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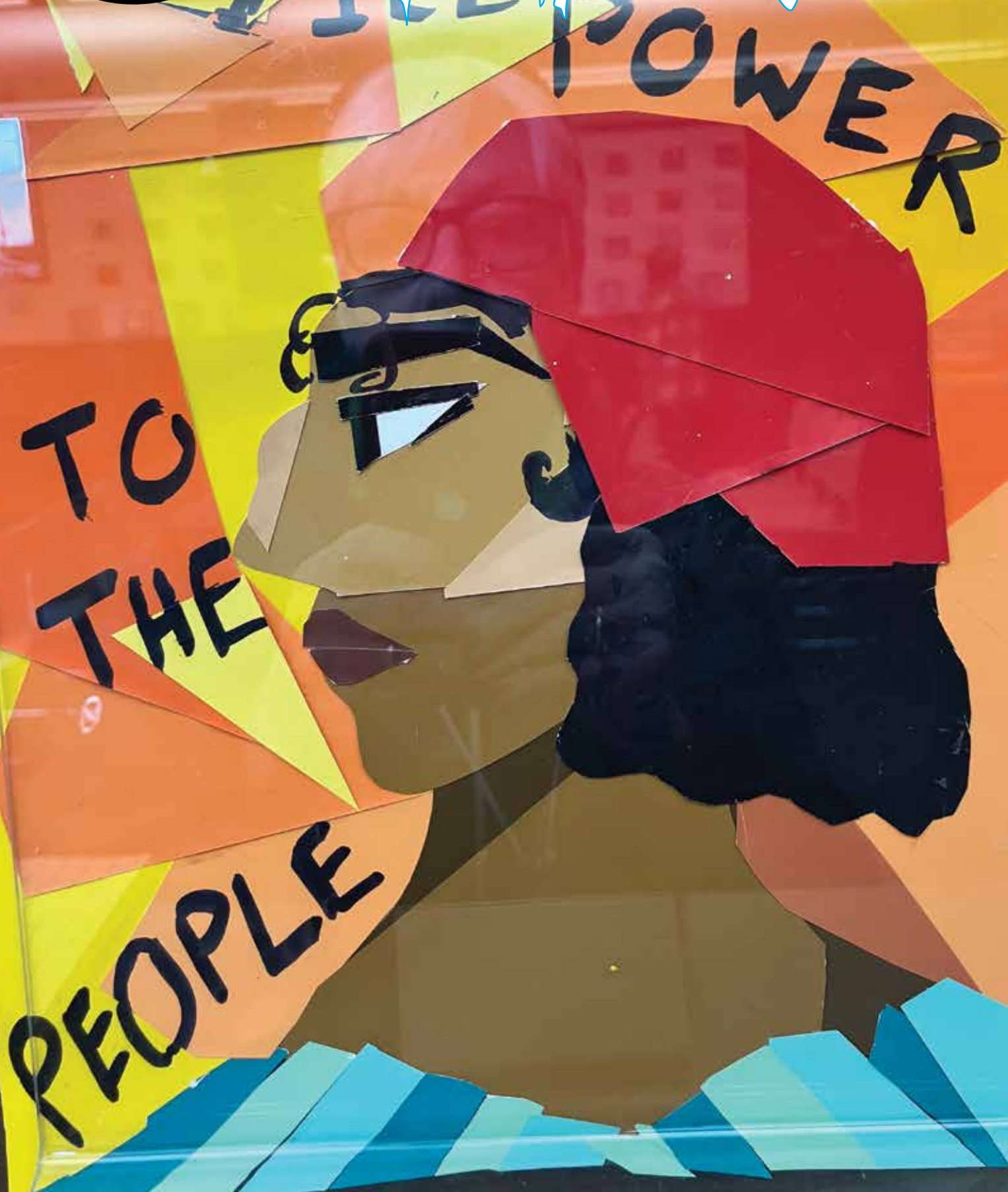
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Art Speaks Volumes

Tri-Towns Against Racism

By Marilou Newell

Black History Month is a time to celebrate and a time to remember sacrifices made as well as challenges overcome.

It has been said that when something bad happens, oftentimes something good can come out of that negative experience. No experience amplifies that point more clearly than the experience that John Excellent suffered. On February 8, Excellent gave opening remarks at the Tri-Towns Against Racism (TTAR) annual poster contest. His retelling of a brutal attack he suffered showed how it later helped him find TTAR. He shared that rather than dwell on that horror, he sought a venue to use his experience for positive change – enter Tri-Town Against Racism.

TTAR began with a group of mothers whose children had experienced racism. They strove towards bringing such issues to a wider audience in the hope that all people, all races, all genders, and gender identifications would have a voice. From their website, "Tri-Town Against Racism is dedicated to defending our community against racism through education, positive communication, and amplifying the voices of those impacted."

One of the many programs developed by TTAR is an annual art contest where school aged children (from 1st grade to 12th grade) can share their vision of inclusivity, positivity, and the power of art. The



On the Cover: Georgia Bailey's piece submitted and displayed at the Tri-Town Against Racism annual poster contest. The theme this year was "African Americans and Labor." The contest was held Saturday, February 8. "All Power To The People." Photo by Marilou Newell.

Mattapoissett Free Public Library is hosting the exhibit which is marking its fifth year. Some 30 junior and senior students from Old Colony and Old Rochester Regional Jr. Sr. High School and (new this year are younger students) 70 elementary students from the Tri-town's submitted poster art projects. Many of the young artists selected civil rights leaders focusing on the impact these leaders of what became a monumental movement for equality and inclusivity had had throughout our nation.

Excellent said that the motto of the TTAR organization is: "Start where you Live." He said, "I humbly suggest that we all strive to live up to those words." Bringing even more clarity to the motto was this point Excellent shared, "...this sort of gathering 60 years ago could have been seen as dangerous..." pointing out the many races that were present in the room who might have been seen as suspicious "...we could have been called communists." But he also made it a point that not just people of color should be hailed for bringing down fences both real and of the mind. He asked the audience to consider the Caucasian men James Chaney, Michael Schwerner, and Andrew Goodman who were murdered by the Ku Klux Klan. Why? Voter registration activities.

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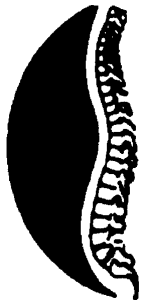
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Excellent beseeched the audience to, "... never waiver from your core believes that racism and discrimination are a disease to our humanity..."

The winners of the poster contest were Izzy Jezierski (first place), Kai Castelhjo (second place) and Lacey Sears (third place).

The exhibit featuring these many creative works may be viewed through March 1 at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library. To learn more about TTAR, visit tritownagainstracism.org.

**Pinewood Derby for
Rochester and Marion Cub Scouts**
By Erez Ben-Akiva

Woodworking culminated in a contest of speed as more than 30 Rochester and Marion Cub Scouts competed in a local pinewood derby Saturday, February 8.

In the event held at Rochester Memorial School, small cars built by the participants from Rochester Pack 30 and Marion Pack 32 were raced against each other repeatedly to determine the fastest wooden four-wheelers. The winners from each town will next compete in a regional round.

The Cub Scouts "love it," Rochester resident Andrew Smart said.

"They kind of go all out with these cars," he said. "There'll be some tight finishes, so the competition is tough."

The derby cars are cut out from a rectangular block of pinewood, according to Rochester Pack 30 leader Nate Reece.

Cub Scouts are also provided the axles and wheels for the cars, which cannot weigh more than 5 ounces.

Some streamline their cars for speed, while some aim to make their pinewood racers funny, Reece said. The cars are decorated and given names, like "Cat Mobile" built by Liana Janicki and "Summer Popsicle" built by Jessica Sample.

Benjamin Smart, 9, spent a couple weeks making "The Heart Car," so named for its Valentine's Day theme, because his birthday is the day before the holiday, according to Andrew Smart.

The cars take their marks on a four-lane track elevated on a stage inside Rochester Memorial's cafeteria. The track dips down into the middle of the room, with gravity accelerating the cars towards the finish line in blink-and-you'll-miss-it races that last little more than two seconds.

"The kids get all excited about it," Andrew Smart said.

Some 100 heats were held during the derby. After about 60 races, the field was whittled down to a group of

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The five fastest cars from Rochester and Marion at the February 8 local event moved onto a regional round, which will also be held at Rochester Memorial School in March and will include Cub Scouts from other surrounding communities. Sixth place acts as an alternate.

Advancing to the regional race from Rochester is Bryan Lee, Georgia Duggan, Benjamin Smart, Ben Reece and Chase Dion. Dylan Sims is the alternate.

Advancing to the regional round from Marion is Henry Kanaly, Finn Lavin, James Whipple, Jack LeFavor and Muriel Whipple. Rowan Berube-King is the alternate.

Cannabis and Health

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Marijuana, now most often called cannabis, use is growing. In recent years, almost 20% of the U.S. population have used cannabis, with 4% using it daily or almost daily. What is the impact on the health of regular users?

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Unfortunately, on the key major illness side, the news is not good. Regular cannabis users have more heart attacks and strokes than non-users, with even higher risk among those who use it daily or near-daily.

Regular cannabis smokers also have dramatically more (3-4 times) head and neck cancers than non-users.

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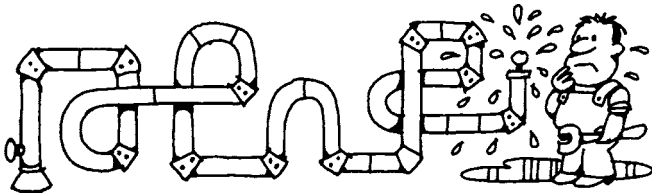
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Middle-aged and older adults are increasingly using cannabis-based therapies (CBT) for symptoms, and this population suffers from many CBT-related side effects, including dry mouth, dizziness, balance problems, drowsiness, and confusion.

Motor vehicle accident rates rose an average of 15% in states after recreational cannabis use was legalized, and the best evidence we have suggests that regular cannabis use is associated with a roughly 50% greater chance of having an accident and a 30% increase in fatal accidents.

Finally, there is the concern about cannabis' effects on the developing brain. Cannabis use by mothers during pregnancy has been linked to problems with attention, memory, problem-solving skills, and behavior in their children.

Using cannabis before age 18 may affect how the brain builds connections for functions like attention, memory, and learning.

So, no, cannabis is not harmless. If you use it, do so with the knowledge that you may pay a price beyond the cost of the drug.

Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.

Parlez-vous Français?

By Marilou Newell

If you are of French heritage, have a French name, spoke French as a child at school or in your home, and/or know of family who immigrated from Canada or France, do I have a book for you! Historical researcher, educator, and author Alfred H. Saulniers has written and published an all-encompassing tome covering all aspects of the French population's experiences and impact on New Bedford and the greater New Bedford area. Titled "The French of New Bedford: The Early years," Saulniers gives us likely the most comprehensive deep dive into the lives of French and French descends from this region covering a vast period of time; the 1600s to 1930s.

Saulniers discussed his book at the Mattapoisett Free Library on February 8, giving his audience a peek into the lives and times of the large French population that still exists in the area, albeit changed. He explained that when

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French speakers came to the area, many were seeking employment while others were following family members as they settled in small communities within New Bedford.

Saulniers explained that each of these communities had a church they preferred and tended to congregate and socialize within their chosen neighborhoods. He said that the French came from various counties and countries depending on what era they emigrated to the US. They filtered into society, bringing with them skills learned from their original homes. There were French speaking Belgians, metropolitan French, Swedish French, and the Arcadians. He chuckled saying this area could have become an area of French-speakers had the French and Indian War had turned out differently.

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After the American Revolution, Saulniers said many British loyalist fled north into Canada, French-speakers tended to remain here.

