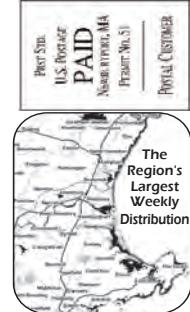


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Georgetown SelectBoard May Consider Yet Another Donahue Complaint

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – Selectboard member Michael Donahue has sent to each member of the board a package of 195 pages of emails and police reports that he wants the board to consider at an upcoming meeting in hopes it will vote to remove board member Rachel Therrien from the board she was elected to by the voters.

Most of Donahue's allegations, going back eight years, have been presented previously in complaints by him and

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The Road to American Independence Explored

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – Celebrate the 250th anniversary of American independence with the Custom House Maritime Museum.

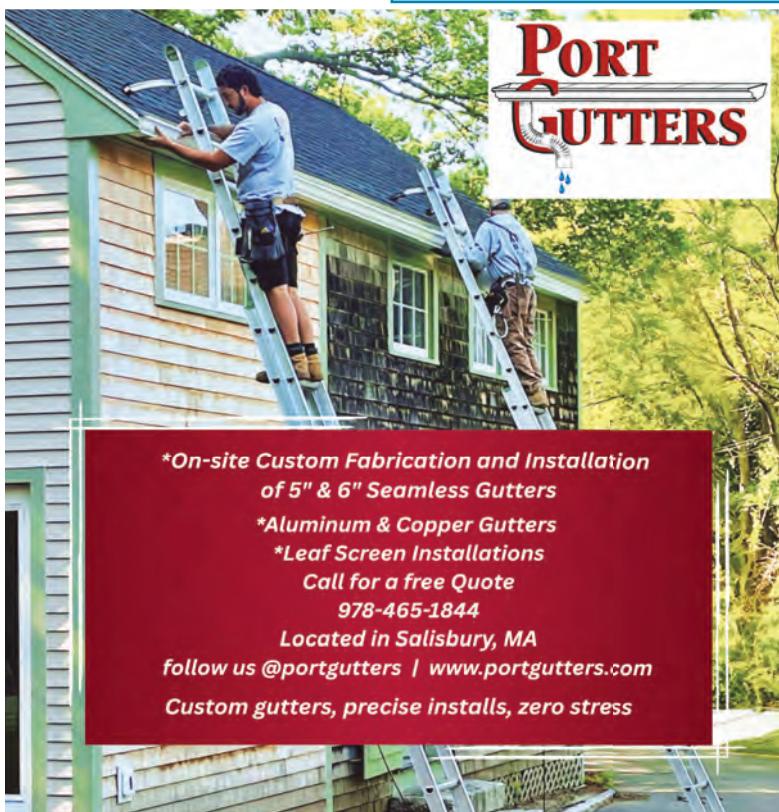
In partnership with the Museum of Old Newbury and supported by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, programs will delve into the terrible winter of early 1776 with historian Alexander Cain. Part 1 of Newburyport's Road to Independence series – The Long, Dark Winter of 1776 – was held last week at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Part 2 of the Newburyport's Road to Independence series will be a week later,

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From left, Delphin Gomes and Michael Nichols with their Valentine's Day creations. (Photo by Stewart Lytle)



M. Cacao Offers Culinary Chocolates

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – Michael Nichols, owner of M. Cacao, the new chocolate shop on Market Square, said he is often told by customers that they cannot bring themselves to eat the chocolates he sells, particularly the art bars.

"They're too pretty," they say. "But they are meant to be eaten," responds Nichols, a mechanical engineer, who

opened the shop here, fulfilling a dream that started in a cinderblock building on the edge of a Peruvian jungle.

The art bars, paintings by Andover artist Michele Bourgeau, are re-created on a cocoa butter pallet "to the delight of both chocolate and visual arts connoisseurs." The art is on one side, framed in the top of the box like a painting. But turn it over to find pieces of fruits and nuts embedded in

dark chocolate.

The collection of art bars include five different paintings and flavor combinations. The Three Graces features "ethereal women joyfully" crashing symbols that are slices of orange, lemon and lime and leading viewers to celebrate.

The collection of M. Cacao's art bars includes one, called Brownie Buddies, made of dark chocolate and pecan brownie pieces. Rounding out the collection (until Nichols and his partner create new ones) are Spice of

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have been reviewed by state agencies and town counsel KP Law, which concluded they are simply his opinions.

