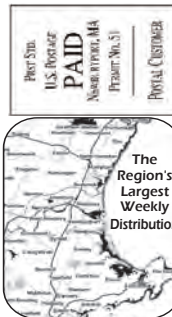


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Whittier Fails to Solve Disagreements

With Enrollment Caps, Towns Feel Abused, Paying Top Dollar for Few Students as City of Haverhill Takes Lions Share of Seats

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

committee members from the district's 11 cities and towns are so divided.

The Regional Agreement Amendment Committee (RAAC) is charged with creating a new governing document among the cities and towns in the Whittier district. Without that agree-

REGIONAL – The planned meeting between the North Shore legislative delegation and a key school committee for the future of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School was postponed indefinitely because the

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Juliana Schneider Joyce and Dr. Colin James Joyce in front of their new school (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

St. George's Classical Academy Boldly Grows

BOXFORD – Juliana and James Joyce share many character traits with the namesake or patron saint of the St. George's Classical Academy they operate such as courage, chivalry and faith in God.

But like the legendary Grecian Roman soldier who slayed a dragon, the couple is not afraid to make bold decisions.

After only one year running the

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Rowley's Iconic Village Pancake House

Rachel Corkum takes patrons orders on another busy Sunday at the Village Pancake House in Rowley. (Photo: Alan Aulson)

Retiring Old Glory at Local Collection Box

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

REGIONAL – Being the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, it is likely that many people will be buying new flags this year to replace older versions of Old Glory.

But what do you do with that torn, tattered flag? You can't just put it in the regular trash. That is not just disrespectful, but illegal.

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That's where the J. Mello Disposal team comes in. It has installed a dedicated U.S. Flag box as part of its new trash transfer station at 20 Carleton Drive in Georgetown.

Mello has always accepted U.S. flags for proper retire-

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Connor Durkee retires flag at Mellos

SelectBoard, Manager Get Off to Strong Start

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

IPSWICH – On his first day as the new town manager, Brendan Sweeney met last week with the SelectBoard to discuss theirs and his priorities for the first several months that included solidifying the town's finances, making progress on several construction projects, building employee morale and his learning about the important shellfish industry.

In a highly cordial exchange, the town leaders ironed out how they plan to work and communicate together. Sweeney, who grew up in Ipswich before becoming a Beverly City councilmember and Boxford's deputy town administrator, promised to communicate often and through various platforms with the SelectBoard.

"We want you to be candid. We want the unfiltered version," Chair Michael Dougherty said.

In a discussion about whether Sweeney would

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Town Tries to Deny ConCom Agent Unemployment Benefits

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – The town's Conservation Commission (ConCom) was scheduled to hold a special meeting this week to discuss hiring a director to replace Michele Grenier, who was fired by Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco in a controversial action that opened the town to the potential of a large law suit and left a key town board with no staff.

The town has referred to its insurance firm Grenier's attorney Simon Mann's letter demanding a year's pay in compensation for her treatment by the town. The attorney gave Pacheco a deadline of 30 days, which has passed, to respond to his demand.

The town has also appealed the decision by the state to grant Grenier unemployment assistance.

In the termination letter, Pacheco wrote that he fired Grenier for allegedly concealing a transcript of a Zoom recording of her conversations prior to the meeting. Grenier said that she never concealed any transcript and gave all the documents to town Clerk Kerri McManus.

Pacheco also cited a recorded comment by Grenier in the tran-

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**West Newbury G.A.R. Memorial Library
Upcoming Events**

submitted by Rebecca Shea

Assistant Librarian, G.A.R. Memorial Library

Hang out with Frasier Wednesday June 3 from 4:00-5:00 PM

Please come and make friends with Frasier, our very mellow retired seeing eye dog. He loves stories and would like to hear you read to him. Drop by and have fun.

