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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Amanda Ross outside her Georgetown Barber Shop (Photo by Kay Lee Ogden)

Georgetown Barber Shop

by Kay Lee Ogden

This week's business spotlight shines on "Georgetown Barber Shop and Shaves," 18 east main street, located in the Mason's Building.

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Owner: Amanda Ross

This is a series of local businesses to encourage customers to shop local and make people aware of their services

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Nate with Paul Abruzzi (right) (Photo by Stewart Lytle)



Nell with Paul Abruzzi and baby Maudslay (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

Paul Abruzzi and the Stories, Fun, and Changes at Jabberwocky

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT — As he transitions to a new role at the popular Jabberwocky Bookstore, Paul Abruzzi recalled one of his fondest memories from his 33 years as its manager: bringing his infant son to work.

He would stand at the Tannery's

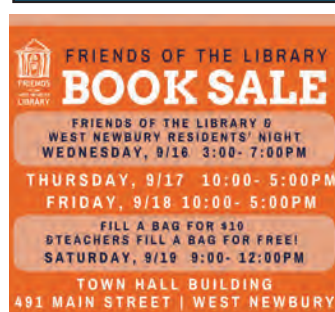
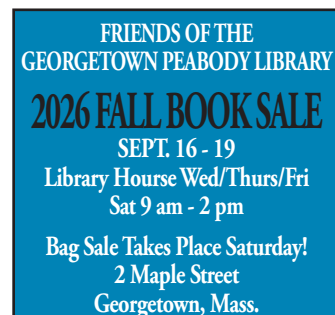
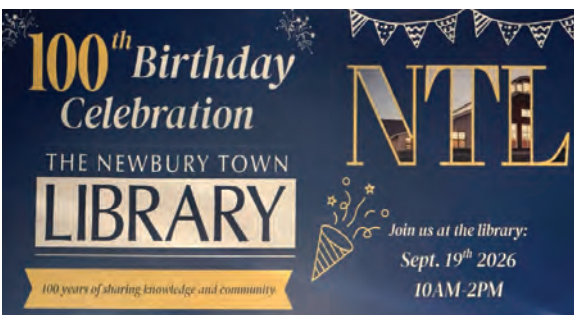
parking lot door with Nathan's car seat on the desk beside him. If a reader needed help finding a book in the store's many rows, Paul would either run quickly himself or take his son along with him.

Nathan is now 32 and posed recently with his dad at that same desk as his father steps down as store manager. At

the end of Yankee Homecoming this year — a busy time for the store — Paul began his new role, part-time.

He will no longer be the everyday fixture he's been for so many book lovers through the years. But no fear: he'll still work three of the store's busiest days each week.

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JABBERWOCKY

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Even then, as Kurt Mullen, an avid reader, Jabberwocky customer and longtime friend of Paul, said, "He will be missed."

The store itself is going through its own transition. Sue Little, who opened the store in downtown Newburyport 54 years ago and was the first retail store at the Tannery, is stepping into the role of owner emeritus, which allows her to come in when she wants and be "irresponsible." Her son Erik's wife, Julia Hoel, is stepping into her shoes as owner and buyer, carrying forward a long and happy tradition for customers who enjoy "the art of browsing" at Jabberwocky. And behind the desk in Paul's old spot is his protégé, Harrison Acuna-Stevenson, Jabberwocky's new manager.

Andre Dubus III, probably the store's most celebrated regular, wrote of Paul: "For over 30 years, Paul Abruzzi has been cheerfully and efficiently doing far more than helping to sell books at our beloved Jabberwocky Bookshop. He's been helping thousands of his fellow human beings enlarge their minds and their hearts, which has helped to make us all more informed and compassionate people, which has helped to make this community and beyond more caring, more humane, and more loving."

