

## Hoop dreams

The championship game is set in the women's Final Four.



## A divine dance

Antonio Bandaras stars in "Take the Lead," opening this week. **B1**



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## Freetown selectmen 'walk the bounds'

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FREETOWN — Selectmen Lawrence N. Ashley and Lisa A. Pacheco stood in the middle of a wooded path yesterday near Little Quittacas Pond while Selectman John S. Ashley patrolled through the woods looking for a stone boundary marker delineating the town line.

Riders on horseback occasionally passed by, offering early-morning hellos as the selectmen waited for Mr. Ashley to notify them via cell phone of the boundary's location.

The health benefits of hiking through the woods aside, the selectmen were in the forest because of a Massachusetts state law that requires them to inspect the town boundaries every five years to ensure the boundary markers have

not been moved.

The selectmen, accompanied by a Standard-Times photographer and reporter, visited five markers along the town's boundary with Acushnet, Rochester and Middleboro.

After what seemed to be an hour of waiting, filled with good-natured ribbing between Lawrence Ashley and the "junior selectman" Ms. Pacheco, the party finally found the boundary marker approximately 300 feet from Little Quittacas Pond.

As per her "junior selectman" status, Ms. Pacheco marked "06" in black marker on the Freetown side of the boundary post to indicate the year the selectmen verified the town's boundaries.

"Next time, you gotta go in with the GPS, this way you can just walk right up to the marker," said John Ashley, referring to the global positioning satellite system.

The selectmen had a much easier time locating boundary markers on Keene Road, Route 105 and County Road.

They were joined by Acushnet Selectman Robert J. St. Jean during the inspections of the town boundaries on Keene Road and in a nearby cranberry bog.

"Notice how the A is nicely written there," Mr. St. Jean jokingly said as he pointed to the Acushnet side of the boundary marker

See **FREETOWN A6**

## ONE LAST TUNE-UP



Red Sox pitcher Matt Clement throws against the Philadelphia Phillies in the first inning during an exhibition game yesterday in Philadelphia. The Phillies won, 5-0, but the Sox will take the field for real today in Texas at 2:05. See **SportsMonday** for complete coverage.

GEORGE WIDMAN/The Associated Press

## Family, friends remember slain teen

By **LAUREN DALEY**

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NEW BEDFORD — Grown men sobbed, women leaned on each other and young children blinked back tears while Louis Armstrong's voice softly sang:

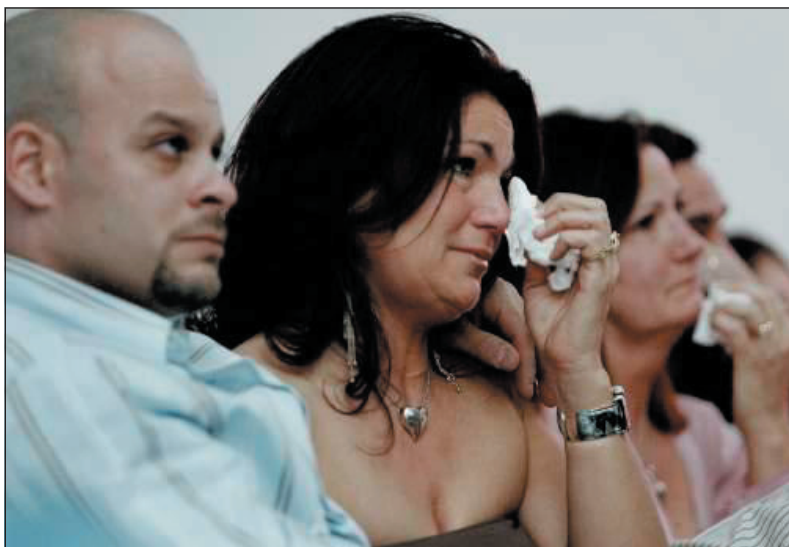
"And I think to myself, it's a wonderful world."

The song played during a slide show showing images of a young, baby-toothed James "Jim" Gaouette.

Mr. Gaouette was shot and killed last March 30 at age 18; the show was part of a memorial service held at the Four-Square Church yesterday.

The church was filled with some 80 friends and family members, many of whom took part in the "open-mike" portion of the service, remembering funny or touching moments they shared with Mr. Gaouette.

See **VIGIL A5**



Darlene Machado wipes tears away as she listens to memories from friends of her late son, James Gaouette. She is comforted by her boyfriend Bo Carter. Mr. Gaouette was killed in the South End of New Bedford last March.

