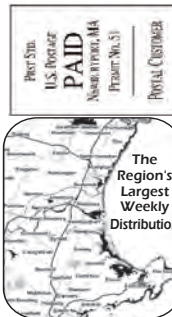


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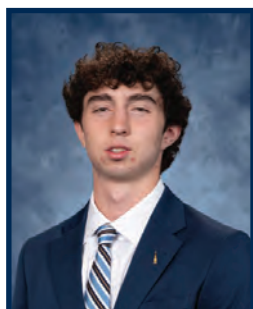
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ST. JOHN'S PREP GRADUATES

DANVERS – St. John's Preparatory School held its 116th Commencement exercises on Saturday afternoon as Head of School Edward P. Hardiman, Ph.D. P'19 '21 '26 conferred diplomas upon 279 seniors during an outdoor ceremony held on the school's campus. The ceremony was characterized by themes of building upon our commonalities, investing in personal character growth and carrying others in times of need.

The valedictory address delivered by Ryan Yu of Boxford. Religious Studies teacher Steve Ruemenapp of Medford gave the commencement address. The Salutatorian Medal went jointly to twins Nick and Chris Sorrenti of Wakefield. Christopher Angelakis of Salem received the Xaverian Award, the highest honor the School can bestow upon a graduating senior and presented to the class member who best epitomizes the values and tradition of Xaverian education.

In his remarks to graduates, Dr. Hardiman, a Danvers resident, advised grad-



Noah Witte

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Kim Therrien smiles and greets waves of customers at Peace Love Thrift in downtown Georgetown

Peace Love Thrift Going Strong at Fifth Anniversary

by Joe Kelly

GEORGETOWN – Peace Love Thrift opened on May 1, 2021, at 22 E. Main Street in Georgetown, inside a building that still holds the vault from an older bank that, according to local legend, burned down sometime in the 1880s. The vault survived, and the town rebuilt around it. Today, you can walk right inside it, though

instead of bars of gold, it holds racks of clothing and small treasures that used to belong to someone else and now can belong to you.

The vault is such a clean physical embodiment of Peace Love Thrift's whole deal (reuse, re-circulation, value that isn't "market value") that it feels too good to be true. But that's exactly why Kim Therrien, a retired nurse

who has lived in Georgetown for more than 35 years, opened the shop in the first place: to give things, and people, another chance to be useful.

Most items are priced at five dollars or less. This is not a practical strategy in the business sense. Seasoned resellers regularly stop in and leave with pieces they will later mark

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Newburyport Custom House Lands Rare Patriotic Textile

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – It was a tense morning at the Custom House Maritime Museum, the adrenalin and hot caffeine flowed as executive director James Russell, his team and a very special donor competed in the Eldred Auction for a rare patriotic textile of the Declaration of Independence.

On Cape Cod, Eldred's, New England's oldest continually operat-

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The Declaration of Independence Patriotic Textile



Newburyport's Julia Davis

*** Valedictorian * Bishop Fenwick**

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Julia has distinguished herself academically by pursuing one of the

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SelectBoard Asks Town Administrator About Outside Work

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – The SelectBoard met last week for more than 90 minutes in executive session with Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco regarding accusations that he has violated his contract by doing work on behalf of the town of Shirley and possibly other employers.

According to sources with knowl-

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edge of the discussion in the executive meeting, Pacheco told the SelectBoard that he had taken vacation days when he sent the more than 50 emails to town of Shirley and other officials.

