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Mrs. Essex County 2025 Debra Stewart, Rosemary (age 8), and Meg Katsumi. Rosemary and Oscar (age 14, not pictured), came in third place in this year's Parent/Child Decorated Cookie Contest at the Topsfield Fair. Rosemary won a white ribbon and \$10 for her sugar cookies.



The bikes at March's Hill off High Street (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

Bike Sharing Comes to Newburyport

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – The City of Newburyport has launched the Port Bikeshare pilot program, offering bicycles for rent at location along the city's Clipper City Rail Trail.

The program, which allows riders to use the Movatic app to locate, rent and return bikes, is a partnership among the city, Tandem Mobility and Newburyport Livable Streets, a non-profit organization which promotes safe and accessible transportation options in the city.

Five bikeshare stations are located

near the MBTA commuter rail station, at Washington Street, in Market Landing Park next to the American Yacht Club and off High Street at March's Hill.

The system includes 23 pedal bicycles and two recumbent trikes, which

were purchased by the Newburyport Commission on Disabilities.

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Georgetown Water: Health Notice

by Lonnie Brennan

GEORGETOWN – Residents received a double-side printed letter last week advising them the water they have been drinking has been “in violation,” on-going, since May 2025. The letter, however, states that “this is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.”

Under the headline of “What should you do?” the letter states: “You can choose to limit the amount of tap water used if you are pregnant, may become pregnant or are giving water to young children. For example, you can use water from another source, such as bottled water.”

The issue stems from a notifica-

tion the department states they initially issued earlier this year and followed up with routine monitoring of drinking water contaminants since that time. Specifically, “the level of haloacetic acid (HAA5) at our system's 12 Bailey Lane location, was 66 ug/L. The standard is 60 ug/L for HAA5.”

In italicized type, they write “Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.”

The headline: “Elevated Disinfection Byproducts at Georgetown Water Department” is followed by a narrative detailing that “Our water

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You can choose to limit the amount of tap water used if you are pregnant, may become pregnant or are giving water to young children ...!



Eric Sorensen, left, demonstrates TopTracer technology to a fellow golfer. (Photo by Madison Williams)

Newbury Golf Center Adds High Tech Fun

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURY – You're an avid golfer, but can't play St. Andrews or Pebble Beach this year? The Newbury Golf Center has the next best thing.

Less than a mile off Interstate 95 on Scotland Road, the 27-acre driving

range has added Top Tracer technology and monitors on all 30 bays. In each, a golfer has the opportunity to play and compete on one or more of the world's top 30 golf courses.

Toptracer Range, the ball-tracing technology used on televised PGA

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Georgetown

GEORGETOWN SAND MINING OPERATION – Todd Champlain (excavator) and **Kathy Potter** (land owner of the 100-year-old Zibell Farm) are presenting contrasting stories to authorities, with Champlain now awaiting an early December court date, and Potter offering her former farm-turned-sand-mining operation for sale (for the construction of homes/condos/whatever...).

This spring, Potter allowed hundreds of trucks, directed by Champlain to leave her property laden down with sand that was open-pit mined in her back yard. She has since claimed she got shortchanged in the deal, that Champlain misrepresented himself to the town, etc., and Champlain's history and court appearances leads one to believe part of such a story.

A few days before the town **shut down** her non-permitted mining operation in the residential neighborhood, various equipment used in the operation by Champlain disappeared from the site. Potter told police her ring camera from her home that sits with a front row seat to the operations, was of no use to investigators, as she had erased all recordings and knew nothing.

Meanwhile, Town Administrator **Orlando Pacheco** told the SelectBoard that it is unknown what was buried in the land (past and present mining operations). Neighbors at multiple meetings have provided photos of construction debris being buried on the site at the mining spot, and other spots on the farm (grassed over now). No information has been made available by the town nor state as regards plans to unearth the potential ground-water contaminating substances, however, at press time, the *The Town Common* was informed that environmental protection agencies are finally, actively looking into the case and that several trucking firms could be potentially on the hook for remediation costs/fines as regards what they dumped there. More as we learn on the matter...

