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PIGrille Damages Sent to Mediator

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter



Photo provided by North Shore Realty The Plum Island Grille site

PLUM ISLAND - Frank Bertolino with North Shore Realty is marketing the site of the former Plum Island Grille as a large home with an accessory apartment or as a multi-

Or the now-vacant restaurant, two blocks from the beach, could become a restaurant again with an ice cream shop - all overlooking the salt marsh with awe-inspiring

"Can you imagine your 4,000 - 5,000 sq. ft. home with an Accessory apartment at this location? Maybe your Multi-Family home or your 5 Star Restaurant or Restaurant with Ice Cream Shop?" Bertolino posted on Instagram.

It is unclear if the mosaic bar from the front dining room or a mahogany bar will be available for a new restaurant. Both bars were ripped out, and along with lights and other decorative items from the Grille, were taken away by the former restaurant owner Frances Broadbery

Both Broadbery and the landowner, Mark Fiery, claim the bars and other items as their property in an on-going legal battle in Newburyport district and superior courts.

The Newbury Police have cited Broadbery for deliberate vandalism of the restaurant at 2 Plum Island Blvd., which a building contractor, hired by Friery, estimates totaled \$192,000 in damages. A hearing on the criminal charge of vandalism and property destruction will be held next week.

When asked Friday by a surprised Judge Peter Doyle in Newburyport District Court where the bar tops and other items were, Broadbery said he gave them away.

'That does not make sense to me," Judge Doyle said. "Did you think about returning the items to the restaurant?'

Broadbery said he was not talking with Friery. "At the time, I did not have any choice," he said.

He told the judge he moved the bars and other items from the Grille to the space of a new restaurant that he was negotiating a lease for. But that lease fell through, Broadberry told the judge, because of Continued on page 3

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Whittier Could Have Allowed City-Town Voting

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter



Whittier Rendering

Photo provided by Whittier Regional Vocational Tech

REGIONAL -Whittier Regional Vocational High School could have allowed each of its 11 cities and towns under state law to decide individually how to fund its share of the \$264 million price tag for a new building.

Rowley SelectBoard chair Cliff Pierce and other town leaders lobbied to follow this community by community vote for incurring the debt by taking the issue to their own Town Meeting, asking residents to agree to raise their property taxes.

A vote to raise taxes would also have to be presented to the voters in an election.

But the Whittier school committee and administration opted not to follow section N of the law, but rather to hold a district-wide vote on Jan. 23 where a majority of voters, not individual towns and cities, would decide if the financing plan for the new building is approved.

To allow the towns to access their Town Meetings, Whittier would have had to hold its vote in the fall or spring, not in January, experts on the law said.

The Town Meeting approach is outlined in Section 16 (d) of Title 12 in Chapter 71 and is followed by most regional school districts. An example is Triton Regional School District, which educates students from Newbury, Rowley and Salisbury and works with its towns each year to secure a budget.

The reason the Whittier School Committee opted for the district-wide vote, according to local officials, is that if would take only one city or town voting no to scuttle the financing plan.

Whittier The School Committee would have to start over and probably lose the state School Building Fund financing.

The chances that all 11 (Amesbury, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury, West Newbury) would agree to incur such debt was believed to be extremely unlikely.

By following Section 16 (n), which provides for a district-wide vote, it takes only a majority of all voters to approve the debt for the building.

In recent weeks, the Whittier School Committee has told Continued on page 2

Watch Your Holiday Tree Burn

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter



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Image provided by MassBrewBros.com

NEWBURY - The Newbury Volunteer Fire Department is hosting its annual bonfire from 3 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, for trees dropped off by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11.

The Old Newbury Bonfire will be held at the Tendercrop Growing Field, adjacent to Spencer-Peirce- Little Farm at 5 Little's Lane, Newbury. The Bonfire event is free, but there is a parking fee of \$20 per car. Due to its popularity, the parking pass must be purchased online ahead of the event.

The 11th Annual Old Newbury Bonfire benefits the Newbury Volunteer Fire Department, Protection Fire Company #2. The bonfire also honors the original purchase of Newbury, MA in 1701.

Print your ticket with a barcode prior to the event. Enter the event via Little's Lane and show your ticket to the parking attendant. Parking passes are nonrefundable, and the event will not be rescheduled.

Before the Bonfire, the Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm invites guests to visit the first Continued on page 3

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How to Submit Letters to the Editor



Marc Maravalli, B.S., R.Ph. Publisher/Editor, The Town Common

Letters to the Editor provide a useful way of communicating concerns, issues, or suggestions to all members of the community.