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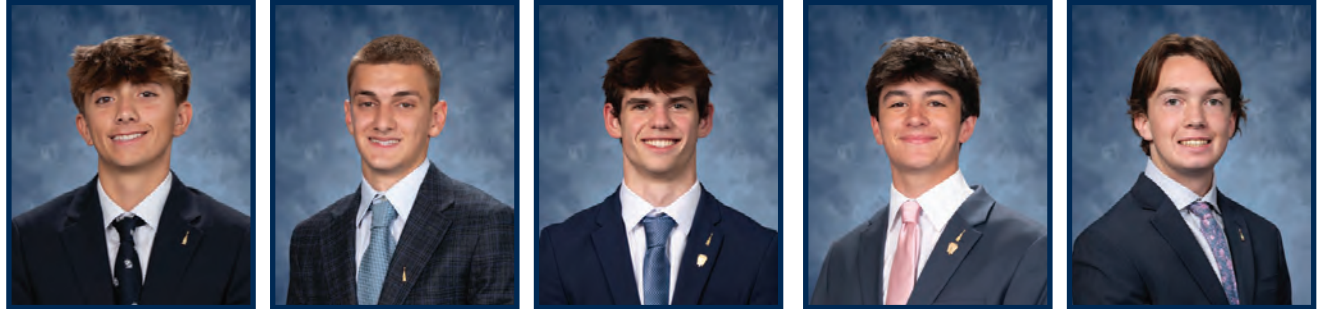
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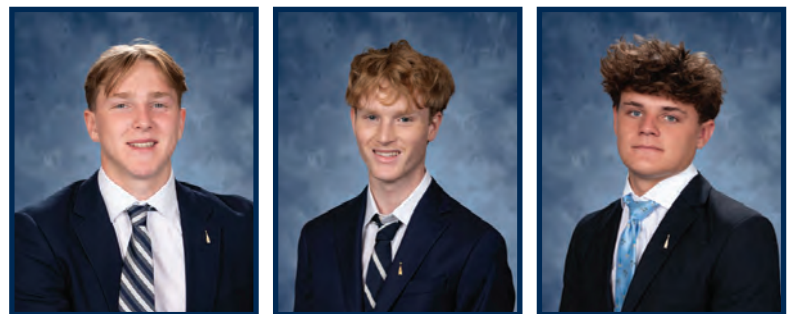


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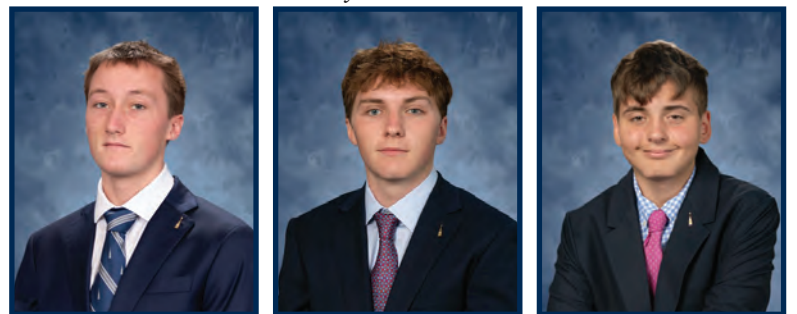
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In his valedictory address, Boxford’s Yu leveraged the nation’s forthcoming 250th birthday to juxtapose the challenging and world-shaping call the Founders answered with his own generation’s moral imperative. “It’s easy to see [the word’s] problems as reasons for despair. Solutions will depend, just as they did [back] then, on our capacity for tireless effort and the courage to lead with empathy. I think our community supports each other through hardship because we built off of our commonalities, just as the Founders found common cause to manage their differences. ♦

NEWBURYPORT'S JULIA DAVIS BISHOP FENWICK'S VALEDICTORIAN

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school’s most rigorous academic programs, including thirteen AP courses. A Presidential Scholarship recipient and AP Scholar with Distinction, Julia has earned numerous departmental awards across the sciences, humanities, theology, and world languages, reflecting both the breadth and depth of her academic excellence.

Beyond the classroom, Julia has been a leader in athletics, service, and student life. A multi-year captain and Catholic Central League All-Star in cross country and track and field, she has also founded and led initiatives including Fenwick’s American Red Cross Club and a youth cross country program for local middle school students. Her commitment to serving others is evident through her long-time work supporting students in Haiti, as well as her involvement with Best Buddies, homeless ministry, and Girls on the Run. Through her intellect, humility, leadership, and dedication to others, Julia embodies the very best of the Fenwick community.

