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**Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)**

FESTA!



The Feast of Our Lady of Angels was held this weekend under sunny skies in Fairhaven. LEFT: The wind made it be a challenge, but the men carrying the statue of Our Lady of Angels managed to hook the wreath made of flowers and bills for the trek down Main Street. The procession started at St. Mary's Church on Main Street in North Fairhaven and proceeded to Benoit Square and back again. RIGHT: The priests walk in front of the statue as it makes its way down Main Street. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com; find us on Facebook to see more photos of this and other events.

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Fairhaven had the big festa this weekend and what a blast it was. The malassadas lived up to their reputation and the mood was festive all around.

If you missed it this year, I'm sorry to tell you that you'll have to wait a whole year to taste malassadas like that! I waited in line for 30 minutes the first night and it was worth every second.

Mmmmm....The second day, I hit it just right and managed to snag a few without waiting. On Sunday night, though, it was back to the big line.

That's okay, though. I had lots of fun talking to people and taking pictures and watching so many people meet up for the first time in a long time. It's a lot like the Portuguese Feast on the other side of the River, y'know, the famous one. But in Fairhaven, the grounds are smaller, so more people tend to know each other, or are related. It's a fun time. It's one of the reasons I love this job. See page 16 for story and photos.

Coming up this weekend we have a ton of stuff going on in Fairhaven.

On Saturday, the second annual Walk, Rock & Roll event to benefit Community Nurse and Hospice Care is happening at Royal Fairhaven on Main Street in North Fairhaven. Participants get to walk around Poverty Point and take in the historic sights. See page 4 for ad with details.

On the same day, the annual Mahrajan, the Lebanese feast will tear up the pavement at Holy Ghost Grounds in Dartmouth. See page 8 for that. I'll be the official photographer, so beware....if you don't want your picture taken, you'd better wear a mask!

The annual Fort Phoenix Road Race is also this weekend on Sunday. That race has been getting bigger and bigger each year. Proceeds go to scholarship funds, sports groups, and other local organizations. See page 6 for details on that.

This weekend, though, is not just for the usual sporting and entertainment events. This is Sunday, September 11, is the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon, and crashing of flight 93 in a field near Shanksville, PA.

On page 3 you'll find a summary of ceremonies planned by Acushnet, Fairhaven and New Bedford. I'm sure there are others, so call your local fire department to find out if your town has something planned. If it doesn't, feel free to join us. The big flag will fly in front of Fairhaven High School, and if you've never seen it as it flies in the breeze off the water there, then you should make a point of getting there by 12:30 on Sunday. At 30x50 feet, the flag, as it moves against the backdrop of the magnificent high school building, is a fitting tribute for the occasion. That's where I'll be. I hope I see you there.

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CORRECTIONS

Nothing last week? Really? Are you sure?

Region will commemorate 911 with variety of events

Cities and towns around the region are planning a variety of events this weekend to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 911 terrorist attacks.

Fairhaven

In Fairhaven on Sunday, 9/11, the "Big Flag" will be raised in front of Fairhaven High School, corner of Route 6 and Main Street. The public is invited to assemble by 12:30 p.m.

The flag will arrive by Acushnet Fire Apparatus after use at the Acushnet 9-1-1 dedication.

A short ceremony will include the Star Spangled Banner, Taps, the firing of the cannon by the Fairhaven Village Militia, and observance of a national moment of silence at 1 p.m.

Service of Hope

9/11 Service of Memory, Hope and Peace at dawn, 6:20 a.m. in Fort Phoenix, Sunday, Sept. 11. With the topic, "Dawn of a New Day for Peace," Fairhaven clergy offer the community an informal service of readings, prayers, and silence on the beach.

Please gather at 6 a.m. to await dawn. At the end, we will sing "Let

There Be Peace on Earth." All are welcome.

Acushnet

The public is invited to the dedication of the new Acushnet/911 memorial at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 9/11, at Fire Station #1, 24 Russell St., Acushnet.

The memorial uses a piece of steel beam recovered from the World Trade Center site.

New Bedford

The city of New Bedford has events planned throughout the weekend.

Organizers are currently seeking youth and adult leaders to help mobilize participants and provide logistical support on the day of the event. Please pre-register on the City of New Bedford's homepage: www.newbedford-ma.gov.

Saturday, 9/10

9/11 Day of Service & Remembrance Saturday, September 10

Join the City in New Bedford in paying tribute to the victims and heroes of 9/11 by volunteering your time and talents! Come and spend the morning cleaning up the city's streets

and public places and join us afterwards at Custom House Square for food and refreshments.

9.30am Registration and kick-off from Custom House Square; 9.30am-12pm City-wide clean-up and beautification; 12pm-1pm Food and refreshments at Custom House Square; Refreshments and giveaways for all participants; Supplies and transportation to and from Custom House Square available to all volunteers from 9.45am-11.45am; Pre-register by following the link on the City's homepage: www.newbedford-ma.gov. Email 911dayofservicenb@gmail.com for more information

Sunday, 9/11

9/11 National Moment of Remembrance, Sunday, September 11.

At 10 am, all available New Bedford Firefighters will assemble at each of the city's fire stations. At precisely 10:05 a.m., the collapse of the South Tower will be announced over the fire department's radio and will be followed by a moment of silence and brief remarks by New Bedford Fire Chaplain Father Oliveira.

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Fairhaven VFW Post 2892

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STARTING THURS., 9/8
MEAT RAFFLE, 7 p.m.

Entertainment Schedule

Friday:

Music by Captain Malibu, 8-11

Saturday:

Karaoke with Gary, 8-11

Monday, 9/12:

*Football on the big screen
Pats vs. Dolphins, 8:30 p.m.*

Wednesday:

Pool Table & Jukebox, 8-11

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Walk, Rock & Roll

A 3-mile walk through historic Poverty Point in Fairhaven

A Charity Event to Benefit Community Nurse & Hospice Care. Hosted by Royal Fairhaven.



Saturday, Sept. 10 (Rain or Shine)
8 a.m.–11 a.m.

at Royal Fairhaven
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

911 events

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Walk, Rock & Roll

This Saturday. See ad on page 3.

FHS Tour

The Fall guided tour of Fairhaven High School will be conducted on **Sunday, September 11, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.**

The tour will be given by FHS Alumni President Bob Foster and will start in the Rotunda in the front of the building. Please use the main entrance on Huttleston Avenue (Route 6).

