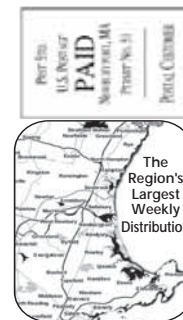


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Manchester-by-the-Sea Police Rescue Five Teenagers from Sinking Sailboat

MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA –

On Thursday, July 17, at approximately 3 p.m., Sgt. Richard Newton was on routine marine patrol on the harbor in MPD Public Safety Vessel 999, when he noticed a small sailboat in an unusual area.

When Sgt. Newton investigated further, he realized the sailboat was occupied by five boys in their early teens, and that the sailboat was sitting low in the water.

Sgt. Newton immediately got four of the teens onto the MPD Public Safety Vessel. The fifth teen stayed aboard the sailboat to assist efforts by MPD and the Manchester-by-the-Sea Harbormaster to tow the boat back to shore.

The sailboat partially sank during towing, so the fifth teen was eventually taken aboard the MPD Public Safety Vessel as well.

Manchester-by-the-Sea Police and the Harbormaster teamed up to successfully tow the boat back to shore even though it partially sank, and the boat was able to be raised again as water was pumped out.

There were no reported injuries.

Sgt. Newton was on patrol as part of the Manchester-by-the-Sea Police Department's commitment to 40 hours of marine patrol during the summer months.

"This incident provides a reminder that anything can happen out on the water, even right here in our harbor," said Chief Fitzgerald. "Both Manchester-by-the-Sea Police and the Harbormaster are on patrol and

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Party goes at the New England Spicy Festival (Photo provided by the festival.)

The Summer's Hottest Event

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

HAMPTON, NH – Want a break from the popular Yankee Homecoming events in Newburyport this weekend? Head north to the Smuttynose Brewery here for a Saturday afternoon of music, beverages and the chance to try some of the hottest peppers on the planet.

The Spicy Shark, which markets a variety of hot sauces, presents the 4th annual New England Hot Sauce Fest, benefiting The Seacoast Science Center and The Blue Ocean Society. The spicy event returns to bring the heat to Hampton from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 26 on the grounds of the

brewery.

Gabe DiSaverio, owner of Spicy Shark and founder of the only New England hot sauce festival, said, "After three sizzling years, the event is turning up the flame even higher in 2025. Guests can expect a full day of hot sauce tastings, fiery food challenges, '80s music and local flavor. New food trucks and old favorites will be on hand to cool tastebuds, while your favorite local crafters showcase handmade goods and specialty items."

The fiery centerpiece of this year's festival is a new SCI-FI Pepper Challenge, featuring "blistering" hybrid super-hot peppers developed by Ed

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Coming Home: A Newburyport Art Exhibit Honoring Community & Legacy

By Greigh Cloward

NEWBURYPORT – Newburyport Art is a local art exhibit located in the heart of Newburyport, a town that promotes artistic cultural richness through its many theaters, dance groups, and art galleries. *Coming Home* is an art show that will be held at Newburyport Art curated by local artist and high school teacher Belle Carver Struck. It will showcase all forms of art including films, music, writings, paintings, and more. The uniqueness about this art show compared

to other previous shows is that artists who grew up in Newburyport and are now successful in their fields will be returning home to show their support and appreciation for the town that shaped their careers.

A panel discussion will be held with eight of the artists, allowing the audience to ask them any questions about their artwork on display. Some of the artists coming home and are on the panel include journalist, author, and Yale lecturer Kate Bolick, filmmaker Nikole Beckwith, cartoonist Sam Szabo, and film director and editor Paul-Emile Cendron.

Belle Carver Struck showed her appreciation for the artists coming home by saying that it wasn't a problem for any of them to travel back to Newburyport and they all voluntarily returned out of the importance of the town to them.

The overall goal of *Coming Home* is to honor the people who shaped Newburyport while growing up and moved away to make their impact somewhere else, and the people who still live in Newburyport and are continuously building the local art community. As stated

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Have you checked out the many decorative directional pillars near the Newburyport waterfront? Two popular ones are shown above. Check them out at Yankee Homecoming! (Photos: Lonnie Brennan)

Yankee, Come Home Once Again

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – Like other cities such as New Orleans and San Antonio with Mardi Gras and Fiesta, Newburyport has Yankee Homecoming, with a parade, art shows and Saturday-night fireworks over the mighty Merrimack.

Beginning this Saturday, the 10-day celebration creates a strong sense of community for this historic coastal city. It's a tradition that draws both longtime residents and curious visitors, even a few Yankees wondering why they ever left.

