

Obituaries

James Bonbright Ketcham, 82

James B. Ketcham, 82, of Longfellow Road, died March 16, 2006 at home. He was the devoted husband of Ira D. (Davisson) Ketcham for 52 years.

Born in New York City in 1924, he was the son of Jean (Long) and William Tredwell Ketcham. He was a direct descendant of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Mr. Ketcham was a graduate of Lawrence School, the Hill School, Yale University, Class of 1945, and he attended Columbia University Medical School.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corp, now the U. S. Air Force, in 1943 and entered the medical

corp, and was in charge of organizing small medical units designed to function as 24-bed hospitals. These units were then flown into action. On behalf of this work, Mr. Ketcham was a recipient of the Legion of Merit Award for the invention of the M*A*S*H unit (mobile auxiliary surgical hospital). At the time, he was the youngest person to be awarded this prestigious medal. As a result, he was promoted to second lieutenant. He remained in the Air Force Reserve and was recalled to active duty in 1950 during the Korean War and was promoted to first lieutenant. In 1952, he was promoted to Air Force Captain and was released from his duties in June 1953 to pursue a career in business.

He was an administrator for Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Center, Paul R. Ray and Company, and Kollmorgen Corporation, where he retired in 1990 after 12 years as director of human resources. A longtime resident of Lawrence, N. Y., he retired to Jamestown in 1995.

Mr. Ketcham's life was one of service. He was both junior and senior warden of Trinity-St. John's Church in Hewlett, N.Y. He was awarded the Bishop's Cross for his distinctive years of service to the Episcopal Church. He was active in the Republican Party in New York, working for F. Clifton White and running Ralph Edsell's campaign for the U. S. Congress in 1964. He was also the Republican Town Committee member in Lawrence for over a decade. During his retirement, he served as the treasurer of the Republican Town Committee in

Jamestown. He was a member of the Holland Lodge, the Reading Room of Newport, the Conanicut Yacht Club, the Rockaway Hunting Club, the Lawrence Beach Club, and the Cedarhurst Yacht Club. He was a lover of both opera and classical music and an avid reader and sports fan. While at Yale University, he was one of the founders of the Nathan Hale Society in which he was a lifetime member.

Mr. Ketcham was a devoted husband and father. Besides his wife, he is survived by his son, George Bonbright Ketcham of Newport, R.I.; three daughters, Laurie Camden Ketcham of Jamestown, Susan Ketcham Coffin of Manchester By the Sea, Mass. and Brucie Ketcham Donahue of Northfield, Vt. In addition, he is survived by sons-in-law, Lloyd H. Coffin III and Thomas M. Donahue; a daughter-in-law, Mimi Ketcham; and his grandchildren, Benjamin Bonbright Coffin, Sarah Camden Coffin, James Tredwell Donahue, and Catherine Bruce Donahue.

He was the brother of William Tredwell Ketcham Jr. of New York, N.Y. and Lawrence, N.Y.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 25 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 87 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Newport Hospital Foundation, 11 Friendship Street, Newport, RI 02840.

Funeral arrangements by the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring Street, Newport, RI 02840.

Andrea G. Jenkins, 43

Andrea Georgia Jenkins, 43, of Newport, formerly of Little Compton, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center in Providence.

Born in New York City on June 20, 1962, she was the daughter of the late Andrew S. Jenkins and Elisabeth (Delatur) Costikyan.

She is survived by her sister, Susanne Carey of Westport, Mass., and brother, Andrew Burris Jenkins of Wendell, Mass.; a stepmother Nancy Bennett of Jamestown, R.I.; and three stepbrothers Randy Costikyan, Tim Costikyan, and Warren Costikyan; a niece, Alden Hanes of Robertsville, Mo.; a nephew, Miles Carey, and a niece, Madison Carey.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Elisabeth Ruyter.

Memorial donations may be made to Philip Hulitar Inpatient Hospice Center, 50 Maude St., Providence, RI 02903.

Information and directions are available at www.memorialfuneralhome.com

Police Log

Driving without a license charged

Ronald W. Clinton, 31, of North Providence was charged March 16 with driving without a license after an early morning traffic stop on Route 138.

Clinton is scheduled to appear March 24 in Newport District Court, police said.

Village vandalism

Two outdoor benches on Narragansett Avenue — one at St. Matthew's church and the other at Town Hall — were destroyed March 15 by vandals. The sign at St. Matthew's church was also damaged, police said.

Frostbiters return to the water

Six sailors showed up for racing on Sunday morning and were greeted with blustery northwest winds. Strong winds have made it tough for sailing this winter.

The last time the dinghies had been raced was Jan. 29 — the football Patriots had just lost to Denver and the Steelers had yet to win the Superbowl. In prior years snow was shoveled and ice was chipped out of the race committee boat, but the racing continued because the wind cooperated.

The Race Committee, Dick Allphin and George Rice, set up the course in front of town beach in front of Shoreby Hill, which provided some shelter from the gusty west winds blowing over the island. In the first race, the fleet positions and the lead changed often as one boat and then another caught a stronger burst of wind. The winning tactic was to sail away from the land after the start and pick up a wind shift, then tack and sail on an advantageous angle to the windward mark. At the windward mark, the winning tactic was to jibe around it. However, with these high winds jibing was a risky move. Martin Keen executed it perfectly and won the race.

In the second race, the last shall be first. Henry Siegal finished last in the first race but learned well. The winning tactics were the same, and he executed best and won the race.

Race results for the day: Martin Keen won with 4 points; second, John Quinn, 6 points; third, Henry Siegal, 7 points; fourth, Jack Hubbard, 7 points; fifth, Mike deAngeli, 9 points; and sixth, Gary Fischer, 9 points.

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Fire and EMS Runs

Fire runs

11:32 a.m., March 13, the special services team was sent to Ft. Getty Road to search for a person in the water.

12:10 p.m., March 14, the special services team went to Ft. Getty Road to search for a person in the water.

7:07 p.m., March 14, Ladder 1, Engine 3 and Engine 2 went to Grinnell Street for a smoke detector activation.

7:30 p.m., March 16, all units turned out for a training drill at the fire station.

EMS runs

9:50 a.m., March 12, Unit 10 was sent to Dewey Lane for a person who was taken to South County Hospital.

11:00 a.m., March 12, Unit 10 went to Bryer Avenue for a carbon monoxide alarm.

2:21 p.m., March 15, Unit 10 was dispatched to North Main Road for a trauma victim who refused to be taken to a hospital.

8:30 a.m., March 17, Unit 10 was dispatched to Battery Lane for a person who was taken to Newport Hospital.

12:55 p.m., March 18, Unit 10 was sent to Felucca Street for a person who was transported to Newport Hospital.

7:22 p.m., March 18, Unit 11 went to Seaside Drive for a person who was taken to Newport Hospital.

8:45 p.m., March 18, Unit 10 was dispatched to Walcott Avenue for a person who needed transportation to Newport Hospital.

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LEGAL TIP

A landlord who failed to maintain security lights outside an apartment building may be liable for the rape of a tenant, the Illinois Appellate Court has ruled in reversing a trial court.

The plaintiff initially was attacked on the sidewalk outside the front gate of her apartment building; the perpetrator then forced her to the back of the building, where he raped her.

The court indicated that although the landlord voluntarily provided the lighting, the tenant relied on the lighting for security and the landlord owed her a duty to maintain the lighting.



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