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60 Years of Song

By Sam Bishop

On a bitterly cold Monday, the first of 2025, members of the Sippican Choral Society met in the northern section of the Wickenden Chapel on Marion's Spring Street. For sixty years, the choral society has graced the Tri-Town with its performance of many different genres of song.

For their anniversary, the chorus will perform "60s Songs for 60 Years" this upcoming May 4. The party/concert will feature a diverse selection of music, offering something for all tastes: "folk, rock, jazz, Broadway show tunes, and, of course, the Beatles." The event and group in general offers both seasoned performers and newcomers a chance to be a part of this upcoming anticipated musical event.

"How lucky are we – to have this in our town?" one member said.

For their initial rehearsals, the group sang classics like *The Times They Are A Changin'*, *Fly Me to the Moon (In Other Words)*, and fittingly, *The Best is Yet to Come*.

Though I was cold as I walked into the chapel,

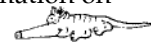


Above & On the Cover: The Sippican Choral Society at their first rehearsal of the new year on January 6 in the Wickenden Chapel in Marion. Darry Dolezal is seen as Music Director. In preparation for their "60s Songs for 60 Years" concert this May, celebrating their 60th anniversary, the choir meets on Mondays to practice.

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President Kelli McSweeney and other organizers gave an incredibly warm and gracious welcome as I entered. Their passion for music and desire to apart of this long-running tradition is what makes the Sippican Choral Society great and is what makes the Tri-Town special.

Our Volatile Planet

By Marilou Newell

In what can only be described as a coincidence, a surprising coincidence, Rochester's Plumb Library along with the Friends of the Library, hosted Matt Davis on January 11. Davis' timely lecture was on the topic of

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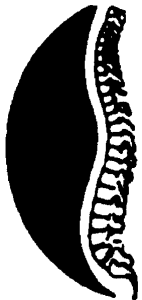
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coping with threats from natural disasters.

Davis brought his understanding of how humans cope with natural disasters in a lecture that was informative and insightful. After spending years researching the psychology behind rebuilding in disaster zones and coping with monumental losses, the former professor spoke to the challenges facing growing populations and the very human trait of wanting to remain on one's home turf.

His studies are a unique blend of geology and psychology which he admitted was not a well-known path. Yet given what we are perceiving as increases in natural disasters (let's say it together – "global warming"), it's a timely topic to consider.

Davis told the audience that our planet is a restless ever-changing place to carve out a living. And it has always been this way.

The researcher said that one example of environmental disaster has been documented over 200 times in ancient writings including the Bible, the great flood that features Noah as a central player. Davis said that early people considered volcanic eruptions as openings to hell, while floods and other climatic events were considered punishments. His point is that there have always been severe weather and global events and there always will be. It comes down to how we cope.



Davis' studies have taken him to far away places working with local agencies both before, during and after devastating events. What he found regarding human nature is fascinating. But the most striking take-away is this, we want to stay in places we call home in spite of future floods, wildfires, and the like.

Take for instance Tornado Alley; also called Tornado Valley. The states of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska produce and suffer from 80-percent of all tornadoes in the world, Davis stated. And yet, rather than moving, people stay, rebuild, bury the dead, and go on living. The same can be said for those living in and near the area known as the Ring of Fire. This

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vast area comprising Tonga, Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan, and the Aleutians sits on volcanoes that are active and ready for action.

Modern devices are now employed to monitor seismic action, air currents, the presence of tsunamis, and weather predictions. We receive warnings via the internet, cell phones, TV and radio. We are told to seek shelter and often times have days to prepare securing water and other supplies. But do we pay attention.

Davis cautioned, "If you are told to evacuate then evacuate." Better safe than sorry.

Davis pointed to the fact that people are inclined to rebuild in the same threatened locations after they have lost everything, including family and friends. "The California wildfires are not new. It's a reoccurring patten of wet periods and dry periods. Los Angeles should never have been so big." Today some 36-million people live in the Los Angeles area. Considering Los Angeles for a moment, Davis conjectured that amazing "views" are a primary reason people roll the dice and build in areas where earthquakes and other environmental dangers

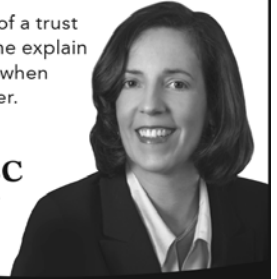
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are ever-present. He noted the San Francisco Bay Area as another location where people have densely built on top of active earthquake fault lines.

Today, developers and regulatory agencies are looking long and hard at hazard mitigation planning. It's a topic often spoken at various board meetings around our home the Tri-Town area. But Davis said there are added costs associated with such considerations, different building materials, and longer construction periods.

Denial, Davis said, factors into human perception of whether or not an area is reasonably safe to build on. We tend to evaluate risk in measured proportions, "... how likely will something bad happen (risk perception)? How likely, how soon, how seriously?"

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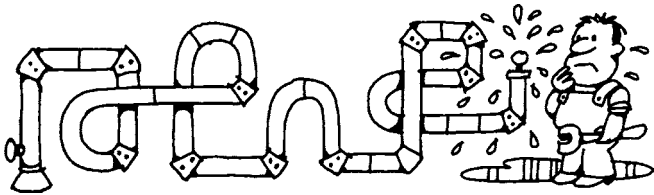
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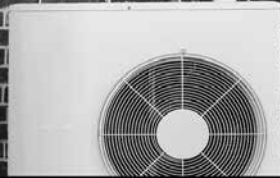
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And even if advance warning technology is available and is employed, "...where would the people go?"

Davis spoke to issues that arose during hurricane Katrina, an enormous storm that Louisiana has yet to fully recover from. "Disaster response was total chaos." He said disaster relieve agencies weren't synchronized in their messaging and challenged at every turn to provide victims with accurate information in order to receive assistance.

On the topic of preparedness Davis believes everyday problems and needs outweigh those efforts, "There are new apartment complexes in the shadow of Mt. Vesuvius." Vesuvius is still an active volcano. But there's no place like home.

Available now is Davis' latest book *At Home in the World, Reflections of a Travel Addict*.

Alcohol: How Bad is it?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

The news media have been filled with reactions to the U.S. Surgeon General's recent pronouncement that alcohol was a major cancer risk, and that alcoholic beverages should carry a cancer warning label like that on cigarette packages. (Ireland currently requires such warning labels.)

The World Health Organizations estimates that about 4% of cancers worldwide are alcohol-related.

The long-touted heart protective effects of alcohol have been questioned.

What should you believe?

First, some definitions. A "standard" drink is defined as 5 ounces of wine, 12 of beer and 1.5 ounces of liquor.

Women metabolize alcohol differently than men, and so have higher blood levels than men from the same amount consumed.

Almost all studies of the effects of alcohol on health are flawed.

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is not good, there is a strong tendency to under-report what you drink.

Second, they are observational: groups are followed and their health outcomes studied. We know that this type of study is prone to bias. People who drink alcohol may have many other habits that non-drinkers do not share, such as smoking.

Alcohol consumption has been linked to higher incidences of head and neck cancer, liver cancer, colorectal cancer, esophageal cancer and breast cancer.

Even the most toxic of substances only cause harm at threshold doses, and for most toxins, the more, the worse. Consistent with this, the National Academy of Medicine estimated that 2 drinks/week would shorten your life by less than a week, 7 drinks/week would shorten your life by 2.5 months while 5 drinks/day would shorten it by over two years.

A recent study from Spain shed fascinating light on wine and the heart. Rather than ask subjects how much they drank, they took urine samples and measured metabolites of wine to objectively estimate how much they drank. They found that light-to-moderate drinkers (from 1/2 to 1 glass/day) had 50% fewer cardiac events over 6 years of follow-up. This protective effect disappeared in those who drank more than 1 glass/day.

My take-aways:

If you do not drink, there is no reason to start. There are no net health benefits to drinking.

If you drink heavily (more than 2 drinks/day for men, 1/day for women), please cut down. You are harming yourself.

If you enjoy a glass of wine a few times a week, relax. The slight increased cancer risk is probably balanced by less heart disease.

The Greeks had it right: all things in moderation.
Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.

Collyer To Run Again

Mattapoissett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

On January 14, immediately at the commencement of the Select Board meeting, member Jordan Collyer asked to make a public statement. Speaking from prepared notes, Collyer said he wanted to dispel rumors regarding whether or not he'd be running again in the upcoming spring elections. He confided to the public that he was a recovering alcoholic and that earlier statements he may have made regarding not seeking reelection was probably frustration fueled by alcohol. Now, after a year of sobriety and being supported by many townspeople, he said he wanted to continue serving the community. Collyer thanked family, friends, and others for their support. Collyer has been a Select Board member for 21 years.

Returning to the agenda, the board met with the

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town's engineering consultants VHB regarding the village roads reconstruction project. Coming to the conference table was VHB's Greg Russell and arborist Paul Sellars. For an hour, the consultants provided details highlighting the condition of trees along the Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street corridor. Each tree was given a thorough investigation and graded as to the expected lifespan and current condition. Many of the trees evidenced severe soil compaction from foot traffic and root fungus. Many of the trees in question have burst up and over existing curbs with possibly compromised root systems. Sellars also commented that the trees lack critical root zones.

The consulting firm also studied whether or not placing utilities underground was a viable option. Given that gas, water, and electrical equipment needed sufficient spacing, the likelihood of placing those systems underground seemed dim.

On the topic of rerouting some village streets to one-way use only was reviewed but did not impact the number of trees that will need to be removed. However, it would allow for a modest increase in the number of parking places along Water Street.

Town administrator Mike Lorenzo said that the road project will also include the replacement of fresh water systems. He said the plan is to use state and federal grant funding. All in at this point, Lorenzo said the road project is now estimated at \$17,000,000 before adding in any contribution the town may have to fund for upgrades to the public water system.

The project remains at 25-percent design completion. A public meeting will be planned for the spring to continue hearing from the public and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the funding source.

Collyer asked that the board meet for a working session to ensure all aspects of the project have been fully vetted to their satisfaction, "I want an entire meeting to discuss what was presented tonight." All were in agreement. The project remains on the TIP schedule with a project construction start of 2028.

Earlier in the evening, the board met with two candidates for the position of building department director. Coming before the board were William McGrady and Brandon Moroney. McGrady listed among his accomplishments being a certified building inspector and educator, knowledge of FEMA regulations, and a desire to assist the public. Moroney said he has always worked in the building trades and works part-time as an inspector in Lakeville and Raynham. As the meeting drew to a close, the board voted to offer the position to McGrady.

Other action taken by the board on this night were the appointment of Nancy Duff to the Old Colony School Committee and the appointment of Mike Hickey to the Capital Planning Committee.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Select Board to be announced.



Changes Proposed for Boat Owner Fees

Marion Select Board

By Mary McCann Fiske

At its January 7 meeting, the Board began by approving a petition from Eversource Energy to install a utility pole for underground cable and conduit at 305 Road.

It then moved on to Action Items, approving minutes for five meetings held from November through December 17, 2024; a Common Victualer's License for Santoro's Pizza and More; appointment of Lisa MacLean to Scholarship Education Committee and four payments of Water/Sewer commitments.