No action has ever been taken by state agencies against Therrien.

Many of the allegations do not even involve Therrien, but resurrect discredited claims that the former Conservation Commission (ConCom) Agent

was involved in so-called payroll fraud, which stem from accusations by a disgruntled former employee.

Again, it was concluded that the conservation agent, who resigned three years ago, was a salaried employee and

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month after resident Kevin Wood, a frequent critic of the ConCom, complained that Therrien, who also chairs the ConCom, had not told the truth about a vote the commission held.

Several of Donahue's allegations involve the Stirm Group, a Newburyport private detective firm, which a previous SelectBoard hired to investigate the ConCom. The firm's report became controversial because of the investigators' tactics, and the board issued an official statement that said "it finds (the report) inadequate and does not endorse it."

The town, however, paid the \$10,000 fee the Stirm Group charged.

SelectBoard member Laura Repplier called it a "misuse of funds." SelectBoard chair Robert Hoover said, "nothing important has come out of this report."

Donahue said he planned to refer the report and his comments to the Essex County District Attorney (DA), claiming Therrien had committed a crime by filing a "false police report." No other SelectBoard member agreed to join Donahue in filing with the DA, and no action was taken by the DA.

According to a timeline prepared by Donahue to support his current complaint against Therrien, he cited a police report filed by Therrien, stating that "Donahue was part of the 'hateful eight,' and that she cannot be compelled to give into a few bullies, harassers, blackmailers and individuals who think they are above the law."

Donahue submitted his 195-page complaint to the SelectBoard last

Therrien corrected her misstatement at the next SelectBoard meeting.

Hoover last Thursday proposed that a special meeting be set for this past Monday, but was unable to schedule the last-minute meeting as Therrien would not be available for the entire planned meeting. At Therrien's request, the meeting will be held in public, not in a closed executive session, and she has asked that she be allowed to respond to any accusations, and allow others who had first-hand knowledge of events to testify.

Therrien stated she will not be bullied into submission by Donahue and his allies who have made it their personal crusade to attack her and the Conservation Commission repeatedly.

"Why do all the real estate people and bankers keep trying to chase anyone off boards who wishes to defend our wetlands and apply the law equally to all applicants?" Therrien asked.

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M. Cacao Culinary Chocolates

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Life, which is made of dark chocolate, pistachios, salt and pepper caramelized almonds; Let's Dance, made of milk chocolate, candied sweet peppers, sage and mezcal; and Cool Fantasy, which has raspberries and crystalized mints with the dark chocolate.

These edible works of art plus dozens of adorned chocolates are the creations of Nichols and his partner, French Chef Delphin Gomes. They met when Nichols, returning from Peru, signed up for classes at a cooking school in Cambridge run by Gomes.

Nichols, who had built a robotics company, said he knew meeting Gomes, who started his career at 14 as a French pastry chef was fate and invited him to form a partnership in the chocolate business.

"It's been a good partnership," Gomes said. "Together, we have much to offer the chocolate world."

The two said they enjoy most the research and development process that goes into their culinary creations. They work in a two-room kitchen at 6 Chestnut St. in Amesbury with a lone chef's assistant Debra Damren, who is described on their web page as the "Kitchen Disaster Analyst."

Gomes is described as "the head of chocolate innovation and development," while Nichols is "the founder and chocolatier, expedition leader and chief optimist."

The retail shop, which faces the Firehouse Center for the Performing Arts on Merrimac Street, is where you will find Laura Nichols.

The shop at 37 Market Square was not their first choice. Before Covid hit in 2020, they had their eye on space on Pleasant Street, where NuKitchen is today. That would have placed M. Cacao, directly across the street from Candy Man, a more traditional chocolate shop.

Gomes stressed that the chocolate creations M. Cacao produces are not just delicious treats or desserts, but food. The kitchen, he said, is not a candy kitchen, but a culinary kitchen.

Their goal is to educate customers about the difference. When he first came to the U.S., "People didn't understand," said Gomes, who taught culinary classes in Marblehead, Brookline and for 30 years in Cambridge.

His and now Nichols' goal, he said, is to educate chocolate lovers that there is much more to chocolate than sugar.

Gomes, who refused to compromise and never "Americanized" his products, said, "We came up with a lot of cool things."

They blend chocolate, wine and other alcohols, fruit, fish, cheese, salts and spices.

