

Postal worker stole 1915 baseball card



Richard Trofater Jr.

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PORTSMOUTH — A postal worker in the city who stole a rare baseball card, while it was being mailed from a Wisconsin seller to a Maine buyer, has been fired, fined, given a suspended jail sentence and ordered to perform community service and pay restitution to the U.S. Postal Service.

Richard Trofater Jr., 31, of 1090 Meet-

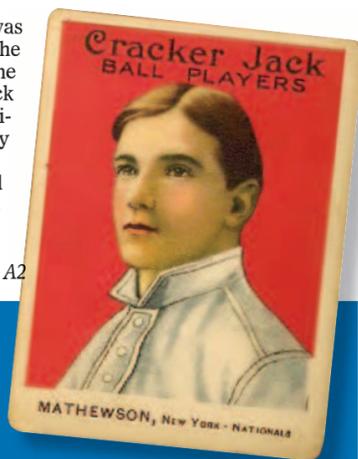
inghouse Road, Wells, Maine, pleaded guilty in Portsmouth District Court Tuesday to a Class A misdemeanor count of theft of lost or mislaid property. His attorney, James Nocas, told the court his client was recently treated for "obsessive compulsive behavior surrounding baseball cards" and, according to a police report, Trofater described himself as "borderline addicted" to collecting the cards.

A police affidavit filed with the court

by Detective John Peracchi says he was contacted by a representative of the Postal Service on May 7 reporting the "mail theft" of a 1915 Cracker Jack baseball card depicting New York Giants pitcher and Hall of Famer Christy Mathewson.

The card had been graded and given a serial number before it was put in the mail by an eBay seller in

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CHILDREN HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

New rule will affect parents dropping students off, A3

Sweet goodbye for Red Sox

Wakefield, Boston top New York to start last scheduled visit to Yankee Stadium, B5

Will you go as Spider-Man?



Owen King, son of Stephen King, Kelly Braffet and David Yoo will be in the city this week to read from the new

anthology of superhero stories, "Who Can Save Us Now? Brand-New Superheroes and Their Amazing (Short) Stories." Dress up and you could win a prize, B1

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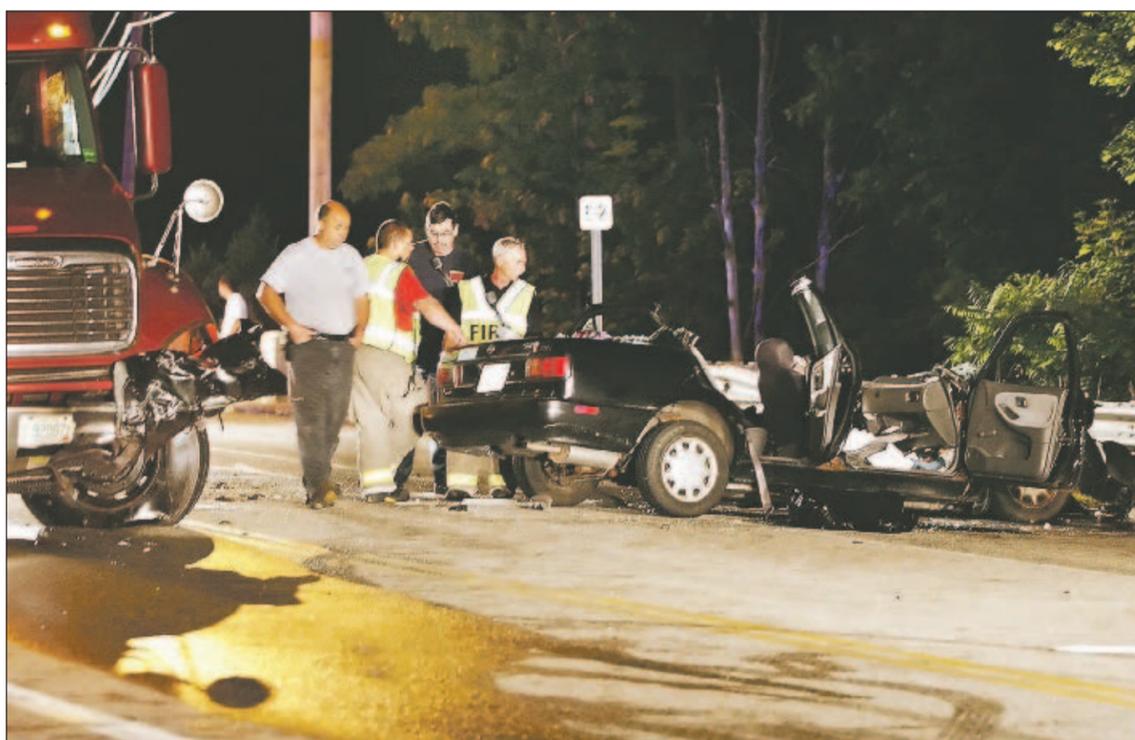
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Day: 0-0-8 / 1-4-2-6
Evening: 1-4-5 / 1-5-0-0
T-S Paycheck: 11-17-20-25-36
Mass Daily: 2-7-5-6
Mass Cash: Not available by press time
Mega Millions: 6-16-24-34-36 +30