Using familial vignettes, Saulniers has laid-out and added layers of details worthy of a challenge to the length of Moby Dick. There are twelve chapters that cover such subject matter as French whalers, Civil War soldiers, mill workers, religion, and newspapers to name just a few.

And the French celebrated. There were French operas, music halls, and marching bands. On the government side of life, many French, both male and female, became leaders in the communities they served. But first they had to overcome challenges. Saulniers writes, "Once they came to New Bedford, Franco-Americans faced obstacles to their greater civic participation. They needed an adequate command of the English language, they needed to become US citizens and they overcome the entrenched opposition of the old-line Protestant Yankees and recently arrived English and Irish who controlled the city's politics." With time, they were gradually accepted.

Saulniers put to rest the notion that the French were not whalers and while many more became mill workers; few became supervisory staff. But they did fight for union rights including participation in local union strikes that took place from the 1870s to the 1920s. Interesting note: Mrs. Aurelia LeBeau traveled the country where she spoke out on behalf of workers as a union leader. It is likely she was the only female union leader.

Back when newspapers were the primary social media tool, New Bedford could boast of two French language newspapers – and they were dailies! Suffice to say it was a very literate population.

Immigrant surnames and even first names were changed making them more anglicized. It signaled their assimilation. Henri became Henry, Laurent became Lawrence, Maximilien became Maximilian, Oliva became Oliver, Pierre became Peter. The female first name changes included Marie became Mary, Beth became Bertha, Cordelia became Cordelia, Eugenie became Eugenia, Octavie became Octavia, and Virginie became Virginia.

The book is jam-packed with historical references and photographs that give the reader a glimpse of life as lived by the French of New Bedford. Published by Spinner Publications, New Bedford.

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Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Silas Coellner are proud to announce that three students represented the District in Boston on Saturday, January 25, as Project 351 kicked off a year of youth-led service.

The three students - Genevieve Hebert of Mattapoisett, Sophie Zhou of Marion, and Esther Smith of Rochester - have been named eighth-grade service Ambassadors, joining representatives from the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns.

"We're so proud to have Genevieve, Sophie, and Esther representing us at the state level for Project 351," said Superintendent Nelson. "All three students have stellar academic records, and we're certain they will leave a lasting impact on our communities."

On Saturday, January 25, the student Ambassadors were joined by Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, state Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler, and other community leaders for a day of service and celebration in Boston.

"The young people who serve with Project 351 are great examples of what makes Massachusetts a leader in so many important ways," said Gov. Healey. "These Ambassadors demonstrate what is possible when we work together to make the changes we all want to see in our own communities. I'm proud to join them as they

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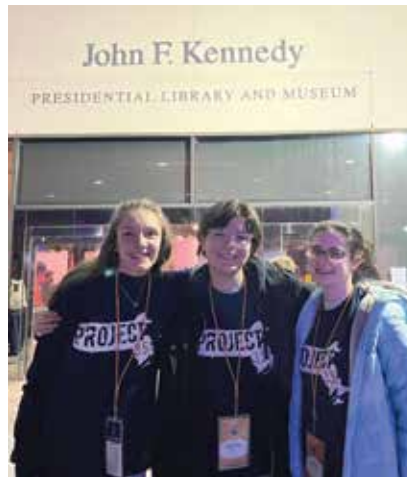
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“Project 351 is an incredible opportunity for our students to learn about service and leadership,” said Principal Coellner. “Genevieve, Sophie, and Esther are all excellent students, and they will surely represent us well during this year-long campaign to better communities across the Commonwealth.”

This year, Project 351 celebrates its 15th year with a collective social impact on more than 1.4 million lives. Project 351’s annual Launch celebration honored the



legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King.

“It’s inspiring to see the incredible passion of these young people at work in their schools and communities,” said Lt. Gov. Driscoll.

“With every service project that is undertaken, a ripple effect travels across the state, impacting thousands of lives and strengthening the

bonds that connect us all.”

Launch Day kicked off 12 months of leadership development through Alumni mentorship and enrichment through Project 351’s Service Leadership Academy. Through Project 351, Ambassadors develop the skills and confidence to mobilize their hometowns in service campaigns that address critical issues including hunger, clothing insecurity, and educational equity.

“I first experienced Project 351’s amazing students while principal at Brighton High School,” said Secretary Tutwiler. “I continue to be impressed by these young Ambassadors and what they’re able to achieve in communities across Massachusetts. The students associated with this incredible organization will be the next generation’s leaders and they should inspire and energize all of us.”

On Launch Day, Ambassadors traveled from across the state to convene at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum for a celebratory morning program. Wearing their signature navy tee, Ambassadors mobilized by Service Hero teams for an afternoon of service at La Colaborativa, Brighton High School, and Cradles to Crayons. In partnership with these community leaders, Ambassador service impacted more than 34,000 neighbors.

“Project 351 is powered by the idealism and ideas of 8th-grade change makers,” said Carolyn Casey, Project

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Holy Ghost Reuse Committee Reports

Mattapoissett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

On February 11, members of the Holy Ghost Reuse Committee met with the Mattapoissett Select Board to present their report. After some 18 months of conducting a survey and then studying the data gathered through that effort, the committee gave their report. Nat Ketchel



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presented the report which included survey questions, survey numbers, and areas that need additional study.

The town purchased the former Catholic summer festival grounds but did not have a clear vision on how the nine acres might be used. The Select Board established a volunteer committee to help them figure out how the townspeople might use the space.

In October, the committee met to finalize their presentation to the Select Board. At that time they revisited the survey results and other aspects of the project. We reported the following at that time, "Surveys submitted were 553 with the average age of respondents being 41 years of age and older. 80 were identified as non-full-time residents or non-residents from surrounding towns. The average age from respondents was 41 years of age and older was the largest group responding falling between 60 to 75 years of age. Respondents were also asked to share how frequently they might use the proposed renovated space. Then came the possibilities. What did they want?

A dog park and pickle ball courts were rated high, but a study of the data showed it was a tie between those who wanted them and those definitely not wanting them. For instance, those wanting pickle ball courts came in at 137 but the no responses were 163. The dog park was nearly a tie with 182 wanting one and 183 registering no.

Three passive recreational use options came out on top. Those suggestions were a picnic area (225), a playground (224) and a walking loop (270). Now they agreed to present those options to the Select Board as the primary uses desired by the community at large at the present time. They believed that the noted three passive uses were not only the most popular but the easiest to accomplish.

On this night, the committee shared the October summary. Ketchel said that parking and traffic needed to be studied and that there were several important parking and traffic related issues to overcome and use of the grounds. He offered to study parking requirements based on various types of recreational use including the impact of the bike path traversing the grounds.

Select Board member Tyler Macallister said he was in favor of the grounds being use for athletic activities such as basketball and walking. In terms of prioritizing

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next steps, Macallister wants to see matters related to parking and traffic high on the list. They were also asked to drill down on how heavily the grounds may be used to recreate.

Other business included the appointment of William McGrady as Building Commissioner, accepting the resignation of Jacki Seney as the Council on Aging Director, appointing Mike Costa to the Marine Advisory Board, and appointing Daniel Donovan as an alternate to the Marine Advisory Board.

Earlier in the meeting, the board approved renewal of shellfish aquaculture licenses for Bob Field, Dale Leavitt, Mike Ward, and Mat Loo. Macallister noted that the four commercial oyster farmers worked collectively to receive state permission to relocate market-ready oysters to deeper designated farming locations. He noted that frequent shellfish bed closures impacting Buzzards Bay will be mitigated with a deep water location to move product to.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is to be announced.

Work Halted Pending New Town Planner

Rochester's Zoning Bylaw Review Committee

By Michael J. DeCicco

After two of the three articles it worked to create failed to pass at January 28's Special Town Meeting, Rochester's Zoning Bylaw Review Committee voted on February 6 to suspend its activities until a new Town Planner can help to advance its agenda.

The Special Town Meeting voted down proposals to add regulations and restrictions for short-term rentals and accessory dwelling units (ADUs). "To say I was disappointed by the town meeting votes would be an understatement," Committee chair Richard Cutler said as the February 6 meeting began.


At the town meeting, Cutler argued these new regulations would impose some restrictions on these residential uses and protect the rights of abutters. Residents argued back in large numbers that they try to solve problems that do not exist.

On February 6, Cutler asked board members if they wanted to continue to work or suspend work for now on these new regulations "until things get ironed out." He



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led a motion approving that the board take a "sabbatical" until a new Town Planner can join the panel and advocate for what it is trying to do. He noted Rochester has no town planner but is currently on the search for one. The committee's agenda will be more successful once that new Planner joins the board, he said. The resulting approval vote was unanimous.

Before adjourning, however, the committee reviewed another of its priorities: refining the list of businesses allowed in the town's agricultural/residential district and as home occupations. Cutler presented board members with a list of business uses, categorized by those permitted by right, Arts and Crafts, Trades and Professional Services, and business uses requiring a

special permit. The latter list included private clubs, golf courses, repair shops, gas stations, building for public utilities, landscaping, construction, agricultural supply, and vehicle sales.

Committee member Mark Wellington presented his own list of home occupations that included those he noted that are found in the town agricultural/residential district today. "We have these in town right now," Wellington said, "doing home businesses as we speak." The highlights of this list included trade occupations such as small engine repair, taxidermist, a luthier, who repairs string instruments and pet groomer.

Cutler concluded he will create a fourth category in which to fit some of these occupations. That category will be called home occupations permitted by right but ones that must register with the town clerk.

Neighbors Air Concerns

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

Neighbors attending the February 10 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission aired their concerns about a proposed extension and improvements to a pier located on property owned by Tracey White, 70 Aucoot Road.

Robert Malm, 2 Lewis Way, was first to say the project would give him a perfect view of the pier, not the beach or ocean. He questioned the use and methods of construction that would include the installation of a boat lift system and two additional feet of length.

The application for a Notice of Intent was represented by David Davignon of Schneider Davignon and Leone. Davignon said the project includes the installation of six new pilings and that a new Chapter 91 license will need to be permitted. But Malm said the height of the pilings would further obstruct the views.

Davignon said the pier will be angled away from the Malm property, thereby being less impactful to views. But other neighbors said that the small beach area is already very congested causing the area to resemble a marina. Chairman Mike King explained that the commission did not control the placement of moorings and referred them to the Harbormaster's office.

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said that the properties in the beach neighborhood were well known to the commission and that various applications for work within jurisdictional areas had been executed within regulations and were well documented.

After further discussion that centered on the negative impacts of the project, the commission voted to accept the application conditioning the NOI which included the applicant donating shellfish seedlings to the town's quahog program. King also advised that appeals could be made to the commission's decision.

In other business, a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Paula Soroka, 11 Parker Street for the construction of a new septic system within an area identified as Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage

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received a negative two decision granting the project to move forward. The project was represented by Brian Grady of GAF.

A Request to Amend an Order of Conditions also represented by Grady for a beach maintenance located at 12, 14, 16 and 18 Ocean Avenue was approved for the inclusion of another lot located at 10 Ocean Avenue.

Another Request for Amended Order of Conditions for coastal bank work located at 36 Cove Street was also approved. The project now includes beach nourishment but eliminates the use of coir logs. The project was represented by Davignon.

A third Request for Amended Order of Conditions filed by Mark Whalen, 0 Birchwood Street was approved. The request included the elimination of a garage to allow for the installation of a new pump chamber for a new septic system.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for February 24.

Avian Flu and Oil Spill

Marion Board of Health

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Board of Health met Thursday, February 6 to go over various updates including a Public Health Director update.

The meeting began with an overview of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project for 2024. Data from the project in Marion showed the following:

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-366 spray requests, up from 324 the previous year.
-17 still water treatment requests (to evaluate water for larvae).

