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## Top Stories for FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2002:

### HARRINGTON HOSPITAL FULFILLS VITAL ROLE UNDER 25-YEAR TENURE OF CEO DICK MANGION

SOUTHBRIDGE < While many other community hospitals state-wide and across the country have gone bankrupt or merged with larger hospitals, Richard Mangion has steered the ship of success that is Harrington Memorial Hospital to shores of greatness.

Mangion, 61, CEO and president of the non-profit hospital, is a soft-spoken man, but his quiet demeanor is no reflection of his internal love for the hospital and the employees within its walls.

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### POLS MULL SENATE SCHOOL BUDGET

BOSTON < Despite months of talk about budget cuts and fiscal trouble, the Senate's proposed budget is expected to include increases in state education funding, a move that would bring more money into schools in the Tri-Community.

"We have elevated the bar here significantly," said state Sen. Stephen Brewer, D-Barre, in an interview yesterday. Brewer is a member of the Senate Ways & Means Committee. "Considering a week ago we were talking about 10 percent cuts, this is astounding."

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Quality Assessment Director Marlene Mach, CEO and President Richard Mangion, and David Langevin, executive chef and town councilor, reminisce at an open house at Harrington Memorial Hospital celebrating 25 years or more of service for more than 75 employees.



Hundreds of former American Optical Co. employees and their families attended a massive reunion at the new DOD facility on Tuesday, May 28 for lunch, tours, a raffle and the sharing of old memories. See Full-Page Group Photo on Page A9 in today's print edition.



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## CANDIDATES CHART OWN COURSE AT DEBATE

SOUTHBRIDGE < Of the six candidates present at last night's Charter Commission debate held at Town Hall, each expressed various views on recommendations that they would make if elected to the yet-to-be established board.

Four students from Southbridge High School questioned the candidates on issues pertaining to the 29-year-old town charter, which sets the blueprint for town government to follow.

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## PICHE BOWS OUT OF SECOND RUN FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

SOUTHBRIDGE < In a decision based on what she says is her dedication to her family, local Democratic activist Dawn Piche has decided to not run for 6th Worcester District state representative. Her move clears the way for incumbent state Rep. Mark Carron, D-Southbridge, to earn the party's nomination at the September primary, barring any write-ins, and culminating in a third one-on-one challenge against Republican candidate Jerzy Jachimczyk this November.

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## FIRE DAMAGES EVERETT STREET HOME

SOUTHBRIDGE < Firefighters were called to a house fire at 132 Everett St. late yesterday afternoon. Shaun Moriarty, a resident of the house, was the first one to spot the fire.

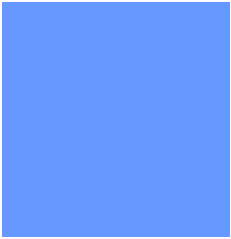
## SAINTS PUT AN ABRUPT END TO SOUTHBRIDGE SEASON

SOUTHBRIDGE < The top-seeded Southbridge Pioneers had high hopes coming into their Central Massachusetts Division II first round game against 16th-seeded St. Bernard's yesterday afternoon, but those dreams quickly came

Firefighters douse the flames at a house fire on Everett Street yesterday.



Southbridge right fielder Leo Lambert pulls into second during the second inning after St. Bernard's catcher Keith Bartleson overthrew second baseman John Angus. Lambert went to third on the play.



to an end.

The Saints used a balanced hitting attack to upset Southbridge 7-4.

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