open 10-6 daily, closed Tues. Harmony English Tea room 2-5pm daily, closed Tues.

Brick Box - at Paramount Theatre, Center St., Rutland. Gallery hrs: Thurs-Fri, 11am-6pm & Sat., 10am-2pm & during Paramount Theatre performances. 775-0903.

Carving Studio & Sculpture Center - Marble St., W. Rutland. 438-2097, carving@vermontel.net. Sats. & Suns., 1-4pm & by appt.

Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts - S. Main St., Rutland. Weds.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4, closed Mon. & Tues. 775-0356. Summer Members' Exhibit thru July 30.

Chandler Gallery - Randolph. Gallery hrs: Thurs. 4-6pm, Sat. & Sun. 1-3pm. 431-0204.

Killington Arts Guild Fine Art Gallery - at Cabin Fever, Rt. 4. Open business days 9-6:30pm. New Show! 422-3824.

Maclure Library - Rt. 7, Pittsford. Mon., Tue., Fri., 1-6pm; Wed., 10-8; Thur., 10-6; Sat., 9am-noon. 483-2972.

Montshire Museum of Science - Norwich. Open 7 days year round, 10am-5pm. 649-2200.

New England Maple Museum - 4578 Rte 7, Pittsford. Open daily 8:30am-5:30pm. Maple Candy Making 10-2, free, Wednesdays thru Oct. 12. 483-9414 for info.

Norman Rockwell Museum - Rt. 4E, Rutland. 773-6095. Self-guided tour. Open daily.

Norman Williams Public Library - Woodstock. 457-2644. Open Mon., Fri., & Sat., 10-5, Tues., Wed., Thurs. 10-7.

Pittsford Historical Society - Pittsford. Thru July 4, Tues. 9-4. July 5-Oct. 11, Tues. 9-4, Suns. 1-4. Oct. 12-Nov. 16, Tues. 9-4.

Rutland Historical Society - 96 Center St., Rutland, 775-2006. Year-round, Mon., 6-9 pm, Sat, 1-4pm, by appointment for schools or other groups.

Rutland Railway Association - Center Rutland Depot. Former Rutland Railroad depot. Museum exhibits the Rutland Railroad. HO & N scale models. Open Saturdays 11am-3pm.

Slate Valley Museum - Water St., Granville, NY. Exhibit "Through the Lens of Slate: Students Artwork Using Slate Printing Press" open. 518-642-1417 for info.

Timco Gallery - Center St., Rutland. Gallery hrs Mon - Sat. 773-3377. Portion of sales proceed local student art programs.

Tyson Library - Now Open. Rt 100N on Library Rd. across from Tyson store. 1st & 2nd Mondays, 6-7pm; Tues. thru Sat., 10am-noon.

VINS Nature Center - Rt 4 (Next to the Quechee Gorge) Quechee. Daily activities, programs, exhibits, Nature Store. Open 10-5:30 daily. New summer programs. 359-5000 for info. Barry Van Dusen watercolor exhibit thru Jul. 16.

Wallingford Historical Society Museum - Town Hall, School St., Wallingford. 446-2831. Permanent collection of costumes, photographs, memorabilia.


William Feick Arts Center, Green Mtn College, Poultney. Gallery hours M-F, 1-5pm. 287-8000.

Woodstock History Center - 26 Elm St, Woodstock. Fri-Sun 12-4pm. Other days by appointment. Art, furniture, clothing, musical instruments, more. 457-1822 for info.

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Admission to National Ice Cream Day includes all programs and activities, plus the operating dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and the restored and furnished 1890 Farm House. Billings Farm & Museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For information about programs and activities contact 802/457-2355.



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Saturday, July 30
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Miss Saigon Comes to Rutland

Under the direction of Rip Jackson, Miss Saigon will be performed Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16 at the Paramount Theatre.

Based loosely on Puccini's Madam Butterfly, the story of Miss Saigon revolves around a young Vietnamese girl, Kim, who falls in love with an American Marine, Chris, during the Vietnam War. When Saigon falls and the old city disappears, Chris--not realizing that Kim is pregnant--is forced to retreat. Years after leaving Vietnam, Chris discovers that Kim is still alive and is now raising his son. He returns to Saigon to find her but is forced to make some large decisions before leaving Vietnam again.

Grace Church's performances will be directed by Rip Jackson, with choreography by Mitch Rosengarten. The 3 shows will be performed at the beautiful Paramount Theatre in downtown Rutland, VT July 15 and 16 at 7:30 PM and July 16 at 2:00 PM. Tickets will be available through the theatre box office, 775-0903 or online at www.paramounttickets.org. All tickets are \$15 for the matinee and balcony seats for all shows. Evening tickets for orchestra and loge are \$20. All tickets \$15 for ages 17 and under. There is assistance for anyone unable to afford tickets. Please call the church office at 802-775-4301.

Growlers Return to Chandler



A year after electrifying a cheering Chandler Music Hall crowd with their high-energy bluegrass and tight harmonies, the Randolph-raised Random Canyon Growlers will return to Chandler on August 5 at 7:30 PM, promising more of the same.

Based in the Jackson, Wyo. area, where they have been performing for more than two years, the Growlers' Randolph concert will feature three RUHS graduates who have been friends since childhood—Jamie Drysdale, David McMeekin, and Justin Moore.

After their short trip back to Vermont this August, the Growlers hope to take their first extended tour—a month in the northwestern states of Washington, Oregon, and Montana. They are looking forward to their one-night return to Chandler Music Hall August 5.

Joining bass player Donovan and the three Randolph natives in the Chandler concert will be Connor Mulroy on mandolin. Reserved tickets are \$16 and may be ordered by calling the Chandler Box Office between 3 and 6 PM weekdays at 802-728-6464.



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The Auction offers antiques, collectibles, new merchandise, services, original art, and more; surprises and treasures from attics and barns. Also gift certificates for fuel oil, dinners, lodging, auto services, memberships, products, museums, services, family entertainment, and more. Donations are from Brandon / Forestdale area, Rutland and Addison Counties and beyond.

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Rutland Report

What's Happening in Rutland This Week?

by Lani Duke

Learn about starting your own small business in a workshop held at the Rutland Economic Development Corp. Offices, 112 Quality Ln., Rutland, Thursday, July 14, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Find out more by calling 773-1194.

Hear the music of Chad Hollister and Trevor McCullough performing outdoors on the West Rutland Town Hall green at 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening. In case of rain, the concert ducks indoors to the Town Hall Auditorium.

The Paramount hosts a fully-staged version of Broadway mega-hit Miss Saigon at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16, plus a Saturday matinee at 2:00 p.m. Rip Jackson and the good folks at Grace Congregational Church are responsible for pulling together this classic love story, an adaptation of Puccini's Madame Butterfly. Call 775-0903 for tickets.

Start your Friday fun as early as 3:00 p.m. at the Market Fair in the Home Depot/Big Lots plaza parking area. Shop for farm fresh foods and hand made crafts; listen to live music.

We're back in gear with Friday Night Live in downtown Rutland; music is from The Only Brown Band and the Killington Music Festival. Bring your young folks at 6:00 p.m. for entertainment aimed at the more youthful; more mature themes crop up later in the evening. Call the Downtown Rutland Partnership for details, 773-9380.

Take a quick trip to Italy for the American Legion Post 31's Little Taste of Italy Dinner Buffet, serving 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Selections include beef tenderloin tips Madeira, shrimp scampi over rotini pasta, panko crusted chicken parmesan garlic, mashed red potatoes, tortellini in roasted red pepper sauce fresh steamed vegetable medley, and a 20-selection salad bar. Dance afterwards to Cold River Band. You need not be a Legion member. Call 773-9777 with questions.

How lucky is your duck? Find out at the Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) annual Duck Derby at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 17. "Adopted" plastic ducks launch from the Library Fields on River Road in Killington and race to the finish line. First and last ducks win cash prizes. Funds raised from the Duck Derby support the programs and homeless animals at RCHS. Call the RCHS Business Office at 483-9171 with questions.

Round off your weekend by listening to the Rutland City Band concert in Main Street Park, the corner of Route 7 and West Street at 7:00 p.m.

How's your to-be-read book pile doing? Refresh it at the Friends of the Rutland Free Library Summer Monday Night Book Sales, 10 Court St., 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. All proceeds support library activities and collections, Call

Friday Night Live July 15

There's an entertainment packed night scheduled for this week's Friday Night Live of July 15 from 6-10pm.

For children's entertainment, come down at 6:15 p.m. and watch Tony Duncan perform his routine of juggling and comedy. Duncan will perform in front of Lake Sunapee Bank.

At 7:00 musicians from the Killington Music Festival will be performing under the tent near the intersection of Center and Wales Streets participation. Come and listen to a bit of classical music in the Downtown.

To top off the evening, live! Straight from Great Britain! The Oli Brown Band performs on the main stage at the intersection of Center Street and Merchants Row. They will start playing the blues at 8:00 pm.

Wonderfeet, The Kid's Museum, will be open in the former King's Fine Furniture on Center Street. This is the newest project provided by the Creative Economy. Exhibits are going to focus on "Energy in Motion." Come in and have fun between 6 - 8 pm.

As usual, the stores and restaurants will be open and portions of Center Street lined with vendors. Come to Downtown Rutland and Shop. Eat. Be Entertained.

Rain or shine, Friday Night Live goes on with activities commencing at 6 p.m.

Friday Night Live will run for three additional Fridays in 2011: July 22 and August 5, 12.

Come to Downtown Rutland. It's the place to be this summer.

773-1860 with questions.

Rheumatoid Arthritis Support Group meets Monday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m., on the first floor of 6 Court St. in Rutland. Park at Grace Congregational Church and enter side door.

Travel back in time and popular culture at The Paramount in downtown Rutland Monday and/or Tuesday as you watch Goldfinger, the epitome of James Bond films, on July 18, and the first of the Back to the Future series on July 19. Even if you already have them in your home DVD box, seeing them on the theatre's big screen is a visual delight. Call 775-0903 for tickets.

A guest from the Philippines discusses how her country celebrates birthdays as part of the Rutland Free Library's summer reading program at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 19. All ages will appreciate this offering. Call 773-1860 to find out more.

Rutland Historical Society spokesman Jim Davidson appears on PBS TV Tuesday evening when the History Detectives research into a wooden war club apparently sent to Teddy Roosevelt in connection with his "speak softly and carry a big stick" foreign policy. Its connection with Rutland? An inscription says "Bull Moose War Club — From the Green Mountains near the City of Rutland, VT, and to the Great Chief Teddy Roosevelt, Aug. 29, '12." Teddy spoke in Rutland on that date, campaigning while standing on the Hotel Bardwell porch.

The Rutland area is awash in music Wednesday and Thursday. Representatives of the Killington Music Festival present a concert at Rutland Free Library at noon July 20. Chad Hollister performs in a Main Street Park concert at 7:00 p.m. that evening. Thunder Road gives an outdoor concert on the West Rutland Town Hall Green at 6:00 p.m. July 21.

Learn the art of mold making and casting in a five-day workshop July 25 through 29 at the Carving Studio & Sculpture Center in West Rutland. To enroll, call 438-2097.

If you're planning to take the train to New York City, it will take longer than usual for a while. Making improvements necessary to speeding up the run will slow down the current schedule.

Ah, Patty, it's hard to imagine Merchants Row without you, but Tapas restaurant has a new owner and a new

name. New owners Brad and Katherine Barker have re-named the business Kelvans.

Mountain View Community School may soon re-open. It closed two years ago after an argument with the state over the school's assessed value and tax-exempt status. Now that the state supreme court has affirmed the school's tax-exemption, it may re-open in a new location, funded in part by return of moneys it has paid in taxes.

Ugandan artist Charles Kamyia is working at the Carving Studio & Sculpture Center in West Rutland during the month of July. He is sharing previous work with the public Wednesday evenings during his tenure. Drop by at 7:00 p.m. to hear him talk about his work at the Carving Studio's main building, 636 Marble Street. Call 438-2097 for more information.

Rutland aldermen are considering revoking the liquor license at Jilly's Bar and Grill on Merchants Row. The alder board has expressed concern over a recent incident that included a man wielding a handgun on the premises.

