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Newburyport: Meet John Updike, the Cartoonist

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – Most of John Updike's fans appreciate his artistic achievements as a one of America's best novelists. But as his son, Michael, a Newbury resident, will discuss in his presentation this Saturday, the elder Updike wanted first to be a cartoonist.

The Newburyport Art Association will present the "Unlaunched Cartooning Career of John Updike..." by Michael Updike, an artist and sculptor himself, from 6 to 8 p.m., Nov. 21.

John Updike started drawing cartoons as a child and aspired as a teenager to be a cartoonist for magazines like *The New Yorker*.

In an article for *Hogan's Alley*, a magazine of the cartooning arts, John wrote, "I didn't crack *The New Yorker*, but I did once sell (for $5) a dairymen's journal a cartoon of a milk-truck with a running cow instead of a greyhound on it, and when I went to Harvard (University) I was elected to the *Harvard Lampoon* on the strength of my cartooning."

For the *Lampoon*, "I wrote light verse and humorous prose as well

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Newbury Garden Club Certificate of Recognition is presented to Evelyn Noyes (left) by Newbury Garden Club President Erica Swanson (right)

Newbury Garden Club Presents Award to Evelyn Noyes

by Charleen Maunsell
Newbury Garden Club

The Newbury Garden Club is in its 2nd year recognizing and honoring organizations, businesses and non-profits that provide and maintain seasonal plantings that enhance the beauty of the Newbury Community.

The 2026 recipient is local Byfield resident Evelyn Noyes who has been planting and caring for the display of memorial geraniums honoring the men and women of Byfield who served our country during World War II. She singularly has contrib-

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Georgetown Council On Aging Holiday Fair!

Donna Reardon, Carol Westhaver, and Jill Benas
Take a Moment for a Photo in Front of the Many Raffle Gift Baskets at last Saturday's Holiday Fair. Drop by the Council on Aging this week to purchase many holiday items that will be on display.



West Newbury Taps Kendra Amaral

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

WEST NEWBURY – Kendra Amaral, the deputy commissioner for the state Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, was chosen to be the next West Newbury Town Manager, subject to a contract between her and the town.

In a competition of what the Select-Board considered candidates of equal abilities, Amaral won the position

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Groveland Seeks 25 MPH Speed Limit

By Michael Dempsey

How fast can you drive your car in town? Do you obey the speed limit that is posted when you see a sign? What about when there is no sign telling you the speed limit? By default, if there is no posting, you can drive as fast as 30 miles per hour even on some of Groveland's smallest streets. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, pedestrians involved in an accident with a vehicle traveling 20 miles per hour have a 90 percent chance of survival. With an increase of speed by a vehicle traveling 31 miles per hour, just 11 miles per hour faster, pedestrians' risk of severe injury reaches 50 percent. That's half the time a pedestrian is hit by a moving vehicle! Our Police Chief Jeffrey Gillen wants to address the problem by lowering the default speed to 25 miles per

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as drew for the *Lampoon*," Updike wrote. His *Lampoon* cartoons "represent my peak as a cartoonist."

By graduation in 1954, he was 85 percent certain that he would become a writer. "It took fewer ideas, and I seemed to be better at it. Also, one can continue to cartoon, in a way, with words; whatever crispness and animation my writing has, I credit the cartoonist manqué," he wrote.

Updike would become a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist for his Rabbit novels.

NAA members may attend Michael Updike's talk for free, but need to register their free ticket to attend. Non-NAA Members' tickets are $15.

The NAA galleries at 65 Water St. are open to the public Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information, as well as an online gallery is available at newburyportart.org.

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uted to adding beauty to the Byfield WWII Monument Park Memorial on Main Street for over 5 years.

Newbury Garden Club President Erica Swanson presented the Certificate of Recognition to Evelyn at the clubs November General Meeting held at the Newbury Library.

Evelyn joyfully shared her story about how she became involved with the Monument and how rewarding it was with the club members.

Thank you Evelyn!

NEW TOWN MANAGER
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over former Ipswich Town Manager Stephen Crane and former Billerica Town Manager Clancy Main, who is the current assistant Haverhill school superintendent for finance and operations.

Amaral was the unanimous choice of the board's two members, Wendy Reed, the chair, and member Barry Fogel. The third seat is vacant.

She would succeed Angus Jennings, who was town manager from 2018 to 2026 when he resigned to become the business manager for the Whittier Vocational and Technical High School. Sean Fitzgerald is the interim Town Manager.