Pop-up Book Club: Lincoln in the Bardo Tuesday June 16, 6-7 PM. Join us for a pop-up book club to discuss George Saunders' Lincoln in the Bardo. Winner of the 2017 Booker Prize, one of The New York Times' 100 Best Books of the 21st Century, one of The Atlantic's Great American Novels of the Past 100 Years, one of Paste's Best Novels of the Decade. Also named one of the ten best books of the year by The Washington Post, USA Today, and O: The Oprah Magazine. "The book, mainly set in a Washington DC graveyard, tells the story of the hours after Willie Lincoln's funeral from the perspective of the graveyard residents." Let's get together and see what we can make of this unusual story which blends novel, historical fiction, experimental literature, magical realism, and biographical fiction. Hardcover copies will be available at the Library, or request your copy from the MVLC catalog. There are eBook and eAudio versions as well, the audio features a full cast of 166 and has also won awards.

Virtual: Celebrating America's 250th "Boston, 1776" with Author J.D. Dickey Monday, June 22 from 7-8 PM

We are so pleased to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and who would be better to kick it off than author J.D. Dickey discussing his book, "Boston, 1776: A Rogue Tour of Revolution City". Relive the chaos, courage, and color of the American Revolution's capital city while meeting those who led the fight in the nation's War of Independence. We hope you can join us for this fascinating conversation! This program is hosted by the Ashland Public Library in coordination with many other area libraries. Sponsored in part by the Friends of the West Newbury Library. RSVP for the link to the discussion.

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Correction

In last week's Memorial Day article I mistakenly printed the wrong Post number for the Georgetown American Legion. It is Post 211. You can see their flyer on the next page of an upcoming event on June 13 at the Byfield Parish Church Burial Ground. Join in please! - Lonnie Brennan

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**Sat. June 6th 1-3 p.m.
Pink House Sock Hop**

NEWBURY -- The Rip Tide Café & Bar will host the first-ever Pink House Sock Hop from 1 to 3 p.m. Sat., June 6, to celebrate the new sign on Plum Island Turnpike and honor Bruce Stott, who grew up in The Pink House.

Bruce will share some of his memories. He and his wife, Linda, were married in the backyard.



**Boxford Curbside Trash & Recycling
Deadline June 12 for Renewal**

submitted by Matthew Coogan
Town Administrator/ CPO, Town of Boxford

BOXFORD – The Town of Boxford is reminding residents participating in the Town's automated curbside trash and recycling collection program that annual renewal payments for Fiscal Year 2027 are now due. The FY27 program period runs from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

The annual user fee remains \$175 per trash barrel per household as part of the Town's five-year contract with G. Mello Disposal Corp.. Residents must submit payment by Friday, June 12, 2026 in order to continue participating in the Town-managed curbside collection program for the upcoming fiscal year.

Most households already have Town-issued trash and recycling carts through the automated collection program launched nearly two years ago. For those residents, renewal simply involves paying the annual fee to continue receiving weekly curbside trash collection and bi-weekly recycling collection services through the Town's partnership with G. Mello.

The standard annual fee covers one year of collection service for one 65-gallon trash container and one 95-gallon recycling container.

Residents are strongly encouraged to renew online through the Town's secure payment portal, which remains the easiest and most convenient payment option. Payments may also be made in person at the Health Department window at Town Hall.

Residents who previously purchased one or two additional trash containers must also pay a supplemental annual fee of \$175 per additional trash container. The supplemental fee amount will automatically be reflected when residents enter their street address in the online payment system.

Residents who previously ordered an additional recycling container should note that the associated \$85 fee was a one-time charge and is not an annual fee.

Households that do not currently have the trash or recycling containers assigned to their property, or residents interested in purchasing additional trash or recycling containers for the first time, should contact the Boxford Health Department directly at (978) 887-2875 or visit the Health Department window at Town Hall.

The automated collection program utilizes standardized Town-issued carts to improve collection efficiency, enhance safety, and modernize residential solid waste and recycling services throughout the community.

