



The High School View

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Choral group sings back to roots



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(L-R) Seniors Sam Oslyn, Gage Rancich, sophomore Josh Boucher, juniors Galen Mayhew, and Lucas Amarins perform "Love Potion No. 9" with the Minnesinger boys. Junior Emelia Cappelli and the Minnesinger girls perform "Funkytown." The Minnesingers sang and danced at this year's spring show, entitled "Roots," last Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, at the regional high school's Performing Arts Center.

Closing the book on history

BY WILLOW WUNSCH

Regional high school sophomores in United States history classes closed their books for a day and journeyed out into the history they were studying. Teachers Todd Deely and Ena Thulin organized a field trip back in time that explored some important parts of the Vineyard's history by visiting sites

on the African American Heritage Trail. The tenth grade history curriculum involves a lot of local history, and has emphasis on the history of African-Americans on the Island. Ms. Thulin said, "It was really fun to see kids traveling around the Island and it was a great chance to bring in what they learned in class." The sites visited brought

the sophomores from Oak Bluffs to Chilmark. The Great Rock Bight Preserve in Chilmark was one site visited. There, the sophomores saw a field that was once owned by Rebecca Amos, a woman born in Guinea in West Africa and brought to the Vineyard as the property of Cornelius Bassett. The class also visited the Eastville Cemetery,

which was a burial ground for people of color and vagrants, according to the historical records that the students studied. The Shearer Cottage in Oak Bluffs was another destination on the field trip. Purchased by Charles and Henrietta Shearer, the cottage started off as a laundry and later became the first guesthouse on the Island for African-Americans. The students then saw the Powell Cottage, also in

Oak Bluffs, which had been owned by Adam Clayton Powell, the first African-American congressman from the east coast since the Reconstruction Era. Senior Brendo Pereira's favorite trip was to Chappaquiddick to see the house of William A. Martin, the only African-American to become Master of Whaling Ships on Martha's Vineyard. Brendo said, "It definitely gave me a better understanding of the conditions that African-

Americans had to live through on the Island. I was able to really see it, which was educational." Among the last of the sites to visit before returning to the high school was Pulpit Rock where John Saunders, a slave who is believed to have brought Methodism to the Vineyard in 1787, may have preached. (Note: The factual information about the sites was taken either from plaques or the trail website.) **MSV**

Opportunities explored at job fair



PHOTO BY WILLOW WUNSCH

Sophomore Austin McGowan shakes hands with Bob Fuller, owner of Menemsha Blues, a potential employer.

BY ADDISON GIEGER

The popular song "I Need a Dollar" by Aloe Blacc may no longer be running through the heads of re-

gional high school students as summer approaches. The annual Job Fair, run by the Career and Technical Education (CTE) office and the business department, was

held last Tuesday in the high school gym. Started in the 1990s, the Job Fair has been held yearly, allowing students to meet local employers and discuss the possibility of a summer job. This year's fair held several participants, including but not limited to Island businesses such as Basics, the Tisbury Farmers Market, MV Insurance, the Black Dog, and Vineyard Vines. "The purpose of the fair is to help students get jobs for the summer, and to assist local businesses in finding employees to work for them," said vocational education director Jeff Rothwell. With their connections to local businesses, Mr. Rothwell and the vocational office were put in charge of the fair. They

gave students the means to contact businesses that would otherwise be out of reach for students. The fair is a valuable experience not only for the students, but also for the faculty involved. "Planning and preparing for the job fair is an exciting part of my job. I'm proud it provides more opportunities for the students," said assistant to the vocational director Anne Caldwell. "We are grateful for the businesses who participated and look forward to further connections between the school and community." Although the job fair ended, if any businesses would like to advertise at the high school, please contact Jeff Rothwell, Ext. 122 or Anne Caldwell, Ext. 223. **MSV**

Leviathans of the deep meet students

BY KRISTINE HOPKINS

Biology teacher John Nelson and English teacher William McCarthy escorted their students last week on an interdisciplinary trip to Provincetown to study whales. In preparation for the trip, students had studied ocean life in science class and read from Herman Melville's Moby Dick in English class. An experienced naturalist accompanied the students on the boat and explained each whale and other animals that they encountered. Students observed finback and right whales. They also saw a humpback whale, which

are usually the friendliest whales in the area. Sophomore Katrina Lakis said, "I got to see a lot of whales, but it wasn't only about the whales. I got to meet new people on the whale watch and travel around Provincetown." **MSV**

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