Nichols, who grew tired of running a robotics company, said he never wants to do the same thing over and over.

He and Chef traveled the world sampling foods and learning from other cultures. They are experts at salts from countries as diverse as Iceland and Peru and have a collection of eight salts in their chocolates. There is black Onyx Pyramid sea salt from Cyprus that combines dark milk chocolate ganache and speculoos cookies, a crunchy, caramelized Belgian spiced shortcrust biscuits.

The Tibet incorporates salt mined from the Salt Range mountains in the Himalayas, blended with Yunnan black tea, Tibetan honey and milk chocolate. There are other creations blending locally sourced salts and ingredients from Bali, Portugal, South Africa and Iran.

And each candy is topped by hand and a tweezer with a wildflower from the country, including sunflowers, poppies, hibiscus and an Amazon lily. "Figuring out the right wildflower for each took us two years," Nichols said.

Some candies are blended with artisanal cheeses. Gomes, who grew up in Burgundy, France, "has been thinking about cheese since he was a teenager. He has cheese running through his veins," Nichols said.

The culinary creativity is not the only area the duo spend their efforts. The packaging is also innovative. In addition to building boxes that have tops made to look like a museum painting, they have boxes with tops that are video screens, where personalized, custom videos can play when opened.

These are perfect gift at weddings, birthdays and anniversaries. Open the top and watch a video that is easy to download from one's phone, Nichols, the engineer, said.

For more on these amazing culinary creations, including tasty hot chocolate, visit the shop on Market Square or their email at mcacao.com.

Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack February Meeting

Wednesday, February 11

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Featured Property Listing

Historic Baker-Tozer House on the Market



By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

IPSWICH – Few homes in this town that has many First Period homes are more imbued with New England history than the Baker-Tozer House at 16 Elm Street.

Built in 1835, this four-bedroom, 2,750-square-foot home within walking distance of downtown and the Ipswich River can trace its history to the Salem Witch Trials and the Civil War. And its sister house, which stood across Elm Street where the Police Department parking lot is, was disassembled and is now an exhibit in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C.

Listed by Sonia Johnson with eXpRealty for \$799,000, the house could be a

single-family or two-family home. She describes the floor plan as "challenging." But someone who wants to live in Ipswich in a historic home may accept the challenge, particularly the second floor presents, and turn it into a spectacular home.

Johnson has conducted many tours for builders in the 140-plus days it has been on the market, and young professionals have loved the house and its potential. But no one has made an offer because of concerns that the house may require too much investment, Johnson said.

But she believes this house with an investment of \$400,000 to relocate some rooms could become a \$1.3 million home.

The owners have maintained the house well. The roof was replaced in 2010. New windows were added in 2013. All electrical wiring has been updated, and the house is lead compliant. To make the house a duplex, it needs a second exit. The barn/garage was structurally reinforced and a new roof added in 2010.



16 Elm Street (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

ing a new police station, which will mean the current station will likely be converted another use. And a dam on the Ipswich River is slated for removal, which will open the river all the way to the ocean.

The home, which is not in the National Register of Historic Places, but is included in the Ipswich Architectural Preservation District, has a colorful history.

John Proctor, an early settler in Ipswich, received a land grant along what is now Elm Street. His son, John

Proctor, and his wife Elizabeth moved to Salem in 1666, where they were both charged and imprisoned in the Salem Witch Trials. Because the wife was pregnant, her sentence was never executed. But her husband was hanged with Boston minister Cotton Mather watching as he congratulated the crowd.

Samuel S. Baker, a real estate investor, bought the lot at 16 Elm Street and built a house in 1835. When he became an "insolvent debtor," the house was sold to shoemaker William S. Tozer (1804-1860) and his wife Adeline Mears in 1841.

Their son, John M. Tozer, who died of pneumonia in Virginia, while serving in the Civil War, has his name inscribed on the Civil War Monument at Meetinghouse Green. The other son, Joshua, shares a tombstone with John at the Old Burying Ground and is assumed to have also died in the Civil War.

William H. Tozer was one of more than 300 Ipswich volunteers in the Civil War, and at the end of the 19th Century, he owned the Daniel Lummus House on High Street. The family name remains prominent in Ipswich today.

For more information on 16 Elm, contact Johnson at Sonia.Johnson@eXpRealty.com or call/text at 978-835-7154.