Amaral was the town manager for Kittery, ME, for almost nine years, which the board members considered a positive for West Newbury. But the tie breaker among the three candidates was Reed's polling of town staff members.

After the televised interviews of the three candidates on Thursday, Reed said she talked with many town employees because, "It has been a difficult year for the staff."

"The overwhelming response" from the staff was in favor of Amaral, she told Fogel. Reed said she also liked that Amaral had "come up through the ranks" of municipal government and was active with the association of town officials.

Fogel was impressed that Amaral had worked for the planning Department for the city of Lowell. She had been chief of staff for Amesbury Mayor Thatcher Kezer. She promised the West Newbury SelectBoard there would be no surprises, and she impressed the board when she said she wanted to work in West Newbury.

Amaral was also the director of planning and research for the Boston Children's Museum from 2000 to 2006.

Essex County Greenbelt Association Visits Groveland

By Michael Dempsey

Last month the Groveland Conservation Commission hosted a visit from the Essex County Greenbelt Association land committee. Why were they here? The Commission wants to protect our town's open space and make sure it is still here for our children and grandchildren to enjoy. One method to protect land is something called a conservation restriction. It places a set of rules for the land's use, a list of prohibited activities and prevents any changes without a vote of the state legislature which would also require providing replacement land equal to the size of the parcel protected. The town still owns the land and manages it, but we would partner with Greenbelt to work together to monitor and keep it open following the rules set up with the restriction. The Greenbelt land committee visited our town forest on Wood Street to consider helping us place a conservation restriction on the parcels. The committee was impressed with the beautiful property, the terrific trails, and the abundance of tall trees. If the committee votes to have Greenbelt work with the Commission, we will begin documenting the rules for the use of the parcels which must be approved by the Commission, the Select Board, and the state. Once approved, the document or conservation restriction will be recorded at the Essex County Registry of Deeds. The Commission can then be assured that the town forest parcels will finally be permanently protected for our residents.

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hour. Both he and Highway Supervisor Arthur Marcos gave a presentation to the Select Board on September 28 about lowering the town-wide speed limit to 25. In Massachusetts, a municipality can opt-in to Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 90, Section 17C, which allows cities and towns to reduce the statutory speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph in thickly settled or business districts on a municipal-wide basis. The Select Board must vote to adopt the statute and set the speed limit town-wide to 25. The town then notifies the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and finally posts signs notifying drivers of the town-wide limit. Let's all get together and tell our Select Board to approve this legislation to improve safety on the streets of Groveland.

Groveland/Georgetown Share Fire Chief

By Michael Dempsey

Massachusetts cities and towns believe in independence with each municipality having its own police, fire, highway, library, and finance departments. There may be some exceptions, but this holds true even for many small towns. The only area where there is cooperation among towns is with regional schools. Groveland cooperates with our neighbors West Newbury and Merrimac for our public schools, the Pentucket Regional School system. We even belong to a regional effort for Whittier Vocational School with ten other cities and towns. The Select Board is considering a test of regionalization with our fire department. Nothing definite is happening now. However, in September they approved appointing the Georgetown Fire Chief as our interim chief after our chief retired. **Chief Matt McKay** will manage both departments until we hire a new chief. It sounds simple but this is a great test of how two towns can cooperate in a time of need. We will find out if this test leads to town cooperation that could help us consider partnerships for services to reduce municipal costs and our taxes.

ROWLEY LANDING CLARIFICATION

Regarding the article '*Georgetown Park & Rec Excited by "New Possibilities" Thanks to Jim Bussing Sr's Generosity*' that appeared in the Wed., Nov. 11, 2026 edition of The Town Common, the following clarification is being made: Non-residents of Rowley cannot park vehicles within the Rowley boat ramp parking lots at this time we are advised.

There are local public boat ramps with parking in Ipswich, Newburyport, and Salisbury. There is a fee-based per-use ramp in Rowley at Perley's Marina whereby parking would have to be at that marina and not within the Rowley boat ramp parking lots.

Georgetown Park & Rec. will discusss this matter at their next meeting.



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22	Sun	8:59	8.8	9:31	7.9	2:46	0.7	3:23	-0.1	6:44	4:14	
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The Town Common's Julianne DeSantis shared this picture of her family and friends, and Dunks Employee Annie Mills. Left to right: Sophia, Giovannie, Lorenzo, and Kaydyn with Annie holding The Town Common! Come get a copy of The Town Common at Dunks in Ipswich!