Dubus — the author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *House of Sand and Fog*, an Oprah's Book Club pick and National Book Award finalist — added: "Leo Tolstoy reminds us that art is 'transferring feeling from one heart to another.' In this time of such division, of so many shortened attention spans and even shorter tempers, the work my dear friend, Paul Abruzzi, has been doing so warmly and so well for so long has been nothing short of revolutionary."

Dubus agreed Paul "will be sorely missed" — a sentiment shared by so many of the store's other longtime customers.

In her 82 years of living and shopping in Newburyport, Mary Bragg said, "We all know what a gem Jabberwocky Bookstore has been in Newburyport for many years. It is there that I have had the pleasure of getting to know Paul Abruzzi, a pillar of the establishment."

"I think of the hundreds, thousands of encounters Paul has had with one-time visitors to the store, and the luckier local residents often returning to make a purchase of a much-valued book or another item for sale, and after much thought, realize what an impression Paul had made on others in our community and beyond."

Bragg compared Abruzzi to Theo in the beloved novel *Theo of Golden*. "Paul is the epitome of what it means to be a gentleman ... smart, humble, accomplished and kind. In my numerous trips through the years to Jabberwocky, every time I encountered Paul standing behind the counter, he has been ready to serve, assist, recommend and chat before I headed back home with a new book."

She said she knows Paul only through these "pleasant" encounters, which others might consider unimportant in life — "but to me they were rays of golden sunshine pointing out the goodness in my community and beyond, brightening up my days. I envy those who know and hang out with Paul after store hours. Such a gentleman in our midst!"

Kurt Mullen praised Abruzzi for seeming to know what book a customer had come for without being told. "Paul seemed to know what my tastes were."

Born in Italy and raised in an orphanage before being adopted as a toddler and relocated to the United States, Abruzzi was not naturally ebullient, Mullen said. "But he was always warm."

Mullen also enjoyed watching Paul interact at the store with his bonus daughter, Nell — whom he's raised alongside her mother, his significant

other, Liz Desmaris. "They were close. Seeing them together put a smile on my face," Mullen said.

Abruzzi is already a grandfather to Nell's daughter, Maudslay, who visits him often at Jabberwocky, and is about to become one again with Nathan's first child. The job change gives him more time to be a grandfather and finally dive into writing books of his own, instead of just selling them — along with keeping up his other extracurricular passions: skiing, hiking, golfing, and the occasional trivia night.

GEORGETOWN BARBER

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and talents that we have surrounding us!!! Please shop local!!!!

Amanda purchased the business from the former owner Karen Pellitier in September of 2019, a g-town favorite for many years! She was employed by Karen for many years. Karen was looking to retire, and she offered the business to Amanda who resides in Georgetown with her daughter Jianna Ross Scola, 17 years of age, who is a senior at Danvers High School. They moved to g-town four years ago.

Amanda loves the kiddoes, and what she does! Every day, she looks at her schedule and is excited to see who's coming in, she loves making people feel good and looking their best! Amanda shared with me that many people confide in her their personal lives, that she feels not only as their barber, but also their therapist, or just a sounding board, and encourages the customers, just let it all hang out! By this, it's created a lot of friendships! And it's a great feeling that people trust me enough to share their private lives with her, with their secrets, and personal information, as it is extremely private! People share!

"We do mostly, men and boys hair, but not limited to, as many women come in also. We love the kids, they are so much fun," she shared.

"I try to keep my prices affordable, and family oriented, and we are extremely friendly and down to earth! I am proud to say that we have been in business for 7 years, thanks to our customers for their need of a shave or haircut, and the customers that stayed with us, and our new customer base that we have created, and we now have approximately 600 customers!"

"Thanks to my very valued employ-

He also plans to continue another one of his favorite extracurriculars: serving as a judge for the Actors Studio's Full Moon Story Slams, where audience members tell the crowd a story from their own life. Kurt said Paul once confessed to him that he enjoyed being the judge but could never stand in front of a crowd and tell a story of his own.