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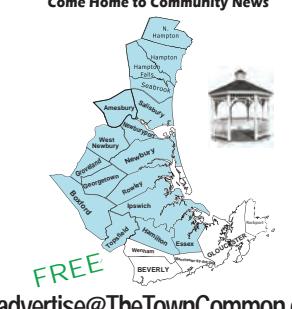
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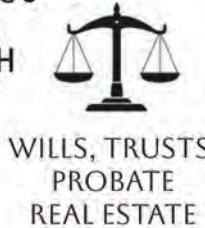
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Hayley Reardon Performing at Newburyport's Firehouse Center for the Arts

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A native of coastal Massachusetts, folk-pop singer and songwriter Hayley Reardon has played many memorable shows for audiences in Newburyport and nearby communities. But her most unexpected performance took place last March about 11 miles down the road in Ipswich, at a pop-up pub called "The Old Phone." Reardon was just finishing her set when in walked international superstar Ed Sheeran, visiting to greet his fans and film a video for his new song "Old Phone." After playing for the excited crowd, Sheeran surprised Reardon by inviting her back on stage to perform one more song while he listened from a few feet away.

Beyond that special performance, Reardon returns to Newburyport after a year in which she toured extensively in Germany and surrounding countries in addition to playing a slate of U.S. con-

certs. She also recorded new music at a studio near Barcelona, Spain, releasing her latest EP "What The Medicine's For" and three singles: "In My Country," "Walking Me Home," and "Meet You There."

A storyteller in the truest sense of the word, Reardon's songs serve as postcards from an artist brave enough to take the road less traveled. She dove head first into music at the young age of 15, and has dedicated much of her life to writing, recording, and performing music around the world. With more than 90 original songs released to date, Reardon's music has been featured on multiple Spotify and Apple Music editorial playlists, totaling more than 8 million streams on Apple Music alone.

For her Feb. 7th show at Newburyport's Firehouse Center for the Arts, Reardon will be accompanied by guitarist Andy Stack and special guest saxophone player & singer Aina Lopez.

Reardon's music has been described as "brilliantly moving folk/pop with a lyrical depth and soul" (Performer Mag-



azine) and "a melancholy little masterpiece" (American Songwriter). No Depression writes "Reardon is truly a treasure." In 2023, Reardon was nominated as Vocalist of the Year by the Boston Music Awards. Learn more at HayleyReardon.com.

Joaquim De Almeida III

Joaquim De Almeida III, affectionately known as "Jackie D" to his friends and family, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2026, at home in Rowley, Massachusetts.

Born on March 17, 1955, in Salem, Massachusetts, Jackie was a beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend who left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who knew him.

Jackie's early years were spent on the family farm on Boxford Road, where he developed a profound appreciation for the outdoors and the value of hard work, a trait that would characterize his entire life.

Jackie attended Pine Grove Elementary in Rowley followed by Triton Regional High in Byfield, where he formed lasting friendships and laid the groundwork for his future endeavors.

His career as a truck driver was cut short by an accident in 2003, but until then, he had been a dedicated employee of New England Solid Waste in Rowley. Jackie's work ethic and camaraderie with his colleagues were highly regarded, and his absence from the profession was felt by many.

His deep connection to his roots was evident in his love for the family farm, where he grew up with his beloved parents, sisters, cousins, and family. He was always ready to lend a helping hand, and his generosity of for those around him.

Jackie leaves behind a loving family, including his daughters, Courtney De Almeida of Rowley, Jamie De Almeida of Georgetown, and Michelle and her husband Marcus Hosman of Haverhill; as well as his son-in-law Ray Spence of Georgetown. His sisters, Delores Felch of Sebastian, FL, Tina Cole of Freedom, NH; and (brother) Robert Pompey of ME, will hold his memory dear. Jackie was the cherished "PUP" of Jaycob, Jaiden, Lilah, Shane, and Ben, and he took great joy in his role as a great-grandfather to Armani. He leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins. His family was the cornerstone of his life, and he reveled in their accomplishments and milestones.

Jackie was predeceased by his youngest daughter Alyson Spence, granddaughter Jessica Brown, and his beloved parents Doris (McSwiggin) and Joaquim "Jack" De Almeida Jr. Their legacy of love and resilience lives on through Jackie and the family they nurtured together.