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LEGAL NOTICE GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1 Library Street, Georgetown, Massachusetts 01833 Phone (978) 352-5712 • Fax (978) 352-5725

A Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown Conservation Commission on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM, in person on third floor in Town Hall, One Library St, Georgetown, and by Zoom, Zoom Link on Town Website date of meeting for 20 Carleton Drive - G. Mello Disposal Corp. -

Remand Public Hearing for Bylaw Notice of Intent as ordered by Hon. Judge Kevin Smith through a final judgment entered in the matter of G. Mello Disposal Corp. v. Georgetown Conservation Commission Docket No. 2277CV00180. Per the Judgment, the Commission shall issue an Order of Conditions under the Bylaw following a public hearing process and may impose reasonable conditions consistent with the Commission's local Bylaw and Regulations.

Contact person: Michèle Grenier, PWS (978) 352-5712

Whittier

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town clerk to set the district-wide vote.

Because each community has a different property tax rate, the approval of the funding plan for the new high school would have different impacts on homeowners for the next 30 years.

Georgetown residents would

be hit the hardest. On a median valued home of \$686,000, taxes would increase almost \$400 a year.

Salisbury property owners would be hit the least with taxes rising \$149 on a median valued house of \$552,000.

According to a tax bill calculator provided by Whittier on its web site, residents of Amesbury would see an increase of \$255 a year on a median valued home of \$555,000. Residents of Groveland would be assessed an increase of \$275 a year on a median valued home of \$599,000.

Haverhill, which has the largest population and sends the most students of any of the 11 communities, would have an increase of \$282.39 a year on a median valued property of \$477,579. Ipswich taxpayers would see an tax increase of \$227.07 on a median valued home of \$749,393.

Merrimac property owners would have an increase of \$317.50 on a median valued property of \$620,000. Newbury taxpayers would have a \$186.16 increase on a median valued property of \$817,910.

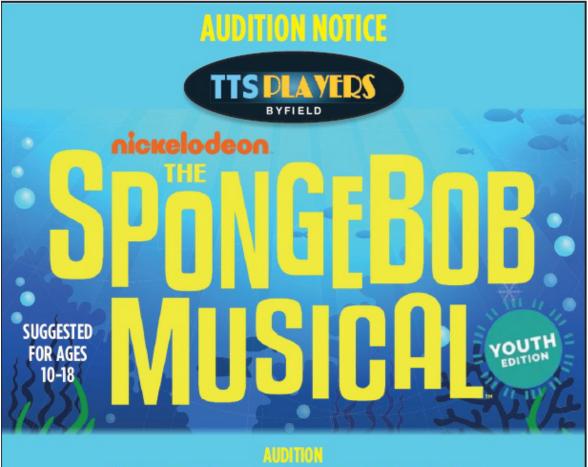
Newburyport, where Mayor Sean Reardon has been leading the opposition to the Whittier funding, would have to increase taxes by \$234.80 on a median valued property of \$820,392.

Rowley taxpayers would see an increase of almost \$400 on a median valued property of \$686,110. And West Newbury, which has a median value of its homes of \$841,214, would have to ask its taxpayers to pay an additional \$282.65.

The median values of homes were provided by the real estate web site Zillow.

If a community can absorb the additional costs in its annual budget, there would be no property tax increase. But officials of most communities have said they were not expecting the Whittier debt and would have to ask for an override of the 2.5 percent tax increase that is allowed under state law.

On Jan. 23, the polling places will be open between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. There is no mail-in or early voting.



All actors (ages 10-18) are welcome. Auditions may include readings from the script, light choreography and singing to gauge vocal range.

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Tree Burn

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floor of the manor house, built in 1690, from 3 to 4 p.m. At the bonfire in the field, enjoy food, beer, wine and other beverages available for purchase from local vendors: The Trolley Dogs, Metzy's, Northshore Beefie Boys, The Whoopie Pie Wagon, Justine's Baked Goods, Anchor Stone Deck Pizza, Ipswich Ale, Far From the Tree Cider, Decanted Wine, House Bear Brewing and Byfield Coffee Co.

Trees should not be brought to the Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm or the Tendercrop Fields, both private property. Trees without decorations or lights, that are not bagged, will be picked up between Jan. 2 and 9 in Newburyport for the bonfire.

The tree pickup may differ from the regular trash pickup.

Bonfire Tree Drop Off Locations:

- Newbury Fire Department: 3 Morgan Avenue, Newbury
- Newbury Transfer Station/G. Mello: 75 Boston Road, Newbury
- Byfield Fire Department: 44 Central Street, Newbury
- Newburyport Fire Station: 0 Greenleaf Street, Newburyport
- Pipe Stave Hill:
- 693 Main Street, West Newbury • Georgetown Transfer Station/G. Mello:
- 203 East Main St., Georgetown • Rowley Police & Fire Station/
- behind building: Eiras Park, 453 Haverhill Street, Rowley

For questions, call 978-462-2282, or visit https://my.historicnewengland.org/18700/ old-newbury-bonfire.