GEORGETOWN SELECTWOMAN KEEPING HER CANINE COMPANION – Despite a court order to hand over her dog, Daphne, to her soon-to-be ex-husband, Georgetown Selectwoman **Rachel Bancroft** has not done so and has appealed First Justice of the Essex Division of the Probate and Family Court **Judge Frances M. Giordano's** decree.

Bancroft faces fines imposed by the judge of \$200 per day for not surrendering her companion. (Visions of Daphne, larger than Toto, escaping from a basket and returning to her caregiver Dorothy/Rachel comes to mind.) Meanwhile, a recently shared video of Bancroft's husband taking a walk past her home, taking in the sights. Also, repeated postings on social media by residents elevated this public/private matter when calls for her ouster from her SelectBoard position became louder, citing an elected official's refusal to follow the direction of a judge.

The estranged couple is scheduled to begin a two-day formal trial in Salem the week before Thanksgiving to determine asset allocation and terms to settle this ongoing 2 1/2 year ordeal. ♦



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Water: Cancer/Birth Defect Concern

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system exceeded a drinking water standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL, for a water disinfection byproduct (DBP)."

The letter recaps that "Chlorine or ozone are added to drinking water sources to disinfect drinking water. They can interact with natural material in the water to form DBP."

Since the detection of the contaminants, the department states that it took steps this summer to reduce the amount of water held in storage tanks to reduce stagnation. They will "also continue to look for potential causes and reduce the amount of disinfection byproduct precursors."

The letter notes that a "new pre-treatment filtration building is nearing its100% design completion and that it will improve our operations and water quality. We hope to put this project out to Bid soon."

The notice concludes with a request:

"Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses)."

ThemoFisher Scientific is one of several companies and government

agencies concerned with monitoring disinfection byproducts. They cite increased risk of cancer, problems with the liver, kidneys, and central nervous system.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) fact sheet on haloacetic acids in drinking water from last year states: "Pregnant women or those who may become pregnant may be more susceptible to effects from chemicals such as those referred to as HAA5. Children (including infants) are generally considered more sensitive to the effects of chemicals like those of HAA5 than others in the general population and typically also consume more water for their size than adults."

"The degree of risk for these effects will depend on the HAA5 level and the duration of exposure. Consumption of water with HAA5 levels somewhat above the MCL for limited durations, for example, while corrective actions are being taken to lower the levels, is not likely to significantly increase risks of adverse health effects for most people."

(www.mass.gov/doc/factsheet-haloacetic-acids-in-drinking-water-information-for-consumers/download) ♦

Food Resources for Georgetown Residents

GEORGETOWN - After a moment of silent reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, **Robert Hoover**, chair of the Georgetown SelectBoard read the phone numbers and locations of various food pantries in the area to assist residents with food short-

ages in times of SNAP uncertainties: Our Neighbors' Table in Amesbury 978-388-1907; Our Neighbors' Table in Salisbury 978-388-1907, First Parish Food Pantry in Newbury 978-358-1077, and Georgetown Council on Aging 978-352-5726. ♦

\$39/Month Increase for Retiree Premiums

GEORGETOWN - Health insurance premiums are going up for retired municipal employees. Currently retirees pay \$223/month for their Medex insurance. The new rate will be \$262.12 per month (Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare gap coverage), according to Town Administrator **Orlando Pacheco**.

Pacheco told the SelectBoard last week that retirees will be notified this month of the \$39 per month increase.

Everyone, inside and outside of government is being hit by insurance premium increases. To put it in perspective, Selectman **Doug Dawes**

shared that his wife's premiums are rising not \$39/month but closer to \$100/month. Selectman **Mike Donahue** asked about timing on ways to modify plan options for employees.

Pacheco acknowledged that "we're in a tough position" but he saw opportunities to begin discussions on alternative plans, options, co-pays, etc., moving forward with discussions next year.

SelectBoard Chair **Robert Hoover** cautioned that FY28 will bring even more volatile costs: "it's going to change again in ways that people can't even imagine." ♦

Joint Meeting with ConCom?

GEORGETOWN - SelectBoard upcoming discussions will continue to center around policies and pro-

cedures with a potential of a joint meeting before Christmas with the Conservation Commission. ♦

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"A well-oiled machine," First Parish Newbury Food Pantry called her team of volunteers who delivered food to 900 guests last week, 300 more than normal.