An outdoorsman at heart, Jackie loved hunting, fishing, and driving race cars. He cherished the time spent walking through the woods and the thrill of competition on the racetrack. Family cookouts, garage hangouts with his racing team, and weekly trips to Star Speedway with his grandchildren were among his favorite pastimes. Even after his accident, Jackie maintained his zest for life, embarking on a memorable trip to North Carolina to visit family and then to Florida, where he and his sisters eagerly explored the wild in search of alligators. A diehard New England sports fan, Jackie remained loyal to his teams through thick and thin, embodying the spirit of perseverance and dedication. His recent adventures, shared laughs, and unwavering support for his loved ones will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Jackie's life was a testament to the power of family, faith, and friendship. He will be profoundly missed by all who knew and loved him. As we bid farewell to Jackie D. we celebrate the remarkable man he was and the enduring impact he made on the world. Jackie would want each of us to know that we meant the world to him, and it was this bond that kept him going through the years. His spirit will continue to inspire us, and his memory will be treasured forever.

Relatives and friends are invited to calling hours on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home, 14 Independent Street, Rowley, MA, with a Funeral Service to commence at 7:00 p.m., Rev. Mark E. Ballard, officiating.

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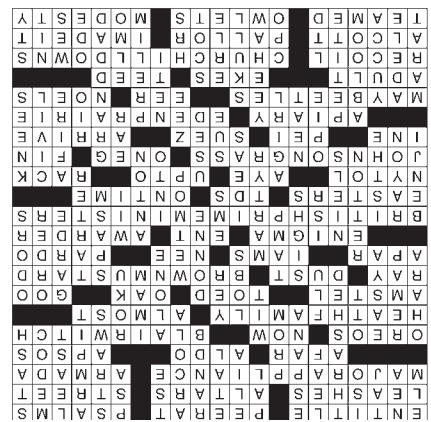
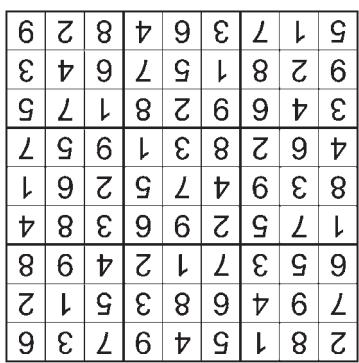
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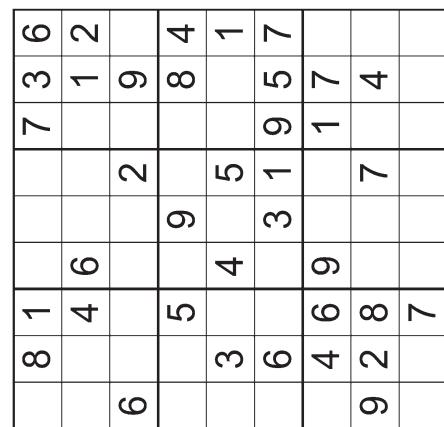


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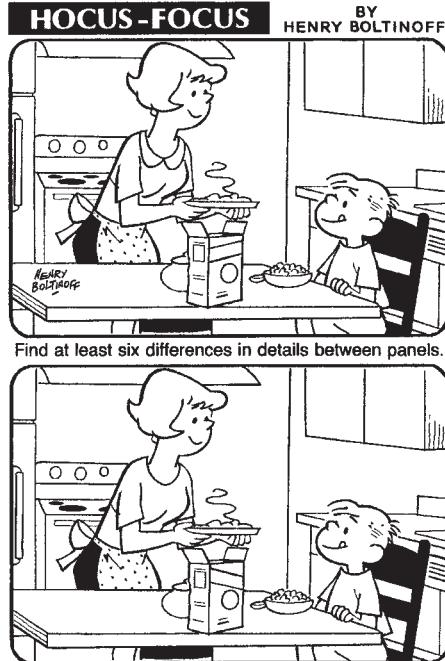


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆



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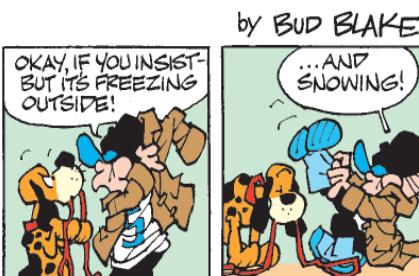