About Valedictorian:

At Bishop Fenwick High School, the title of Valedictorian is awarded to the senior who has achieved the highest weighted grade point average in the graduating class while exemplifying the school’s commitment to scholarship, leadership, faith, and service. The honor recognizes not only extraordinary academic achievement, but also a student’s dedication to the broader Fenwick community through involvement in athletics, extracurricular activities, leadership, and service to others. As the top academic honor awarded by the school, the Valedictorian represents the pursuit of excellence and the values of a Fenwick “Education for Life.”

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up 10-15 times. Kim does not mind. She prices her items with the belief that useful things should stay within reach of people who need them. The shop's hours reflect the habits of a person doing this for love as well: it's only open Thursday and Friday from 12-6, Saturday 11-6, and Sunday 12-5, so Kim can have time to enjoy retirement and spend time with her family.

Over time, Peace Love Thrift has become more than a place to shop. Customers linger, catching up on town news, sharing stories, and checking in on one another. Kim and her employee-number-one Tony have filled the store with tiny notes and jokes that visitors can spend hours discovering, and on Instagram (@peace-



The Vault



The Treasures



Tony Toledo



More than Clothes

lovethriftstore), Kim's "Thrifty Minute" videos offer quick, often hilarious glimpses into the day-to-day life of

the shop. Donations come in steadily because people trust PLT to be fair and thoughtful with what they give. What the shop cannot keep, it donates. Kim supports Camp Denison in Georgetown, a recreation center set on 45

acres along Baldpate Pond conservation land. She also donates to schools, nursing homes, and the library. And twice a year, she contributes to donation efforts coordinated by her friend Amos, sending items to his home

community in Kenya's Maasai Mara region, near Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Kim thanks her customers, her family, and the friends who have supported her along the way. ♦

GEORGETOWN QUESTIONS/CHANGES

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Pacheco's employment contract with Georgetown requires that he devote his full time to the "effort and attention to the business of the Town of Georgetown (and) will not engage in any other business during office hours, except with the express written approval of the (Select)Board."

The language of the contract does not specify what the town administrator may do on vacation time. Most of the emails sent to other town officials were during office hours. Pacheco routinely announces to the SelectBoard when he is taking vacation time.

In Georgetown and other communities, the town administrator may work for other employers only after a vote of the SelectBoard granting permission. Pacheco had been given permission in the past to work for the city of Haverhill, but only on Fridays when Georgetown Town Hall is closed.

After the meeting, most SelectBoard members said they could not comment on the substance of the meeting, but newly elected board member Ed Dobie said only that it was "an amicable" meeting. "There were questions asked and answered," he said.

All agreed that Pacheco had not been disciplined for his outside work. Selectman Robert Hoover said the

issues involving Pacheco's outside work would be dealt with in public at a future meeting.

Selectman Mike Donahue last week presented the board and The Town Common with the more than 50 emails between Pacheco and Shirley town officials regarding green energy and other projects. The emails seemed to indicate the administrator was working on securing grants and other projects for Shirley.

Donahue's conclusion from a review of the emails was "there is a clear and overwhelming pattern of non-compliance as he was conducting outside business during Georgetown business hours."

This week, after the executive session concluded, Donahue said he was "happy," but sources told this newspaper that Donahue had been sharply criticized by other board members during the executive session for presenting the controversial emails.

Donahue sprung the emails on the SelectBoard with no advance warning or at their May 4 meeting before Town Meeting, where Donahue offered a motion to the board to schedule a meeting to discuss the matter with Pacheco and town counsel present.

Members Doug Dawes, Robert Hoover, Laura Repplier, and Rachel Therrien declined to second Donahue's motion and it "died for lack of a second," Hoover announced.

Donahue told the paper he was surprised that three days later, with no notice, Hoover unilaterally scheduled the meeting Donahue had sought and had been denied.