Newbury Police Partners with First Parish Newbury Food Pantry

NEWBURY – With the increasing cost of groceries, the upcoming holiday season, and the uncertain future of SNAP benefits, the Newbury Police Department is partnering with the First Parish Food Pantry of Newbury to make the police station an official 24-hour drop-off location.

The First Parish Newbury Food Pantry is the largest all-volunteer food pantry in the greater Newburyport area serving the communities of Newbury, Newburyport, Byfield, West Newbury, Salisbury, Rowley, Ipswich and Georgetown. The Pantry fills orders for over 800 people each week and stocks nine local school pantry programs.

About 35% of the Pantry's inventory is donated. Donations are accepted at the Pantry every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment.

Police Chief Patricia Fisher, who has partnered with the Pantry in the past by supporting donation drives and community outreach initiatives, recognized that with the risk of food insecurity increasing, a 24-hour donation site may encourage more residents to donate.

"Many people see Newbury and its villages as an affluent community, and it certainly has its aspects; however, emergency responders see firsthand that it's not everyone," said Chief Fisher. "We see the children, older adults, people with disabilities, low-income working families, veterans and domestic violence victims, struggling to remain living in this expensive area. We see people who are financially struggling move into rentals on Plum Island in the win-

ter months. First responders speak with people who share stories of not having the financial resources to relocate to somewhere more cost-effective, and that such moves would isolate them from their local support systems."

The Police Station, at 7 Morgan Ave., will have a donation box in the lobby for residents to make donations at any time. Suggested items for donation include local grocery store gift cards, toilet paper and paper towels, ground or instant coffee, incontinence and feminine hygiene products, sugar and flour, gluten free products, hearty ready-to-eat soups, canned pasta with meat, and bread, muffin and cake mixes.

An officer will deliver donations collected at the Police Department each Thursday, when volunteers are at the Pantry.

"With the approaching holiday season and the fear of restricted, suspended or eliminated SNAP benefits, it's more important now than ever to support our neighbors, no matter how slight," said Chief Fisher. "As the proverb says, 'Little by little, a little becomes a lot,' we're simply offering the community a vehicle to give a little, so the Food Pantry can give a lot."

The First Parish Newbury Food Pantry is a 100% volunteer organization that relies on the generosity of community. To volunteer, call 978-358-1077 or email info@newburyfoodpantry.org. Those interested in providing financial donations can mail donations to First Parish Newbury Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, MA, 01951, or donate online using PayPal or credit card here.

"With so many in the community preparing to lose SNAP benefits or



First Parish Newbury Food Pantry



NEWBURYPORT BIKE SHARING

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Rentals cost \$3 for each half hour. A \$5 coupon is available through the end of November with the code RIDE5OFF.

Funding for the three-year program came mostly from a federal grant encouraging alternatives to driving. Additional support was provided by the Coastal Trails Coalition, the Institution for Savings Charitable Foundation, the Mary Alice Arakelian Foundation and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

Local businesses can sponsor the bikeshare program and advertise on bikes or stations. Information on sponsorships is available at www.tandem-mobility.com/newburyport-sponsorship-offerings. ♦