Now in its 67th year, Yankee Homecoming (YH) was launched in 1958 as part of a larger movement to boost economic growth across New England. Of the 29 cities and towns that joined, Newburyport is the lone city still carrying on the tradition.

The legacy makes the festival both a source of pride and a rare link to the region's past.

"Newburyport's history can be felt all around us every day, but it truly

shines during Yankee Homecoming," said Brittany Verville, the 2025 YH General Chair. "The events held throughout the week focus on fostering community, providing free family fun, honoring those who have served, and ensuring inclusivity for all."

This year's events kick off with the popular Brewfest fundraiser on Saturday night, one of several events planned across the city. Streets will be decked with blue and white flags, signaling the start of a full week of family-friendly fun, including a major fireworks display over the river on Saturday night, Aug. 2.

The celebration ends with the grand parade on August 3.

The parade begins at the corner of Moseley Avenue and Ferry Road and continues down historic High Street before finishing on State Street. Leading the procession will be local fire engines and this year's general chair. The parade, like most of the week's events, is free and open to all.

Among the many highlights are the

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Trucks pass each other at 10-minute intervals on North Street, Georgetown (Photo: Lonnie Brennan)

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FINAL SHOWS! Legally Blonde: The Musical

NEWBURYPORT – Legally Blonde: The Musical is running through July 27, 2025 at the Firehouse Center for the Arts, 1 Market Square, on Friday at 7PM, Saturday at 2PM and 7PM, and Sunday at 2PM. Tickets are available at firehouse.org or by contacting the Box Office (open Tuesday-Saturday, 12-5PM) at 978-462-7336 or boxoffice@firehouse.org. ♦



Tyler DeConto as Elle Woods (Photo by Christine Kattar)

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A partially sunken sailboat from which Manchester-by-the-Sea Police rescued five teenage boys on Thursday afternoon. There were no reported injuries. (Photo Courtesy Manchester-by-the-Sea Police Department)

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HOT SAUCE FESTIVAL

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Currie, the creator of some of the world's hottest peppers, the Carolina Reaper and Pepper X.

These Sci-Fi peppers have never been tasted before. For the first time, the main stage contest will be open to 10 contestants (previously five), giving aspiring chili heads the chance to go pepper-to-pepper with seasoned spice legends including Mike Jack, the Scorch Queen, Late for Work and Today's Adventure.

There will also be amateur Hot Wing, Jalapeno and Super Hot contests.

"Think you can handle the heat?" DiSaverio asked. "We're accepting chili head resumes now at www.newenglandhotsaucefest.com."

Bella and Dark from Heat 101 radio station return as the event master of ceremonies, guiding the crowd

all boaters to always double check their boats and to ensure they have proper safety equipment before getting underway." ♦

through contests, giveaways and the day's hot happenings. More than 30 hot sauce companies from across the Northeast will attend, offering samples, products and spicy stories from behind the bottle.

The New England Hot Sauce Fest is fun for the whole family, with kid-friendly attractions like bouncy houses, face painting and magic shows. Smutynose Brewery's award-winning beer will be available for adults.

This spicy celebration is sponsors, including Wells Fargo, Avery Insurance, Bangor Savings Bank, Great Island Realty, The City Beverage Centers and Casella. The festival donates the majority of proceeds to Blue Ocean Society and Seacoast Science Center, supporting marine conservation and environmental education efforts in the region.

Tickets are limited at: www.newenglandhotsaucefest.com. ♦

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Traffic exiting State Rte. 1 onto Merrimac Street (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

MassDOT Wants Signal Lights on Merrimac Street

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – For years probably the most dangerous and certainly the most frustrating intersection in this city is the exit from state Rte. 1 onto Merrimac Street, entering the city from Salisbury and points north.

During busy traffic times, cars and cyclists back up substantially on the ramp waiting to turn left in the flow of traffic coming and going from downtown.

The traffic flow headed north from Rte. 1 also backs up with cars trying to cross or turn onto Merrimac Street. And pedestrians walking to shop, dine or enjoy a concert on the waterfront take their lives in their hands trying to cross the exit and entrance ramps.

But all that appears like it is coming to an end. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is now proposing to install two traffic signals to correct these and related traffic problems.

A hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 24 on MassDOT’s website.

“The project shall improve the functionality of the Route 1 ramps at Merrimac Street by incorporating adequate sight distance, roadway micro resurfacing and restriping, inclusion of complete street elements including ADA accessibility, pedestrian curb ramps and bicycle accommodations, pavement markings and signage, and associated utility adjustments. Work on the minor streets will be limited to

approach work unless drainage or utility elements require further improvements or adjustments,” MassDOT wrote on its website.