Additional information regarding the automated trash and recycling collection program, including online payment information and cart requests, is available on the Town website at the Town's Trash & Recycling Information page:
www.boxfordma.gov/357/Trash-Recycling-Information

Boxford Hazardous Waste Collection

submitted by Karen Sheridan

Chair, Town of Boxford Recycling Committee

BOXFORD – The Town of Boxford reminds residents not to dispose of hazardous materials in their trash. Boxford holds an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection which will be held this year on November 14th in conjunction with the towns of Topsfield and Middleton. Boxford residents are not charged a fee to dispose of most hazardous products like oil-based paints, pesticides, gasoline and anti-freeze.

Boxford residents can also access other towns hazardous waste collections for fees set by those towns. The Town of Boxford's website lists details on those reciprocal events as well as Boxford's HHW event.

Sweeney/Ipswich SelectBoard

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welcome staff members talking directly to SelectBoard members, he said he would not block any communication between employees and the board, but would only ask that he be kept informed that the conversations were happening.

Top priorities the board outlined were filling three staff leader positions – the finance director, the purchasing director and the technology director. Vice Chair Carl Nylen called the town's technology systems "poor."

Other priorities included the new automated trash pick-up program, the public safety building, a new charter for the Electric Light Department, redevelopment of EBSCO along with downtown parking, and the future of shellfish industry.

SelectBoard members took turns introducing themselves to the new manager, and he to them. He had spent much of the first day meeting department heads and said he would continue meeting the staff during the rest of last week.

Sweeney, who served as finance director for Boxford, praised Ipswich as a well-run town. In the last 35 years, several SelectBoard members noted, the town has had to adopt an override only once and the schools three times.

The new manager said his priorities are to stabilize the operating budget in light of rising costs across the board, make progress with several capital projects, including the public safety building and a new elementary school. He also noted that he wanted to spend time building a stronger morale among the staff. ♦

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Town of Rye Shares Information on New Parking Ordinance

RYE, N.H. – The Town of Rye shares the following information regarding a new ordinance that affects parking along Ocean Boulevard.

The Select Board approved the new parking ordinance in a public meeting on May 11, 2026. The change was the result of an extensive review by the Town, Department of Public Works, and the Police Department.

The review determined that parking along sections of Ocean Boulevard/Route 1A reduced the line of sight and created potential hazards for motorists and pedestrians.

The changes are consistent with the Town's commitment to protecting the safety of residents and visitors.

As part of the ordinance, the Town is required to notify the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, which is responsible for Route 1 as a state road. NHDOT recently began installing signage.

The Town, Police Department, and Department of Public Works thank the community for its understanding and patience as this significant parking change is implemented. The town's 8-page detailed parking ordinance can be read at: tinyurl.com/ryeparkingchanges.



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Lawrence "Larry" Trussell	Claremont, NH	

WHITTIER WARS

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ment that all the municipalities have to approve, the school cannot move forward with plans to build or relocate a new high school.

Committee Chair and West Newbury Town Manager Angus Jennings described the meeting on April 15 as so "fractious" that he decided to postpone the meeting with the legislators, who ultimately will decide the school's future.

None of the other committee members disagreed with his assessment.

"We need a clear and concise message," Jennings told the committee last week. "Until we have that, a meeting with the legislators would be counter-productive."

The May meeting last week showed sprouts of agreement. Jennings, who is leaving in July as West Newbury's

Town Manager to become the Whittier business manager, said he was more encouraged that the RACC was less divided, but the thorny issues, which need to be resolved in the next two or three meetings, are far from resolved.

Without the new agreement, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), which could fund as much as half of the new high school, will not move forward.

Several cities and towns want changes in the agreement to allocate operating and capital improvement costs to reflect the number of students sent from each.

More than half of Whittier students come from Haverhill, but the city would pay only 44 percent of the municipalities' share of the cost of any construction. Rowley, on the other hand, would pay 3.5 per cent of the cost and Newburyport would pay 10.5 percent.

When Jennings posted several questions to the members, there was a consensus that Whittier should move to the Northern Essex Community College campus, rather than renovate and repair the existing high school or build

its own building on its Haverhill campus.

