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Georgetown coach Josh KIELTY cheers on the Royals with team in front of the team bench (Photo: Peter McClelland)

Georgetown Royals Boys Basketball Wins the Division 4 State Championship

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Georgetown's Marcos YONES (#23) looks to pass (Photo: Peter McClelland)

Boxford Police Successfully Recover Funds in Cryptocurrency Fraud Investigation

BOXFORD – The Boxford Police Department has successfully recovered funds for a local resident who fell victim to a sophisticated PayPal/Bitcoin scam, marking the first time in Essex County that authorities have been able to seize and reclaim cryptocurrency from an exchange.

The case began on June 26, 2024, when a Boxford resident reported being scammed out of \$13,000 after receiving a fraudulent email from PayPal. The scam led the victim to a phone number displayed on their computer, where they were misled into believing a refund error had occurred and instructed to send funds back via Bitcoin.

Boxford Police Detective Nathaniel Peabody spearheaded the investigation despite complex jurisdictional challenges. Through collaboration with the Essex County District Attorney's Office, Assistant District Attorney David O'Sullivan, and Criminal Intelligence Analyst Mark Sanders of the New England State Police Information Network, Detective Peabody



Boxford PD Detective Nathaniel Peabody presenting check to resident Paul Miller

successfully traced the Bitcoin transaction to an individual in the Republic of India.

With the cooperation of the District Attorney's Office, a seizure warrant was

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Triton Donor Receives MASC Award

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

BYFIELD, NEWBURY, ROWLEY, SALISBURY (Triton School District) – The Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) has awarded local businessman John Weston the Outstanding School Partner Award for last year.

At the School Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 12, the award, which honors those who contribute meaningfully and significantly to student well-being, was given to Weston.

Weston's efforts funded a free instrumental music program in all three Triton elementary schools after the music program saw a decline in participation during the Covid pandemic. Through Weston's efforts, 4th grade



Supt. Brian Forget, John Weston and School Committee Chair Linda Litcofsky (Photo by Triton Regional School District)

students in the district developed a love of music and took part in instrumental participation again.

In addition to sponsoring new initiatives

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Newburyport Bank Charitable Foundation Continues its Support of the Salvation Army of Newburyport

NEWBURYPORT – The Newburyport Bank Charitable Foundation has again donated to the Salvation Army of Newburyport fulfilling a multi-year \$10,000 donation. This year's donation was allocated to several key areas, focusing on providing utility assistance through the Good Neighbor Energy Fund, food assistance programs, addressing food insecurity in the community, and supported disaster relief efforts to aid survivors in times of crisis. The contribution also has funded sports programs such as basketball and volleyball for grades 4-12, as well as summer camps like Camp Wonderland, offering children enriching and safe environments during the summer months.

The Salvation Army Newburyport Corps is part of the larger Salvation Army – an international movement and an evangelical part of the of the Universal Christian Church. Operating in over 130 countries, the organization is dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of individuals, particularly the poor, homeless, and marginalized.

"From its holiday bell ringers to its swift response in times of disasters, the Salvation Army is a visible force for good," said Newburyport Bank President John Burcke. "Their dedication to helping those in need strengthens our entire community, and we are always proud to support their vital work." ♦

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

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NEWBURY: 15 Year Old Singer-Songwriter Ava Valianti Announces Events

NEWBURY – Rising indie-pop artist Ava Valianti, a 15 year-old high school sophomore, is making major career moves with her first-ever performances in New York and Boston, supporting the release of her upcoming single, Laugh Track. The track drops Friday, April 4th, on Spotify, Apple Music, and all major music streaming platforms.

Ava made her New York City debut on Friday, March 14, with live performances at The Bitter End (Greenwich Village, NYC) – One of the city's most legendary music venues, The Bitter End has hosted icons such as Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Joan Baez, and Stevie Wonder; She also performed at The Greenpoint Gallery (Brooklyn, NYC)

Back in Boston, Ava will continue the celebration with a special release show on Saturday, April 5, at 9:00 PM upstairs at Charlie's Kitchen in Harvard Square, Cambridge. The iconic venue, known for its intimate, high-energy atmosphere, will serve as the perfect setting for fans to experience Laugh Track live for the first time.