PlGrille

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newspaper coverage of the accusations of vandalism against him.

When pressed by the judge, Broadbery said he thought he could get the mosaic and mahogany bars returned.

After questioning both Friery and Broadberry about specific damage and removal of items, Judge Doyle proposed that the North Essex Mediators visit the restaurant and assess what items, such as the bartops and cabinets have been removed and what other damage, including wires that were cut in the heating and cooling system as well as the lines to the beer dispenser.

The court will hear the results of that site visit at 2:30 p.m. on March

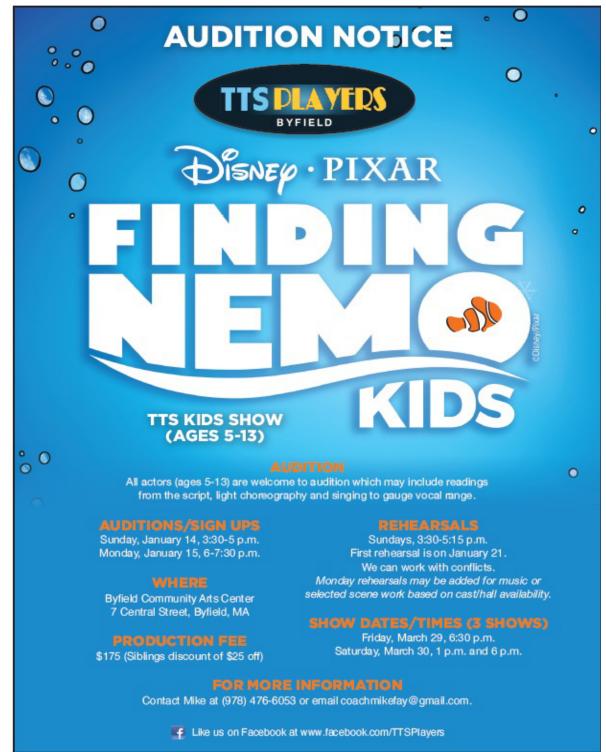
Rowley DTC Meeting with Governor's Council Candidate E. Zeigler

The Rowley Democratic Town Committee will hold its next monthly meeting at the Rowley Public Library, Jan. 17th at 7pm. We will have the opportunity to hear from Eunice Zeigler, Governor's Council District 5 candidate, who will share what the Governor's Council is,

If investing in democracy is on your new year "To Do" list we hope you'll join us as we set our priorities, outline our goals and begin getting to work.

The Rowley DTC provides a forum

what it does and why she is running. The for its members to meet like-minded meeting will also be our kick off to 2024! people, learn about local issues and people, learn about local issues and candidates, and be active participants in the political process. All are welcome to attend the meetings. Please email rowleydemocrats@gmail.com

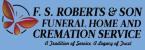


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Learn more about the State's MBTA Communities Zoning Regulation and Rowley's requirements for compliance.

Tuesday, January 16th **Housing Production Plan** Provide feedback on strategies that can be used to diversify housing stock & increase affordable housing options.

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Letters To The Editor

Why I'm Voting 'No' on the Whittier Tech School Building Project

the Merrimack Valley and North Shore will decide the fate of the proposed new building project for the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School. The Whittier School Committee has proposed a \$444.6M project to completely replace the current school, which they claim is necessitated by a number of needed infrastructure investments and an aging campus. It will be the third most expensive school ever built in the United States. In Newburyport, this plan is projected to cost the average taxpayer approximately \$277 per year for the next 30 years if approved.

I have been a supporter of vocational education throughout my service on the School Committee and my time as Mayor, and I believe deeply in the mission of Whittier. I also spent my prior professional life working with public schools and vo-techs all across the state. This school is training the region's future workforce, the students attending from Newburyport, and the City as a whole, which benefits greatly from their educational services.

I have nothing but appreciation for Whittier, and that is what makes it especially difficult for me to oppose this proposed project. Ultimately, this project is not fiscally responsible and has been introduced in a way that has ignored the voices of community leaders, ultimately lacking in transparency and collaboration. We first heard about this project in December 2022 and didn't receive our first financial numbers until the first week of October 2023. Whittier started working on this project in 2019 with little to no involvement from the 11 communities that would have to pay for it.