Stafford Technical Center student Nick Sweet recently received top honors for his innovative business plan, submitted to the third all Vermont Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning competition. His submission was for creating and marketing a ballistic-proofed and tracking sensor equipped vest for hunting dogs.

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Wine Festival Preview

Next weekend is the Killington Wine Festival again, July 22nd -24th with many wine related activities and dinners in participating restaurants. It offers a great chance to actually sample and taste what you find on the shelves of local wine stores and wine lists of the areas restaurants.

As a wine lover can meet the distributors, importers and other industry professionals, ask questions and sample the wines they have to offer. As in many other states the wine industry is set up in a three-tier system in the State of Vermont. This is to assure that state laws are adhered to and the state gets the taxes. The importer or national distributor you might meet at the festival sells to the state distributors, such as the VT Wine Merchants, who then sell to the restaurants or stores, a transaction that is regulated and taxed by the state.

There are at least 1500 different varieties of grapes used for commercial wine making worldwide, out of at least 2000 known varieties, some of which are used only for table grapes or raisins. Many of them are clones or hybrids that have developed over the centuries or were actually created on purpose in vineyards to adapt to specific growing sites. The University of Minnesota has an active wine research program, producing new hybrids for cold-weather growing regions that can withstand



frosts over -30F, the threshold that kills conventional grapevines.

There are probably about 3000 wineries alone in the United States, with at least one in every state. That is counting only known wineries, there are probably as many people making wine privately in smaller amounts. Add to that worldwide another twice as many, we're approaching five digits to count all wineries. And just about all them make at least more than one wine; the numbers are too staggering to even imagine tasting all the wines of the world.

Did you know that 20 million acres of grapes are planted across the world? Or that 75 grapes are usually found in a cluster, that 1 vine consists of around 40 clusters and 1 grape cluster will make 1 glass of wine?

You can learn a lot more about wine by coming to the Killington Wine Festival next weekend. There will be hundreds of wines on display at the Grand Tasting in Killington offering plenty of different wines to choose from. At any rate, too many to drink all of them, so you will need to make choices.

A good approach would be to start with a hearty breakfast, so your stomach has a good base to work with. As you go around the festival visiting each table, you might want to sample white wines first, then come around again and try the reds. Take a good sip each time, swirl it around your mouth as to coat the entire inside, then squirt it out through slightly opened lips into the spit buckets provided. Be careful and avoid too much pressure as it might splash back at you as you bend over a little closer to the bucket in order not to have to aim too far. Don't worry, after a few tries you'll get the hang of it and you'll avoid the hangover, which, I would predict, could give you a three digit headache the next day - unless you do practice your spitting.

Open Air Market Fair

Market Fair of Rutland Town/Killington is at Home Depot Plaza every Friday night from 4 pm to 8 pm through Oct 14th, combining a new Farmer's Market and fresh local produce with an age old tradition of "Market Fair" in an open air setting. It is located on Route 4 in The Home Depot/Big Lots Plaza.

Live entertainment line-up this week includes local talent, multi-instrumen-

talist J Rumney. Energy healing, Reiki and massage will be offered along with on site Yoga classes, this week starting at 6 pm with "Whoa-Ga" Author Cathy Reynolds. Also onsite will be food exhibition, natural beauty products, kids' activities, crafts, culture, and more. Bring the whole family to enjoy farm fresh foods and produce, try new foods and meet new people. Get info by calling 802-558-6155.

The Butties Return to Jackson Gore

The Butties will appear for a free concert on Friday, July 15, as part of Okemo Mountain Resort's Jackson Gore Outdoor Music Series.

The Butties are an all-Beatles cover band that first played together at Syracuse University in 1983. Since college, Sam, Paul, Mark and Robbo live in different cities across the USA, but they stay in touch — and, to the delight of their fans, they get back together...to rock! Every gig takes on the feeling of a special event. The band rehearses for a few days, knocks off the rust, resurfaces the tires, gets a tummy tuck and a nose job, and then it's time for the big show: a party, really, and the band is having as much fun as the crowd. These guys love to get people dancing to the great music of the Beatles.

On Friday nights throughout the summer season, the lawn in the courtyard at Okemo's Jackson Gore Inn is transformed into an outdoor concert venue featuring popular local and regional entertainers. Admission to the Jackson Gore Outdoor Music Series is free and the grounds open at 5 p.m. Concerts are slated to run from 6 to 9 p.m. Families are welcome and all

attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets. In case of rain, the concerts will move indoors. Dining options include traditional fresh-from-the-grill fare, or full-service dining with an al fresco seating option at Jackson Gore's Coleman Brook Tavern.

Following The Butties, the summer lineup for the Jackson Gore Outdoor Music Series includes: 2Adam12, July 22; Joey Leone Band, July 29; Sly Gerald's, August 5; Love in Stockholm, August 12; Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys, August 19; Kenny Mehler Band, August 26; Lipbone Redding and the LipBone Orchestra, September 2.

In addition to the Jackson Gore Outdoor Music Series, Okemo will host two special Saturday events: Okemo's annual Hops in the Hills Brew Festival featuring The Sly Gerald's Band on Aug. 6, and the annual Parrothead Party with Jimmy Buffett tribute band, Changes in Latitudes, on Oct. 8.

For more information about Okemo Mountain Resort, please visit www.okemo.com or call 802-228-1600. For dinner reservations at Coleman Brook Tavern, call 802-228-1435.

The Taste of Woodstock

The Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce announces The Taste of Woodstock, A Community Festival in downtown Woodstock, Vermont scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Elm Street, in the center of Woodstock, will be closed to traffic and there will be over 40 participants providing a full day that includes: local specialty food, wine & beer tastings, music, entertainment and arts and crafts. There is something for everyone: A Super Sidewalk Sale throughout town, Children will enjoy the Kids Activity Tent with fun and games going on throughout the day sponsored by the Purple Crayon Productions.

The proto-Celtic band Colcannon led by Pat Stebbins on harp and Sam Mofatt on hammered dulcimer will get the

entertainment started on Elm Street at 10:00 a.m. followed by the duo Stolen by Gypsies serving up the sounds of French jazz a la a Parisian Street Café! Next on the main stage, Barbara and Tim the dynamic duo that makes the center of all Sensible Shoes sounds will rock the afternoon shopping and dining crowd with covers and material from their new CD.

At 7:30 p.m., just in time for an after dinner stroll the sounds of Quincy Mumford will close the night. In addition to the live bands that will perform in the center of Woodstock, other artists entertaining throughout the day include: Circus art, sidewalk art, drumming and fiddlers.

For more info contact the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce at 802-457-2355 or visit www.woodstockvt.com.

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BigTown BigTent Summer Festival Kicks Off

BigTown Gallery in Rochester, VT announces two events on Saturday, July 16th, to kick-off its BigTent Summer Festival of Poetry, Music, and Performing Arts. In the galleries, an Opening Reception (5-7pm, free and open to the public) introduces its two new exhibitions: the Main Gallery features new work by Varujan Boghosian, New Collages & Construction, 2009-20011, while the Center Gallery, in a related exhibition, shows photographs by Erick Hufschmid, A Muse—A Visit to the Studio of Varujan Boghosian. Following the reception, opening night of the BigTent Festival will feature A Starlight Performance by Bridgman/Packer Dance.

BigTent's evening performances are in its natural amphitheater, out in back of the gallery, under the BigTent (except Bridgman/Packer, in the open, under the stars). For additional information, please contact Anni or Anna at the gallery at 99 North Main Street in Rochester (802-767-9670) or see website for details: www.bigtowngallery.com. Performers, dates, and ticket prices appear below.

Opening Reception, Saturday, July 16 – 5-7pm (free, open to the public)

Main Gallery: Varujan Boghosian, New Collages & Construction, 2009-20011

Center Gallery: Erick Hufschmid, A Muse—A Visit to the Studio of Varujan Boghosian

We are delighted to present, in the main gallery, our second solo exhibition of Varujan Boghosian (b.1926), and, in the center gallery, our first solo exhibition of the photographs of New Hampshire resident, Erick Hufschmid. In response to our invitation to show his photographs, Hufschmid revealed his interest in beginning a series that would photograph, and document, the studios of known artists. He chose to take the opportunity presented by this show to begin that project, photographing the studio of Varujan Boghosian. The result is produced in a portfolio of 18 illuminating photographs of the artist's studio. Shown here individually and in portfolio.

Opening Night, A Starlight Performance, Saturday July 16 – 8:30pm (tickets \$25)

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BigTown BigTent Festival: three consecutive weekends, opens Saturday, July 16, closes Sunday, July 31 (see website for details of performers, times, and ticket prices: www.bigtowngallery.com) BigTown Gallery's Wine & Dessert Tent will be featured at each performance. Doors for reading and performances open one hour before scheduled starting time. Festival Pass Available – Offering 15% savings. \$150 Pass includes 7 tickets to be used in any combination. Performances last approximately 90 minutes unless otherwise noted.

KoSA Music Festival Returns to CSC

KoSA Communications proudly presents the 16th annual KoSA Music Festival, July 26 - 30, 2011 at 8 p.m. held at the Casella Theatre of Castleton State College in Castleton, Vermont.

After over a decade, the KoSA International Percussion and Drum Workshops and Festival continues to deliver electrifying concerts which feature numerous internationally renowned artists, in rare Vermont appearances. This year's performers include: Memo Acevedo (Tito Puente), Mario DeCiutiis (Electronic percussion), Dominik Cuccia (Fife&Drum artist), Aiyun Huang (McGill University), Sergio Bellotti (Berklee College), Zoro (Lenny Cravitz) Carmine Appice (Rod Stewart), Dom Famularo (world drumset ambassador), Aldo Mazza (Répercussion), Allan Molnar (Nelly Furtado), Jimmy Cobb (Miles Davis), Jim Royle (steel drum ensemble), Jeff Salisbury (Chuck Berry), Marcus Santos (Brazilian master), Glen Velez (PaulWinter Consort), and Michael Wimberly (West African Drum and Dance) the nightly performances will also feature the KoSA rhythm section: Bob Quaranta (Piano), and Francesco Beccaro (Bass). Friday's free concert features selected participants from the workshop.

Admission to all concerts (except for Friday night) is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and children. Children twelve and under are admitted free upon presentation of a student I.D. The KoSA Faculty's Grande Finale Gala Concert will take place on Saturday, July 30, 2011 at the Casella Theatre beginning at 8PM.

For more info, please call the box office at (802) 468-1119 or visit the website, www.kosamusic.com.

KMF's Souvenirs From Abroad

Killington Music Festival presents Souvenirs From Abroad on July 16th, 2011 - a concert of pure indulgences – Brahms' electrifying chamber masterpiece, the Quintet for Piano & String Quartet in F minor.

This evening our program includes the works of Fritz Kreisler, Marche Miniature Viennoise, and Johannes Brahms, String Quintet No. 2 in G Major, Op. 111 and Piano Quintet in F minor, Op. 34. The following musicians will be performing: Hanna Cooper, violin, Samuel Johnson, cello, Katherine Petersen, piano, Irina Muresanu, violin, Alfredo Salcedo, violin, Christof Huebner, viola, Matt Sinno, viola, Geoffrey Dean, cello, Jin-Kyung Joen, violin, Eunji Park, violin, Karin Brown, viola, Stephen Framil, cello and Alex Beyer, piano.

This concert is being sponsored by Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Concerts are held at the Rams Head Lodge, Killington, VT at 7 pm. To purchase tickets please call 802-442-1330. For more information please call 802-773-4003 or www.killingtonmusicfestival.org.



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Nathan Childer's Return to Castleton

The Castleton Concert on the Green summer concert series will continue on a fantastic note this Tuesday, July 19th, at 7:00 pm. Local talent, Otter Valley graduate Nathan Childer, after performing in a "fantastic" concert last year, is bringing his great band back (along with his sensational saxophone) from the Big Apple to Vermont with great musical flair.

Nathan also composes, and is a Yamaha Performing Artist and RICO Reed Artist. Discovering his love for the sax, and performing since thirteen, with dad, Gene Childers, led Nathan to earn three degrees in music. He works with many of the worlds finest performers and ensembles.