Road Race

Fort Phoenix Road Race, **Sunday, September 11, at Fort Phoenix State Beach, Old Fort Rd., 10:00 a.m.**

Annual 5K race and non-competitive 5K walk with proceeds to benefit Cameron's Kids. Entry fees are \$15 prior to race day and \$20 on race day. T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 150 entrants; food and drink are available for all participants. Top 3 overall male and female will get cash prizes (\$100, \$75, \$50). Awards will be given to the top 3 male and female runners in each age group. To register visit <http://www.jbrace.com/>.

Scout Sign-Up Night

Boy Scout Pack 52 is inviting all boys 6 years and older to our Cub Scout Sign-up Night at St. Mary's Parish, 440 Main St. Fairhaven, **Wednesday night September 14 at 6:30 PM in the church hall.**

All parents are asked to stay for an hour and a half of fun, information and refreshments! Door prizes!

For more information, call Pauline Parker @ 508-997-1092 or e-mail at pp38coco@comcast.net

Calling All Crafters! Our Lady's Haven

Applications are now being accepted for the Our Lady's Haven Holiday Craft Fair, which will be held on Satu., Nov. 19, from 10a.m.-3p.m.

The annual Fair is held in the historic Tabitha Inn of Our Lady's Haven. This historic building, built in 1904, serves as a wonderful setting

for the Fair, which features a wide variety of unique handmade items and gifts, spectacular raffles, our famous book sale, and delicious food from the Our Lady's Haven kitchen.

Applications received by Oct. 1st will be given priority. Cost of a 6-foot exhibit space is \$30, plus one item for a raffle. Benefits the residents of Our Lady's Haven.

For information, contact: Kate Hancock, Human Resources Director, Our Lady's Haven 719 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, 02719; 508-999-4561, khancock@dhfo.org

St. Joseph School

The St Joseph School PTO is looking for crafters and vendors to take part in our annual Holiday Bazaar to be held Saturday, Nov. 19th from 9am-6pm on the school grounds (100 Spring Street, Fairhaven).

A table at the event costs \$40 and includes tickets for lunch. All vendors are asked to donate one item to our Chinese Auction. Interested crafters/vendors should call the school at 508-996-1983 to reserve their spot.

Farmers Market

Fairhaven Farmer's Market every Sunday from 1-4pm now through the fall, on the corner of Main Street and Route 6 on the lawn of Fairhaven High School. Stop by to support the market and purchase local produce.

For more information or questions please contact Ann Richard 1-508-991-8315 or ann.richard@gmail.com

Eco Fair at the Farmers Market

This years Eco/Energy Fair will be held in conjunction with the Fairhaven Farmers Market on **Sunday, 9/18.** Vendors will be on hand to provide information and products that can help make our community a greener place to live. For vendor information, contact Ann Richard at ann.richard@gmail.com.

Rock & Roll Yard Sale

Members of The Fairhaven High School Class of 1976 are holding The Rock and Roll Yard Sale on **Saturday, September 17th at the Premium Liquors parking lot, 355 Huttleston Ave., between 9-3.** LOTS of items

have been donated to benefit the class's desire to make enough money to fund their next project, a stained glass window for the school's rotunda. Come on over and enjoy the music and help out a great cause. Rain date is 9/24.

Beach Clean-up

International Coastal Cleanup on Sun., 9/18, at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. Joining people around the world to clean up watersheds and shorelines. Looking for volunteers to collect garbage and data on littering on the coastline.

For more information on the ICC visit <http://www.oceanconservancy.org/our-work/marine-debris/international-coastal-cleanup-11.html> or <http://www.coastswep.umb.edu/>

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Fort Encampment

The Fairhaven Village Militia Fall Revolutionary War Encampment will be held on **Saturday, September 17 & Sunday September 18, from 9:00 a.m. Saturday to 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Cannon firing approx. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Fort Phoenix, Fort Street, Fairhaven, MA**

The Fairhaven Village Militia, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism and guests present a two-day historical encampment at Fort Phoenix. Talk to period costumed men and women about the fort's history and life in the 1770s. See military drilling, flintlock musket and cannon firing demonstrations and camp cooking demonstrations. Try tomahawk throwing or children's games. Also see activities such as spinning, fire starting, demonstrations of 18th-Century dentistry and more.

Saturday evening at sundown (approx. 6:30 p.m.) see a demonstration "night firing" of the fort's five cannons. Free. Accessible. For more info: 508-979-4085 or visit <http://fort-phoenix.blogspot.com/>.

911 events

See page 3.

AHA! Night

Join us on AHA! Night when Art, History & Architecture come alive in New Bedford! On **Sept. 8th** join us in celebrating the rich diversity of NB Cultures through the arts, stories and foods of the many groups who help create the fabric of New Bedford and make it the authentic city that it is.

Sponsored by New Bedford Local Cultural Council. Visit www.ahanewbedford.org for schedule.

At The Whaling Museum

Capoeira Brasil Boston brings its unique high energy performances to the plaza of the New Bedford Whaling Museum on AHA night, **Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m.**

Rooted in the rich African cultures, Capoeira's origin dates back 500 years to the beginnings of Brazil's slave trade period. It has evolved to become an art form and means of creative self-expression, which promotes tolerance, teaches discipline, and physical fitness.

The Azorean Maritime Heritage Society will also be honoring more **Azorean whalemens at 6:00 p.m., exhibiting their pictures on the walls of the Casa Dos Botes.** Photos from this year's Regatta at Pico and Faial will also be displayed on DVD and light refreshments will be served.

AHA programming on the Museum Plaza, in the Cook Memorial Theater and Jacobs Family Gallery is free. Admission to Museum galleries on AHA night is buy one get one free. Galleries close at 8:00 p.m., 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford; 508-997-0046. Accessible.

Singers Invited

Singers invited to join the acclaimed Greater New Bedford Choral Society. Requirements: blend with your section, pay nominal dues for music, etc. No private audition.

Rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, New Bedford, corner of Eight & Union Streets.

Starting date Tuesday, Sept. 6.

For more information call 508-644-2419 or visit www.GNBCS.org.

Fish Bowl

The Ocean Explorium will hold its Second Annual Fish Bowl bowling tournament on Sunday, September 18, 1-3 pm. Thirty-two lanes have been reserved at Wonder Bowl in New Bedford. Whether you are league-certified or just looking to have a good time with friends and family, the Fish Bowl is for you! There is still time to sign up, either as an individual or as a team of four.