- 292 larvae site inspections.
- 658 storm drains treated.
- 2,245 feet of drainage ditches cleaned.

Chair John B. Howard MD stated the project is "very responsive to resident's requests."

Talk then moved to the recent oil spill at Tabor Academy's Lillard Hall. The spill saw a leak of greater than 10 gallons. The chair said the spill was likely caused by an underground tank the school "didn't even know they had." Thermal scanning attempted to pinpoint the location of the tank but was unsuccessful due to the cement and rebar infrastructure surrounding the structure. The exact location of the tank is still unknown. Plans are currently in place to break in through the floor during the school's March break and both locate and remove the tank. It was concluded that the tank was buried decades ago, likely before the current building was constructed on top of it.

The board said the health risk of the spill remains minimal, though the area is continually monitored. They also confirmed no oil had leaked into the harbor. Residents are urged to report any odors or other concerns to local authorities.

Talks then moved to more routine matters, including the re-plumbing proposed for 15 West Avenue on Planting Island. The property currently has a three-bedroom



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septic system though after renovations, the property may require an upgrade to this. Pushback from an abutter emerged when it was questioned whether or not the current owner would be moving in due to the property being rented out shortly after being bought. The owner said the house was rented awaiting work being done on the property. The owner assured her neighbor and the board they were not planning on renting the property and that the owners' kids were registered to start school in the Tri-town in the fall.

Next, a vaccine/disease update was given. There is currently a seasonal oral rabies vaccine baited around the area due to concerns from animals testing positive. In terms of Avian Influenza, there have been a few geese and duck euthanized in the town due to fears of their infection. It was warned to keep cats and dogs away from geese and on a leash. There has also been an increase in the last few weeks in Influenza A cases couples with flu vaccine rates having declines in recent years to 37.6% vaccinated. Increases in Norovirus in schools were also detected.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health will be in the Town House conference room Thursday, February 20 at 4:30 pm.

Jackie Smith Departs

Mattapoisett Council on Aging Board of Directors

By Sam Bishop

The Mattapoisett Council on Aging Board of

Directors met Wednesday, February 5 to give an overview of various reports, tackle budgeting, go over programs, and other items. The first order of business was a review of the Secretary's Report. Firstly, the current budget was approved unanimously.

The board proceeded to discuss various agenda items related to the community and local senior services. Topics included updates on outreach programs, community engagement, and resource allocation for senior support services. Outreach Coordinator, Liz Latham, provided insights into recent efforts to expand community services, including plans for enhanced senior wellness programs. Members exchanged thoughts on ways to improve participation and accessibility for local seniors, ensuring services continue to reach those in need.

The board discussed sources of financial support including grants, local/town allocations, and other fundraising efforts. Concerns were raised regarding the sustainability of certain programs, especially those reliant on external funding. Members debated strategies to maximize resources while maintaining quality services. The importance of advocating for senior programs at the town level was emphasized, with some members suggesting increased collaboration with local officials like the Select and Planning Boards.

Another key discussion revolved around event planning and community engagement. The board explored ideas for upcoming senior-focused events, such as workshops, health screenings, and social gatherings



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to promote mental and physical well-being among the elderly. Volunteer coordination and logistical hurdles were addressed to ensure successful event execution. Members also considered ways to better involve younger community members through school-based or other programs. This would foster stronger connections between seniors, the young, and the broader community.

Towards the end of the meeting, a letter from Director Jackie Smith was read revealing her decision to resign after 13 years of service. She will continue to work in the private sector. Her last day will be March 7. Other members thanked Jackie for her service, eagerness to help, and dedication to her community. Other members joked to make a joke to not accept the resignation.

The next meeting of the

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Sports Roundup

**By Aiden Comorosky
Boys' Basketball**

The Old Rochester Regional high school boys' basketball team hosted Joseph Case on February 7 and won 77-38. Before the game, the bulldogs honored their four seniors, Gavin Martin, Zack Mourao, Finn Kavanagh, and Ayden Monteiro. In the first few minutes, Joseph Case was hanging in there, but lots of steals turned into quick points at the rim for the Bulldogs. They continued to dominate throughout the rest of the game in blowout fashion. Zack Mourao made his season debut for the



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 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
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 7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
 8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
 9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
 10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Sousa Spectacular
 11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series - Political Polarization

Friday February 14, 2025
 7:00 AM Seniorcize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM The World Fusion Show
 8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
 9:30 AM Mattapoissett Land Trust
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
 10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
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1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
 3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
 3:30 PM This is America and the World
 4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
 4:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
 5:00 PM MEFA College Financing Seminar
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series: The Cathedral of Notre Dame
 7:30 PM Thomas Bassett - Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony
 8:00 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Monomoy
 9:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Fairhaven
 11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series - The Revolutionary Temper with Robert Darnton

Saturday February 15, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
 9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 10:00 AM A Conversation With...
 10:30 AM Cape Conversations
 11:00 AM Science 360
 11:30 AM Health Source
 12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
 1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Cynthia Bryden
 2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
 3:30 PM South Coast Matters
 4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
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 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 February 16, 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 Mattapoissett 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: Marconi Building
 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 Mattapoissett Museum: Butterflies
 10:00 PM Thomas Bassett - Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony
 10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
 11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday February 17, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorcize
 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
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 5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Fairhaven
 8:00 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Monomoy
 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 February 18, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorcize
 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 Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond with Peter Balzarini
 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 February 19, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorcize
 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 Mattapoissett 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
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 11:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs West Bridgewater

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 8:30 AM Marion Planning Board
 10:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
 10:30 AM Marion School Committee
 11:30 AM Marion Finance Committee
 12:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
 1:00 PM Marion Board of Health
 1:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
 2:00 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
 3:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
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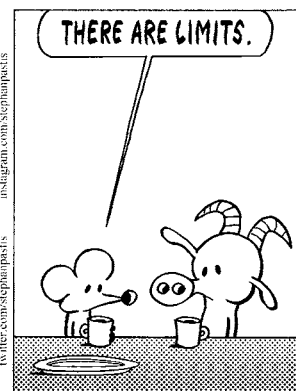
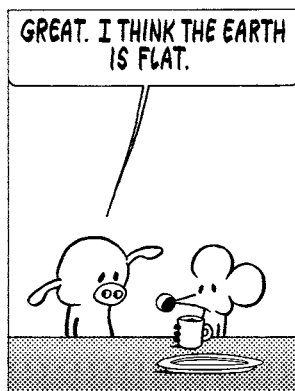
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 7:30 AM Sippican Jr. Reporters
 8:30 AM ORR FORM Brunch
 10:00 AM Cable History of Old Colony
 11:00 AM ORR Music Department
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 12:30 PM STEAM the Streets at ORR
 1:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Triton
 2:30 PM ORR/JHS Guppy Tank
 3:00 PM Chuck McIntyre - Autistic Presentation at ORR
 4:00 PM ORR Theater Class
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 6:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Old Colony
 8:00 PM ORR Football vs Medfield
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Bulldogs, scoring 17 points. Finn Kavanagh had 16 points, Henry Berry had 11, and Brady Hiles had 8. Old Rochester is now 9-9, and 6-7 in the SCC (South Coast Conference). Their next game will be February 11, at Bishop Stang (8-8).

Hockey

Old Rochester beat Plymouth South High School 2-0 on February 8. They're now 9-7 on the season and have won six consecutive games. They will play at Somerset Berkley (9-6-1), on February 12.

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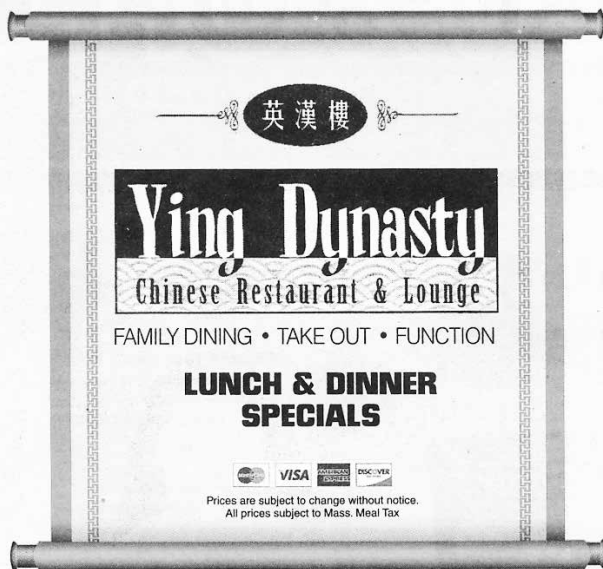
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To the Editor;

Reflection on Valentine's Day.

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Paul Newby Grace, 70, of Mattapoissett passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

Known affectionately by everyone as Newby, Paul Grace was an excellent musician and performed professionally throughout the region. He began playing keyboards at an early age, becoming a soulful keyboard player and singer who put his heart and soul into his music. He especially enjoyed performing the music of Stevie Wonder. His most recent musical endeavors were with the band Diamond Dust as well as solo performances locally and on social media.

He also loved nature. For many years he owned and operated a successful landscaping business. One of his favorite pastimes was to take a country drive along the backroads of Westport to Horseneck Beach where he would just park and watch the waves.

Newby had an engaging, charming personality and easily made friends. His smile and twinkling eyes quickly endeared him to those he met. Newby never had children of his own but was very close to his nieces, nephews, and great-nephews as well as his step-children from an earlier marriage. He was especially close to his great-nephew Will. Newby's most cherished times were those spent with family and when he was sitting at his keyboard playing music while singing his heart out.

Those closest to Newby know he struggled during his last few years with personal and health issues, but he persevered and braved his circumstances as best he could, living modestly in Mattapoissett senior housing until his unexpected death.

Newby will be deeply missed by all his family and friends who loved him dearly.

Paul is survived by his siblings, Susan Grace and her husband Rich Taber of Mattapoissett, Peter Eugene Grace of Tarpon Springs, FL, and Angela Grace of Ocean Springs, MS; his nieces and nephews, Jessica Noblet and her companion Barry Lima, Thomas Bonneau and his wife Ania Sliwinska, Lauren Bonneau and her partner Matthew Arriaga, Russell Dearing, and Ali Grace; his great-nephews, William Huggins and his wife Shayna, Samuel Noblet, James Noblet; and his step-children James Glover and Tricia Guenette.

His memorial service will be held Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 1pm-3pm at the Seamen's Bethel 15 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740. A Celebration of Newby's Life will take place following the service from 3pm-5pm at Gallery X, 169 William St, New Bedford. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

R. William Blasdale, known as Bill to most, passed away on January 30, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of family values, committed service, generosity and leadership.



Bill grew up in Mattapoissett and at 15 years old he met Mary Jean Schmidt. After graduation from high school at Tabor Academy and college at Princeton University, he and Mary Jean married and eventually settled in Mattapoissett to raise their family. In the 65 years they shared together they raised two children, Spencer and Amy, and supported two grandchildren, Avery and Hadley.

Although he was involved in countless community and business leadership positions he made decisions based on prioritizing family. He was a Lion's Club member and served as town selectman from 1975-1981. In a letter to the town in 1981 he explained his decision to step down: "One's responsibility as a husband and father come first. Public service comes second." He found a less time-demanding way to continue his service and was elected town moderator from 1981-2003. He was known for his diplomacy, wit and ability to build consensus in these town roles. With his self-deprecating humor he reflected that, "My greatest contribution to the town was a sewage system. What a legacy."