John Rivers, is a versatile bass player who is currently the Jazz bass instructor at UVM. John performs and records regionally with many diverse ensembles.

Caleb Bronz is a professional drummer, based in Burlington. He has performed and recorded with many



artists, including several national tours, and internationally, with The Chris Peterman Quintet.

The husband and wife team of Amber DeLaurentis and Tom Cleary have previously performed several times on the Castleton green. Amber was a Blue Gardenia vocalist with the Pine Street Jazz, and two years ago, performed as the featured vocalist with with her own band. Tom too, played with the Pine Street Jazz and was the drummer for the Amber DeLaurentis Band.

This will be an excellent concert, with an evening of outstanding music. Last year, Nathan's band kept the crowd enthralled, and many asked to bring them back. This Tuesday, July 19th at 7:00 pm, on the Castleton green, is the place where it will all happen. You will love this one!!!

The concert is free and open to the public. It will perform rain or shine. Rain site is the Casella Theater in the Fine Arts Center at Castleton State College.

For further information, please call (208) 273-2911.

Free KMF Concert

Killington Music Festival presents a free concert at Friday Night Live in Downtown Rutland on July 15th, 2011.

This evening our program includes the works of Mark O'Connor, Piazzolla, Brahms & Mendelssohn.

This concert is sponsored by Victoria and Robert Young.

For more information please call 802-773-4003.

Final Days of Flea Market/Craft Fair

BROC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont will hold its Final 2 days of our 3rd Annual Flea Market/Craft Fair in the President's Building at the Vermont State Fairgrounds in Rutland on Friday, July 15th & Saturday, July 16th. Flea Market hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year attendance has been good. We look forward to doing this event again next year. We have new vendors this year displaying new and used items; and we are still accepting applications for space. Inside and outside spaces are available. Please register in advance to guarantee yourself a space at this event.

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Everything in the BROC area of the Flea Market must go by July 16th at 3 p.m. No reasonable offers for items will be refused. All donations go towards our housing projects at BROC Community Action in Southwestern Vermont.

Thanks for everyone's support in making this events possible. For more information contact Donna Stearns at 802-773-9480.

Antiques in Woodstock

Special Guest Bob Hager to cut Ribbon at "Antiques in Woodstock" Show July 30th and 31st 2011.

Woodstock, Vermont is set to host another vibrant and diverse antique show and sale. On July 30th & 31st members of the Vermont Antiques Dealers' Association will exhibit their wares at the Union Arena. The show will begin with a special ribbon cutting ceremony.

For its 37th annual show, sixty shops will display fresh merchandise in room-style settings. There is something for every taste from folk art to formal. The Association's motto still remains: "The Best Antiques that Vermont has to Offer."

The show begins at 10 a.m. Saturday with special guest Bob Hager cutting the ribbon. Attendees will remember Bob Hager as former NBC News analyst and correspondent who carved out a niche covering major airline accidents and major hurricanes.

The show will be held again this year in Woodstock after a successful move from Manchester where the Vermont ADA show joined with the Green Mountain Show.

The combined show, now "Antiques in Woodstock/The Vermont ADA Show" will be at the Union Arena. The Union Arena is located on Rte. 4 just 1.5 miles west of the Woodstock Green. Show dates are Saturday July 30th (10-5) and Sunday July 31st (11-4). For more information contact Greg Hamilton (802) 877-3359.

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Local News

Rutland Blood Drive Film Draws Notice

by The Associated Press

RUTLAND, Vt. (AP) — When documentary filmmaker Art Jones and his five-man crew set out from New York to shoot footage of a blood drive in a small Vermont city, he did it to satisfy an old friend, one of the organizers. Jones figured it might make a nice four-minute film.

What he found in hardscrabble Rutland was something more: A hard-luck city whose annual Gift-of-Life Marathon was but one of the homegrown initiatives being spearheaded by energetic volunteers and creative community members determined to turn things around.

The 80-minute documentary he ended up making — “The Blood in This Town” — is now getting notice from community leaders and rural development groups who hope to replicate Rutland’s self-reliance instead of waiting for Washington or corporate America to deliver them from hard times.

“The movie does a good job of exploring some themes that I think are very common in rural areas: How to deal with a changing economy, how to develop your own leadership, how to do something sustainable and truly based on the assets of the community, as opposed to trying to find your salvation in some outside company you’re going to bring in,” said Tim Marema, vice president of the Center for Rural Strategies, in Knoxville, Tenn. “It’s about building from within.”

Like many small American towns and cities, Rutland — a former quarry, manufacturing and railroad center now home to about 16,630 people — is way past its prime.

Long-dormant manufacturing facilities with broken windows, deteriorating old homes and empty storefronts have combined to create an urban landscape in sharp contrast to Vermont’s picturesque village squares. It is, as a local hospital executive says in the movie, recalling a magazine article’s description: “the only ugly town in Vermont.”

On Dec. 22, 2009, Jones and his crew camped out at the Paramount Theatre, an 850-seat Victorian opera house whose stage, seats and lobbies swarm for one day a year with volunteers, nurses, American Red Cross phlebotomists and donors laid out on cots, with red tubes snaking out of their arms into plastic bags.

Organizers had set what some considered an unattainable goal — 1,000 pints of blood. A white eraser board kept a running tally as the hours ticked down. By the time the Paramount’s doors shut, 1,024 pints had been collecting, breaking a New England record for a one-day drive that had been set by Boston, a city of 645,000.

The cameras caught it all — and more.

“Throughout that day, I heard more stories about other things going on in town,” said Jones, whose stock-in-trade is normally corporate films. “The idea was if this town could do this in one day, come together that way and rediscover its ability to accomplish things, what else could it do in the other 364 days of the year?” he said.

He found out, taking cameras to Pine Hill Park, a former wino haven on the outskirts of town that was turned into a mountain biking haven; to the Rutland Farmers Market, which took up residence in an unheated building and became a roaring year-round success; to Friday Night Live, a volunteer-run celebration of downtown that blocks off Center Street five or six nights a year in summer; creation of the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link, which is helping connect farms with new markets, including individual customers who buy shares in farms and get weekly food deliveries.

“It really took Art Jones, an outsider, to come in and say to the community at large ‘You’ve got something special here’ for a lot of people to understand that,” said Randal Smathers, editor of the Rutland Herald newspaper. “It’s made people proud to say ‘I’m from Rutland,’ when before it was like ‘Oh, I’m from Vermont.’”

Not that all is rosy now. “Sure, we still have our problems,” said blood drive organizer Steve Costello, who lured Jones to Rutland. “They’re not being solved overnight. But the blood drive and a lot of these other things the film touches on are giving people here a self-esteem that wasn’t here before, and a sense that they can solve these problems if they stick to it.”

While the film hasn’t had a theatrical release — Jones hopes it gets picked up by PBS, or some film festivals — its reputation has spread, partly with the help of an outreach program run by his production

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MOUNTAIN MUSINGS

What's Happening In & Around Killington



By Debbie Burke

A Preview of Things to Come

The Town of Killington’s 4th of July (and 250th birthday) celebration was a wonderful success again this year, raising important funds for the fire department and the recreation department with the proceeds from the BBQ and Silent Auction. A huge thank you to all the volunteers from the community, all of the fire department volunteers and the Parks and Recreation Commissioners, for it would not be possible to make the day happen without your help! A mention of some volunteers who put in a lot of extra time and effort: Sam Bogorad’s family- Sima and Ruth and their husbands and children, and of course Sam, who celebrated his 96th birthday on July 3! Lucretia Wonsor, Mike Sutcliffe, Ely Kirschner, Jay Hickory, Beverly Anderson, Ned Dyer, Chuck Gaede, David and Karen Gouchberg, Jim and Mark Fiore, Ryan Soos, Ron Riquier, Patrick McDonnell, Steve Finer, Gerald Pfeifenberger, Ron Ottino, Denise Coriell, and Killington Fire and Rescue’s Vice-President and Fireman’s Picnic organizer Margaret Schlachter. A huge thanks to all who donated salads, desserts and watermelons and to the many businesses and individuals who made donations to the Silent Auction.

The 6th Annual Run/Walk for IDIC15 will take place on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at the Killington Recreation Center and the Skyeship Base Lodge. Sign up today for this important race that benefits the IDEAS programs, a completely volunteer run non-profit organization dedicated to providing family support, raising awareness and most importantly fostering medical research into IDIC15 and related disorders. People with IDIC15 can have hypotonia, seizure disorders, ADD/ADHD disorders, anxiety disorders, learning disabilities, and global development delays. IDEAS relies on the involvement of families to help raise money to accomplish its mission. 100% of the proceeds from this race will be donated to IDEAS.

The 5K and 15K courses are Vermont flat, fast and are perfect for the whole family. The 5K is and out and back from the Killington Recreation Center field

along River Road. The 15K race begins at the Skyeship Base Lodge, travels along Route 4 and River Road and finishes at the Killington Recreation field. The finish area is filled with incredibly good food, ice cream and kids activities. The first 450 registered participants receive a wicking t-shirt. The cost for the 5K pre-day registration is \$20 for ages 13 and older, \$18 for ages 12 and under; 5K day of race registration is \$25; Kids Fun Race (ages 12 and under only) \$5; 15K registration must be done online at www.active.com by Friday, September 16. Raffle prize is a 2011-2012 unlimited Killington Season Ski Pass, and all runners and walkers will be automatically entered into the ski pass raffle. Additional raffle tickets for the ski pass may be purchased for \$5. Sponsors of the IDIC15 Run/Walk are The Mountain Times, Killington Resort, Rutland Regional Medical Center, New Life Hiking Spa, Long Trail Brewery, Mountain Real Estate, and Swiss Farm Inn. To obtain a registration form write to The IDIC15 Road Race, P.O. Box 467, Killington, VT 05751 or visit the website www.idic15race.com

The fur will fly in Killington July 16 & 17 as the Town hosts Killington Dog Days, featuring national Disc Dog competitions from the Unified Frisbee Dog Organization and SkyHoundz. The two-day event also includes pet vendors and adoptions, demonstrations of dog agility and doggy dancing, games and activities for dogs and their owners from the Rutland County Humane Society, and even a class from the pros for guests and their pets to learn how to start disc-dogging! The event runs from 10 am to 5 pm both days and is free for all ages, with a special gift for anyone who makes a donation to the Rutland County Humane Society.

The First Annual Killington Farm to Table Festival, a celebration of cask beer, specialty cider and fresh foods will take place from Sept 16-17, 2011 The Town of Killington will celebrate the best of Vermont food and drink Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17 featuring two days of seasonal beer, cask and cider tastings, food pairings, and an outdoor fresh food market. Visitors will sample the best of Vermont cheese, meats, produce and more, with a VIP cask pairing reception Friday evening. In addition,

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Mendon/Chittenden/ Pittsford/Brandon Notes

by Debbie Burke

Brandon's Summer of Fun Continues

On July 14 the Avant Garde Dogs Band will play in Brandon's Central Park at 6:30pm. This eclectic collection of musicians, Jim Murphy and Tad Merrick, the Keating Five, Liam Murphy and Doug Wilhelm will play songs that range from John Hiatt, The Subdudes, Bruce Cockburn, Greg Brown, Ry Cooder, Los Lobos, The Rolling Stones, The Band and even a little R & B. The concert is sponsored by Ms. Bette Moffett. A rain location to be announced if necessary. Don't miss it!!

The 23rd Annual Great Brandon Auction takes place on Tuesday, July 19, from 4pm - 5pm in Brandon's Central Park. The Great Brandon Auction has been raising funds for development projects in the Town of Brandon since 1989. For the past few years, the auction has raised funds for the revitalization of the Stephen A Douglas Birthplace, now open at no charge to the public as the Brandon Museum and Visitor Center. Other beneficiaries over the years have been the Brandon Town Hall, trees, town park

fountains, fences, garbage cans, and the Central Park bandstand.

Play a part! Come down to the auction to bid and buy. Volunteers & donations are needed! The auction is scheduled to begin at 4 pm in Brandon's Central Park with the preview at 2 pm. Seasoned Auctioneer Barb Watters will once again entertain the crowd. To make a donation, please contact the Chamber at 247-6401 or by email at: info@brandon.org.