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was on proposed revisions to town waterways regulations. This was a "First Read," meaning the revisions, as drafted by Harbormaster Adam Murphy were under initial review by the Board and likely to be modified as needed following discussion.

The revisions call for modifying the regulations in order to hold almost all boats, regardless of size, ownership, or location in the harbor accountable for registering with the Harbormaster. This would entail paying a harbor fee and a per-foot fee of not less than twenty-five feet.

Murphy explained that the change is needed to better align the services provided with the standing of the vessels. Currently there are many boats that are

not holding permits but may require the services the Harbormaster has no choice but to provide, such as retrieving vessels detached from a mooring or blown off a dock or other situation. Lacking owner contact information provided by a permit, harbor staff spend a great deal of time not only capturing and securing the vessels but tracking down owners.

Vin Malkoski of the Marine Resources Committee was present and strongly supported the proposal.

Given the number of community members and other owners that could be affected by the proposed policy, the board felt it called for a public hearing and is the process of scheduling one by late-January or early-February.

Other items discussed in the early stages and not voted on included draft goals for the Board in 2025, potential Town Meeting warrant articles for this year and proposed Intermunicipal Agreements with Rochester.

Town Administrator Gorman reported that work on the public works building is proceeding well, with plumbing installation now complete, and that the harbor master's building elevator is installed and ready for inspection, after which the office will open to the public. IT connections are also nearing completion but will not delay opening.

Gorman noted that 2025 resident stickers, whether for beach parking, refuse, or shell fishing, will be available at the Harbormaster's office beginning February 3. The landfill will continue to accept 2024 stickers through February 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Select Board will be on Tuesday, January 21, at 6:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Preparing the FY26 Budget

Mattapoissett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

In the run-up to the spring town meeting, Mattapoissett's Finance Committee has begun the intensive work of studying all aspects of the town's revenues and expenses. Members Paul Amoruso, Brian Connelly,

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Kathleen Costello, Aaron Goldberg, Gary Johnson, Karen Keenan, and Colby Rottler met with town administrator Mike Lorencio on January 9 to jump-start what will be meetings taking place every two weeks until a Fiscal 2026 budget is ready for the Select Board.

Lorencio provided the members with information regarding the Plymouth County retirement necessary contributions and a host of other data points for their consideration moving forward.

In a prequel to the meeting Lorencio shared with us the following commentary that was presented at the meeting, "...the Plymouth county retirement contribution page which displays the amount the Town must contribute for FY26 & FY27 (\$2,140,125 and \$2,297,048

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respectively). The FY26 required contribution is up 9.88% from the prior year.

The budget template which will be briefly discussed has no solidified numbers in it, just estimates. I would provide it to you, but I think it's best to wait for a week or two until some department figures come in and are placed in the template. I would just share that the Town's current Levy Limit for FY26 is \$28,850,497. There will be challenges like every budget year but the Town hopes to continue to not use the entire prop 2 1/2 allowance if we don't have too. This year will be more of a challenge than in years prior with accelerating costs."

The members were told that union contracts would need to be negotiated and that budget numbers from the schools were pending. The committee members asked to hear directly from the schools this cycle. Lorenzo responded that they had been advised that Fincom will wish to speak with their representatives.

Regarding revenue, Rottler wondered aloud if the town should consider a short-term rental tax thinking that could be a new and additional source of income. Lorenzo told the committee members that the state was late in certifying free cash numbers.

In talking about Police Department funding, Lorenzo noted that a new contract might show an increase of 5 to 8-percent over FY24, "...we are low compared to some other towns," he said regarding pay scale and that it might prove difficult for retaining officers in a competitive employment environment, "...they can go someplace else for more money."

Health insurance costs, "Are the biggest they've been in four years," Lorenzo stated. Also increasing will be special education costs, the need to continue to put dollars aside for OPEB expenses and the continued subsidization of the Transfer Station now at \$65,000.

On the bright side, Lorenzo said that "rainy day funds," aka stabilization funds, stand at \$4.5-million.

The 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (federal funding) to assist cities and towns with major infrastructure and other needs such as computers and advanced technology equipment is now exhausted. Lorenzo said most town departments benefited from the fund which the federal government monitored in ensure funds were spent in approved ways. In the list of disbursements' of ARPA funds were digital radios updated computer technology for the conference room, water department projects and Oakland Street infrastructure.

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Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals on January 9 granted a Special Permit for multiple signage at the ExtraSpace Self-Storage facility proposed for 667 County Road.

Project representative Joseph Sanda told the board

last month that the developer is seeking a special permit to allow the erecting of six signs on the property. The biggest of these will be a 37-foot-long by four-foot-high sign proclaiming the company name that will face the Route 495 south-bound exit approaching Exit 2 to Rochester. The first sign will be placed at the beginning of the property. Four others will direct customers who have entered the five-story facility. The only proposed sign above the 50 square-foot size limit allowed in town bylaw is the 164-square-foot sign that will face Route 495 in order to draw customers to the facility.

Zoning Board Chair David Arancio led the response that the panel wanted to see exactly what those signs and the building lighting will look like before approving the special permit. The January 9 meeting satisfied the board on these points. Project Representative Joseph Sanda presented drawings of the different faces of the building and explained where each sign will be placed. He said there will be a ground-mounted sign on County Road, another at the northeast corner of the building facing toward Route 495, another on the east along the length of the property naming the property owner, a sign on the eastern side denoting the drive-through and loading area, another directional sign donating the office, and a directional sign donating the entrance to the complex's smaller building.

Board members focused their questions on the brightness of those signs. Chair David Arnacio said he had used a light meter to measure the light intensity of the signs at the company's similar location in Dedham. The result was a measurement of three-foot light candles. The developer's Highland Development Managing Partner Adam Hird said the light company's report is that the sign emits zero light candles perpendicular to the side of the building, no immeasurable illumination.

Arancio seemed convinced the difference was negligible. But before pressing for the approval vote, he noted this is the town's only chance to get the limits of this permit correct. "We get one bite of the apple here," he said. "It will be hard to criticize down the line to satisfy a complaint."

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He added that the board takes the rural appearance of Rochester very seriously. "Keep that in mind going forward," he said.

In other action, administrator Andreia Lacerda reported no new petitions have been filed for the board's next meeting. No new meeting date was set by adjournment.

Kabeyun Road Hearing To Be Continued

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals held its first meeting of the new year on January 9. Two special



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permits were requested.

Susan Billings of 17 Kabeyun Road sought a special permit to allow for the reconstruction of a non-conforming single-family dwelling. The building has a 7.8-foot deviation towards the property line. The owner will see to the demolition of the home and the garage, and a new, FEMA-compliant home be built with 15-foot setbacks from the property line. The new home will be raised above the new garage with a 728 square foot footprint compared to the existing 670 square-feet. The special permit allows for the addition of a deck on the back and around the sides.

The primary owners are three sisters in a joint-trust who would take turns vacationing at the property.

They did not rule out using the property as a rental, citing the financial benefits.

A continuance was put in place for January 23 to allow time for clarification of the property’s setback, addressing possible inconsistencies between architect drawings and site plans, possible deck alterations, and to answer other questions.

The next item was that of Giblin Ludes & Ludes, Trustees of 11 Hiller Street for a special permit for reconstruction and expansion of the properties rear deck. The current covered porch would be enclosed with a 14-foot extension of the deck. The current setbacks are non-conforming, though the work would address this. The special permit was approved by the board unanimously.

The previous hearing for 70 Water Street was continued from the last meeting on the construction of a 10-by-15 shed. It was stated the board’s request to attain average setbacks for dwelling units and sheds was unfeasible as it would require a large-scale ground field survey. Board Member Dana Nilson said he disagreed with the assertion that the survey would be “impossible” saying it “is a very regular request that comes up and we are asking other folks to do exactly the same thing.” It was added that the Conservation Commission met the night before and approved the shed’s current placement on the plans. Through this, the board unanimously approved the request.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will take place January 23 at 6:30 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference room.

Pushback From Permit-Seekers

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester’s Planning Board Tuesday endorsed an Approval Not Required (ANR) application for the construction of three single-family dwellings on two-acre lots on High Street at Forbes Road but not without push back from board based on its closeness to Connet Woods.

Connet Woods is designed as a regulated subdivision, Planning Board Chair Arnold Johnson said. Therefore, the board wanted the developer to agree that



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the High Street lots would connect to that development's roadway before the panel would endorse the ANR. The developer's lawyer, Attorney Peter Teitelbaum, said his client disagrees with this as a condition for the ANR and that, in fact, such a condition is not necessary for granting one.

Johnson admitted that the town council has informed the board this condition is not required for an ANR. "But my question is that there will be no safeguards on your application that you will put this on your plans," he said. "Some poor guy applying for a home here will not get what he wanted. Or the Connet Woods homeowners' association will complain."

Teitelbaum said this road connection is something

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his client, Sarajon Realty, will consider but only after other avenues are explored and the subject is discussed and researched, through "a process, a very circuitous process," he said.

Board member Ben Bailey warned Tittlebaum that the town will remember his client's current irrevocable attitude when other permit requests come the panel's way in the future, and that may affect those decisions. "No one will forget," Bailey said. But Teitelbaum did not budge from his stance as the board approved the ANR with one abstaining vote, from chair Johnson.

In other action, the board continued until its January 28 meeting its site plan review special permit hearing for a new Eversource Energy substation at 214

Rounsville Road, upgrades necessary to interconnect distributed generation facilities in town. The panel also continued until that date its Definitive Subdivision plan hearing regarding dividing a 28-acre parcel and at 386 Snipatuit Road into a two-acre lot with frontage on Snipatuit Road containing an existing home and outbuilding and two new lots with frontage on a new roadway to be named Peter Crapo Cartway. In both cases, Johnson said the board is awaiting peer review engineering notes from Ken Motta of Field Engineering.

Zoning Bylaw Review Committee members Richard Cutler and Mark Wellington asked the board to reconsider its vote against recommending the new accessory dwelling unit bylaw that will be voted on at the January 27 Special Town Meeting. They argued these new regulations would mean important protections for the town in the face of impending state regulations allowing these units by right.

Johnson responded it was too late legally to do so, and the board has not changed its mind. He said the board can't re-vote the recommendation without re-advertising the hearing. Plus, the state is making these new regulations something that towns can find a way around. "The state keeps moving the goal post every time they see towns' draft regulations seeking a way around them," Johnson said.

"If we have nothing of our own, then we will have the state rules and nothing we can do about them," Cutler unsuccessfully argued.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Bike Path Maintenance – Who and How

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

In a continued informal discussion regarding possible erosion issues sustained near the footings of benches installed at the entrance of the bike path boardwalk on Good Speed Island, environmental agent Samantha Carew reported her findings. Carew said that the benches in question were not on the original

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plan of record and had not been permitted. She further commented that erosion was evident.

Chairman Mike King said that the "town owns it" and as such was responsible for ongoing maintenance. But what department is charged with taking the lead in such matters? The Highway Department, King said. Carew noted that the Select Board did not place the benches where they are located but no one seemed to know who did.

