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No obvious signs of foul play in two Marlboro deaths

Identification of remains called crucial

By Scott J. Croteau
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MARLBORO — Without knowing their identities, it is "relatively impossible" to determine the cause of death of two women whose remains were found near the Hillside School, officials said yesterday.

"There are no obvious signs of foul play ... so until we find out who they are, it is going to be very difficult to determine how they died and where they died," Middlesex Dis-

trict Attorney Martha Coakley said at the Marlboro police station yesterday. "Until we identify who these young women are, our hands are really tied in terms of any further investigation."

Ms. Coakley said forensic anthropologists with the state Medical Examiner's Office confirmed that the second set of bones, found in the woods off Robin Hill Road Monday, are of a Caucasian woman 5 feet to 5

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This gold bracelet decorated with "I MOM" was found along with two rings near the remains police have called Jane Doe No. 1.



At an old farm on the Hillside School property, emus watch as a U.S. Border Patrol cadaver dog follows a scent with his handler yesterday.

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Real to reel: Mystery comes to Northbridge



T&G Staff/JIM COLLINS

On film location in Northbridge last month, Christopher Neil Gallant, left, playing a police officer in "Cricket Snapper," talks with director Scott R. Stets, who plays his son, a detective.

Locals working on murder

By Linda Bock
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NORTHBRIDGE — A man visits a dominatrix and dies of a heart attack, and then she and her boyfriend dump the body.

That's the basic "ripped from the headlines" story of "Cricket Snapper," a feature-length murder mystery and the first release of Phoenix Rising Films, a local film production company.

The story is loosely based on events that occurred in Quincy. The difference is that in the fictional re-telling, the dominatrix and her boyfriend are killed as they try to hide the body. The main theme of the film is the interaction and reaction by local officials and authori-

Movie based on true story of dominatrix

ties after a crime in a small town. The writer and director is Scott R. Stets, 34, a Fall River teacher who spends a lot of time in Northbridge. He also acts in the film, playing Alan McDermott, a detective.

"When I first saw the story of the Quincy dominatrix, I knew it was a movie in the making," Mr. Stets said. "I took the Quincy story and put it in the small fictional New England town of

River Falls. The town's selectman dies — right there you've got a problem."

The screenplay Mr. Stets wrote was his first, although he has extensive experience as a writer and actor. He took about a year to do the writing and researching for the script. Mr. Stets was determined to shoot the film in New England.

The cinematographer and director of photography is Jerry Bagdasarian, a Northbridge native and World War II veteran. Mr. Bagdasarian has worked in television and movies, including a stint on "The Twilight Zone" television series.

"It's a story of what happens when a

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State seeks dependable tailpipe tests

Official says program may go in for a tune-up

By John J. Monahan
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State environment officials will decide by early next week whether improved maintenance and operator training can overcome problems with the state tailpipe emissions tests, or whether the program must be revamped.

Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Robert W. Gollidge Jr. met yesterday with the company that

provides the equipment and testing station owners, and said they agreed to work with the state to overcome problems that have produced unreliable results on cars with emissions near the pass-fail limits.

While very clean cars pass and very dirty cars fail, Mr. Gollidge said there are problems getting accurate readings on cars near the pass-fail point on emissions.

Mr. Gollidge said DEP will

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Justice to probe leak of CIA name

Bush says he welcomes investigation

By Richard W. Stevenson and Eric Lichtblau
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said yesterday that it had begun a full investigation into whether Bush administration officials illegally disclosed the name of an undercover CIA officer to journalists, and the White House directed its staff to cooperate.

The Justice Department instructed the White House to preserve all records relating to

the case, including any involving contacts with three journalists: Robert D. Novak, the syndicated columnist, who first reported the name of the CIA officer in July and attributed the information about her to two "senior administration officials"; and two reporters for Newsday, Timothy M. Phelps, the paper's Washington bureau chief, and Knut Royce.

Phelps and Royce wrote an article in July that said "intelli-

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Candidates discuss

Courthouse delay riles club owner