Over the past year, Ava has gained recognition with singles like bubble wrap, Middle Ground, January, and Wishing Well, which have been featured on over 130 radio stations across North America, including



Boston's 88.9 WERS, 92.5 The River and 95.9 WATD. Her music has also charted on College Radio and MMD nationwide. She's earned two New England Music Award nominations, and secured her a Runner-Up spot in the 21st annual International Acoustic Music Awards (IAMA).

Produced by award-winning composer Chris Plante and Tate Pinyochon, Ava's new single, Laugh Track, is set to showcase her signature blend of indie-pop storytelling and heartfelt vocals. With her first NYC and Boston shows on the horizon, Ava Valianti is a rising star to watch in 2025.

Follow Ava Valianti
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Gloucester Police Mourn Passing of Former Chief James Marr Sr.

GLoucester – Chief Edward Conley and the Gloucester Police Department are saddened to share news of the passing of former Police Chief James Marr Sr.

Chief Marr, a lifelong Gloucester resident, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Beverly Hospital, surrounded by his loving family, after a brief illness. He was 83 years old.

Chief Marr dedicated decades of his life to serving and protecting the Gloucester community. He first joined the Gloucester Police Department in 1964, first as a Park Constable, becoming a Reserve Police Officer and then a full-time Officer for the department during that same year.

Chief Marr rose through the ranks until he was appointed Chief of Police in July 1989. He served as Chief for nearly 14 years until his retirement in March 2003.

Throughout his tenure, Chief Marr was known for his commitment to public safety, his leadership within the department, and his deep ties to the Gloucester community. His legacy continues through the officers he mentored and the positive impact he made on the city he called home.

"It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of retired Gloucester Police Chief James Marr Sr.," said Chief Conley. "Chief Marr was a dedicated public servant who devoted his career to keeping Gloucester safe. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time."

Chief Marr was deeply involved in the Gloucester community beyond his work in law enforcement. He was a proud member of the Gloucester Rotary Club for 39 years and was especially passionate about giving back through fundraising efforts. One of his proudest accomplishments was his longstanding participation in the Jimmy Fund Walk, supporting cancer treatment and research. Chief Marr joined fellow members of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association



in raising awareness and funds for this important cause through his participation in a relay run from the New York state border to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Outside of his professional and philanthropic efforts, Chief Marr enjoyed traveling the world with his wife and family, embracing new experiences and cultures. He also appreciated the simple pleasures of life, relishing a good ribeye steak and a glass of wine. A proud American and a devoted family man, he lived by the principle of putting service above self.

Chief Marr is survived by his beloved wife, Pamela Marr; his son James Marr Jr., together with longtime companion Sarah Harwood; and his daughter Kimberly Marr-Foster and her husband Colin Foster.

Chief Marr's son, James Marr Jr., followed in his father's footsteps as a Gloucester Police officer and he now serves as an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The Gloucester Police Department extends its deepest condolences to the Marr family, friends, and all who knew and respected Chief Marr.

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Moulton Holds Town Hall Meeting

BOXFORD – About a thousand people showed up here last week to hear their congressman try to explain what is happening and what may happen in coming weeks with the federal government. But the Masconomet Regional High School auditorium can seat only 580.

The staff for U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton scrambled to have the Town Hall meeting recorded for broadcast by the Boxford Cable TV. The people outside, including a small cadre of Trump-flag wavers, left without incident.

“I was proud to see a record turnout and hear tough questions, many of which don’t have easy answers about what we can all do,” Moulton said when asked his reaction to the Town Hall meeting.

“The energy in the packed auditorium at Masco is why I’m holding so many town halls right now, and I look forward to my next one.”

Across the country in recent weeks, people have voiced at Town Hall meetings their frustrations with Congress, President Donald Trump and businessman Elon Musk’s Department of Government Efficiency firing of thousands of federal employees.

For Moulton, who was elected in 2014 and has faced little opposition since, it was his third Town Hall this year. He noted that many of Republican House members have stopped holding any Town Hall meetings in their districts because their constituents are so unhappy with their congressman’s lack of opposition to President Trump and Elon Musk.

Since his Town Hall here, Moulton has asked in a survey if constituents think he should schedule meetings in Republican districts where their member of Congress is not meeting with their constituents.

Most here adhered to Moulton’s request that they be polite. Police officers had to escort only two people out for being rowdy. One woman demanded to speak before Moulton could even begin. A college-aged woman was adamant that he should vote to shut off support for the war in Gaza.