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Wed. November 18, 2026

7pm
Zoning Board of Appeals Training
Town of West Newbury
Town Offices Building:
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First Floor Hearing Room
KP Law will be providing training for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Friday November 20, 2026

Spirits of Christmas Gala & Grand Tree Lighting
Blue Ocean Music Hall, Salisbury

Sat. November 21, 2026

Festival of Wreaths - Runs through December 6th
Salisbury Beach Carousel
FREE ADMISSION
Walk through a wreath wonderland
Free face painting
Visits from Sants Clause, The Grinch, and others
Stroll through a Candy Cane Forrest

Saturday, November 21

8:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Danvers YMCA Holiday Gift Market and Craft Fair
34 Pickering St., Danvers
It has more than 40 local artisans and businesses, coffee and treats, a visit from Frosty for the kids at 11:00, and free entry. It's just a short drive for Boxford and Topsfield readers.Cindy Grande of Boxford will be there signing copies of *Don't Call Mandy*.

Saturday, November 21

Holiday wreath decorating event at the Hand Tub House in Rocks Village.
Join others to create your own personal holiday wreath.Participants will receive a 24" double sided Balsam wreath, handmade fabric bow of their choice, an assortment of natural flora and holiday decorations. Time options for the event are from 10:00 am to noon or 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. The cost is $60.00 and requires advance registration. Proceeds benefit the ongoing preservation of the historic site, located at 1 River Rd in Haverhill. Visit rocksvillage.org for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026

3 - 6 PM
Fundraiser and Concert for Our Neighbor's Table
Newburyport Elks, 25 Low St., Newburyport, Bill Glynn and the Low Murphey Band Revisited with special guests Lisah Plumley and Shorty Hill.

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026

6-8 PM
Holy Goat! It's a Comedy Night
Georgetown, MA - https://goatstogo.farm/news/holiday-season-experiences.

Sat. November 28, 2026

11 AM - 1:00 PM
TOUCH A TRUCK & HOLIDAY GIVING DAY
Cole Landscaping, Rowley, MA
Big Trucks, Big Hearts, Big Santa - Explore our trucks, meet our team of local firefighters. Toys for Tots collection, Acord Food Pantry Drive. Junion Landscaper Passort - collect stamps, scavenger hunt...

Tues. December 1st

Town of Salisbury Tree Lighting!
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Wed. Dec. 2

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Eleanor Margaret Davis



Eleanor Margaret Davis, age 72, of Rowley, MA , died on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at Beverly Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.

She is survived by her devoted wife, Chia Vitello.

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on November 3, 1954, she was the daughter of the late Charles B. Davis and Eleanor (Wadden) Davis. She was a graduate of Belmont High School and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree at Tufts University.

Eleanor, who often went by Ellie, began her career in early childhood development at Harvard University before starting her own daycare business in Newburyport called Circle of Friends. After a time she moved west and continued her work in Santa Fe and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Following the birth of her son, she returned to Massachusetts and spent many years as grants director and manager of the women's residence at the Greater Newburyport YWCA. She was most proud of the many programs that she started and obtained funding for. The town of Rowley was lucky to have her lead the Rowley Senior Center for the last 5 and a half years. Ellie was also a founding member of the local non-profit Nourishing the North Shore and was recently honored at their 10 year anniversary.

She was a visionary leader and mentor to many in the fields of early childhood education, family literacy, affordable housing and in the cause of social justice. She loved collaborating with others to create positive change and build community. Ellie earned the title of Ipswich-Rowley Rotary Person of the Year in 2023-24 for her untiring efforts and limitless enthusiasm.

Eleanor was an avid reader and an exceptional cook who took great pleasure in feeding people. She loved stories of all types and formats, and good conversation. She also enjoyed sewing, camping, gardening, time at the beach and being home with her family and pets. Music was a big part of her life and she enjoyed playing the piano and attending concerts both large and small. She and Chia spent many afternoons and evenings watching a wide variety of women's sports. Ellie was a generous, kind and funny person with a ready smile and a hearty laugh.

The wonderful memories that have been shared throughout her life will always be treasured by her wife and partner of 33 years, Chia Vitello; her beloved son, Jonah Marouni-Davis and wife, Danielle Marouni-Davis of Malden, MA; her brother, Charles Davis and wife Kathy Hollenbach of San Diego, CA; sister-in-law Sherri Davis of Rancho Mirage, CA; her sisters Kathleen Davis of Amesbury, MA and Patricia Davis and husband George Johnson of Wellesley, MA; and many, many loving cousins, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her brother James E. Davis.