"I don't want the attention," Mullen quoted him as saying.

Writer's Note: Too late, Paul. Too many people, including this writer, love you. ♦

ees; Cliff McKenzie, and Dory Vitello, great, faithful employees, who love working with the kids, and other clients!"

Amanda is an extremely talented lady, offering her dedication and talents to many organizations; she has supported our town activities that most people don't realize. She supports and chairs many events in town! The baseball teams in town, the Strawberry Festival at the Congregational Church, Masco youth hockey, sponsor for the corn hole tournament for the Triton Football League, and many more! People call her to help, because she is a mover and shaker, and gets things down! People love her, anyone that calls her for help - she steps up and puts both shoulders into it!!! She's a very unique person, and gives back to everyone, and we should support her business as well!

She has a huge event coming up for Georgetown: "Trunk or Treat" on Oct. 24th at the Penn Brook School. This program will donate all proceeds to the "special ed program", they decorate cars, and have a ball, the kiddoes love it!!! Get involved! More to come!!! Happy Halloween!

Amanda is also looking to hire a person, as she has an empty chair, to join her team, a barber, or hair stylist. Requirement's, a mass barber or cosmetology license! Call for an appointment please.

Georgetown Barbershop is offering a very special deal for first-time clients: \$5.00 off for new customers for mentioning this story!!!

We love kiddoes, prices are terrific, they all love what they do!

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by Katherine Szuplat
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The Newbury Town Library is turning 100 and invites the public to join the celebration on Saturday September 19th from 10 am to 2pm. The celebration marks the 100th year of the town of Newbury having a library and 25 years of the current library building. Public remarks will be made at 11am by Library Trustee Alexander Burke, Representative Kristin Kassner, and Senator Bruce Tarr. Light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Newbury Town Library will be served throughout the celebration. Crafts and activities for children will occur in the Children's section, while the Adult section of the Library will showcase a timeline of the Library's 100 years. Visitors will be able to choose a Surprise Party Book, while supplies last, to take home as well as enter to win a NTL mug or reading journal. At 1pm the 2001 Time Capsule will be opened and new contents will then be resealed into the time capsule to be opened in another 25 years. All are welcome and encouraged to explore the library throughout the day. The Newbury Town Library is located at 0 Lunt Street in Byfield. Please contact Assistant Director Katherine Szuplat at (978) 465-0539 with any questions.

Newburyport Art Association Showcases 160 Works - Art Sale

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT - Newburyport Art Assn. (NAA) is celebrating 25 years of creativity, connection and community by exhibiting more than 160 artworks that are available in its on-line auction.

Many of the artworks can be viewed in this year's Art Auction exhibition until Saturday, Oct. 3 at the NAA office in the Sergent Gallery at 65 Water St. A ticketed auction party is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m., Oct. 3. The exhibit includes NAA Member Artwork featuring photography, mixed media, sculpture, oil and acrylics.

Upstairs in the Hartson Gallery is the Collector's Collection, showcasing artwork donated from private collections, including work by notable artists such as Harold Feinstein, Cara Weston and Carlos Mérida.

For online bidding & tickets to our October 3rd party, visit: [Auctria](https://www.auctria.com/events/NewburyportArt25). The afternoon and evening offers live painting by Alan Bull and a chance to purchase his piece; bidding on Members' Artwork, Collectors Collection and Silent Auction Packages.

There will also be free tarot reading; dancing to live jazz & swing with Jared Holaday; sipping on a signature cocktail from the open bar; enjoying catered food and dessert; posing for your Moon Portrait in the sculpture garden and sharing your NAA story in an optional two-minute video interview.

Gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. NAA member tickets are \$70; Non-member tickets: \$90; with a suggested attire of cosmic shine!

Lead sponsors are Matter Communications, Milestone 35 Tools & Woodworking and the Hylton Family Trust for supporting our 25th Annual Art Auction.