In a follow-up with DaSousa she said that the Friends of the Bike Path will, "...make a proposal to the Select Board," to pursue permitting of the benches and possible maintenance into perpetuity.

In other business, a new Notice of Intent filed by Thomas Levreault, 50 Aucoot Road, was conditioned for the razing of an existing residential structure and the construction of a new home. Engineering representative Rick Charon said that all work will be outside resource areas and flood zones. A letter will be sent to the applicant to cease and desist all activities in the boarding vegetated wetlands areas on the property.

A new NOI filed by Alexandra Ablon represented by David Davignon of Schneider Davignon and Leone was continued as architectural drawings are completed. The project is planned to include an accessory garage with ADU compliance.

An NOI filed by Jeffrey Dunn, Angelica lot #159 was conditioned for the construction of a new single-family dwelling.

Three Certificates of Compliance were granted to property located at 5 Pine Street, 7 Holly Street, and 3 Pigwacket Lane.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Committee is scheduled for January 27.

Boulder Usage For Wetland Development

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Marion Conservation Commission Wednesday, January 8, whittled through an agenda of many routine projects within flood and wetland buffer zones. Commissioners mostly expressed concern about




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a project on Dexter Road seeking to reuse boulders and build an accessory garage.

Commissioners also expressed concern about a project seeking to remove an old cottage and rebuild a shed because it is within a wetlands buffer zone with an unknown water pipe underneath. This latter matter is also before the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Conservation Commission will continue the hearing for the proposal at its January 28 meeting.

The accessory garage, proposed by applicants Stephen and Jane McCarthy, will be two stories, including a loft, but will only be used for storage and not residential use, according to a project representative.

Commissioners expressed concern about the reuse of large boulders within the property.

"Why are we allowing them to have a rock wall in a (flood) velocity zone," said Commissioner Shayne Walsh.

Walsh suggested that the boulders should be hauled away but expressed understanding of the applicants' desire to save money.

"It's exacerbating a condition. ... I'm not trying to make things difficult for the property owners," Walsh said. "While I appreciate them seeking permission to minimize their expense, it is what it is."

Walsh and commissioners agreed that boulders used for a border fence should be no greater than two feet in height and only three or four feet in any direction.

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Laura and Terrence Hartford pitched a proposal for an addition that would include an enclosed porch while also removing an old cottage and replacing it with a shed. The proposed shed is within 20 feet of wetlands.

Applicant representative Robert Braman, of Braman associates, told commissioners that there is a state Department of Environmental Protection file on the case with no comments. He also said there is a neighboring shed nearby, which also borders wetlands.

Commissioners asked Braman to follow-up with Commissioners after the applicant meets with the town's Zoning Board of Appeals.

They continued the hearing to 7:00 pm on January 28.

Burr Brothers Boats Inc., on 366 Wareham Street, is looking to redevelop a boat storage facility.

Commissioner Jeffrey Debrouva expressed concern about the amount of fill being brought to the property and asked for proper mitigation measures, as the area is within a coastal flood zone.

All other matters were routine, including two applicants on West Drive looking to connect to the town's sewer system.

Another applicant sought to rebuild an in-ground pool but there are no plans to increase the size, drawing no concerns from Conservation Commissioners.

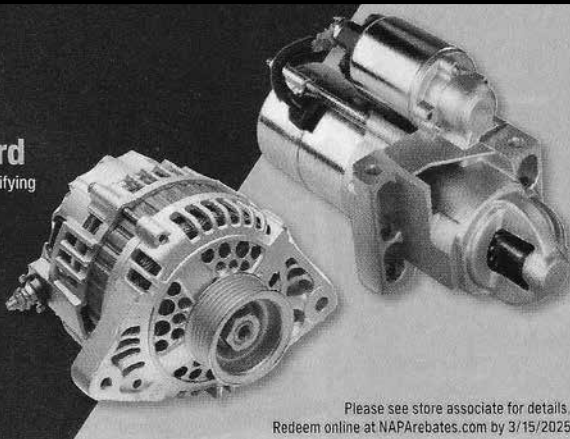
Shane and Denise Whittaker, applicants at 6 Cole Road, plan to scrap an old cottage there and build

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a single-family home, which also drew no concerns from the Conservation Commission.

The Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on January 28 at 7:00 pm.

Both ORR Boys and Girls Score Wins in Basketball

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky
Boys Basketball

The Old Rochester Regional high school boys' basketball team played at Wareham (5-3) on January 8 and won 71-63. Both sophomores Hunter Horsey and Grady Oliveria stepped up. Horsey scored 18 points, and had 6 rebounds, as Oliveira also had 18 points and hit some clutch free throws down the stretch. The Bulldogs were down 25-11 at the end of the first quarter but scored 17 in the second and went on a 17-2 run in the third quarter. Old Rochester ended up outscoring Wareham 44-25 in the second half. They're now 5-4 on the season, and will play at Bourne (6-1), on January 17.

Swimming

The boys and girls swim team faced Bishop Stang on January 10, as the boys won 107-58, and the girls lost 78-65. There were many highlights of the Bulldogs second meet of the season. Senior Sam Raynor qualified for states in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 23.58 seconds. Sophomore Lazaro Rosa set a new personal best in the 100

backstroke with a time of 1:05 seconds. Junior Elizabeth Chubb scored a personal best in the 500 freestyle with a time of 6:12 seconds. Their next meet will be at Durfee on January 14.

Girls Basketball

The Bulldogs played at Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech (3-6) on January 10 and won 53-34. They moved to 4-3 on the season and have won three games in a row. Old Rochester will host Bourne (7-1), on January 17.

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Isabel Friedrichs from Rochester, class of 2026,

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majoring in Environmental Engineering, completed a project titled Water Conservation in Honolulu Community Gardens.

Torsten Brickley of Mattapoisett and **Trent Crook** of Rochester have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester at Clarkson University.

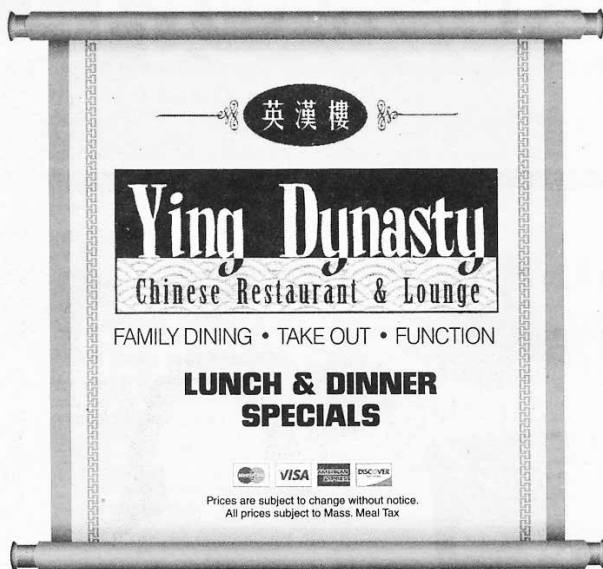
Lucas Pothier of Rochester and **Jacob Pothier** of Rochester, students at Cedarville University have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.50 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Cole D. Dube of Mattapoisett was named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Fall 2024

semester. Students who complete at least 12 credits of classes and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 in a particular semester are cited on the Dean's List for that semester.

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11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
11:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
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1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
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3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Mattapoisett Land Trust
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies
Sunday January 19, 2025
6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational

Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM MAC Arts in the Park
11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
3:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Mattapoisett Museum: The Hurricane of 1938
10:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
11:30 PM Classic Movies
Monday January 20, 2025
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
10:30 AM Cape Conversations
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Boston Celtics Owner Wyc

Grousebeck Interview
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Bishop Stang
8:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Dartmouth
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
Tuesday January 21, 2025
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus On Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
5:00 PM Tri-Town Holiday Events
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Wednesday January 22, 2025
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show

10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Speaker Series
8:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
9:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Apponequet
11:00 PM ORRHS Pep Rally

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Daily Schedule 7:00 AM

Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Marion Planning Board
10:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Marion School Committee
12:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
1:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
2:00 PM Marion Board of Health
2:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
3:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
4:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
6:00 PM Marion Planning Board
7:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
7:30 PM Marion School Committee
9:00 PM Marion Stewards of Community Open Space
10:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
10:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
11:30 PM Marion Board of Health

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule 7:00 AM

Rochester Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
1:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
2:30 PM Rochester School Committee
5:00 PM ORR School Committee
6:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:00 PM Rochester Planning Board

EDUCATION CHANNEL

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Sippican Jr. Reporters
8:30 AM Old Hammondton School News
9:00 AM RMS Chorus Concert
9:30 AM ORR/JHS Drama Club - Romeo and Winifred
10:30 AM ORR music Department Tribute
11:30 AM Bulldog Sports Show
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Field Hockey vs Dighton Rehoboth
1:30 PM ORR Boys Baseball vs Apponequet
3:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Joseph Case
4:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Dighton Rehoboth
5:00 PM Old Colony Vision for the Future
5:30 PM ORR Promenade
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Class Olympics
7:00 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony
9:00 PM Old Colony Vision for the Future
9:30 PM Old Colony Drama Aladdin
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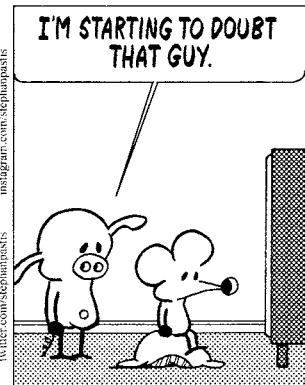
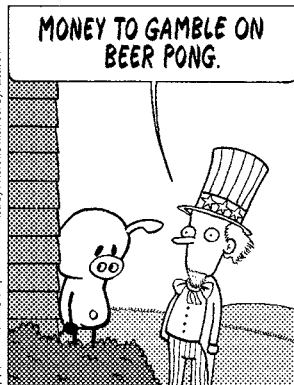
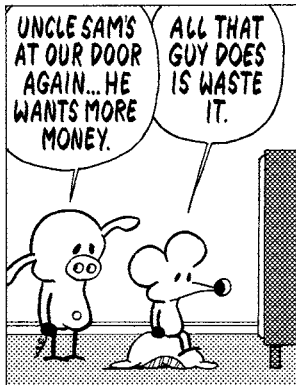
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UCC Celebrates a Historic Milestone

United Congregational Church is excited and honored to announce the ordination of Patricia Berry,

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Robert J. Freitas, 78, of Rochester died January 6, 2025 unexpectedly at home. He was the former husband of the late Debbie (Morrison) Freitas.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late John and Irene C. (Vieira) Freitas, he was raised in Fairhaven and lived in Rochester most of his life.

He was formerly employed by the Massachusetts Highway Department for over 20 years until his retirement.

Survivors include his son, Robert M. Freitas and his wife Chelsea of Rochester; a daughter, Catherine Freitas and her fiance Marco Prioli of Fairhaven; and 3 grandchildren, Ella, Emily and James.

His funeral services will be private. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Joan T. Heald, a cherished member of our family and community, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family, leaving behind a legacy of love, service, and devotion.