As Mayor, Î need to look at the project's fiscal impact first and address how it would affect the City's many priorities. If the January 23rd vote is successful, it essentially is like writing a blank check to Whittier. Newburyport will be on the hook for a minimum of \$30M, its share of the project based on an antiquated agreement from 1967. The City does not have funds from the operating budget to afford this, so we will instead need to bond, which means the costs will total close to \$60M over 30 years with interest, not to mention significantly impacting our bond rating. The City is limited in the amount it can increase taxes each year, and this obligation will mean either asking residents or making cuts to the operating budget to accommodate these new payments. In either scenario, the City will not be able to take on needed projects, including school renovations, public infrastructure investments including roads and sidewalks, and other community services. We would need to make cuts to departments including our Schools, Public Library, Council on Aging, Recreation and Youth Services, and other vital services.

I say all this not to fear monger or try to disparage the project, but instead to emphasize just how large a project this is and how it would impact every member of this community. This year alone, difficult choices had to be made about capital projects, new positions, and equipment that was requested across the city: millions of dollars' worth of expenses were requested by city officials but not put forward in our budget. This project will move these requests back even further, and limit our ability to provide the level of government services residents deserve.

We have 29 students currently attending Whittier, and yet based on a District agreement signed in 1967, our share of the project is based on the total K12 enrollment of all students in Newburyport, making our contribution the second highest of all the member communities, even though we have among the lowest enrollment. We have by far the highest costs per student, though most of the member communities have similar concerns as ours regarding the cost of the project.

resource for Newburyport students, it is also not the only location for vocational education in our community. We also send students to Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School, and Newburyport High School is expanding its partnerships programs for vocational opportunities locally. A new pilot program with the Peterson School in Woburn will allow NHS students to train in

On January 23rd, voters across to vote on excluding this debt, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC fields all while still attending high school in Newburyport. We have continued demand for these services, and the new Whittier building will unfortunately not increase enrollment at the school which currently has a waiting list for new students

> I have worked with my fellow member community leaders to make our concerns known and to communicate to the Whittier School Committee that the surrounding towns do not have the financial capacity to fund this project. Our concerns have been responded to the same way every time: our choice is to either to fund a half-billion-dollar new school, or end up paying even more to renovate the school. This is based on a potentially inaccurate assumption that no state aid would be available for a renovation project. This analysis seems heavily skewed in favor of a new building and does not consider alternatives, including a different structuring of the infrastructure investments or pursuit of other sources of aid. Whittier's response of 'all or nothing' does not go far enough in addressing our concerns or showing a good faith effort to find another solution. We recently invited Whittier to a public forum scheduled for January 9th at the Nock Middle School so they could talk to residents about the project and they declined.

The City of Newburyport is absolutely willing to contribute to needed improvements at Whittier, and we can work to include funding in our next budget. However, the amount being demanded of us for While Whittier is an excellent this new school is not reasonable, and our neighboring communities are in the same position. At this time, a NO VOTE is the only fiscally responsible choice. A NO VOTE gives us options. It will give us a real opportunity to work with Whittier to find alternative solutions and reach consensus through collaboration and transparency.

> Mayor Sean Reardon Newburyport, MA

The All-Scout Paper Drive Jan 13th

The All-Scout Paper Drive will be held on Saturday January 13, 2024 from 9:00am to 12 noon behind the First Congregational Church of Rowley on Main Street. The Scouts will be collecting newspapers, books, cardboard, and magazines. The Boy Scouts will be collecting redeemable bottles and cans. The Boy, Cub and Girl Scouts of Rowley thank you very much for helping to keep Scouting active in Rowley.

The paper drives are held the second Saturday of odd numbered months. If you have any questions please call George Pacenka at (978) 948-7918. Non-perishable items including diapers, paper towels, toilet paper will also be collected at this time for the Rowley Food Pantry.

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Health & Wellness 🍪





By J. Peter St. Clair, DMD

There are many people who suffer with pain involving some area of the head. Toothaches can cause pain, but these are mostly avoidable with proper diet, home care and regular visits to your dentist. Teeth can also play an indirect role in facial/head pain.

Orofacial pain includes a number of clinical problems involving the chewing (masticatory) muscles and/or temporomandibular joints (TMJs). Problems can include TMJ discomfort involving muscle spasms in the head, neck, shoulders and/or jaw, migraines or other types of tension headaches, pain with the teeth, face or jaw; and can even play a role in anxiety and/or depression.