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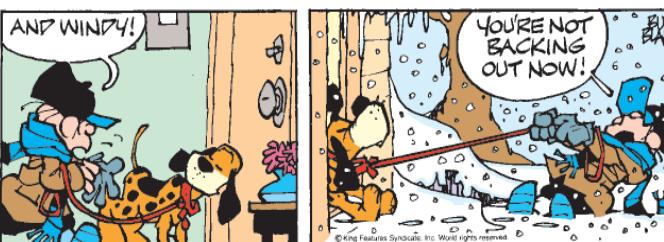
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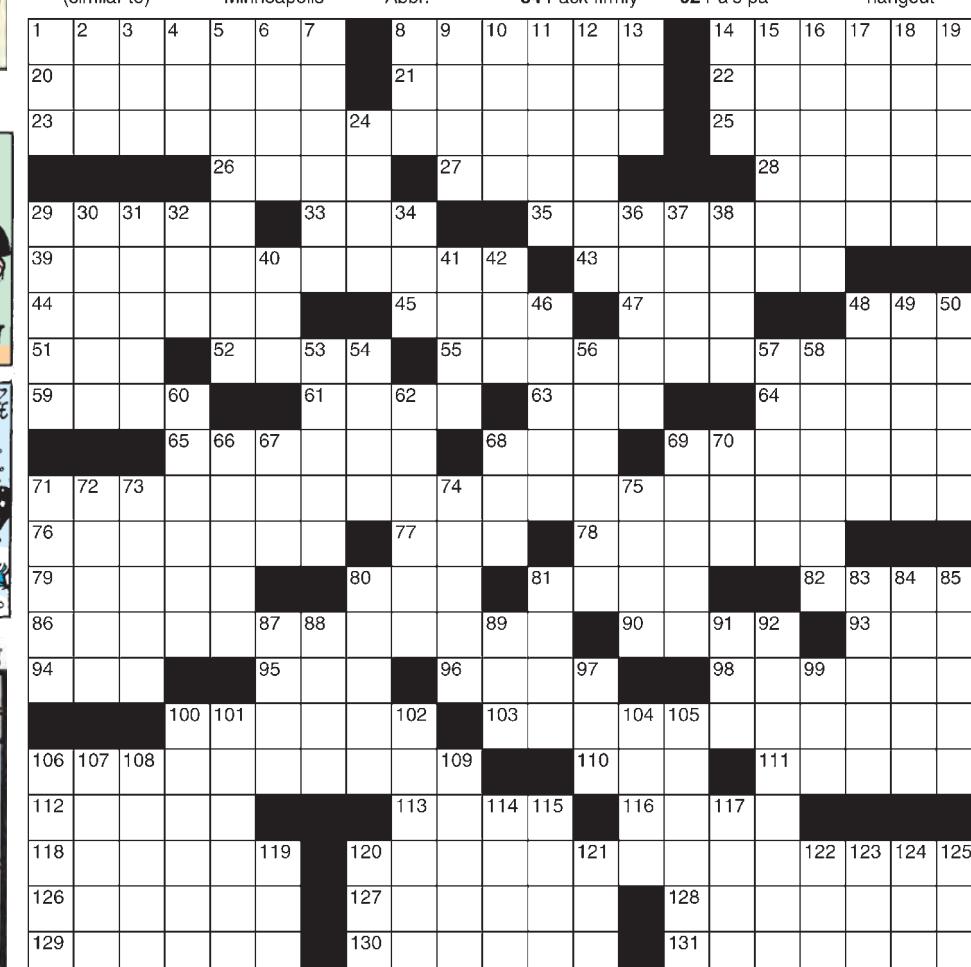


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The Spats



YES, WHEN IT RAINS IT PURRS!!



Super Crossword

U.K. PLAY

ACROSS
 1 Give a right to
 8 Eye narrowly
 14 Choir songs
 20 Dog collar attachments
 21 Ends of bridal paths
 22 See 1-Down
 23 Refrigerator, stove or dryer
 25 Warship fleet
 26 Over yonder
 27 Designer Gucci
 28 Lhasa — (little dogs)
 29 Mega Stuf cookies
 33 This second
 35 Legendary figure in a 1999 horror film
 39 Azaleas are members of it
 43 Not quite
 44 Dutch beer
 45 — the line (obeyed)
 47 Sturdy tree
 48 Slimy gunk
 51 Shaft of light
 52 Common allergy trigger
 55 Condiment spicier than its yellow cousin
 59 On — with (similar to)

