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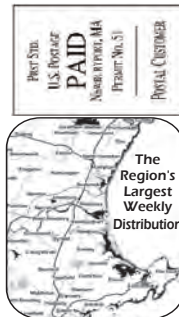
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Amesbury Deploys High-Tech Against Potholes

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

AMESBURY – The pothole you hit that jolts your jaw and bounces your eyes out their sockets has a new enemy. The city of Amesbury has brought in high-tech resources for the first time to map cracks, holes and other decaying spots in the city's 74 miles of streets. That map, which is being pro-

cessed now, will be a written evaluation of the condition of each street, including setting priorities for fixing them. "Streets and sidewalks are a common ground for residents and business owners," Mayor Kassandra Gove said. "It's the one thing everyone relies on, as soon as you step outside your door, and it's what I hear about most."

The new survey by the BETA Group for \$31,500, funded from the city's Chapter 90 state allocation, will be followed by an artificial intelligence (AI) and human evaluation that will produce a priority list of repairs for cracks, potholes, seals, patches and pavement oxidation. Cameras and sensors, mounted on

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From left, Purple Heart recipient Chester Bishop, his wife, Irene, and Steve Bohn (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

Rowley Honors Purple Heart Recipients

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

ROWLEY – Chester Bishop was a gunner's mate on swift boat river patrols in southern Vietnam in December 1968 when he was wounded the first time. The Army, short of soldiers, patched him up and returned him to his boat, where six months later he was

injured again by an exploding Claymore mine. Steve Bohn, a graduate of Salem High School, returned to his barracks after a long day on guard duty in Afghanistan in 2008 with the 101st Airborne when a suicide bomber exploded a loaded dump truck near him. He woke up in

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Georgetown Cancer Concerns

GEORGETOWN – Vacation on the part of a town employee apparently scuttled the discussion of cancer concerns from last week's SelectBoard's meeting. Residents had jammed the recent Board of Health meeting, concerned with high incidents of cancer in certain neighborhoods of this town. They were told the numbers are such that the state will be looking into the matter, and their concerns will be investigated. The matter was requested to be placed on the SelectBoard's agenda by Selectman Mike Donahue but the agenda item was surprisingly delayed. When a resident attempted to address the board during the open comments section of the meeting, he was shut down by acting chair Laura Repplier stating that the matter was not on the agenda. He was directed to the health department.

We'll report more on this matter. **PERHAPS UNRELATED:** The water department cautioned residents last fall after exceeding contaminate levels for three quarters: "People drinking water containing HAA5 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer, and young children and pregnant women may be more susceptible," they cautioned.

Georgetown Town Administrator Attacks Critics in a Blog

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco has created a blog on the platform SubStack. He used one of his first posts to attack his critics, which includes this newspaper that printed letters from former Conservation Commission staff members. In last week's edition, three former staff members questioned his actions, including firing one with little or no cause, shouting at them and making them uncomfortable enough in what they described as a "toxic envi-

ronment" to leave the town's employment. Calling The Town Common's reporting on the town's Conservation Commission (ConCom) "obsessive and creepy," Pacheco complained, "I don't want to let the lies get in the way of a good story but there are a few clarifications that need to be stated." In his almost 1,700-word blog, he criticized a recent article by Lonnie Brennan, a Georgetown resident and publisher, who gave an update on the hot topic of the invasive weeds that are often criticized by readers for being allowed to choke Pentucket pond – the pond has also been in the news for the Town Administrator's error in not ordering the right docks, despite being cautioned twice prior to placing the

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When asked how he was feeling, Malcolm Carnwath gave a thumbs up. (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

God Is Not Through with Newburyport's Malcolm Carnwath

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – Malcolm Carnwath was a Realtor and a respected historic preservationist with deep roots in his beloved

Newburyport and Portsmouth. But Carnwath probably prefers to be thought of more as a Jazz pianist. As a long-time member of this city's historical commission, he researched historic homes that brought numerous under-appreciated houses to life, which helped find new owners and allowed existing owners to appreciate better the homes they lived in. These days, Carnwath's eyes light up when his music is mentioned. He played New Orleans-style jazz most Tuesday nights at Portsmouth's storied Press Room jam sessions and has deep ties to the regional music community. At least until Saturday night, Nov. 16, 2024. He was driving home from

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Newbury Fire Department Responds to Multiple Service Calls Within an Hour

NEWBURY – Chief David Evans reports that the Newbury Fire Department responded to two service calls within an hour on Saturday. On Saturday, Aug. 8, at approximately 10:58 a.m., the Newbury Fire Department responded to the scene of a bicycle crash at the corner of Coleman Road and Elm Street. Upon arrival, crews found a bicy-

clist, who was participating in a bike race passing through town, had struck the guard rail and was tossed from their bike and into the woods. Due to the nature of the bicyclist's injuries, crews requested MedFlight transport. The bicyclist was transported to Anna Jaques Hospital from a landing zone at Manter Field on Central Street. Elm Street was temporarily closed while crews extracted the bicyclist from the woods. At approximately 11:15 a.m., Newbury Fire Department responded to a call to assist Massachusetts State Police with a medical emergency on Interstate 95 northbound at exit 81.