Bill held a life-long commitment to citizen democracy and reminded us that citizenship bestows rights but also demands responsibility, especially for the health and education of all. He led by example, helping to found the Southcoast Community Foundation and serving on the board of Southcoast Health System, Southcoast Hospitals Group, and Southcoast Physicians Group. Bill's dedication to his high school, Tabor Academy, was exemplified through his service on the Board of Trustees from 1982 to 2014, including his tenure as Board Chair from 1991 to 2006. "He was," as Former Head of School Jay Stroud described, "as dependable and as essential to Tabor life as the tides themselves. Bill's wisdom, profound common sense, and extraordinary sense of balance and proportion helped our Board become the engine for change and growth that characterized the more than two decades we worked together."

Bill's professional career was divided into "Act 1 and Act 2" as he would say. He served as President and CEO of Julius Koch, USA in New Bedford, a company that manufactures textiles. After 28 years at Julius Koch, he went back to school, became a certified financial planner (CFP) and co-founded Seamark Financial with Lynne Nahigyan in 1996. He served as President of Seamark for 28 years before retiring in June.

His memory will be cherished, his contributions celebrated, and his spirit acknowledged as a beacon of citizenship, generosity, thoughtful leadership, warm-hearted concern, and gracious care.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jean, his daughter, Amy Blasdale-Cushing and spouse Brad Cushing of Mel-

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bourne Beach, Fl, his son, Spencer Blasdale and spouse Nell Blasdale of Milton, MA and his granddaughters Avery and Hadley.

The family will hold a Celebration of Bill's life on May 31. Please refer to www.waring-sullivan.com for updated service information and to place an online tribute. Donations in his memory can be made to The Southcoast Community Foundation. Arrangements are in the care of the Waring-Sullivan Home at Fairlawn.



Caroline Rose Friedman of Barrington Rhode Island passed away unexpectedly on February 4th, 2025, after a joy-filled but very challenging life complicated by her many medical issues. Make no mistake, Caroline packed a lot of fun into her short life. Caroline was a true warrior and a gift to all she met.

Caroline is survived by her loving parents Theodore "Ted" and Elizabeth "Betsy" Friedman; younger sister Addison "Addy"; dogs Daisy and Piper; grandmothers Shari Friedman of Barrington, RI and Kathy McGowan of Mattapoisett, Mass and Venice, Fla; Grandfather Robert (Deborah) Friedman of New York City; aunts Katie Emche (James) of Ocean Pines, Md; Marya Dunham (John) of Mattapoisett, Mass; and Kerry McNulty (Brian) of Duxbury, Mass; uncles Dan (Robyn) Friedman of Maplewood, NJ and Eric (Kate) Friedman of Washington DC; Caroline was predeceased by her paternal grandfather Charles McGowan and uncle Peter McGowan. Additionally, Caroline had a host of loving and adored cousins; Jake (Gabby), Phoebe, Elizabeth, Matthew, Kathleen, Kate, Izzy, Oliver (Jane), Carsyn, Owen, Grayson and Finley. Family was the center of Caroline's world and she showered them all with her unlimited love.

Born in Providence, RI, Caroline raced into this world two months early and had medical challenges from day one. She spent her first four months surrounded by her parents, family, and exceptional caregivers at Women & Infants NICU & Boston Children's Hospital as she underwent open heart surgery and a host of other procedures. It was a very rocky first decade, but she persevered. Immediately Caroline captured everyone's attention with her fierce determination that defied all the odds.

Caroline's pure and generous spirit, coupled with her willingness to share herself with you, was truly captivating. Time with Caroline was a joyous, full-sensory experience. She would tell you a story, lock in on you to hold your attention, get up in your space, share her photos, ask you questions, share laughs and wave others away. It always felt like an honor to be singled out of the pack as the object of her affection. For Caroline, time spent at the beach in Mattapoisett with friends and family was time well spent. The beach was

her happy place. Caroline thrived in social gatherings, large or small with those closest to her. She connected her large extended family daily through her two group texts: "Family Funhouse" and "Friedmans are bomb." A popular message on the Funhouse group chat from Caroline was, "Good afternoon, everyone, how is your day going?" She brightened our days with her kind words, thoughts on life and questions to the family. Facetime was the preferred way of communication because she always wanted the full experience of seeing you if you were not lucky enough to be together. A social media maven at heart, Caroline also enjoyed managing multiple accounts chronicling her adventures and her pets.

Life for this remarkable woman was not without complications. The 21 years we had with Caroline were only possible through miracles of modern medical science. We nearly lost her a few times, especially in her early years. For her first 12 years, Betsy & Ted had to mix lifesaving medication every 24 hours, which was then pumped into a central line, straight into her heart. That medication had to be on ice, dispensed from a very small backpack to keep this courageous and special child alive. The backpack that she wore with confidence every day was her first fashion statement. She learned to crawl, sit up and then to walk, all while hooked up to oxygen and her backpack.

Her doctors in Rhode Island and Boston were passionate about her care and gave her their very best treatment, time and attention. They too were captivated by her charm and irresistible personality. Caroline's ability to personally connect with all the specialists she saw regularly, whether checking her in at a doctor's appointment or trying to draw blood from her in the hospital, was unbelievable. Once when she was at Boston Children's Hospital for an especially long time, Caroline decided she would brighten people's days by decorating stethoscopes - wrapping them in crazy patterns of duct tape. Doctors & nurses came from all over the hospital to drop theirs off at the foot of her bed and come back to pick it up later! She was always a force to be reckoned with whenever she discovered a new interest!

Caroline never allowed her limitations to dampen her spirit. She demanded to swim like everyone else - so her first bathing suit was a custom-made drysuit to keep her backpack dry. A couple of years ago, she wanted to work at Oxford Creamery - her favorite ice cream spot in Mattapoisett, so she asked the owners for a job. Like everyone else, they quickly fell under her spell, and she enjoyed two incredible summers working for the best bosses around. The added benefit of the possibility of a lobster roll at the end of her shift, was always a perk!

We will always remember Caroline's love for ice cream, lobster rolls (at any time and any price), singing and dancing to music (Taylor Swift, Queen, Mylie Cyrus, Katy Perry and Chappell Roan), saying "Music is my life" and then

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and grow in character is ours. In every day, the value of deeply caring and peace can be synonymous with Valentine's Day. As we seek wisdom, our sense of discernment sharpens. We are not all meant to be glorified in worldwide endeavors. However, we are meant to bloom where we are planted – to make a difference for the good of all. This Valentine's Day, consider contemplating on giving of your best self to bring out the best in someone else. "One act of kindness can't change the world, but it can change one person's world." Individually "paying it forward in love and peace" is contagious vitality; it can help to bring renewed hope, peace and respect in our divided world by being open to restoring love in the hearts of all.

Happy Valentine's Day from my heart to yours.
Sincerely,
Lillian DiSpigna, Marion

Dear Editor:

In the February 6, 2025, edition of The Wanderer, the article "Aquifer Protection and Short-Term Rentals" stated that the Office of the Attorney General found no wrongdoing or violations of the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law (OML). That determination ineffectively addressed the profound concern raised by a board member.

The component triggering the OML violation complaint was the Board Chairman's independent decision to remove the Town Planner's assertions that

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" We provided you with the people (experts) to run this up against, (to) ask the hard questions [about the MS4 bylaw]. I don't know what more we could do." Mr. Guey-Lee warned Board members against creating their versions of a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) bylaw, as "it could be a waste of effort if the state deems it insufficient, lacking the experience of other towns like West Bridgewater." More importantly, the Board rejected the meritorious MS4 bylaw drafted and presented to the Board by DPW engineer Meghan Davis.

The Office of the Attorney General said, "We find the content of the revised language is substantially similar to the complainant's draft, and in fact includes additional detail regarding the matters discussed..." The important issue is not the "additional detail." It is the quality of the overall information, that is, the erasure of Mr. Guey-Lee's

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laughing because she knew it would make others laugh too. She loved eating sushi, building the perfect charcuterie board, planning parties and trips, playing Unified Basketball (“Can’t Miss Caroline” was her nickname), participating in Unified Theater at Barrington High School, watching Jimmy Fallon, and drinking as many French Vanilla Swirl Iced Coffees from Dunkin’ (or Pink Drinks... or another from a rotating list of drinks at Starbucks) as she could convince anyone to buy for her. She was always taking pictures of her family and friends, making funny videos, crafting homemade ice cream, sending out endless sunset and cute dog pictures and documenting her quest to add to her large and small kitchen gadget collection.

Caroline’s strength, perseverance and enthusiasm for life were legendary. She was a beacon of light and beamed positivity. Her radiant smile and warm presence revealed the love she had for everyone around her. She brought out the best in everyone and simply made you a better human just by being in her orbit. Sunshine, joy, laughter and so much kindness all wrapped up in one small person.

We will celebrate Caroline’s remarkable life and tremendous legacy with a party fit for the ultimate party planner herself at the beach next summer - exactly as she would have loved. The family would like to say a very special thank you to her unbelievable pediatrician Dr Kevin Clegg of Barrington Pediatrics and her Cardiologist/Pulmonary Hypertension Specialist Dr Mary Mullen of Boston Children’s Hospital who helped guide all of Caroline’s tremendous and very complicated care so lovingly for over 21 years.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Caroline’s name to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association.

“And in the end, it’s not the years in your life that count, it is the life in your years” – Abraham Lincoln.

Please visit www.smithmason.com for online condolences.



James E. Barrett, 80, of Mattapoisett died Monday, February 10, 2025 at St. Luke’s Hospital after a period of declining health. He was the husband of Nancy E. (Breton) Barrett, with whom he shared 54 years of marriage.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late Edward and Yvonne (Masse) Barrett, he lived in New Bedford for many years before moving to Mattapoisett.

Jim was a graduate of New Bedford Vocational High School, class of 1963, where he was in the carpentry shop.

He was the proprietor of Barrett Custom Cabinetry for many years. Prior to that, he was employed by Brownell Boat Yard and Wayne Walega of New Design Kitchens.

Jim was a member of The Wampanoag Kennel Club, Pilgrim Doberman Pinscher Club, and The Doberman Pin-

scher Club of America.

A longtime Doberman Pinscher breeder, his dogs were like children to him. He enjoyed traveling to dog shows with Nancy in their RV, attending family parties, and cooking.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; 3 brothers, Rene Barrett and his wife Dawne of Easton, Edward Barrett and his wife Evelyn of Lakeville, and Charles Barrett and his wife Cheryl of Dartmouth; 3 sisters, Jeanine Sasseville and her husband Gene of New Bedford, Claire Tellier and her husband John of Norwich, CT, and Celeste Paleologos and her husband Phil of New Bedford; his sisters-in-law, Patti Barrett of Milford and Patricia Nicholson of Mattapoisett; 3 Godchildren, Christine Penny of Milford, Paul Cormier of Acushnet, and Michael Dube of California; Glenn Silva, who was like a son to Jim and Nancy; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Marc, Richard, and Roland Barrett.

His Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 11 am at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford. His family will receive guests at Church from 10-11 am, prior to the Mass. Burial will be held privately at a later date. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Karl T. Smith, 86, of Acushnet passed away Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at the Royal in Fairhaven after a long period of declining health. He was the loving husband of 61 years to the late Barbara (Rezendes) Smith.

Born and raised in Fairhaven, son of the late William and Palmetter (Thomas) Smith, he settled in Acushnet in 1970. Mr. Smith was a Union Carpenter for many years. Karl enjoyed fishing and was an avid sport fisherman and former member of the Fin Fur and Feather Club.

He is survived by his sons, Robert A. Smith and his wife Debbra of West Wareham and Karl S. Smith and his wife Belinda of Acushnet and he was the father of the late Darlene M. DeMello; also survived by his five grandchildren; six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In accordance with his wishes he will be cremated and private arrangements are under the direction of the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main Street, Fairhaven. For memorial register please visit, www.hathawayfunerals.com.