There was unanimous agreement that Whittier should continue to educate students.

But there was a major split on several thorny issues.

For example, seven members of the committee voted that the new Whittier governing body should have one representative for towns and two for cities.

Three members voted for having only one member from each municipality, but their votes would be weighed to give the larger communities more clout. Five members voted for having one representative per municipality with no weighing.

In this poll, the members were not limited to one vote.

The RAAC members were also divided on how funding should be divided for Whittier's operations and construction.

The good news for RAAC is that Whittier could share NECC classrooms and athletic fields, which would reduce costs as Whittier and NECC would share those facilities under memoranda. ♦

ST. GEORGE'S

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school, Juliana, the director of the academy, and her husband, a former NASA engineer who directs curriculum development while teaching math and science, expanded the kindergarten-to-eighth-grade school to add a ninth and tenth grades. Next year, they plan to add the 11th grade, followed by the 12th.

In one of the fastest growing private schools in the state, they are also innovative. In this, their second year sharing space at the First Church Congregational here in Boxford, they began teaching Greek and the violin.

At the beginning of the school year last fall, they handed out violins to each student. And most students can play it.

Why violins?

"There is something magical about (the violin)," James Joyce said. And the violin, more than other instruments, lends itself to the thoughtful curriculum the school offers.

To play the violin, he said, "You have to hear the note (in your head) before you can feel the right string to play it." That practice is ideal for teaching students to think through a problem in advance.

Music is also one of the seven liberal arts taught at the academy. Other pillars of the classical education include grammar, logic, rhetoric, mathematics, astronomy, geometry, astronomy and music.

The schools' growth under the Joyces' leadership is exceptional. Last year, St. George's opened with 21 students. It grew over last summer to 52 students, which included adding the ninth and tenth grade students. For next year, it already expects to grow to 75 and 80 students with its first graduating class in two years.

The school in three buildings owned by the church draws students and families from 17 communities from Saugus to Andover to southern New Hampshire.

Juliana attributes the school's exceptional growth to its God-centered

curriculum and to parents talking to other parents. "People are excited to be part of something transformative. They crave community. It's beautiful."

The Joyces knew there was demand for a St. George's Classical high school. Eighth grade families with children in the lower grades wanted to keep their children in the curriculum the school offered.

"We had the right people (teachers) at the right time," she said. "It has happened very quickly. It took a lot of things coming together to make it work." But she admits, "We have a long way to go."

James had joined in January of the first year. He and Dr. Alex Ruggeri, the upper school humanities teacher, took on the challenge of establishing the high school.

Other innovations include offering a lecture series for families as well as students, field trips and what they call exploratories – which this year included folk dancing, ballroom dancing and creating icons. The academy is looking for talented people in the community to bring them ideas for other exploratories next year.

They believe that the body and soul must be in harmony, so the school has launched a gymnastics and a ski club.

James, who worked on NASA's Parker Solar Probe, a mission to "touch the Sun," said the goal is to prepare students to be leaders, developing both virtue and wonder at the same time. "We want the student not to ask what we can do, but what we ought to do."

"We are not raising children. We are raising adults," Juliana said.

An important tenant of the school is to be a part of the greater Boxford community. She has reached out to the Council on Aging to develop joint programs between seniors and the students.

The former high school principal at Hamilton-Wenham School District, Juliana said, "I have never worked so hard. But the rewards are tremendous." ♦

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Hampton School District to Honor Three Retiring Staff Members

HAMPTON, N.H. — The Hampton School District invites the community to attend a new event to honor three long-time staff members who will retire at the end of the school year.

The district will recognize Food Services Director Mary Borg, Library Media Specialist Alison Griffin and Centre School Administrative Assistant Melanie Liebenow for their years of service and contributions to Hampton schools.

The district's first Retirement Tea will be held from 3-4 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, in the SAU90 Conference Room, 6 Marston Way. Refreshments will be served.