A Silent Film Festival will take place on Saturday, July 23, 7:30pm - 8:30pm in the Brandon Town Hall. Two full length movies from the 1920's with piano accompaniment will be shown. Free will offering.

The Brandon Town Players are proud to present a WWII musical comedy, "Kilroy Was Here" by Tim Kelly in the Brandon Town Hall on July 15th and 16th at 7:30pm. The action takes place in a U.S.O. Club located in Brooklyn, N.Y. The time is 1942 with lively music and dances from the Big Band Era. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door, \$13.00 in advance and for all past and present Military Personnel, \$10.00. Tickets can be purchased at Carr' Florist & Gifts, Briggs Carriage Bookstore or at the door. For more information call 247-5420. Don't miss this funny, poignant and very patriotic musical in your Town Hall.

Can You Make the Best Chocolate Chip Cookies?



On July 30, Clarendon will celebrate its 250th Birthday. Among the events planned for the day is "Chocolate Chip Cookie" contest. The contest is open to contestants ages 10 to 17.

Cash prizes offered as follows: 1st \$15.00, 2nd \$10.00 and 3rd \$5.00.

Entry Forms can be picked up at the Bailey Memorial Library, 111 Moulton Ave., or the Clarendon Town Clerk's Office. For more information please call Bob or Joan Bixby at 773-6470.

Great Brandon Auction

One of Brandon's liveliest events is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, at 4:00 pm. The Great Brandon Auction has been raising funds for development projects in the Town of Brandon since 1989. The sponsor of the event, the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce has been able to turn over well over \$150,000 to many town projects over the years.

We invite you to be a part of the 23rd Annual Auction. Donate your quality used goods. Come down to the Auction to bid and buy. Or perhaps you'd like to volunteer your time to help out. We need community support in all shapes and forms. For donations, we accept barn treasures and attic finds as well as other items in good sale-able condition. The auction is scheduled to begin at 4 pm in Brandon's Central Park with the preview at 2 pm. "Left" bids will be accepted if you cannot stay. Auctioneer Barb Watters, who has presided over every single Great Brandon Auction, does an outstanding job of entertaining the crowd. Lots of surprises and fun. To make a donation, please contact the Chamber at 247-6401 or by email at: info@brandon.org. Sponsored by the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce.



Killington-Pico Rotary News

by Janina Curtis

Rotary International has 1.2 million members in more than 34,000 clubs worldwide. Rotarians provide humanitarian aid, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and advance world understanding through the improvement of health, support of education and alleviation of poverty. Each Wednesday the Killington Pico Rotary Club meets at the Summit Lodge from 6PM - 8PM for a full dinner, fellowship, and a guest speaker. Rotary gives its members opportunities to enlarge their

circle of business and professional acquaintances, and enrich their personal and professional lives by sharing a common focus. If you are interested in learning more about Rotary International, call 422-5499 to make a reservation to attend a dinner meeting as our guest.

Upcoming programs are:

July 20 - Margaret Schlachter "Spartan Death Race"

July 27 - Killington Music Festival musicians will showcase their talents during dinner

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we'll offer cooking demonstrations like cheesemaking and homebrewing, lessons on the art of gastronomy and fine foods, food sculpture competitions, and more. Weekend events at the Killington Farm to Table Festival will include: a VIP cask beer reception Friday evening; Interactive food and cooking demonstrations Saturday, 12-5 pm; Sampling of New England's finest seasonal and specialty cask beers Saturday 1-4 pm; An outdoor harvest food market featuring Vermont fresh foods and farm demonstrations, Saturday, 12-5 pm; Area restaurant and farm partnerships throughout Killington, Saturday night.

The Farm to Table Festival is one of the many events offered during the annual Killington Hay Festival, a five-week celebration of autumn in Vermont. Other events include a scavenger hunt through giant sculptures made entirely of Vermont hay; an Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Soapbox Political Rally, held in a historical grange complete with a barbershop quartet and authentic soapbox; and the Killington Brewfest, held at Vermont's famous Killington Resort. Vendors and businesses interested in participating in the event should contact Event Producer Laura Streets at laura.streets12@gmail.com.

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company, Great Jones Productions Inc.

It has played in more than a dozen Vermont screenings, usually accompanied by a panel discussion on community building. In September, it will be subject of a screening and forum at the Pratt Institute's sustainable planning department. Also in the works: A screening at the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center entitled "Rutland Revival & Grassroots Revitalization of Small Post-Industrial Cities."

"From a planning perspective, the issues that Rutland is dealing with are occurring all over the country," said

William Calabrese, a planner and recent graduate of Pratt, who's organizing that event. "What the film gets at is showing the strong sense of community. Rutland's a unique case. But there are similar cases. There's a lot to be learned from Rutland."

And from "The Blood in This Town."

"The message is to come together around the good things and the assets that do exist in your community," Jones said. "It is so easy to criticize and sit back and say no to every new initiative. It's a much harder thing to get creative."

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by Johnnie Goldfish

Writer Admits To Bad Memory

The main thing those who have “passed” would like to tell those who have not “passed” is that once you get over the shock of having arrived safely, completely intact, bathed in love, is that what you will miss most about Earth, after ice cream is the beguiling romance of uncertainty. Oh yes you will, maybe, for sure.

The Catamount Trail Association (CTA) invites one and all to help complete a trail relocation where you can enjoy a weekend in the Vermont Woods. Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast will be provided. On Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17 the CTA will be working on Section 10, Buttermilk Falls to Lake Ninevah and camping will be at Camp Plymouth on Echo Lake. For more information or to sign up to volunteer call Emily at 802-864-5794.

In addition the CTA is looking for a highly motivated individual to fill a one year fulltime Americorps position as Outreach and Youth Program Coordinator. This just might be your chance at a dream job that asks to ski on the job. Applications are due by August 15, 2011 and the position begins on September 15, 2011. For more information go to their website or contact Amy Kelsey at 802-864-5794.

The Better Late than Never Report (or sorry this got missed earlier, goldfish got no memory): The Stockbridge Central School (SCS) third trimester Honor Roll includes the following students; 4th grade, Erin Shands; 5th grade, Margaret Chadwell, Madison Colton, Robin Goodwin, Sydney Veilleux, and Emma Labadie; 6th grade, Tony Burke, Brianna Hillier, Greg Johnson, Abby Levy, Alex Munyon, Lizzie Olsen, Meghan Shirley, and Cole Wescott. Honor, from the Encarta World English Dictionary: strong moral character or strength and adherence to ethical principles, personal dignity, and a source of pride. The whole community seconds that!

The Rochester Chamber Music Society (RCMS) with Artistic Director, Cynthia Huard presents the Green Mountain Suzuki Institute Student Chamber Recital at the Rochester School Auditorium at 1:15 pm. A pre-concert talk with Larry Hamberlin is ½ hour before each

performance. All concerts are free and donations are gratefully accepted. For information call 767-9234.

The Rochester Recreation Committee presents its annual summer concert series on the park in Rochester village on Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm. On July 17, Jeannie and the Hi-Tops hit the stage with their dancing shoes. Veterans of the Barnard Street Dance every fall, the band includes Canon Labrie on Telecaster and Cajun accordion, Terry Cantlin on lead guitar. Bobby Sparadeo on drums, and Jeannie on vocals, percussion and crowd control. The Rochester Recreation Committee encourages you to bring your dancing shoes, a lawn chair or blanket, and a picnic basket packed with your favorites.

Tweed River Tubing at the junction or Routes 107 and 100 is open for business. Transportation is provided and there is no wait to leave. You can give them a call for group rates, reservations, information and river conditions at 746-8977. Tweed River Tubing says, we are on the river. Tubing hours are from 9:30 am ‘til 2:30 pm and please be sure to have footwear.

News from the Pittsfield Federated Church: The church was honored to participate in the recent Spartan Death Race. When the race began on Friday, June 24 the athletes gathered in the church to be greeted by the pastor who gave an overview of world religions and the race ended at the church on Sunday, June 26. When the remaining participants gathered again they were reminded of the importance of being wholehearted and giving 100%, 100% of the time. Being sincere is a key in all of life and a lack of sincerity robs one of being successful in competition, in relationship with family, friends and most importantly with God. Success is measured by giving one’s best, which is only known, to you in your deepest soul. Howard says Grace and Peace!

Thought for the Week: “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front the only essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like.” – Thoreau, (Did not participate this year in the Death Race).

Send your news deliberately to johnniegoldfish@yahoo.com.

Killington Remembered

Killington’s Fourth of July Celebration

WOW! What a day!

It does take a community to create a Star-Spangled Birthday Celebration, and on July 4th the Killington Community celebrated its 250th Birthday as well as our Nation’s Birthday in style.

The celebration was planned by the community, provided by the community and celebrated by the community.

The 250th Committee worked with the Sherburne Memorial Library to display hundreds of pictures of people and places and historic events. The Committee also worked with the staff of the Economic Development and Tourism Commission and the Recreation Department as well as the Killington Volunteer Fire Department to plan the parade, the displays, and demonstrations.

Our Bell Ringer, Ned Dyer, tirelessly offered creative ideas and organized the highly successful Trike Reunion. Chuck Gaede served as our articulate Town Crier, making perfect sense of our Killington Town Charter – blah, blah, blah.

Members of many of Killington’s historic families had a private reunion as they rode in the parade in Rob Tracy’s wagon drawn by three magnificent horses. The Tracys then offered horse drawn wagon rides to attendees at the celebration.

Many families had their pictures taken at the Old Time Photo Booth provided by All Around Towne Photographs of Quechee. Tee Shirts commemorating Killington’s 250th Birthday were sold and Truman Bates demonstrated the art of shingle making and other historic woodworking.

A highlight of the celebration was the amazing and delicious 3D Birthday Cake made by Cake Crafters of Williston, VT. The entirely edible cake in the shape of

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When a storm threatens

If bad weather is predicted, stay tuned to news broadcasts. If your water supply depends on

electricity, store water to drink, cook and wash. Fill your bathtub, but restrict access of small children. You can flush toilets by pouring a bucket of water into the bowl.

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Killington Arts Guild

by Betty Little

The new Killington Arts Guild show, "250 Years-People and Mountains" hung by Alice Sciore is open. New pieces include: a recently commissioned oil painting on wood of mountains by Peter Goal on loan; "Sherburne-Postcard No. 3" by Betty Little and Patsy Zedar, mother and daughter, a 20x30 inch composite photograph taken by both in May 2011 when the lilacs bloomed. Betty wrote the poem "River Road." Patsy made the presentation-struggling with color, shaping and placement of pieces. Two mountain pictures taken in fall 1909 are also on display. John took the first picture, a glorious orange-red mountainside as he was coming out of Pico. His wife Sally Curtis ran home for her camera and took the second view of the trees and the early snow. There are three whimsical painting by MaryFran Lloyd "Sunflower," "Sensation" and "Serendipity." All this and much more. The KAG Gallery at Cabin Fever Gifts on route 4 oppose the Killington Access Road is open every business day to the public without charge.

KAG members supported the 4th of July celebration in Killington. Ann Wallen worked on the historical display at the Sherburne Memorial Library and greeted people

at the opening. Jerry LeBlond contributed his skiing pictures and did an overlay of the Pico Schuss on an old ski map, Alice Sciore worked on many of the displays, Pat Zack was one of the Dirty Girls dancing in the parade and Bev Anderson and a chorus of hymn singers rode in the parade on a float with a replica of the Sherburne Church.

Looking Ahead: KAG Program "Marbleizing Paper and Book Binding" with Sally Curtis August 8 from 7-8:30 PM in the Sherburne Memorial Library and a painting workshop with Don Hofer on Tuesday and Weds August 9 and 10 from 9AM -4PM in the Gallery at Cabin Fever Gifts. Fee: \$130 for members; others \$140.

Vermont Mountains are lush with natural green trees this year. Along Singapore's waterfront, Supertrees 82 to 164 ft. tall rise, forming vertical gardens of cement and metal with natural plants from around the world. Time Magazine's photograph of the week for July 1 titled "Skies of Green" gives us a view of huge manmade trees hovering above the people and natural trees.