Dr. Daniel M. Lomba, Jr., of Marion, MA, passed away on February 8, 2025, at the age of 63 after a courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease).

Dan was a man of passion—devoted to his family, his music, and his pursuit of knowledge. Clever, creative, and unafraid of hard work, he

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statement and its replacement with the negligible value of the Chair's "additional detail."

When board members attend meetings seemingly unprepared and lack knowledge, insight, and understanding of the topics discussed, their joint venture of "winging it" can be detrimental to the Town, and that is what happened, I believe, with the rejection of the MS4 bylaw drafted and presented to the Board by DPW engineer Meghan Davis.

Sincerely,
Eileen J. Marum

Academic Achievements

Jillian Craig, a member of the Class of 2025 from Marion, has been named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List at Stonehill College. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher and must have successfully completed all courses for which they were registered.

Dylan Pallatroni of Marion was named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester.

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, February 17: Presidents Day – no meals served

Tuesday, February 18: Beef stew w/ corn bread, kale & peppers, pears

Wednesday, February 19: Beef & barley soup, stewed chicken thigh, polenta, California blend vegetable, dinner



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had a fiery spirit and a strong moral compass. He never shied away from conflict but had a way of bringing people together. Even as his body weakened, his spirit remained unbreakable.

Dan grew up on Rezendes Terrace, surrounded by family. As a young man, he developed a deep love for music and became a skilled bassist. He was drawn to artists like Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Wonder, Parliament-Funkadelic, Elton John, The Beatles, Sly & The Family Stone, and Michael Jackson—music with both groove and message. Over the years, he played in countless bands, many with his Uncle Zack. He was a founding member of Tomboy, Beluga Band, Soul on the Edge, and Funk Side Up. Throughout his career, he collaborated with numerous musicians, including Jammin: A Tribute to Bob Marley, Rock 4 Xmas, and John Butcher. Even as his disease made playing more difficult, he adapted through technology, always finding ways to create and compose.

A lifelong scholar, Dan earned his PhD in Economics from Northeastern University and spent decades as a professor, teaching at Harvard University, UMass Dartmouth, Massachusetts Community College, and Bridgewater State University, where he was a tenured faculty member and he was Chair of the Economics Department. Known for his unconventional teaching methods and fearless critiques of economic and racial injustice, he pushed his students to think critically and challenge systemic oppression. His community group, Oppressed in the West, sparked vital conversations on inequality and the structures that uphold it.

Dan is survived by his mother, Mary Lomba; his wife, Ana Lomba; his children, Sandro Couto (wife Kayla), Sara Rasmussen (husband Matthew), Taylor Travassos-Lomba, Trevor Travassos-Lomba, and Lucas Travassos-Lomba; and his granddaughters, Corinne Ferreira and Hazel Rasmussen, who lovingly knew him as “Papa.” He is also survived by his brother, Manuol Lomba; his niece, Faith Lomba (son Daniel); and his nephew, Andy Lomba (daughter Audrie). He was predeceased by his father, Daniel Lomba.

Dan was also fortunate to have the support and friendship of Carmella Ciampa, who spent a great deal of time with him in his later years. Her kindness and companionship brought comfort and joy during difficult times.

In the symphony of life, Dan was both a devoted listener and a powerful musician. He observed the world, picked up his bass, and played into the groove—moving people, challenging minds, and leaving behind a lasting legacy of love, music, and justice.

Visiting hours are from 4 to 7 pm on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

His funeral will be held at 9:00 am on Friday, February 14, 2025 from the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 am in St. Patrick’s Church, 94 High St., Wareham.

For directions or to leave a message of condolence, visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com.



Anthony Joseph Almeida Jr., “Tony”, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully Monday, February 3rd, 2025 surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband to Karen Almeida (Bailey), and father to Gillian Almeida and her wife April Almeida, Gayle Almeida Murphy and her husband JP Murphy and Gabrielle Almeida.

Born on February 8th, 1961 in Melrose, MA son of Anthony Joseph Almeida Sr. and Gail Almeida (Kilgore). Tony was a wonderful son in law to Russell and his late wife Elizabeth (Betty) Bailey. He was brother to Michael Almeida, Dawna Almeida and Natalie Normand.

Tony grew up in Fairhaven, graduating from Fairhaven High School, class of 1979. Tony received a Bachelor’s Degree from Northeastern University of Engineering and went on to work at Sippican Inc. later becoming Lockheed Martin. Tony’s dedication and commitment led him to work for the organization for 42 years.

Tony and Karen married on September 11th, 1982. They enjoyed traveling, long walks, especially on Horseneck Beach and the Cliffwalk (Newport, RI), beach days, and gardening. They both always agreed that their greatest accomplishment was having their three daughters, Gillian, Gayle and Gabrielle.

“Good Time Tony” was a nickname quickly established after his inability to say no to his grandchildren that he adored, Leah Murphy, Jack Murphy, Cameron Almeida, Caleb Almeida and Cali Tribou. He cherished every moment spent with them. Their laughter and love brought him joy, comfort and pride.

Tony was a man of tireless work ethic and determination, always giving his best to provide for his family and accomplished whatever he set his mind to. He enjoyed swimming, music, dancing and staying active. He was a competitive person who loved participating in any and all sports. Outside of his primary job Tony always had a project in building and renovating homes. Tony was one of a kind and will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Funeral services were private. Donations can be made in Tony’s memory at psp.org. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

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Friday, February 21: Shepard's pie w/ corn & peas, carrots, dinner roll, cinnamon apples

Celebration Gospel Choir

The Mattapoissett Museum and the Trustees of the Mattapoissett Christian Church at 5 Church Street are proud to bring back, by popular demand, Tabor Academy's Celebration Gospel Choir on Thursday, **February 27** at 6:30 pm. This is a free event and open to the public; no registration is needed. The Tabor Celebration Gospel Choir is a 20-voice choir, composed of faculty, staff, and students. It was founded in January 2023 and had its debut at Tabor Academy's MLK Jr. 2023 chapel service.

The Choir is led by Tyrone Black, Associate Head of School at Tabor Academy. Its members sing mostly traditional gospel music with a few contemporary pieces. When asked why he founded the Choir, Black said, "Most places where I have worked, I started a gospel choir/ensemble as a way of bringing people together from all walks of life and singing about the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to spread the love of God through the ministry of song. I felt that Tabor had the right atmosphere/environment to start something new and inviting. It's a part of my identity, my spirit, my essence. It helps me



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MOVIE REVIEW

Unlovable

By Rob Gonsalves
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Heart Eyes. Starring Olivia Holt and Mason Gooding. Directed by Josh Ruben. Running time: 97 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

There was a time when Jordana Brewster and Devon Sawa showing up in a horror movie meant they were playing teenagers contending with a maniac. Today they're both in their mid-forties and, in the new, brutally boring horror-comedy *Heart Eyes*, playing detectives. Their characters are named Hobbs and Shaw, barely a joke now and probably incomprehensible ten years from now. *Heart Eyes* is the third feature by director Josh Ruben (the annoyingly empty-calorie *Werewolves Within*), who likes his scripts performatively "clever" but not smart or engaging. Ruben also likes to mash up genres: *Werewolves Within* was part whodunit and part creature feature, and *Heart Eyes* has the outer garb of a romantic comedy with little flashes of gore that remind us it's also a slasher movie.

It does neither genre proud. The first minutes set up the threat: a killer named Heart Eyes strikes every Valentine's Day, criss-crossing the country so nobody knows where he'll hit again, and he targets couples in love but will also, we're assured, kill anyone who gets in his way. Heart Eyes butchers an unlikable couple, and the gore effects are admittedly gruesome enough to pass muster. (In general, the kills are effective, as if they were directed by someone else, with a couple of satisfyingly nasty ones near the end, but it's too late.) But the tone of this first couple's pre-death interaction tells us Ruben isn't interested in — or competent at — creating likable characters we're sorry to see die.

Then we move to a different couple: Ally (Olivia Holt), a failed med student turned ad pitch-woman for a diamond company, and Jay (Mason Gooding), who's been called in to fix Ally's dead-in-the-water campaign. They keep insisting they're not a couple, and we believe them. We stop believing when the movie starts selling them as, whaddaya-



know, a couple after all. They deny they're a couple because Heart Eyes is in town and has singled them out for doom. Why? The killer's motive, when revealed, has no narrative conviction behind it whatsoever. The movie is insultingly slack. Holt and Gooding themselves are likable, but the try-hard banter they're given doesn't help them at all.

At times, Ruben seems to condescend to his own movie and its implausibilities. (Then why make it in the first place?) He casts a firecracker like Gigi Zumbado as Ally's co-worker and friend, and then saddles her with the movie's corniest dialogue. Everything in *Heart Eyes* feels artificial, and when we're watching paint dry along with the putative lead couple the movie just slips away. Then Heart Eyes pops up and kills someone, but since Ruben seems equally incapable of taking the Ally/Jay romance and Heart Eyes seriously, the killer's scenes don't work as horror. I mean, they're structured like horror, but there are times when Ally and Jay seem to run from Heart Eyes not out of fear but because the script says they run.

So the movie lacks the focus and the integrity to make its romance and horror land for us. The tone is a sort of noncommittal jokiness. Josh Ruben has a background in comedy, and some of *Heart Eyes* feels shaped more for laughs than for fright. But it's not a sharp mix of tones like *An American Werewolf in London* or *Piranha*. Those movies understood that the funny scenes have to be *funny* and the scary scenes need to scare the crap out of you. Some viewers equate scariness with gore, and if that's all you look for in a horror film *Heart Eyes* may deliver for you. For most others it's just an unnecessary use of time and space.

and probably others find their place of belonging in a spiritually challenging world."

Most of the songs that will be sung are from the late 20th and early 21st century. They will range from old traditional pieces such as God Is by the Late Reverend James Cleveland, to more contemporary pieces called Glory Glory by New Direction. The Choir will also sing a piece with a Caribbean flare, entitled He Reigns Forever.

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No need to travel far and away this February school vacation. The Mattapoisett Land Trust has many activities and events to keep you busy on your StayCation. We have over 10 miles of trails and 900 acres of protected open space here in our town - go explore your backyard.

You may want to take a walk through one of our properties and read a story: visit Dunseith Gardens, Munro Park, or Grace Pond Preserve to enjoy a Storywalk, which will be up all month. If your children are explorers, go wander at Tub Mill or Dunseith for a scavenger hunt, discovering the wintertime treasures in nature. Or pick up a Trail Passport book at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library children's section (just ask a librarian) to hunt for stamp stations located along some of our trails. Complete all 11 stamps and win a gift certificate for a summertime treat at Oxford Creamery.

On Wednesday **February 19** at 11:00 am join us at the Munn Preserve for "Tracks and Traces", a walk led by the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Finishing out the week, at 11:00 am on Saturday **February 22**, please join us as we honor Black History month hosting a reception with Tri-Town Against Racism at Munro Park. Bring the kids to follow the Storywalk to read, "There was a Party for Langston" celebrating the brilliant writer Langston Hughes and finish with some light refreshments. To find these StayCation Activities, visit the Mattapoisett Land Trust website mattlandtrust.org and explore the Family Activities link. Check out our events calendar as well. Look for our StayCation Banner hanging on the corner of North St. and Route 6 at Dunseith Gardens.

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The library may have moved for the month, but the museum is open on the second floor 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Wednesdays and Friday. Hope we'll see you soon.

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Love chocolate? We have a travel-cupful of candy at the desk that you could win. Come in and take a guess at how many pieces are in the cup, closest guess wins the cup and the chocolate. This is for grown-ups only.

