

Just another three-game series? Sure, Mo

Sox season begins in earnest tonight as Yanks invade Fenway

By BILL PARRILLO
Providence Journal-Bulletin

Mo Vaughn was trying his level best to play down the whole thing. "The Yankees are coming? So what? 'It's just another three-game series,'

Vaughn grunted, as he leaned back in a chair in front of his locker in the Red Sox dressing room Fenway Park. He had just lifted another home run into the right-field seats and he was enjoying the moment. He was not going to be bothered by Yankee talk.

"Can't measure our whole season by one series," he was saying now. "We got a long way to go."

Maybe so. But over the next 10 days, Mo Vaughn and his friends will know a

lot more about themselves than they do now. Over the next 10 days, they will play 9 games — 7 of them against the archrival Yankees.

They begin tonight with a three-game set at Fenway Park. Then, after a two-game interruption against the Toronto

Blue Jays, they will face the Yanks again next weekend in a four-game series at Yankee Stadium.

After eyeballing each other through the first two months of the season, the Sox and Yankees finally will meet. For some people, it's almost as if the season — the real baseball season — begins tonight.

The Yankees versus the Red Sox. This latest edition of the rivalry is a strange one. Normally, the teams are

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THE BRONX BRAWLERS: Yankee skipper Joe Torre, right, restrains Darryl Strawberry during bench-clearing brawl with the Baltimore Orioles earlier this week.

JULIAN STEELE COMPLEX

Legislative panel picked to shepherd demolition

A legislative committee has been named to resolve the differences in House and Senate legislation concerning the demolition of Lowell's Julian Steele housing complex.

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JACKPOT WINNERS

Ill. retirees lay claim to \$104M Powerball prize

A retired couple is celebrating today, claiming they hold the winning ticket to this week's record-setting Powerball drawing. Lottery officials have not confirmed that the couple actually won, but are making arrangements to verify their claim.

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Elderly tenants happy to be back home

Residents return to Sun apartments today

By DARRIN BERARD
Sun Staff

LOWELL — After five weeks living with relatives or in hotels, the 55 residents of the Sun apartments are finally home.

At 8:30 a.m., some of the residents trickled into the lobby of the elderly apartment building at 8 Merrimack St. this morning, holding bags filled with personal belongings.

It was a time of hugs and kisses, and sighs of relief.

"It's been nice," said Florence Keegan of the five weeks she has lived at her daughter's home in Lowell. "I was waited on and treated like a queen. But there's no place like your own bed."

Keegan carried a couple of bags onto the elevator in the lobby, and headed for her ninth-floor apartment.

The residents have been displaced since the early morning hours of April 14, when a water pipe burst and flooded the basement under seven feet of water.

Virginia Lynch, the building manager, said she called the residents last night to tell them the good news.

"It was great just to call them yesterday and tell them to come on home," Lynch said. "It was something I have looked forward to."

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School rampage shatters town



Sophomore Ryan Atteberry is helped to a waiting ambulance outside Thurston High School in Springfield, Ore., where a student opened fire in the cafeteria yesterday, killing two students.

Student, 15, held for fatal shootings

By JEFF BARNARD
Associated Press Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. — In the face of terror, with students screaming and diving for cover around him, Kip Kinkel was surprisingly calm.

Those unlucky enough to be in the packed cafeteria at Thurston High School yesterday say the 15-year-old suspended a day earlier for having a gun at school returned with a rifle and an indiscriminate rage.

"His face was casual like it was something he did every day," said David Willis, a 15-year-old freshman. "He put his foot on the back of one kid and shot him four times."

Sixteen-year-old Jonathan Crawford said the young gunman, wearing a trench coat and backpack, fired wildly from the hip. "He was swiveling



Kipland Kinkel ... warned he was 'going to do something stupid'

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Deadly school year in the U.S.

Yesterday's was the latest in a series of shootings at schools across the country. Among the most serious:

March 24 — An 11-year-old boy and his 13-year-old friend allegedly opened fire on classmates in Jonesboro, Ark. Four pupils and a teacher were killed.

Dec. 1 — A 14-year-old boy allegedly killed three students who were in a prayer circle in a hallway at a high school in West Paducah, Ky.

Oct. 1 — A 16-year-old student in Pearl, Miss., killed his mother, then went to school and shot nine students, authorities said. Two of them died.

Educators: Signs of irrational behavior should not be ignored

By CHRIS IVEN
Sun Staff

LOWELL — Every morning, parents send their children off to school without a thought that another child might bring a gun to class.

Yesterday's shooting spree in a Springfield, Ore., school reminded parents they can no longer make that assumption.

"What should a parent do?" said Anita Downs, a member of Lowell's Citywide Parent Council. "We tell our children what to stay

away from — drugs, violence — but this?"

Local school superintendents and police officers, many of them parents themselves, are searching for answers.

"I guess, as parents, we have to be aware of this phenomenon and have to talk to our kids more," said Lowell Police Superintendent Edward Davis. "I don't know how you can prepare for this."

While such shootings appear to be more frequent and deadly of late, Davis said, they are still very infrequent.

"I don't think you have to fear sending your kids to school," Davis said. "I just think you have to hope that nothing as tragic as this happens here."

Unlike many rural states, Massachusetts is not awash in firearms, Davis said.

"I think that makes it a little safer here," he said.

Communication — among parents, schools and the police — is the best defense against the instability that can lead to such grisly violence, according to

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Girls learn that science isn't all 'white coats and safety glasses'

By SHARON FLAHERTY WEITZ
Sun Staff

LOWELL — When Shalyn Brady picked up medicine at the local drug store, she never thought much about the work and scientific knowledge involved in mixing the prescription.

