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TRIPLE TRIATHLETES

THREE GENERATIONS OF A FAMILY CHASING GLORY IN TONIGHT'S GRISKUS TRIATHLON AT QUASSY IN MIDDLEBURY, PAGE 1C

Wolcott dispatcher files suit

A Wolcott police dispatcher has filed a sexual harassment lawsuit seeking \$250,000. She says the harassment she endured lasted nearly five years. PAGE 1B

Lohan sentenced to hard time



Actress Lindsay Lohan burst into tears after being sentenced to 90 days in jail for violating probation from a 2007 drug case by missing alcohol treatment classes. PAGE 4D

Obama, Netanyahu: No rift

President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met Tuesday in an attempt to dismiss any ideas of a rift between them. PAGE 3A

Better stock up on Fovers

The Postal Service said it wants to raise the price of first-class stamps by 2 cents to 46 cents in January to survive a financial crisis caused by declining volume. PAGE 4A

OPINION OF THE DAY: "Today, Gaza's stores are well stocked with food and other merchandise. Thousands of truckloads of food and goods enter Gaza from Israel daily. ... Jews in Warsaw were starving and had no access to medical care." — Joel Abramson, Southbury
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WEB EXTRAS

TODAY AT REP-AM.COM



- » **WHAT'S FOR DINNER** Steven Valenti helps you make olive oil garlic chicken with roasted asparagus, above, in his video blog.
- » **PRIEST ARRAIGNED** Photo gallery of the Rev. Kevin Gray's court appearance and his supporters outside the courthouse.
- » **SMUGGLING SUB** DEA says submarine found in South American jungle could smuggle tons of cocaine. See AP video at rep-am.com.
- » **WORTH REPEATING** "We need to put a 'cap' on the use of personal wealth to buy campaigns. Just do us all a favor though. Don't let those guys at BP do it." — posted by **Head On A Swivel** on the story "Senate challenger Schiff scores out of state."

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Bearing false witness

Warrant details priest's lies, larceny and homosexual lovers

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WATERBURY — A web of lies, one intersecting another, and at the center is the Rev. Kevin Gray, bitter, disillusioned and upset at the Catholic Church's policies on homosexuals.

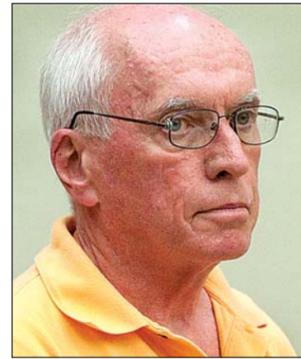
Gray, a Catholic priest, lied about having colon cancer and about being an attorney. He lied about working for Catholic Charities in New Haven. When confronted by a man he was dating, he even lied about being a priest.

That's according to an arrest warrant released Tuesday, detailing why police charged the 64-year-old former pastor of Sa-

cred Heart Church with first-degree larceny. Police say Gray burned through more than \$1 million in church funds.

Court documents also reveal a secret deal police say Gray arranged with a cell phone provider that allowed a California company to lease space in Sacred Heart's steeple. That deal, which netted Gray \$200,000, was kept secret from the Archdiocese of Hartford,

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STEVEN VALENTI, REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN
Court documents say the Rev. Kevin Gray leased space in his church's steeple to a cell phone provider and kept \$200,000.

THE EXPENSES

Expenses police say the Rev. Kevin Gray illegally used church funds to pay for:
» **\$19,450** for jewelry from Tiffany's and Beauty Design Jewelry in New York
» **\$67,755** in credit card expenses amassed by his boyfriend, whom he met at a New York strip bar.
» **\$163,850** to pay tuition to Harvard University and other expenses for Weirui Zhong, a 35-year-old man Gray met in Central Park in 2005
» **\$3,280** for six visits with male escorts who visited Gray in rented rooms in luxury hotels
» **\$16,700** in money transfers to a man in Ecuador

HEAT WAVE: DAY 2

MANY AREA RESIDENTS SHOW THEY CAN TAKE TORRID TEMPERATURES



Vinny Santopietro, 5, gets a cooling break from the heat wave Tuesday in Lake Quassapaug at the Middlebury Recreation Area.

BY PENELOPE OVERTON
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

TORRINGTON — DeDe Meneguzzo has been selling frankfurters from a cart on East Main Street for eight years, so she is used to hot — hot dogs, hot chili, hot weather.

At lunchtime Tuesday, with a nearby bank sign flashing a temperature of 95 degrees, Meneguzzo dished out roadside food under the cover of a small umbrella to sweaty walk-up and chilled drive-by customers.

"I can always tell it is hot when the people want me to serve them from their air-conditioned car," Meneguzzo said.

MORE TODAY The Waterbury forecast calls for afternoon highs in the low 90s, feeling even warmer due to the humidity. Low 80s with a very slight chance of some rain by sunset.

RECORD HIGH Tuesday's 102 temperature in Windsor Locks tied a record set at Bradley International Airport on July 3, 1966. By comparison, it may not hit 90 in Miami today.

GRID HOLDS Despite higher than normal demand, the East's power grid holds up for the most part. Story on Page 5A.

"That is OK. They keep eating. I keep putting on the sunscreen. I'm good."

Like many others across the region, Meneguzzo wasn't suffering from the heat so much as surviving it. It's summer, it's

supposed to be hot, said many people flocking to the lakes, malls and cinemas Tuesday.

The second day of the New England heat wave brought temperatures climbing toward 100 degrees, according to the

National Weather Service. Rising humidity levels made it feel like it was 104 degrees.

The National Weather Service issued a heat advisory in the afternoon urging people to stay out of the sun in an air-conditioned setting. The state Department of Environmental Protection issued an air quality alert.

The heat, combined with a lengthy spell without rain, prompted the DEP to rate the forest fire danger level as high Tuesday. That's the middle tier of a five-level system and means even people with per-

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Washington sues Arizona over strict immigration law

BY BOB CHRISTIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — The Obama administration sued Arizona on Tuesday to throw out the state's toughest-in-the-nation immigration law and keep other states from copying it.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Phoenix said the law, due to take effect July 29, usurps the federal government's "pre-eminent authority" under the Constitution to regulate immigration.

The move sets the stage for a high-stakes legal clash over states' rights at a time when

politicians in some other states have indicated they want to follow Arizona's lead.

The legal action represents a stern denunciation of the law, which the Justice Department declared will "cause the detention and harassment of authorized visitors, immigrants and citizens who do not have or carry identification

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Legislator's finances hit hard in recessions

Berger files for third bankruptcy

BY MICHAEL PUFFER
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» Berger changes story on why he quit job with Waterbury schools, Page 1B.

» A list of creditors listed on his June 2009 bankruptcy filing, Page 5A.

WATERBURY — State Rep. Jeffrey Berger, D-73rd, sits on legislative committees that direct state spending and development efforts, but has seen his personal finances fall to ruin during the last two recessions.

Berger filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection in June 2009. He claimed \$473,675 in debt and listed household expenses that outstripped his family's income by \$2,797.70 each month.

It was Berger's third time filing bankruptcy, having also applied for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 protection in 1992.

Berger was granted a Chapter 7 discharge in October. This wipes away most of his debt, but will make it difficult to get future credit.

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