Each bowler is asked to raise a minimum of \$50. Lane Sponsorships are available for only \$100 and are a great way to show your support. Fish Bowl proceeds support the continued expansion of exhibits and education programs in the Ocean Explorium.

Bowler registrations and sponsorship forms can be downloaded from the Ocean Explorium website at www.oceanexplorium.org. For more information, contact Pat Cassan at pcassan@oceanexplorium.org or by calling 508.994.5400.

At Your Theatre

"I Hate Hamlet"

Paul Rudnick's hilarious comedy *I Hate Hamlet*, the first major production of Your Theatre, Inc.'s 65th continuous season opens on Thursday September 15 for an eight performance run at The YTI Playhouse: Sept. 15-17 and 22-24 with Sunday Matinees on September 18 and 25. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. for all performances except for 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees.

The play revolves about Andrew Rally who seems to have it all. There are, however, a couple of glitches in paradise.

I Hate Hamlet was successfully produced on Broadway in 1991 garnering such notices as: "...unapologetically silly and at times hilarious... affectionately amusing about the theatre..." -The New

Ticket and other information about the production are available by calling YTI at 508 993-0772, or E-mail ytinc@verizon.net. The theatre is located in St. Martin's Episcopal Church Auditorium, 136 Rivet St. (at County St.), New Bedford, MA.

Auditions

Auditions for Your Theatre, Inc.'s production of Elyzabeth Gregory

Wilder's *Gee's Bend*, scheduled to be staged January 19-29, will be held Sunday, September 18, at 2:00PM in the New Bedford Whaling Museum Auditorium located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill, downtown New Bedford. Call backs and final casting will be held at a later date, yet to be chosen.

Director Cynthia J. Messier of Fairhaven requires four people of color to fill the following roles: three women, Alice/Asia Pettway (age 45-55), Nella Pettway (age 26-40), Sadie Pettway (age 20-30), and one man to play Macon Pettway (age 25-35).

The suggested ages are the average actual age of the actor and not the age of the character that they will portray. The play spans some sixty years and the actors will be aged as the play progresses.

Gee's Bend is the story of the Pettway women, quilters from the isolated community of *Gee's Bend*, Alabama. Beginning in 1939, the play follows the family through segregation, family strife and the Civil Rights movement. Throughout their lives the women's extraordinary quilts provide a respite from the turmoil around them. Wilder's play explores the resilience of the human spirit, especially as it is expressed in art.

Individuals, regardless of experience, interested in any of the roles outlined above are encouraged to attend the audition. For further information or to arrange for an alternate audition date, contact Mr. Maguire at pows1@verizon.net or call YTI at 508-993-0772. For further information about YTI's 65th season visit the theatre's web site www.yourtheatre.org

Save the Date

The Working Waterfront Festival, New Bedford, is coming up in just a few weeks, September 24-25. The FREE festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kids' activities and more.

It all takes place in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port. For full schedule, navigate to us at www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org, 508-993-8894.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Lebanese Feast

The fourth annual Our Lady of Purgatory Church Lebanese Festival: A Mahrajan takes place on **Saturday, September 10, from noon to 6:00 pm at the Holy Ghost Grounds in Dartmouth.** Be prepared to dance the afternoon away, and taste wonderful Lebanese specialties.

Admission includes music by Boston Star TAREK ABD EL HAI and his band. Wonderful Lebanese food, and alcohol available for purchase. Tickets: \$10 adults; free for children 12 and under.

Throughout the day there will be children's activities, raffles, etc. For tickets and more information please e-mail mahrajan2011@yahoo.com or call OLOP at (508) 996-8934. Limited tickets at the door. All proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church.

Directions: Take Tucker Road to Russells Mills Rd., which becomes Horseneck Rd. (2 mi); Horseneck Rd. becomes Barney's Joy Rd. (1 mi). Turn right onto Allen's Neck Rd. (0.5 mi). Horseneck Holy Ghost Grounds straight ahead. Free parking inside the grounds.

Pancake Breakfast

The Ways and Means Society of the Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church, 67 Main St., Acushnet, will hold a pancake breakfast on **Satu., Sept. 10 from 7-11 a.m. Tickets: \$6 adults, \$3 children under 10.**

Pancakes or French toast, sausage, apple or orange juice, coffee or tea.

For tickets call Debby Fahey at 508-996-3101. Tickets available at door.

Rummage Sale

Smith Neck Friends Meeting Annual Rummage Sale on **Saturday September 10 beginning at 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.** Mother's fur coat and Dad's tweed jacket and sister's prom dress as well as favorite toys all find their way to this intriguing bargains galore sale. Area residents have been cleaning out their closets and providing the Ways and Means Committee with plenty of bargains in sweaters, shoes, winter clothing and children's items blankets and towels.

Also for sale will be books and household items ideal for that student either furnishing a new dorm

room or returning to college. Held rain or shine in Fellowship Hall coffee and donuts are for sale for early morning risers.

Proceeds benefit the ongoing projects of the Meeting House. Smith Neck Friends Meeting is at 594 Smith Neck Road at the corner of Rock O'Dundee Rd., Dartmouth. Accessible. For information call 508-994-5108.

Blues Fest Honors Vets

The New England Blues Festival "Supporting Our Veterans" Presents The 6th Annual Red, White & Blues National POW/MIA Recognition Day on **Friday, 9/16 Doors Open: 5:30pm - 12:00am. RIVERSIDE, 58 East Grove St., (Rte 28), Middleboro, MA 02346**

LIVE MUSIC, BBQ Buffet, Cash Bar, Raffles. Tickets Now On Sale. Visit www.nebluesfest.com for the band line-up. Find us on Facebook.

Insulin Pump Info

Southcoast Hospitals Group Diabetes Management Program announces free insulin pump education session on advanced pumping. The session will take place on **Tues., Sept. 13, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at the Diabetes Management Program in the Durfee Union Building, 283 Pleasant St. in Fall River. To register call 508-324-3260. Hosted by One Touch Ping and Dexcom. Light refreshments will be served.

Southcoast Diabetes Management Program is an American Diabetes Association certified program that offers a comprehensive series of classes designed to give adults and their families the knowledge to live their lives with diabetes.

The program is staffed by a team of Certified Diabetes Educators that includes both nurses and dietitians who are committed to help you live a healthier life. For more information on Southcoast Diabetes Management Program call 877-212-9135 or visit www.southcoast.org/diabetes

The Portuguese Fireman

Tickets are on sale now for "Laughter is the best medicine," presented by the Charlton Memorial Hospital Business Council and

presenting sponsor, Venus de Milo. This year's hottest night of comedy headlines three top comedians and will take place on **Friday, September 9, at 8 p.m. at Venus de Milo, 75 Grand Army Highway in Swansea.** All proceeds from the event will be matched dollar-for-dollar by anonymous donor and will benefit the Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care.