Information: KAG call 422-3852; website www.killingtonartsguild.org; to the column vtkag@aol.com

Summer Improvement Projects Under Way For Killington Winter Season

Vermont's Killington Resort, the largest snow sports resort in the East with the most diverse terrain, continues to work on a number of summer capital projects to enhance the skier and rider experience for the 2011-12 season.

The removal of the Peak Lodge from Killington Peak, the most anticipated project, is under way and the tear down process is scheduled to begin in the next couple of weeks. In preparation for the new building, several infrastructure projects will take place this summer including installation of new waste water line and fiber optic lines from the Peak to the K-1 Lodge. The new foundation is expected to be in place this fall and construction of the new facility will continue in the summer of 2012 with an anticipated completion date of Christmas 2012.

"We are investing nearly \$7 million in the removal of the existing building and the replacement facility that will feature a multilevel restaurant, meeting space facility as well as optimal vistas from nearly every point inside the building," stated Chris Nyberg, president and general manager of Killington/Pico Ski Resort Partners, LLC. "This 22,000 square foot structure will become the highest gondola served venue in the East."

Killington Resort is retiring the unique triangle configured South Ridge Triple Chair, built in 1977, this summer. "This chairlift has been removed, as it has reached

the end of its service life," said Nyberg. "A replacement chairlift will be added in the future and this particular terrain will still be accessible via the K-1 Express Gondola," Nyberg continued.

The Resort will continue to improve trails and glades to enhance skier flow on Bear Mountain, Skye Peak and Snowdon areas including the Killink hairpin turn on Great Northern as well as enhancing the bump terrain on Conclusion. Snowmaking upgrades continue across Killington's six mountains with the purchase of several hundred new low energy snow guns along with new hydrants, valves and thousands of feet of snowmaking pipe. In addition, four Prinoth snowgroomers have been added to our grooming fleet and will arrive this fall.

The K-1 Express Gondola guest drop off area is being renovated and the loading area will be upgraded this summer with a heated walkway and an overhead cover. Several base lodges are having bathrooms renovated and diners at the Wobbly Barn will enjoy expanded seating. Furthermore, new rental equipment offering the latest technology in skis and snowboards will arrive prior to the winter season and a new lift served tubing park will be built across from the Killington Grand Resort Hotel.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Mons. - Rutland. Rutland Kiwanis Club meets at South Station Restaurant 6:30pm. All welcome. 773-6251.

Tues. - Brandon. Lions meet at Brandon Senior Center, 7pm. 1st & 3rd Tues. of the month.

Tues. - Sex Addicts Anonymous - SAA. Are you suffering from compulsive sexual behavior? Call hotline 1-800-477-8191. Rutland's 12 step group meets weekly at Grace Church, 8 Court St, Rutland. 6:30-7:30pm.

Weds. - Brandon. Cub Scouts - Wolf Den 123 meet at Brandon Senior Center, 3-4pm.

Weds. - Mendon Senior Citizens plan meeting 1st Wed. of month at Mendon Methodist Church. 773-4187.

Thurs. - Hubbardton. Hubbardton Senior Connection program lunch every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, at Hubbardton Town Hall, 12:00 noon. All welcome. \$3.25/seniors, \$4.25 anyone else.

Thurs. - Rochester. Green Mountain Interfaith Group sponsors Spiritual Cinema Circle 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7-8:30pm, Park House. 767-4905.

Friday - Rochester. 1st & last Fris. of month, Rochester Federated Church invites parents & kids for Play Group. Birth - 2 yrs. 10:30am-noon, nursery rm. above Fellowship Hall.

Mon.-Sat. - Wallingford, Hands for Hope Thrift Store open, 9am-6pm Mon-Fri & Sats, 9am-2pm.

Mons. & Weds. - Brandon. Meals-On-Wheels delivered to Brandon Senior Citizen Center, except holidays. \$3. Age 55+. 247-3121 to sign up or come by.

Worship Services

Killington - Saturday Worship, Roman Catholic Mass, 4pm. Our Lady of the Mountains. 457-2322, call for Holy Day schedules.

Killington - Sunday Worship, 9:30am, Church of Our Saviour (Episcopal). Small, welcoming, inclusive. 422-9064.

Killington - Sunday Protestant Service, 9am, Sherburne United Church of Christ, Rt. 4. All Welcome. 422-9440.

Mendon - Community Church, (50 Rte 4 East) Communion 1st Sunday of each month; Sunday worship 9:30am; Children's church 9:45am; Fellowship 10:30am; Adult study time 11am. Rev. Ronald Sherwin, 459-2070.

Pittsfield - Sunday Worship, 9am. Pittsfield Federated Church. Rt. 100 N. Communion Service 1st Sun. each month. Bible Study Weds. Eves 7pm. Rev. Dr. Howard Gunter, Pastor. 746-8698.

Chittenden - Sunday Worship, 11am. United Methodist Church of the Wildwood. Open hearts, open minds, open doors. Rev. Shirley Oskamp. 483-2909.

Rutland - Unitarian Universalist Church, 117 West Street, Rutland, VT. 802-775-0850. Rev. Erica Baron. Summer services begin July 10, 9:30am, thru Aug. 28. No summer child care or Religious Education.

Rutland - Sunday Service, children & adult religious instruction 9:30am. Sat., 5:30pm worship. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. 773-9659.

Rutland - Weekend Catholic Mass, Christ the King, Sat. 5:15pm, Sun. 7:30, 9:30, 11am. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sat. 4:30pm, Sun. 8am, 10:15am. St. Peter, Sat. 5:15pm, Sun. 8:30, 10:30am.

Rutland - Sunday Worship Services, 10:30am, First Baptist Church of Rutland City. Sunday School Classes, 9am for all ages. 773-8010.

Rutland - All Saints' Anglican Church welcomes new members. Services at Messiah Lutheran Church Sun., 4pm & Thurs. 8:55am & most holy days.

Brandon - Sunday Services: 10am, Adult Bible Study, 5+ Sunday School, Nursery. 11am, Worship service. Wed. Services: 6:30pm, Adult Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Groups 5+. Brandon Baptist Church. 247-6770.

Rochester - Federated Church of Rochester invites everyone to Bible Study Tues., 10:30am in French Rm. & 6pm Weds. at parsonage & Thurs., 7pm at Mather's on Kirby Dr. 767-3012.

Fair Haven - Our Lady of Seven Dolours Mass Times: Saturday 4:30pm. Sunday 9am.

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The auction will be held at the Belmont Fire Station on Church Street, next to the Community Church, in Belmont, beginning at 10:00 am with preview at 9:00 am.

A few of the items to be auctioned off are antiques, furniture, toys, dishes, paintings, many gift certificates for auto care, restaurant dinners, truck loads of crushed gravel, truck loads of firewood, also new items from area businesses and much more.

The Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will provide refreshments. Please call 259-2060 to leave a message at the fire house, or call any member of the Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Department, for more information.

Come join the fun and bring a comfortable chair for the day.

Town of Pittsford Hits Some Milestones

by Royal Barnard

I paid a wonderful visit to Eaton Hall, home of the Pittsford Historical Society this week. My task was to dig up information on my former alma mater, Pittsford High School. The school was disbanded in 1961 and I happened to be in the last graduating class.

That was 50 years ago, and PHS became part of Otter Valley Union HS.

Otter Valley Union HS is beginning its 50th birthday. The Pittsford Historical Society was founded almost exactly 51 years ago. As it turns out, the "Lothrop School" which housed PHS and now houses Lothrop Elementary was constructed 100 years ago. The Town of Pittsford was founded 250 years ago. Pretty fun stuff.

The Historical Society is a fabulous resource for Pittsford historians, visitors and those wishing to research family connections. Volunteer museum curator, Anne Pelkey, revealed to me that she has about 12 faithful volunteer helpers including 9 board members who do all the work, and around 180 society members.

The primary funding comes from memberships, donations, endowments and an annual stipend from the Town budget. Their major fundraiser is a Tag & Bake sale, which will be held this year on July 16.

I was told that there are somewhere near 5,000 donated items housed in the museum. An ongoing exhibit is rotated from materials stored in files, boxes, upper rooms, and the main display hall. There are some outstanding items currently shown. They include important relics from the Pittsford founding "Cooley" family; five of the finest known examples of C. & E. L. Granger Pittsford stoves; over 800 glass plate photo negatives taken by Mary (Randall) Allen, May Manley, and H.H. Swift, MD, from 1895-1926; photos of Pittsford's State Representatives, including my Great Grandfather Royal Barnard and Uncle Hilton Barnard.

Besides Granger stoves, there are examples of William Cotting chairs, numerous tools, paintings, clothing, sports memorabilia, military items from the Revolutionary to Korean wars, scrap books and a wealth of Rutland County genealogical data compiled by Flora Weeks, RN of Rutland.



I was most interested in finding material for my 50th class reunion newsletter, which I'm in charge of producing. I discovered an enormous bank of information about my school, including class pictures from as early as 1906; and the class of the first and only graduating senior of Pittsford HS, Kathryn Tennien in 1896.

The Pittsford Historical Society was founded in great part due to the efforts of Pittsford historian and author, Peg Armitage, who has been a resource for me in writing this article. The 1980 purchase and upgrading of Eaton Hall was advanced in great part by Lois Blittersdorf, Tom Conway, Fred Harvie and a volunteer crew. The first meetings were around 1960, and were held at members' homes and the Maclure Library. Early donations were housed in the Library and at Isabel Willard's house.

Some famous people from Pittsford include covered bridge builder, Nicholas Powers; portrait artist, Hilda Belcher; missionary, Father Mark Tennien and his engineer brother Jim Jr., who helped build the Panama Canal; and photographer, Mary Allen.

Many thanks to Anne Pelkey for her hospitality during my visit, along with volunteer, Stephen P. Belcher, III.

Museum is open Tues: 9 am-4 pm; Apr. 6 - Nov. 16; Sunday 1-4 pm; July 3 -- Oct. 9 and is located in Eaton Hall, 3399 US Route 7 in Pittsford, VT. For info call (802) 483-2040 and visit their website at www.pittsfordhistorical.com. Further contacts include Curator: Anne Pelkey 483-6178; Membership: Doris Hoare 483-6470; Newsletter Editor: Peggy Armitage 483-2108. peggy.armitage@gmail.com.

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Rutland Catholic Schools will hold its third annual Honor Our Past event at the Rutland Holiday Inn on July 28 to honor the 1976 MSJ Football team for their undefeated season and state championship, Jean Solari O'Rourke '50 as the unsung hero, and The Rev. Monsignor Reid Mayo as the honored administrator.

Over the last two years, this dinner has raised tens of thousands of dollars for scholarships for Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Christ the King School.

Those honored in past years have included Dr. Bob Rotella and the members of the 1954 Vermont State Basketball Championship team (distinguished alumni), Margie Canary and John Valente (unsung heroes), and the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sister Rita Marie Emerson, and Monsignor Wendell Searles (administration). This event has turned out to be a grand reunion for supporters of the schools.

The cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., with a cash bar, and dinner will be at 7 p.m. To attend, please contact the RCS Development Office at (802) 775-0151 or email development@msjvt.org. Tickets are \$75 per person or a table of 10 for \$750. Raffle tickets are available for \$20 each -- or you may purchase six for \$100; one need not be in attendance to win.

Poultney's Vermont Flood/Mud Disaster Fund – Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated baked goods for our July 1st Town Wide Bake Sale. Thanks to the unsung heroes who left off bread, rolls, pies, cookies, cakes and donations - without you we couldn't have been such a success. With grateful thanks to Bob Williams of True Value Hardware and his gang for once again putting up the tent and hosting us, to Jan Edwards of Cartref Taid (Grandfather's House) for promoting us, to Judy Leach and her cohorts at WVNR for inviting us to talk about this project, to Denna Guillet of East Poultney General Store for making posters, to Ida Mae Johnson of the United Baptist Church, to Elaine Gebigl and Sandy Miller of the Methodist church for their salesmanship and once again to the Poultney Rotary Club for being our treasurer.

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Proctor Place

by Stacy Bates

Proctor to Get New Teachers

The Proctor Free Library has a couple of events from their summer program coming up. On July 13 at 1:00 p.m. they will have the Swing Peepers. Swoop into the world of bugs, water, rocks, stars, monkeys and other wilderness with the Swing Peepers! Instruments strummed, swung and tapped include: guitar, mandolin, harmonica, banjo, ukulele and accordion.