The cost of the project is an estimated \$3.2 million. It encompasses Merrimack Street from Strong Street to Market Street and to Pleasant Street.

Work would also include sidewalk, crosswalk and bicycle accommodations and will be funded through the 2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the Merrimack Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Construction is planned to begin in spring 2027.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT’s policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

To attend the virtual meeting, visit www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events. ♦

YANKEE HOMECOMING

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Yankee Homecoming Market Place, running July 26 to August 3, and Art on the Bartlet Mall, with artists staffing their tents around the mall on July 26 and 27. Other activities include a Kids Talent Show, a High School Battle of the Bands and the always entertaining Waiter/Waitress Race.

As the birthplace of the U.S. Coast

Guard, Newburyport’s opening ceremonies include the raising of three flags: the American flag, the Coast Guard flag, and the Yankee Homecoming flag. Verville says these traditions help connect the city’s past with its present. “These investments in each other along with our events strengthen our community, building a better future together,” she added.

For more information visit:

yankeehomecoming.com/events. ♦

NEWBURYPORT ART

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by Belle Carver Struck, “At a time in the world when things are so uncertain and we’re looking to our local communities for support, connection, and community, it’s really important to highlight and celebrate the people who benefitted, helped create, and were nurtured by that community.”

One of Struck’s goals with curating this exhibit is to bring people together and have an opportunity for younger and older artists to be inspired by each other. She especially wants young aspiring artists to see successful artists who grew up in the same place as them and built a career around their experiences in Newburyport. Struck believes this will give them reassurance that any regular person can make an impact and a name for themselves.

Coming Home will officially open on Sunday, July 27th from 4-6pm with a free opening reception where you can see all the artwork and meet the artists.

On Monday, July 28th from 6-8 p.m., the ticketed panel discussion (ticket sales are closed) will take place where the artists on the panel will answer questions.

All proceeds from the tickets will be put into fundraising to improve Newburyport Art, host classes, workshops, artist residencies, and have more events like this in the future.

For people who can’t come on either of these days, *Coming Home* will be open most days and times for the following three weeks. Anyone will be able to stop by and browse the gallery of artwork during this time.

For more information visit: [Coming Home — NewburyportArt.org](http://ComingHome—NewburyportArt.org) ♦

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A WRJ Jr. Trucking truck makes its way out of the narrow driveway at Zibell Farm (Photo: Lonnie Brennan)



Truck crosses over two lanes to make sharp turn. (Photo: Lonnie Brennan)



All large trucks were observed on multiple occasions come up the grade and jutting across, blocking two lanes to make the turn onto North St. (Photo: Lonnie Brennan)

Owner of Zibell Farm 'Sand Mining' Operation Allowed Private Viewing to Planning Board

Eject Selectwoman, Deny Viewing to The Town Common

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – The Planning Board conducted a site visit last week at the more than 100-year-old Zibell Farm at 214 North St. to view the sand mining operation that has been going on for several months.

Farm owners allowed only Planning Board members to tour the property and view the scope of the mining operations. They asked SelectBoard member Laura Repplier to leave. The Town Common newspaper was also barred from attending the Planning Board meeting.

The Planning Board did not deliberate on the operation during the site visit, which chair Harry LaCortiglia wrote in an email would be an Open Meeting violation.

The board will meet again this week on the project to consider if it should grant a permit to the farm for the sand mining operations. Or if it should issue a cease-and-desist order to stop the trucks from extracting the sand and bringing in fill, which the neighbor claim is filled with construction debris.

According to Todd Champlain, who represented Kathy Potter, the current farm owner, the farm is removing the sandy and plans to replace it with high quality soil to create an organic farm. Champlain said the farm's attorney has advised that the town does not have the right

to regulate the agricultural activities.

His claim was based on an attorney's opinion of the town's "Right to Farm" bylaw plus state and federal laws protecting agriculture, he said.

Neighbors packed the SelectBoard meeting last week to complain about the 18-wheeler trucks, who start extracting the sand at 6:30 a.m. and continue all day, either removing or bringing in dirt on narrow roads adjacent to their residences.

Steven Proulx questioned who in town government was responsible for seeking a cease-and-desist order to stop the removal of the sand until the Planning Board can finish its deliberations.

Another neighbor, Vincent Milano, said the town has been slow to act. "There's no ownership (among the boards and commissions). It's embarrassing to me." He said he was worried that in five years, the site will be declared an environmental disaster and the taxpayers will be required to clean it up.

Neighbors, Peter and Beth Gramolini, have hired Ron Borenstein, an attorney to represent them. "We are spending our own money to save our sanity," she told the SelectBoard.

She said the trucks are bringing in asphalt millings and other construction debris to replace the sand.