"We are deeply grateful to Mary, Alison and Melanie for the dedication they have shown to generations of Hampton students and families," said Superintendent Dr. Lois Costa. "Each of them has made a lasting impact on our schools and community. They will be greatly missed, and we wish them all the best in retirement."

Mary Borg

Borg was hired in 1997 as a head cook, after working in the travel industry. She has served as Food Services Director since 2004.

Borg is highly regarded as a supportive, responsible and caring member of the staff and leadership team. She accommodates many requests for catering and the initiatives she brings to the school are driven by her personal philosophy, "healthy kids equals healthy minds."

Borg and her husband live in Hampton and have three grown children who live in the area, and grandchildren who are students at Hampton Schools.

Alison Griffin

Griffin began her career at the Marston School as a third-grade teacher in 1997. She has served as Library Media Specialist since 2001

Griffin has hosted many authors and book fairs, demonstrating her commitment to extended learning opportunities and promoting a school-wide love of literacy. She has contributed to other events as well, such as the fifth-grade performances, field day, cricket tournaments and the Variety Show.

She has been praised for her contributions to holiday parades, the Schools of Excellence application and site visit, and the Marston School Playground Project.

Colleagues have called her "hardworking," "an integral member of the staff," and "Goddess of the Media Center."

Griffin lives in Portsmouth, where she will join her husband in retirement.

Melanie Liebenow

Liebenow brought significant private sector experience to the SAU90, first as secretary at Barnard School in South Hampton, then at Centre School.

Liebenow is valued by her fellow staff members for her "wonderful presence, kind and considerate ways" and the care that she has shown for others in the school community.

Liebenow is also a grandmother to several current Hampton students and will continue to be an active member of the school community. ♦

Boxford Transitions Emergency Calls to North Shore Regional 911

BOXFORD –The Town of Boxford officially transitioned emergency dispatch operations to the North Shore Regional 911 Center (NSR911) last month. Boxford's transition to NSR911 followed nearly two years of planning, evaluation, and implementation work. During the first year, town officials and public safety leadership conducted feasibility analysis and operational review of regional emergency communications options. Last summer, the Boxford Select Board entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with NSR911 for Boxford to become the regional center's 11th member community. Over the past year, town staff, NSR911 personnel, and Boxford public safety departments worked collaboratively on operational planning, equipment installation, training, testing, and implementation coordination.

All emergency 911 calls and public safety dispatch operations for the Town of Boxford are being handled by NSR911 on behalf of the Boxford Police and Fire Departments.

Residents should continue to dial 911 for emergencies. Boxford Police and Fire Department non-emergency business phone numbers remain unchanged, and Police, Fire, and EMS response services within Boxford remain unchanged.

The Police Station lobby will remain open and accessible to the public 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. During periods when staff are not physically present in the lobby area, visitors may communicate directly with NSR911 personnel through an intercom system.

Over the past several years, Boxford has evaluated opportunities to regionalize certain municipal services with neighboring communities where doing so improves operational resiliency, expands available resources, and enhances long-term sustainability. In public safety communications specifically, regional dispatch models have become increasingly common across Massachusetts due to the technology, training, staffing, and coordination demands of modern emergency communications systems. Regional dispatch operations also provide greater redundancy and operational continuity during major incidents, severe weather events, or staffing shortages.

With the transition, Boxford joins Amesbury, Essex, Groveland, Hamilton, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Middleton, North Reading, Rowley, Topsfield, and Wenham as member communities served by NSR911.

"NSR911 gives our officers and firefighters access to additional resources, advanced dispatcher training, and modern emergency communications technology," said Police Chief James Riter. "This is a strong long-term move for public safety in Boxford, and residents should continue to expect the same professional police and emergency response services they rely on today."

"This transition represents an important investment in the future of emergency communications and public safety services for the Town of Boxford," said Fire Chief Brian Geiger. "NSR911 provides additional resources, redundancy, and specialized emergency dispatch capabilities that support both our firefighters and the residents we serve. We are confident this regional partnership will enhance emergency response coordination and service delivery for the community."