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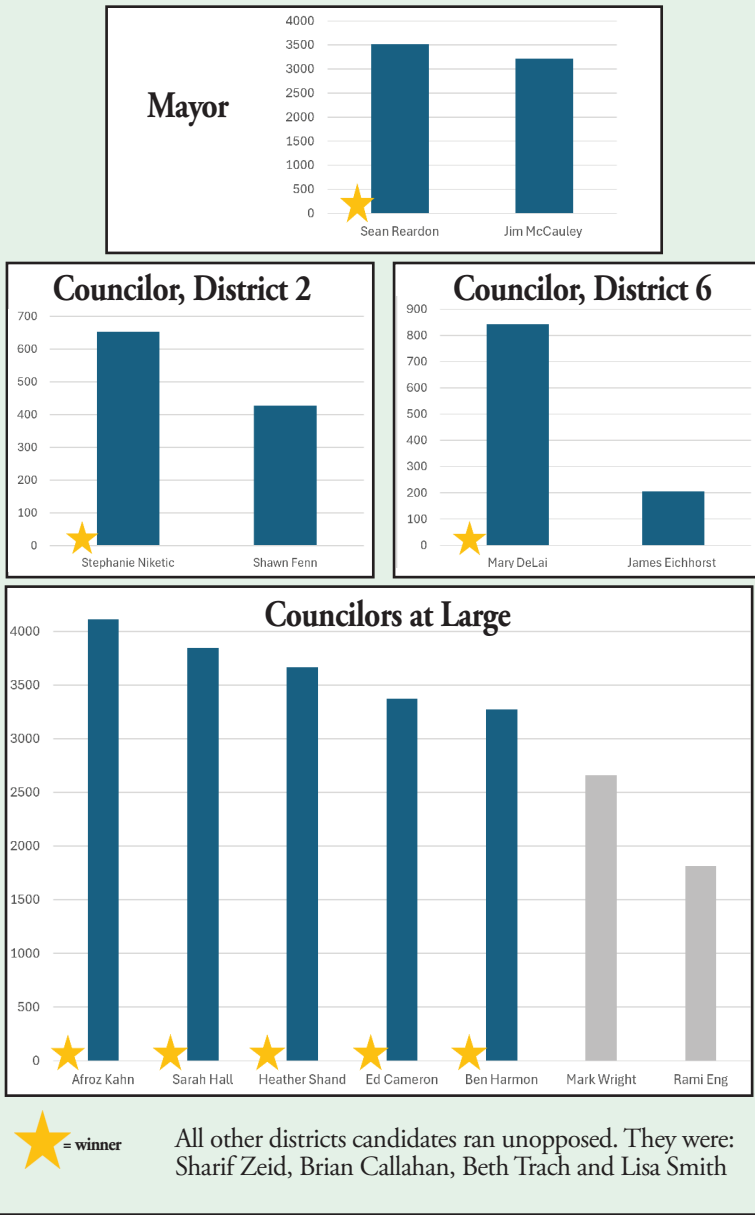
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NEWBURYPORT 2025 ELECTION RESULTS



Happy Veterans Day to All of Us!

by Kay Ogden
Georgetown

Please honor all our veterans and their families and help younger generations understand the contributions and sacrifices made by our parents and grandparents, and other family members, both in the past and present.

All of us are so fortunate to live with the freedoms we have in the USA! All of our serviceman and wome who have proudly protected us, and *are* protecting us, have allowed us the freedoms that we have today!

Anywhere I go, I make a point to thank service staff for their work and sacrifices. I do this because I am very proud to be an American, and I remember, when I was younger, my father had served in the Army, Navy, and the National Guard, and I grew up being very proud of him. I also believe that during the 1930s,

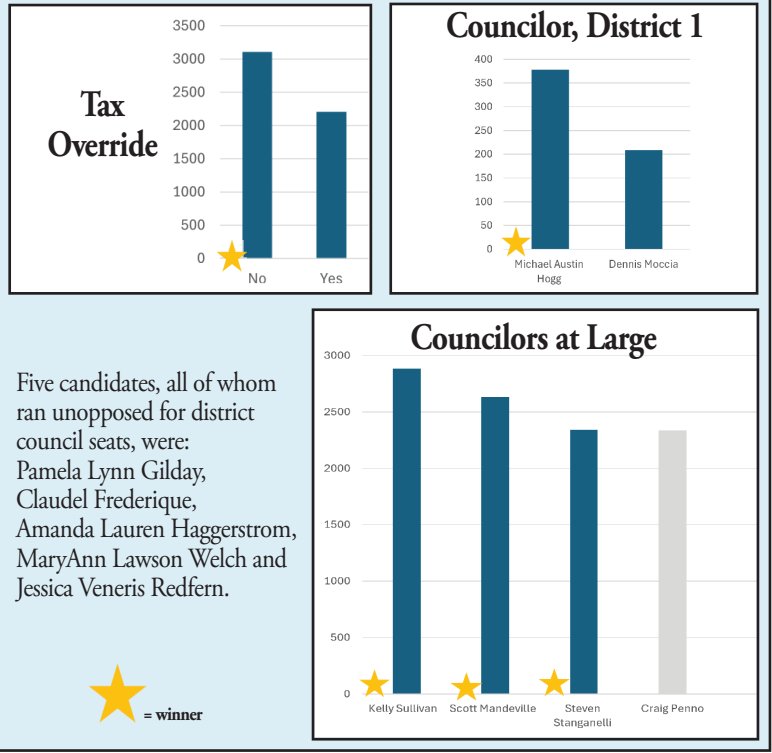
employment opportunities were scarce, and my father had the responsibility of supporting a wife and three daughters. He was a true patriot, an NRA member, expert marksman, and taught kids gun safety, proper handling, maintenance, and secure storage.