Neighbor Steve Ratcliff said, "This is not an organic farm operation." ♦



Town Planner (orange vest) talks to planning board member as procession of cars exit the excavation site. (He was observed walking to his vehicle a street away.) (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

What Else Did the Planning Board Miss?

GEORGETOWN – At the time of their site visit, we don't know what the members saw on site, but we do know they missed the noise of trucks entering and exiting the mining site nearly every 10 minutes, and the sounds of at least two loaders with their banging large buckets, and three excavators running constantly. Bentley Warren, Torromeo Industries (sand and gravel, excavation, cement...), WRJ Trucking, and PMS Trucking, were among the many branded trucks we previously observed hauling materials. We timed multiple trucks: It takes five minutes to fill an 18-wheel dump truck, less time for a 10-wheel standard dump truck, and a few minutes to close its cover. One route includes traveling on West Main Street, through Haverhill, to Torromeo's plant in Kingston, N.H. ♦



TWO DAYS AFTER the Georgetown Planning Board gave six days notice to the landowners that they would conduct a site inspection, this cropped photo shows a portion of the small corn field in foreground, with large sand piles in background, and one of the two loaders in action. The loaders and excavators worked 'faster than L.A. rioters grabbing Gucci bags' as they serviced a steady stream of trucks entering and exiting the site, removing thousands of yards of material during that six day notice period.



Incoming truck followed from Georgetown sand mining operation passes outgoing cement truck at Torromeo Industries' plant in Kingston, N.H. (Photo Lonnie Brennan)

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New Entertainment Venue Coming to North Shore

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

HAMPTON BEACH –The historic Hampton Beach Casino, which has been a major entertainment venue since it first opened in 1899, is about to be rebuilt into a major destination for the North Shore.

For over 100 years, the Casino Ballroom has claimed it is only “second to the sun” in attracting crowds to Hampton Beach. Now its owners may believe it will be better than the sun with a 200-room hotel, a new casino ballroom and adding even more retail space.

A new plan from the Lupoli Companies has been submitted to the town’s project review committee. Developers of the new Hampton Beach Casino complex are seeking approval for an expanded charitable gaming room.

The proposal would demolish the existing casino and construct up to a six-story development with a hotel, condos, a larger Casino Ballroom and expanded gaming facilities. The owners, Sal Lupoli and Fred Schaake, believe that charitable gaming will draw large crowds.

“It’s still early,” said Hampton Town Planner Jason Bachand. “We just got the site plan in early June, so we’re only starting our review.”

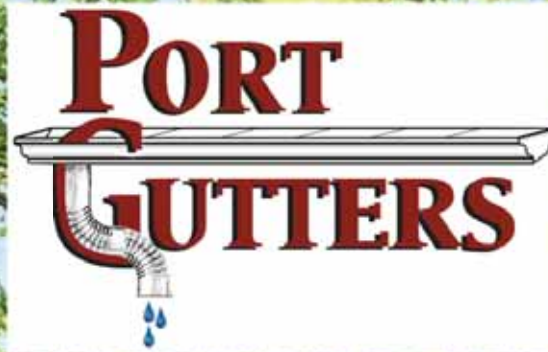
Even if everything moves smoothly, the earliest the plan could go before the committee is September.

It would not be the casino’s first remodel, but it may be its most extensive.

In 1927, new owners remodeled the space into a large dance hall with a wooden floor that quickly became one of the most popular places in the area. At its peak, more than 20,000 people came each week to dance in the air-conditioned ballroom. Big names like Glenn Miller, Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, and Duke Ellington all played there. Even with a no-alcohol policy and strict dress code, the Casino became one of the top-earning venues in the country.

The building got a major update again in the 1970s when it reopened as “Club Casino.” The remodel added a Vegas-style showroom with drinks, 1,600 seats, and what was the longest bar in New England at the time.

Today, the Ballroom is still a popular stop for both performers and fans. It hosts shows from April through November and continues to bring in top entertainment acts. ♦



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Ipswich Police and Fire
Seek to Identify Owner of
Overturned Boat on
Hoods Pond

IPSWICH — Police Chief Paul Nikas and Fire Chief Paul Parisi report that the Ipswich Police Department, Ipswich Harbormaster, and Ipswich Fire are currently seeking to identify the owner of a boat that was overturned on Hoods Pond on Saturday night.

On Saturday, July 19, at approximately 9 p.m., Ipswich Police and Ipswich Harbormaster were dispatched to Hoods Pond for reports of a boat that was overturned and partially submerged in the water.

There were no reports of anyone missing, and it is unclear if the boat was occupied at the time.