Newbury Fire requested Georgetown and Atlantic Ambulances to assist with the call from State Police while they responded to the Elm Street call. Georgetown Ambulance transported the patient to Anna Jaques Hospital. While the Elm Street bicyclist was in transport, an engine and ambulance from Newbury Fire were diverted to I-95 to assist Georgetown Ambulance. Newbury Police Department assisted with traffic management and accident investigation at Elm Street. Rowley Fire Department provided assistance establishing the MedFlight landing zone. ♦



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Boxford, Georgetown Topsfield, Newbury, Rail Trails, 'Potential [Land] Takings, Grants ...

by Lonnie Brennan
REGIONAL – The town of Topsfield received \$46,200 for a rail trail maintenance shed. Topsfield was one of 65 municipalities that received a portion of \$8.6 million in taxpayer money distributed through the recent MassTrails Grants program managed by the state. Boxford received \$233,760 of taxpayer funds for the "design of the Border to Boston Rail Trail (1.5 miles)." With prior tax funds received through the Mass. Dept. of Transportation, Boxford should have enough to "develop (their) design to 75%," then

apply for more funds. Georgetown is slated to receive \$408,838.21 in this round of funding for "Design/Engineering/Permitting/Title work and right-of-way work, including potential takings" of residents' lands to construct the trail. Similarly, Newbury is slated to receive \$455,619.97 in taxpayer funds for Design/Engineering/Permitting/Title work and right-of-way work, including potential takings." Much controversy remains along the trail as regards the forced government taking of lands from landowners, and issues with titles on various lands. ♦



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17 Mon	3:15	8.5	3:38	8.7	9:26	0.1	9:56	0.2	5:51	7:42	
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CARNWATH LIVES

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photographing ships in Portsmouth Harbor, his friend Donn Pollard said. Nazayah Carrasquillo, who was driving an Amazon delivery truck in the opposite direction "fell asleep at the wheel, crossed the center line and struck (Carnwath's) vehicle head-on at a combined speed approaching 100 (miles per hour) according to court filings. The Portsmouth first responders had to use the jaws of life to extract him from a crash that caused "catastrophic, life-altering injuries," according to court records. His heart stopped beating for at least 12 minutes.

He should have perished in the crash, Marc Breakstone, one of his attorneys, a partner at Breakstone, White & Gluck, told the *Boston Globe*. "And yet he lived!" wrote friend Jerry Mullins. "God was not done with him." Carnwath, 78, was rushed to Portsmouth Regional Hospital. Over the next six months, he required 24 surgeries to repair damaged organs including his brain and had his left leg amputated below the knee, according to several friends and court records. His left arm is paralyzed. He breathes through a tracheostomy in his throat and communicates on a keyboard linked to a computer. "I firmly believe if it wasn't for the prayer warriors at the Old South Church, and the encouragement of his frequent visitors from the church and from his music community, he would have passed away soon after the accident" Mullins wrote. A Middlesex jury last month awarded Carnwath and his attorneys a judgement of \$56 million, reportedly the largest judgement against Amazon and its partner, Agora Logistics, a Boxford-based Amazon Delivery Service Partner that operates last-mile delivery routes. A patient at the Whittier Rehabil-

itation Hospital in Haverhill, Carnwath was a blues and hard bop piano player, who worked with a number of well-known musicians, including Tom Rush and Muddy Waters. He had his own band, cleverly named Little Malcolm and the Mal-Fun-Shuns. Friends and family members hosted a benefit concert with several performers last year at the church where he was a long-time member, contributor to its musical program and where he has a large number of friends, including Pollard and Mullin. "When I walked in the Old South Church and saw Malcolm there, it was like coming home," Pollard said. Carnwath came to his benefit concert accompanied by two nurses. During the concert, his oxygen ran out, causing a stir, friends said. "To me, Malcolm was two things – a musician and a historical preservationist," Pollard said. Appointed to the city's historical commission in 2013, Carnwath enjoyed researching area homes. He was mentored by the late-Prudence Fish in historical architectural styles at Dick Carlson's real estate firm. His research was lauded by many homeowners who appreciated his insights into the history of their homes. Wrote one fan about a home on Strong Street: "I hope that what I have relayed should establish the label, 'historically significant', enough that not just the Historical Commission should designate it such but the present owners understand the gem they possess and rehabilitate the home rather than demolish it." Due to his extensive injuries, it is unlikely Carnwath will be able to live independently. His friends lobbied to have his rehabilitation care at Whittier, close enough for his friends to visit. With the judgment from Amazon, he may be able to buy a larger home in Newburyport where he could have the needed round-the-clock care. Or he may choose to live in a nursing home. ♦