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 46 Almanac, in large part
 47 Ship's diary
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 58 "It's too hard for me"
 59 Brought on
 60 More crafty
 61 Comic Idle
 63 "— I a stinker?"
 64 "I'd rather — there" ("That topic is off limits")
 67 A while ago
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 70 Ketchup ingredient
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 82 Camera variety, briefly
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 100 "The Deep" director Peter
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A long-forgotten promise is recalled. It's not too late to follow up on it. You might find a pleasant surprise waiting. Meanwhile, see a doctor about a pesky health problem.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The best way to get over a personal disappointment is to get out, meet old friends, and make new ones! One of those new friends could very well become a special person in your life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A chance to invest comes with some strings attached that could cause economic problems later on. Be careful. Cupid favors romantic possibilities with a loving Libra or a passionate Pisces.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A simple problem threatens to turn into a legal showdown unless it's cleared up soon. Wishing it away won't help. In addition, a telephone call could lead to a change in travel plans.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A close friend who suddenly becomes remote is in need of your warm reassurance. Give it generously. Meanwhile, a misunderstanding on the job creates the potential for future problems. Settle it quickly.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Career advancement involves the need for added training. The investment of your time and effort will pay off. In other news, some stormy personal situations begin to calm down.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Scale back on your grandiose schemes for a while. Neither the time nor the circumstances are right to make the huge financial investment needed to see the matter through. A Gemini has romance on the mind.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You could soon face a fascinating dilemma: Do you continue seeing a very special person who is currently in your life or renew a relationship with another person who will suddenly return from your past?

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Financial problems need your attention. It's a good idea to cut back on unnecessary expenses until these money matters are under control. Then go out and have a great time!

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) What you may now see as a good reason to end a relationship could turn out to be based more on supposition than substance. Don't make any rash decisions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Change is the watchword for this week. Some Aquarians will be moving to new places while others will be taking new career paths. Steer clear of a family dispute.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be prepared for a romantic disappointment to become a fading memory with the arrival of a new love -- possibly a Gemini. Meanwhile, talk to someone you trust about developing your idea into a marketable product.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a high regard for loyalty. You give it freely, and you expect it to be returned. You never flinch from making a decision, even if it involves much agitation and soul-searching.

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For kids: a weekly Scrambled Word is available every Monday, as well as a weekly Seek-and-Find. The words are all February themed (think Valentine's Day) and the hidden pictures are of ballet dancers known as the Swans of Harlem, for Black History Month. If you solve the word or find the dancer, you can earn a prize from the treasure chest.

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**From the Files of the
Rochester Historical Society
By Connie Eshbach**

My grandparents' house on Snipatuit Rd. (one of Rochester's older houses) was a rambling structure with an added-on addition and an upstairs with two bedrooms and several attics. When we visited on school vacations,



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there was often something interesting retrieved from an attic that we could play with.

A short aside, my grandmother, Marion Hartley, taught school for many years and she was always happy to have my sister, brother and myself spend school vacations with her on her school vacations. I think that used to be called a "busman's holiday".

Now back to the attics and their contents. I was reminded of the marionettes and stage that she had stored in one by the Punch and Judy set that is now in our current exhibit at the Rochester Historical Museum. The set pictured here is on loan from the Mattapoisett Historical Museum and has more characters than the one of my childhood. The picture shows Punch. He's the one dressed as a jester. Then there is Judy, a clown, a crocodile, and either the doctor or the lawyer. The set we



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Marion and Rochester Cub Scouts competed in a pinewood derby at Rochester Memorial School on February 8. Over 30 scouts built cars out of pinewood and raced their tiny cars down a ramp and across the finish line. Photo by Erez Ben-Akiva.



(right) Robert Pina captured this deer on a wildlife camera in his yard in Marion.



(left) Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Last Wednesday, the museum's adult community program braved the cold to learn a little about how to identify trees in winter with DCR Forester James Rassman. From Birches to Poplars to Oaks we learned about branching patterns, bark design, and other techniques to identify our local trees without their leaves. Jim then stuck around to talk our afterschool group about the importance of trees and what they do for us and the earth. Many thanks to Jim for sharing his expertise with us. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold.



These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

played with had Punch, Judy, a baby and maybe a policeman. To be honest, I found both Punch and Judy to be kind of creepy.

Punch and Judy go way back, but puppet shows go back

even further. Herodotus, a Greek historian, wrote about figures operated by strings (marionettes) as far back as the 5th century B.C. Another Greek historian, Xenophon of Athens, mentions a traveling puppet show. In Italy, theaters as early as the 16th century, had puppet shows that used comedy to make fun of authority figures and life's injustices.

Punch and Judy appeared in England for the first time in 1662. After years of Puritan control, Britain was primed for the puppet show's outrageous comedy. A traditional Punch and Judy show had Mr. Punch and his wife Judy in a series of scenes where the two interacted, often ending with someone the victim of a "slapstick". These shows became a staple of English seaside entertainment.

By the end of the 18th century, Mr. Punch and his sidekicks had arrived in the British American colonies where they were very popular. One fan was George Washington who was known to have purchased tickets.

The puppet shows were put on by one puppeteer hidden by the stage. Punch had a very distinctive squawking voice. The puppeteer would get this tone by wearing a "swazle" in his mouth. A typical show might have Judy asking Punch to babysit while she left to shop. In the oldest days, Punch would do evil things to the baby like beating it with a stick or putting it in a sausage-making machine. As time passed, he dropped those behaviors, but Judy would come back to find him sitting on the baby (baby sitting). She would then go get a stick and the two would do battle. Other characters also fell victim to the stick, including the Constable, Joey the Clown and during WWII, a Hitler puppet. When Punch



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tried to do battle with the Crocodile, he usually lost.

By the late Victorian era, the shows which had been adult entertainment became children's entertainment while continuing to let Mr. Punch bully and beat on other characters. This always made him happy, and he would be "pleased as punch." The marionettes also gave way to gloved puppets which made the shows cheaper to mount and to transport.

Punch and Judy, who do not seem to be ready for today's prime time, have appeared as henchmen of Batman's enemy, the Joker, both on TV and in the comics. In 2024, at a major London festival, a modern version of a Punch and Judy show debuted. I found no info on what that show was like or what characters were added, but

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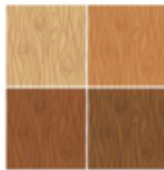
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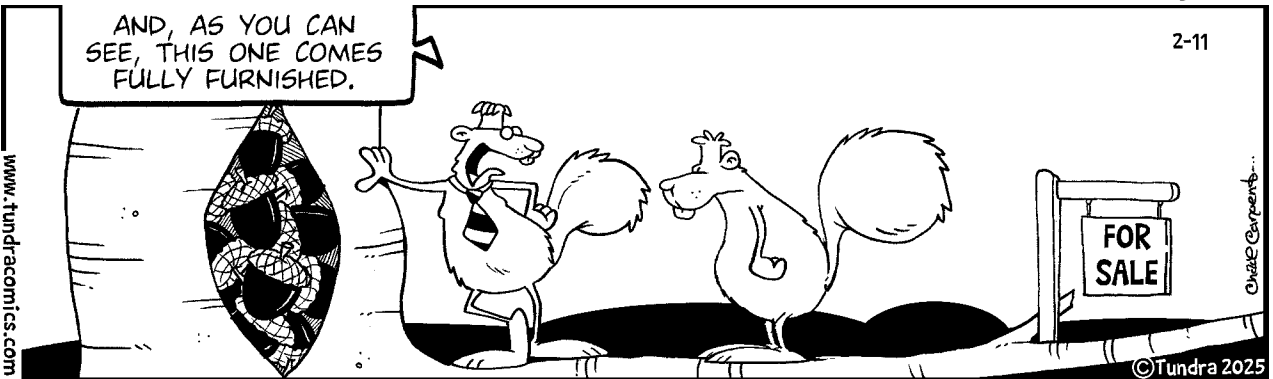


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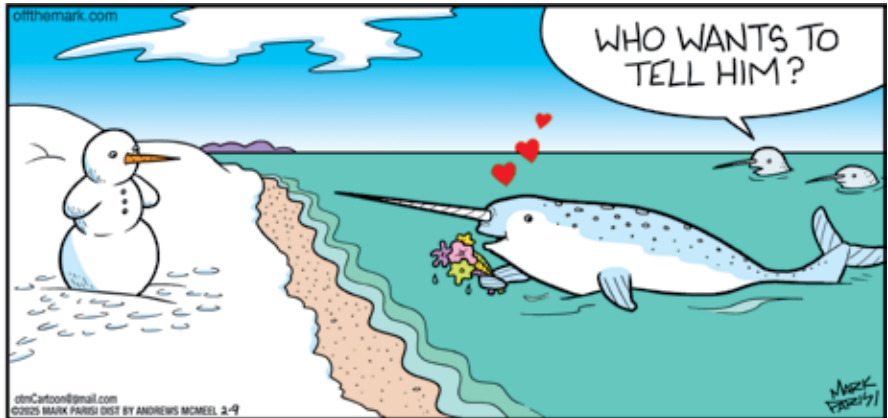
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Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee (MRTC) welcomes members, guests and community members to join us on Thursday, **February 20** for Pizza & Movie Night. Socializing from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm with Pizza, cash bar, and light snacks available. At 6:30 pm the MRTC will commence the meeting to discuss upcoming town elections and the importance of supporting our candidates. At 7:00 pm we are excited to present a screening of "Am I a Racist." The movie is a 2024 American satirical documentary comedy film starring conservative political commentator Matt Walsh. Walsh goes deep undercover in the world of diversity, equity, and inclusion exposing the grift and uncovering the absurdities through hidden social experiments. Please join us to challenge the mainstream narrative and engage in meaningful conversation. The location is at the Niemad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Rd., Mattapoissett.

If you have any questions, contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson PCMattyGOP@proton.me

MAC Fiber Fusion

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present its newest exhibition, Fiber Fusion, featuring five artists working in mixed media textile and fiber materials. Techniques include quilting, tapestry and loom weaving, collage and assemblage, surface application, design and embellishment, and more. Artists include Christine Anderson, Carol Flax, Lorraine Gentile Haynes, and Toni Newhall. The exhibit runs February 22 through March 28, with an artists' reception on Saturday, **February 22** from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion.

Christine Anderson, a weaver and fiber artist, finds the intersection of threads, both basic and centering to her life and creative work.



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Her work includes intricate tapestries of local landscapes and mixed media pieces. To develop an idea, she uses a fusion of materials including delicate threads, fabric, scanned images, handmade paper, and beads. The scanned images, from nature, leaves, petals from flowers, insect wings are incorporated and can be duplicated and manipulated. Her pieces make a connection to the natural world and our place in it. Combining the life cycles of insects, birds, and plants with ideas of femininity, the work explores innocence, passages of life, aging and death.

Carol Flax moved to Cape Cod in 2013 and revived a technique of representational collage that she originally developed in her twenties. Her medium is entirely cut



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**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm **** Meeting will be held on February 20, 2025****

Case #1555: Petition of: The Paul V. Walsh, Jr. Trust, 113 Angelica Ave, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: 113 Angelica Ave. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 6.3.2 and Section 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to demolish existing ground level cottage for the purpose of constructing a two-story single-family dwelling in compliance with FEMA and Mass Building Code for construction within an AE Flood Zone.

The property is further described as Plot 2A, Lot 26 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Case #1556: Petition of: William Wennerberg, 2 Crestfield Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: Fairhaven Road, Map 11, Lot 85. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Section 6.3.1 and Section 6.5 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a two-story, three-bedroom, single family dwelling with a one stall attached garage with a front and rear deck.

The property is further described as Plot 11, Lot 85 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.