Members of the Ipswich Police and Fire Departments, Topsfield Fire, Beverly Fire Department Dive Team, and Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) Drone Unit responded to the scene and conducted a thorough search of the water and surrounding areas.

No one was found or identified. The scene was cleared at 11:30 p.m.

A preliminary investigation determined that the boat had incomplete registration numbers and appeared to have been launched from the old Girl Scout Camp located off of Linebrook Road in Willowdale State Forest. The boat has since sunk.

Anyone with information regarding the owner of the boat should contact Ipswich Police at 978-356-4343. ♦

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Planning for aging in place

Are you in your last home and plan to age in place where you are? Or is there at least one more abode in your future? A recent study concluded that 84% of seniors plan to stay in their home for the rest of their lives. Planning (and hoping) doesn't make it definite, of course. Of those who plan to stay, only a quarter have moved to a place that's actually age-friendly, and a third of respondents have made age-related modifications to their home. Over a third say they'll need to make modifications and that cost would be a barrier to making it happen. And what is it people are doing to turn their homes into places where they can stay as they age? First-floor bedrooms are high on the list, allowing

seniors to avoid stairs. Ramps at the outside door are another way to avoid stairs. Grab bars in showers, as well as walk-in showers, are also high on the list, as well as improved lighting, non-slip flooring and doorways wide enough for wheelchairs. Those who don't have those things in their homes want them, of course. The physical home and any needed modifications are not the only considerations about whether seniors can age in place where they are. The community itself is important, with opportunities for new connections and maintaining the ones they already have, resources for support services they might need in the future, transportation to stores and doctors and easy access to family and friends. If you want to start planning for your own aging in place, there are many resources for assistance, such as AARP's checklist (www.aarp.org/home-living/aging-in-place-checklist). The key is to begin early in making your home safe and comfortable for the future, especially if finances are going to be a consideration for large remodeling projects.

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ACROSS

1 Short leaps

5 "No — español"

10 Crammed

16 — Paulo

19 Milky gem

20 Like much pond scum

21 Shoelace tips

22 Feeling sick

23 Luciano

25 Pavarotti had a famous one

25 Verity or falsity of a proposition

27 Gershwin or Glass

28 Physics

29 Nobelist Niels

29 Maine city

30 Camera part

31 Choosing a "lesser evil" candidate at the polls

35 Central rd. through town

37 Moral climate

38 Bana of "Troy"

39 Scary ghost, say

40 Encounter

41 Any of 12 spinal bones

46 Couple

47 Advocate of a lawless state, archaically

48 Document allowing passage through a country

55 Phillies' div.

56 Astrologer Sydney

61 Cleveland, e.g.

62 Faux pas at a dinner table

64 "My Baby" rapper of 2001

66 Fisher's lure

67 Creeper in the bignonia family

71 Football player Junior

72 Types, as data

74 Ample, in dialect

75 Cooling appliance, in brief

77 Singer Lewis

78 E. Coast ocean

80 Amount of seawater that periodically rises

83 One feeling sympathy

86 Bank claim

87 Fastest speed of a freely falling object

94 Twirl

98 Six Nations members

99 Festive party

100 School, in Somme

101 Finally

102 Central cavity of the brain

107 Did pool laps

108 Black-and-white cookies

109 Alternative to Levi's

110 Large Brit. lexicon

111 Lower-leg blood vessel

114 10 things featured in this puzzle?

117 Dir. from Ariz. to Ky.

118 "Burnt" color

119 Cries loudly

120 Castle trench

121 Playa — Rey

122 Paper Mate competitor

123 Amtrak train

124 Norway port

DOWN

1 Huge seller

2 Function

3 Spirited style

4 — pitch

5 Ruination

6 Hawaii "hi"

7 Female rap fan

8 Fond du —

9 Heady quaff

10 "Hud"

11 actress

11 "Glee" actress

12 Dianna

12 Held tightly

13 Like a very low-carb diet

14 Archaic verb ending

15 "seaQuest —" (1990s series)

16 Feature of the word "thumb"

17 Father or son auto-racing star

18 Fake fat

24 MLB stats

26 Flared skirt

29 Of the ear

32 Little tyke

33 Edition: Abbr.

34 "... cup — cone?"

35 Podcaster Maron

36 Writer

39 Found on this page

41 Sullies

42 Huge seller

43 Redenbacher of popcorn, for short

44 Erin Burnett's channel

45 Frankie with a falsetto

46 Ad Council ad, e.g.

48 Sauna wear

49 Arles' river

50 — -surface missile

51 All-female club's policy

52 Classic PC

53 Apartment building VIP

54 "— we all?"