My husband Larry, Larry Ogden's uncle, Charles Albert Ogden, was killed serving in the North Korean War, at the Chosin reservoir in 1951, North Korea. He received two purple hearts, during his service with the Army. He had just taken his vows to his bride a week before!

I was shopping at Market Basket, and saw a gentleman with a Army cap on, and I approached him and thanked him for his service. He turned to me and stated, "you know, I don't hear that too often anymore, and I appreciate you are thanking me!" This gentleman's introduced himself as Dave Comeau, he is from Ipswich, and is the former commander of American Legion Post #225, of Topsfield, as well as district 8 commander, and is a Gulf War veteran!! I was glad that I approached him and thanked him, and he thanked me! Then we spoke for awhile, and found out, he is a friend of Doug Dawes, one of our selectmen (and current commander of Georgetown's American Legion Post #211. It's gentlemen like this, that volunteer their time to help others!

We should thank and acknowledge our servicemen and women for the freedoms they provide. Next time you see a service person, please thank them for what they have given us, and not to be taken for granted. ♦

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NEWBURY GOLF

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tournaments to track the shots of the game's best players, allows golfers of all ages and ability levels to play a variety of fun and skill-based games, compete against friends, watch the flight of their shot and receive instant data on an interactive monitor behind each mat.

So, when a golfer drives a ball from the mat in Newbury, he or she can see how far the shot flew, whether it is toward the Pacific Ocean at Pebble Beach, down the wide fairways of the Scottish birthplace of golf or dozens of some of the best and most famous courses in the world.

"It's the wave of the future," said Eric Sorensen, president of the Newbury Golf Center.

Top Tracer is a game changer, he said. Players hit the ball, then turn to watch the flight of the ball on the monitor three feet away.

The Toptracer technology follows each ball's flight path on the monitor, records its distance and other "cool" metrics, its web site states.

"Golfers don't like hitting into a screen," Sorensen said, referring to indoor simulators.

As proof of that, he said, the average length of time a golfer practices at the center has risen from 20 minutes to an hour since Toptracer was installed. At \$17 per bucket of balls, the technology has not only changed the experience for the golfers, it has brought a wide grin to the PGA professional's face.

A board member for Top Golf that developed the new technology, Sorensen first installed the Top Tracer technology on the 10 covered and heated bays. But the demand proved so strong in the first year, he added the technology to the 20 outside bays as well.

This winter, Newbury Golf Center will again offer a tournament for players beginning Dec. 1. The center has partnered with the top golf software company, Golf Genuis, to offer live scoring and live leaderboards all winter.

With well over 100 players competing last winter, Sorensen expects to have 200 players this year.

The league is open to all levels of players. "If you are a beginner and looking to partner with a friend or a serious player with a handicap, this 12-week league is for you, the Newbury Golf Center's website said.

There will be both a handicap division and a non-handicap division for the casual golfer looking to get more comfortable on the golf course. The non-handicap division will be two-person teams.

All the leagues are "floating leagues," which means a player has a seven-day window to play the round for the week. And if you can't make a week, it can be made up.

Playing 18 holes will normally take an hour.

All levels of players, the beginner/intermediate leagues are designed for someone with no handicap or a handicap higher than 30. The handicap leagues are designed for a player with a USGA handicap under 36.

The season costs \$100 per person, plus buying the range balls each week.