Sincerely,
Susan Akin, Chairperson
Tony Tranfaglia, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottier,
Jordan Rodrigues 2/6, 2/13

**TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #827**

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 27, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Shame C. and Denise Whittaker,

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for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1A and 230-6.1C to allow the removal and reconstruction of a legally non-conforming single-family dwelling which will not increase the current non-conformity but increase the building area and volume, as allowed under section 230-7.1, 230-7.2 and 230-7.3 of the zoning by-law.

The property, located at 6 Cole Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 5A as Lot 28 and 29.
Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 2/13, 2/20

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

To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room
550 Mill Street

Also Available via Remote Participation Option

The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:10 pm to consider the request of Molly Lombard for a Special Permit pursuant to the Code of the Town of Marion Section 230-4.2(C) Personal Service Establishment to provide Massage Therapy.

The property is located at 163 Front Street, Suite #205, Marion, MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 14, Lot 77, zoned limited business.

The public is invited to attend and

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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- Dan Eilertsen February 13
- Elijah Richards-Auld February 13
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- Jordan Collyer February 14
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- Russell Mello February 19

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**FAILED BUSINESS #32:
CAT WALKING**



(reclaimed/ recycled) paper. Best described as “painting with paper,” she pulls her “palette” of colors and textures from magazines, calendars, catalogs and other paper that tends to be a slightly heavier, glossy stock. She uses craft scissors to cut shapes that when applied with an archival glue stick onto a collage board backing, the layers, strongly resemble almost brush-like-strokes. Her “upcycled” artwork is inspired by favorite views from her travels, but especially the beautiful variety of landscapes, flora and fauna particular to Cape Cod.

Lorraine Gentile Haynes has always used her hands to create craft and art, including precious metal work, collage and printmaking. In 2015 she moved to Cape Cod and it was here that her love of combining line, shape form texture, space, value and color came together in the creation of her fiber art quilts. Because her mother was a tailor and clothing designer, she spent her early years in fabric houses where she learned to love textiles, She found that her background in layering and joining done in metal work, and the layering used in printmaking techniques, influenced and translated well into her fiber arts quilt projects.

Lisa Horton’s motto is the phrase: “One person’s trash is another person’s treasure”. To create her mixed media/ collages, she most often combines castoff items and organic materials. She fabricates her pieces using various buttons and beads, threads, wire and scraps of paper, as well as other found objects. A bit of silk from an old scarf, a piece of lace from a friend’s blouse, bits and pieces of old jewelry - all find their way onto her canvases. The pieces she creates are of an abstract nature, yet each one is meant to evoke a meaning, a message or a memory.

Toni Newhall is a fiber/ mixed media artist who likes to celebrate what has traditionally been considered “women’s work” by expanding these techniques into textured pieces of art. She uses fibers in combination with a variety of materials to create two- and three-dimensional pieces. She is drawn to the idea of multiples, expressed either as a series of works or as repeat motifs in a single piece. Her inspiration often comes from nature, by observing the smaller parts of a whole and expanding on or abstracting the details of an object.

More information on the exhibit can be found at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit



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Andrew Daniel, Chair
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**TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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550 Mill Street

Also Available via Remote Participation Option

The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:05 pm to consider the request of Aimee Bean for a Special Permit pursuant to the Code of the Town of Marion Section 230-4.2(C) Personal Service Establishment to provide Massage Therapy.

The property is located at 163 Front Street, Suite #205, Marion, MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 14, Lot 77, zoned limited business.

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

To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room
550 Mill Street

Also Available via Teams (Remote Participation Option)

On March 3, 2025, at 7:15pm, the Marion Planning Board, pursuant to M.G.L. 40A, §5 and the Town's General Bylaws, will hold a public hearing to consider the following additions Town of Marion Zoning Bylaws as it relates to short-term rentals:

- Add a new section to the Zoning Bylaw to address short-term rentals

The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town Hall, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board or at the Town Clerk's office

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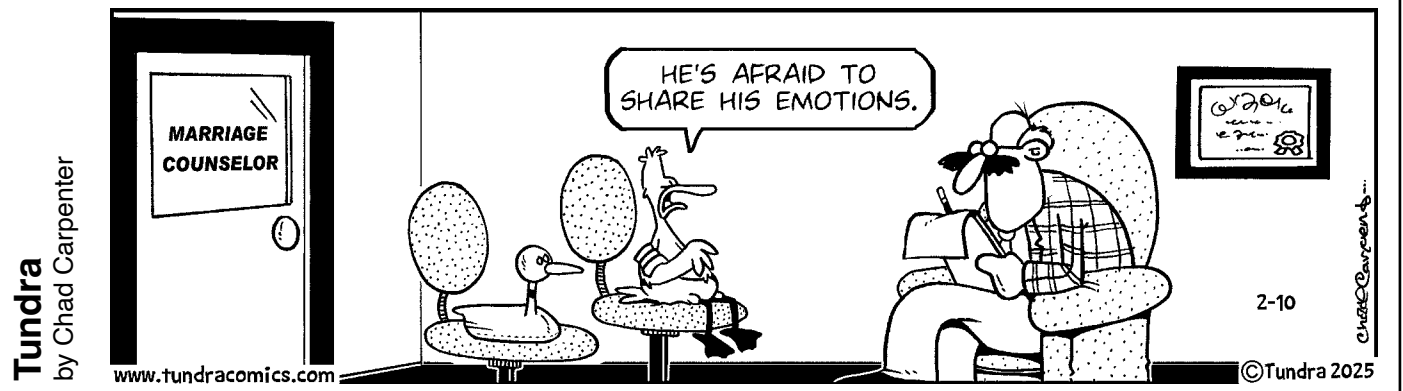
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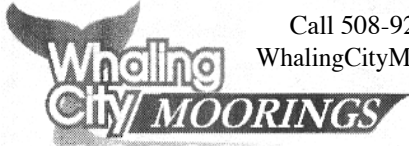
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The scholarships will be awarded based on the applicant's financial need, grades and a scholarship

application. To obtain an application send a letter to Marion Social Club, PO Box 763, Marion, MA 02738. Applications are also available through the guidance department at Old Rochester Regional High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational High School, Upper Cape Regional Technical Vocation High School and Bishop Stand High School.

The Marion Social Club is an active non-profit corporation dedicated to serving the youth and elderly of Marion and surrounding towns; Our goal is to provide functions and services to improve the quality of life for our Tri-Town Youth.

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Feb 2-Feb 8

- Vine St – Animal complaint
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Mill St - Fraud
- East Ave – General service
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Swifts Beach Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Spring St – General service
- Village Dr – General service
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- County Rd – MV collision
- Converse Rd – Wildlife services
- Mill St – MV complaint
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Front St – Animal complaint
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Regent Ave – Follow up
- Converse Rd – Gas leak
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Oakdale Ave – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – Noise complaint
- Mill St – MV collision
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – MV collision
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Rogers Dr – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Noise complaint

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Feb 2-Feb 8

- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Cannon St – 911 call
- Aucoot Rd – 911 call
- Mendell Rd - Complaint
- Beacon St – MV violations
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Brandt Island Rd – Medical assist
- Acushnet Rd – General service
- Cannon St – Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Bay St – Restraining order
- Hammond St – Medical assist
- Prospect Rd – General service
- Acushnet Rd – Unattended death
- Hiawatha Way – Health/welfare
- Brandt Island Rd – Medical assist
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Hammond St – 911 call
- Church St – Medical assist
- Wildwood Ter – Follow up
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- North St - Vandalism
- Randall Rd – Health/welfare
- River Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Chapel Rd – Health/welfare
- Avenue B – Health/welfare
- Bridle Path – Assist citizen
- Park St – Assist citizen

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Feb 2-Feb 8

- North Ave – Missing person
- Braley Hill Rd – Animal control
- Paradise Ln – Animal control
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Bates Rd – Animal rescue
- Walnut Plain Rd – Assist other agency
- Hartley Rd – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – Well-being check
- North Ave – MV stop/towed
- Marys Pond Rd – Assist other agency
- Walnut Plain Rd – Medical
- Pierce St – MV collision
- North Ave – Transport/escort
- Snipatuit Rd – Lost animal
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – Message delivery
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – MV collision
- Hartley Rd – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Snipatuit Rd – Public assist
- Gerrish Rd – Animal control
- Wordell St - Medical
- Boxberry Ln – Message delivery
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln - Complaint
- New Bedford Rd – Road hazard

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

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Applications must be received by the club by Friday, **April 25**.

Priscilla Hathaway Art Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Land Trust is seeking applicants for its \$1000 Priscilla Hathaway Art Scholarship. This award is available to a Mattapoissett, Marion, or Rochester resident graduating from high school in June 2025, who is committed to keeping the core values that Priscilla Hathaway exemplified, is studying art, and plans to continue education in fine arts. The scholarship is made available through the generosity of Brad Hathaway and his family.

Application forms are available in the high school guidance offices and at the Mattapoissett Land Trust website: mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/

The deadline for submitting the complete application and accompanying materials is **April 21**. The recipient will be notified by mail by May 14.

The actual award will be disbursed after the student submits an official college transcript documenting a successful completion of the first semester in college to the Mattapoissett Land Trust.

Blanche B. Perry Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Land Trust is seeking applicants for its \$1000 Blanche B. Perry Scholarship. This award is available to a Mattapoissett resident graduating from Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, or Tabor Academy by June 2025, and pursuing education in the sciences and/or environmental studies or a related field.

The scholarship is made available through the Edith Glick Shoolman Fund, a bequest left to provide support for children in the community.

Application forms are available in the guidance offices of participating schools listed above and at the Mattapoissett Land Trust website: mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/

The deadline for submitting the complete application and accompanying materials is **April 21**. The recipient will be notified by mail by May 14.

The actual award will be disbursed after the student submits an official college transcript documenting a successful completion of the first semester in college to the Mattapoissett Land Trust.

Marion Democratic Town Committee

The next meeting of the Marion Democratic Town Committee will be held at 5:30 pm, **February 20**, in the

Community Room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, Marion. Topics will include information about Marion elections on May 16, discussions about important local issues, as well as our plans for public visibility events. The public is welcome to attend.

What is A.I.?

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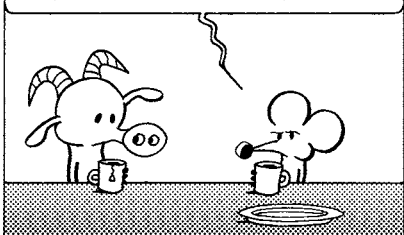
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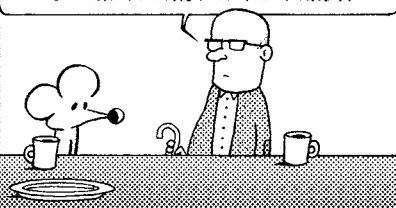
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis

SO I GET TO STARBUCKS THIS MORNING
AND THEY GIVE ME A HOT LATTE WHEN I
CLEARLY SAID 'COLD'. THEN THEIR WIFE
KICKS OUT RIGHT AS I'M TRYING TO
POST STUFF ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

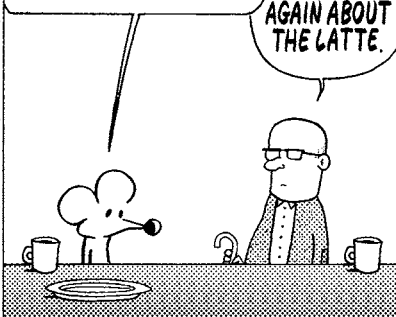


I WAS BORN IN 1925 IN A HOUSE WITHOUT
RUNNING WATER OR ELECTRICITY. THEN MY
FAMILY LOST WHAT LITTLE WE HAD IN THE
GREAT DEPRESSION. AFTER WHICH I WAS
DRAFTED AND HAD TO FIGHT THE NAZIS
ON THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY.



PLEASE STOP PUTTING MY
LIFE IN PERSPECTIVE.