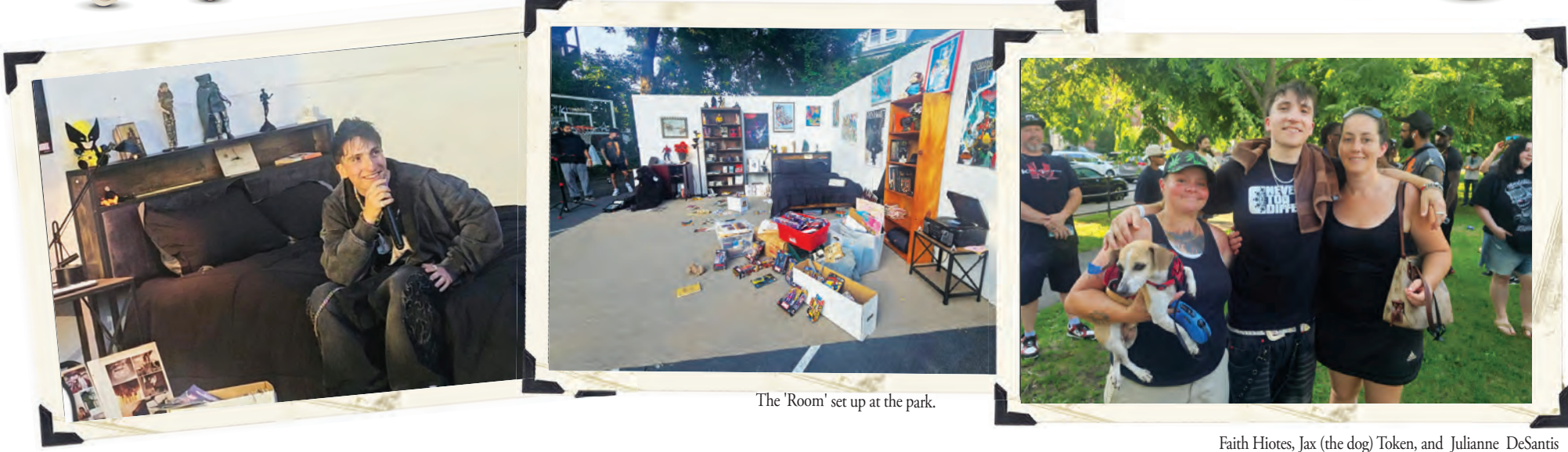


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North Shore's Token Continues Rise as Hip-Hop Star

by Julianne DeSantis

At just 27 years old, North Shore local celebrity Token (Ben Goldberg) has become one of Massachusetts' most recognizable names in hip-hop. From Marblehead and Salem, the rapper first gained national attention through his viral freestyle performances and rapid-fire lyricism before building a dedicated worldwide fan base, since 12 years old.

Now, as he prepares for the release of his fourth studio album, Token continues to prove that his career is only gaining momentum. Known not only for his musical talent but also as a community supporter, the North Shore artist has evolved from a local standout into a respected figure in the rap industry. His collaborations, performances, and millions of online views have helped cement his place in the hip-hop community while introducing his music to mainstream audiences.

With his relentless work ethic and growing national recognition, Token is quickly becoming a household name. For many across the North Shore,

his success is a reminder that hometown talent can make it big on the global stage while continuing to represent the community where it all began. He also shared the spotlight with local artists who performed at his listening party.

Token's fourth album release party (called "I'm Leaving Soon"),

featured him on a set that replicated his recently passed father's room. He celebrated the new album with this listening event with family and friends at Mary Jane Lee Park in Salem.

Check out Token and his tour at : www.NeverTooDifferent.com

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Salisbury

Christian Concert Series 6:30 - 9PM Oceanfront Stage - free.

THURS, AUGUST 13

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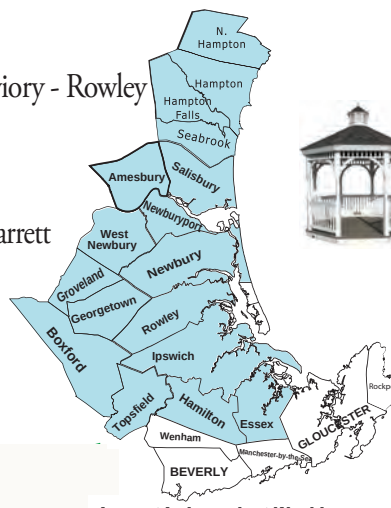
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AMESBURY POTHOLES

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vehicles, collected the roadway data. That information is being analyzed by AI to identify defects, measure road damage and help the city decide when issues should be addressed.