For more information, visit www.newburygolfcenter.com. ♦



Plant Matters

In conversation with The Monarch Gardener.

I had the pleasure of meeting with Katie Banks Hone (aka, The Monarch Gardener) at her shop and nursery at Nutter Farm at 180 Ipswich Rd, Topsfield. I was deeply saddened by the death of Jane Goodall and asked Katie if she had been inspired by Dr Goodall and I shared a quote by her "Small actions by individuals can make the world a better place," to begin our conversation. Katie then brought me into her shop and showed me a quote from Dr Goodall that she featured on her wall! I knew I had come to the right place. Both Jane Goodall and Katie are optimists.

Katie is an ecologist who worked as an educator at The New England Aquarium and completely converted her Ipswich property to a native garden hosting 90 native plant species on 1/3 acre. Soon after, she began growing milkweed (to feed Monarch butterflies) and selling plants at farmer's markets. I asked her why milkweed and Monarchs and she explained that Monarch butterflies are a gateway pollinator because they are charismatic and everyone loves butterflies. Today, Katie grows and sells an extraordinary collection of native plants that sustain pollinators.

Her website offers a lengthy list of native plants for sale including trees, shrubs, vines, annuals, grasses and over 100 perennials. In addition to plants, Katie sells books, signs, tee shirts, rabbit manure and seed balls. Her business has grown over the last 11 years and she works every day, seven months out of the year. She believes in acting locally and some of her merchandise is locally produced. She is committed to sustainability and organic plant production. She uses Coast of Maine Soil and collects and uses only rainwater and solar pumps. She donates a portion of all sales to Monarch and conservation groups. Although the Monarch population is below the viable level, the population did increase last year.

Katie shared some useful information and suggestions for better understanding native plants for pollinators. You do not need to only include plants from your town. Select from Ecoregion 59 which is a vast area. Dr Robert Gegear's recommended plant list provides plants for pollinators at risk from the Gegears

Lab at Umass-Dartmouth and the spreadsheet of plants on her website links to The Biota of North America (BONA) simply by clicking on the plant name. (BONA is a comprehensive plant database.)

Please explore her website for information and hours of operation:

<https://www.themonarchgardener.com>

The Jane Goodall quote that Katie features in her shop is:

"Know that people all over the world are working on their little bits, that's what will give you hope."

- Dr Jane Goodall, 1934 - 2025

I'd like to thank Katie for making time for me to visit her shop and nursery. Please support local growers and add some native plants to your home gardens. You may want to try using some of Katie's seed balls. Many of the seeds are collected locally and the seed balls can be tossed into a field or pressed into garden soil. An ideal time to do this is Autumn. ♦

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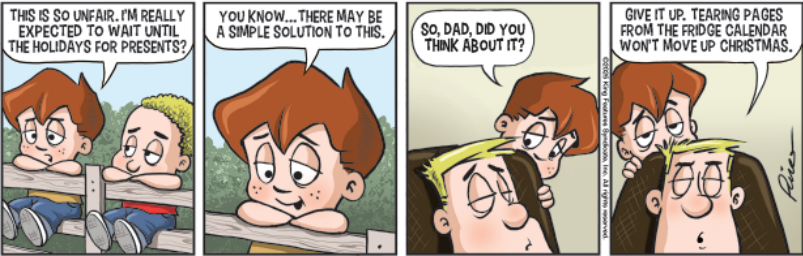
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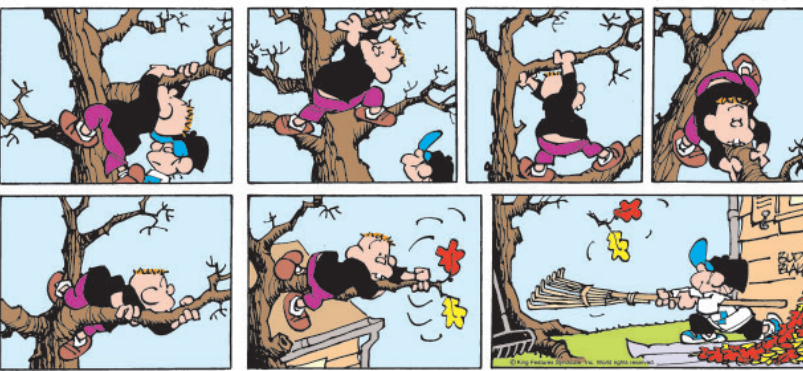
Amber Waves



The Spats



TIGER



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't feel sheepish about looking to spend more time with a special person during the upcoming holidays. Do it because it's the right thing to do.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Nevermind letting misunderstandings repair themselves. Consider speaking up while the healing process can be shorter and sweeter, and it will leave fewer scars.