So come sing, move, laugh, dance and join the Swing Peepers energy! On July 20 at 1:00 p.m. they will have a summer encore of "Aladdin and The Magic Lamp," which will be adapted by the students and Cathy Archer.

The Schoolboard meeting minutes for June 14th were finally released for publication. Here are some highlights. PES principal, Nancy Erickson, was up first. Nancy reported that there were 13 applicants plus 1 in-house applicant for the 3rd/4th grade teaching position that is currently open. She was looking for board input on availability for interviews. Wendy will be reviewing the applicants' licensures. Lloyd stated that the sooner the better on the interviews. Nancy will be forming an interview committee with the other 3rd/4th grade teachers, Don and Lloyd. The library/media aide position job description will also need to have interviews scheduled. Art made a motion to approve the new library/media aide job description. Mary seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion on the language details. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Savery then gave her report. Savery read a letter of resignation for Leslie Snyder. Her last day will be June 22nd as a half day. Art made a motion to accept her resignation short of her contract, and will not be paid for the remaining days. Don seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. She next read a letter of retirement from Mort Brown effective at the end of the school year. Mary made a motion to accept his retirement with thanks for the many, many years of service in the science department. Don seconded the motion. Lloyd stated that it was with regret and that he will be greatly missed. The motion passed unanimously. Savery presented the board with contracts for June Sargent and Nancy Erickson. Don made a motion to offer the one year contracts to each of the principals. The motion passed. Savery updated the board on the Technology Committee. The committee is still in the planning stages; Jesse would like to see two separate committees. One for PES and one for PHS. The transportation agreement is for the Stafford Students. This year there will be 16 students attending Stafford and she is still working on a solution.

Free swimming lessons for Proctor residents will be starting later this month at the town pool. Sign up sheets are available at the sign-in or snack shack.

Proctor will hold a major league baseball tournament this weekend featuring area all-star teams. Proctor's own Derek Almond, Zachary Jalbert, M.J. Denis and Zachary Bates will be participating. If you want to see some great baseball played, come on down.



MOTHER OF THE SKYE

ARIES: March 21 – April 20: You are either ready to expand into a whole new realm of expression or you're ready to explode because you can't find a way to break the mold. If you're one of the ones who's excited by the changes that have made your life so interesting, more power to you; you've tapped into things that are about to hotwire your wildest dreams. If you're in the latter category, more than likely you're experiencing some sense of frustration over the fact that your little plan isn't working and you're too stubborn or stuck to realize that in situations like this it's best to move on or let go.

TAURUS: April 21 – May 20: You've got a little wind in your sails and the potential for many good things to be coming your way. It would be good for you to reflect upon themes that were present in your life approximately 12 years ago; because whatever's going on right now bears a whiff of whatever was going on then. If there is a connection, try to see whether or not you need to remain tethered to those circumstances and/or choices, or if it would behoove you to get into something new. Trust your intuitive guidance and let your higher self show you how to direct your growth.

GEMINI: May 21 – June 20: This is a time when your ability to make the most of the good things matters. It's even more important to hone the ability to find the light in all your difficulties – because there's a little bit of both going on in your experience right now. From what I can see you understand this – but the emotional component is harder to manage and so many things are at stake, you'd have to be the Dalai Lama to remain centered in this situation. As much as that sounds like a bit of a joke, it wouldn't hurt for you to direct your mind in a spiritual direction; why worry when you can pray?

CANCER: June 21 – July 20: You are wondering why it's so hard to get around the issues that have you under the gun. There is a definite pull between the past and the idea that you need to need to let it go or make peace with it. If this has anything to do with your love life then I suspect that you need to outgrow certain things before you can make a commitment or know for sure that this is what you want. So much of your soul is caught up longing for something that your spirit isn't quite ready for. Be patient. Look at everything that's going on as a test and try to get truthful enough to pass it.

LEO: July 21 – August 20: Nobody would believe it if you tried to explain this. You are off on the tip of your arrow rediscovering not only yourself, but the meaning of life. Whatever it is that brought you to this place is no longer an issue and you are tuned to a whole new band width. Give everything you do as much light as you can and gather your strength as you prepare to go forward. Moving away from the past will probably include the possibility of relocation. For many of you, the geographical cure will make a huge difference. For others you'd do just as well to stay put.

VIRGO: August 21 – September 20: You have so much going for you it would be great if you could find a way to make it pay off. Most of your time gets spent renting your genius, your skill, your good looks, or your sweat to things that don't reap much, or to things that barely keep you going. For the next few months the more you can focus on the idea that your worth way more than you give yourself credit for the more your experience will begin to show you how true this is. The same thing goes for your relationships; when it comes to love it will do no good to expect anything less than the best.

LIBRA: September 21 – October 20: It's pretty trippy to be you right now. You're in the middle of a very intense and perhaps difficult experience that will turn out to be totally rewarding if you manage your energy with some degree of intelligence. Don't be naive about the things that are making everything in your reality so stressful but be careful not to be overly concerned. This is a test; all you have to do is show up, stay centered in the moment, and take the good with the bad. If you can handle it, the things that are pushing you around will soon mold all of this pressure into something lasting and real.

SCORPIO: October 21 – November 20: When it starts to feel like no one feels anything as much as you do, it's time to haul back and look at yourself. Not that there's anything wrong with always having your pulse hooked up to the heart of things, but too much of it is depressing. Lifting yourself out of this will require you to find a way to channel your emotions into things that will give you a way to deal with them. At the mundane level, it would help to keep your attention on the simple things long enough to restore a sense of balance and continuity. Once you do this, your heart will begin to lighten up.

SAGITTARIUS: November 21 – December 20: Getting in over your head, taking on too much, and/or going off the deep end would all seem to apply to you right now. Too much all at once only works when you've got enough arms to juggle it. You are probably noticing that there doesn't seem to be enough time to give everything what it deserves. In your connections with others whatever it is that causes you to overdo it is creating timing issues. This could be surfacing as not being there when things demand it, to being totally out of synch with others, all the way down to missing the boat because the clock was wrong.

CAPRICORN: December 21 – January 20: Everything is ready to peak. Whatever you've done up till now is about to meet its highest expression; and what's great about this is that you have a body of experience that is unshakable – and this will serve as a platform for whatever grows out of the past. In order to make the most of the energies that are here for you now, you need to be clear about what you want, and you need to be even clearer about the fact that you deserve to have it. Once you get that settled, the latest clue to the new direction will reveal itself and you will be shown how to make it manifest.

AQUARIUS: January 21 – February 20: Too much is telling you that you've got to find a new way to approach this. It's not that it doesn't work; it's more about the fact that your situation, and your life in general, has gotten way too stiff. It would be great if something came along to show you that it's safe to stretch your limits. For many you, this is already happening – and what you will see if you continue to open up to the possibilities that are there for you now is that life is asking you to own the fact that you weren't born to live a simple or trivial life; you came here to light up the world with your gifts.

PISCES: February 21 – March 20: The next time you decide to be open with people, make sure you can trust them. It's great that you've decided to let it all hang out but in this situation whoever's on the other end of the line is either going to misinterpret everything you say or use it against you. As much as you would love to have everything out in the open, others aren't used to honesty. Issues that have to do with how long will you have to wait for someone or something to come through have made you realize that you can't pin your hopes on anything and that you can't put your life on hold forever.

Mother of the Skye
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BOOB-a-PALOOZA – A Bra Bonanza!

"Out-of-the-Ordinary" Call for Artists

This bra's for you . . . The Pink Ribbon Butterfly Project, LTD. is putting an "out-of-the-ordinary" call for Vermont artists. Its "Creative Cups" Patrol (Board of Directors) is in search of decorated brassieres that will be displayed and auctioned off in the spring of 2012, at its annual "bra bonanza" event called, "For the Love of Tea & Re-Fashion Show."

"It's really a kind of zany, light-hearted & fun way to celebrate those who have survived breast cancer and/or those who are currently dealing with breast cancer..."

"For people living with cancer, it may seem strange

to find laughter when facing such serious issues. Yet, laughter can be helpful in ways you might not have realized or imagined... Laughing can also induce physical changes in the body. And after laughing for only a few minutes, you may feel better for hours," says Chief Imagination Officer Traci Pena.

The "Creative Cups" can be crafted by any professional, emerging, or hobbyist artist, from anywhere in Vermont. Each should come with a title & short story: a dedication to someone dealing with breast cancer or a description of the artist's inspiration. The sky is the limit and submissions are only limited to your imagination!

All of the creative cups bras will be publically displayed in the spring of 2012 and the Bra Patrol's favorite 15 will be showcased in a fashion show, as well as, made into postcards that will be available for purchase locally, as well as, on the PINKSTER tour, slated to start in August of 2012.

To submit your creation (all size 36-C bras), send it (or drop off), plus a \$5.00 entry fee and its title & story to: The Pink Ribbon Butterfly Project, LTD., 86 River Street, Rutland, VT 05701. For more information, call, (802) 282-4464 or email at: pinkribbonbutterflies@yahoo.com. All works of art become the property of the PRBP and will not be returned.

William B. Gildersleeve



BRIDGEWATER - William B. Gildersleeve, "Bill Williams," 69, of Bridgewater died Friday, July 8, 2011, at Hanover Terrace in Hanover, N.H.

He was born Aug. 12, 1941, in Bay Shore, Long Island, N.Y., the son of William K. and Lucy (Anziano) Gildersleeve.

He was a graduate of Amityville Memorial High School on Long Island, and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Using his stage name Bill Williams, he was a guitar player, singer and songwriter. Bill, along with his brother, was one of the first entertainers who played at the Wobbly Barn in Killington in the 1960's having been hired by the owner, Jack Giguere.

He was married to Diana (Phillips) Gildersleeve in 1983.

He enjoyed music, fishing and his family.

Surviving are his wife Diana of Bridgewater; a daughter, Jessica Phillips of Bridgewater; two sons, William K. Gildersleeve and Thomas R. Gildersleeve, both of Bridgewater; two brothers, Peter K. Gildersleeve of Proctor, and David Gildersleeve of Rutland; three grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Rutland. Officiating was the Rev. Remigious Ntahondi, pastor.

Burial to follow in Riverside Cemetery in Killington.

Killington Remembered

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Killington Mountain was complete with snowboarders and trees, the Killington Base Lodge and the K-1 Gondola base.

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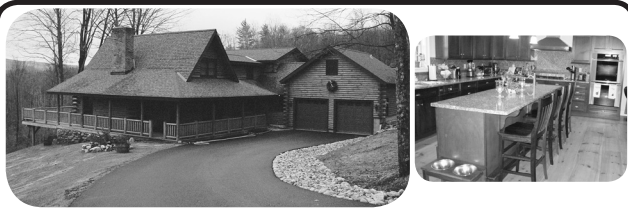
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CVPS to Merge With GMP Into One Stronger Company

RUTLAND, VT and MONTRÉAL, QC, July 12, 2011 – The leaders of Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (NYSE-CV) (CVPS) and Gaz Métro Limited Partnership (Gaz Métro) today announced that a definitive agreement for the sale of CVPS has been signed. This clears the path for the combination of CVPS and Green Mountain Power Corporation (GMP), a subsidiary of Gaz Métro, into one stronger utility for Vermonters. The new agreement provides significant benefits for customers, community, employees and shareholders, including \$144 million in customer savings over 10 years, a Vermont ownership interest in VELCO, and the establishment of the Headquarters for Operations and Energy Innovation in Rutland.

The all-cash transaction will provide CVPS shareholders \$35.25 per common share, a 45 percent premium over the closing price of \$24.32 immediately prior to the announcement of the previous agreement CVPS had reached with Fortis Inc. (Fortis). The CVPS Board has terminated the agreement with Fortis after deeming “superior” the offer from Gaz Métro.