Born in Pawtucket, RI, she was the beloved daughter of Clifford A. Trescott and Helen (Pray) Trescott. A proud member of the Class of 1951, Pembroke College at Brown University and the New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1951, she dedicated her life to the care and well-being of others.

Her professional journey was one of compassion and purpose, spanning years as a pediatric nurse at Rhode Island Hospital and Miriam Hospital, and culminating as the beloved School Nurse/Teacher at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf. Her gentle care touched countless lives and left a lasting impact on all who knew her.

A resident of Mattapoisett for close to two decades, she retired early and moved to the Village to help care for her treasured grandsons. She embraced her new home with open arms, becoming an active member of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church and the Council on Aging. Her life was enriched by deep friendships, especially within the knitting community, where her intricate cable-knit sweaters became treasured highlights of the church's Christmas Fair. Every trip to the Village included a drive to Ned's Point Lighthouse.

In her youth, she delighted in adventures, from riding the ski train to the White Mountains to exploring the National Parks. She celebrated her 80th birthday with a family hiking trip to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. A lifelong gardener, she marked her 50th birthday by transforming her backyard into a lush vegetable haven, sowing seeds of joy

and resilience. She found peace and happiness on beaches everywhere. Her love of the ocean started with family summers on the Vineyard and continued with her grandsons by her side at the town beach, watching them grow and thrive. In retirement, she traveled to her bucket list places starting with Hawaii and finishing with many trips abroad.

She was a devoted mother to Dr. Candace Lee Heald of Mattapoisett and a proud grandmother to Nathaniel Fuchs of Rhode Island, and his partner, Dr. Daniel Cubberly, and Walker Fuchs and his wife, Dr. Muriel Solberg, of Connecticut. She was also the treasured Aunt and mentor to a generation of nieces. Her family was her greatest joy, and her love for them was boundless.

A private burial will take place in the spring at Swan Point Cemetery in Providence, RI. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



William H. Goetz, 94, of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts died Sunday, January 5, 2025 at St. Luke's Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Evanston, Illinois on May 31, 1930, 'Bill' graduated from Chicago's Lakeview High School in 1947 and enlisted in the US Coast Guard. He rose through the enlisted ranks, completed officer candidate school first in his class, and retired a Commander and Commanding Officer (captain) of New Bedford's USCGC Vigilant in 1976.

He met Elizabeth Oliver, the love of his life, in 1948 while stationed in Nantucket, Massachusetts. They married on June 7, 1950 and had recently celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary in 2024.

Bill loved baseball, especially the Chicago Cubs, and was an excellent golfer and bowler. He served for many years as treasurer of the Mattapoisett Lions Club. He was happiest, however, in his role as family patriarch. He led by example, always encouraging his sons, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in everything they did. He also was fun loving and a master joke teller. His warmth was felt by everyone around him, including nearly three dozen nieces and nephews, and he always was available to lend a helping hand.

He is survived by his wife Betty; sons Michael (Suzanne) of Manville, Rhode Island and Stephen (Carol) of Deer Isle, Maine; grandchildren Rebecca, Sarah, Michelle (Chad), and Joseph (Meghann); and great grandchildren, Owen, William, and Allison.

He was predeceased by his parents, Henry and Elsie Goetz, and brother Paul Goetz.

His Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 11:30 am at St. Anthony's Church, 22 Barstow St., Mattapoisett, with everyone meeting directly at Church. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Massachusetts National Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held Monday, January 20th from 4-7 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer

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Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Bill's honor to either the charity of their choice or the St. Vincent dePaul Society of St. Anthony's Church, 22 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.



Dr. John A. Mills M.D. passed away on December, 24, 2024, in his beloved home in Marion, MA, and surrounded by family.

John Mills was born June 5, 1929 in Montreal, Canada, the son of Dr. Edward Sadler Mills and Marion Baile Mills, and raised in the City of Westmount.

After graduating from Westmount High School, he attended McGill University, first earning a B.A. in 1951, followed by an M.D. in 1954. He served his internship at the Montreal General and then moved to Boston to accept a position as Assistant Resident in Pathology under Shields Warren at the New England Deaconess Hospital.

By 1956, he had begun his lifelong association with the Massachusetts General Hospital where he completed a residency in Medicine. He briefly returned to McGill as a Hosmer Teaching Fellow and then served a year in London, U.K. as a research fellow at the Lister Institute of Preventative Medicine. Returning once again to Boston, he became a member of the staff at the Arthritis Unit of the MGH where he concentrated on the diagnosis and treatment of rheumatology and connective tissue disease under the tutelage of Dr. Walter Bauer and Dr. Marian Ropes. It was there that he met Nancy Gordon and they were married in October of 1962. Together they raised three sons, Edward, Peter and Alexander, and made their home in Winchester, MA where they made many close friendships that have endured for over 60 years. Nancy and John were happily married for 62 years and delighted in their growing family that now includes eight grandchildren between the ages of 29 and 19.

Teaching was John's avocation and greatest source of professional joy. From 1976 to 1992, he was the director of the Introduction to Clinical Medicine course at the Harvard Medical School, from which generations of physicians learned the skill of speaking with – and truly listening to – patients, as well as the art and science of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease. Even after his retirement in 1996 as an Emeritus Professor and rheumatology faculty member at MGH, he continued to share wisdom with cohorts of medical students, house staff, fellows and peers as he made weekly visits to the Clinic and served one month per year on the MGH medical service. He also inspired "Mills Rounds" at MGH, at which fellows and faculty were encouraged to bring forward challenging cases for discussion, and through which all assembled were able to learn from faculty presentations and obtain unique perspectives on case evaluation grounded

in Dr. Mills' many years of teaching and patient care.

Outside of his work, John had a love of activities that could engage the whole family. These included sailing, skiing and family outings in the Fells Reservation that were a hallmark of Sunday afternoons in Winchester, often after a long morning of raking leaves, shoveling snow, or attending to a seemingly infinite variety of outdoor tasks at Rangeley Rd. Among his greatest joys were vacations spent cruising the waters of Cape Cod and the Islands in summer, and annual winter excursions back to his native.

Canada, where the entire family enjoyed skiing together at Mt. Tremblant in the good company of many old friends and relations from around greater Montreal, including fellow members of McGill's Red Birds Ski Club who could always be counted upon to be up for another run as well as a cold beer (or 2) at the Chalet following the day's exertions.

John's connections to Massachusetts' Southcoast and Buzzards Bay ran deep, having spent a few youthful summers on Cuttyhunk Island and, as a young adult in the early 1950's, trailering his International 14 dinghy down from Montreal to compete in the Buzzards Bay Bowl and other competitions, where he would stay as a houseguest of lifelong friend Margaret "Peggs" Francis. By 1981, he had picked out a vessel of his own, and set out to keep her in Sippican Harbor, which he deemed to be as fine a sailing harbor as could be found on the eastern seaboard. Shortly thereafter, he began his long association with the Beverly Yacht Club where, as a member, he enjoyed both cruising and contesting for silverware aboard the "Kanga," always in the company of family and friends, and once safely back on shore, amongst the fellowship of sailors from far and near at the many regattas and events sponsored by the club.

In later years, he rejoiced in tending to his vegetable and flower gardens, most of which he started himself from seed, secure in the knowledge that with a bit of patience and careful nurturing, they would surely produce better and more prolifically than any specimens that could be obtained from a nursery.

John was preceded in death by his sister Elizabeth and a nephew Arthur Sesselberg, and is survived by his wife Nancy, sons Edward of Cohasset (Marianne, and children John, David and Margaret), Peter of Milton (Katrina, and daughters Mackenzie, Claire and Madeline), Alex of Hingham (Sarah, and daughters Grace and Emma) a nephew, Dr. Henry Sesselberg of Cape Elizabeth, ME (Tracy, and daughters Meryl and Alemnesh), as well as Arthur's wife Abby of Guilford, CT, and their children Herrick and Graham.

The family would like to thank John and Nancy's many dear friends and neighbors in Marion for their extraordinary kindness and support, Dr. Chris Coley (MGH, Boston), the staff at the Tobey Hospital (Wareham, MA), Sippican Healthcare Center (Marion, MA), and Community Nurse Home Care (Fairhaven, MA). In lieu of flowers, the family

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suggests donations to the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra or the Marion Council on Aging. A memorial will be held at a later date.

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Gerald (Jerry) Emmett Bruen, Jr., 77, of Marion died January 7, 2025 peacefully at home. He was the husband of Jeanne Helen (Pietrasiak) Bruen for 44 years.

Born in Weymouth, Massachusetts, son of the late Gerald Emmett Bruen, Sr. and Jean Frances (Strout) Bruen, he grew up in Hingham and later raised his family in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan before moving to Marion, MA with his wife in 2006.

A graduate of Worcester Academy, he received a BA from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and MBA from Bryant College in Smithfield, RI.

Jerry served as a First Lieutenant in the US Army and was deployed to Vietnam from 1969-1971, earning a Bronze Star Medal, medals for Vietnam Campaign, National Defense, Vietnam Service, plus a Combat Infantryman Badge and an Overseas Service Bar.

Jerry was formerly employed at St. Elizabeth's, The Miriam & Bon Secours Hospitals plus Mercy and Trinity Health Systems. He retired from Plante Moran in Southfield, MI as a Partner in Healthcare.

Jerry was an accomplished rugby player for several clubs, notably the USA Eastern Rugby Union, coach of the NE Rugby Team, and many years for the Beacon Hill Rugby Football Club, where he was captain and coached multiple teams. He was inducted into the UMass Athletic Hall of Fame for rugby in 1994.

Having sailed since he was very young, he was an avid boater, leading countless trips and races on the Great Lakes, the Gulf of Maine, Buzzards Bay, and an extended trip to the Caribbean in 2008. He also enjoyed traveling, which included trips to Ireland and Norway with his boys, and most recently to Anna Maria Island, FL with his granddaughter.

In his later years, Jerry volunteered as a docent at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, which he enjoyed immensely. He especially loved giving tours to school children and international tourists. He quickly grew to appreciate the camaraderie of his fellow docents.

Survivors include his wife Jeanne; 2 sons, Patrick Bruen and his wife Courtney of Duxbury, and Kyle Bruen of Portsmouth, NH; 3 sisters, Jean Moriarty of Hull, Barbara Carmody, and Mary Carle, both of Scituate; his granddaughter, Hallie; and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Susan Eustis. He is deeply loved and will be missed.

Visiting hours for Jerry will be held on Saturday,

February 1 from 11 AM - 2 PM at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), in Mattapoisett, MA. A celebration of life will follow. A burial will take place in the Spring at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made In Memory of Jerry to Brigham and Women's Heart and Vascular Center. Alternatively, donations can be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, please direct the gift to Genitourinary Cancers > Prostate Cancer in the dropdown menu.

For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Everett D. "Evie" Wrightington, Jr., 81, of Rochester, passed away peacefully at home on January 9, 2025. He was the husband of Jane H. (Bishop) Wrightington and the son of the late Everett D. Wrightington, Sr. and Esther (Phillips Shurtleff) Wrightington.

Everett was born in Middleboro and lived a very happy life in Rochester for over 50 years. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era.

He took great pride in his work as a skilled carpenter and his handiwork can be admired in many local homes.

