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Letters to the Editor

Kennedy, Kerry wrong on flag-burning vote

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:

I just read the article on the front page of Tuesday's Eagle, "Flag-burning ban misses in Senate." I was outraged that anyone who truly loves the United States of America would allow a symbol of that beloved country to be burned!

Then I called the offices of Sen. Kennedy and Sen. Kerry's offices. Both secretaries assured me that the senators did in fact vote against the flag-burning ban. And these are the men that the citizens of Massachusetts re-elected? No wonder people are leaving this state in droves! Who would want to live in a state with leaders such as these?

CHRIS DUTIL

Stockbridge, June 28, 2006

Big, bad Capeless and poor Mr. Sawin

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:

District Attorney David F. Capeless is an unbelievably harsh man. He tried to prosecute poor young Mr. Sawin for the offense of selling drugs in a school zone. Then the big bad police got involved and kicked poor young Mr. Sawin into selling drugs to an undercover cop. Had he not been a young, white male, would the "Concerned Citizens for Appropriate Justice" have been formed? How many other young first-time offenders get sent to jail for violation of this law which has been on the books for more than 15 years? And now, \$100,000 worth of hallucinogenic mushrooms in addition to his drug choice, marijuana. And the violation of the CCAJ? If only Mr. Capeless had sent the poor unfortunate Mr. Sawin to a rehab program he would have changed his

Are pesticides worth the risk?

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:

Dandelions or health? I am writing out of concern for the health of the families living in our city. As I visited a friend last week, a very strong smell greeted me upon opening my door. I realized that it was a lawn care company spraying pesticides two houses down on a windy day! This meant that I was inhaling these poisons into my body, and it wasn't my choice. I quickly went into the house and encouraged my friend to close her windows.

A growing body of scientific evidence is linking pesticide exposure with serious health problems, especially in children. The routine use of pesticides on lawns and trees is particularly concerning in close neighborhoods. These chemicals can drift through our open windows, be tracked into our homes, accumulate on children's play toys and lawn furniture, contaminate our vegetable gardens and pollute our drinking water.

We need to ask ourselves if the aesthetic use of pesticides and herbicides is worth the risk, especially when safe and effective alternatives to these toxic chemicals are

How will we know when war is over?

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:

Apparently we are not at war against Iraq or any identifiable country, but rather in a global war on terror. I would like to request that the administration declare what it would look like for us to say the war is over. We could then hear more about what is going on in the government.

Do we have to kill every person who wants to commit suicide to

widely available. I think the answer is clear.

We can work together to make our city a safe place to raise our families and enjoy outdoor living. If you feel that a spraying program is necessary for your property, I urge you to contact a service that employs only non-toxic or organic solutions.

Can't we tolerate a few weeds in our lawn?

Laurie Tierney

Pittsfield, June 22, 2006

City housing boom isn't good news

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:

Pittsfield Mayor James M. Ruberto and Nathaniel Karns, executive director of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, might want to think a little more about the apparent contradiction of more houses and less people in Berkshire County.

Families are being replaced by couples and primary home owners are being replaced by vacation home owners. A little more research may be in order.

Glen Bean

Lanesborough, June 22, 2006

Good reasons to cut down trees

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:

A few points about the DCR's proposal for selective thinning of trees in Becket. The name of this body of water is "Buckley Duntun." It has been for many years, just like "Cooper Brook" over by Goose Pond, which was not called "Cooper Creek" until the city people came up and changed it