Visiting hours were held at Elliott, Woodworth & Rogers Family Funeral Home, 35 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 on Friday, November 13, 2026. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation made in Eleanor's name to either Nourishing the North Shore or Sweet Paws Animal Rescue, or the animal rescue of their choice.

Warren J. Soulard

11/9/1951 - 11/10/2026



Warren J. Soulard, age 75, of Georgetown, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by love from family and friends.

The son of Arthur and Jean Soulard, Warren grew up in Peabody, Massachusetts, with his four brothers. Surrounded by farms, he was drawn to animals and agriculture at an early age, setting him on a path to Essex Agricultural School and a career working on horse farms in Essex, Hamilton, Topsfield, and Wenham.

After many years in the horse business, Warren transitioned into a new career as a roofer. Working for his childhood friend, Alan Aulson, he learned all facets of commercial and residential roofing. Ultimately, he found a passion for copper and slate restoration and went out on his own. He was recognized as a master craftsman in his field, and his work can be seen all over the North Shore, with High Street in Newburyport having many beautiful examples of his work.

For nearly forty years Warren was an active part of the recovery community. This journey led not only to his own sobriety, but to a larger purpose as a mentor, leader, and friend to many. By volunteering his time and sharing his experiences, he formed deep and meaningful relationships with countless others throughout New England and around the world.

Warren was an inquisitive soul, always looking to learn new things or set out on a new adventure. Those adventures took him to places far and wide, and he would always return with wonderful stories to share.

He was always tinkering with a project or two, and visitors to his home would learn of his latest endeavor. His projects included his custom-built kayak, his ever-evolving camper van, a beautiful garden, and his beehives.

Warren was predeceased by his wife of 22 years, Linda Soulard, and his son, Warren Soulard. He is survived by his son Jeff and his wife, Tricia, of Ipswich, MA; his daughter Cherie and her husband, Steve Benoit, of The Colony, TX; his stepson, Scott Witteman; his brothers Raymond (Joan) Soulard of Brunswick, ME, David (Barbara) Soulard of Salem, MA, Stephen Soulard of Peabody, MA, and Bobby Soulard of Boca Raton, FL; and his grandchildren, Olivia and Rachel Benoit, Olivia and Ben Soulard, and Sarah Witteman.

Warren was also extraordinarily fortunate in friendship. He leaves behind a wide circle of close friends, many of whom were more like family and would have done anything for him, just as he would have for them. Among those who will miss him deeply are his special friend, Marsha Silver, and his wonderful neighbors in Georgetown.

ARRANGEMENTS: Per Warren's request, a traditional funeral service will not take place. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that Warren's memory be honored through small acts of kindness, paying forward the kindness he showed to so many.

The Poppies May Be Back

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

WEST NEWBURY – A 19-acre site on Main Street that for decades attracted area gardeners and plant lovers may now become 26 historic-style homes.

Knapp's Greenhouses, which heralded the arrival of Spring flowers each year on line, is slated to become 22 duplexes and four single-family homes in an appropriately named development -- The Poppies.

Andover developer John Sarkis is acquiring the property from Judy and Dave Marshall, owners of Knapp's Greenhouses on Main Street for more than 50 years, and is working with the town's Planning Board and in coming months with the Conservation Commission to design the new development.

"We chose The Poppies as the name because the property is well known for the poppies that bloom each year," Sarkis said. "We wanted to name it something related to the flower business that was on the property before. I asked Dave and Judy what they would like me to call the development, and they suggested the poppies."

Sarkis said he thought that was the perfect name.

The two largest homes, positioned on a hill nearest Main Street, will be designed to resemble restored barns, while the duplexes and single-family homes, nearer the open space at the rear of the property, will be in the Colonial style.

"It will appear that (these homes have) been here for a hundred years," Sarkis told the Planning Board.

Buyers can pick from different designs of the single-family homes, duplexes and the barns. A kitchen garden is planned between the two barn-like buildings. There will be no cookie cutter design for the Poppies. Design A, for example, has all bedrooms on the second floor, while Plan B has the primary bedroom on the first level.

The houses, set back from the highway with poppy and wildflower fields, will be clustered to preserve more than 60 percent of the acreage as open space. Of particular interest is the acreage in the rear of the site, where there are ponds and may have walking trails.