Evie left a lasting impression through his infectious humor and warm heart. He was the type of man who would happily give the shirt off his back to anyone in need.

His deep love for Jane, his high school sweetheart, was admired by so many. Evie had a passion for fishing and hot rods. Many countless hours were spent alongside Jane searching, and also vying for, the biggest bass. He also enjoyed street rodding and connecting with people near and far. He accumulated a huge network of friends across several states and communities as he was a man that people truly loved to be around. Evie will be fondly remembered for his laughter, kindness, love for life, infectious spirit and friendly nature.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 61 years, Jane (Bishop) Wrightington; 2 brothers, David Wrightington and his wife Penny of Rochester and Ronald Wrightington of Lakeville; 2 sisters; several dearly loved nieces and nephews and a vast extended family of cherished relatives and friends.

A private celebration of his life will take place at a later date.

Please keep his spirit alive through the sharing of his stories. He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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significant step forward for both the church and the wider community.

Ordination is the process by which individuals are formally trained, recognized, and authorized by the denomination to preach and teach the gospel, administer the sacraments, and to exercise pastoral care and leadership. For Rev. Berry, this process included steps like discernment, seminary coursework, clinical pastoral care, field education, examinations and interviews, and others.

Rev. Berry's call to the ministry came as a surprise when she was a young mother and wife. A job change brought her family from Bar Harbor, Maine to Mattapoisett, MA, where they found a church home at Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Initially hesitant to accept the spiritual call, she became the church's Christian Education Director. Soon afterwards, with three children at home, she began pursuing her Master of Divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she joined United Congregational Church of Newport in Middletown, first serving as Minister of Faith Formation and currently as Bridge Pastor.

Rev. Berry's ministry, defined by a welcoming and inclusive approach that honors each person's unique journey, was shaped by her childhood. Her grandmother's deep spirituality had a profound impact on her, as did early church experiences. A pivotal moment at age nine—when she was told that girls couldn't serve



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MOVIE REVIEW

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***Blood Simple* (1985). Starring Frances McDormand and M. Emmet Walsh. Directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. Running time: 96 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Available on home streaming and physical media.**

I'm on record as an unreserved fan of Joel and Ethan Coen — “never made a bad movie” and all that. Yet, oddly, the movie that got them noticed and won them comparisons to Hitchcock and Welles — *Blood Simple*, which was released 40 years ago on January 18 — does the least for me, at least nowadays. Perhaps it's because many critics, back in 1985, saw great promise in the Coens' debut, whereas I've seen all the stuff they've done in the years since and therefore know they went on to much better things. *Blood Simple* isn't bad, just self-consciously poky and austere — a James M. Cain homage, rural-art-film division.

The Coens did know how to plot their thriller as immaculately as Cain did. Pathetic roadhouse owner Julian Marty (Dan Hedaya) suspects his wife Abby (Frances McDormand) of cheating on him. She is — with one of Marty's bartenders, Ray (John Getz). Marty hires a slimy “private investigator,” Loren Visser (M. Emmet Walsh), to follow Abby; after Visser has brought back proof and specifics, Marty offers Visser \$10,000 to kill Abby and Ray. What follows is a series of double-crosses and stupid decisions — as Pauline Kael pointed out in her review, the audience knows everything, but the characters don't, and we watch them screw up constantly. It doesn't help that most of the protagonists are none too bright — Ray is such a yo-yo he tries to mop up blood with a windbreaker.

It also doesn't help that the leads, Abby and Ray, are fairly colorless — maybe the Coens were commenting on the traditional blankness of *film noir* heroes and heroines, hollowed out and leaving nothing except greed, desperation, paranoia. Getz would give a zesty performance two years later as Geena Davis's snide ex-lover in David Cronenberg's *The Fly*, and we all know Frances McDormand would go on to do great work, not least in *Fargo*. Their performances here, though, are calculatedly laconic; the Coens are a bit too willing to let you see their hands moving these pawns.

I'll admit it's interesting to see the usual *film noir* confrontation scenes underplayed at a crawl — Getz lets out a small, bitter chuckle during one such scene with McDormand, and it makes you aware of how little emotion you've been seeing.

The Coens seem to view Abby and Ray as nothing more than mechanisms pushing the plot forward. They seem more interested in film-geek overhead shots (have there ever been so many ceiling-fan-POV shots in one movie?) and in weird touches like a pair of dead fish and a glass of milk left to rot and curdle on a table, or the way even freshly spilled gore has a dark and syrupy consistency, as if the victim's blood already knew it would be running soon and decided to clot ahead of time. *Blood Simple's* centerpiece is the celebrated buried-alive scene, whose effect on us depends on our detachment from the characters. Abby and Ray begin to distrust each other, but from what we can see there's no great love lost between them; they're hardly even in lust.

Happily, there are other people to watch on the margins. Dan Hedaya's Marty, a slob Rasputin, quietly conveys a man who wants to seem tougher than he is, who doesn't really have the stomach for rough Texas revenge (literally — he vomits no fewer than three times). And M. Emmet Walsh's Visser is a cheerfully gelatinous creation, the most entertaining bucket of pus to slime his way through a movie since Orson Welles in *Touch of Evil*. The Coens come up with some great cynical dialogue for him (everyone else's lines are rather naturalistic and dulled-out), and the baroque final scene they devise for him is eminently worthy of both Visser and his portrayer. *Blood Simple* ultimately seems to be about Visser, easily the film's most compelling addition to *film noir* history. When he speaks, you hear the future voice of the Coens loud and clear.

at the altar—motivated her to speak out against injustice. From that early age, Rev. Berry recalls, “I felt drawn to speaking up for equality, justice, and God’s love for all.” Her early work in community organizing, advocacy, and missions further deepened her commitment to these values and paved the foundation for her transformational ministry, rooted in social justice and “expanding God’s circle of love.”

The ordination ceremony, held last month, was a joyous occasion attended by members of the congregation, local faith leaders, and friends and family who have supported the Rev. Patricia Berry throughout her journey. It marked not only a personal achievement for UCC’s Bridge Pastor, but also a significant milestone for both the church and the wider community.

United Congregational Church of Newport in Middletown has a long tradition of faith, service, and community. The ordination of the Rev. Patricia Berry—the first woman ordained in the church’s 330-year history—marks a new chapter in its rich history. This momentous occasion underscores the church’s ongoing commitment to equality, inclusivity, and fostering a welcoming and diverse faith community.

**2025-26 Project GROW Preschool Program
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Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to announce that registration for the Old Rochester Regional



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Jan 5-Jan 11

- Oak St – Health/welfare
- Sassamon Trl – EMS/medical
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Suspicious activity
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Wildlife services
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Brigg's Ter – General service
- Island Wharf Rd – Waterways complaint
- Crapo St – EMS/medical
- Joanne Dr – Suspicious activity
- Wianno Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Burglar alarm
- Dexter Rd – Health/welfare
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV complaint
- Front St – Paper service
- Front St – Larceny/past
- Piney Point Rd – Suspicious person
- Village Dr - Transport
- Village Dr - Fraud
- Ichabod Ln – General service
- Wareham Rd – Parking enforcement
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Rd – Follow up investigation
- Mill St - Fraud
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Animal bite

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan 5-Jan 11

- Tinkham Ln – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist other agency
- Tobey Ln – Medical assist
- I195 East – MV violations
- Tobey Ln – Medical assist
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Pico Beach Rd – Medical assist
- Ocean Dr – Suspicious MV
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Beech Wood Rd – General service
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Pearl St – Suspicious MV
- Church St – Follow up investigation
- County Rd – Restraining order
- North St – General service
- Marion Rd – Juvenile offenses
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Lynfield Ln - Vandalism
- County Rd – Harassment service
- Shagbark Cir – 911 call
- Homestead Ct - Disturbance
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Lynfield Ln - Vandalism
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- North St - Trespassing
- Acushnet Rd – Assist citizen
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan 5-Jan 11

- Neck Rd – MV collision
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- Cushman Rd – Noise complaint
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Bennett Rd - Follow up
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Rounseville Rd – MV collision
- Hartley Rd – 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd – Structure fire
- Hartley Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Benjamin Dr – Well-being check
- Snipatuit Rd – Follow up
- Marion Rd – Panic alarm
- Bradford Ln – Animal control
- Kings Hwy – 911 call
- Hathawy Pond Cir - Threats
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/towed
- North Ave – General services
- High St – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – Follow up
- Pine St – Animal control
- Ryder Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – Follow up
- Marion Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – Well-being check
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision/arrest
- Hartley Rd – Well-being check

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Jan 20: No meals served

Tuesday, Jan 21: Pork chop w/ apple chutney, butternut squash, broccoli, dinner roll applesauce

Wednesday, Jan 22: Garden salad w/ Italian beef stew, green beans w/red peppers, cornbread, vanilla pudding

Thursday, Jan 23: Rosemary garlic chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, dinner roll, pound cake, diet: fruit cup

Friday, Jan 24: Herb crusted fish w/lemon, orzo, garlic spinach, wheat bread, peach fruit cup, tartar sauce

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Jan 20: No school – MLK Day

Tuesday, Jan 21: Loaded tator tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Jan 22: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Jan 23: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick
Friday, Jan 24: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Jan 20: No school – MLK Day

Tuesday, Jan 21: Loaded tator tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Jan 22: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Jan 23: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick
Friday, Jan 24: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Jan 20: No school – MLK Day

Tuesday, Jan 21: Loaded tator tot nachos served with warm soft

pretzel

Wednesday, Jan 22: Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, hashbrown patty, maple syrup

Thursday, Jan 23: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Jan 24: Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served with warm marinara sauce

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Jan 20: No school – MLK Day

Tuesday, Jan 21: Loaded tator tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Jan 22: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Jan 23: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Jan 24: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Jan 20: No school – MLK Day

Tuesday, Jan 21: Loaded tator tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Jan 22: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Jan 23: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Jan 24: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Jan 20: No school – MLK Day

Tuesday, Jan 21: Mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce & fries

Wednesday, Jan 22: Home-made chicken quesadilla, salsa & sour cream

Thursday, Jan 23: Meatball sub & fries

Friday, Jan 24: Assorted pizza

School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Project GROW preschool program will open on January 13 for the 2025-26 school year.

Project GROW was established to provide high-quality pre-schooling to children in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.

"Our inclusive and accessible Project GROW program aligns with our core values of thinking, learning and growing," Superintendent Nelson said. "Our staff do a wonderful job of providing these preschoolers with a great first classroom experience that serves as a foundation for years to come."

The program aims to provide children with a part-day, high-quality preschool experience in a public-school setting and an inclusive learning environment for children with special needs.

The program will be offered at three district schools:

Sippican Elementary School, Marion (9:00 am to 1:00 pm)
Center School, Mattapoisett (8:50 am to 12:50 pm)
Rochester Memorial School, Rochester (9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

The program consists of two classes:

Tuesday and Thursday (\$2,520/year)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday (\$3,780/year)

All classes follow the ORR public school calendar.

This four-hour program is open to all children residing in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester who will

be 3 years of age before September 1, 2025.

Each Project GROW class is held at the town elementary school where the family resides.

