



## SPRING IN NEW ENGLAND

By Judith M. Graves

Even before the snow clears away we can seem to hear the bulbs getting ready to jump out of the ground. We watch the birds coming in now and hear their songs of a new season. Our seed and flower catalogues are so dog eared and pencil scratched that we have a hard time remembering the things that we sent for or want to buy. Good thing we keep a list! Our feeders are visited by our old friends like the rose breasted grosbeak that showed up last week, and the loud song of the titmouse as it lets us know they are ready to mate. Chickadee's find it nice to be able to scratch for sand on the edge of the driveway. We know it is time to start bringing in the feeders at night as the bear awakes to a warmer season. Deer are close as they find a patch of grass under the old apple trees and mud is on the roads again.

All signs of spring in New England. The wooly bear was right on again this year predicting a lot of snow. Now as the snow disappears we get the urge to start raking the yard, but we know that there will be 1-2 more snow storms to be 'poor man's fertilizer' yet to come. Ahhh New England with its four beautiful seasons. We wait and watch, listen and pray, and yet we have learned that we have no control over what the weather will be. Isn't it great to know that something in life is as it should be? We try so hard to make things go our way, or the way we think they should go, and yet with the weather only God has the control.

I have dusted off the planters and have cleaned them out ready for fresh earth and fertilizer. They are piled ready to set into place, if ever the snow banks will go!!! The thoughts of visiting the nurseries makes me smile. Can't come too soon for me. The fragrances are overwhelming and I feel my excitement mount as I enter the yard and park the car. The hanging plants, the herbs, the potted starts ready to be chosen for my gardens. The choices and the colors are always breathtaking, and I seldom buy what I had in mind when I arrived. The flats are piled into the car with anticipation. Often while planning my gardens the color pattern is set in my mind. Like last year the color scheme was to be white, purple, and a bit of pink for the overall look of what was planned. Ha, I came home with red impatiens, white and purple petunias, zinnias in a rainbow of colors, cascading pink petunias, all sorts of colors dotted our landscape. It was beautiful. But alas, again this year my thoughts go to a pattern again of which I know I will have no control over once I hit the nurseries. So many new plants that just take over all my senses, and my ability to place any control over what I want to plant where. Each year new containers get added and filled.

Herbs are pretty much the same yearly as I do know what I need to cook with. The perennials are all set: oregano, mint, thyme, lavender, and chives, and the annuals that are a must: rosemary, basil and parsley need to be purchased. The garden holds the lovage, rhubarb, and sunflowers that are 'have to have' flowers are planted. Vegetable starts will be picked up at the nursery and seeds get started. The earth in the garden will be turned over and fresh manure tilled in. Fencing will go up around stakes to keep out the deer, and tomato stands made straight. All is ready but we can't put anything into the ground till Memorial Day weekend if we hope they won't be hit by frost. Seems like in May it is warm enough, and we have often jump started only to lose all our work to an overnight frost. So, slow learner that we so many times were, we now wait until Memorial Day weekend to plant.

With our short growing season in New England, we water often and add miracle grow to give everything a huge head start. As soon as things are up and going well, watering is the key to getting the best of what we planted to last long enough to enjoy it all. Occasional weeding and pruning will add to the life of our plants as well. I love all the flowers on the patio, and enjoy enough to bring

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inside and to take to a hostess as well. Clipping a handful of herbs to place in a small vase each morning allows for clipping fresh herbs all day long to our meals. Chop some chives to add to scrambled eggs, add a mint leaf to the marmalade over toast, toss in a fresh chopped assortment of basil, oregano and parsley to a sauce or stew, sprinkle fresh rosemary over a roast. All day long no matter what you are cooking it is always better with herbs.

Have to admit that some growing seasons just seem more work than enjoyment. Our short season gets all the flowers in place and in a few short weeks the frost takes them away. Why do we do this year after year? The anticipation for the months before planting is half the enjoyment. All this to enjoy beautiful herbs and blossoms for a few short weeks. Oh well, here we all go again...Enjoy planting!!!

Plant a container of herbs near the kitchen door. The fragrance as you walk by is one of the pleasures in life. Brush your hand over them as you pass, sit near by and watch the hummingbirds and butterfly flit among them. Remember any edible herb also has an edible flower. Clip the flowers to add to a salad. Enjoy Spring!!!!

