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**No Pay for *ex officio* Notaries, but Registration OK**

That was a nice story on my spouse, Mary Schwartz, running for re-election as a JP in Franklin County.

But there was one point to be clarified, not about Mary, but about Justices of the Peace. You wrote that Justices of the Peace "may receive pay for holding civil unions, marriages, and as notaries."

Justices of the Peace are considered *ex officio* notaries public. But that part of the office is not activated until the JP (or any other adult resident) applies to be so licensed with their county clerk. Being an elected JP gets you an exemption from the \$20 fee, but you must still apply and be appointed (and sworn in). And *ex officio* notaries may not charge a fee for their "notarial services."

Most importantly, notaries and Justices of the Peace can both register voters.

There is much more information contained in "A Short Guide for Vermont Notaries Public 2006" available online at <http://vermont-archives.org/notary/>, which I used as a resource.

**EUAN BEAR**  
Bakersfield

**Duped by "Biggest Hair" Contestant**

For last month's issue, I very proudly submitted a press release and picture commemorating the selection of Miss Lucy Belle Lemay of Beaver Pond, Vermont, as first runner up for Miss Biggest Hair at this summer's annual Carnival Week in Provincetown. I am ashamed to say that I, and therefore your readers, were victims of a vicious hoax.

Apparently Lucy Belle not only didn't get recognized as first runner up, she received no recogni-

tion at all, therefore being a complete loser two years in a row.

Rather than accept her defeat as a true lady of Beaver Pond, she not only lied to me, but apparently convinced (threatened?) the rest of her P-town entourage to go along with this sham.

I sincerely apologize for misleading you and your readers in this matter.

Sincerely (I can't say it enough).

**AMBER LEMAY**  
Beaver Pond, Vermont

*PS: AND the caption of the picture indicated that Taudry Hepburn was a "Manhattan socialite" ... hell, she's from Queens!!*

**Volunteer Now for Pride 25**

Maybe it's getting (a lot) colder, but I'm still thinking about summer, particularly July 9, and all the fun I had with all of you at Pride 2006. We really couldn't have asked for a better day: beautiful weather, talented entertainment, a powerful speakout, and lots of fabulous queers to celebrate with!

I'm hanging on to those great

memories, and now I'm gearing up for Pride 2007!

You might be wondering why I'm already ranting about Pride, it being a good ten months away. You might be saying, "Chelsea, you have better things to worry about: putting snow tires on your car before February, for example."

But here's the thing: 2007 marks the 25th anniversary of Pride celebration in Vermont, and I am determined to make this celebration the biggest, baddest, best one yet.

But I need some help - I need your help, actually.

There are so many ways to help with Pride. You can write grants, meet with potential sponsors, plan a fundraising event, find great entertainers, coordinate volunteers, track down vendors, take photographs ... the list goes on (and on, and on ...).

Whatever Pride may be to you: a celebration, a reunion, a reason to dust off your glitter tights and get down with your bad self - why not get involved in planning?

Come to R.U.1.2? (34 Elmwood Avenue, Burlington) on Tuesday, October 17 at 7 pm. Come to hear about how you can get plugged into Pride planning! Come to meet other people who care about their community!

Come to hang out with me and eat free pizza!

If you have any questions at all about Pride, how we work, who I am, what we need - please feel free to contact me at [Chelsea@pridevermont.org](mailto:Chelsea@pridevermont.org).

I can't wait to work with you this year!

**CHELSEA SULLIVAN**  
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Burlington

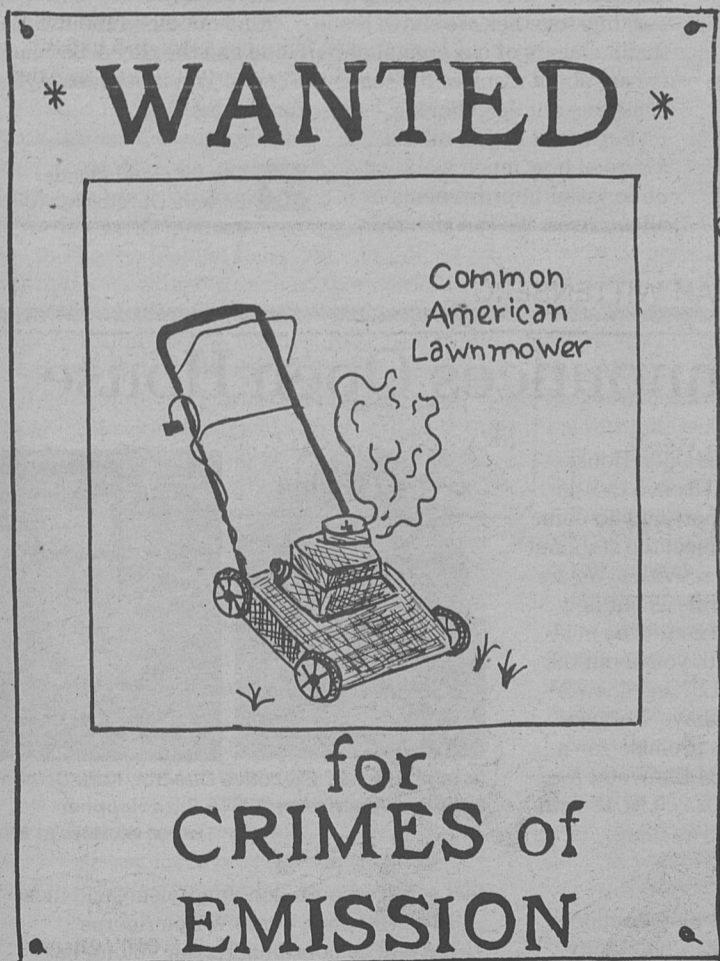
**Corrections**

Our apologies to readers who looked in vain on page 5 for the continuation of our page one story ("Gay Games or Outgames," Sept. '06 *OITM*), which was actually continued on page 17. Also, the front page headline may have been misleading, as Vermont actually counted six participant-winners in both Gay Games and Outgames this summer (five went to the Gay Games and one competed in the Outgames).

In "Reflections on 'He That Once Seemed Invisible'" (Sept. '06 *OITM*), there was an error in the next to the last paragraph.

The sentence should read "This is why I am transitioning, or changing my sex from female to male."▼

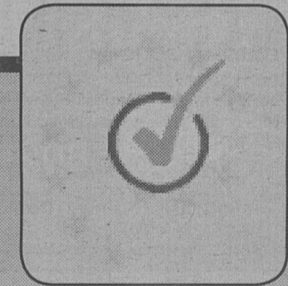
**WITT'SEND BY LEAH WITTENBERG**



A conventional lawnmower creates as much pollution in 1 hour as driving a car for 100 miles

Lawnmowers account for up to 5% of U.S. air pollution

**Express Yourself Register to Vote!**



**Vermont**

The deadline for registering to vote in the General Election is October 30, 2006.

**New Hampshire**

New Hampshire residents may register with the town or city clerk where they live up to 10 days before any election. You may also register on Election Day at the polling place.

**New York**

The deadline for registering to vote in the General Election is October 13, 2006.

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