The transition also concludes operations of the Town's stand-alone Communications Department, following decades of dedicated service to the community by Boxford's dispatch personnel.

"This transition was not a reflection of the professionalism or performance of our Communications Department staff," said Town Administrator Matt Coogan. "Boxford has benefited from an exceptionally dedicated and professional dispatch team over many years. Their institutional knowledge, professionalism, and commitment to public safety have been deeply appreciated by the Town, our residents, and our first responders".

The Town expressed appreciation to retired Communications Director Warren Gould for assisting with transition planning and implementation following his retirement, as well as the many Police, Fire, Communications, Town Hall, State 911 Department, and NSR911 personnel who contributed to the transition effort.

For additional information regarding the Town's membership in NSR911, residents may visit the Town website. ♦

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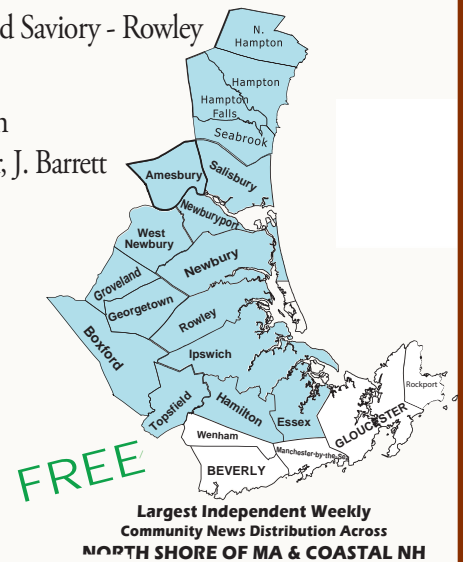
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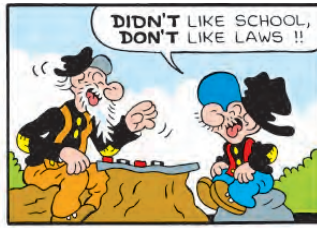
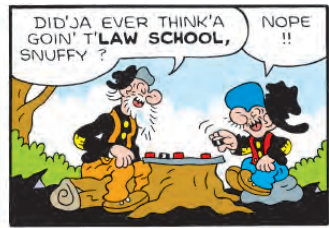
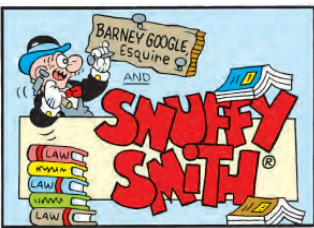
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1 Bourbon brand
8 Belly area
15 Girlfriend, in Genoa
20 Pertaining to the womb
21 Spiced Starbucks selection
22 Autos for test-driving
23 Food, clothes or money [actress Danes]
25 Greek market of old
26 DC-10, e.g.
27 Lariat feature
28 Rushes about wildly
30 Marketed
31 Grain tower
32 Like a skimpy swimsuit [actor Perry]
35 Church area
37 Powders mixed into liquids, e.g.
38 Research ctr.
39 Shoes worn with tutus [designer McCartney]
44 Tenth mo.
46 Perjurer's confession
47 Fork prong
48 Pop singer Rita
49 Mai — (drink)
52 Young morays, say
54 Huge Asian mammal [justice Kagan]
60 Tijuana-to-Vegas dir.
61 Add — (extras)
63 Olive — (military uniforms)
64 Small lakes
65 — Jima
67 Having supple arms and legs [jazzman Davis]
72 Nuptial vow
73 Moving spryly
75 Smoothly polite
76 Neighbor of TV's Homer
78 Surg. sites
80 Roomy place to house vehicles [actress Jones]