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I have been a Richmond Rooster Booster since its inception, a past regular contributor of articles and a former Advertising Manager. For some time now we have been listening to various residents "crow" about a variety of personal opinions and that is a good thing for our hometown newspaper, the motto of which is "Something to crow about." Controversy is what the news media thrives on; ill will is not. Inclusion opens our hearts; exclusion hardens our hearts. With this said, I offer the following ten versions of what Christians commonly call "The Golden Rule" from the sacred texts of ten different organized religions. May there be open hearts throughout Richmond and our beautiful Planet Earth.

#### **"Oneness in Divine Love"**

*\*As Written in the Sacred Scriptures of the World*

**Baha'i:** "Lay not on any soul a load which you would not wish to be laid on you." (Baha'u'llah LVXI)

**Buddhism:** "That which you do not desire for oneself, do not do to others." (The Staff of Wisdom)

**Christianity:** "Do unto others what you would have them do unto you." (Matthew 7:12) "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:30)

**Confucianism:** "Do not impose on others what you yourself do not desire." (Analects XII.2)

**Hinduism:** "Do nothing to your neighbor which you would not have your neighbor do to you." (Mahabharata)

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**Islam:** "Do to all men as you would they should do to you, and reject for others what you would reject for yourself." (Mishkar-el-Masabih)

**Jainism:** "A man should wander about treating all creatures in the world as he himself would be treated." (Sutra-krit-anga)

**Judaism:** "What is hurtful to yourself do not to your fellow man." (Talmud)

**Sikhism:** "Treat others as you would be treated yourself." (Adi Granth)

**Zoroastrianism:** "Do not do to others that which is not well for oneself." (Shayast-na-shayast 13.29)

\*This information was transcribed with permission from the Global Dharma Center web site, ([www.globaldharma.org](http://www.globaldharma.org)), and can be found in the "All About GDC" section.

### **Firehouse News**

#### **Firefighter Sean Brewer**

To date the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad have responded to 32 calls for emergency services.

On March 23, 2008 the Richmond Fire Dept. lost one of it's charter members. Edward Martin Jr. (Ed or Eddie) was an active member of the fire dept. for over 40 years, and held the rank of Captain. Capt. Martin could usually be found tending the chicken in the pits of the annual Chicken Barbecue. 25 Engine 2 is dedicated to Capt. Martin as well as former Fire Chief Bob Van Brocklin for their many years of service to the Town of Richmond. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Eddie. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends. R.I.P.

This past month the fire dept. held elections for it's board of officers. The current board looks like this; Fire Chief – Mike Pearsall, Deputy Fire Chief – Kevin Duffy, Captain – Mike Bailey, Lieutenant – Ed Atkins, Lieutenant – Jim Mountford, Lieutenant – Bruce Crowell, Secretary and Treasurer – Buzz Shaw.

The Brownies and Jr. Girl Scouts from Troop 805 came to visit the fire station to work towards their Fire Safety Awareness badge. We talked about all kinds of different home safety, including calling 911, escape routes and meet-

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ing places, and safety in the kitchen. They also got to learn about some of the equipment that the Fire Dept. uses including protective clothing, thermal imaging camera, jaws of life and self contained breathing apparatus. The girls had many good questions and were very good listeners.

Remember to keep all of your doorways clear of clutter. Clutter can hinder your escape from a bad situation and also delay the response of the Fire Dept. or Rescue Squad.

### Changing of the Guard

By Pam Goodell

In 1987 I started working as Richmond's Deputy Town Clerk under the direction of Town Clerk Dorothy "Dot" Robbins. I worked 2 hours a week and we worked out of Dot's home on Old Homestead Highway. When there were no customers, I sometimes helped Dot hang curtains, bring in her coal or perm her hair. We prepared vehicle registrations on her manual typewriter.

About a year later we moved into our new office at the renovated Town Hall. I continued to work as her deputy until 1991. At that time Dot decided it was time to pass on the reins. She stepped down and I became Town Clerk. I appointed her to be my deputy and she worked as such for an additional number of years. She retired for good in 1993 when her eyesight became a problem for her.

In these past 21 years of my service to the Town of Richmond a lot of changes have occurred. Probably the biggest of these was the use of computers. It is amazing how they have taken over in every aspect of Town Clerk work from vehicle registrations to marriage licenses to elections to dog licenses. I have also worked along side of

many different selectmen, secretaries, tax collectors and treasurers and with many Deputy Town Clerks.

