



B-Ball giants



Photos by Nate Jones



FUNNY GAMES - (Top) Five-year-old Matthew Green from Brunswick jokes with the Harlem Superstars player Chris "Super Chicken" Turnquist before their game against the Stadium All Star team at South Portland High School last weekend. (Middle) The Harlem Superstars take a quick lead with the help of South Portland's six-year-old Louis DeGeorge who assists Ricky "7-footer" Lopes in one of many slam-dunks on both sides of the court. (Bottom) Stadium All Star team member and former WWE Wrestler Scott "Scotty 2 Hotty" Garland helps his teammates - including Auburn Mayor John Jenkins, Portland Pirate veteran Jay Mazur and a variety of other local figures - by challenging "Super Chicken" with his wrestling moves (Bottom). In the end, event organizer Scott Jordan says the real winners are the organizations that each received \$400 from the show's proceeds: The NAACP Portland Branch, The Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine, The South Portland High School Senior Fund, The South Portland High School Senior Class and the Helen Flaherty and Jim Briggs Scholarship Fund.

Few show to give input on SPHS renovation

By Nate Jones
 Staff Writer

Nearly a year after South Portland residents overwhelmingly voted against a proposed \$56 million school bond to rebuild the high school, the Secondary Schools Facility Committee (SSFC) has begun seeking public input in forming what Assistant Superintendent Steve Bailey called a "smaller, bare bones" approach to revitalize the high school with a series of public hearings that began last month.

The latest gathering at Kaler Elementary School last week attracted four members of the community — one candidate for school board and another for city council, one current member of the school board and one self-described "concerned taxpayer."

"It seems folks who are running for [city council] or the school board are coming out to these to get informed," Bailey said, adding that he would like to see more interest from common residents in addition to local

politicians.

While Bailey said SSFC members would like to increase the number of residents at the Oct. 9 public hearing at Brown Elementary School, the committee is working to lower the cost associated with two new proposals which include a new academic wing, cafeteria, gymnasium, eliminating the current annex building and incorporating "green" design standards into the new floor plan.

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Coastal access issues focus of recent forums

By Nate Jones
 Staff Writer

Dropping temperatures may keep beachgoers inside this time of year, but representatives from the Maine Coastal Program, Coastal Enterprises, Inc. and the Maine School of Law are just beginning to visit coastal communities for a series of public forums designed to address coastal access issues for all waterfront users including commercial fishermen and out-of-state tourists.

Sponsored by Maine Sea Grant, Maine Coastal Program, Island Institute

and the Center for Law and Innovation at the University of Maine School of Law, the first "Accessing the Maine Coast" forum at the National Estuarine Research Reserve in Wells last month attracted property owners from all over York and Cumberland counties, Center for Law and Innovation Director Rita Heimes said.

"It appeared to be folks who owned the land rather than commercial users, which was pleasantly surprising," she said, adding that she expected more commercial fishermen to attend the next forum in

Walpole on Wednesday.

Most landowners who attended the forum were frustrated with the lack of public knowledge about beach access, Heimes said. She said Maine and Massachusetts both recognize a landowner's right to own property up to the low tide mark and often tourists from other states mistake all beachfront below the high water mark as public property, a law common in most other coastal states.

Heimes said beachfront (See ACCESS on page 7)

ELECTION

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Four vie for Cape council

[Four candidates are vying for two Cape Elizabeth Town Council seats - Anne Swift-Kayatta, Evan B. Livada, David Sherman and Mark D. Zajkowski. The following are candidate surveys completed each of the candidates.]

Name: Anne Swift-Kayatta
Position seeking: Cape Elizabeth Town Council
Address: 14 Stone Bridge Road, Cape Elizabeth (24 year resident of Cape Elizabeth)
Phone: 767-5754
Occupation and work experience: Homemaker; manager at UNUM, 1980-1995.
Personal: Married to Bill Kayatta, two daughters
Highest level of

education completed: MBA, Harvard Business School
Organizations and activities: Town councilor, 1999-present (council chairman, 2001-2002 and 2004-2005; Finance chairman, 2000-2001 and 2003-2004; Appointments chairman, 1999-2000 and 2007-2008). Chairman, Thomas Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 1998-1999 (trustee, 1996-

1999). President, CE Middle School Parents School

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