Parents and guardians are reminded that they are responsible for providing transportation to and from the program each day.

"We are proud to offer a high-quality preschool program to children in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester," said Early Childhood Coordinator Doreen Lopes. "Our Project GROW program aims to create an environment for children that allows for active exploration and involvement in materials, concepts, and experiences with the support of early childhood professionals."

Each preschool class is staffed by a certified teacher and assistant. The program aligns with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and follows the High/Scope curriculum.

MA Preservation Projects Fund 2025 Grant Cycle

Secretary William F. Galvin, Chair of the Massachusetts Historical Commission is pleased to announce that Round 31 of the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF) grant program has been scheduled. It is anticipated that funding will be in the range of \$1,000,000.

Administered by the Massachusetts Historical

Groundhog Cover Contest

The Wanderer is once again holding our Groundhog Day Cover Contest.

The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of our January 30 issue.

The winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100!



Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of *The Wanderer*. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable, photos, drawings, paintings, etc.

Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 20.

Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover.

All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett or downloaded at www.wanderer.com

Voting will start on January 22 and end on January 28. To vote, visit our web page at: www.wanderer.com.

The winner will be on the cover of our January 30th edition.



Super Crossword

ADDED WEIGHT

ACROSS

- 1 Posh parties
- 6 Lumberyard tool
- 12 Rd. crossers
- 15 Quick bite
- 19 Japanese film genre
- 20 Mob code of silence
- 21 — au vin (chicken dish)
- 22 Qualified
- 23 Milk or egg container in a precinct refrigerator?
- 25 Volcanic event
- 27 Bible book after Genesis
- 28 Strike zones, to pitcher Kershaw?
- 30 Hefty slice
- 32 White-coated Scottish terrier, for short
- 33 Ohio city whose residents all have messy mop tops?
- 41 It merged with Exxon in 1999
- 45 Studio alert
- 46 Off-course
- 47 Dalai —
- 50 Brian of electronica
- 51 Play spiritedly
- 52 People evaluating a central California city?
- 55 Wedding vow
- 56 Seder bread
- 57 Makes public
- 58 Suffix with million
- 59 Has a feeling
- 61 Shepherd of "Mr. Iglesias"
- 64 Conjunction with a slash
- 65 Appliance invented by the first U.S. president?
- 70 "A Bell for —" (novel)
- 72 Caged (up)
- 73 "24" actress
- 76 William who played Hopalong Cassidy
- 77 T. Rex, e.g.
- 78 — fatuus (delusion)
- 81 Longtime "Conan" airer
- 82 Rocker known for the loud crashing noises in his songs?
- 87 Flapjack chain, in brief

- 88 Aykroyd of "Soul Man"
- 89 Sty beasts
- 90 Beachgoer's headwear
- 91 Phase
- 92 Occur next
- 94 Tactful
- reply when Churchill asked "Who dislikes me?"
- 96 Glorify
- 100 Mai — (cocktails)
- 101 Name of a labor union in a city south of Los Angeles?
- 109 Pressure felt at liftoff
- 113 "Sounds right to me"
- 114 Clara who collected cleansing cakes?
- 116 See 75-Down
- 117 — Father
- 118 Songlike
- 119 Cleo of song
- 120 U. of Maryland athlete
- 121 Born, in Lyon
- 122 Gave lip to
- 123 Actor Murphy
- DOWN**
- 1 Stare in awe
- 2 Strong as —

- 3 — & Stitch"
- 4 In the center of a vessel
- 5 Not religious
- 6 Mythical bird
- 7 Apple line
- 8 Alternative to JavaScript
- 9 Madrid Mlle.
- 10 "This is not —" (warning to kids)
- 11 Desire
- 12 Act segment
- 13 Legal wrongs
- 14 Crouch down
- 15 "StarTalk" cable chan.
- 16 NYC theater award
- 17 ATM hole
- 18 Egg sources
- 24 Actor Morales
- 26 Fundamental
- 29 Have title to
- 31 Film director Ratner
- 33 Johnson of Britain
- 34 Battery pole
- 35 "Mo' Money" star
- 36 Health expert on TV
- 37 Former BP gas chain
- 38 Shaggy ox
- 39 Blowup stuff
- 40 Ear-related prefix
- 42 Else
- 43 Opening lines
- 44 Aesop's hare, notably
- 47 Actress Dern
- 48 Playful trick
- 49 Mothers
- 52 An obi is one
- 53 Standard
- 54 One-named New Ager
- 56 Prefix with —dermal or American
- 60 Wall St.'s "500" index
- 61 Big name in fuel additives
- 62 Weeding tool
- 63 Bring to a halt
- 64 Brings pain to
- 66 Cake coating
- 67 Taboo things
- 68 Mess up
- 69 Prince, e.g.
- 70 First five of 26 letters
- 71 Gold-medal swimmer Tom
- 74 Cable streaming app until 2020
- 75 With 116-Across, it has trembling leaves
- 77 Scooby- —
- 78 With a sharp image, briefly
- 79 Aussie "Hi!"
- 80 Abbr. on a food package
- 83 "— the rub!"
- 84 "General" on Chinese menus
- 85 Core
- 86 Half of dos
- 87 "Such a pity"
- 91 Sound from a cold sufferer
- 93 Maintenance
- 94 Natal lead-in
- 95 "Othello" foe
- 97 Illegal burning
- 98 Edition
- 99 Make a goal
- 101 Figure skater Katarina
- 102 Horrid giant
- 103 Regretful person
- 104 CEOs' degs.
- 105 Law firm aide, for short
- 106 Baseballer Speaker
- 107 Siouan people
- 108 Schnozzola
- 110 Doping juice
- 111 Tot's plea
- 112 Sword variety
- 115 Silent assent

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time to take a much-needed break from your recent hectic schedule and spend some time in quieter surroundings. Important news could arrive early next week.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Taurean traits of reliability and thoroughness could be well-tested when decision-makers consider your proposals and/or requests. Be prepared to answer some probing questions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A sudden attack of boredom leaves you with some tasks undone. It's OK to take a short respite, but get back to work by week's end so that you have time for other projects.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Avoid prejudging a situation just because it looks bad. Facts could emerge that can make your position uncomfortable, to say the least. Meanwhile, a relative has interesting news to share with you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to begin reassessing some of your recent decisions about your long-range goals to see if they still have merit. In addition, spend more time with loved ones this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unsettled situation at home or on the job early in the week could drain your energy levels, making it difficult to get your work done on schedule. But things improve by midweek.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A temporary setback could give you time to go over your plans to find weaknesses that you might have overlooked before. Also, a romantic getaway with a special person is favored this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Professional and personal situations benefit you once you set a positive tone in getting things off to a good start. Honest dialogue smooths over any occasional display of balkiness.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A problem with workplace colleagues or family members seems to defy even your sage counsel. But be patient. Your words will eventually lead to a resolution.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't just wait out an unexpected and unexplained delay in your career move. You could gain added respect if you ask why it happened and what you can do to move things along.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Although your workplace strategies are usually accepted, you could be challenged by someone who isn't so favorably impressed. Be prepared to defend your positions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your friendship circle expands with new people coming into your life at this time. Welcome them warmly, but don't neglect cherished longtime personal relationships.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to search for knowledge and share it with others. You would make an especially fine teacher!

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Commission (MHC), the MPPF is a state-funded 50% matching grant reimbursement program established in 1984 to support the preservation of properties, landscapes, and sites listed in the State Register of Historic Places. The State Register includes properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places, National Historic Landmarks, and properties in designated Local Historic Districts under MGL Chapter 40C.

Applicants must be a municipality or nonprofit organization. The program is administered in accordance with 950 CMR 73.00. Please note that grant disbursement is subject to reauthorization of the capital accounts and the availability of sufficient allocated funds.

This year three virtual workshops will be held. Zoom information is available on the MHC's website.
 -Tuesday, **January 7**, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 -Thursday, **January 16**, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 -Monday, **January 27**, 2:00 am to 4:00 pm

MHC hopes that your schedule allows you to join a member of the MHC's Grants Division as they explain the program requirements, go over program materials, and give you the opportunity to ask questions. Workshops are free of charge and no registration is required. Applicants are encouraged to begin compiling application materials before attending a workshop, or as soon as possible, to allow sufficient time to meet the application deadline which is March 14.

To apply, Download the MPPF Application and MPPF Application Instructions from the MHC website: www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/mhc/grants/mppf.htm or request a hard copy of the Application by contacting the MHC Grants Division at 617-727-8470.

Marion Natural History Museum

Winter tree walk with DCR forester James Rassman will be held on **February 5** from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. James will be leading our adult group on a walk to identify some of our trees in winter. We'll be using bark, branching patterns and other methods to learn about how our trees look and survive through the winter months. We'll be meeting at the museum but please dress for a walk in Holmes Woods. We will meet at the

Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, Marion, MA. Please RSVP on the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org.

Birds of Panama: The Amazing Birds that Bridge the Americas held on **February 28** from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Throughout history, Panama has functioned as a land bridge connecting North and South America, facilitating the movement of diverse animal and bird species. It is also a central feature of bird migration because of its unique location and shape, which creates a funnel-like effect on bird migration. Take a break from the winter blues and discover some of Panama's remarkable wildlife, including vibrant toucans, majestic hawks, slow moving sloths, and playful monkeys. The program will be given by Justin Barrett of the Manomet Bird Observatory. We will be meeting at the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, Marion, MA. Please RSVP on the Museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 6**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another satisfying meal. Callers, please send your counts by 9:00 pm Monday, February 4. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net.



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Rosie Hebert caught a rare moment at Ned's Point Lighthouse as the Beacon was glowing green.



Remote sailing challenge as four navigators raced each other's ships in the Mattapoisett harbor. Photo by Jen Shepley

If you would like to share your photos with our readers as well, you can send your photos by email to: news@wanderer.com. Be sure to include you name and as much information as you can about your subject matter.



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River's Edge Book Club

The River's Edge Book Club of Marion hosted a successful annual Holiday Children's Book Drive this past December 2024. This season, the Book Club selected the Nativity Preparatory School in New Bedford to support. The school, recently celebrating their 25th anniversary, is an independent, tuition-free school for middle school age boys. Working with Elizabeth Mello, the school's



Director of Advancement and External Relations, the Book Club disseminated book lists to support the English Language Arts program as part of the required reading

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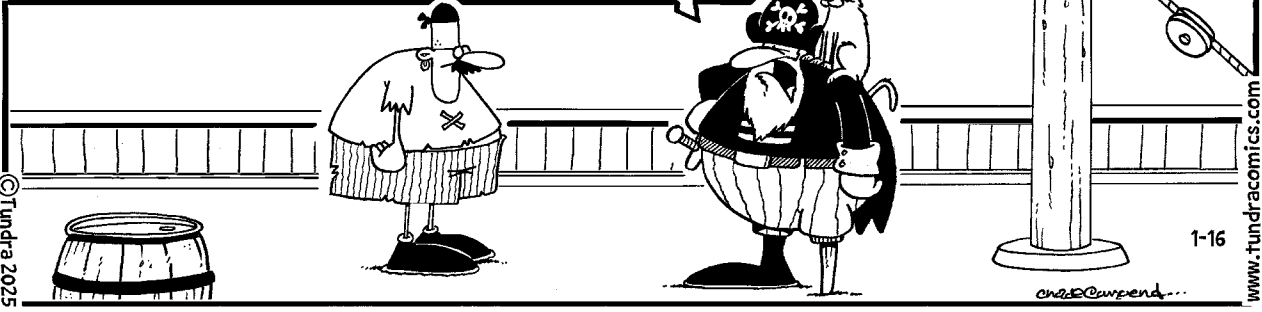
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IF I'M GONNA HAVE A PET SITTING ON MY SHOULDER, I'D PREFER IT KNOW HOW TO USE A LITTER BOX.