I have enjoyed being Town Clerk. I have enjoyed the challenge of serving everyone with integrity and fairness. I have tried my best to be helpful, friendly, fair, pleasant, unbiased and informed. I have participated in numerous classes, workshops and training sessions in order to keep up with all the changing laws and procedures. At various times I have worked with the Secretary of State's Office, the Attorney General's Office, the Local Government Center and the Department of Revenue Administration among others in order to make sure that things were being done correctly and legally. I was the secretary of the New Hampshire City and Town Clerk's Association for three years and during that time I wrote the Town Clerk Manual on vehicle registrations as well as taking minutes of the monthly meetings and writing the monthly newsletter.

It is now time for me to relax a little. Hence on April first I stepped down from my position of Richmond Town Clerk. It is with great pleasure that I announce that your new Town Clerk is Annette Tokunaga. You will be in great hands. Annette has been my deputy for three years. Many of you already know that she is a very capable, caring, conscientious, intelligent, friendly person. She has done a superb job at learning all there is to know and do in the Town Clerk's Office. I have absolutely no reservations about her ability to perform all the duties required of her. I hope you will make her feel as welcome as you have always made me feel.

Annette has appointed me Deputy Town Clerk, so you will still see me in the office. However, a great deal of responsibility will be off my shoulders. I will still be able to give you service to the best of my abilities. When questions arise, however, Annette will obtain the answers for us all. She will be in charge and will lead us all into the future of Town Clerk responsibilities. Thanks to you all for all your friendship and support for the past 21 years. I look forward to serving you in this new capacity.

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## Meet Barbara Woodward by Elaine Moriarty

For five years a most pleasant, always with a smile on her face person, Barbara Woodward has managed the financial position on The Library Board of Trustees. She has handled the operating funds in a most efficient way with great integrity.

Her position entailed preparing annual reports for the Town and the State Auditors as well as monthly bill paying. She was responsible for gathering information and figures for each year's budget to present to the board for their input and approval. Barbara and the President (currently Deb Watson) also met with the selectmen to present our budget request each year.

Barbara was responsible for searching and organizing old records for the Trust Fund and other historical data and started a record-retention system for such. As a trustee she assisted at Labor Day book sales and November bake sales and hosted monthly patron coffee hours. She spent many hours volunteering and entering data to enable our on-line catalog system.

Barbara occasionally filled in as "librarian" as open hour coverage when Wendy and Evelyn Huston were unavailable. She also serves on the safety committee as our representative to the town.

Her most recent endeavor was assisting Deb Watson in cleaning out the attic. A much younger Deb did all the heavy lifting, quite a team. We are most appreciative of everything Barbara has contributed over the past five years to enable a well functioning Town Library.

Wendy and the Board of Trustees will miss Barbara and her smile. Best wishes as Barbara continues her endeavors in her other volunteer works, we will miss you, A HUGE THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING. P.S. she is excellent at sound advice when needed.

## Legislative News May 2008 Barbara Hull Richardson State Representative

Education funding continues to be worked on to meet the requirements of the 1997 Supreme Court ruling that the state government must pay the full cost of an adequate education for every child, through fair taxes. Furthermore, the

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Court stipulated that widely varying local property taxes are constitutionally unfair.

The Adequate Education Costing Committee was asked to determine the statewide cost of an adequate education. Based on a thorough analysis of the costs of delivering instruction in nine subject areas, the Committee came up with a universal cost of \$3450 per pupil per year. The NH Department of Education statistics suggest that the actual cost of an adequate education is around \$10,000. Differentiated aid added \$1856 per special education student and \$675 per English language learner student. Additional funding was added for students receiving free and reduced lunch. This brought the average per student total adequacy grant to \$4685. In addition, Senate Bill 539 would distribute \$48 million in "fiscal capacity disparity aid" to those districts in municipalities in the lowest quartile in the state based on equalized property valuation per pupil if the municipality is also below the state average for median family income. This bill would also distribute \$9 million in transition aid for those districts that would otherwise receive for fiscal year 2010 (when the law would take effect), 85 percent or less of the amount they are scheduled to receive in fiscal year 2009.

This very complicated bill will have been voted on in the House of Representatives April 16. If passed, it will go to the House Finance Committee for further review. Currently our state provides the least amount of state funding for public education of all other states in the country. Perhaps when a final bill is passed and implemented this will no longer be the case.

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There are three bills dealing with workforce (affordable housing) that are being considered. They are all describing the requirements of the 1991 Britton v. Chester New Hampshire Supreme Court decision which requires municipalities to allow reasonable and realistic opportunities for the development of workforce housing.

Nothing will be absolutely final until bills are passed by both the House and Senate and approved (or remain unsigned for a period of time without a veto) by the Governor.