Donahue was also surprised, as were many, that Hoover announced last week that he is going to take the next 30 days (minimum) off. Hoover refused to publicly disclose his reason for stepping away.

Pacheco after the meeting asked for The Town Common to disclose what residents or staff it had quoted anonymously that the administrator had bragged that his \$165,000 salary was "play money." The Town Common declined to identify the staff or residents who had reported hearing the administrator's comments as they explicitly requested anonymity out of fear of retaliation. ♦



Letters To The Editor

On the Job for Our Town

To the Editor:

I write in reference to the Mon., May 14, 2026, Selectboard meeting. I was in attendance, and a question was raised as to the Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco's work hours, and out-of-town work.

Since Mr. Pacheco's hire in our town, I have personally worked many hours with him, myself being a member of our finance and advisory board, community preservation committee, board of health member, and a past selectboard member. I've always found Orlando helpful, knowledgeable, polite, easy to work with, and he follows up to mamani question and requests over the years.

This past year while I was at meetings for C.P.C. on Tuesday evenings, Finance and Advisory on Wednesday

evenings, Orlando was at most meetings, if not there in person, then there online.

These are rather steady from Sept. through May yearly. How does one define the hours he is working per day. I do not question that Orlando is putting in the time need for our town.

I can also personally say that while out one weekend night with friends, a town question came up. My wife Minda e-mailed the question to Orlando at about 10 p.m. with expectation of an answer on Monday morning. He answered in minutes. Just another example of Orlando on the job for our town.

I'm quite thankful to have him here working for Georgetown.

Thank you Orlando.
Sincerely,
Gary C. Fowler

DEATH NOTICES The loss of loved ones in our communities, compiled exclusively for The Town Common by Michelle Leininger.

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Standoff: ConCom v. Pacheco

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – The attorney for fired Conservation Commission (ConCom) director Michele Grenier has demanded the town pay her at least one year of salary at \$65,000/year to settle claims of discrimination, retaliation, improper reduction of wages and wrongful termination by Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco.

Last week, Pacheco hired John Lopez, a conservation agent in Rockport, who has worked part time for Georgetown before. The administrator wrote that he hired Lopez temporarily for five to seven hours per week to staff the ConCom.

ConCom chair Rachel Therrien told Lopez he was not being hired, setting up another conflict with the town administrator and the ConCom. Under town bylaw, the ConCom has the authority to hire and fire its employees. It formed a hiring subcommittee at its last meeting to begin screening applicants for the ConCom agent position.

Therrien and Amy Graffum, the ConCom vice chair, wrote to the SelectBoard, "We are in support of an interim agent, but not by the process which sets a dangerous precedent with no checks and balances."

The commission, which oversees the town's wetlands, has had no staff since Grenier's firing. The commission's work processing applications from residents is being done by Therrien and Graffum.

Pacheco terminated Grenier on Friday, March 18 without approval of the SelectBoard or the ConCom, which hired her. She had staffed the ConCom since Nov. 27, 2023.

"I can confirm we are in receipt of the letter and the matter has been forwarded to our insurance company as the appropriate protocol. They have assigned the appropriate personnel and will handle the matter moving forward," Pacheco wrote.

Pacheco also serves as the town's human resources director, which means any complaints by employees of discrimination or other wrongs would be investigated by him.

Her attorney Simon Mann wrote: "The Town's actions have caused Ms. Grenier significant financial harm and emotional distress and constitute clear violations of Massachusetts law."

Pacheco fired Grenier, the only ConCom staff, for unspecified behaviors related to a continued ConCom meeting, a decision made by commission chair Therrien, not Grenier.

The town's bylaw states: "In his capacity, the Town Administrator, upon approval by the Board of Selectmen, shall have the authority to carry out the following functions, including but not limited to: A. Appointment and removal of employees."

She was also fired for allegedly concealing a transcript of a Zoom recording of her conversations prior to the meeting.

In the termination letter, Pacheco cited a recorded comment by Grenier in the transcript as "unacceptable behavior" for a town employee. He wrote her, "(Y)ou mention that in talking about the Town Administrator

that 'It's your f... job'."