You swallow approximately 2,000 times per day, which causes the upper and lower teeth to come together and push against the skull. People who have an unstable bite, missing teeth, or poorly aligned teeth can have trouble because the muscles

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work harder to bring the teeth together, causing strain. People with seemingly good teeth/bite are also susceptible. Pain can also be caused by clenching or grinding teeth, trauma to the head and neck, or poor ergonomics. Temporomandibular disorders (TMD) affect more than 10 million Americans. Your TMJ's are located where the skull connects your lower jaw to the muscles on the sides of your head and face controlling the joint's movements. Women between the ages of 20 and 40 are often more frequent sufferers because of the added estrogen in their bodies.

One in eight Americans suffers from headaches. Experts estimate that 80 percent of all headaches are caused by muscle tension, which may be related to the bite. Clenching the jaw muscles creates tension in the muscles that close the jaw, the main one of which is the temporalis muscle. Signs that may indicate a headache from dental origin include: pain behind the eves, sore jaw muscles or "tired" muscles upon awaking, teeth grinding, clicking or popping of the jaw joints, head and/or scalp is painful to the touch, earaches or ringing, neck and/or shoulder pain, and dizziness. Keep in mind that in a 24-hour period of time, your teeth should only touch 10 minutes total. If you clench or grind your teeth, your teeth are touching much more than that and I can promise you that something in the masticatory system is being affected.

not just talking about sleep apnea. There jpstclair@stclairdmd.com

OROFACIAL PAIN

are a wide range of sleep disorders and some of them will cause people to clench and/or grind as a defense mechanism of the body to achieve proper air flow.

Dentists have a variety of ways to help relieve orofacial symptoms. One way to treat these problems is called an orthotic, or splint, that is worn over the teeth to help stabilize the bite; kind of like an orthotic some wear in their shoes for alignment and balance when standing. Permanent correction may require equilibration (reshaping teeth), prosthetic dentistry and/ or orthodontics. Many use a splint on a daily basis to avoid having these other treatments done.

Orofacial pain can range from tolerable to debilitating. Maintaining or correcting your bite ensures optimal health, and proper care will help reduce or eliminate orofacial pain or discomfort. If your dentist can not help you, ask for a referral.

Most important lesson of the day: The optimal rest position of the jaw (minus the 10 minutes the teeth touch in 24 hours) is lips together, teeth slightly apart, the tip of the tongue resting just behind your upper front teeth, and you should be breathing through your nose.

Dr. St. Clair maintains a private dental practice in Rowley dedicated to healthcentered family dentistry. He has a special interest in treating snoring, sleep apnea and TMJ problems. If there are certain topics you would like to see written about or questions Sleep disorders can also play a role. I am you have please email them to him at



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Dan Kennedy

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Registration is required for this webinar. To sign up to watch online, visit the Rowley Public Library web site at www.rowleylibrary.org/ calendar. You will receive an email with the link to the webinar.

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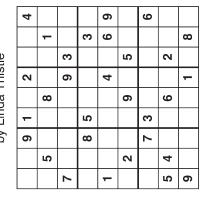
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The

new year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to con-front them, but also to deal with what

happens afterward.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You

have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. Meanwhile, a partner offers loving support.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision that you know

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you'll have to make in the new year. Best advice: Get the facts before you

make any commitments. **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A

friend offers you an exciting opportunity for this new year. Although

your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is still advised. Investigate before you invest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You can

make this new year a roaring success-by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. In addition,

your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new oppor-

tunities for change, but you need to be ready to move on from the comfort-able status quo toward the challenging

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continuing misunderstandings. Do it soon for both of your sakes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The new year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpian who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in the new year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time until you've built up your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the new year. This could mean relo-cating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but they will soon go along with them.

gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor. BORN THIS WEEK: You have

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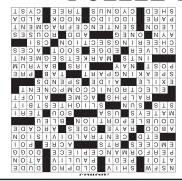
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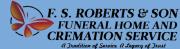


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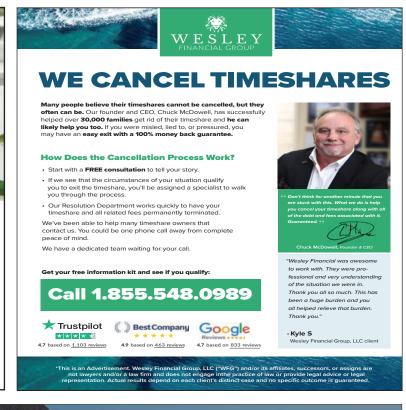
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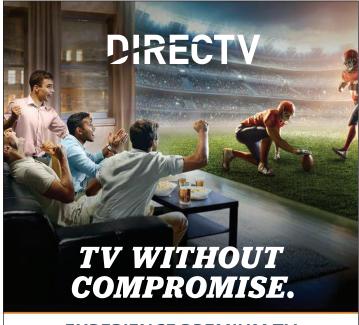


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