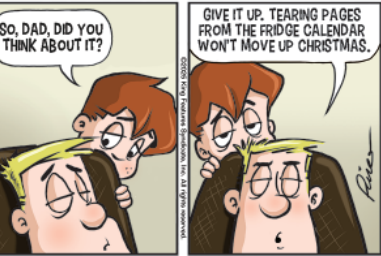
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Romance is easily awakened in the Geminian heart, especially around the happy holiday season. So, go ahead and make plans with a special someone!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Moon Children can glow with their own inner light as the holiday season magic takes hold. It's a very special time for Cancers and Libras together. Enjoy!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you fabulous Felines to take pleasure in your special gift for, well, taking pleasure! Look for this holiday season to give you every reason to purr.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to let others who are in your life get a little closer to you. You'll both find out what you've been missing for far too long.

by Dave T. Phipps



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ ♦ Challenging HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

RINGING-IN TUNE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Protestant denom.
 - 6 Command
 - 11 Duel weapon
 - 16 Blind — bat
 - 19 Fiji neighbor
 - 20 Acai, for one
 - 21 Peel remover
 - 22 Scanned ID on a pkg.
 - 23 "Is that something that ought to worry me?"
 - 25 Rembrandt or Rubens
 - 27 Arafat's gp.
 - 28 Thurman of the screen
 - 29 With it, once
 - 30 "I Got a Name" singer Jim
 - 31 Patient information document
 - 38 Be a thespian
 - 39 Discount vouchers
 - 40 ER "PDQ!"
 - 41 Wanna- (copycats)
 - 43 Coll. dorm overseers
 - 45 Spanish "a"
 - 46 Young miss
 - 48 "I'm stepping away for just a sec"
 - 52 Actress Bingham
 - 55 "... boy — girl?"
 - 58 Gut-punch response
 - 59 On the whole
 - 60 Embarrassed oneself while singing, in a way
 - 63 Rubs clean
 - 64 Spinning, archaically
 - 65 Peru's — Picchu
 - 66 Suffix with 29-Down
 - 67 Fifth-cen. pope
 - 68 What "etc." means
 - 72 City sections
 - 77 Oversee
 - 79 Android, e.g.
 - 80 Some steel girders
 - 81 Wise up
 - 85 Always the wrong way to go about it
 - 89 With 49-Down, miraculous biblical staff
 - 90 Singer Yoko
 - 91 Science advocate Bill
 - 92 Spa treats for feet, for short
 - 93 Felled
 - 96 Tip of a boot
 - 98 Org. for a periodontist
 - 100 Pigs' hangout
 - 101 Female pig
 - 102 Slithery fish
 - 105 Left on one's plate
 - 108 In what way
 - 110 More so
 - 114 Grads
 - 116 Lyricist Kahn
 - 117 Slugger
 - 118 Actor Stephen
 - 119 Psyching-out activities
 - 122 Time to sing the tune suggested by the starts of 10 long answers in this puzzle
 - 127 Co. name abbr.
 - 128 Lott of politics
 - 129 Highly skilled
 - 130 Sporty car roofs
 - 131 Stretch (out)
 - 132 Threescore
 - 133 Harbors
 - 134 Perception
 - 5 Peruvian city near Lima
 - 6 Honshu
 - 7 Mow again
 - 8 Serious plays
 - 9 Straying
 - 10 Bread type
 - 11 Do a satire of
 - 12 "Where's —?"
 - 13 Munic. law
 - 14 Sleep-stage acronym
 - 15 Storied vampire, for short
 - 16 Dictators
 - 17 Striking thing to behold
 - 18 Unit of area
 - 24 Carrying out the task
 - 26 Span. lady
 - 29 Falling star
 - 31 Prefix with puncture
 - 32 Bend out of shape
 - 33 Bicker
 - 34 Hush-hush govt. org.
 - 35 Hailed ride
 - 36 1993-2020 Supreme Court justice, for short
 - 37 Dr. Oz's first name
 - 42 Over the entire shop, as a sale
 - 44 "The — the limit!"
 - 47 Lindsay of "Get a Clue"
 - 49 See 89-Across
 - 50 Stipulations
 - 51 Youth org. with dens
 - 53 "Permit Me Voyage" author
 - 54 Food dyes
 - 56 Shipping dept. stamp
 - 57 "Horton Hears —!"
 - 60 Notes after mis
 - 61 Tax evasion agt.
 - 62 Very unusual
 - 66 Analogy part
 - 69 Tooted thing
 - 70 Online auction site
 - 71 Thesaurus compiler
 - 73 Place — (participate on 70-Down)
 - 74 Glow with joy
 - 75 German city
 - 76 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs
 - 78 Final result
 - 81 Chatters idly
 - 82 Alternative to AOL or NetZero
 - 83 Unit equal to about 31 grams
 - 84 Astros, on scoreboards
 - 85 Tacit "yes"
 - 86 Rocker Brian
 - 87 People taking oaths
 - 88 From 1968 on, for tennis
 - 94 A pair of
 - 95 Born, in Nice
 - 97 "Days of — Lives"
 - 99 Pantry pest
 - 103 Texas city of song
 - 104 One packing things away
 - 106 Puts forth
 - 107 One little bite
 - 109 Nuke, e.g.
 - 111 Intermediary
 - 112 Like hurricanes
 - 113 Cairo's land
 - 114 Lady friend, in Le Havre
 - 115 Mil. bigwigs
 - 120 Meyers of "Dark Horse"
 - 121 Tex- —
 - 122 Brief sleep
 - 123 Martians, e.g.
 - 124 History unit
 - 125 Corp. execs
 - 126 Suffix with Siam