The agreement provides a number of unique benefits for customers. First, the combination of the two companies will deliver \$144 million in savings for customers over the next decade – with even greater savings continuing into the future. These savings will be achieved through more efficient distribution of resources, equipment and facilities throughout a more contiguous service territory, regulatory savings and improved purchasing leverage with vendors and service providers. Savings will not be achieved through layoffs – other than some executive officers – but instead through natural retirements and turnover, which will allow for the smooth integration of both companies’ workforces.

The establishment of a public trust with \$1 million in annual income to support a low-income rate program is made possible by an annual dividend generated through a contribution of VELCO stock, as well as an annual charitable contribution from the combined entity. The contribution of VELCO stock to the public trust

means that the new combined entity will hold less than 50 percent of VELCO voting stock, and control of VELCO will remain with Vermont entities.

Finally, there are a number of important ways that the combination of CVPS and GMP will improve reliability and service for Vermonters. A contiguous service territory and one Operation Headquarters will streamline storm response to restore power faster and reduce the overall frequency and duration of outages. Also, with the benefit of the combined utility’s information technology resources, it will be able to move basic services online more swiftly, and allow customer service representatives to provide more personalized service, which will be especially important for the implementation of the statewide Smart Grid initiative.

New benefits for Rutland

The companies agreed that CVPS’s historic commitment to its hometown of Rutland will remain part of the new utility’s corporate culture. To ensure that commitment, the merged company will locate its Headquarters for Operations and Energy Innovation in Rutland, and pledge to build on CVPS’s extensive community support efforts.

The Headquarters for Operations and Energy Innovation will be the combined company’s command post for utility operations. On the energy innovation side, the headquarters will include staff focused on creative generation solutions, such as distributed generation and renewable energy projects. The nature of the work will mean enhancing appropriate staff at the Rutland headquarters.

The sale is subject to approval of CVPS common shareholders, and U.S. federal and state regulators, and is expected to be completed in approximately six to 12 months. Following the completion of the transaction, CVPS and GMP’s combined operations will join Vermont Gas Systems and Portland Natural Gas Transmission Systems under Gaz Métro’s wholly owned Vermont-based subsidiary, Northern New England Energy Corporation.

Ludlow Rotary Club Welcomes New President

The Ludlow Rotary Club is pleased to announce the changing of the gavel held on June 28, 2011. Pictured is outgoing President Jill Tofferi (left) passing the gavel to Mary Crowley (right). Tofferi has been a member of the Ludlow Rotary Club since 1992. Crowley joined the Ludlow Rotary Club in 1998.

The Ludlow Rotary Club meets Tuesday’s at 12:00 noon at DJ’s. The club consists of 35 members and is active in local and international projects. The Ludlow Rotary Club was chartered in 1927 is celebrating their 84th year. Please contact club president, Mary Crowley at 802-484-9793 for more information regarding the club and membership.



Students Perform Aladdin



Summer Encore presents “Aladdin” adapted by the students and Cathy Archer. This will be the fourth play, which the students have developed themselves. This will be a new version of the ancient story of Aladdin and the magic lamp. Aladdin encounters two genies, a tiger and of course a beautiful princess.

Summer Encore is a fifteen year old, four-week summer theatre experience that is an extension of Rutland High School’s co-curricular theatre program. Each year the students meet new challenges

depending on the play. This year they are learning about another culture, creating props out of found objects, learning to belly dance and move inside a bag as some of them become the living rocks inside the cave that holds the magic lamp. Everyone is encouraged to participate in all aspects of the production including acting and technical areas. The fourth week is devoted to traveling to libraries throughout Vermont. Performing sixteen shows in five days, the participants of Summer Encore can be seen in Pittsford, Proctor, Shrewsbury, Wallingford, Chittenden, Colchester and many other libraries.

Summer Encore will end their touring week with two performances at the Rutland High School theatre space on July 23 at 10 am and 7pm. Tickets are \$4.00 and \$12.00 for families of four. This show is appropriate for children of all ages. Tickets will be available at the door.

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Lakes Region News

by Lani Duke

Get Your Basket Bids In!

Gary Grimo and East Bay Jazz Ensemble bring traditional style big band jazz to the Fair Haven town green at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 14. Expect a repertoire ranging from the 1930s up through 1999, performed by a 5- to 13-piece group. Come swing along.

Forget-me-Not Farm, 12 McNamara Rd., Tinmouth, hosts the annual Solar Fest, focusing on renewable energy, local food, outdoor fun, and world-class music, on Friday through Sunday, July 15-17. Call 235-1513 for specifics

Wells Memorial United Methodist Church, 2019 Bailey Ave., hosts a fun-filled family day from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 16. The 34th annual Variety Day Fair includes vendors, a silent auction, exciting food court, burger stand, ice cream booth, contests and games, great music and the "Wild Cloggers" in the afternoon.

Save some of your Saturday for the day of art in Poultney on Saturday. See and buy fine arts and crafts, listen to music, and watch demos, sponsored by the Poultney Area Artist Guild to benefit the Sally Fennell Memorial Fine Art Scholarship. Call 287-2035 for details.

A café of chef's hats and aprons, checkered tablecloths, cooking pans, and chalkboard menus await participants at the Federated Church of Castleton's Vacation Bible School, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, July 17-21. Participants learn recipes for living in God's word as they celebrate biblical festivals that point the way to following God. Bev Carroll is the contact person.

Electric jazz and fusion fill the Castleton town green Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. when the Nathan Childers Band presents music that brings together influences from across the world. Saxophonist Childers is a home-grown product, coming from Brandon.

Local doctors say that Lyme disease is more of a threat this year than usual; lots of damp weather is favorable for ticks. It's the tiny, pinhead-sized deer ticks that are the chief carriers of this disease; Lyme infections may but do not necessarily show a white ring at the bite site, with a larger red ring encircling it. The skin is not raised. Caught early enough, the bacterial disease can be stopped with antibiotics.

Finally! Haven't you been waiting eagerly for the Castleton Community Center fourth annual Basket Party? It's 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 16 at American Legion Post 50 on Route 4A in Bomoseen. Proceeds go to the Castleton Community Seniors Wellness Center. Find out more by calling 468-3093.

Join in Tuesday morning hikes through the Castleton Community Center. July 19 is a moderate hike to Bull

Head Pond overlook and views of Fair Haven; to go along, meet at the CCC at 9:45 a.m. July 26 is a moderate hike, about 1-1/2 hours long, on Cedar Mountain in Bomoseen; meet at Bomoseen State Park at 9:45. August 2 is an easy hike mostly on a logging road to Inman Pond and marsh in Fair Haven; meet at Shaw's parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

The Castleton Community Center Writing for Pleasure group plans a break throughout July and August. It will resume in September.

Castleton Community Center recently planted a 12-foot Autumn Blaze maple tree on the Center's front lawn in honor of Walter Reuling. He had served the CC Seniors group as a board member and his community in countless other ways.

Castleton Town Hall occupants are readying for a potential move into other quarters while mold is removed from the building. A mold study turned up the presence of four different fungal varieties that may trigger respiratory infection and allergies, including the mycotoxin-producing Stachybotrys. Clean-up is not enough; repairs must including stopping unwanted water from entering the building where the roof meets the chimney.

The Mettowee Valley Grange needs new members. Most of its 26 members are age 70 or older. In addition to finding new members, the group needs a new meeting place; its old hall has mold problems.

Fair Haven's Park and Ride info booth, on the south end of the town park, is getting new wiring and paint plus an overhang to shield the exterior bench. The new look converts the building's appearance to that of a sugar shack. Thank you, Cindy Adams, for spearheading this project.

Another basket raffle party is on the horizon for the Lakes Region, this one with a different mission, supporting Circle of Hope K9 Rescue, which transports rescued animals to Vermont for fostering and adoption. Held at Fair Haven American Legion Post 49, it begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, July 31, with drawing beginning at 3:00. In addition to the party itself, event organizers have set up a donation area where you may give animal-related items to be used at the rescue. Call Angela, 468-5298, for more info.

Youthful participants have picked a new name for what has been known as the Slate Valley Teen Center. They have chosen the name Loft 89, citing its 89 Main Street (Fair Haven) headquarters.

Water and sewer rates are going up for Fair Haven residents. They did too good a job of trimming the amount they used last year.

Castleton's SHAPE gymnasium recently hosted the Starlab Planetarium from the Boston Museum of Science. Invited to the event were K-12 science teachers, Upward Bound students, and children in the Castleton town library's reading group.

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Bed Race Returns to Downtown Rutland

From 1981 - 1984, Downtown Rutland came alive with the sound of cheers, laughter and shouts of encouragement. Why? It was the annual bed race sponsored by the Downtown Development Corporation. The event raised funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

On August 5, during Friday Night Live, the Bed Race returns. Single elimination heats will be run on Wales Street with the start and finish lines being at the intersection of Center and Wales Streets. The race is being conducted by the Downtown Rutland Partnership. Race starts at 7 pm.

Let's get some competition going out there! Who has the fastest bed? A bed needs to be powered by four push-

ers with one rider atop of the mattress. The registration fee is \$25.00 and proceeds will go to the WSYB Christmas Fund. Hop on board the bed race!

Rules and registration forms are available at the Downtown Rutland Partnership's office at 103 Wales Street or call DRP at 773-9380 for further direction. Teams need to be registered by Monday, August 1.

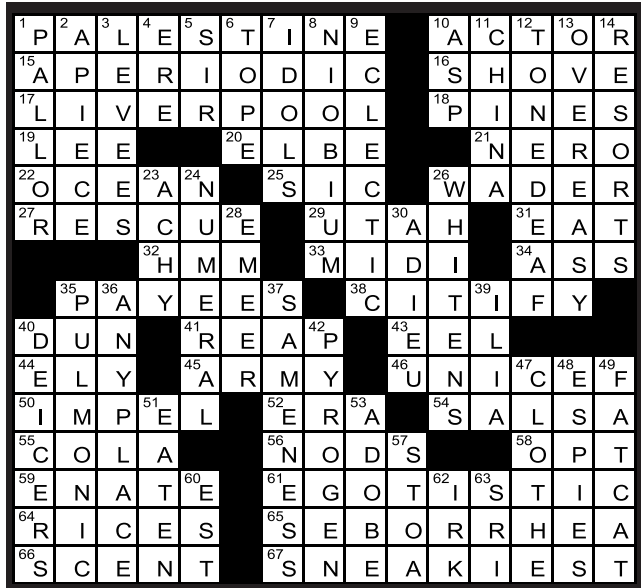
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The Victory Garden There is a Fungus Among Us!

by Daryle Thomas

Rain, rain, go away ... and stay there. It has been a tough year for the Victory Garden. Too much moisture, too little sunshine. Green beans were abundant as usual. Zucchini are everywhere, some the size of bathtubs.

Rain and cool weather bring another evil character to the garden in the form of Late Blight. This fairly common fungus is intellectually known as Phytophthora infestans and better known as the fungus which caused the Irish potato famine.

Are you growing either potatoes or tomatoes in your Victory Garden? Inspect your plants immediately for signs of the disease. Late Blight manifests as nickel-sized rings that seem water soaked. The fungus is the white ring around the damaged area. If your plants appear clean, you might want to apply a registered home fungicide containing chlorothalonil about once a week.

If you do see signs of Late Blight, immediately put infected plants in a heavy leaf bag to stop the spread of the spores. I have seen references to hot composting, but it

is really more responsible to bag them.

Can there be anything good coming from these heavy rains? There are a few of us Victory Gardeners who augment our food stores with foraged fungi. In short, we hunt for mushrooms. It has been a bumper crop this year due to abundant rain. Right now the choice Chantrelle is popping up amongst the oaks and hemlocks near you. Don't even think about venturing into the woods before buying a copy of the National Audubon Society's Field Guide to American Mushrooms. Then find an experienced mushroom hunter and somehow convince him or her to bring you on a hunt.

Can the abundance of wild mushrooms make up for the lack domestic vegetables? For some, possibly. There is very little which can compare to an Angus Ribeye, perfectly grilled and buried on a plateful of Morchella esculenta, the Yellow Morel.

Daryle Thomas is a volunteer with the UVM Master Gardener program.

What Not To Do When Job Hunting

by Marvin Walberg

Recent reports show that the job market is showing signs of life, though unemployment will remain high for years. So it's vital for job seekers to know what to do and what NOT TO DO to help land that next job.