Tickets are \$25 per person with concessions and cash bar available during the event. Show your ticket at Venus de Milo or Jillian's Sports Pub & Grill between June 20 and September 9 and receive a one-time, 10 percent discount on your meal.

Opening the event is comedian Langston Kerman along with our very own comedy sensation, the Portuguese Fireman Steve Lopes, and Canadian sensation Heidi Foss.

Kerman performs across the country at popular venues such as Nick's Comedy Stop, the Comedy Vault, Improv Boston, and is known for his quick, sarcastic and sometimes uncomfortable approach to comedy.

Lopes is a local firefighter who has received great acclaim for his talent of poking fun at his Portuguese heritage and his experience growing up in a Portuguese-American community.

Foss is a two-time Canadian Comedy Awards Festival nominee for "Best Female Stand-Up." Her dry, deadpan delivery has earned her three televised galas as part of the Montreal International Just for Laughs Festival as well as numerous appearances on television.

For tickets, call Southcoast Health System's External Affairs department at 508-961-5353. For info visit www.southcoast.org/give/events.html

BBQ Fundraiser

Sponsored by the New Bedford Lions Club, Chicken or Steak and Chocolate Cake BBQ Fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 2-5 p.m. at the Freetown VFW, 89 Middleborough Road, E. Freetown. Adults: \$20, chicken or steak, corn on the cob, baked potato, soda, chocolate cake. Children under 10: \$8, 1 hot dog, 1 hamburger, con on the cob, soda and chocolate cake.

For tickets call Roland Gendron, 508-995-6154; John Hoyle, 508-998-5827; or Cyd's Creative Kitchen, 508-998-6212, or any NB Lions member.



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- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 1 tbsp baking soda

Combine buttermilk, egg, molasses, oil and sugar. Beat until well blended. Add raisins and nuts.

Stir together flours, baking powder and baking soda. Add buttermilk mix and stir only until dry ingredients are moist.

Pour into greased 3 lb. shortening can or 6-8 cup mold.

Cover loosely with foil. Place in cooker (crock pot), cover and cook high 2-3 hours.

Cool in mold, 10-20 minutes.

A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven High Football

Fairhaven High Football season starts Friday at Mashpee. Coach Rudy Bulgar's chargers will be led by fullback Tanner Kisla, QBs Jared Antil and Christian Braga. The line will be anchored by Ryan Baldwin and Brandon Lincoln. The Blues are away to Wareham next week, and home to Voke on September 23rd.

UMD Football

UMASS opened the 2011 season with a super 24-21 win over Mt. Ida College last Friday night. QB Patrick Orlando led the Corsairs with a nice touchdown pass to wide receiver Brandon McNeish. Freshman running back Mike Janey had two T.D.'s for UMass. Edgar Osols nailed a field goal.

Outstanding on defense for UMass were Alex Kershaw, Darrian Furr, Joe Teixeira, Ross O'Toole and the Jersey Boy John Cordasco. The Corsairs now 1-0 take on rival Bridgewater Saturday at 6 P.M. at the UMass Football complex.

Prose on Pros

CC Sabathia is one whale of a pitcher, finally beat the Red Sox. Patriots could use him on defense. Nice to see Jerry Kapstein and his earphones in his seat behind home plate at Fenway for two Yankee games. I hope Poppy is not on the juice again, he is hitting very well.

A Rod must be saving himself for the playoffs.

Pats set to go on Monday against Miami Fish, should squish the fish, defense must play better.

Great to see Jordan Todman make the Chargers. Don't like baseball players who keep their pants down to their shoe heels. Very few Red Sox have red socks. I guess they want to be softball players or models????!!!

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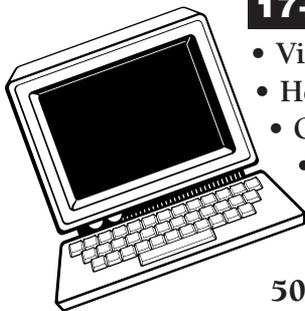
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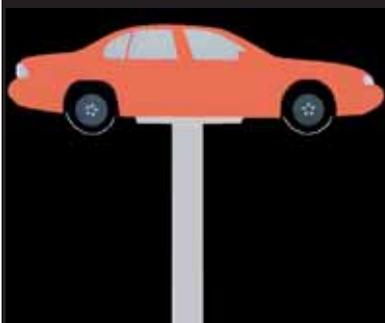
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Fairhaven Sustainability Committee looking for members

By Vinny L. Furtado

Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee discussed ways to attract new volunteers at its meeting on 8/22. The committee also discussed regional activities related to sustainable practices.

Susan Jennings, Director of the Office of Campus and Community Sustainability at UMassDartmouth addressed the committee, highlighting the brochure, "Transition, Boulder County" and its steps to transition to sustainable practices as could be utilized in our region.

The committee is exploring ways to create a transition town initiative in the region using practices outline by The Transition Network (<http://transitionnetwork.org/>). The TN supports community-led responses to climate change and shrinking supplies of cheap energy, to lead to more sustainable practices.

Southcoast Energy Challenge, an initiative of SEEAL (Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance) was introduced; dealing with an easy

pathway to Energy Efficiency. Several steps are involved, such as the assessment of Home Energy, cold water washing of clothes, reuse and recycling, driving habits and buying locally.

Sallie Johnson spoke about the issue of conserving water, with water rates to be addressed to Fairhaven's water division.

The committee's activities include the weekly Farmer's Market held on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School, corner of Route 6 and Main Street every Sunday from 1-4 p.m.

This year's annual Eco-Fair, also a project of the committee, will be held at the Farmers Market on Sunday, 9/18 (see page 6 for listing).

The committee will meet at 7 pm at the Fairhaven Town Hall on Monday, September 12th, to discuss the development of a Transition Town pilot initiative in one or two cities and towns as well as a regionwide discussion and training.

For more information call Deirdre Healey 508-999-7561 or visit www.greenfairhaven.com

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Due the damage done by Tropical Storm Irene, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works has waived the fee for Fairhaven residents to dispose of fallen tree debris. Those without a Recycling sticker will need to show proof of residency.