I appreciate hearing from you with any suggestions or concerns. My telephone number is 239-8346.

## Richmond Public Library Wendy O'Brien

**Story Hour - 2 Groups: Toddler/Preschool - Elementary School**

This month the Toddler/Preschool Story Hour will be a real treat! We will have titles on display from the many books the Library recently received as a result of the Libri Foundation grant. The children will be able to select their favorite books for all of us to read together! Come join us on Sat., May 10th at 10:30 a.m. for stories, poems, a snack and a simple craft.

There will also be a story hour for older schoolchildren on Sat., May 17th at 10:30 a.m. featuring Newbery and Caldecott award winning books. Come and find out the winners for this year!

### **Summer Reading Program - Save the Dates!**

Summer reading program sign-ups for "G'day for Reading," about all things Australian will begin on Sat., June 14th at the Library. Our official kick-off, "Laughing Kookaburra Day," will be on Sat., June 28th at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Hall. Then on Fri., July 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Hall join Elaine Moriarty and artist Evelyn Winter for "Aussie Kids Day." And finally, be sure to attend our wrap-up party on Sat., August 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans' Hall where we will meet some very special animal visitors from Wildlife Encounters Zoo. So get your kangaroos and didgeridoos and get down under at the Richmond Public Library!

**Love Your Library** We had a wonderful Patron

Volunteer Workshop/Signup in early April with eleven interested volunteers! Thanks go to Elaine Moriarty for coordinating the workshop and providing the delicious goodies. Did you miss the workshop and have some extra time to volunteer? Please give us a call at 239-6164.

## News from the Town Clerk's Office Annette Tokunaga

We have in our lives things that are important to us. Things such as our health, our homes and our loving families. These are the things that we rarely take for granted.

And then there are the things that provide us with some degree of comfort or stability, things that we might not necessarily notice. For some of you, Pamela Goodell as Town Clerk might be one of those things. She has served the Town of Richmond as both Deputy Town Clerk and as Town Clerk for over 20 years with constancy and equity. You, the voters, have placed your trust in her over and over again.

Effective April 1, 2008, Pam stepped down as Town Clerk. Some of you already know this. For others, you will learn of this news when you read the May issue of *The Richmond Rooster*.

As per the definition of deputy town clerk, I have filled the vacancy created by Pam's resignation. And I have subsequently appointed Pam to be my deputy, with the Selectmen's approval.

My task lies before me. I accept this responsibility with honor and humility. For three years, I have worked under the watchful guidance of Pam. I hold her in the highest regard, not only as my mentor, but also as a human being. She has created high standards and you have come to expect nothing less. I will strive to meet those standards every day.

## Student Achievements Neil Moriarty

Congratulations to Ian and Ryan Hart, Richmond homeschooolers, who were on the Monadnock Boys Basketball State Champs team. The school will recognize the achievement with championship jackets.

Richmond's Spencer Heise is invited to the Presidential Inauguration.

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Karen Craig, principal of Emerson School, showed me an article on Spencer's achievement – I asked her to put something together for the Rooster. Spencer is a sixth grader at Emerson.

Spencer Heise has been selected to take part in a truly historic occasion - the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States! He was selected to attend the Junior Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference in Washington D.C.

From January 17-21, 2009, Spencer will take part in what is the most historic and celebrated event to occur in our nation and which is the hallmark of our democratic government - the peaceful transfer of power to our newly elected president. While the entire world watches the President of the United States take the formal oath of office shown on television, Spencer will be among the privileged few who experiences this momentous occasion in person.

## Takoda Campership Available

Tina Thayer

Anyone want to go to Camp Takoda this summer? Start working on your essay now. Why I want to go to Camp Takoda. You could win a free campership! These essays will be read by the Town Selectmen and they will choose the winner. All essays are due to the Selectmen's Office by June 1st. Please be sure to have your name, age, and phone number on the essay. Take advantage of the wonderful opportunity only Richmond Residents have! The dates for camp are as follows: BOYS Group : 6/22-7/5 and the GIRLS Group: 8/10-8/23. This is open to ages 8-15

## The Incredible Twisted Blog

John Boccalini

While most blogs provide news or commentary on a specific subject, others are more like a personal online diary. It is interesting to note that blogs are often written anonymously or signed with pseudonyms. As a result, the writers can claim just about anything without taking responsibility for what they say. Although contributors to these blogs may think of themselves as reporters, they tend to make unsubstantiated statements without full disclosure and with selected "sound bites" that often manipulate and distort the truth. Combining anonymity with distortion does not provide information that one can rely on as having any validity. Moreover, many blogs, instead of sticking to the forum they were intended to cover, drift away from their original purpose and become divisive and hostile in nature. This leads me to believe that some blogs are actually started to promote hostility and act as a cover for cowards.