The following is advice from career expert Elaine Varelas, managing partner of Keystone Partners. Keystone Partners is a leading career management consulting firm in Boston.

Five Critical Pitfalls Job Seekers Should Avoid to Stay in the Game

-- Underprepared: Often times job seekers who have been at it a while get discouraged and begin to get lazy. Be prepared. If you have an interview, don't let that opportunity go to waste. Research the company, bring questions about the job, and bring examples of what you would do in the first 90 days.

-- Going Casual: Even if you know you are interviewing at a company where the dress policy is business casual, you still want to present at the top of your game. Wear your best suit, polished shoes, minimal jewelry, get a haircut. Be memorable for how professional you look.

-- Going Negative: It's easier than you think to sound negative in an interview, so think about how to phrase what you will say as much as you think about what you are going to say. No one really wants to hear about how hard the job search is, or how much rejection you have had. Be positive!

-- Going it Alone: Many people still undervalue the power of networking or they become overly reliant on technology as a means to do it. In addition to online networking and job boards, get out there and meet people. Get in front of people who can introduce you to the people who put those postings online.

-- Pursuing Everything: Applying for every job in your field regardless of how over or under-qualified you are is a waste of time. Rather than inundating hiring managers with applications to jobs that you don't want anyway, take the time to focus on submitting the highest quality materials to only positions you know you will be excited to take. That should free up more time to network, conduct more company research, etc.

Thanks to Elaine Varelas, and if I may add: Do what others fail to do!

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Home & Garden

The Latest Bad Bug

by Dr. Leonard Perry, UVM Extension Professor

As if we didn't have enough serious invasive introduced (exotic) pests to watch for, such as the emerald ash borer and Asian long-horned beetle, we now have another Asian import—the brown marmorated stink bug. In the U.S. now for over a decade, it has spread to 32 states. First detection in Vermont was this year. It feeds on many fruits, vegetables, and farm crops, either making them inedible or unsalable. This stink bug is a nuisance in homes as well.

First detected in eastern Pennsylvania in the mid 1990's, this true bug likely arrived (as do many other exotic pests) in packing material from Asia. Even in its native China, Korea, Japan, and Taiwan it is an agricultural pest. This pest has caused widespread damage to apples and peaches in mid-Atlantic states, and could cause similar damage in other states. The apples end up with many brown spots called "cat facing," that makes them unmarketable. Other fruit crops it damages with dead spots include other stone fruits like cherries, pear, grapes, and brambles. Host vegetable crops include corn, tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, eggplants, and peppers among others.

Many ornamental plants also are susceptible to this stink bug feeding including both trees and shrubs, ending up with dead patches on leaves. These bugs may feed on the main trunk and side branches for the sap. If you see wasps feeding on sap, look for the bugs. Even flowers aren't immune, with feeding reported on zinnias, snapdragon, and sunflowers among others.

The adults emerge in late spring, mating and laying eggs in summer. Look on the undersides of leaves for clusters of 20 to 30 light green, barrel-shaped eggs. Small black and red nymphs hatch, and go through five stages before turning into adults. Adults, like other true bugs, feed on plant sap with a beak consisting of piercing-sucking mouthparts resembling straws. In early fall the adults search for overwintering sites such as in buildings and other protected sites.

The adults are about 2/3-inch long, patterned in shades of brown. Similar to other stink bugs, their shield shape (wider at the rear) is about as wide as long. Their differences from other stinkbugs may not be obvious to the untrained eye so, to make sure, consult your state university plant diagnostic clinic. These can be found online, including those for Northeast states (www.nepdn.org). A main difference from the common native stink bug is on the antennae. Look for alternating light and dark bands on antennae of this exotic pest.

This stink bug is attracted to warm home exteriors in the fall, and can enter through cracks and openings. Inside, these bugs don't harm humans, but can be a nuisance flying about similar to Asian lady beetles and



cluster flies. When squashed or sucked into a vacuum, the foul odor released makes their name obvious. This chemical may cause a slight allergic skin reaction in some. To avoid this odor, vacuum a pleasant smell such as potpourri (available inexpensively at many craft stores) first, or use a shop vac already with some soapy water.

There are some pesticides that can control this pest, but they are generally not recommended in homes and gardens. Pesticides in homes can be dangerous if misused, and spraying around cracks is temporary and ineffective overall. Best is to seal any gaps or cracks where they can enter and vacuum up any seen.

Pesticides for stink bugs in gardens also kill good predator insects, if not pollinators too, resulting in outbreaks of other pests such as spider mites. By solving one problem you merely create another. Best is to inspect plants for the bugs often and regularly, knocking them off into soapy water. Researchers are working on biological controls that will kill this pest and not predator insects and other native stink bugs that don't cause problems. Being an introduced pest, no natural biological controls are present in infested areas.

Although this bug can fly, and does so moving from crop to crop through the season, it spreads longer distances mainly through hitchhiking on materials moved by humans. If you're visiting, or moving from, an area with known infestations, make sure to watch for these bad bugs. Check vehicles, campers, packing materials, or other objects that you're transporting from outdoors during the growing season, and from indoors during other times of year.

How to Safely Install a Generator

by Dwight Barnett

Almost all the phone calls and email I have received lately revolve around the damage caused by the severe weather of 2010 and 2011.

Even many of the homeowners not directly affected by wind or water damage have found themselves living without electricity for several days to several weeks because of downed power lines or damaged substations.

When it's time to clean and repair the home, it is essential to have a power source for all the tools and equipment needed for restoration. Renting or purchasing a generator seems like a simple thing to do, but misuse or improper installation can be deadly.

There are safety rules that must be followed when using a portable or permanently installed generator:

1. Never operate a gas-powered generator indoors, near a window or door or under the roof's overhang. Exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide, a tasteless, colorless, odorless poison that is a silent killer.
2. Protect the generator from rain or snow.
3. Do not try to refill the gas tank while the unit is running. The generator's motor must be off when refueling. Consider using earplugs when working near a running generator.

4. Use heavy-duty extension cords rated for 20 amps or more for all 120-volt equipment.

5. Do not use more than one appliance for each outlet on the generator.

6. When connecting the furnace to the generator, disconnect the wiring from the home's electric panel to the furnace. When the power to the home is restored, it can feed back through the generator, or more importantly, a generator connected to the home's main electric panel can injure anyone working on the outside wiring to the home. An unsuspecting lineman could be electrocuted by your generator.

7. When not in use, add a gasoline stabilizer. Drain the tank before storage.

8. Use only approved storage containers for the fuel supply. Never store gasoline indoors.

A generator cannot be connected to a plug in the home or garage. Any generator used for backup can only be connected to the electric panel by a transfer switch.

A transfer switch disconnects the home's electric panel from the meter when the generator is in operation and reconnects the panel to the meter and disconnects the generator when power is restored. The switch takes the human ability to cause errors out of the equation.

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A. For readers who aren't familiar with this technology, I'll explain that a charging mat is a flat pad that you can keep on a countertop and plug into a wall socket. You can charge things like cell phones by placing them on the mat. This works only with the latest handheld devices.



Mats use slightly more energy than traditional chargers, even when taking into account the fact that a mat can charge multiple devices at once and that mats stop charging when devices are fully powered. To answer your second question, yes mats use energy as long as they're plugged in. In fact, while plugged into a wall socket, idle charging mats can use three- to four-times the energy used by the chargers that come with some of the latest handhelds. That's because charging technology has improved, making many of today's traditional chargers more energy efficient.

While the amount of energy used by any individual charging device is small, it's a real contributor to household "phantom load", which is the energy that you buy to simply keep your electronics plugged in. Luckily, you can control these wasted energy dollars by unplugging idle chargers and other electronics. Or, make the task even easier by plugging devices into power strips (you may know them as surge protectors), which you can simply switch off. Best of all, use an advanced power strip, which automatically cuts power to any idle devices you choose.

- Li Ling for the Home Team

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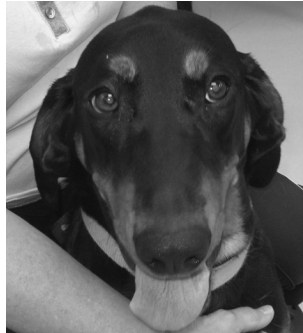
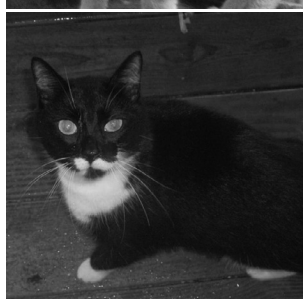
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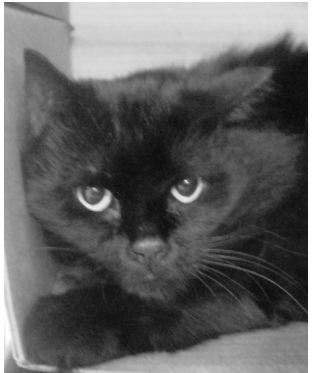
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by Dana Dratch

Buying a home is virtually a college course in science and fine art: the science of smart shopping and the fine art of price negotiation.

But once most homeowners move in, they promptly forget every savvy maneuver they learned at the bargaining table. They go back to paying list price for home essentials when a little creative bargaining can pay off.

If you're bargaining on price, rather than just shopping around, it may feel uncomfortable at first. Not to worry, says New York attorney Adam Leitman Bailey. "You have nothing to lose. If you're going to ask people, 'What's the lowest price you'll give me,' they may not tell you," he says.

Here are five examples of where your costs might not be as fixed as you think, with tips to help navigate the best price on goods and services for your home.

"When you're buying a home, you're comparing one home to another," Bailey says. "When you're going in to buy furniture, you can talk to two stores with the

same couch and show a third store the cheaper price and see if they can beat it."

One of his strategies is to ask to use the store's computer. You have to get a manager at that point, he says. Show them their competitors' prices on the same merchandise. "Many times they'll beat it on the spot."

Alternatively, you can also use your smartphone or wireless tablet. Or research prices at home and carry printouts to the store.

While two similar houses can be on different streets or have different features, Bailey says, "the great thing about a couch is name brands are name brands."

Many of the techniques that work with furniture can also net a better deal on appliances.

Get those model numbers, then hit the Internet, Bailey says. Research will net you not just the best price, but also the points of comparison among similar products.

As with buying a home, knowing what's hot - and what's not - with buyers gives you

a negotiating advantage. So if that appliance comes in a few colors and you know one of them isn't selling well, that might be a point for bringing down the price.

This is also a time when it pays to consider the quality of your information sources, Bailey says. "Just like with a home, you need a reliable seller," he says. When you buy online, stick with big names you trust, he says.

Lowball websites have their place, even if you wouldn't trust them with your money. You still might be able to use that quote to persuade a store to lower its price, Bailey says.

"Some contractors will negotiate a price" on renovations and repairs, says Tom Silva, general contractor for the PBS shows "This Old House" and "Ask This Old House."

Silva advises homeowners to get specific about what they get for their money.

The low-dollar bidder might leave out some steps that would show up as poor workmanship years from now -- and end up costing more. The guy charging a little more might have a reason. Sometimes a higher price might mean that the pro is experienced or is planning for contingencies, Silva says.

And sometimes shopping cheap might not be shopping smart. "Your house is the

biggest investment that you make," Silva says. "Yet for some reason, people want to get work done cheapest - to cut corners."

Instead, to make a smart buy, "get bids, ask questions," he says.

You have an in-ground sprinkler system that needs to be serviced each spring and winterized when the weather turns cold. So can you cut a deal on maintenance services? Possibly.

"It's a competitive world," says Leonard Ritz, a former contractor who is now an attorney with the New York firm of Adam Leitman Bailey, P.C.

"Consumers should understand that everything is negotiable in a real estate transaction," says Barry Zigas, housing director for the Consumer Federation of America. "That doesn't mean that you will get a professional to agree to change the fee. But it doesn't hurt to ask."

During one sale, Zigas negotiated a reduced real estate commission in return for doing some of the work himself.

Another topic to cover before you hire: If you have to lower the agent's recommended asking price, how will he or she share that loss? Sample script: If we have to reduce the asking price, "let's talk about how you might share some of that pain," Zigas says.

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