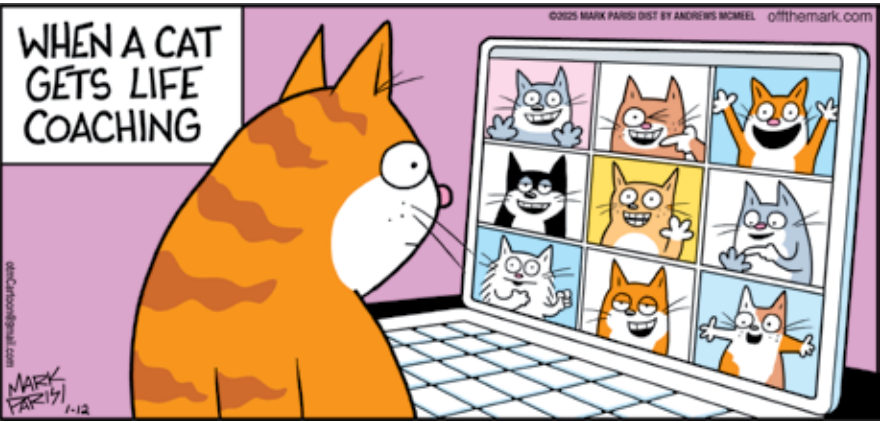
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and additional texts to be made available in their school library for check out. As a result of the Book Club's push to augment the school's book supply, more than 350 books were donated. The River's Edge Book Club members would like to thank everyone for their participation and generosity.

MNHM Afterschool Programs

Creating a winter habitat will be held on **January 22** from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Winter can create some survival difficulties for the animals of our area. In this program we'll be creating our own winter habitats for a few of our winter residents including Black Bears, Snakes and Beavers. We'll be covering what these three animals will need in their habitats to survive such as food, water and shelter. We'll be using materials collected from nature to create our own mini museum displays. Please visit the museum's website to register for this event: www.marionmuseum.org.

Trees From the Ground Up – what do trees do for us? Held on **February 5** from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Join us as we welcome State Forester James Rassman, who will be speaking about all the benefits a tree provides, from roots and fungi to providing habitat and shelter for animals, to releasing oxygen to our atmosphere. Let's learn about the many benefits our trees provide us and the world around us. This will be an indoor and possibly outdoor program weather providing. Please dress to go outside.

Wriggly Wonders will be held on **March 19** from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Did you know that a red wiggler worm will consume half of its body weight in food scraps every day? Getting worms to work for you is a great way to keep food waste out of the landfills and create nutritious compost for your plants. Come and dig into the science of worms and worm composting with Maggie Payne, soil scientist and proud worm farm owner. We will learn basic worm biology and how to set up a worm bin for composting at home. Wriggle on over and get your hands dirty.

To register for these and other after-school programs please go to the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org.

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If one of your New Year's Resolutions is to try to read more, or read outside of your comfort zone, maybe joining a book club will help you accomplish that goal. Plumb Library has two book clubs for adults that run monthly and are open to anyone 18+. The COA Book Group meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Rochester Council on Aging. The January book is "False Witness" by Karen Slaughter on **January 21**. Books and Babble Book club meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the library. The January book is "Chocolat" by Joanne Harris on **January 30**. Both books are available for pick-up at the library, as well as the



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**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by KLG Realty Trust.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicant proposes to construct an accessory garage and to perform associated site work.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (El. 15) and within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of an off-site Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The property is located at 15 Beach Street which is further identified as Lot #77 on Assessors Map #5A. 1/16

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The Applicant proposes to raze an existing house for the purposes of constructing a new Flood Zone compliant single-family dwelling together with the construction of a barn and associated site work.

The proposed work will be performed within the Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (El. 15).

The property is known as 113 Angelica Avenue and is further identified as Lot #26 on Assessors Map #2A. 1/16

LEGAL NOTICES

**TOWN OF MARION
SELECT BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 30, 2025 in the Marion Town House Conference Room, 2 Spring Street, to consider proposed revisions of the Waterways Regulations as follows:

1. Currently Harbor Permits expire on March 31. The request is to change the date that invoices are mailed from April 1 to January 15 and to change the invoice due date from May 15 to March 15. Late Fees would go into effect on March 16. Any invoices not paid by April 15, will forfeit their Harbor Permit(s).

2. Request to establish a minimum Per Foot Fee for vessels under 25 feet. All vessels less than or equal to 25 feet will be charged \$115 + \$200 (Harbor Permit + \$8 Per Foot Fee for a 25 feet vessel) and boats over 25 feet will be charged \$115 + \$8 Per Foot Fee.

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Join our Knitting Group on Mondays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. All skill levels are welcome at this social

gathering of handcrafters. Bring your knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. No meeting on Monday, January 20.

Where do writers get their ideas from? Maybe from a group just like this. The Writer's Group meets the third Thursday of every month and is open to anyone 18+. Writing prompts are given, participants write for 10 minutes, then share their results. Refreshments are served. This meeting is held in the Downstairs Program Room. Next meeting January 16.

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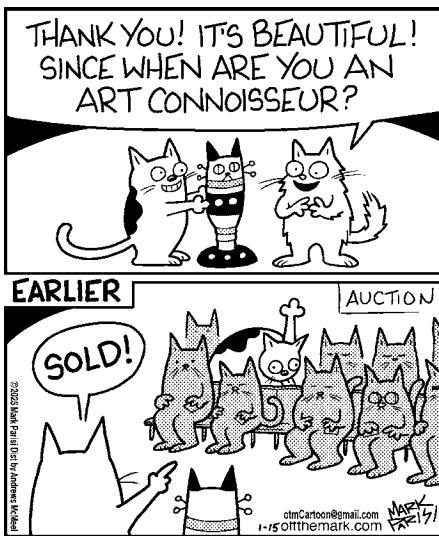
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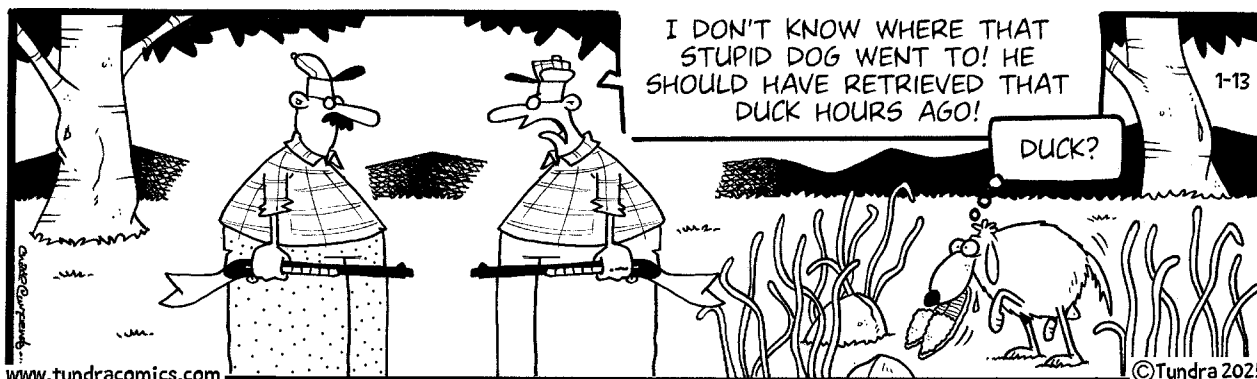
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Please remember that the library will be closed on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. However, e-books, e-audiobooks, music, movies, and more are available 24/7 on the Libby and Hoopla apps. All you need is a library card.

Sailing Towards My Father

The Marion Art Center presents Sailing Towards My Father - Herman Melville performed by Stephen Collins. The only performance will be Friday, **January 24** at 6:30 pm at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant St, Marion.

Sailing Towards My Father, written and directed by Carl A. Rossi, is a one-man play about Herman Melville (1819-1891), the American author best known for his whaling epic Moby-Dick.



The play chronicles Melville's life from youth to old age, concentrating on his evolution as a writer and his complex relations with God, his parents and siblings, his wife and children, and Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Stephen Collins first joined the MAC Stage as Walt Whitman, battling Emily Dickinson (Annemarie Fredericks) in the Poetry Knockout. during ArtWeek 2019 at the MAC. Collins grew up in Cambridge and received a BA in Literature from UMass Boston. After twenty plus years in a sales career, he is back doing what he truly loves – performing and teaching. Recently he has been teaching seminars on Whitman, Hardy, Shakespeare, Frost, and Contemporary Poetry at various locations. Stephen first performed Sailing Towards my Father at Arrowhead, Pittsfield MA, where Herman Melville wrote Moby Dick. Prior to Melville's performance, Stephen performed as James McNeil Whistler in another play by Carl A. Rossi entitled Butterfly. He also works as a professionally licensed tour guide doing narrated historical tours of Boston. His Whitman performances have taken him all over the country. He now has eight one-man shows and seven courses where his teaching style has been described as a hybrid between lecture and performance.

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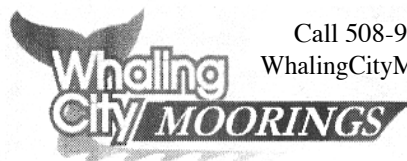
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Looking for something to do on Monday, **January 20** to get you and the kids out of the house and into the woods? The Mattapoisett Land Trust is combining two of its most popular events into one to celebrate Martin Luther King Day. Won't you join us at 1:00 pm at the Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior Foundation on Angelica Ave for our popular Hot Chocolate Hike. We will take a slow and easy 45-minute hike through the Old Aucoot District Woods. We'll return to the foundation for a campfire and hot chocolate, and an opportunity for your family to make a pinecone bird feeder to hang in your yard. Instructions and materials will be provided.

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Candlemas is **February 2**, and it is the traditional midpoint of winter. The secular saying is that half your grain and half your hay should remain on Candlemas Day.

The Mattapoissett Congregational Church will be hosting an Open Table community meal on Friday, **January 31** to brighten up the winter days and mark the midpoint of the season. A delicious meal of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and desserts will be served in Reynard Hall. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. Doors open at 4:30 pm and supper will be served at 5:00 pm. Invite a friend or neighbor. All are welcome.

Mattapoissett Woman's Club

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club invites interested new members and local residents to its **January 16** program at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church in Reynard Hall, where Jennifer Smith from the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park will give a fascinating talk about the Park. Established by the US Congress in 1996, the Park commemorates the history of whaling, the working waterfront, and the Underground Railroad in the Greater New Bedford area.