57 City in Iraq

58 "Would you like to see —?" (waiter's question)

59 Draw a better bead on

60 Path

63 Spitting sound

65 "Megan —" (2017 biopic)

68 Lassos

69 Up to such time as

70 Hook-and-ladder co.

73 Canoeist's challenge

76 Scam

79 Bible book after Exod.

81 Foe of Liston

82 Enkindled

84 — the finish

85 Wider than local

87 Saluted prior to drinking

88 Interweave

89 Tag anew

90 Florida port

91 Filmmaker — von Trier

92 Antiquated

93 Cleveland hoopster

94 Chem., e.g.

95 Pennsylvania resort range

96 Not lawful

97 Really must

100 Once, once

102 Ex-senator Lott

103 Poet Heinrich

104 Kemper of "The Office"

105 Sam of "Dead Calm"

106 Thompson of "Selma"

108 Broiler, e.g.

112 African viper

113 False story

114 Bygone Pan Am rival

115 Wet/dry —

116 "As I see it," to a texter

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Plant Matters

Let's Talk About the American Lawn Fetish

The lawn is the largest single crop in America, is the most irrigated crop, and is a complete and utter biodiversity desert.

by Ida Wye

"Lawns significantly degrade the ecological health of land and water and contribute to global warming." — Owen Wormser

Here are some statistics for your consideration:

- Americans use approximately 100 million tons of fertilizers on lawns each year.
- Two tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) are produced for each ton of fertilizer manufactured.
- Increased fertilizer usage has been linked to increased atmospheric Nitrous Oxide
- Farmers are typically blamed for polluting waters with agricultural chemicals, but homeowners use up to 10 times more chemicals per acre than farmers according to The US Fish and Wildlife Service.

A consequence of using an increasing amount of pesticides on landscapes and farms has caused the insect biomass to plummet by 80% worldwide. This has resulted in a significant decline in bird population. All of this degrades soil health and biology. Soil is an essential living system that supports plant communities, natural systems, and water quality.

Mowing is a major source of pollution. Just filling lawn mowers with gasoline accounts for 17 million gallons of gasoline spillage per year. The noise and air pollution generated from gasoline powered mowers, blowers, and weed whackers is becoming so annoying that some cities are banning them. Unfortunately, *mow blow and go* is the business model of choice for the simpleton lawn jockey. Consequently, lawns and their maintenance emit four times the carbon dioxide that is sequestered by the lawn crop and, therefore, lawns contribute to global warming.

It is estimated that Americans spend \$40 Billion on lawns annually. So, what can we do about this ecological calamity? We will explore alternatives and solutions to facilitate the withdrawal from your lawn addiction in future columns. We will discuss organic methods, lawn alternatives, transitioning to meadows, and establishing trees and shrubs in lawn areas with the goal of creating more sustainable local landscapes.

Recommended Reading:
Lawns To Meadows — Owen Wormser. ♦

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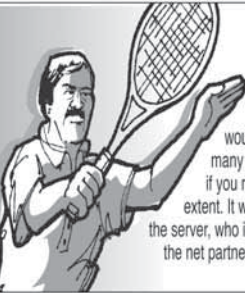
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DOUBLES: BE AGGRESSIVE AT THE NET

In doubles, it is important that the net player not be timid. He should be ready to jump on any weak ball that crosses the net near him.



Unfortunately, many players at the net stand still, reluctant to really go after a ball. You would be surprised how many balls you can reach if you reach out to your full extent. It will make it easier on the server, who is rushing forward, if the net partner intercepts the ball.