"Our homes will feature the tightest building envelopes around as well as energy efficient HVAC, appliances and lighting," Sarkis said. "We recycle much of the waste associated with the building process. We also look to be efficient in our construction process which greatly reduces all around

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

Name	City/State Lived	Funeral Home	City/Town
Raymond "Ray" I. Lewis	Kingston, NH, formerly of Georgetown, MA	Barile Funeral Home	Kingston, NH
Penelope Bernard	Ipswich, MA	Campbell Funeral Home	Ipswich
Elinor Ann (Callahan) Diamond	Chelmsford, MA	Casper Funeral & Cremation Services	Boston
Joan Silva	Weymouth, MA		
Jeanette P. Perez	Boston, MA		
Joanne DeLisio	Saugus, MA	Conte Funeral Home	Andover
Marie Theresa Prata	Beverly, MA		
John Bornholdt	Andover, MA	Conte Funeral Home	N. Andover
Roland T. Castronova	Peabody, MA	Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home	Peabody
James B. McCarthy	Peabody, MA		
Diane Elizabeth Oteri	Framingham, MA		
Janice Ann Nelson	Peabody, MA		
Hamrick H. Waller	Lynn, MA	Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home	Peabody
Evangeline Clement	Peabody, MA		
John J. Burke	Wakefield, MA		
Mary E. Aloise	Tewksbury, MA		
Betty J. Jones	Danvers, MA	C.R. Lyons & Sons Funeral Directors	Danvers
Joanne Emma Desilets	Peabody, MA		
D. Edward Dooley	Lynn, MA		
Carolyn Van White	Marblehead, MA		
Susan (Halupowski) Evans	Danvers, MA		
Carol Hebert	Derry, NH	Driscoll Funeral Home & Cremation Services	Haverhill
Jamie Maris DeCosta	Haverhill, MA		
James F. Mahoney	Haverhill, MA		
Doris S. Savoy	Salem, NH	H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral & Cremation Services	Haverhill
Sheila Bergeron	Haverhill, MA		
James W. Main	Danville, NH		
Margaret Noreen Mahoney	Lawrence, MA	John Breen Memorial Funeral Home	North Andover
Leo Arthur Joubert	Haverhill, MA	Kevin B. Comeau Funeral Home	Haverhill
Diane Elaine (McCarthy) Carey	Andover, MA	Mackey Funeral Home	Middleton
Lisa (Martello) Anzalone	Middleton, MA		
Frances Julia (Senkowski) Orlando	Salem, MA	O'Donnell Cremations-Funerals-Celebrations	Salem
William J. McGarry	Jamaica Plain, MA	O'Donnell Cremations-Funerals-Celebrations	Danvers
Robert H. Adams	Newbury, MA	Paul C. Rogers & Sons Family Funeral Homes	Newburyport
Eleanor M. Davis	Rowley, MA		
Marilyn (DuBois) Henderson	Hampton, NH	Remick & Gendron Funeral Home	Hampton
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Lawrence M. Douglas	Hampton, NH		
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Baklava, kourabiedes (shortbread cookies with powdered sugar) and koulourakia (butter cookies) are available for purchase.

To purchase simply put "Greek Church in Newburyport " in your search engine to access the order form. For more information contact Marianna at 617-202-8648. Proceeds help fund the charitable work of the Greek Ladies Aid Society.

WEST NEWBURY

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energy consumption."

The site near Pleasant Street has been of interest since Knapp's closed. The Flynn family, which owns Nunan's in Georgetown, leased the buildings initially and operated it as Nunan's at Knapp's Greenhouses for three years. It closed in the summer of 2021 due to staffing shortages.

The site was also considered a potential MBTA housing site under the state 3A rezoning. That plan would have allowed for more than 40 houses.