For more information, as well as an online gallery visit newburyportart.org.



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The True North Ale Company will feature Octoberfest '26 on Saturday, Sept. 26th.

Events will include: cider donuts, jumo pretzels, sausages & schnitzel with German sides, beer marionette, True North Ales festival beers, Official U.S. Steinholding Competition site, photo booth and props, and prizes for best Bavarian dress.

The True North Ale Company is located at 116 County Road in Ipswich, Mass. ♦



Family Day

Free admission, fun, games, and enjoy ice cream and hot dogs on Sat. Sept. 19th at 84 Nelson Street in Georgetown. Camp Denison, is a public place to explore, with walking trails, a pond, etc. Event runs from 11 am until 3 p.m. ♦

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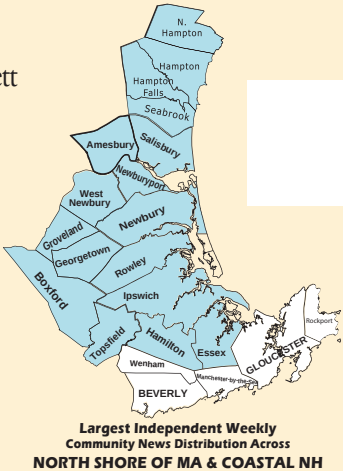
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visitors who made PlumFest a success. From the Blue Inn to the Plum Island Lighthouse, island, local, and regional performers treated PlumFest attendees to a wide range of music.

Ava Valianti, the 16-year-old singer-songwriter from Newbury con-

tinues to impress audiences. Bill Durling, Greg Guba, Jamie Cain, John Feeks, John Copeland, Jonathan Soucy, Lottie Vonne, Luica and Emilia Perruci, Mary Ann McAllister, Philip Corcoran, Richard Wallace, Tom Cook, Kris Veenema, were just

a few of the slated performers. Bands included Ruckus, Vices Inc, Mug-Shot, Lonely Oak, Way to the River, Atlas, Salty Side Down, Town Crier, Lemon House, Basin Boys, The Gem-Tones, Comfortably Plum, Hubcap Romeo, and many more....

The non-profit volunteer-run event was free for all attendees, with donation buckets passed through the crowds to support the Boys & Girls Club of Lower Merrimack Valley, Plum Island Foundation, and other non-profits.



Gina Smith



Julie Bishop and Lisa Ramos



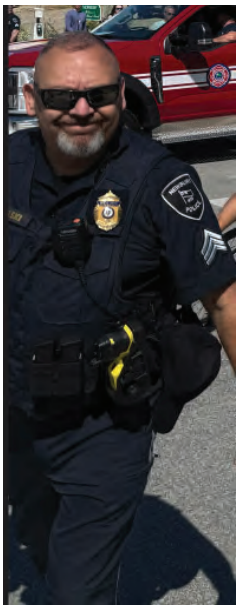
Lily Anderson of Georgetown



Carol Murray (in blue) of Byfield for her 15 or 20th year of visiting the island!



Velvet Wave



Sergeant Mark Smigielski - Newbury



Brenda Malloy of Rocky Neck - Gloucester



April with Scott Aulson



Lisa Chafe of Manchester



Lee-Ann Willwerth of Manchester



Most photos by Alan Aulson (driver) of Georgetown, shown with passengers Maureen Aulson, Wayne Winters, and Anthony Verduga of Amesbury on guitar.



Steven Manassian (holding red donation bucket) homeowner, with band Revel Up.

Ellen E. Denno

GEORGETOWN – Ellen E. Denno, 81, passed away peacefully on September 9, 2026, with her loving husband, Stephen, at her side, following a long illness. She was Stephen’s cherished wife and deeply loved companion.

Born in Beverly and raised in Danvers, Ellen was the daughter of the late Stephen and Dorothy (Rollins) Picillo. She graduated from Danvers High School Class of 1963.