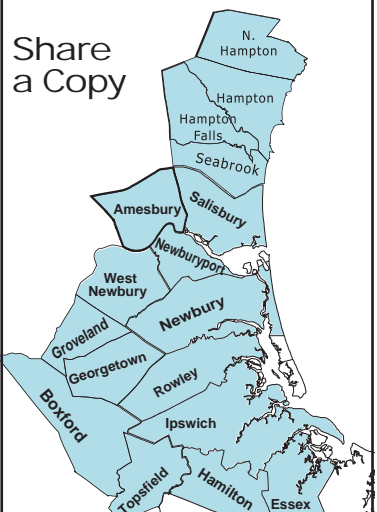
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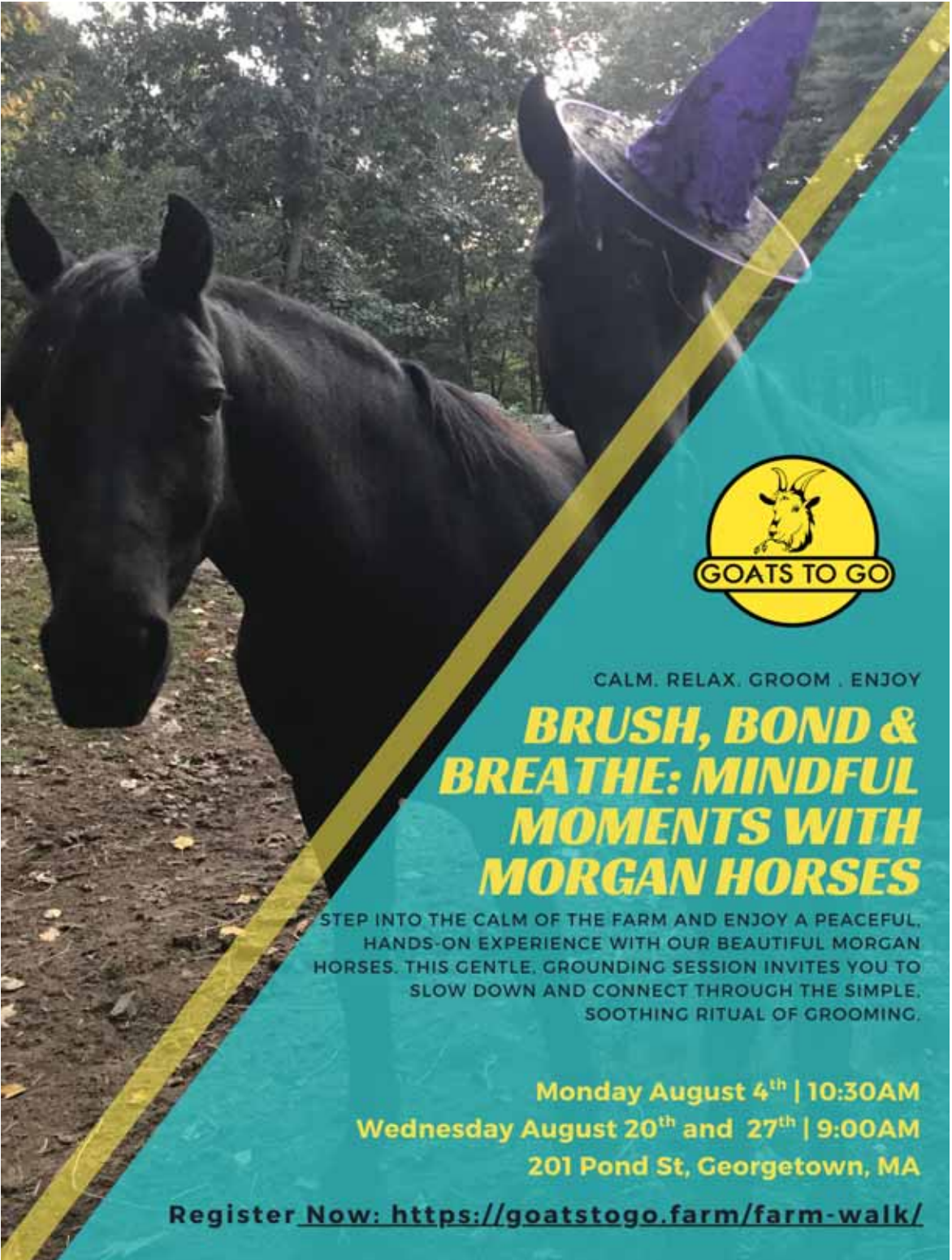
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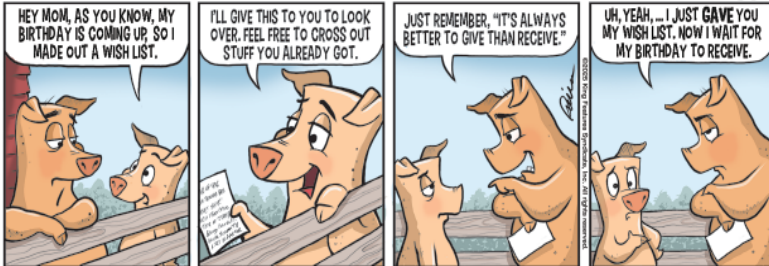
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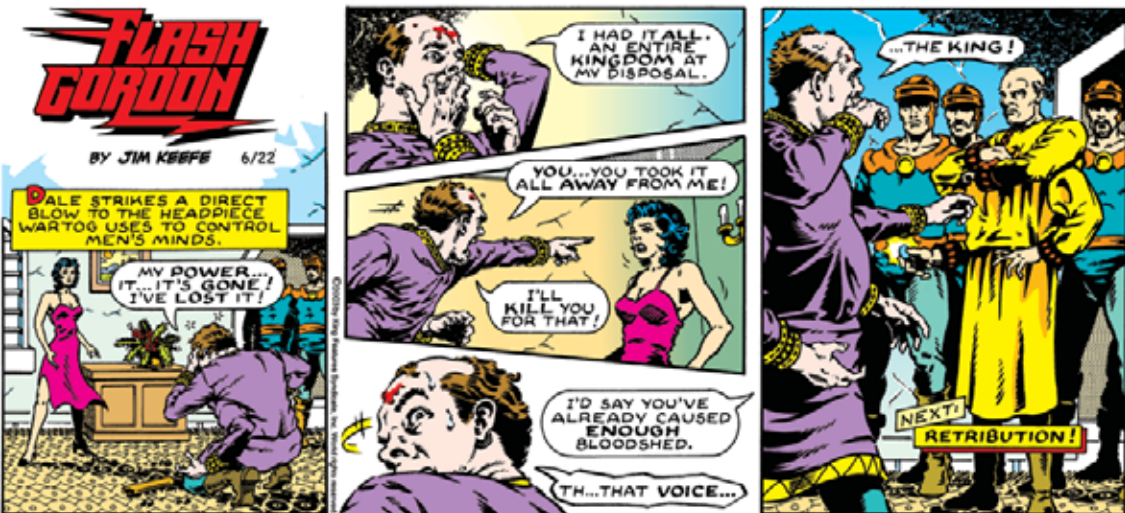
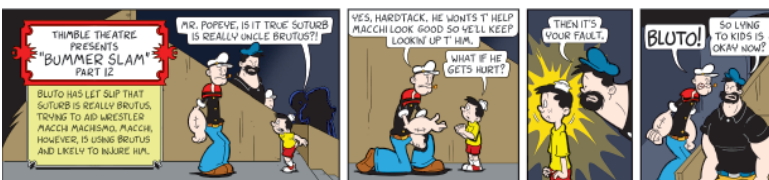
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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your honesty is, as always, admirable. But you might want to be more tactful when discussing a sensitive issue with a family member. Remember, you can give advice without giving offense.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unexpected workplace snag should be handled quickly and efficiently so that it leaves you time for family get-togethers. Also, you might soon get a long-sought apology.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Aspects favor family matters, especially where children might be involved. Spending time with loved ones helps restore some much-needed balance to your typically busy schedule.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A seemingly clear-cut agreement might not be quite so straightforward after all. Recheck for language that could make you liable for hidden costs and other unpleasant surprises.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Careful, Kitty! It's better to deal with someone with proven reliability than a big talker who promises much but can't confirm that they will deliver. Meanwhile, your social life really zings this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your matchmaking skills are at peak performance levels — both in helping to staff workplace teams for upcoming projects and for bringing people together on a more personal basis.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're finally seeing some progress with your new venture, but be prepared for it to continue at a slower pace than you're used to. Meanwhile, a loved one could be preparing a surprise.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A family member's success pulls you into the spotlight as well. Enjoy it, but don't let it overshadow or otherwise obstruct what you're doing with your own creative projects.