That said, I recently learned about a new blog that makes reference to my name and an organization of which

I am currently a member and co-treasurer, The Rural Preservation Committee (RPC). Some of the comments on this blog are untrue and distort what the RPC represents. Moreover, a number of people listed and talked about are not members of the RPC and do not have anything to do with the organization.

I am not interested in joining a discussion with individuals who are inclined to mask their identities, promote hostilities, name-call, and so forth. It would be appreciated if the author of the blog or its commentators would identify themselves and use a more accessible platform, such as *The Richmond Rooster*, where a more relevant discussion of the facts could take place.

## To all my friends and family

Betsy Pearsall

Yes, I'm doing it again - I signed up for the 2008 Breast Cancer 3-Day! They say the third time's the charm!! I had such an incredible experience doing the 3-Day for the past two years that I'm going back for more. Year 1 was Seattle, year 2 Boston. Year 3 will be Washington, DC. Who knows what next year will bring?! I'm so excited about this event, even though this year I really know what I've gotten myself into.

This event isn't easy, but I promise you, I wouldn't be doing it if I didn't believe 100% that it was worth every muscle ache, weary night, lost toenail and training walk! I need your help. I am planning on surpassing the almost \$2300 that you - my friends and family - gave so generously last time around to help fight breast cancer.

What started out as a challenge by a dear friend has turned into a passion for me. These walks are a challenge to myself; to walk for those who can't and for those who won't have to. I have had my own breast cancer scares and been put on six-month mammogram checks. Each time we hold our breath, to find out that it was "nothing" after all. They are not "nothing" for me!

You can make your donation by visiting my web page. Visit <http://08.the3day.org/goto/betsynh>. By clicking the "Donate Now" link, you can search for my page by typing in my name and my state. If you do not wish to donate on line, you can print a donation form there, or make you

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If you have any questions or want to hear more about what I'm doing, I love talking about the event. Thanks for all of your support. I'm incredibly lucky to have people like you in my life!

I plan to start my "serious" training this Spring, depending on the weather here in Southwestern New Hampshire. When I do, I'll let you all know. I have promised myself for the past two years that I would keep a diary of my journey. This year, I'll be "blogging" about my progress. Should be fun, don't ya' think

I fully understand that each of us have our own commitments, so if you find yourself unable to support me with a donation, please support me with your thoughts and prayers. And send this letter along to anyone you can.

## Rural Preservation Committee #1

### Who, What, Why and When

**Kim Mattson**

**Mission Statement:** In order that current and future generations may enjoy Richmond's extraordinary natural beauty and rich, rural character, The Rural Preservation Committee uses positive, proactive means to educate and organize citizens, institute environmentally-friendly zoning ordinances, and strengthen local governance through support and accountability.

**WHO** are we? The Rural Preservation Committee

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(RPC), created by a group of land owners, taxpayers and citizens working in support of our Town. We thank all of the neighbors who have donated to our plight to ensure Richmond's Rural character and to enforce the Zoning Ordinances we all have established to protect our vested interest and livelihood in our town. We can assure you that every penny sent to the RPC has gone for legal counsel. Members of the RPC have paid for donations, paper, envelopes, copies, stamps and their time.

**WHAT** we're doing- RPC has been involved in many activities in town. At present our largest is to uphold and enforce Richmond's Zoning Ordinances and to quell the echoes of religious discrimination charged against our volunteer Planning/Zoning Board and Town Government. We've paired with the Richmond Planning Board and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to discuss our aquifer in an open forum located in Richmond Veteran's Hall. We invited representatives from the towns of Swansey and Fitzwilliam. Information packets were put together by RPC and given to town's including Richmond with examples of, overlay methods, contacts, grants, steps and suggestions to educate/ preserve a Town's natural water supply. Presently, we have a member on the Aquifer Board to study/create a protection plan and bring information back to the RPC. We were present on the tail end of the road upgrade on Monument Road (from class 6 to class 5) and Old County Road (from class 6 to class 5) both roads have been accepted by our Selectmen as Town maintained roads. I believe that we were the only committee from Richmond who has attended all of the Silvio-Conte presentations offered locally. The RPC did not create the position of Zoning Compliance Officer although we voted to back this Warrant Article. This is an example of some of our endeavors.