Ellen’s life was defined by a beautiful, lifelong romance with her husband, Stephen. Friendsincethethirdgrade,theirconnectionblossomedonJuly4,1964,whilewatchingthefireworkswithfriends.SoonaftertheirweddingonJuly1,1966,Stephendeployedto Vietnam. Altogether they shared 61 years of deep devotion and partnership.

A resident of Georgetown since 1971, Ellen was a faithful member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church. She shared a deep love for nature and adventure with Stephen. They spent many years hiking the peaks as avid mountain climbers and members of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Ellen is survived by her beloved husband, Stephen, and their son, Matthew Denno.

Her graveside service was held at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery & Crematory, 185 Lake Street in Peabody, on Monday, September 14th Arrangements by O’Donnell – Cremations – Funerals – Celebrations, Danvers. Condolences at www.odonnellfuneralservice.com.



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Bette Comet	Beverly Farms, MA	Campbell Funeral Home	Beverly	978-922-1113
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Joyce (Routhier) Schiappa	Methuen, MA	Conte Funeral Home	North Andover	978-681-5000
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- 2014 Honda Accord VIN 1HGCR2F7XEA109233
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Coady’s Towing Service 9/16, (9/23), (9/30)

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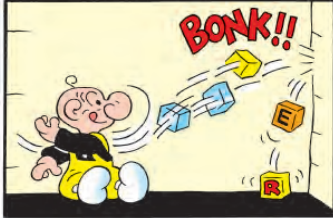
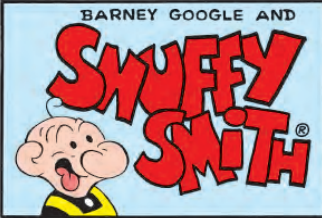
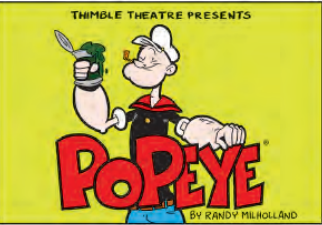


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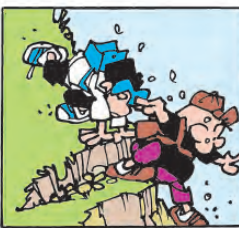
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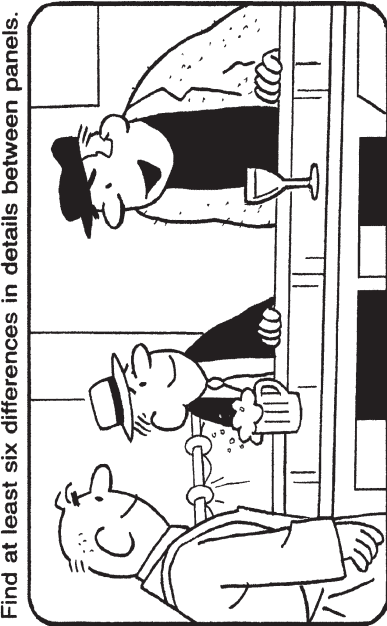
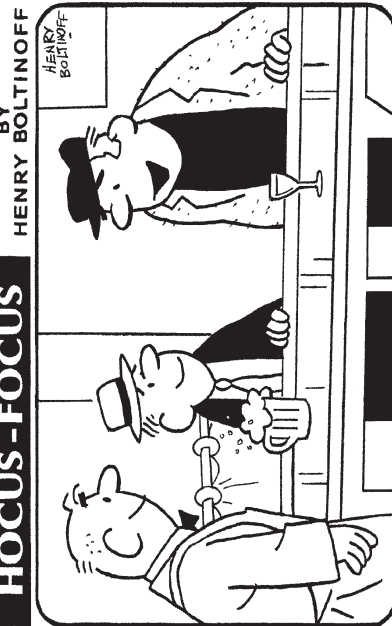
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each of the 3x3 sub-grids contains all of the numbers 1 through 9.