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Using what you already know might not be quite enough to get a proposed project off the ground. Look for any new information that might help tilt the scales in your favor.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Good news! While a changing workplace environment can be daunting for some, it could be the challenge you've been hoping for. If so, confront it with confidence and move on.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to recheck travel arrangements for any changes that could work to your advantage. Aspects also favor strengthening and restoring old, fraying relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Using your intuitive reasoning helps you cut right through the double talk and straight to what's really going on around you. Stay the course until all your questions are answered.

BORN THIS WEEK: You radiate light and warmth, and others love being close to you. You also might be quite nurturing with children.



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YARD SALE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - GEORGETOWN

TO BE HELD **JULY 26** 87 E. MAIN ST.
GEORGETOWN, MASS.
9 AM - 2 PM

RESIDENTS, FARMERS, GROUPS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES:

RESERVE YOUR SPACE
DISPLAY YOUR ITEMS!
FARMERS FREE!

The Knights of Columbus invites residents and small businesses in our service community of Byfield, Boxford, Georgetown, and Rowley to join us on July 26 for a KofC Community Yard Sale.

Any family, group, or business seeking a space at the highly visible location at 87 E. Main Street next to the Georgetown Building Supply; are asked to reserve their slot today. Place your items for sale at a grand Yard Sale event that will attract potential customers that might otherwise not go to your cul-de-sac, apartment, small business, or other location.

Join others and pass along your past treasurers or other items for sale at the Knights of Columbus Community House and Grounds in Georgetown.

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A \$20 donation to the Knights of Columbus per family, business, or organization is requested. Farmers, veterans organizations, and pet rescue/adoption groups are FREE!

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