**WHY** we're together - Our research has spanned over 10 years including 20 years of research through Selectman, Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Committee minutes. Building permits, Special Exceptions and Variance information on procedure have been gathered and organized. Lack of



follow through from our Town Government in the past has created and continues to create financial woe for our town. Keep in mind Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission are all volunteer positions that require a lot of personal time. Selectmen receive a SMALL token for their work. All are volunteers who run for offices hoping they can make a difference. Many residents have chosen to run for offices due to personal dissatisfaction in our Town Governance. This is the kind of research which brought our group together. WHEN -The RPC will continue to insert documentation on a monthly basis outlining information found that equates to our Zoning Ordinances being ignored, lack of communication between our boards/Selectmen, residents concerns being shelved, interesting building permits and other information. We hope that we can educate ALL our neighbors and then allow them to make their own decisions. John Boccalini, Kathleen Whitham, Lloyd

Goodnow, Kathy Goodnow, David Graves, Judith Graves, Carolyn Polk, Latham Polk, Alexander Hoar, Pamela Rooney, Kandace Mattson, Terri O'Rorke and Jean Tandy who are proudly and collectively working for a rural Richmond.

## The Old Impossible Mission Force is Restored to DVDs

Frank Behrens

One of the hokiest and most enjoyable television series ever was the old "Mission Impossible." (Do not, pray, confuse this with the self-indulgent three films with Tom Cruise that in no way captures the spirit of the originals.) I am delighted to report that the first three seasons are now available in boxed sets of DVDs from CBS.

Back then, a "season" meant about 25 episodes, so these CBS DVD collections contain 75 shows that were seen from September 1966 to April 1969. Most readers know the basic idea of having the Impossible Mission Force acting in the interests of the US government to bring domestic criminals and "enemies" of our country to some ignominious downfall.

In the first season, the team was headed by Dan Briggs, played by Steven Hill, in a wooden way, who gave a good deal of trouble on the set, and was finally dropped. The second season saw the show come into its own when Peter Graves appeared as Jim Phelps. The rest of the basic team was retained: Barbara Baines as ex-model Cinnamon Carter, her real life husband Martin Landau as the 1000-faced Rollin Hand, Greg Morris as Barney the wizard in all things electrical and mechanical, and strong man Peter Lupus as Willy (or "one line Lupus," as I used to call him because that was all he was given in most episodes).

Baines was always icy and super-sexy-but I wondered


how her character, a famous model, could remain unrecognized by the bad guys for all those years. Landau was great at holding exaggerated expressions for the long hold before a fadeout into a commercial break; and it was a lot of fun watching him in the dozens of disguises throughout the series. Morris was a good actor but was seldom allowed to show much emotion except confidence in his inventions and concern that he was about to be discovered. Of course, one simply assumed that an Afro-American soldier or citizen in a foreign country would not be spotted as an outsider.

Of course, there are many more absurdities in the stories. Naturally enough, the characters in foreign countries have to speak English at all times, usually with an absurd accent, since this is a series meant for English speaking audiences. But how the IMF manages to speak all of those languages fluently is a question not to be asked. All in all, this series is lots of fun-and more important to those who purchase DVDs, it can be viewed and reviewed many times with little diminution of enjoyment.

## Donation Match for a Childs Future.

Kim Mattson

At the Richmond Town Meeting Article #34 which asked by petition for The Town of Richmond to donate \$1000.00 to the Winchester Learning Center was defeated. The Rural Preservation Committee was contacted by a neighbor who could not believe that a Town our size voted down a petition for a donation to prepare children to enter the public school system. Only Richmond would house a neighbor who would be willing to match donations to the Winchester Learning Center up to \$500.00. We would like to invite you to join if you wish. Checks/donations are to be written to the Winchester Learning Center which is a non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible. Donations can be sent to Rural Preservation Committee PO Box 214 Winchester, NH 03470. We will make a copy of your check and your donation will be matched. This is not an area or service that RPC would normally agree to and it doesn't exactly match our Mission Statement, but under the circumstances our neighbor did not know who to turn, but knew they could trust our committee and continue to be



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## Editor, Richmond Rooster:

Mr. Leonard P. Baker

Concerning Mrs. Grondin-Jose's letter in the April issue of the Rooster, I respectfully submit the following considerations.

The Boston Globe, the Equinox, the Keene Sentinel and SBC watch did not exactly "investigate" St. Benedict Center. The first two published slanted newspaper articles reflecting their liberal progressivist bias, while the Sentinel was generally fair. SBCwatch features the reflections of someone decidedly anti-SBC. While some of this is journalism, none of it is real "investigation."