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Come gain new historical knowledge about our area while meeting and socializing with a welcoming group. The public is welcome to attend this program, which will begin at 12:45 pm at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church in Reynard Hall.


The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is a civic, social, educational, philanthropic, and community outreach organization. Membership is always open to local women who are interested in the organization's mission and goals. For more information, please contact info@mattapoissettwomansclub.org.

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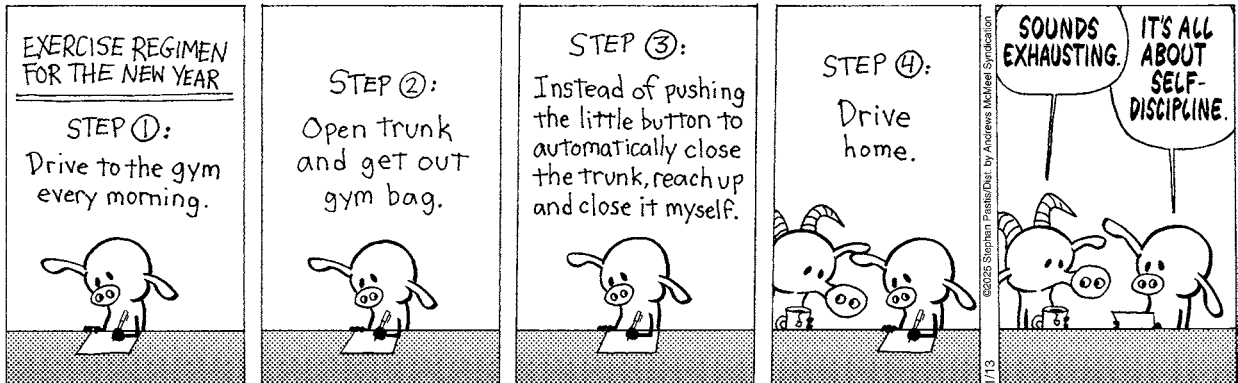
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



track. Classes are coordinated by Jeff and Amanda Costa who took this course for the first time in 2018 and never looked back. Contact the church office at 508-763-4314 or rochestercongregational@comcast.net with any questions or for more information.

Marion Beach/Parking Stickers

The 2025 Beach/Parking Stickers, Transfer Station Stickers and Shellfish Licenses will be available at the Harbormaster Building at 1 Island Wharf Road beginning on Monday, **February 3**.

The Benson Brook Transfer Station will accept 2024 stickers until February 22. After that date, vehicles must have the 2025 sticker.

Rochester Historical Society Memberships

It's time to renew or maybe sign up for a new membership in the Rochester Historical Society. The Historical Society which owns and maintains its 1857 church/museum is predominantly member supported, with some help from MA Cultural Council Grants.

Membership forms may be found at the Plumb Library or can be mailed out to new members. Requests can be sent to Sue -sash48@comcast.com or 508 295 8908 or Connie- eshbach2@aol.com or 617-750-2818. If renewing, you may mail your checks to Rochester Historical Society PO Box 322, Rochester, MA 02770. Levels of membership: individual \$12, Family \$20, Curator \$50, Patron \$75, or Preservationist \$100. Donations in any amount are always gratefully appreciated.

Marion Community Preservation Funding

Applications for Community Preservation Act funding are available in the Town Clerk's office at the Marion Town House located at 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. The Community Preservation Act is a Massachusetts Law that allows participating cities and towns to adopt a real estate tax surcharge supplemented by state matching funds in order to fund community preservation. Eligible projects must be directed towards: open space/recreation, historic preservation, or community housing. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 pm on **February 17** to be considered for presentation at the May 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

Past Community Preservation funds have been used to: construct a pavilion at Osprey Marsh and install fencing, ADA-compliant benches, and litter receptacles at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Park, catalog the collections and restore exhibits at the Marion Natural



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History Museum, construct Pickleball Courts at the Point Road playground, and install smoke and fire alarms at the Marion Art Center

Living The Old House Dream: For Lovers and Owners of Historic Houses

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), in partnership with the Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE), presents Living the Old House Dream, a series exploring best practices, interesting projects, and resources for maintaining and restoring older homes, with insights from various experts. The series kicks off at the RJD on Tuesday, **January 28**, at 5:30 pm with Lee McColgan.

McColgan will share the captivating story of his journey restoring the 1702 Loring House. Trading the corporate ladder for a stepladder, McColgan committed to preserving the ramshackle house using period materials and methods and on a holiday deadline. But his enchantment withered as he discovered the massive repairs it needed. Attend this talk to find out if he met his deadline before family and friends arrived. McColgan's book about his process expertly examines our relationship to history through the homes we inhabit.

Admission for this talk is \$10 for RJD or WHALE members and \$13 for the public. The series continues Tuesdays, February 25 and March 25, at 5:30 pm. February's speaker is Patricia Miller, Chief Conservator, Preservation Society of Newport County. In March, Laura Parrish-Lavin speaks about The Whalehouse Restoration. Attendees can purchase a series pass for \$25 for members and \$35 for the public. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the Museum's website, rjdmuseum.org, or call 508-997-1401.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
USA, Housing Urban Dev	Rogina, Lorraine C	703 Mill St	Marion	12/31/2024	186,925.83
Dennis Mahoney & Sons	Appleton, John P	93 Marion Rd	Mattapoisett	12/31/2024	290,000.00

Local Tides



Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	January 16	9:33	9:55	2:40	3:30
Friday	January 17	10:15	10:40	3:22	3:57
Saturday	January 18	10:56	11:25	4:03	4:28
Sunday	January 19	11:37		4:46	5:02
Monday	January 20	12:09	12:19	5:33	5:41
Tuesday	January 21	12:51	1:00	6:32	6:28
Wednesday	January 22	1:34	1:45	7:45	7:25
Thursday	January 23	2:21	2:39	9:04	8:28
Friday	January 24	3:19	3:43	10:08	9:31
Saturday	January 25	4:22	4:46	10:59	10:27
Sunday	January 26	5:18	5:39	11:44	11:17
Monday	January 27	6:05	6:25		12:27
Tuesday	January 28	6:49	7:10	12:04	1:08
Wednesday	January 29	7:32	7:54	12:51	1:48
Thursday	January 30	8:16	8:40	1:39	2:25
Friday	January 31	9:01	9:27	2:26	3:01
Saturday	February 1	9:48	10:16	3:13	3:37
Sunday	February 2	10:38	11:08	3:59	4:14

Phases of the Moon	Last Quarter	January 21st
	New Moon	January 29th
	First Quarter	February 5th
	Full Moon	February 12th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the January 9, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 18

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

G	A	L	A	S	R	I	P	S	A	W	S	T	S	N	O	S	H			
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P	O	L	I	C	E	C	A	R	T	O	N	E	R	U	P	T	I	O	N	
E	X	O	D	U	S	C	L	A	Y	T	O	N	T	A	R	G	E	T	S	
			S	L	A	B				W	E	S	T	I	E					
B	A	D	H	A	I	R	D	A	Y	T	O	N		M	O	B	I	L		
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SCRAMBLERS

solution

- 1. Rage 2. Enigma;
- 3. Scowl; 4. Bedlam

Today's Word
LEDGE

Sudoku Answer

9	6	5	2	3	1	4	8	7
2	4	3	7	9	8	5	6	1
1	8	7	6	4	5	9	3	2
8	5	2	1	7	4	3	9	6
7	9	4	8	6	3	1	2	5
3	1	6	9	5	2	7	4	8
6	3	1	4	2	7	8	5	9
5	7	9	3	8	6	2	1	4
4	2	8	5	1	9	6	7	3

SAYS HERE YOU'RE A SIDE SLEEPER. WHICH SIDE?



GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

Cabot
7-8 oz. Selected Variety
Slices or Cracker Cuts

Cheese
\$2⁸⁹



Hood
16 oz.
Half & Half
\$1⁷⁹



Gifford's
32 oz. Selected Variety
Ice Cream
\$4⁹⁹



Poland Spring
24 Pack, 16.9 oz. Bottles

Spring Water..... **\$5⁹⁹**

Quaker
12.6 oz.

Cap'n Crunch Cereal..... **\$4⁹⁹**

Kellogg's

16 oz. Bite-Size
Frosted Mini Wheats Cereal **\$4⁹⁹**

Frito Lay

3.625-5.125 oz. Selected Variety
Minis Snacks..... **2/\$5**

Kellogg's

13.8 oz.
Town House Crackers..... **\$3⁷⁹**

Bob's Red Mill

1.76 oz. Selected Variety
Peanut Butter & Oat Bars..... **4/\$5**

Brekkii

5.3 oz. Selected Variety
Overnight Oats..... **2/\$4**

Cabot

16 oz. Selected Variety
Sour Cream..... **2/\$5**

MEAT, DELI, PREPARED FOODS & CHEESE

16 oz. Pkg.
Selected Variety
Hormel
Black Label
Bacon

\$8⁹⁹



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ea



Boar's Head

1.9-2.29 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Fully Cooked Bacon..... **\$5⁹⁹**

Boar's Head

Deli Sliced
Genoa Salami..... **\$10⁹⁹**
lb

Boar's Head

6.5 oz. Pkg.
Pepperoni Stick..... **\$3⁹⁹**

Store Made

Fresh
Tuna Salad..... **\$12⁹⁹**
lb

Store Roasted

Deli Sliced
Roast Beef..... **\$15⁴⁹**
lb

Store Packaged

Fresh
Seafood Salad..... **\$10⁹⁹**
lb

Store Packaged

Fresh
Red Bliss Potato Salad..... **\$6⁴⁹**
lb

Store Packaged

Fresh
Yogurt Parfaits..... **\$5⁹⁹**
lb

WINE

Bottega Vinaia

750 ml - Italy **Reg \$15.99**

Pinot Grigio..... **\$13⁹⁹**

Cantina Zaccagnini

750 ml - Italy **Reg \$18.99**

Montepulciano D'abruzzo **\$15⁹⁹**

BAKERY

Our Specialty Treat Shop

4-5.75 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety

Parfaits..... **2/\$6**



CHEF PREPARED

Spicy Peanut Noodles..... **\$10⁹⁹**
lb

Mexican Lasagna..... **\$12⁹⁹**
ea

Game Day Wings..... **\$10⁹⁹**
lb

Deviled Eggs 4 ct. **\$5⁹⁹**

Various Styles! Cheese, Pepperoni, etc.

Take & Bake **\$8⁹⁹-10⁹⁹**

Pizzas..... **\$8⁹⁹-10⁹⁹**

Homemade

Savory Pies to Go! **Small \$12⁹⁹** **Large \$19⁹⁹**

Chicken Pot Pie **\$12⁹⁹** **\$18⁹⁹**

Shepherd's Pie... **\$12⁹⁹** **\$18⁹⁹**

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Pork Ribs

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lb



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Chicken
Breast

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lb



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Selected Variety
Ready Rice

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Selected Variety
Tuscan Bread

\$2.48

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Selected Variety
Coffee

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Fresh **BLOCKBUSTER PRICE!** Iceberg Lettuce **98¢**

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