85 Vacation spot
87 Swallowed
88 Little fellow
89 Performs like Ice Cube
91 Initial venture
92 1040 info
93 Small, springy apparatus [director Scorsese]
98 Zenith
101 Almsgiving
103 Othello's false friend
104 Antipollution law [singer Grande]
106 — -Alt-Del
108 Major — (butler)
112 Gives one's approval
113 Persia, today
114 Showed anew
115 Ellipses
116 What the eight featured celebrities in this puzzle are doing?
121 Edit further, perhaps
122 State of joy
123 Bones near tibiae
124 Bottom-of-barrel residue
125 Fabray of Broadway
126 Greek Week guy
DOWN
1 Vaults
2 Writer Calvino
3 Lead or tin singer
4 "I'm Sorry" singer
5 The Emerald Isle
6 Singer DiFranco
7 Most soft, dry and crumbly
8 "Solid Gold" host Marilyn
9 Breakfast chain, for short
10 Flow barrier
11 Discharge from the military, informally
12 Skater Midori
13 Minks' kin
14 Femme —
15 Modify
16 #1 song, say
17 "The Father" actress Poots
18 Tools for fruit preparation
19 How bedding is often packaged
24 IM chuckle
29 City near Bangalore
31 Booming jet of old, in brief
32 Jazz genre
33 Bitter brew
34 Karel Capek sci-fi play
36 Actor Pascal
37 Floored it
39 Good, in Nice
40 From dusk to dawn
41 Dynamo
42 52, to Flavius
43 Hotel cousin
45 Li'l Abner creator Al
48 Ashley or Mary-Kate
49 Cooked in a clay oven, as naan
50 Neighbor of a Spaniard
51 Part of TGIF
53 NBC skit show, in brief
55 Lazy sort
56 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
57 "Rambo" site, for short
58 Decline
59 — polloi
62 "What a pity!"
66 Bullfight yell
68 Your and my
69 Droop down
70 Mendes of movies
71 Berlin article
73 — discount
74 Long, thin fish
77 Clear of mist
79 Eye sore
81 High-kicking French dance
82 Dilettantish
83 Long, thin fish
84 Org. enforcing the 104-Across
86 First post-band album, perhaps
90 Vodka brand
92 Marine snail with no shell
93 Cooking wine
94 Lyricist Gershwin
95 Actor Cage, to friends
96 "Addams Family" cousin
97 Compadre
98 Harmony
99 Shamrock, e.g.
100 Threat
102 Guys contracted by the Mafia
105 Bird hangouts
106 Wading bird
107 Tic — (mint)
109 Toothbrush brand
110 Region of China
111 In tune
113 "— Rhythm"
114 Country's McEntire
117 Mo. neighbor
118 Native suffix
119 Tiny objection
120 Space station until 2001

