

The Legal Beagle

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Deaths at the Border

The temperatures have been high this summer but that hasn't stopped people from Mexico from wanting to cross the border illegally into the United States. Walking across the Arizona desert is harsh and potentially fatal, as many people die trying to make it across the border. This summer has been the highest rate of deaths of immigrants in the Arizona deserts since the summer of 2005. This is surprising because of the new immigration law that Arizona put into effect

this year. In July alone, fifty nine people died making this trek and the Tucson morgue has body bags stacked on shelves from floor to ceiling. There were also twenty two deaths in August. Many travelers are scared of getting caught or of what is going to happen to them after they cross, but they all say it is worth the risk. These risks include jail time if spotted

by any of the border patrol who are on foot, in cars and in helicopters or even death if the heat is too much. This is such a tragedy that locals around the border have been leaving jugs of water out for the trespassers, or offering them food or giving them medical aid. But, this has recently gotten them into a lot of trouble. One man, Daniel Mills, has even gotten charged with littering for leaving a gallon of water.



special points of interest:

- One girl was sexually assaulted by an on-duty officer
- Local firefighters are charged with arson
- New Standardized Testing for Students?
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Natural Born Killers

The "Natural Born Killers" or "NBK" as they call themselves were broken up nearly 6 years ago. They had been planning a Columbine-like attack on their high school. They had a hit-list of other Marshfield High School students who had picked on them, teachers, and emergency workers. The group of teenage boys was planning this attack for the

anniversary of Columbine, but was stopped because one of the boys in NBK had a disagreement with another member about a girl and went to the police for revenge. All the boys were arrested and served time for conspiracy to commit murder. Now, the boys, especially Joseph Nee, 24, (he was 18 at the time and is pictured to the right), is trying to appeal his

convictions to clear his name. He believes this should happen because he hasn't had any arrests since he was released from his ten month jail sentence.



Providence Police Officer Charged with Rape

A Providence police officer is now facing a jail sentence for the rape of a woman. 40 year old Marcus Huffman, is now being convicted for first degree sexual assault for the March 2007 rape. Huffman was outside of a night club, on duty, when he offered a ride home to a woman, only 19 at the time, who has just gotten turned away from the club



for being too intoxicated. Instead of taking her home, he took her to an abandoned substation and raped her and left her on the bathroom floor. When the victim finally got home and told her family, they called the police to report it and Officer Huffman was one of the responding cars. Huffman and his lawyer

are saying the act was consensual, but the woman testified under oath that she was a lesbian and would never be attracted to him or engage in a consensual act. This action was an abuse of authority because Huffman was in a marked car and she thought she was getting a safe ride home. The Chief of Police in Providence says that he is a disgrace and does not represent what the officers and department stands for.

Immigration Law Halted

Arizona was not the first place to push for these Immigration Laws, but they were the first to have it be legalized and it caused some debate. Hazelton, Pennsylvania has been pushing law against illegal immigration after two immigrants were charged with a fatal shooting. The judge just recently



ruled that the officials are not allowed to crack down on the illegal immigrants. This verdict angered many people and the mayor says he will take it to Supreme Court. Anyone that was involved in a shooting should be cracked down on, it doesn't matter if they are immigrants or citizens. He argues that the Hazelton's Illegal

Immigration Relief Act has a stronger power over the government to regulate immigration.

Firemen Charged with Arson?

In the quiet part of Central Mass in Holland and Brimfield, fires ripped through three vacant buildings in the months of June and July. Five of the responding firefighters were recently arrested for starting these fires. After setting these fires, they responded and got paid for putting out their work. Brian Findley, 18, Dylan Lajeunesse, 18, Patrick K. Elliot, 19, Donnie Moores, 20, and Jordan Frank,

18, who all live in the community, are all "Call Firefighters", which means that they are not a full time employee, but get paid for their help. Each is facing up to ten years in prison along with the guilt of tainting the department name and losing trust



for the rest of the call firefighters.

Unfortunately, arson in firefighters isn't as uncommon as it would seem to be and these five men will have to pay for their actions.

Bug Watch



It is that time of year again when the nights are getting a little cooler and the bugs are coming out again. Massachusetts has had two recent

cases of the West Nile Virus have been reported and 2 cases have been reported for EEE, or Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

Both of these diseases are contracted in humans by the bite of a mosquito. All four victims have been hospitalized because of the severity of their sickness, but are all stable.

To avoid getting bitten, it is recommended you stay indoors from dusk until dawn, but if you must go

outside, take some precautions. These include wearing long sleeves, pants and socks, and wearing bug repellent, especially those with DEET in them.

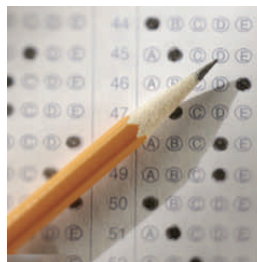
Other preventative measures include reducing the mosquitoes' breeding grounds by draining flower pots, and gutters.

New Standardized Testing for Mass Students?

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Test, (MCAT), has been the standardized test that students have taken for many years that have measured the school system and the knowledge of students.

Although Governor Deval Patrick disagrees with this test, it will test the standards of math and English in states across the country, not just Massachusetts. It will be ready for the

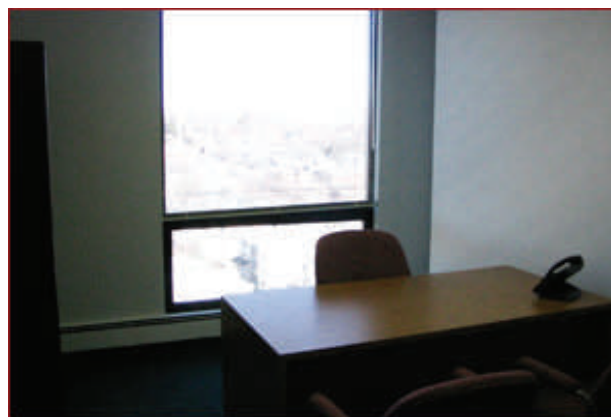
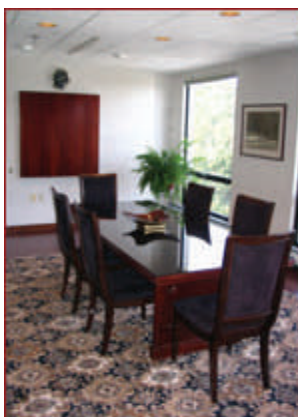
2014-2015 school year. It is similar to the MCAS as it would be looking at students in third grade through junior year of high school. Students would have to pass this new test to receive a diploma. There will be many testing times so



parents, students, teachers and faculty can see the progression of learning in the school system. Massachusetts has received a grant to test this program out and is leading the movement for developing this. There are 25 other states following MA and helping them out. Obama is behind this program because he is supportive of common testing and standards for education.

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