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Press Release

The New Bedford Lions Club's latest community service project is coupon clipping for the local food pantries. In May, we started collecting coupons from friends, family and co-workers. Cyd Ryle, Club Secretary, cut and sorted all of the coupons and shopped for deals.

In three months the club was able to buy 174 items which normally would have cost \$268.55, for a mere \$49.71. The goal of the club is to donate these items to various food pantries through out the city.

On August 18th, four members of the club arrived at St. Anthony of Padua food pantry located at 1359 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford. They donated more than 174 items of non-perishable food on behalf of the club.

The four members from the club

who assisted in the delivery were Louis Carlesi III (Club President), Cyd Ryle (Club Secretary), Nancy Hatch (2nd VP) and Nativa Hoyle (Asst Secretary).

St. Anthony's was pleased to be able to accept all that was donated and appreciated the club's generous support.

If you would like to learn more about what the Lion's Club is doing or would like to join, please contact Louis Carlesi III (Club President) at 774-

206-5103 or Dennis DeMarinis (Club Public Relations) at denjwu@aol.com.



New Bedford Lions Club members Louis Carlesi III, Cyd Ryle, Nancy Hatch and Nativa Hoyle delivered \$268.55 worth of food to the St. Anthony of Padua food pantry. The Group paid only \$49.71 for the food using coupons. *Submitted photo.*

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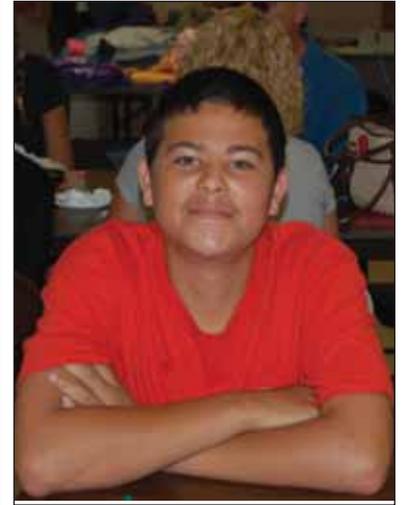
final breakfast buffet of the season. West Island year-rounders, summer people, and folks from all around town gathered to say "farewell" to summer.

School has started and the cold weather is knocking on the door, until

next year then, stay warm.

To learn more about the West Island Improvement Association visit www.westisland-ma.com/

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LEFT: Isobel Crotch didn't let a little thing like a broken hip stop her from enjoying the company of some of the kids of West Island at the last breakfast buffet of the season sponsored by the West Island Improvement Association on Sunday, 9/4. MIDDLE: A rare appearance from Jimmy Mellen who used to sell lobsters at Hoppy's Landing. RIGHT: Devy Dawson poses for the local free rag. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Find us on Facebook for more photos of this event.

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OLOA Feast draws 'em in by the thousands

By Beth David
Editor

The 81st Feast of Our Lady of Angels drew in thousands of people to North Fairhaven this weekend. The big little feast boasts a loyal gathering from year to year and is a place where people reconnect after long absences, much like its larger counterpart on the other side of the river.

The crowds enjoyed Portuguese music and food, games for the kids, lots of dancing, roulette for the adults, and the famous auction, with proceeds going to Our Lady of Angels.

On all three nights the malassadas line was as long as ever, with people waiting up to 45 minutes for a taste of the specialty right out of the oil.

Most commenters agreed it was worth the wait.

Activities for children included a

bounce house, toys for sale, a ball toss game that could result in winning a goldfish, balloons, noise makers, and horse back rides.

According to Mackenzie, Olivia, and Cora, the "Bomb Bag" at two for \$1.00 was the big hit of the night on Saturday.

The simple bag is filled with water and air, when punched or stomped on it makes a loud sound.

According to Ed Maroddo, who ran the toy booth, the shock items were the number one sellers. Push the pen down and get a shock, open the gum package and get a shock.

In the horse ride area, the line never faded as Diesel, a gentle gelding from Faria Farm in Acushnet, gave all manner of kids a few laps in one corner of the field.

On Monday, the religious proces-

sion started at St. Mary's Church on Main Street, across from the feast grounds on Jesse Street. It proceeded to Benoit Square and back again.

The wind kicked up as the men tried to hook the wreath with the arm of the OLOA statue, but they managed it.

Spectators lined Main Street on both sides of the street from the church to the square.

The feast mixes solemn religious rituals with energetic fun and generally signals the end of summer and the start of school.

Photos this page and next by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com; visit us on Facebook for more photos of this and other events.

On the Feast Grounds



Band Faith entertains the crowd on Saturday, 9/3, at the Feast of Our Lady of Angels in North Fairhaven. *Photos by Beth David*



L-R: Mackenzie, Olivia and Cora most definitely liked the Bomb Bags at two for \$1.00 at the OLOA feast on Sat., 9/3.



Arianna shows no sign of fear and thoroughly enjoys her ride on Diesel at the OLOA feast on Sat., 9/3.

More pictures from the Feast of Our Lady of Angels

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The Procession



LEFT: Spectators donate money to the church by throwing bills into the shroud carried by the children during the procession at the Feast of Our Lady of Angels on Monday, 9/5, in North Fairhaven. MIDDLE & RIGHT: Marching in the procession as an angel is a right of passage. BELOW: the procession included marching bands.



The spectators



Spectators of all ages lined Main Street from St. Mary's Church Benoit Square to watch the procession of the Feast of Our Lady of Agnels on Monday, 9/3.

CPC accepting applications

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Press Release

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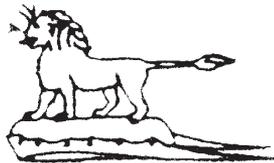
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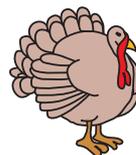
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ML's Eye on the Weather



A weekly weather report from ML Baron of the West Island Weather Station: westislandweather.com

*By M.L. Baron
westislandweather.com*

West Island Weather Station at South Point passes with flying colors

Newly installed South Point station gets its first big test during TS Irene. Since its installation in March of 2010, WI South Point has had some significant wind gusts, mostly in winter storms. But Tropical Storm Irene's near-hurricane force wind baptized the gear with a gust of 72 MPH at 8:38AM the day of the storm. It was the highest recorded wind gust yet for the new station.

All data in our Vantage Pro II Davis station stayed intact even after a power outage knocked out emergency power back-up systems. State-of-the-art cameras monitored the causeway in real time and it was always passable to vehicles but with heavy sea spray and splash over.

A Weather Spotter's Report

There are 4 reporting weather stations on West Island.