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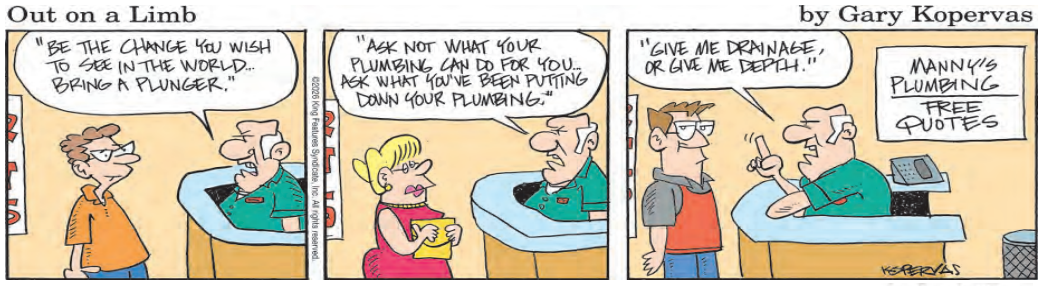
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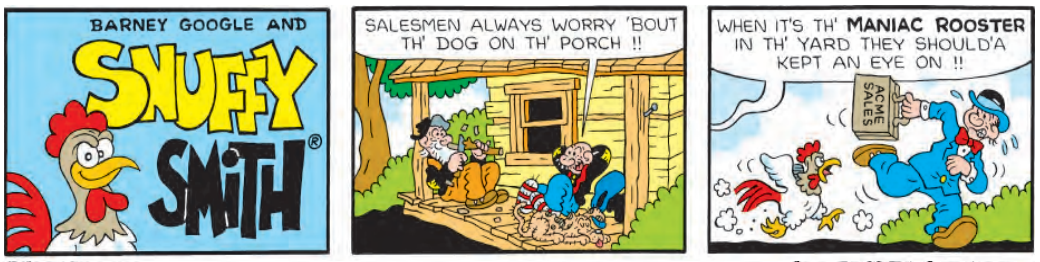
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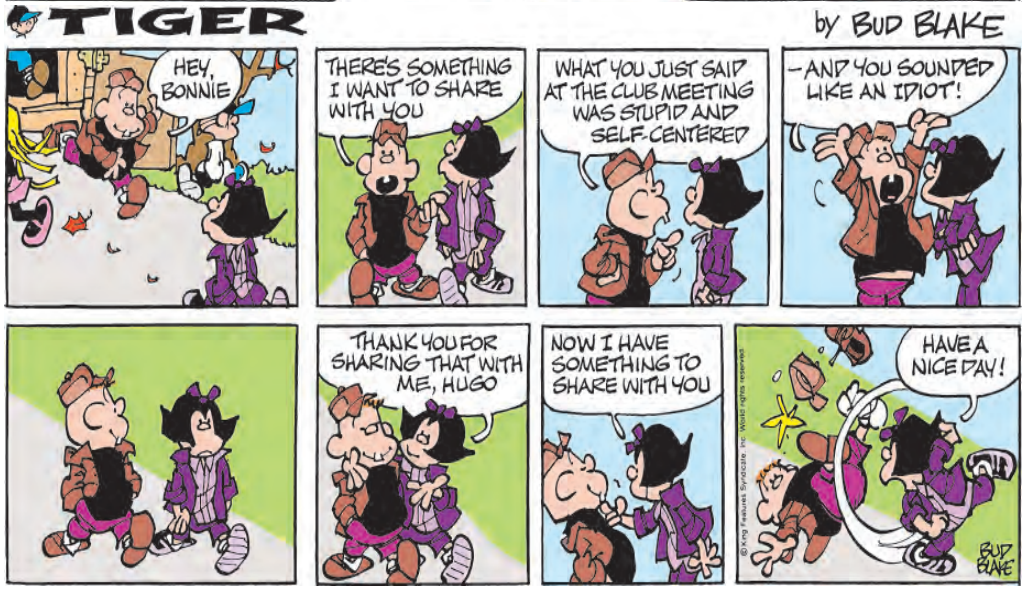