I'M SORRY.
TELL ME
AGAIN ABOUT
THE LATTE.



places to be.

Enjoy this opportunity to get to know both new and old friends a little bit better. Surprise yourself with fun facts you never knew or would have guessed about the woman next to you.

Our Galentine's Day finger-food luncheon starts at 12:30 pm followed by a business meeting and "Speed Friending" from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

Our meetings are open to guests. Membership is open to any woman whose primary interests are in the Town of Marion. We traditionally meet on the second Friday of the month during the months of September through April at 12:30 pm for social time, accompanied by finger foods, followed by a business meeting at 1:00 pm. The speaker/program generally starts at 1:30/1:45pm. Parking is available in parking lot in front of the bandstand off Island Wharf Road across from the Music Hall. For club information: see our website: www.sippicanwomansclub.org.

Town of Mattapoisett Scholarships

The Mattapoisett Scholarship Committee is offering two distinct scholarship awards each of up to \$1,500 to deserving and qualified applicants who complete our application process. The Details are:

1) Mattapoisett Graduating Senior Award - Eligibility: Any Mattapoisett resident who is graduating from High School prior to July 1, 2025. Award(s): The total Scholarship Award amount is \$1,500. The Committee reserves the right to decide how many applicants will receive a stipend that will, in total, not exceed the \$1,500 total.

Requirements: Students should submit in addition to the application form their letters of recommendation, transcript and a cover letter addressing their aspirations and financial need. Submission Deadline: **April 15**.

2) Mattapoisett Continuing Education Scholarship -Eligibility: Any Mattapoisett resident who is reentering the academic world. They should be pursuing a post graduate degree, career advancing courses or trade certification.

Award(s): The total Continuing Education Award amount is \$1,500. The Committee reserves the right to decide how many applicants will receive a stipend that will, in total, not exceed the \$1,500 total.

Requirements: Applicants should submit their letter of recommendations, applicable transcript(s), any applicable course or training information and a cover letter addressing their aspirations and financial need.

The committee shall take into consideration each



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recipient's financial need, character, scholastic record, and involvement in community work as well as extracurricular activities. Successful applicants will be informed by May 6.

Blank and completed application forms are available at: Mattapoisett Town Hall, c/o Christine Richards, 16 Main St., Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Phone: 508-758-4100, Email: crichards@mattapoisett.net.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The Elizabeth Taber Library is now operating out of the Marion Music Hall for the month of February to facilitate a library improvement construction project.

During this time our temporary phone number for library services will be 508-538-1214

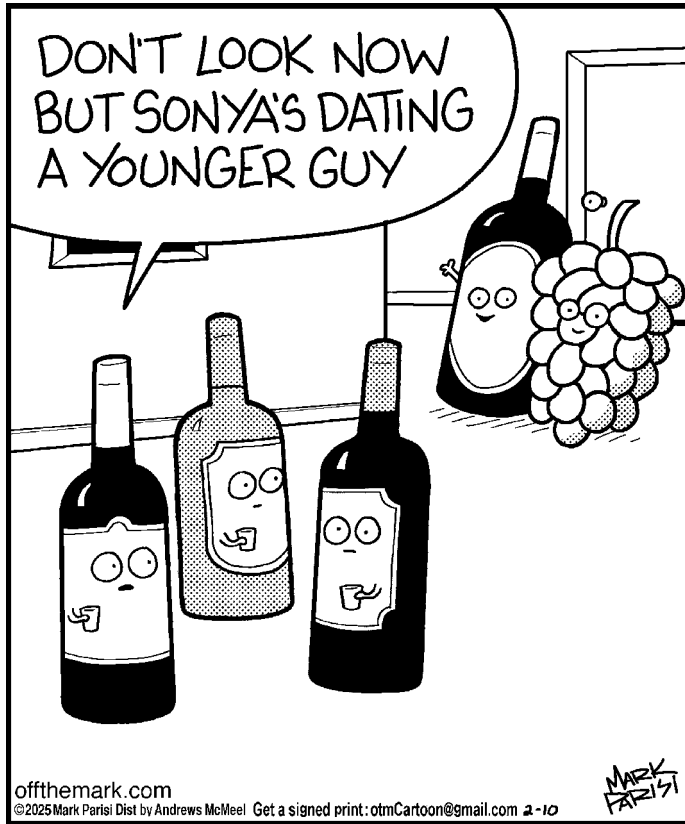
The Elizabeth Taber Library will continue to provide access to collections of new fiction, new non-fiction, new children's and new young adult materials, along with our Luck Day collection of the most requested books, a portion of our Library of Things collection, and our Black History Month collection for all ages.

Patrons can continue to place and pick up holds at the Marion Music Hall with their library cards and access museum passes, however no computer or printing services will be available during this time.

Story Times will continue on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30 am.

Our temporary hours during our stay at the Music Hall will be Monday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Wednesday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will be closed on Sundays for the duration of the month of February. Please check our website for further updates.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Lee, Thomas Lee, Patricia	Rocha, Bruce ETR Bruce E Rocha RT	14 Barstow St	Mattapoisett	01/23/2025	475,000.00
Frey Real Estate LLC	Cordeiro, Mary-ann Cordeiro, Mary Ann	11 Bayberry Ln	Mattapoisett	01/24/2025	175,000.00
Abe, Haruo Abe, Lynne M	Long Built Homes Inc	16 Shagbark Cir	Mattapoisett	01/28/2025	1,370,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	February 13	8:27	8:46	1:43	2:26
Friday	February 14	9:05	9:25	2:23	2:51
Saturday	February 15	9:41	10:03	3:01	3:18
Sunday	February 16	10:17	10:41	3:38	3:47
Monday	February 17	10:54	11:19	4:16	4:19
Tuesday	February 18	11:33	11:58	4:56	4:54
Wednesday	February 19		12:15	5:41	5:35
Thursday	February 20	12:41	1:02	6:39	6:27
Friday	February 21	1:29	1:54	8:02	7:34
Saturday	February 22	2:26	2:57	9:31	8:51
Sunday	February 23	3:36	4:06	10:31	10:00
Monday	February 24	4:43	5:07	11:17	10:57
Tuesday	February 25	5:37	5:58	11:57	11:48
Wednesday	February 26	6:24	6:46		12:36
Thursday	February 27	7:09	7:31	12:37	1:14
Friday	February 28	7:55	8:18	1:26	1:52
Saturday	March 1	8:41	9:05	2:16	2:30
Sunday	March 2	9:29	9:54	3:04	3:09

Phases of the Moon	Last Quarter	February 20th
	New Moon	February 27th
	First Quarter	March 6th
	Full Moon	March 14th

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 February 6, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 17

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

R	A	G	A	E	N	A	M	O	R	E	D	P	O	P	T	A	R	T	
A	W	O	L	R	A	N	A	R	A	C	E	A	V	O	I	D	E	R	
W	A	L	T	E	R	P	I	D	G	E	O	N	L	O	W	T	I	D	E
E	R	D	O	C	A	N	A	N	A	E	U	D	O	N					
R	E	S	H	O	T	M	I	S	T	Y	C	O	P	E	L	A	N	D	
O	R	E	O	S	D	O	W	S	E	O	C	A	S	E	Y				
A	L	F	R	E	D	M	O	L	I	N	A	L	I	A	R				
L	E	A	N	S	I	N	T	O	I	C	O	N	S	W	H	O			
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L	E	I	A	A	K	A	A	M	I	T	A	N	E	Y					
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S	E	S	S	I	O	N	S	E	U	S	S	I	A	N	Y	A	Y	S	

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Aspect 2. Cloak;
3. Wither; 4. Sparse

Today's Word
PROTEST

Sudoku Answer

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





GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

Mott's
64 oz. Selected Variety
Apple Juice
\$3¹⁹

Kellogg's
12 oz.
Corn Flakes Cereal
\$4⁹⁹

Newman's Own
15.1-17 oz.
Selected Variety
Pizza
\$7⁹⁹

- Poland Spring 33.8 oz. Plus Dep. **4/\$5**
Sparkling Water Selected Variety
- Starbucks 10 ct. or 12 oz. **\$11³⁹**
Coffee.....Selected Variety
- Minute 14 oz. **\$2⁹⁹**
White Rice
- Old El Paso 8.8-12.5 oz. **\$3⁴⁹**
Dinner KitsSelected Variety
- Diamond of California 16 oz. **\$7⁹⁹**
Shelled Walnuts
- Frito Lay 3.625-5.125 oz. **2/\$5⁵⁰**
Minis Snacks..Selected Variety Must Buy 2
- Celsius 12 oz. Cans Plus Dep. **2/\$5**
Energy Drinks Selected Variety
- Polar 1 Liter Plus Dep. **\$1⁵⁹**
Seltzer Selected Variety
- Cabot 7 oz. **2/\$6**
Cracker Cuts Selected Variety
- Egg Beaters 16 oz. Liquid **\$4⁴⁹**
Cage Free Eggs
- Willow Tree 10 oz. **\$3⁹⁹**
Chicken Pies Selected Variety
- Yasso 14 oz. **\$4⁹⁹**
Yogurt Bars.....Selected Variety

MEAT, DELI, PREPARED FOODS & CHEESE

Deli Sliced
Store
Roast Beef
\$15⁹⁹
lb

10 oz. Pkg.
Selected Variety
Ithaca
Hummus
\$4⁹⁹

16 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Black Label
Hormel Bacon
\$8⁹⁹

WINE

- Westport Rivers Reg \$26.99
750 ml - Massachusetts **\$21⁹⁹**
Pinot Gris
- Block Nine Reg \$13.99
750 ml - California **\$11⁹⁹**
Pinot Noir

BAKERY

- Boston Salads
8 oz. Pkg. **\$5⁹⁹**
Apple or Blueberry Crisp ...
- Perfect for Breakfast!
3.5 oz. Pkg. **\$3⁹⁹**
Cinnamon Coffee Cake.....

CHEF PREPARED

- Spicy Peanut Noodles **\$10⁹⁹**
lb
- Mexican Lasagna..... **\$12⁹⁹**
ea
- Game Day Wings **\$10⁹⁹**
lb
- Various Styles! Cheese, Pepperoni, etc.
- Take & Bake **\$8⁹⁹-^{\$10}⁹⁹**
Pizzas
- Homemade Small Large
Savory Pies to Go! **\$12⁹⁹ \$19⁹⁹**
Chicken Pot Pie. ea ea ...
- Shepherd's Pie... **\$12⁹⁹ \$18⁹⁹**
ea ea ...

- Kayem
14 oz. Pkg. **\$4⁹⁹**
Polska Kielbasa
- Store Packaged
Fresh **\$6⁴⁹**
Red Bliss Potato Salad lb
- Boar's Head 
8 oz. Pkg. **\$4⁹⁹**
Muenster Cheese
- Allen's 
Fresh **\$9⁹⁹**
Rotisserie Chickens

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Great deal for your sweetheart...

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, February 14th Thru Thursday, February 20th, 2025

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

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Spoon Roast

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Center Cut
Boneless
Pork Chops

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Selected Variety
Cheese Slices

2/\$6



Quaker
9.8-12.1 oz.
Selected Variety
Instant
Oatmeal

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Pasta

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Breyers

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2 lb. Bag **BLOCKBUSTER PRICE!** **\$2.78**
Peelz Mandarins.....

Cara Cara or Navel
Peelz Oranges..... **\$1.49** lb

Crisp!
Green Cabbage..... **69¢** lb



1 lb. Pkg.
Carrots..... **2/\$3**

Sunset - 12 oz. Pkg.
Wild Wonders Tomatoes.... **\$3.49**

Sunset - 16 oz. Pkg.
Campari Tomatoes..... **\$3.49**

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!