The congressman, a former Marine officer who served four terms in Iraq, said he was not happy with the way the Israeli Defense Force has waged the war against the Palestinians, but he firmly told the crowd he would not vote to cut off U.S. support for Israel.

The only negative vibes the mostly Democratic crowd gave off was that Moulton and his Democratic colleagues have not done enough to oppose the mass firings of federal employees.

“American democracy is under assault, but as disillusioning as that can be, citizens here in Massachusetts aren’t checking out, they’re checking in,” he said in a statement.

After Moulton gave a brief update on what was happening in Washington, D.C., the first question he got was from a Masconomet student, who asked what impact on her school President Trump’s shutting down the U.S. Education Department would have.

The congressman said schools need more money, not less. And he advocated for more money being allocated to vocational education.

The second speaker brought the auditorium to a standing ovation when she called Trump “evil.” The congressman agreed, reminding the packed house that he was the first member of the House of Representatives that compared Trump to Adolph Hitler. “I got a lot of criticism for that,” he said.

The veteran who uses the Veteran

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Bill Chisholm: Do You Remember Me?

GEORGETOWN – The big news for Georgetown in the Boston sports world last week, besides the Georgetown Royals’ winning the state high school basketball championship, was that a town native bought the Boston Celtics for \$6.1 billion.

That is the most money paid to acquire a professional sports franchise ever, according to ESPN.

Bill Chisholm, the founder and managing director of Symphony Technology Group, is a longtime Celtics fan who grew up here in Georgetown. Symphony Technology Group is a private equity firm founded in 2002.

The Town Common Newspaper would like to know more about Chisholm. If you knew him or played soccer with him in Georgetown, went to college with him at Dartmouth College or at the Wharton School, please let us hear from you.

Maybe you worked with Chisholm at the management consulting company Bain & Company, based in Boston; the investment bank, Paine Webber, or the Valent Group, a venture capital and risk consulting firm. Symphony is based in California.

Send us an email at editor@thetowncommon.com. ♦

Boxford Fraud Save

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executed, allowing the stolen funds to be recovered. On February 20, 2025, at the Boxford Police Department, Detective Peabody presented the victim with a check for \$11,309.45, officially restoring a significant portion of their lost funds. The remaining amount accounts for transaction and legal processing fees.

“This case demonstrates the dedication and tenacity of the Boxford Police Department in protecting our residents from financial crimes, no matter how far-reaching they may be,” said Police Chief Jim Riter. “Detective Peabody’s perseverance and the collaborative efforts with state and county law enforcement made this recovery possible. We hope this serves as a warning to criminals that law enforcement is keeping pace with modern financial fraud.”

Town Administrator Matt Coogan commended the department’s efforts, stating, “The success of this case is a testament to the professionalism and resourcefulness of the Boxford Police Department. We are incredibly proud of their ability to work across jurisdictions and recover funds for a victim in our community. This is an important victory not just for Boxford but for Essex County as a whole.”

Authorities have issued an active arrest warrant for the suspect, and his apprehension will be pursued if he enters a jurisdiction within the United States.

The Boxford Police Department urges residents to remain vigilant against online scams and to report suspicious activity immediately. For more information on fraud prevention, visit www.boxfordma.gov or contact the department directly at 978-887-8135. ♦

Triton Honors John Weston

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ranging from technology to the arts, Weston, who had two sons graduate from Triton, has donated \$50,000 to Triton schools over the last five years. When looking for ways to give back to Triton, he talked with Supt. Brian Forget.

“John’s generosity has made such a meaningful impact on our students,” Forget said. “As a former member of the District

Technology Committee, John has been contributing to our school for decades, and amazingly, he has committed to continuing his support for years to come.”

Weston has pledged to continue his commitment, and his actions have encouraged further generosity in the community. With a matching donation partnership with ICL Auto Group, owned by the Jespersion Family, the fourth-grade music instrument program will remain free for students indefinitely, including instrument rentals. ♦



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73308788	SLD	4 Elm	Newburyport, MA	AN4349	Detached	2	\$660,900.00	\$610,000.00
73297613	SLD	51 Mudnock Road	Salisbury, MA	AN8613	Detached	2	\$675,000.00	\$660,000.00
73320794	SLD	287 Merrimac Street	Newburyport, MA	AN8751	Detached	2	\$699,000.00	\$710,000.00
73322163	SLD	12 Dunvegan Dr	Merrimac, MA	AN8279	Detached	3	\$799,000.00	\$799,000.00
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Georgetown Royals Boys Basketball Team Wins the Division 4 State Championship



Brendan Loewen (2) shoots in the middle of three Monument Mountain defenders.



