



## TODAY'S QUOTE

**"Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend."**

Theophrastus

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## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

**MASS DAILY NUMBERS**  
drawn Saturday night were:  
**6-0-5-3**

**MASS. DAILY NUMBERS**  
drawn Sunday afternoon were:  
**6-9-4-6**

**MASS DAILY NUMBERS**  
drawn Sunday night were:  
**6-6-1-3**

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## OPINION

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# Doing justice to due process

## AREA SCHOOLS TAKE PART IN MBA MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM



Mark Ashton photos  
**Tantasqua Sophomore Victoria Blair opens for the Prosecution.**

BY MARK ASHTON  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — It's a different kind of interscholastic competition.

Instead of athletic uniforms, the participants wear dark suits, ties, shirts with cufflinks, shined shoes, and dresses appropriate for a courtroom appearance. Instead of helmets and ball caps, they appear hatless and clean-shaven. Instead of bats and balls or hockey sticks, their equipment includes pens, pencils, legal pads, documentary affidavits, and the all-important lint roller.

Students from Webster and

Sturbridge schools are among more than 1,500 high schoolers across the state turning classrooms into practice courtrooms to assume the roles of both lawyers and witnesses during the 28th annual Mock Trial Program presented by the Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA).

This year's Mock Trial Program started Jan. 22 and runs through March 20. The program places high school teams from 16 regions across the state in a simulated courtroom to learn and hone their legal skills. Students from both Tantasqua Regional High School in

Sturbridge and Webster's Bartlett High School are taking part. In fact, they faced off recently "in court" on opposite sides of a criminal case.

After spending months in classroom (mostly after-school) preparation with their coaches, the teams traveled to Worcester's Registry of Deeds recently to plead their cases in front of a judge, who then graded them not so much on the merits of the case as on their individual and team performances.

In this year's case, the prosecution alleges that the

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# Bay Path gets biotech grant

## 'THIS WILL BE HUGE FOR OUR PROGRAM'

BY GUS STEEVES  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Bay Path became the latest school to join the biotech revolution, when it received \$16,000 to fund lab equipment, curriculum and training two teachers in the subject last week.

"We don't do a lot with biotech now," said the school's program organizer Jamie Ribaud. "We have limited lab space, so this will be huge for our program."

The grant will tie into the existing freshman life science and sophomore biology classes, which are part of what will develop into a program leading to students taking their science and technology MCAS exams, she said. But most of that will really come to fruition after 2015, when the renovation project finished building seven new science labs. Today, the teachers for this program — Elizabeth Grimes and Joe Cicero — are "traveling teachers," meaning they have no designated rooms and bring their lab equipment around on carts.

The funds come from the

five-year-old BioTeach program of the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation, a group linked with the state's biotech industry.

"Eleven years ago, [the companies] were concerned with workforce development and who would come up to staff an industry that's growing," so they collaborated to form MBEF, said MBEF Executive Director Lance Hartford. "... There has been a dramatic increase in the number of high schools offering electives in biotech. The whole CSI trend has helped us greatly."

He's referring to the hit TV series and related shows that follow forensic investigations, noting the interest has sparked an increase in the number of students taking SATs in biology.

Even if the students don't want a science field, Hartford added, a key secondary goal is to "educate students about science and the wonders of biotech," and get them to see how science is intertwined with everyday life "in practical

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Photos courtesy Jacob Edwards Library

## ART ON DISPLAY

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Thursday, Feb. 7, the Jacob Edwards Library hosted a reception for artists John Ferrara and Vivien Goldman. For more photos, turn to page A2!



# Real 'American Dreamers'

## STURBRIDGE FAMILY WINS WOOTUBE CONTEST, SETS STAGE FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

BY MARK ASHTON  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Don't confuse Rap music with rap music.

The former is award-winning locally produced (written and performed) music capable of eliciting emotion, intelligent discussion, and other forms of artistic appreciation. The latter is the distant offspring of Woody Guthrie's "talking blues" and too-often "gangsta" jibber jabber set to an annoying background of



Mark Ashton photos

**Christine and Marcus Rapagnola stand in front of some awards he earned while working in production for The New Kids on the Block.**

clatter.