Similarly, the Chronicle program is the production of a Boston TV station well known for its liberal, anti-Catholic slant.

As for the Southern Poverty Law Center, it is itself a hate group, zeroing in on conservative organizations. As has been pointed out a number of times, the founder's primary goal was to get rich quick, as indeed he has. The credibility factor of this organization is nil, as indicated by the fact that both the FBI and the NH State Troopers dismissed the SPLC "investigation" of SBC.

Comparing the civil rights struggle of African Americans to homosexual advocacy is comparing apples to oranges. It is also an insult to Africans. Christian Civilization, like Judaism before it, looked upon homosexual practices as disordered, sinful, and dangerous to individuals and to society. I would venture to guess that the majority of Richmond residents, Catholic or non-Catholic, retain the traditional belief that homosexual acts are morally wrong.

While preparing this letter, I asked Brother Andre about the so-called "Holocaust denial" that Mrs. Grondin-Jose asserts is preached at the Center. Brother gave me this comment:

"I understand that there were about 11,000,000 Jews in Europe at the time Hitler came to power. It is certainly possible that the claim of the World Jewish Congress that as many as 5,750,000 Jews killed by the Nazis is so. Hitler's regime also killed about 3,000,000 Polish Catholics, including 2,000 priests and 7 bishops. Two Catholic Saints were victims of the Nazis: St. Maximillian Kolbe and St. Edith Stein, a convert from Judaism. The only head of state

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that the Nazis killed was the Chancellor of Austria, Englebert Dolfuss, a devout Catholic. The pan-German Nationalism that produced the Nazi party was an explicitly anti-Catholic movement which wanted to unite 'the Germanies,' seizing Austria and crushing the Catholic House of Wittelsbach in Bavaria. They were also declared enemies of the (Catholic) House of Hapsburg. Their motto was 'Away from Rome.' It is also a fact that the Catholic parts of Germany (e.g., Bavaria) did not support Hitler; the Protestant parts did. Besides all this, the World Jewish Congress gave a gift of \$250,000 to Pope Pius XII in appreciation for all he did for the Jews during the Nazi persecution.

"I personally challenge Mrs. Grondin-Jose to find one statement of 'Holocaust denial' in any of the hundreds of articles on SBC's website. She will not. Neither will she find it preached from the pulpit in our chapel nor taught in our school."

Think about this: We worship Jesus Christ as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, God Incarnate. We venerate Mary, His Mother. Now, Mary was a little Jewish girl married to a Jewish carpenter, St. Joseph, both of the royal House of David, the Jewish King. How is it possible to hate those of the Jewish race when Our Lord and Our Lady are of the same people?

My own children attended Immaculate Heart of Mary School, and now my granddaughters are students there. From my own experience I can say that "Holocaust denial" is not a part of the curriculum, although the horrors of World War II certainly are.

Mrs. Grondin-Jose is right about one thing: "It is not acceptable to preach hate and incite violence of thought or deed towards another because of one's religion, ethnicity, or chosen belief." There are those in Richmond who are doing that very thing - against the Catholics who worship at St. Benedict Center!

## Selectmen Meeting Minutes

**March 3 2008** Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Stan Pogorzelski Read mail and signed checks. Peter Majoy and Jack Marsden were in to check with the Selectmen on their recommendations

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for energy conservation. JC made the recommendation that they take a town building and write up in more detail what they feel should be done to conserve energy. Their next meeting is April 13th at 5 pm at the CD Building. Barbara Woodward was in regarding a library accounts and electrical work estimates. Geraldine Lutz was in as an observer. Doug Bersaw, moderator, and Pam Goodell, town clerk, were in to discuss with the selectmen voting and vote counting procedures. It was decided to count the school district votes immediately after the polls close next Tuesday. The Town votes will be counted at the close of Town Meeting. Doug Bersaw will call the school district and obtain a vote counting machine for the school ballots. Dawn and Richard Whitney in regarding a piece of town owned property on Rte. 32. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

**March 10, 2008** Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Stan Pogorzelski, Sean McElhiney Read mail and signed checks. Bob Coy was in to discuss a grant application and preparation for Town Meeting. Bryce Daugherty was inquiring about utility pole licenses. We referred him to the Planning Board. PSNH needs to have a scenic road site walk done with the Planning Board. He also confirmed a measured distance with respect to building inspection for his certificate of occupancy. Dana Taylor (Road Agent) called in and spoke to JC. JC asked about information on the bridges in Richmond. Bill Hillock was in, in reference to the Veterans Hall parking lot. Bill removed snow in preparation for Town Meeting. Bonnie Pratt was in with her inventory sheet. She picked up a Current Use application as well. Bonnie confirmed no work has been done on the permit #2007-014 and no excavation will be