50 CENTS

WEATHER, A12: Mostly sunny, HIGH 75

TWO DEAD AFTER SEACOAST CRASHES



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The driver of a Nissan Sentra was killed after a head-on collision with a tractor-trailer at the intersection of Lafayette (Route 1) and North roads in North Hampton at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday.

Police: Car veered in front of tractor-trailer on Rt. 1

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NORTH HAMPTON — One man is dead after a head-on crash between a tractor-trailer and a car on Route 1 Tuesday night.

Police said the man, whose name was not immediately released pending notification of family, was driving a black Nissan Sentra with Massachusetts license plates northbound on Lafayette Road (Route 1) through North

Hampton. The tractor-trailer, which had Maine plates and was hauling reams of paper, was headed southbound near the intersection of Lafayette and North roads.

According to New Hampshire State Trooper Peter Gould, the driver of the Sentra swerved to the left and struck the front of the truck, with the impact severe enough to cause the walls of the trailer to bulge outward. Gould said the reason the driver swerved

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Morning wreck on Route 4 remains under investigation

BY ADAM LEECH
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DURHAM — An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death of a 52-year-old Lee man who died following a car accident on Route 4 Tuesday morning.

Police responded to the accident at approximately 6:20 a.m. on Route 4 — adjacent to the Department of Transportation weigh station, between Madbury Road and Main Street. They found a

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Rollover crash closes down busy Woodbury Ave. intersection, A2

2002 GMC pick-up truck on its side resting on an embankment with an unresponsive driver.

Gregory Sweatt, 52, of 1

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Clinton: Obama 'my candidate'

Senator leads the way as Democrats rip into McCain

BY DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

DENVER — Hillary Rodham Clinton summoned millions of voters who supported her in the primaries to send Barack Obama to the White House Tuesday night, declaring in a Democratic National Convention speech that the man who defeated her "is my candidate and he must be our president."

In a prime time address, the former first lady added, "we don't have a moment to lose or a vote to spare."

The packed convention floor became a sea of white

"Hillary" signs as the New York senator strode to the podium, and thousands of Democrats cheered as she took a pre-speech sip of water.

While her prepared remarks included a full-throated endorsement of Obama, she did not indicate whether she would have her name placed in nomination or seek a formal roll call of the states when the nomination is awarded by delegates tonight.

Calling herself a "proud supporter of Barack Obama, she dismissed Republican John McCain with a few

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WEST NILE FOUND IN KENSINGTON

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KENSINGTON — The town became the first in New Hampshire this year in which mosquitoes have tested positive for West Nile virus, leading the state Department of Health and Human Services to urge residents on Tuesday to protect themselves.

The DHHS said the positive result came from a mosquito pool in Kensington, which DHHS public health

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