19x19 crossword grid with numbers 1-126 indicating starting points for clues.

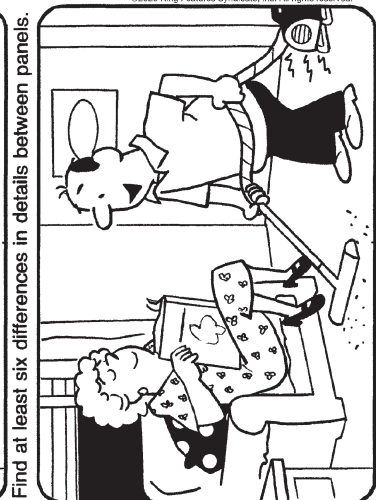
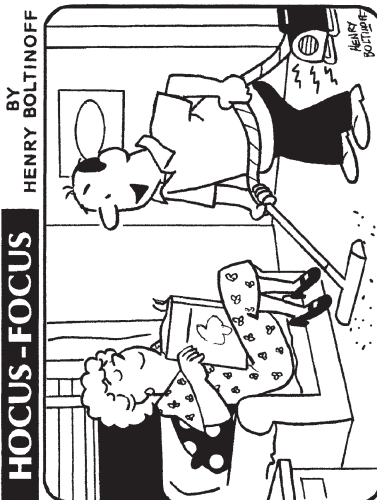
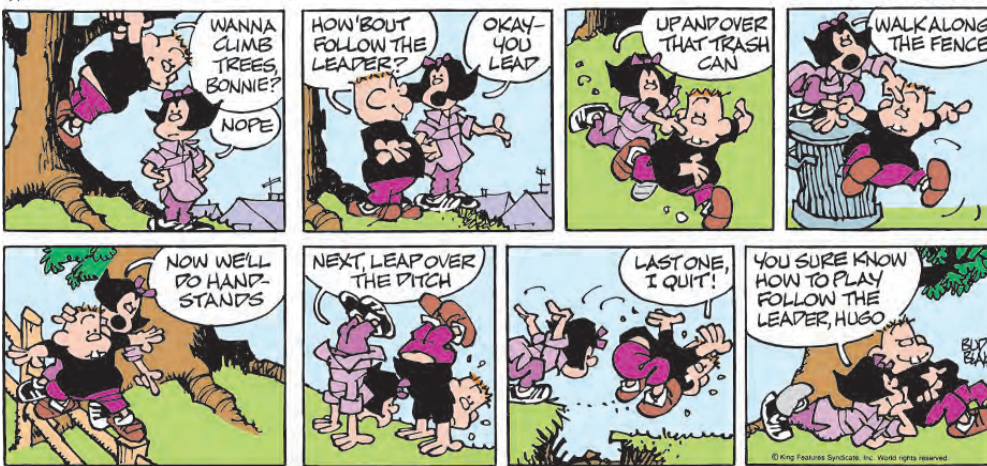
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Vacuum is moved. 3. Blinds are higher. 4. Drawer is larger. 5. Back of chair is higher. 6. Bottom of chair is different.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Weekly SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

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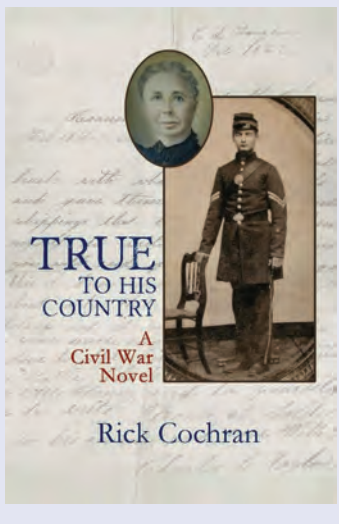
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script as "unacceptable behavior" for a town employee. He wrote her, "(Y)ou mention that in talking about the Town Administrator that 'It's your f... job'." She was complaining that he had not given town employees computer software so they could work remotely during last winter's ice storms.

The administrator told The Town Common that he had not fired Grenier for questioning his job performance,

although he wrote in the termination letter that her criticism was one of two reasons for her firing.

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

Pacheco's firing Grenier without consulting the ConCom has stirred a debate in town government about the authority of the town administrator to hire and fire staff without permission from the ConCom.

State law, Mass Gen Laws 40C, states: The (conservation) may appoint a director, clerks, consultants and other employees, and may contract for materials and services within available funds insofar as the same are not supplied by other departments.

It does not provide for the Select-Board or the town administrator to appoint a director or any ConCom employees. Towns' conservation commissions report directly to the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Without consulting or approval by the ConCom, Pacheco also hired Rockport conservation agent John Lopez as a temporary consulting agent for five to seven hours per week.

ConCom chair Rachel Therrien told Lopez earlier that he was not being hired, setting up another conflict between the town administrator and the ConCom. The ConCom has formed a hiring subcommittee to begin screening applicants for the ConCom agent position. ConCom vice chair Amy Graffum complained at the previous meeting that paying Lopez was draining funds that could be used to hire a full-time agent.

The work of the commission, which oversees the town's Wetland Bylaw and Regulation and the commonwealth's Wetland Protection Regulations, 310 CMR 10.00, has had no staff since

Grenier's abrupt firing. The permitting site work is being done by Therrien and Graffum, two volunteers. ♦

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