In fiscal year 2027, Amesbury's Chapter 90 apportionment is \$677,509.41, like most towns and cities, not nearly enough to meet the demand for repaired streets and sidewalks, said William Donahue, the city's communications director.

ROWLEY PURPLE HEARTS

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the hospital in Germany and later was transferred to the old Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. where doctors repaired his bladder and intestines and did three surgeries on his spine.

Last week, the Rowley Veterans Committee honored Bishop and Bohn and all area Purple Heart recipients at the Star Garden in front of the Rowley Town Hall. Bishop received two Purple Hearts for his wounds.

The Purple Heart, the nation's oldest medal, was first awarded by Gen. George Washington. Rowley is designated as a Purple Heart Community.

Bishop served after Vietnam in the Massachusetts State Police, while Bohn volunteered for the Wounded Warrior Project and now is the Veterans Service Officer for seven North Shore towns, Essex, Georgetown, Hamilton, Ipswich, Newbury, Rowley and West Newbury.

Also honored were area residents who are deceased. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt Nick George was awarded three Purple Hearts for injuries sustained during the Korean War, and Army Ranger Nick Ford, who used his body to shield a fellow soldier from a grenade attack in Afghanistan.

George lost a leg from his injuries, but went back through Ranger Assessment and Selection, was assigned to a Ranger Battalion and led troops as a squad leader on a prosthetic leg. He was the only amputee to ever serve in the 75th Ranger Regiment, leading nine combat deployments.

"The stories of valor are many and varied, but they all have one thing in common: these soldiers had each other's backs while fighting for our nation," wrote state Rep. Kristin Kassner. "Their dedication and their willingness to sacrifice for each other is beyond inspiring; we can all learn from them." ♦



Photos provided by Tim Ruh, Trustee - Affordable Housing Trust

Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust

by Kay Lee Ogden



The Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust was established in 2009 for the preservation and creation of affordable housing in the

Town. Kathy Sacks, a former selectman, was one of the founders to establish the town committee for this program.

The Trust has recently completed renovations on a three-bedroom house located at 79 Andover Street and is selling this house to a family that meet certain income and asset thresholds through a lottery process. Interested parties should contact the Trust for an application.

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The Trust has also initiated a new real estate tax support program to help homeowners that meet certain income and asset limitations pay \$500 of their real estate bills. [Out

of the estimated 420 households in town that may be eligible for the program, approximately 30 households will be granted the \$500 support, as the Trust has estimated a budget of \$15,000 for this program year].

Income Limits:

1-person \$74,7800; 2-person \$85,450; 3-person \$96,150; 4-person \$106,800; 5-person \$115,350, etc. The family household asset limit is \$75,00 for a single, \$150,000 for a couple, and \$250,000 for applicants over the age of 65. Other restrictions apply.

Applications for both programs can be secured from the Affordable Housing Coordinator Dianna Twomey 978.234.5060 Dtwomey@georgetownma.gov.

The Trust is funded by annual grants from the Town through the Community Preservation Act [an additional tax imposed on each property owner in town] and through developer fees on certain new housing projects.

The current Trustees are Tim Ruh, Chair, David Surface, Laura Repplier, Ellie Sinkiewicz, and Liz Loewen. ♦

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order.

He was told by Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Mike Donahue, and once by the Highway Surveyor Peter Durkee, who noted the tremendous square foot difference between the old docks and the proposed new docks. (Durkee uses his heavy equipment to move the docks each spring and fall, making him familiar with their size and conditions.) Pacheco focused most of his criticism on Michele Grenier, the conservation agent he fired in March. He blamed her for not acting in December on a proposal by Solitude Lake Management, a vendor, to rid the ponds of weeds. The town has an on-going agreement with Solitude to clear the weeds when asked. It was not likely to clear the weeds in the middle of winter, and by March Grenier was no longer employed by the town.

With no written warnings, Pacheco fired Grenier by email on a Friday (when town hall was closed), telling her there would be an investigation the following week, but none occurred, according to Grenier. He accused her for allegedly hiding a Zoom recording of a postponed ConCom meeting and for her saying he should do his job when he did not distribute computer software to the staff.