Jomar Terrero and Jalen Andujar pose with the Division 4 championship trophy.

VIEW AND PURCHASE HIGH-QUALITY PHOTOS FROM THE 220 INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS BY PETER McCLELLAND <https://tinyurl.com/georgetownchamps>

Friends of the Newburyport Public Library's Book Sale

The Friends of the Newburyport Public Library is excited to hold its 47th Great Old Book Sale on Wednesday, March 26 through Saturday, March 29, 2025 in the Program Room at the Newburyport Public Library. Thousands of hardcover and paperback books will be available for purchase in categories including

novels and graphic novels, memoirs, biographies, history, architecture and art, cookbooks, travel, sports and recreation, parenting, children's books and more. A limited number of audio books will also be available. There is something for everyone! This semi-annual sale raises funds to support the library.

Donations of hardcover, paperback, and audio books in good to excellent condition are welcome. Unfortunately, we cannot accept magazines, textbooks, CDs or other media. To accommodate space constraints, please limit your contribution to 8 boxes per household. Donations can be delivered to the Program Room through the front door of the library at these times:

- Saturday, March 22 from 9:30—4:30
- Monday, March 24 from 9:30—7:30
- Tuesday, March 25 from 9:30—2:30 (No donations accepted after 2:30)

The sale will begin with its traditional Members' Sale for Friends of the Library members on Wednesday, March 26 from 2:00—8:00 PM. Membership can be purchased or renewed at the library's circulation desk, on the FOL website <https://www.newburyportfol.org/membership-2/> or in the library lobby starting at noon on March 26. Also at noon, since the first day of the sale is very busy, entry numbers will be provided to guarantee a place in line when the sale opens at 2:00 PM.

The book sale for the general public begins on Thursday, March 27. Sale prices will be posted.

- Thursday, March 27 from 9:30—7:30
- Friday, March 28 from 9:30—4:30
- Saturday, March 29 from 9:30—2:30

Saturday is Bargain Day when shoppers can fill a bag for just \$5.00!

We welcome volunteers to help sort books and set up prior to the sale and to work during the sale. A sign-up book for volunteers is in the library lobby, or you can visit the Events page on the FOL website www.newburyportfol.org for details. Your help will be greatly appreciated. ♦



Irvin Zapata (22 points) was the high scorer in the game.



Brendan Loewen and Irvin Zapata celebrate post-game.

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Upcoming Events

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Archery Classes

Archers Artemis Archer four-week intro classes beginning April 26, 9-10 a.m. Sat. or Sun. <https://archersartemis.com/register/>

BEVERLY

Senior Thesis Show: Senior Studio Arts Seminar Group 1

Montserrat Gallery, 23 Essex Street in Beverly, Mon-Sat, March 24 - March 29

Reception: Wednesday, March 26, 5-7 PM. FEATURING:

Montserrat Gallery:

- Maggie Burns
- Frederic Cafarella
- Whitney Farnsworth
- Skylar Laffeur
- Krystian Lanza
- Sam Sorrento

Schlosberg Gallery:

- Aoife Bergeron
- Nev Fernandez

LACONIA, NH

Making Maple Candy

Let's make something really special with Prescott Farm's fresh maple syrup: maple candy! Participants will work together to turn maple syrup into two styles of maple candy to enjoy. We will also taste test maple sap and the different grades of syrup. Saturday, March 29, 2025, 10am - 12pm

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NEWBURYPORT

Book Discussion at Avita Alzheimer's Canyon

Book discussion featuring Author, Jane Dwinell and her book, *Alzheimer's Canyon*. In addition to being a published author, Jane is a registered nurse and has been published widely in prominent periodicals concerned with women's issues, health care and country living skills. Monday, March 24, 2025, 12:00 PM. In person & on Zoom. Avita of Newburyport, 4 Wallace Bashaw Jr. Way, Newburyport, Mass. RSVP: Call Alison 978.225.7000

NEWBURYPORT

Community Dialogues: Shaping the Future of Clean Energy in Newburyport

Join the Conversation on Clean Energy! The City of Newburyport Sustainability Office in collaboration with The Alliance for Climate and Environmental Stewards (ACES) invites the public to participate in the upcoming "Community Dialogues" - interactive forums focused on expanding

local understanding of and adopting clean energy solutions.