61 Big name in dog food
 63 Born
 64 TV announcer Don
 65 Riddle
 68 Strep-treating doc
 69 Person giving out prizes
 71 Eight of their last names are featured in this puzzle
 76 Egg-hiding holidays
 77 Gridiron stats
 78 Punctual
 79 Sominex or Unisom rival
 80 Passing vote
 81 As many as
 82 Big lamb cut
 86 Common weed of North America
 90 Universal donor blood type, in brief
 93 Shark feature
 94 Ending for alp or salt
 95 Architect I.M. —
 96 Red Sea canal
 98 Get there
 100 Hive house
 103 Suburb of Minneapolis

106 June bugs, by another name
 110 Poetic "always"
 111 Yule songs
 112 Post-teen
 113 Squeaks (out)
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 13 Mao — tung
 14 Free TV ad, for short
 15 Drink inserts
 16 Target of antiperspirant
 17 Minimal
 18 Bordeaux wine
 19 Secret store
 24 Grads' event
 29 Fictional Scarlett
 30 Plan a new route for
 31 Cushy class
 32 Met the Giant
 34 Jokester
 36 Solo
 37 Mosque officiant
 38 Streaming set-top box
 40 Viral misery
 41 Soft throws
 42 — out! (ump's call)
 46 "Death Be Not Proud" poet
 48 Avant-
 49 Mandate
 50 Smells
 53 Exhalations wistfully
 54 Pack firmly

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You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held via Zoom videoconference on Thursday February 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or such other time when posted for the Notice of Intent by applicant Todd Yovino for the property located at 47 Andrews Farm Road, Assessor's Map 38-3-35 to repair and exiting septic system 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 rpoenmire@town.boxford.ma.us.

For the Commission,
Ross Povenmire, Conservation Director

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BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held via Zoom videoconference on Thursday February 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or such other time when posted for the Amendment to the Order of Conditions #114-1397 by applicant **Boxford Friendship Association** for the property located at: 50 Four Mile Village, Map 19-2-18 to permit the extension of a gravel road to access standing pipes for the Boxford Fire Department.

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 rpoenmire@town.boxford.ma.us.

For the Commission,
Ross Povenmire, Conservation Director

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**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 Zoning Bylaw §165 Use Regulations Schedule and §353-8 Revision of fee schedules and regulations and Bylaw Chapter 49 Earth Removal and Importation to add an enforcement section as well as update Georgetown Erosion & Stormwater Control Regulations Design Criteria. The purpose of the hearing is to consider public comments regarding Warrant Articles proposed by the Georgetown Planning Board.

The Public Hearing will be on **Wednesday, 25 FEBRUARY 2026 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 changes 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-4757

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the 26 MARCH 2025 Planning Board meeting agenda, 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/87086454611> Meeting ID: 87086 454611
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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 application, 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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Notice is hereby given by Trombly Bros., Inc. of 141-153 Sutton Street North Andover, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **February 25, 2026 beginning at 10:00 am** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being stored at Trombly Bros., Inc.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You need to be certain that all the right conditions are in place before you take the first step. It can't hurt to listen to good advice from those who have your best interests at heart.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to get involved in other people's disputes unless you know the facts behind the disagreements. This is the best way to be assured of making wise and honest decisions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You still need to be careful about how you're going to spend the energy reserves that you finally got around to restoring. Best advice: Avoid overdoing it; let things take their course.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect continues to favor travel — alone or with a special person. So, if you've been putting off making some getaway plans, it's still a good time to get started on them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some so-called golden opportunities that continue to dazzle the Lion still need to be carefully checked out. Be suspicious about anything that looks like the "perfect" prospect.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Changes at the workplace could make it more

difficult to do things the way that you prefer. But the wise Virgo who shows some flexibility could find it paying off in a big way.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might want to check out the explanation you were given for a sudden shift in your duties. There's a possibility you haven't been told all the facts that you deserve to know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Having confidence in your abilities is important, especially when you could be facing a new challenge, whether it's in the workplace or in a personal relationship. Good luck!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new work-related opportunity might not be all that it appears to be. Before making any decisions, you might want to check with

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) others who have had some experience in this area.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A situation involving someone close could benefit from your timely intervention. Avoid being judgmental. There will be plenty of time later for the "little talks" you like to have.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Try to balance your work-related responsibilities with the time that you're spending on your recently revived social life. In addition, an old friend might be planning to return after a long absence.

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