Pacheco denied he fired her for criticizing his job performance, forgetting that he wrote in her termination letter that it was one of two reasons he fired her. After firing her, and despite previously assuring Donahue in an email that the pond weed issue was being taken care of, he did not take care of the weeds, thus the renewed complaints about this safety hazard.

The administrator also accused Genier, who is preparing to sue the town for wrongful termination and discrimination, of committing fraud. He wrote that she was reprimanded by the town in open session, but did not disclose what the fraud was. He may have been referring to the \$64 in mileage reimbursement she was paid.

When Grenier was without her driver's license for a few months, she asked then ConCom chair Chris Candia, a volunteer, to drive her to visit properties that the ConCom was asked to permit. This is a critical duty of the conservation agent.

Grenier turned in mileage requests to the town and paid the small reimbursement to Candia. Later when questioned, Grenier apologized and reimbursed the town from her personal funds. No charges were brought against her, because she essentially hired someone to drive her, and paid that person with her reimbursement.

He claimed he has the power to fire Grenier, without warning, and had

pre-arranged a special legal opinion on the matter from a law firm of his choosing, but not KPLaw, the town's regular counsel.

Pacheco, who also is the town's human resources officer, personnel director and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) director, claimed that Grenier lied about having a disability or filing a doctor's letter confirming it.

"So now apparently, she was disabled and provided evidence of it, and we removed it from her personnel file. You can't make this up," he wrote sarcastically. "This person has never disclosed a disability to the Town and furthermore if she did where was the workplace accommodation request with it? What exactly was the disability?" Pacheco wrote.

"There must also be some record from her transmitting the sensitive medical information to the Town. It's not exactly the type of thing you just leave on a desk; it's a formal process. Let's see the receipts!"

Grenier said she handed the doctor's letter to Maureen Shultz, the administrator's assistant, for filing, an act that was witnessed. According to Grenier and the witnesses, she stamped the letter 'received' and on what date.

Pacheco also took a potshot at Grenier for writing a mystery novel, *A Lover's Lie*. "Has anyone read her book yet? It's got 1 rating (meaning a review) but it's a 5-star rating. I wonder who it was from. I'll give you one guess, and it wasn't me. She was so disabled she had no issues writing a mystery novel. Got it!" wrote the town's ADA director

Finally, he repeated his accusation against 17-year conservation agent

Steve Prysjski of committing payroll fraud. The Town Common has reported extensively on Prysjski's leaving his office and the reasons. An investigation by the state Inspector General concluded there was no payroll fraud. The newspaper has also reported several times about the \$10,000 investigation by the private detective firm, the Stirm Group, whose report was dismissed by the SelectBoard as being "a waste of town funds."

Since 2018, the accusations of payroll fraud against the ConCom has been investigated three or four times, including by the town's counsel, as well as the state Inspector General and the Stirm Group.

In his current blog, Pacheco complained that the investigations failed because Prysjski had not assisted the town in its investigation of the alleged payroll fraud by not turning over his emails.

Pacheco also claimed The Town Common had not reported on the agent being out of Town Hall to take site walks on properties being regulated by the ConCom. His direct supervisor, 20-plus year ConCom chair Carl Shreder, was quoted in the newspaper as saying Prysjski was encouraged to be out of the office surveying properties under consideration for town permits. Shreder said Prysjski often worked far more than the hours he was paid for.

Prysjski was often criticized for returning to Town Hall with clothes that he got muddied crawling around sites. At each ConCom meeting the agent reported the findings of his site visits to the full commission, which never found them lacking. ♦

Aulson Offers Cleanup/Plowing of Community Gardens

GEORGETOWN – In an e-mail to the town, Alan Aulson (Great Rock Farm, Goats-to-Go, ...) has offered to help restore the Community Gardens on Andover Street to their prior splendor.

With the majority of the garden plots abandoned and overgrown, extensive cleanup is needed.

Aulson will present his thoughts on restoration at the upcoming August 20th ConCom meeting. He seeks to protect gardens that are active and in stellar shape (shout-out to David Abbott for example), while restoring the remaining field area to it's prior splendor for new gardeners. The ConCom meeting begins at 7PM on the 20th.

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7/29, 8/5, (8/12)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD

Notice is given that the Planning Board shall hold a Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 11, and the provisions of **Article VII Open Space Residential Development \$165-47 to \$165-59** and **Article XIII – Special Permits and Site Plan Review, as further provided in \$165-83** of the Town of Georgetown Zoning Bylaws and **Ch. 57 Erosion and Stormwater Control**. The Public Hearing will be for an OSRD Special Permit, a Stormwater Permit and Site Plan Approval to create more than ten dwellings at **One Lull Street, Town Assessor's Map 17, Lot 86** in Zoning District RB.