Two sessions available (same content, choose the one that works for you!): April 2 | 1-3 PM | ACES Eco Conversation, Newburyport Senior/Community Center (SCC) April 3 | 10 AM - 12 PM | Newburyport Public Library (Programming Room)

Learn about Energy for Generations (EFG), the City's new clean energy program

Understand the local impacts of clean energy adoption for seniors to reduce energy costs and improve home comfort Engage in hands-on, interactive discussions and share your input on shaping our city's clean energy future

Everyone is welcome! Seniors, caregivers, and community members interested in making Newburyport a greener, more energy-efficient place.

Register here to participate: bit.ly/efgcf Questions? Contact Ariha Jain, Program Coordinator at ariha.jain@massenergize.org or call (978) 206-1324

NEWBURYPORT

Heritage Friend Event with Custom House Maritime Museum

Date: Friday, March 28, 2025 Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Custom House Maritime Museum, 25 Water Street, Newburyport

Enjoy light refreshments and dive into Newburyport's fascinating past. Essex Heritage members get in FREE, and non-members pay just \$5. Register at: <https://essexheritage.org/event/heritage-friend-event-with-custom-house-maritime-museum/>

ROWLEY

The Rowley Democratic Town Committee is holding its March meeting on Wednesday, March 26 at 7pm at the Rowley Public Library. If you wish to socialize, please arrive as early as 6:30pm to chat with your Dem friends!

(Editor's Note: When/if the Republican form/run meetings we will of course run their notices.)

SALISBURY

The Fabulous Thunderbirds

Thursday, Mar 27, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. Blue Ocean Music Hall, 4 Oceanfront North, Salisbury, MA 01952

SALISBURY

Salisbury Legislative Mixer! We're excited to invite you to the Legislative Mixer on April 9th from 5:30

- 7:30 PM at the Pavilion at the Carousel in Salisbury.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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INTELLECTUAL TREAT

Super Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Accord, Civic and Pilot
7 Blue toon
12 Hubbubs
16 Honorary deg. for a jurist
19 Unicellular organism
20 Subdued, with "down"
21 Receives a salary, say
23 Boston baseballers
24 Verb form in "I used to solve puzzles," e.g.
26 Position of advantage
28 Stuff in some viral genes
29 How- (manuals)
30 Detroit-to-Philly dir.
31 Job opening
33 Literary finale
36 War deity
40 Pre- (replace)
44 What's allotted in soccer when a player is hurt
46 Sell in stores
49 Thinned out
51 Bohemian lager

- 52 "Fathers and Sons" novelist
54 Notion, in Nice
55 Story
56 Lions' locale
57 L-Q linkup
58 "Little" co-star Rae
62 In the best-case scenario
65 Sibling who looks the same
68 Japanese menu item
69 Fall mo.
70 Suffix of superlatives
71 Korean, e.g.
72 Molar requiring extraction, maybe
76 Title for Gandhi
78 "Good Will Hunting" director Gus Van
79 Virtuosos
80 Screening airport org.
81 Oodles
82 Love deity
83 Dog with a reddish, wiry coat
88 Beirut's land
92 Barney Fife portrayer Don

- 93 Charred
94 Retreat in the clouds
96 Downs food
98 Good friends
99 River mouth features
100 From scratch
102 Horse's kin
105 San Francisco's - Valley
106 Aged
107 Invention of Rorschach
115 Painful podiatric problem
119 Geronimo's people
120 2003-16 Cowboys quarterback
121 Large spoon
122 "Peanuts" girl
123 Former United rival
124 Has-
125 Lectern, e.g.
126 Group of PC experts ... or what this puzzle's 10 theme answers are?