This redundant design enables data comparison with forensic weather event analysis. Station north,

which is command and control, had some issues. The tower at the primary facility stayed intact and solid. It was designed to withstand a wind speed of 110MPH structural failure rating. Superficial damage to tower antennas and cables. But it did not impede overall performance during the tropical storm event.

Communications were maintained with The National Weather Service at all times.

Operator (me) was electrocuted with 220V during power outage with generator and was revived by my wife Carole. Station remained in service. I refused medical treatment. The hurricane flags remained on the tower afterwards because they were hung up in the rigging. Crew could not scale the tower until it was determined that it was structurally sound and agitated hornets from fallen trees dissipated. All weather data being sent out. Flags have been liberated from tower all lines stable and tight.

Statistics from South Point (end of Balsam St)

High Gust: 72MPH @ 838AM East South East

Sustained at 60MPH

Rain 0.10

Barometer Low 29.15 at 2:49PM

Station instrument elevation: 55ft on shore

Tide cycle: High Tide 7:48 AM // Low Tide 1:34PM

MADIS ID: D4678

Station Operator: Jeff Vercellone
Command and control:
westislandweather.com

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Skywarn Spotter ID: 011-070
M.L. Baron

National Weather Service Taunton
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This storm had a relentless sustained wind for several hours in

the 60 MPH range. Heavy rain stayed to the west. Just .10 inches recorded here.

Significant tree damage and sea salt leaf damage with pre mature defoliation. Tree damage consistent with wind gusts of hurricane force in isolated areas of West Island.

Additional detailed data down to the 1-minute time frame is available at westislandweather.com.

Tropical Storm Irene was as close as it gets to becoming a full blown hurricane for the region.

Hurricane Bob for comparison:

BOB STATS

Gust: 125MPH (Block Island)

Barometer : 28.48

Rain: 1.20

Causeway: awash impassible

IRENE STATS

Gust: 72-83 MPH

Barometer: 29.15

Rain: .10 (West Island)

Causeway: Sea spray/passable.

The peak of the Atlantic hurricane season is this week and the frequency of tropical storm development drops quickly as it officially comes to an end November 30

Appreciate ML's Weather Eye?

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At 1 p.m., the City of New Bedford will take part in a National Moment of Remembrance. Governments and businesses, houses of worship and railways, fire and police departments, and others are called on to ring bells and sound sirens as we observe this Moment of Remembrance. At the same time, all are invited to take a moment to reflect on the lives lost and affected by the tragedies of 9/11.

Sunday, evening

9/11 Tribute Event at the Zeiterion Theatre, Sunday, Sept. 11, 5 p.m.

On Sunday, September 11, the City of New Bedford, in partnership with the Zeiterion Theatre, will welcome the public to a free tribute event, honoring the victims of 9/11, their families, and the men and women of our armed forces. The hour-long event, which will begin at 5pm, will feature reflections and performances by local artists. At 684 Purchase St., New Bedford. Accessible.

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Meeting FY 12 Community Development Block Grant Application

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Meeting at 7:10 P.M. on September 12, 2011, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA to hear public com-

ment on the Town's plans to update its Community Development Strategy and to prepare for the upcoming FY12 Community Development Block Grant application. Any persons or organizations will be given the opportunity to be heard and the Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with written notice to the Selectmen's Office.

*Michael Silvia
Fairhaven Board of Selectmen*

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Fairhaven Meetings

Bicentennial Committee

Sat., 9/10, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 10/4, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health

Mon., 9/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 9/15, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 9/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 11/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 9/12, Sr. Center 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 9/15, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Personnel Board

Tues., 9/13, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 9/27, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 8/24, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 9/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Auction/surplus

Sat., 9/17, Arsene St. garage, 9 a.m.

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Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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Tuesday	13	0909	2130	0215	1446
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Friday	16	1053	2319	0400	1636
Saturday	17	1130	2400	0435	1714
Sunday	18	----	1212	0513	1756
Monday	19	0047	1259	0554	1849
Tuesday	20	0138	1353	0646	2013

* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Selectboard hires new Council on Aging Director

By Mail Llm

Neighb News Correspondent

The town of Fairhaven has a new Council on Aging Director, as the selectboard voted last Thursday, 9/1, to appoint Anne Silvia, a former Fairhaven High School graduate and a licensed nurse with a background in geriatrics.

Ms. Silvia, who currently works as the center director at the Adult Day Health Program in New Bedford, was one of two finalists selected by a special search committee that reviewed and winnowed down the field of potential applicants for the position.

Ms. Silvia, along with Annette Carreiro, a certified CNA and memory care director at an assisted living center in Hyannis, were the two finalists presented to the selectboard for interviews last week. The interviews, originally scheduled for the Monday selectboard meeting, were postponed to Thursday due to Tropical Storm Irene.

It was Ms. Silvia's work history that swung the decision in her favor.

"In order to be a director, it's good to have already been a director," explained selectboard member Charles K. Murphy, who was a member of the COA director search committee. "Having that experience makes you able to handle the things that you don't expect. It's also important for someone to have knowledge of our senior population and to have a medical background is an asset as well."

During her interview, Ms. Silvia had cited her experience as ADH director as the best experience she could bring to Fairhaven.

"I've overseen the food programs and work with the state regarding billing; I plan activities for folks, manage the staff, manage the building, and I do sales marketing — that's what the director is involved in. I handle transportation issues, family issues — not everyone is always happy with the way things go, so I have to do some mediating sometimes. There are so many facets of the job."

Ms. Silvia also promised to put trust in her staff, and described her managerial style as more collaborative, with a willingness to listen and consider input from her workers. She predicted that the biggest challenges to face the aging U.S. population in the future would be financial issues, which will trickle down into medical issues and eventually medical care, and these would be challenges that councils on aging would need to address.

"The way social day centers are run will need to change because the state is really

chopping up adult day cares and trying to change how things are done," she told the board. "People will need to have the resources to know what's out there and available for them."

Besides conducting interviews for COA director, the selectboard also voted to execute a land management agreement with the state Department of Fish and Wildlife that would allow the construction of a wheelchair accessible fishing pier at the south end of Hoppy's Landing, to run parallel to Scoticut Neck. The fully ADA (American with Disabilities Act) compliant project would also include the addition of a parking lot.

According to Doug Cameron of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the state has long had a keen interest in Hoppy's Landing in relation to improving boating access to the general public. Mr. Cameron met with the selectboard to review copies of the land management agreement, and

Anne Silvia, a former FHS graduate and a licensed nurse with a background in geriatrics currently works as the center director at the Adult Day Health Program in New Bedford

also to publicly disclose the reimbursement restrictions for construction costs.