Super Crossword

SHORT MONTHS

ACROSS

- 1 Gentle
5 Not active
9 Hockey great Gordie
13 Certain utility meter reader
19 "Pronto!"
20 Back end
21 Notion
22 Hun leader
23 "Klute" actress
25 Line of air fresheners requiring an outlet
27 Element #10
28 See 38-Down
29 Texting format, for short
30 Land in eau
32 Strong-arms
36 Lobbying org.
37 Singer Ross
39 "Let's Get It On" singer
41 Certain fruit stone
43 "— fair in love and war"
44 Stood to lose
46 Idyllic places
47 City official on "Family Guy"
50 Part of UCLA
52 Make tidy
56 Noted Deco master
57 Notion
60 Go in haste
61 Fogged up, as a sauna
65 School for associate's degrees
68 Caribbean resort
69 "Let it stand"
71 Goes after in court
72 Intended (to)
73 Bartending tool with holes
76 1841-45 first family
77 Primo pitcher
78 Cape Cod resort village
79 Dried up
81 Heptathlete Jackie Joyner-
84 Railroad depot: Abbr.
85 Portend a good outcome
90 Dog's reward
93 Scored a major victory
95 Mine, in France
96 Brownish-toned picture
100 Stuff squirted by a cephalopod
103 Slow to react
104 NFL notable Manning
105 Some private planes
106 "Is that so!"
107 Univ. senior's test
108 Weapons depot
110 Tiger's sound, to tots
112 Halifax native
115 Poolside seat
120 Large moon of Uranus
121 "I'm buying"
122 Region
123 Rebuke from Caesar
124 Lie comfily close
125 Belgian river
126 Frat guys
127 Span represented by the first three letters of 12 answers in this puzzle
8 Time of note
9 Old LP players
10 Polish river
11 Program running in a browser
12 Topic of an otologist's instructions
13 Intent stare
14 Munched on
15 Fuel additive brand
16 Country singer Ronnie
17 School reunion-goers
18 Pesters
24 Central points
26 "Champion" of Spain
28 Overly docile
30 Muslim prayer leader
31 See 70-Down
33 Heron variety
34 Elevate
35 Sac in anatomy
37 "Finished!"
38 With 28-Across, church meeting cry
40 Abbr. on a brandy bottle
41 Dreamy guys
42 Italian for "hundred"
45 SpaceX head Musk
48 Chart anew
49 Ironic, as wit
51 Rub to clean
53 Main topic
54 "The — Sanction" (1975 film)
55 Must have
57 Halve with an ax, say
58 Prior to, to a bard
59 Mac rivals
61 "Wheel of Fortune" host Pat
62 Halting of hostilities
63 Leonhard of pure mathematics
64 Prez Lincoln
65 Denim pants
66 Cake tier
67 "— Abner"
69 Hog's pen
70 With 31-Down, lilting song syllables
74 Ovine animal
75 El — (ocean current)
76 —TV ("Tacoma FD" channel)
79 Armani offerings
80 Incite
82 Incite
83 Part of QED
85 Basic lessons
86 Once lived
87 Move to a new country
88 Individual
89 Similar to
91 "Billy, Don't Be —"
92 "Anna Karenina" novelist
94 Yule tune
96 Join the team
97 Get dressed
98 Irritates
99 Promotional connections
101 Ski jackets
102 Quadrennial games org.
105 Seat weaver
108 Clearasil target
109 Moniker
111 Curds and —
113 Craft
114 Pine- —
115 Small dollop
116 Make a gaffe
117 Co. top dog
118 Give — shot
119 Classic Karel Capek play

DOWN

- 1 — Mahal
2 "Hugo" title role player
3 Polite
4 Sword variety
5 Patch variety
6 Animal lair
7 Young fellow