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done until the issue is resolved with the Planning Board. Signed pistol permit R338468. Made preparations for the Town Meeting. JC thanked Stan for all the many hours and hard work he has given to the Town as selectmen. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**March 17 2008** Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. Wes Vaughan was welcomed in as the newly elected selectmen, replacing Stan Pogorzelski. Wes was unanimously selected by the Selectmen to be ex-officio to the Planning Board for the ensuing year, Sean McElhiney is continuing as the Welfare Administrator and will be the Waste Management Representative. He is also Chairman of the Safety Committee. JC Boudreau will

continue as the Chair for the Board of Selectmen and is Chairman of the Municipal Building Committee. Sean Brewer was in to get a rental application for the Veterans' Hall for

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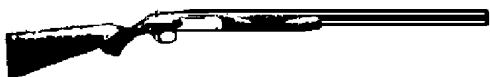
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Fire Department training seminar on April 23rd. Kim Underwood was in to ask about insulating his attic and had a few questions about building permits. Wilfrid Villarrubia was in with questions on his inventory forms. He completed them and turned them in. The warrant article for having Town Meetings on Saturdays was discussed. The Department of Revenue Administration advised that as the petition was not worded correctly, the vote is advisory only. The Board will take the Town vote under advisement for the 2009 Town Meeting. Sean emailed DES regarding the sand and salt shed and what permits does the Town need to obtain. JC made a motion to use the Road Layout Report format for any new road construction and road improvements. During the discussion, JC brought up that this has been used for 2 road petitions, Fay Martin Road and Bullock Road. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Norma Thibodeau was in to discuss the bridge on

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the Class VI portion of Old County Road near the intersection of Bowl Road and had questions about a legal inquiry letter. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

**March 24 2008** Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. Terri O'Rourke came in with a list of replacement items for the things that were stolen from the Rescue Squad. Janel will contact the insurance carrier. Jonah Ketola of Still Bros. was in to discuss his current use removal tax. Janel gave him an abatement form. 402-014 Pam Goodell, Town Clerk, submitted her resignation effective April 1st. Per RSA 669:65, Deputy Annette Tokunaga will be assuming the position of Town Clerk until Town Meeting 2009. The Selectmen signed an appointment form for Pam as Deputy Town Clerk pursuant to RSA 41:18. effective April 1st 2008 for 3 years. Sean contacted DES with regard to permits for the sand and salt shed and the response was that there are no DES ground water permits specific to that type of facility. We will register the facility with DES. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 11:PM.

**March 31, 2008** Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. Stan Pogorzelski (former Selectman) was in and returned his Town Building keys.

Andy Wood came in to discuss the recent theft at the

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fire station. He also talked about some potential expansion ideas. Other issues discussed were changing the locks at the police station and the door that leaks. JC has spoken with Lloyd Condon about what can be done about the door. Steve Boscarino gave us a list of properties that are up for tax deeding due to nonpayment of property taxes. There were seven properties on the list. Bill Pulsifer came in to ask question about his current use application. Dana Taylor was in to discuss the road priorities for this year. We will be putting the road grading out for bid. Norwood and Phyllis Keeney came in to ask about what building changes require a building permit. JC recommended they complete a building permit if they finish their attic or basement. Melinda Boulay was in with the draft she created for a checklist for timber cuts. Lloyd Goodnow came in to ask about the status of the logging operation on Fay Martin Road. Signed Pistol Permit #R338469. Sean made a motion to reappoint Dana Taylor as Road Agent for the Town of Richmond for a term of 1 year. Wes seconded the motion. The selectmen are in agreement on reappointing Dana, but it was unanimously decided to table the motion until the length of the previous road agent's appointments is researched. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

## **AQUIFER PROTECTION:**

**Pete Majoy**

The Town of Richmond Planning Board has created an "Aquifer Protection Committee" composed of Planning Board Members as well as residents who are not members of the Planning Board. We have two funding (grant) opportunities which will help us develop local source water (aquifer) protection policies and practices. Anyone with some time and motivation to help us with these grant applications, please e-mail me at pwmjoy@earthlink.net or call me at 239-6058. Thanks in advance for any help you might be able to give us in this quest to protect our water supply.

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