

Opinion

LETTERS

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SIDEWALKS ARE FOR WALKERS

To the editor:

Summer activity on Nantucket brings so many exciting and festive moments along with it. Such activity requires everyone to be a bit more attentive to each other, particularly since there are so many of all ages out and about in a joyful and carefree mood. This letter simply hopes to elicit some attention to a situation unique to the lovely season on our island.

Bicycles approach a pedestrian quietly, particularly from behind. Their speed, while not great, is alarming relative to reaction time when they come so silently. Dusk makes this fact even more potentially dangerous to persons walking on our sidewalks.

The other night (a Wednesday) I counted 67 bicycles being ridden on the sidewalks in front of 76 Main Street Inn between 5 p.m. and 5:25 p.m. It seems to me that something needs to be done to actively discourage that riding.

Bike rental agencies must tell their patrons more clearly not to ride on sidewalks. Police must evidence more presence in difficult areas (cobblestones make bikers on streets uncomfortable); some ticketing for this offense may be a necessary deterrent. But most important, bikers must recognize that those walking are the very young, the elderly, and all in between already paying considerable attention to loose bricks, uneven walkways and all the other vagaries of Nantucket's romantic sidewalks.

People are not safe when bicycles are approaching at higher speeds, without sound to alert walkers, and from behind as well as in front. It would be a shame to have an accident of some significance occur — and it most certainly could. Sidewalks should be the

province of walkers only.

Sincerely,

— David Cantrell

THANKS TO SOMETHING NATURAL

To the editor:

On behalf of the entire Nantucket New School community, I would like to thank Matt Fee, Terry Hastings, and the entire staff at Something Natural for honoring us as Nantucket's favorite non-profit at their annual Non-Profit Day on June 12.

Something Natural generously donated their retail bakery sales and a percentage of their T-shirt sales for the entire day to the Nantucket New School, and some of our students were given the unique opportunity to work behind-the-scenes. We had a great time, and we are extremely grateful for Something Natural's generous support. In a community with so many wonderful nonprofit organizations, it is refreshing to see a business like Something Natural lend a hand in such a creative, generous way.

Sincerely,

— David Provost

Head of School, Nantucket New School

A COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

To the editor:

While graduation ceremonies are certainly special events, the one celebrated by Nantucket High School on June 9, 2007, was made more extraordinary by the overwhelming show of support and generosity by the many scholarship donors. These scholarships, which are also made available for alumni of Nantucket High School, demonstrate the Nantucket community's high

regard for the pursuit of knowledge and its enduring commitment to the success of its youth. On behalf of Nantucket High School, its staff and its students, thank you very much to all who contributed to the scholarship funds which make possible the advancement of our students' education even as they move beyond our doors.

As proud as I am to be a part of the Nantucket school system, displays such as

these remind me how pleased I am to be a member of the Nantucket community. Each of us is truly lucky to live in a place where people are so supportive of one another and so actively involved in the successes of our children.

It's been said that "it takes a village to raise a child." Your kindness and willingness to aid our students in their quest for knowledge demonstrate the truth behind that statement. Thank you again for the role you play in the growth and development of each of our students.

Sincerely,

— George Kelly

Principal

Nantucket High School

INTERFERENCE ISSUE PUT TO REST

To the editor:

The recent story about the Department of Defense report on the Pave Paws Radar Station in Sagamore and Cape Wind left out some important information:

- The beam from Pave Paws is 2500' above the water on Horseshoe Shoal, more than 2000' above the blade tips.

- The Commander of the Pave Paws installation has said repeatedly over the last two years that Cape Wind will have no negative affects on the facility.

- The Commander of the U.S. Space Command in Colorado has also said that Cape Wind will have no negative affect on Pave Paws. All three studies that have been done to date say the same thing. The issue of Pave Paws and radar interference is now put to rest.

— Carl K. Borchert

SCORE SINCE 2001: EUROPE 24, U.S. 0

To the editor

There are those who believe that the permitting process for the Cape Wind project is moving too fast, who regard this country's first offshore wind farm proposal with the same caution one might apply to the introduction of a new unproven line of pharmaceuti-

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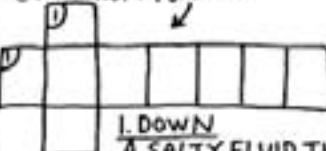
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GREY MATTER by James Cennamo

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY! LEARN ABOUT NANTUCKET!

GREY MATTER FUN TIME!

CROSS WORD PUZZLE!



1. DOWN
A SALTY FLUID THAT SURROUNDS NANTUCKET

1. ACROSS
A LEAFY VEGETATION FROM THE SEA THAT NEWAGE HEALTH-NUTS EAT WHILST LISTENING TO ANY WINDHAM HILL RECORDING.

QUIZ CORNER

ACCORDING TO CUSTOM, WHEN YOU LEAVE THE ISLAND BY FERRY, WHAT DO YOU TOSS OVERBOARD AT BRANT PT. TO ENSURE YOUR RETURN ONE DAY?
A. JELLO MOLD B. ALL YOUR BELONGINGS
C. VELVEETA CHEESE D. A PENNY

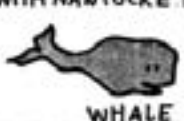
WHICH MAMMAL IS ASSOCIATED WITH NANTUCKET?



WATER BUFFALO



PAVAROTTI



WHALE

CONNECT THE DOTS



LET'S COLOR



DID YOU KNOW...

UPON ARRIVING ON ISLAND, YOU MUST RECEIVE A LONG AND PAINFUL INOCULATION? (FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY)

MAKES THE FERRY RIDE "WHIZ" BY!