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7	8	6	9	2	8	9	2	1
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) As tensions ease on the home front, you can once again focus on changes in the workplace. Early difficulties are soon worked out. Stability returns as adjustments are made.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new romance tests the unattached Bovine's patience to the limit. But Venus still rules the Taurean heart, so expect to find yourself trying hard to make this relationship work.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to consider home-related purchases. But shop around carefully for the best price, whether it's a new house for the family or a new hose for the garden.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A contentious family member seems intent on creating problems. Best advice: Avoid stepping in until you know more about the origins of this domestic disagreement.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A recent job-related move proves to be far more successful than you could've imagined. Look for continued beneficial fallout. Even your critics have something nice to say!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Ease up and stop driving yourself to finish a certain project on a deadline that's no longer realistic. Your superiors will be open to requests for an extension. Ask for it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) You should soon be hearing some positive feedback on a recent business move. Meanwhile, an old family problem recurs, but this time, you'll know how to handle it better.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprising statements shed light on the problem that caused a once-warm relationship to cool off. Use this newly won knowledge to help turn things around.

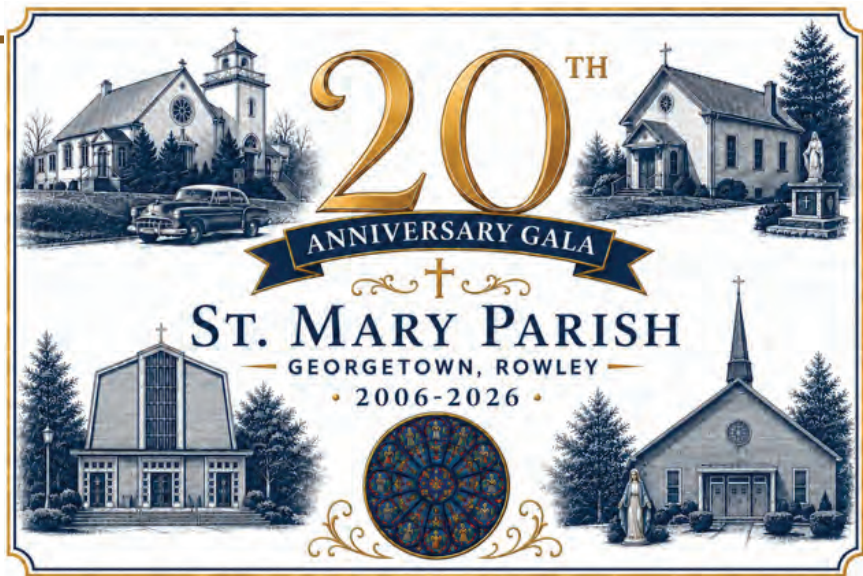
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your spiritual side is especially strong at this time. Let yourself be guided by it into deeper contemplation of aspects about yourself that you'd like to understand better.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your merrier aspect continues to dominate and attract folks who rarely see this side of you. Some serious new romancing could develop out of all this cheeriness.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're always concerned about the well-being of others. It's time that you put some of this concern into your own health situation, especially where it involves nutrition.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Just when you thought your life had finally stabilized, along comes another change that needs to be addressed. Someone you trust can help you deal with it successfully.

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We would also like to thank all our employees that came through the door through the years – full time, part time, one day or for 23 years. We thank each and every one of our patrons who made this possible. Without your patronage, loyalty and continued support, none of this would have been realized. It was a pleasure.

We will especially miss all the families and their children. You kept us young and engaged. We wish we could continue but time catches up to all of us. We are forever grateful.

So, so long, but not goodbye.

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This week marks the great grand kickoff of library book sales through the greater 16-town area served by The Town Common.

West Newbury Library Fall Book Sale!

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Monday, Sept. 21 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM

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as always, Heather will share beautiful pictures but we're also keeping plenty of time for Q&A. We hope you can join us for another great discussion! This program will be recorded and a link will be sent to all registrants soon after the program. 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. ♦

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