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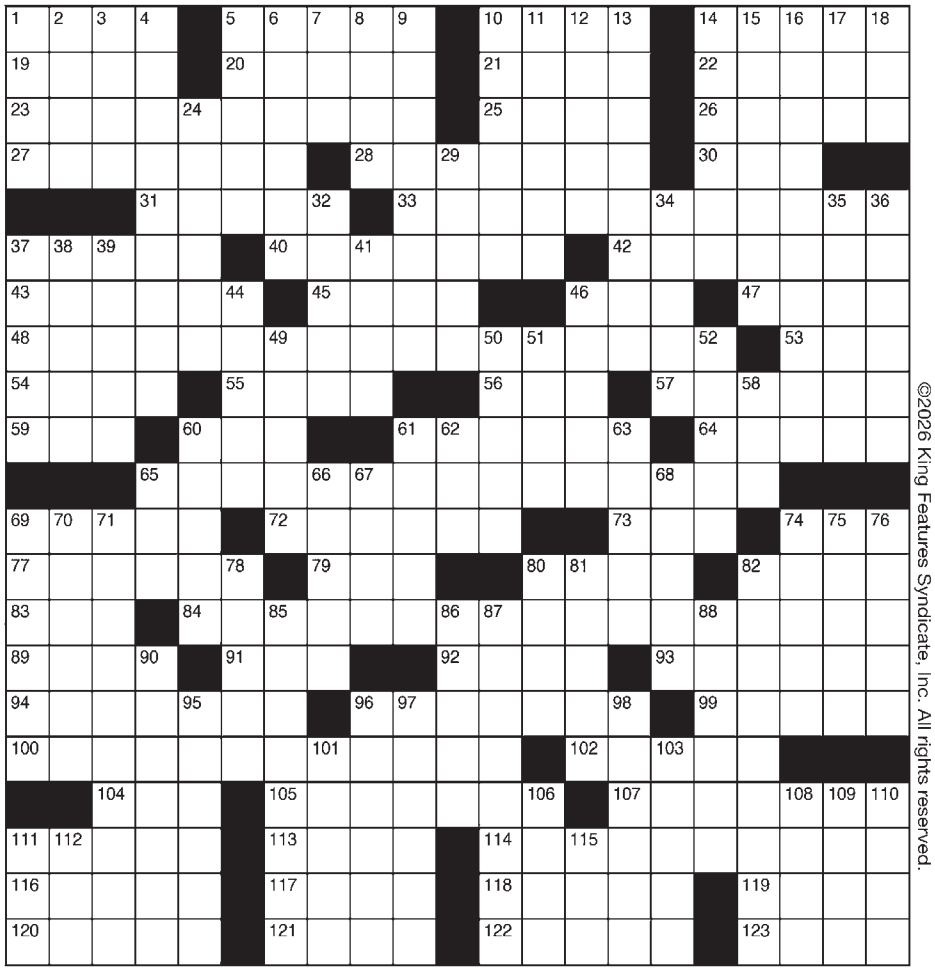
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ACROSS

1 — rush
5 Rush
10 Corp. money overseers
14 Whacks
19 Skin soother
20 Longtime Yankees manager Joe
21 Plentiful
22 Painter Rousseau
23 Mil. officer in "Beetle Bailey"
25 Tennis' Lendl
26 Potato sieve of a sort
27 Attach with glue
28 Captive's cry
30 Cry of disgust
31 Indian money
33 Old theatrical illusion making objects seem to materialize
37 Script studier
40 What "top" is to "bottom"
42 "I'm not lying!"
43 "Hah, I win!"
45 Legal wrong
46 Old sporty Pontiac
47 Former rival of Atari
48 1962 Western with Kirk Douglas, Gena Rowlands and Walter Matthau
53 Govt. lawyers
54 Scraped (out)
55 Female bleaters
56 Bovine call
57 Kingdom
59 Scarlet, e.g.
60 Viral gene material
61 Ho Chi Minh City, formerly
64 Iowa senator Joni
65 Certain inner lettuce leaves
69 Hazard
72 Explodes
73 Pea protector
74 Trinity part
77 Newborn's bodysuit
79 Texter's "I think ..."
80 Rounded hammer end
82 Bruins' sch.
83 Lupino of film
84 Instructors at golf resorts, often
89 Mardi Gras city, in brief
91 Suffix with Peking
92 Clears, as profit
93 Vigorless condition
94 Chicago newspaper
96 Evening wingdings
99 Force out
100 Leader of a marching musical group
102 The second "S" of SST
104 Boston fish
105 Title for Walter Scott
107 Be an arbiter
111 Rain forest, desert or wetland
113 2004 Chevy debut
114 Group associated with six key starting words in this puzzle
116 Fudd who bugs Bugs
117 Caulk, e.g.
118 Lop- — rabbit
119 Coup d'—
120 Valleys
121 J.D. Salinger title girl
122 Logbook, e.g.
123 Cartoon "Explorer"