The music of Christine and Marcus Rap (stage names), also known as the band "American Dreamers," recently won honors as "Wootube" Video of the Year Award from Charter TV3. Not quite a Grammy, the

award is nevertheless big stuff in the immediate area. By way of TV3, Wootube is broadcast to 184,000 homes in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and other parts of New England.

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# 'Local control' key issue for Meadowview residents

## SENIORS SPEAK OUT ON GOVERNOR'S MERGER PLAN

BY GUS STEEVES  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Charlton Housing Authority residents let State Reps. Peter Durant and Paul Frost know they weren't too happy to hear about the governor's proposal to regionalize such authorities into six large districts at a forum Thursday morning, Feb. 7.

"It's not a partisan issue," said Mike Sullivan, a Meadowview resident who was elected to the Housing Authority board last year. "I'm a Democrat and I'm very concerned about how this looks. People don't want to give up that local control that means better servicing. ... When you have to deal

with a faceless bureaucrat, good luck."

Monique Muise agreed, noting, among other things, that it would be far easier to address issues if the management staff is here, as it is now.

"I love it here," she said. "... If they do this, are we going to start looking like Worcester or Boston? That's not going to look good."

Durant and Frost said they didn't think the idea was to have the regional authorities run by the major cities, although they could see them being based in the cities. Both were very skeptical of both the governor's

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## News Briefs

### Harrington Hospital lifts restrictions on young visitors

SOUTHBRIDGE — Effective immediately, Harrington Hospital has lifted the restrictions it announced one month ago on young visitors at the hospital.

Harrington has lifted its ban on visitors age 16 and under because of the recent decline in flu activity in the region. The hospital still discourages individuals from visiting hospital patients if the visitors feel ill.

Harrington Hospital has not had any inpatient flu cases or positive lab tests for the flu recently.

Harrington's flu mask policy, which took effect in December, will remain in place. The policy require all employees, physicians and volunteers who do not receive the flu vaccine to wear surgical masks when they come within three feet of a patient or are entering a patient room or an enclosed treatment area.

### Walk for Hunger May 5

Project Bread's 45th Walk for Hunger is Sunday, May 5, 2013. The 20-mile route weaves through Boston, Brookline, Newton, Watertown, and Cambridge, and includes entertainment and free snacks along the way. On May 5th, over 40,000 Walkers will step out and raise \$3.5 million to help provide in need with sustainable, reliable access to nutritious food. The rolling start is from 7 to 9 a.m. on the Boston Common.

For more information, visit [www.projectbread.org](http://www.projectbread.org) or call 617-723-5000. If you or someone you know is struggling to put food on the table, please call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

# Library hosts reception for Ferrara/Goldman exhibit

Photos courtesy Jacob Edwards Library

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Thursday, Feb. 7, the Jacob Edwards Library hosted a reception for artists John Ferrara and Vivien Goldman. In August 2012, John was introduced to photographer Vivien Goldman while her exhibit, "Left and Let Be" was on display at the Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge. The exhibit featured stark, high contrast, black and white images featuring photographs of abandoned structures in North Dakota shot on film, with her 4x5 view camera. Goldman, a native of San Francisco and longtime resident of Brookline, was intrigued when John posited that his portrait paintings and her desolate interiors could work well together. By joining their works, John felt, they could infuse a specific human presence or character, which is left to the imagination in Goldman's work, and create entirely new works from amalgamations of the two. The groupings were undertaken with the goal that neither photograph nor portrait would be the dominant element rather that each artist's contribution would become fused with the other to create a new image. John took several months modifying, grouping and composing these original images from a selection of pre-existing works of each artist. The two then reviewed the results and collaborated on final modifications to their collection, which were debuted at Jacob Edwards Library and are on view for the month of February.



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## LEGALS

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SOUTHBRIDGE PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, §11, M.G.L., the Southbridge Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 6:45 PM in GAR Hall at Southbridge Town Hall, 41 Elm Street, Southbridge, Massachusetts. The purpose of the public hearing is to act on an application filed by MYO Smokers Club for a special permit under §602 Note (f) and §502.54 of the Southbridge Zoning Bylaws to allow a private club within the Central Core District. The property is located at 186 Hamilton Street, Assessors' Map 35, Lot 146. A copy of the application and plan may be inspected at the Town Clerk's Office from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday to Thursday, Thursday evening from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Friday.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

David V. Payeur  
Chairman, Southbridge Planning Board  
February 5, 2013  
February 12, 2013

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