Now she will. Brady, a student at Lowell's Sullivan Middle School, was one of about 400 girls who attended workshops Wednesday at the University of Massachusetts Lowell's third annual Women in Science and Engineering day. The career day is designed to interest girls in studying math and science, and

to get them interested in working in related fields.

"This is really interesting," Brady said after she mixed a coconut ointment that would help a dry-skin sufferer. "I thought being a pharmacist would be boring, but I've learned a lot about how different drugs react and about mixing medicines. This might be something I'd like to do as a career."

Forty-three women scientists hosted 29 different workshops for the students. Girls from 17 communities attended the sessions, which included: Software Makes Things Happen; ER: Better in Real Life than on TV; You

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Widow fulfills local World War II veteran's dying wish



Edward Williams' name at last will be placed on the East Chelmsford World War II Veterans Monument.

First in a series of stories focusing on Memorial Day, its activities and the local veterans the holiday honors.

By JENNIFER REED
Sun Staff

CHELMSFORD — Whenever Edward Williams drove by the World War II Veterans Monument in East Chelmsford, he often felt tinges of emptiness, as though a piece of his life were missing.

Erected in 1947, the monument, on Carlisle Street near the East School, bears the names of all East Chelmsford residents who served during World War II. All residents except for Williams, a veteran of the U.S. Army.



MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE
Part 1

"He never complained about it," said his widow Martha. "He would just say, 'I knew I was there, even if nobody else does.'"

It wasn't until shortly before his death in 1984 that Martha learned just how much that recognition would have meant to her husband as he shared his long-held secret.

"He told me he always regretted not having his name placed on the monument," she said.

Although it has taken more than 50 years, Martha will fulfill her husband's dying wish on Monday when Martha, joined by other family members and friends, gather around the monument and see for the first time the name of "Edward Williams" engraved on its face.

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List of Memorial Day Weekend events/10

Widow fulfills' veteran's dying wish to get his name on WWII monument

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Searching through her husband's belongings, Martha tried for years to come up with a reason why Edward's name was left off the list of veterans in East Chelmsford. No explanation was ever given to her.

"As far as we could tell, it was just an oversight," said Marty Walsh, the town's veterans agent. "Because nobody had brought it to their attention, nothing was ever done to make the change."

According to Martha, she never knew a change could be made.

"It was a monument made of iron," she said. "I just thought there was no way anyone could do anything."

With the help of Walsh and Assistant Veterans Agent Regina Jackson, who compiled and submitted Edwards' military records for consideration, they were able to add his name to the list in time for a Memor-

ial Day dedication.

Edward Williams served as a radio operator in the Army from 1941-1945. After training in New Jersey and Oklahoma, his main tour of duty was in Japan. Williams was a part of the first series of troops who entered Nagasaki to clean up after the atom bomb had been dropped.

"He often told me stories of how the bodies were still smoldering when they got there,"

"Maybe it doesn't mean much to anybody else, but I know it meant something to him. Now, he can finally rest in peace."

Martha Williams

Martha recalled. "But, he had a job to do and he did it."

After his discharge, Edward

was introduced to Martha through mutual friends. The two were married two years

later and would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last September.

Edward went on to pursue a successful career with Massachusetts Electric. The couple purchased a modest home on Bachelor Street in Lowell shortly after they were married. There they raised their two children, Patricia and David.

The small colonial house that Martha still calls home bears

the craftsmanship of Edward's own two hands. Hutches, half-walls and antique furniture adorn the home, all reminders of what her husband has given to her

"On Monday, I will give him the one thing he asked for before he died," she said. "Maybe it doesn't mean much to anybody else, but I know it meant something to him. Now, he can finally rest in peace."

Elderly tenants happy to be back home

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She was in the lobby this morning, welcoming home the tenants.

Lynch said it's been a long and tough five weeks. However, that much time was needed to complete the massive cleanup and repairs.

All of the building's major systems — heat, electrical, water, fire alarm service, generator service, elevator service — had to be fixed or replaced, Lynch said.

Work crews also are refurbishing the entire basement, which housed the community room, laundry room, two handicapped-accessible bathrooms, and a kitchen. That project should be finished in about a month, Lynch said.

"As soon as the community room is completed, and it's cozy again, we'll have a welcome home party for everybody," Lynch said.

The Sun apartments building is operated by APT Management Inc.

This morning, Paul Vezina wore a huge grin, as he boarded the elevator.

"It's just great to be back," Vezina said.

He spent the past five weeks at the Best Western in Chelmsford.

Rita Chartier, a seventh-floor resident, said she could not wait to get upstairs.

"I can't wait to sit down and relax," Chartier said. She also said she was excited about seeing her friends again, many of whom she hasn't seen in more than a month.

Authorities originally said cleanup and repairs — specifically to an electrical transformer — would take at least 24 hours. The next day, residents learned they would be displaced for two weeks.

On May 7, residents learned at least two more weeks were needed to finish repairs. The culprit of that delay was an electrical switch-gear box, which was ruined by the water. The switch-gear box supplies power to the whole building.

But those delays don't matter anymore, residents said.

"I feel like I was on vacation," said Charles Mamalis, who lives on the tenth floor. "But there's nothing like being in your own place."

Elizabeth Rollins, a third-floor resident, and her daughter unloaded her belongings from their car around 9 a.m. They used a shopping cart to wheel a television and garbage bags filled with clothing on to the elevator.

"She started packing last night as soon as she heard" residents could move back today, said Bernadette Connor of her mother. "She ran into the bedroom and started packing."

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