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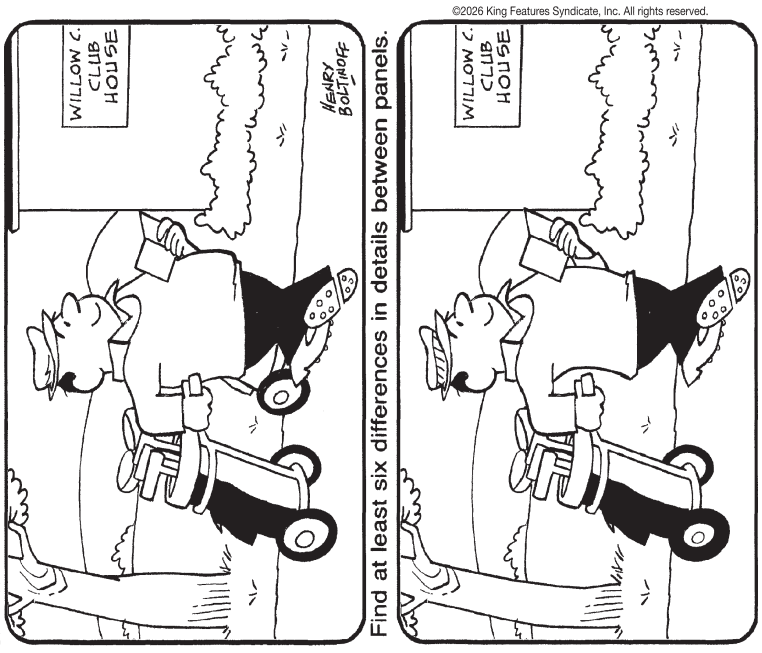
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2 Gymnast Korbut
3 A ton
4 Totally ruined
5 Crouch down
6 Pupil coverer
7 Mork's planet
8 Pitcher Hershiser
9 Relocate instantly, in sci-fi
10 Having small ridges, as a piecrust
11 "1700 hours"
12 Old enough to vote, say
13 Madrid miss
14 Says "So what?" with the shoulders
15 Bodybuilders lift them
16 Firmly supported by
17 Uno + due
18 Title for Walter Scott
24 Of the brain and spinal cord
29 "0.1" portion
32 — nous
34 Kitchen range
35 Sweeteners
36 Cup-and-saucer group
37 More skillful
38 "You Send Me" singer Sam
39 Quieted (down)
41 "Piggies"
44 "Laughing" mammal
46 "I do" sayer
49 In the know
50 Islamic chiefs
51 Acronym for a twofer sale
52 Edit
58 Lead-in to nuptial
60 Saintly article
61 Abnormally deep sleep
62 Rear, at sea
63 Neck backs
65 That boy's
66 Clan
67 Drainage pit
68 Ancient Greek region
69 Destination of a trip, generically
70 "Bewitched" witch
71 Wages measured in terms of actual purchasing power
74 Scallywag
75 North fired by Reagan
76 Schnozz-related
78 Kate Nelligan title role
80 Tennis' Sampras
81 Twisty letters
82 Lacking enthusiasm
85 Software clientele
86 Shallot cousin
87 Hunted for and found, with "out"
88 Central New York lake
90 Body's midsection
95 Cow's milk sources
96 Haunted house sound
97 "The Lion in Winter" co-star
98 Very serious
101 Roof edges
103 Indigent
106 Bangkok native
108 Choir voice
109 Put a rip in
110 This, in Baja
111 Beseech
112 Feeling sick
115 Epoch



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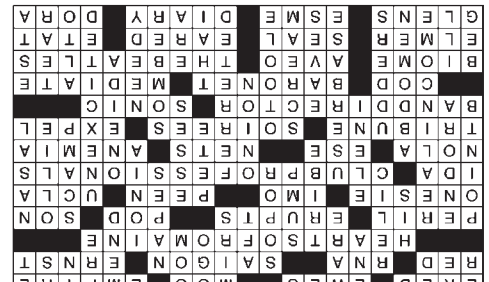
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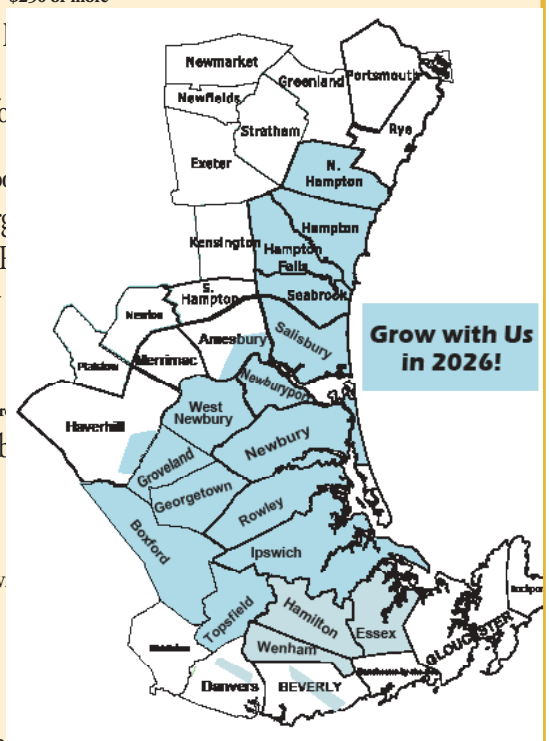
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