This public hearing shall be held remotely on **Wednesday, 19 AUGUST 2026 at 7:20 P.M.**, in accordance with the Executive Order waiving certain provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 20, which was extended to JUNE 30, 2027. Interested persons are invited to participate in the above-cited hearing, via computer, tablet, smartphone by connecting to the following:

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87439828747> Meeting ID: 87439 828747
Passcode: 169406

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the **19 AUGUST 2026** 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. Video recordings of this meeting, and all Georgetown Planning Board meetings may be found at www.georgetownma.gov by choosing Cable TV option. Full and complete copies of the above-cited Site Plan application, together with the associated Plans, are available upon request by emailing the Town Planner at FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov or by clicking here: https://georgetownma.gov/government/boards__commissions/planning_board/current_projects.php#outer-5363

Any person interested in being heard on this application needs to appear at the time and place designated, herein. Please note that written correspondence will be accepted and read into the record of the hearing if it were received before Noon on the day of the hearing. Persons needing special accommodations may send an eMail to FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov
Frank O'Connor, Jr.
Planner for Town of Georgetown

7/29, 8/5

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Judith M. McKown	Gloucester	Campbell Funeral Home	Gloucester
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Loretta M. Delpero			
Nancy Claire Lalikos			
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Patricia I. Queene	Merrimac	Paul C. Rogers & Sons	Merrimac
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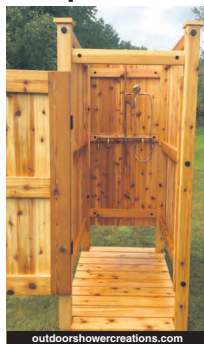
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The weather service just published instructions on how to bake a lasagna in your mailbox.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You face the possibility of raising your relationship to another level. However, your partner might demand that you make promises that you're not sure you're ready for.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As changes continue, expect things to get a little more hectic at your workplace. An unexpected travel opportunity could open up new career prospects!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Confront the person who caused your hurt feelings and demand a full explanation for their actions. You'll not only recover your self-esteem, but you'll also gain the respect of others.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A personal problem in the workplace is compounded by someone's biased interference. Stand your ground, and you'll soon find allies gathering around you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You don't accept disapproval easily. But instead of hiding out in your den to lick your wounded pride, turn the criticism into a valuable lesson for future use.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A former friend who you thought you'd cut out of your life is still affecting other relationships. Counter their lies with the truth. Your friends are ready to listen.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) What appears to be an unfair situation might simply be the result of a misunderstanding. If you feel that something is out of balance, by all means, correct it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A stalled relationship won't budge until you make the first move. Your partner offers a surprising explanation about what got it mired down in the first place.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A co-worker shares some startling news, but before you use it to your advantage, make sure that it's true. Meanwhile, the weekend favors family matters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your usual conservative approach to family situations might not work at this time. Keep an open mind about developments, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Plans might have to be put on hold because of a family member's problems. Don't hesitate to get involved. Your help could make all the difference.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Relationships in the home and in the workplace need your careful attention during this period. Be careful not to allow misunderstandings to create problems.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a keen, insightful intellect and enjoy debating your views with others who disagree with you. You also love to solve puzzles — the harder, the better.

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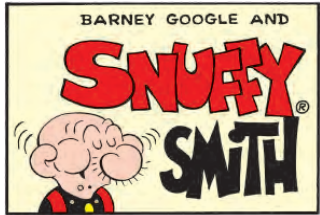