Last week, Pacheco denied that he fired Grenier for questioning his job performance.

When Pacheco was asked by the SelectBoard if he had cleared the firing of Grenier with legal counsel, the town administrator said he had consulted "legal," which Board members assumed was the law firm K&P Law on retainer with the town.

Pacheco has since acknowledged that he hired a different law firm, Murphy, Hesse, Twomey & Lahane, without approval of the SelectBoard. The firm's opinion on the town administrator's authority over the hiring and firing of town employees has not been made public.

The administrator's hiring of a different law firm than K&P Law prompted SelectBoard member Mike Donahue to file an emergency Open Meeting Law complaint.

Grenier, a longtime municipal volunteer and employee, was recorded criticizing Pacheco because computer software to allow employees to work on their personal computers remotely had not been installed. During the winter's snow days, Pacheco told town employees they should work remotely for two days.

But without the software, that was not possible.

Grenier said she did not know she was being recorded on Zoom and said she did not know there was a transcript of the meeting. Except for a few lines criticizing Pacheco, the three-page transcript chronicles Grenier calling ConCom board members to tell them the meeting was continued for lack of a quorum.

In his demand letter to the town, her attorney wrote: "Ms. Grenier was hired after three rounds of interviews at a salary of \$65,000 for 32 hours per week, reporting to the Conservation Commission. Shortly after she began, the Town Administrator imposed an arrangement requiring her to work in the Town of Essex, something the Commission itself was unaware of."

Grenier was asked to work eight hours a week for Essex and 24 for Georgetown.

"When that assignment ended in June 2024, Ms. Grenier expected to return to her full role in Georgetown. Instead, her hours and salary were cut to approximately 24 hours and \$38,000, without her agreement. She and her supervisor (ConCom chair Carl Shreder) refused to sign off on this change, and no other department heads were treated similarly," Mann wrote.

The attorney wrote that Grenier was singled out and subjected to ongoing hostile and unequal treatment. "She was held to standards not applied to others, publicly reprimanded, and denied support in difficult and confrontational situations encountered in the field," the attorney wrote.

Her compensation remained significantly below that of her peers, Mann wrote.

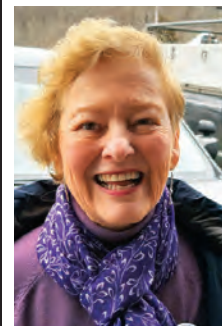
Grenier was also suspended without pay under "questionable circumstances and subjected to continued harassment that the Town failed to address," the attorney wrote. ♦

Town of Boxford 2026 MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

<p><i>Sunday, May 24th</i></p> <p>8:30 AM MOUNT VERNON CEMETERY Veterans & Scouts will decorate graves Prayer, firing squad, Taps</p> <p>9:00 AM BROOKSIDE CEMETERY Graves decorated by Veterans & Scouts Prayer, firing squad, Taps</p> <p>9:45 AM SECOND CHURCH Veterans meet & march in as a unit Service, remembrance, & color guard Veteran march to Monument Hill</p> <p>11:15 AM MONUMENT HILL Raising of the flag, wreath placing, prayer, firing squad, Taps</p>	<p><i>Monday, May 25th</i></p> <p>7:30 AM HARMONY CEMETERY Graves decorated by Veterans & Scouts Prayer, firing squad, Taps</p> <p>8:00 AM ROUND TOP Honoring those who trained Prayer, flag placing, firing squad, Taps</p> <p>8:30 AM ANCIENT CEMETERY Flag placing, prayer, firing squad, Taps</p> <p>9:00 AM EAST BOXFORD VILLAGE FIRE STATION Parade Assembly</p> <p>9:30 AM PARADE TO VILLAGE CEMETERY Veterans & Scouts decorate graves Live music, prayer, firing squad, Taps</p>
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Salisbury Parade: Usually 10:00 AM: From Town Hall down to Salisbury Beach or Town Common.
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Georgetown: Assembles 9:00 a.m
Newbury: 10 a.m., near Town Hall
West Newbury: The parade will step off from Town Square (the intersection of Main and Maple Streets) at 10:30 AM and proceed down Main Street to the Training Field next to the Library.
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Kay's Corner
by Kay Lee Ogden

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ing auction house, had listed a cloth, printed on copperplate in Glasgow, Scotland between 1820 and 1825 by Richard and Colin Gillsepie.