"The pier gangway and floating dock system that's out there now is available to be used by anyone, including commercial interests," Mr. Cameron explained.

Reconstruction costs in relation to commercial usage of the ramps would only be 50% reimbursable up to a limit of \$50,000. However the state will pay 100% of the installation of the accessible pier and parking lot, and construction costs for developing non-commercial usage of the pier, he told the board.

The proposal received support from town officials, with boat ramp committee chair and Shellfish Warden Timothy Cox commenting that it was a win-win situation for everyone.

Mr. Murphy, who also serves as the selectboard's representative to the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities agreed saying that he supported the idea of recreation for all with no segment of the

population excluded.

"When [the town] purchased Hoppy's Landing, it was purchased with the idea that it would provide recreational boating and fishing, and would be one of the few remaining areas where small commercial fishermen could launch their boats and store their gear," explained selectboard member Dr. Brian Bowcock. "It was understood from day one the town would support small commercial fishermen because they've been pushed out of so many areas along the coast by large fishing conglomerates."

The board agreed to execute the land management agreement, but also pledged to keep protecting the commercial fishermen that currently use Hoppy's Landing. Costs for the commercial aspects of the pier must be approved by Town Meeting.

The selectboard handled several other items of business, including conducting an alcoholic license hearing over the Seaport Inn's violations of the town's third party permit requirement, and mediating a protocol dispute between members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

General manager of the Seaport Inn Jamie Franco appeared with her legal counsel, Shane Carlson, to account for the inn's failure to provide prior notification to town officials and the police department of a wrestling match that was held on the premises in July. The hearing was held at the request of the chief of police, who heard about the event through advertisements in local media.

"As you know, other establishments are required to submit applications for third party permits through the town," said Police Chief Michael Myers. "We want to know where does the Seaport Inn stand in terms of the permitting process?"

Establishments are required to notify the town at least 72 hours in advance of planned events such as dance concerts, game functions, or similar activities in order to allow the police department to determine whether police details would be needed. Failure to comply could result in the suspension of an establishment's liquor license.

The policy was put in place as a result of a fatal stabbing that occurred after a third party event held at the V.F.W. in April, 2008.

Ms. Franco apologized to the selectboard, claiming that she was unaware of the policy, stating that the former facilities manager had never passed that information on to her.

Mr. Carlson said the Inn was not trying

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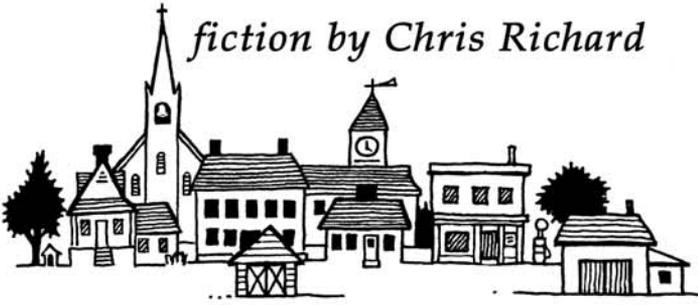
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The report from Potter's Point

fiction by Chris Richard



Well, not an awful lot went in Potter's Point last month, except for Lynn Arbutus's more frequent visits to the Whippi Dip out by the highway. Much to her own dismay, she wasn't just going out there for the chocolate and vanilla twist with jimmies.

Lynn has been in a very stuck place. For the last few years she, her husband Gary Standish, and two of her three children have been living with her parents, Toni and Duke, in the family bungalow on Dave Street, having lost the ranch in Cranberry Estates after Gary had started trying to pay the mortgage using the credit card.

If the little Arbutus house weren't crowded enough already, Lynn's brother Georgie was due back in the fall after his release from the Hope Falls House of Correction, where he'd been staying since his conviction for smuggling untaxed Marlboro Lights across state lines. Lynn's mother Toni, having grown up in a family of thirteen, thought nothing of squeezing seven people into 1,000 square feet of living space.

Oddly, though, despite having a crowd of people around, Lynn felt lonely. A new Department of Public Works project involving the digging of a very large hole and pushing around piles of dirt on the outskirts of town kept Gary on the backhoe many long hours each week. He had also been picking up work on the side for whichever San Miguel cousin it is who runs the excavating and paving company.

Lynn's daughter Murphy was only around the house long enough to shower and pick up her allowance.

Lynn's parents were at home between bus trips to the casino, but mostly all they did was talk about what's for dinner and which singing

or dancing television talent show participant they should vote for.

So as the summer passed, Lynn started escaping from the house and heading to the Whippi Dip, the same way she had thirty years ago while her parents had watched the Solid Gold dancers.

But thirty years ago the Whippi Dip cones had been served by an old woman with a gold tooth who everyone said was a gypsy. This summer the person manning the takeout window was a very nice looking young man named Brad.

He was young, as in he'd graduated from high school with Lynn's son Alf,

**Lynn's mother Toni,
having grown up in a
family of 13, thought
nothing of squeezing 7
people into 1,000 square
feet of living space.**

and he was Brad, as in William-Bradford "Brad" Bradford III, the former varsity football quarterback and son of the retired state representative.

Why this good looking, well connected young man was working at the Whippi Dip was anyone's guess, but Lynn was not about to puzzle over it for too long. Brad was fit and trim and he wore white T-shirts a size too small and he rode a Harley. He looked and acted quite a bit like Lynn's first television crush, The Fonz.

Brad made Lynn feel like a high school girl again and she soon noticed the attraction was not one sided. For her, Brad always added an extra layer of chocolate and vanilla twist on the cone. He was careful to make sure the entire ice cream surface was completely covered in jimmies. And then one day before he

handed her the cone, he stuck a cherry on top.

One day Lynn said, "It's a shame I have to eat my ice cream alone. Do you ever get to take a break?"

Brad grinned. "I'm the manager," he said. "I can take a break anytime I want to. . . for as long as I want to."

That day Brad gave Lynn two ice creams in cups with covers and they rode out to the Point on his motorcycle and ate ice cream while watching the waves come rolling in ahead of a tropical storm.

That night, back in the bungalow on Dave Street, Lynn sat at the kitchen table sipping coffee with her mother. Around them were piles of goods stocked up should Hurricane Irene manage to sweep Millie's Market and the Mega-Mart out to sea.