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## Voters ready for polls

### Four towns line up for elections today

By **CURT BROWN** and **LAUREN DALEY**  
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Today is Super Monday in SouthCoast as voters in four towns are heading to the polls in their local elections.

Lakeville, Fairhaven, Acushnet and Dartmouth are all holding their annual town elections today, while Wareham holds its election tomorrow.

There are hotly contested selectman races in Dartmouth, Acushnet, Lakeville and Wareham.

Lakeville voters will also be asked to approve a 1 percent surcharge on their real estate taxes with the first \$100,000 exempt. However, there were no signs yesterday of any last-minute campaigning in the four towns where voters are going to the polls today.

Gregory A. Tougas and David L. Vincent are challenging incumbent Robert W. Carney for one of the two seats up for election on the Dartmouth Select Board.

In the other Select Board race, Diane M. Gilbert and Edward M. Pacheco are opposing Jreck P. Leduc for his seat.

Dartmouth also has races for the town moderator between incumbent Steven C. Sharek and Howard W. Young and for the Housing Authority between Luiz G. Lopes and Charles N. Sisson.

In Lakeville, selectmen Chairman Chawner Hurd's decision not to run for reelection has created an opening that Derek Masky, Charles Evis and Stephen Flood are trying to fill. Also, Fire Chief Daniel Hopkins is running against Michael Smith for a two-year seat on the Park Commission.

Robert J. St. Jean is being opposed in his re-election. See **ELECTIONS A5**

### UP FOR GRABS

A glance at some of today's contested races:

#### ACUSHNET

**SELECTMAN:** Robert St. Jean (i) vs. Michael Cioper.

#### BOARD OF ASSESSOR:

George Perry (i) vs. Leslie Dakin Jr.

#### DARTMOUTH

**SELECT BOARD (1):** Robert W. Carney (i) vs. Gregory A. Tougas, David L. Vincent.

**SELECT BOARD (2):** Jreck P. Leduc (i) vs. Diane M. Gilbert, Edward M. Pacheco.

#### FAIRHAVEN

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Richard C. Brodeur (i), Robert "Ace" Roderiques (i) vs. Christopher McDonald, Robert D. Hobson.

**PLANNING BOARD:** Jeffery Lucas (i), Albert Borges Jr. (i) vs. Timothy D. Cox.

#### LAKEVILLE

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT:** Voters will decide whether to adopt 1% surcharge on \$100,000 exempt.

**SELECTMAN:** Derek Masky, Charles Evis, Stephen Flood vie for open seat.

i - Incumbent

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**LOTTERY** Daily Number: **7899**; more lottery **A2**.

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## Artists coming to 123 Sawtooth

### Creative community grows in lofts

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NEW BEDFORD — Light pours into the condominium owned by Daniel Kamman and Frani Keeley through huge sawtooth skylight windows. With hardwood floors, painted brick and high ceilings, it is the quintessential artists live-and-work space.

"It's a wonderful feeling to be in here," said Mr. Kamman, previously of Cambridge. "I like being able to see all our living space and working space at the same time. It feels like being outside, in a way."

Mr. Kamman makes jewelry out of industrial parts. Ms. Keeley, a Fall River native, paints on small canvases.

In most real estate transactions, their art would not have entered

into the picture.

But at the former Ropeworks Building, now called 123 Sawtooth, art is a prerequisite. The couple had to prove that they were working artists, and that they would be using their new condominium to live and to work.

"It's wonderful to be in a community of artists," Mr. Kamman said, "to know that the other people here speak my language."

When engaged couple Anne Wolfe and Adam Buck, along with Adam's father, Norman R. Buck, bought the former Ropeworks Building in 2004, they envisioned creating an artist community that could not be displaced by gentrification. All potential customers have to show their art portfolio before they are allowed to pur-

chase a unit, and there is a caveat in the condominium deed that stipulates that the unit must be owned by a working artist.

"In so many areas, the developer comes in and the artists are priced out," Ms. Wolfe said. "We wanted to keep this as a permanent artists' community."

So far, four of the 11 units are sold. In addition to Mr. Kamman and Ms. Keeley, the units have been sold to a young couple from Tiverton who design jewelry and

See **LOFTS A5**

A new condominium owned by artists Daniel Kamman and Frani Keeley at 123 Sawtooth in New Bedford is shown before and after its completion.

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