- 6 "Wailing" instruments
7 Rouse
8 NYC cultural center
9 Like many insensitive jokes
10 Smells awful
11 32nd prez
12 Will Smith's role in "Men in Black"
13 Ten: Prefix
14 Hitter Mel
15 Concorde, e.g., in brief
16 Ointment base
17 Thin, supple and graceful
18 34th prez
22 - fours (teacakes)
25 Fern leaf
27 Golf ball prop
32 "Salt" co-star Schreiber
33 Port city near Buffalo, NY
34 TV's Gomer
35 Neighbor of Belg.
36 Grande of pop, to fans
37 Gun, as an engine
38 Greek vowel
39 Christmas party headwear

- 41 Fuel efficiency stat
42 Forecasts
43 Found on a radio dial
45 "What's -?" (Bugs Bunny's greeting)
47 Like tilted type
48 Break in the action
50 State bird of Hawaii
53 Marina del -
54 Beginning ltr.
57 Volcano in Calif.
58 "We're in danger here!"
59 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
60 Thailand,
61 Noted visitor to 60-Down
62 Wife of Osiris
63 Part of Russia's parliament
64 Fox Sports competitor
66 Webpage
67 Pakistani city
69 Lyric poems
73 Occult cards
74 Low-budget, in adspeak
75 Other, in Oviedo
76 Wrestling pad

- 77 Stein drinks
82 "Watermark" singer
83 Apropos of
84 33rd prez
85 Radio host Glass
86 Japanese menu item
87 Tpbs., e.g.
88 Cornea cover
89 Still, at this late date
90 Salami alternative
91 Vein's cousin
92 Japanese fencing style
95 Sam of Sam's Club
97 Actor Mineo
101 Be victorious in
103 "Same goes for me"
104 Honoree on Mar. 17
106 "I'm buying"
108 Zilch
109 Potter's oven parliament
110 Ran, as dye
111 Sharp-tasting
112 Brutus' "Behold!"
113 Actor LaBeouf
114 Burst (with)
115 Hairy sitcom cousin
116 Celestial ball
117 Suffering
118 Golf's Ernie

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-126 indicating starting points for clues.

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Consider moving beyond the usual methods to find a more creative means of handling a difficult on-the-job situation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A seasonal change creates a new look for the outdoors. It also inspires Taurus to redo their own environments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding needs to be straightened out so the wrong impression isn't allowed to stand.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A career change offering what you want in money and responsibilities could involve moving to a new location.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Feeling miffed over how you believe you were treated is understandable. But before you decide to "set things straight," make sure that the whole thing wasn't just a misinterpretation of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Showing you care makes it easier to build trust and gain an advantage in handling a delicate situation.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Planning for the future is fine, especially if you include the roles that family members may be asked to play.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Making choices highlights much of the week, and you have a head start here, thanks to your ability to grasp the facts of a situation and interpret them in a clear-cut manner.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Carrying a torch can be a two-way situation: It can either keep you tied to the past or help light your way to the future.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your watchwords this week are "focus, focus, focus." Don't let yourself be distracted from what you set out to do.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A workplace opportunity might require changes that you're not keen on making. Discuss the pluses and minuses with someone familiar with the situation before you make a decision.

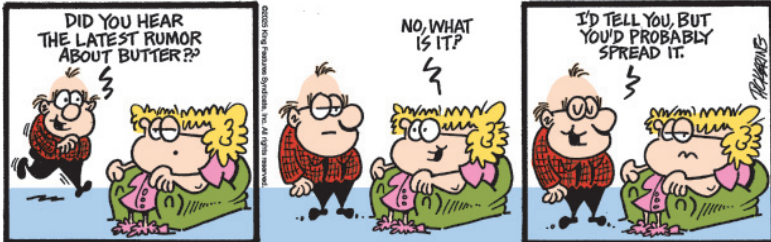
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Love and romance are strong in your aspect this week. If you've already met the right person, expect your relationship to grow.