Her father was out gathering up the lawn furniture. The girls were squabbling about something to do with battery rechargers and phones. Gary was off someplace digging a hole.

"Lynn, what's bothering you," said Toni. "You look upset."

"Oh, Ma, I just wish this hurricane would just wash away this whole damned place."

"Don't you ever wish such a thing," scolded her mother. "We lost your grandfather during Hurricane Carol in 1954."

"What are you talking about? I remember Grandpa and I was born way after that."

"I didn't say Gram didn't find him again," said Toni. "He was shackled up in a trailer park on the other side of Hope Falls with some girl half his age. Hurricanes are bad business."

Lynn stared at her mother. "Grandpa?"

"Bad business."

Lynn looked around the kitchen. "Ma. . . you got anything strong I can use to fortify this coffee?"

"There's Jack Daniels under the sink. But please don't ruin it with coffee."

That's the Report from Potter's Point for this month. Hope to see you soon!

EDITOR'S NOTE: The imaginary town of Potter's Point is located in the southeastern part of Massachusetts, on the shore of Butler's Bay. Its primary industries are cranberry growing, boat building and quahogging.

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to circumvent the process.

"There has been a contentious relationship between the property and the selectboard in the past, and we're hoping to change that," said Mr. Carlson. "There has been a change of management and the person responsible previously is no longer there."

The board voted not to take action against the Inn's alcohol license, apparently satisfied with Ms. Franco's apologies and assurances of policy compliance in the future.

"We certainly don't want to create more bureaucracy for people trying to do business in town and we're not trying to be a roadblock to conducting business," said Dr. Bowcock. "But it's been useful to have this policy in place. The \$10 application fee is not a significant amount of money, but it's tragedies that we're trying to avoid."

The selectboard also heard a dispute between Zoning Board of Appeals chair Peter DeTerra and associate board member Rene Fleurent regarding open meeting laws and protocols.

Mr. DeTerra told the selectboard that while he was away on vacation, Mr. Fleurent had attempted to hand out materials and begin a discussion on changing the policies of the BOA during a July 5th meeting without prior notification. Concerned about having such discussions while Mr. DeTerra was not present, the presiding vice-chair tabled the discussion.

Mr. DeTerra told the selectboard that Mr. Fleurent brought up the issue at the next meeting and when he refused to allow Mr. Fleurent to make a motion to discuss the matter due to it not being on the agenda, Mr. Fleurent "became agitated" and refused to stop pressing for motions, forcing him to call for a temporary recess of the meeting to restore order.

"We have policies and procedures in place and he never confronted me, never gave me any paperwork," said Mr. DeTerra. "The law clearly states what's to be on the agenda to discuss. I understand he wants to help, but he needs to follow the procedures and he's never done that...you just don't jump up in a meeting without following the procedures."

Mr. Fleurent, on the other hand, had a different viewpoint of how the dispute developed.

He said people who appear before the board often do not know the procedures and get denied, wasting everyone's time. He said he talked with board members and researched Fairhaven's codes and the codes of other towns.

"I investigated 10 other towns and found

six had clear information on the process so I was thinking this would be good for our board, too, and I wanted to have a discussion on this," said Mr. Fleurent.

He added that his point at the July meeting was informational, to give other members the information he had gathered and get it on the next meeting's agenda.

"The next meeting I tried to bring it up; using Robert's Rules of Order, I proposed we talked about it, no one seconded, and that was the end of the discussion," said Mr. Fleurent. "I do feel that if Mr. DeTerra had approached me cordially and as a gentleman we could have reached a solution prior to the second meeting, but Mr. DeTerra called me the day very irate, and told me that I was only an associate member and that he was the chair.

"I've read Chapter 40, section 12, I've actually gone to see other boards, and in

I'm not here to make waves or to create problems. I want to make the Fairhaven Board of Appeals a better board [Rene Fleurent]

my early days I was a moderator of other boards, so I do have an idea of how boards are run," Mr. Fleurent continued. "I'm not here to make waves or to create problems. I want to make the Fairhaven Board of Appeals a better board."

The selectboard reiterated Mr. DeTerra's role in setting the meeting agendas, but also supported Mr. Fleurent's right to be heard at the meetings.

"The chair is the referee of a board and is responsible for the agenda," Dr. Bowcock noted. "There is more responsibility under the new open meeting law... Mr DeTerra has the obligation to make sure rules are followed, but you [Mr. Fleurent] as a member have the right to bring an issue onto the agenda to be discussed.

"People just can't add whatever they want to the agenda without the chairman's knowledge," noted Mr. Murphy, who tempered his comment with the observation that "every role in every committee is an important role" and that if people had great ideas they needed to share them.

Mr. Silvia hoped to diffuse the situation by asking Mr. DeTerra and Mr. Fleurent to sit down together with building

commissioner Wayne Fostin without being overly concerned with rules and procedures.

"I think the enhancement of open meeting laws is good government but the thing is that if you make things too difficult in terms of rules and regulations, you turn away people from getting involved and people with all good intentions get bagged in a game of 'gotcha'," he said. "The law allows the three of you to informally meet to discuss ideas, and then if you want to push forward in a more formal manner, decide to put it on the agenda."

The board took time during the meeting to publicly thank the various departments and town officials for their actions during Tropical Storm Irene and the storm's aftermath.

"I can't express enough the sense of gratitude I have for our police department, fire department, emergency personnel, the tree warden, the school department, public works, including our new public works department head Vincent Furtado who worked at the shelter all day, and Dave Darmofal and Tim Cox who did a tremendous job coordinating at the harbor," said Mr. Silvia.

He said the town needed to keep these situations in mind when talking about EMA and tree warden budgets.

"My thanks to the people of the town and the cooperation they showed," Mr. Silvia continued. "It wasn't easy to have your water shut off, as we had in some areas, but the sense of cooperation as far as reporting power lines down, or trees down was invaluable. We worked together as a community and made me thankful for the people we have in the town of Fairhaven."

In other matters, the board appointed Gerald Stabell, previous commander of the American Legion Post 166, to the Bicentennial Committee and approved the appointment of conservation commission associate member Joe Taylor to a position as full member.

The board also approved a request from the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society to allow the use of town hall, and provide DPW trash services, street barricades and police details for the 13th Annual Manjiro Festival on October 1st. Mr. Silvia, who is on the executive meeting of the WMFS, recused himself from the vote and removed himself from the room during the discussion.

The board moved into executive session to discuss the results of a meeting with the DPW regarding the digester issue and did not reconvene in open session. ●●●

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