"The more we researched it. The more excited we became," Russell said last week.

It was brought to the museum's attention by an anonymous benefactor, who had discovered the Custom House and its collections during the museum's Revolutionary War exhibit last year. He thought this textile would be a perfect addition for the museum, which is building a "critical mass" of Revolutionary War Americana pieces.

The indigo blue Gillespie Declaration is among the earliest and most visually elaborate textile representations of America's founding document. Printed on cambric, a fine, dense linen material, the textile measures 31 inches by 27.5 inches. It is called a handkerchief, but is more like a table runner, Russell said.

There are probably only three blue versions of the Declaration in existence, a few more in mulberry and brown for a total of no more than 12.

All known Gillespie patriotic textiles have a distinctive and richly symbolic composition. At the center is the full text of the Declaration of Independence, accompanied by facsimile signatures. Surrounding this is an oval oak-leaf wreath featuring medallions representing the original thirteen states.

Below the text of the Declaration are portraits of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams beneath a prominently displayed American eagle. Decorative vignettes in the lower corners depict key Revolutionary War moments, including the Boston Tea Party and the surrender of British Gen. John Burgoyne at Saratoga.

In corners of the textile are the words, e pluribus unum, originally the words clutched in the eagle's beak on the Great Seal of the U.S. In another corner is the word Fate, which references Washington's rallying speech to the Continental Army before the battle of Long Island in August of 1776.

The full quotation was: "The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die."

The museum is planning to do more research on the meaning of the images in coming months, Russell said.

Initially the patriotic textile was expected to sell at auction in the \$4,000 to \$6,000 range, he said. But that valuation proved to be very low as other bidders discovered how rare the piece is and boosted the price.

After a nail-biting session, the donor secured the textile for the Custom House for \$55,000. With auction house commissions and fees, the final price was \$69,300.

"We were successful," Russell said

with pride. He added, "This acquisition, coming as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, is exceptional."

Bob Cronin, chair of the museum, agreed, "This textile represents a remarkable opportunity to deepen public understanding of how Americans in the early republic engaged with their founding ideals."

The patriotic textile is now undergoing conservation, a light cleaning and reframing, at the Museum Textile Services of Andover. It will be ready for viewing at the museum's annual meeting.

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"The Custom House Maritime Museum, in partnership with the Museum of Old Newbury, will unveil a major exhibition focusing on 1776, titled Ink, Iron & Independence. The icon textile will be accompanied by a portrait of George Washington, which is on loan from the Newburyport Public Library and other artifacts honoring our first President such as two exceptional scrimshawed whale teeth with engravings of Washington and his home and tomb at Mount Vernon," Russell said.

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The museum is located at 25 Water St. in downtown Newburyport. For more information, visit customhouse-maritimemuseum.org. ♦

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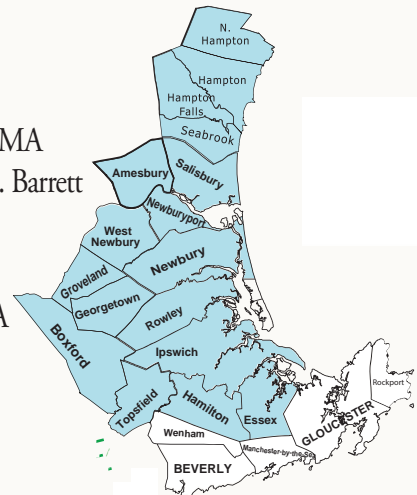
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