BORN THIS WEEK: You approach life in a wise and measured manner, which gives you a competitive edge in many areas.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE UPDATE GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby provided that the Town of Georgetown Planning Board will conduct a public hearing pursuant to M.G.L. c.40A, Sec. 5, on proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Bylaw Article IV Floodplain District \$165-20 through \$165-28 and update to the Town's Floodplain Overlay District to be consistent with the newest version of the Federal Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and to update the language to be consistent with the State Model Bylaw.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider public comments regarding a Warrant Article proposed by the Georgetown Planning Board. These proposed changes will allow Georgetown to remain as a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, 9 APRIL 2025 at 7:15 p.m.** This hearing will be held virtually via Zoom, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard in relation thereto. The link to the Zoom meeting will be available on the Planning Board's agenda which can be found on the Town's Calendar of Upcoming Events at www.Georgetownma.gov 48 hours prior to the Public Hearing. The full text of the proposed amendments and potential map are on file and available for inspection during normal business hours at Town Hall in the Planning Office, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA and can be viewed online at: https://georgetownma.gov/government/boards__commissions/planning_board/index.php#outer-3692

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the Planning Board meeting agenda for 9 APRIL 2025, which will be posted on the Town of Georgetown website no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting. Further, the meeting will be broadcast live on the Georgetown Local Access Cable TV Channel 9. Video recordings of this meeting, and all Georgetown Planning Board meetings may be found at www.georgetownma.gov by choosing the Community TV option.

ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87117862941>

Meeting ID: 87117 862941 Passcode: 988004

For more information about these Public Hearings or if you were unable to attend the hearing and would like to communicate your concerns or questions about this topic, please send an eMail to the Town Planner at FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov. Written correspondence received before noon on the day of the hearing will be accepted and read into the record.

Frank O'Connor, Jr.
Planner for Town of Georgetown

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LEGAL NOTICE

ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a public meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 7:45 PM** at the Fire Station to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability application filed by Edward Surette for proposed grading and spreading of an existing loam stockpile, adding scattered rocks to existing stonewalls, and hydroseeding loam to establish vegetative cover portions within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 293 Wethersfield Street (Map 23, Parcel Lot 47) in Rowley, MA.

Daniel Shinnick, Chairman
Rowley Conservation Commission

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Attorney General's Notice

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32

Town of Georgetown -- Case No. 11665
Special Town Meeting of December 9, 2024
Article # 3

Attorney General's Limited Authority to Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.

Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing

The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice relating to the above Article failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added):

No zoning...by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a...town has...held a public hearing thereon...at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.... Notice of the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the...town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the...town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the executive office of housing and livable communities, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town....In cases involving boundary, density or use changes within a district, notice shall be sent to any such nonresident property owner who has filed such a request with the city or town clerk and whose property lies in the district where the change is sought.

Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defect: the Planning Board hearing notice that was posted and published did not provide notice of the place where the text (and maps if any) of the proposed zoning amendment may be inspected, as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. For this reason, the 90-day period prescribed for the Attorney General's review of Article 3 is suspended in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32

The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments

The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Posting and Publication of This Notice

The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the Georgetown Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Georgetown.

Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Prejudicial

Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Georgetown, any resident of the Town of Georgetown, or the owner of any real property in the Town of Georgetown or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be actually on file with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This Notice

After the expiration of the 21-day period, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21-day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).

Resumption of Attorney General's Review

Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk's certification, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume. If no claim is made, the Attorney General has the discretion to waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.

Note: By not filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 32, and in G.L. c. 40A, § 5.

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Moulton Meeting Continued from page 3

Administration for his own health care, Moulton promised to work tirelessly to protect veterans. He was outraged that Musk had declared mental health research on veterans' trauma to be a non-essential service. "Musk is killing veterans with these cuts," he said. "I'm going to do everything in my power to stop it."

Moulton said one of his greatest achievements in Congress is establishing the 988 national mental health crisis phone line.

The congressman agreed that the federal government should be made more efficient. His first bill as a congressman was designed to improve government efficiency. But he said of the current Department of Government Efficiency efforts, "We need to be much smarter."

He said tariffs could be useful in targeted situations, but "This chaos has been harmful."

There was a strong applause when he noted that 120 law suits have been filed to stop Trump and Musk.

Moulton also strongly supported U.S. continued support for Ukraine against the Russian invasion.

Two constituents brought personal problems to the congressman. Livia Cowan, owner of Mariposa in Manchester by the Sea, told him that many of her serving ware is made of aluminum fashioned in Mexican factories. She said she feared the high tariff will hurt her business.

An airline pilot from Rockport asked Moulton to reconsider his stance that commercial airline pilots be forced to retire at 65 years old. The pilot said with humans living active lives longer, it is a shame to lose the older pilots' expertise.

Moulton, who created the Serve America PAC in 2018 to bolster campaigns for other congressional candidates, promised to help even more candidates run in 2026. ♦

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