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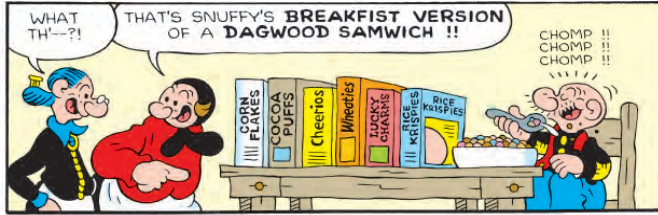
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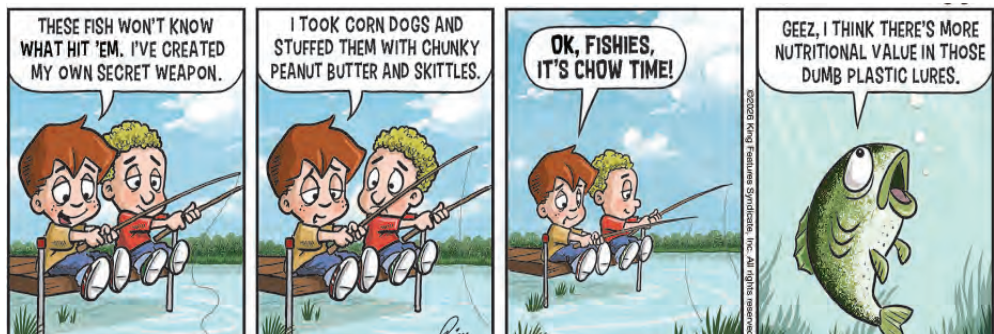
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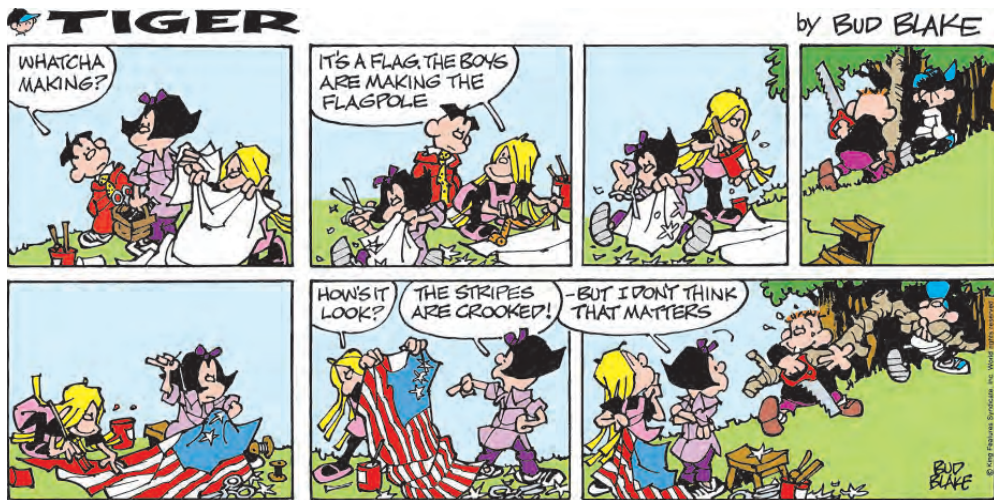


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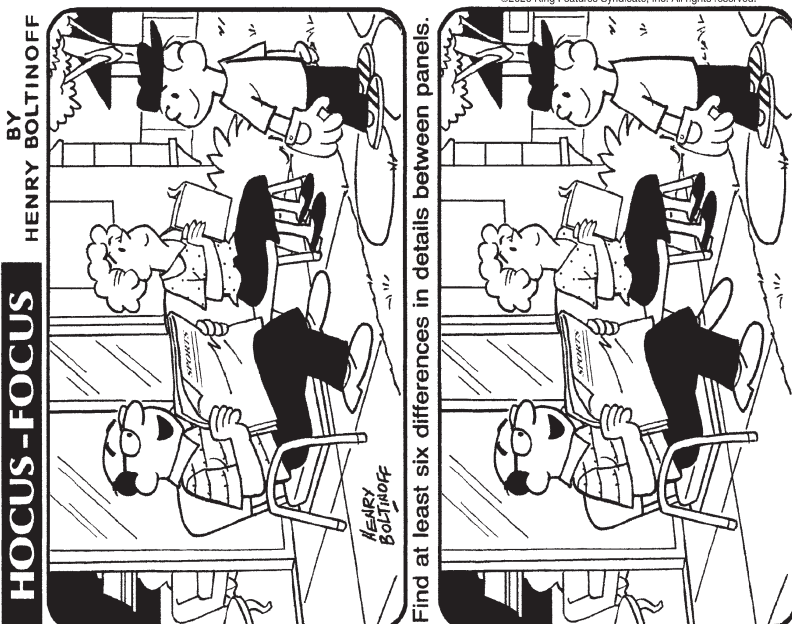
The Spats



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by BUD BLAKE



Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Collar is missing. 3. Arm is not showing. 4. Lamp is larger. 5. Window is added to house. 6. Back of chair is smaller.



Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 58 Removes (oneself) | 101 Tart gin cocktail | 7 It may get plugged up | 52 Element #26 | 92 Give the evil eye to |
| 1 Off-guard way to be caught | 60 Veteran | 103 Once-popular anesthetic | 8 Pig food | 53 Saudis, say | 94 — Tin Tin |
| 9 Bread has a lot of them | 61 Europe's "Eternal City" | 104 Certain pipe shape | 9 Jenner of reality TV | 54 Nut with caffeine | 95 Politico Cain |
| 14 Anchorage locale | 62 French battle site of '44 | 105 Maple fluid | 10 Prenatal exam | 55 Kuwaiti royal | 96 "Troy" actor Peter |
| 20 Aspire to something specific | 63 Doesn't skip, as an event | 106 Tax return ID | 11 Suitor's flower | 56 Positive votes | 97 Bites, as a horse at the bit |
| 21 Love, in Lido | 65 Reagan appointee Antonin | 107 Tiger's sound | 12 Rodeo horse | 58 Env. alert | 98 Muppet frog |
| 22 Hoped for | 67 Speak frankly | 108 Restricting freedom of thought | 13 Submitted, as an entry | 59 Santa's bagful | 99 Tracey of "Mrs. America" |
| 23 Founder of the Miracles | 71 Jungle gym | 111 Work site welfare org. | 14 Out of whack | 62 Short-limbed lizard | 100 Patron |
| 25 Lodged | 73 Film director May | 115 Poppas' partners | 15 Taoism's — -tzu | 64 Urban haze | 102 Apple debut of 2010 |
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| 27 With long suffering | 76 T-man Eliot | 121 Of high peaks | 17 Fr. resort port | 66 Certain skin bulge | 108 Opposite of new |
| 29 Rajah's wife | 77 Outing ruiner | 122 "Rapture" singer Baker | 18 Really into | 67 Time in office | 109 Spreadable cheese |
| 30 Alternatives to Cokes or Pepsis | 78 "How was — know?" | 123 All aspects considered | 19 Appending | 68 Jai — | 110 It may get plugged up |
| 33 — -mo | 79 Self-server | 124 Fitting one inside another | 24 Bottom | 69 Secular | 111 Eight, in Baja |
| 34 Twice LI | 81 Some IRA contents | 125 A-bomb trial | 28 In this way | 70 Green | 112 Alternative to Heath, candy-wise |
| 35 Raptor's claw | 84 Master of the dog Pluto | 126 Index entries ... or what 10 | 30 — Nabisco (old corp.) | 71 Hornet's valet | 113 Clutched |
| 36 Record player | 88 Sundown's direction | | 31 World Champion Bull of 2009 | 72 Fried stuffed dumplings | 114 Positive votes |
| 41 Ape in an arcade game | 89 Accepted | DOWN | 32 Clip, as a coupon | 73 Many a new driver | 116 Netflix's "Anne With —" |
| 43 1307-27 king of England | 90 China's Long March leader | 1 KGB's land | 35 Young kid | 74 "Pass the ball to me!" | 118 Opposite of NNW |
| 44 Prefix with natal or con | 91 2012 Best Director Lee | 2 Lost clown fish of film | 36 Study fixture | 75 Crawl (with) | 119 Install, as tile |
| 46 Comic book shriek | 93 Alternative to Match or OkCupid | 3 Sitting on | 37 Not in use | 76 Diner worker | 120 "How cute!" |
| 47 Thick deli cut | 95 It's pushed in an ice rink | 4 Stir to life | 38 Gala bagful | 77 Concluded | |
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| 50 Olduvai Gorge paleontologist | | 6 Singer Acuff | 40 Thing flown in the wind | 79 Part of ER: Abbr. | |
| 57 Beer cask | | | 41 Scooby- — | 80 "Huzzah!" | |
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You Spoke. We Listened.

The Mello Transfer Station Survey Results Are In

The Mello team is thankful to hear from the hundreds of area residents and regional customers alike that responded.

Love the
new location!



Great job.
Looks good!



Keep up the
good work!



Amazing
staff!



No safety
concerns!



Solid Waste Transfer Station Customer Survey

As part of our ongoing commitment to serving you better, we asked customers to share their feedback on our new facility at 20 Carleton Drive in Georgetown, MA. We're proud of our exceptional ratings and are pleased to share a few highlights on how well we have achieved the following goals:

● **Facility location is easy to access.**

93% ☒ strongly agree 7% ☒ agree 0% ☐ disagree 0% ☐ strongly disagree

Additional comments Such an improvement!
Well marked and easy to manage.

● **Facility is clean and well maintained.**

96% ☒ strongly agree 4% ☒ agree 0% ☐ disagree 0% ☐ strongly disagree

Additional comments Clean, organized, and easy
to understand.

● **Facility offers recycling options for commingled material, cardboard, mattresses, ac/refrigerators, and metal.**

83% ☒ strongly agree 15% ☒ agree 0% ☐ disagree 0% ☐ strongly disagree

Additional comments Super easy!
Love the setup for plastic and paper.

● **Facility staff are courteous and helpful.**

100% ☒ strongly agree 0% ☐ agree 0% ☐ disagree 0% ☐ strongly disagree

Additional comments Always cheerful and happy to assist.

● **Facility staff are concerned about safety.**

79% ☒ strongly agree 18% ☒ agree 0% ☐ disagree 0% ☐ strongly disagree

Additional comments Well-swept floors with magnetic
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Any other comments or suggestions: Thank you, G. Mello!



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