DOWN

- 1 Twisty letter
- 2 Oom- — band
- 3 "I think," to a texter
- 4 Add juice to, as an engine

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the Request for an **Amended Order of Conditions** by applicant **Carla Rowe** for the
property located at **241 Georgetown Road, Map 16, Block 1, Lot 5 to amend Order
of Conditions #114-1395 previously issued for the installation of a sanitary septic
system upgrade to include the installation of a drinking water supply well and
associated supply line within 100-feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetland.**

The Zoom connection information will be posted on the Town of Boxford website
prior to the meeting. This is a joint hearing under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131,
Sec. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. For
more information, contact Ross Povenmire at rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us.

For the Commission,
Ross Povenmire, Conservation Director

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TOWN OF GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as
amended, and the Town of Georgetown Wetlands Protection Chapter 161 and its
Wetland Protection Regulations, a Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown
Conservation Commission on **Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM**, by
Zoom Link found on Town Website Calendar date of meeting, for a **Notice of Intent**
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feet of bordering vegetated wetlands and a vernal pool.**

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

11/12

GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is given that the Georgetown Planning Board shall hold a Public Hearing in
accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 11,
and the provisions of **Site Plan Review, as provided in §165-83V: Modifications to
approved site plans** of the Town of Georgetown Zoning Bylaws. The Public Hearing
will be for modification of an approved Site Plan and related special permits at 93
Tenney Street.

This public hearing shall be held remotely on **Wednesday, 19 NOVEMBER 2025
at 7:30 P.M.**, in accordance with the Executive Order waiving certain provisions of
M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 20 during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was extended to
JUNE 30, 2027 by action of the General Court and signed by Gov. Healey. Interested
persons are invited to participate in the above-cited hearing, via computer, tablet,
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Submitted by Kathleen Melanson
Central Congregational Church
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2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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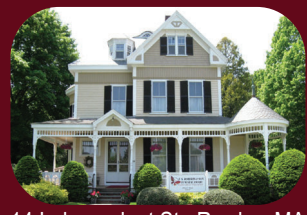
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