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Last light at Mattapoissett Harbor by Rob Grant.



A dramatic meteor event that shook homes across southern New England took center stage at the Marion Natural History Museum on July 24, 2026. Dr. Sarah Caudill, Professor of Astronomy at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, presented a program on the spectacular May 30 Cape Cod Bay fireball. Many thanks to Professor Caudill for the fascinating program. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



Sailing on Mattapoissett Harbor. Photo by Jennifer Shepley

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Marion Town Party

By Sam Bishop

The 2026 Marion Town Party was this past Saturday evening. Though it started at 4:00 pm, festivities continued on after sunset.

The party was in the field by Silvershell Beach, moved up from August as it was in years past to increase accessibility and turnout. When the party began, residents slowly trickled in from the parking lot or hiked up from the beach, still in their bathing suits from a perfect beach day, to play cornhole, the various inflatable games, grapple up the portable rock-climbing wall, or just chow down after a day of summer fun.

For food, there was the usual summer essentials: off the grill was some scallops, there was pizza, some New England clam chowder (fantastic), and much more. Food was prepared by Marion Fire Department and an army of volunteers – both town employees and residents.

At the inflatable section, there was a bit of a crisis after a prospective all-star launched a soccer ball through the score hole which then led to a minor structural failure and partial collapse of the sports game, though luckily some adults were nearby to stand it up again, and ball launching continued shortly thereafter.

Town Administrator Executive Assistant Donna Hemphill had been the party's organizer, as she had done with town parties in years prior, and she was present throughout to ensure smooth operations along with other town representatives.

The annual Marion Town Party has gone on for longer than anyone remembers, with no official start date to the first celebration in the records, nor in anyone's personal memories. Though the Covid pandemic did leave us without a party before, the fest still continues each summer, bringing the town together for a big summer bash.

On the Cover: The annual Marion Town Party was on Saturday evening. Following a great day for the beach, residents pooled into the field by Silvershell Beach for their midsummer party, celebrating summer and community in the party that has gone on longer than anyone remembers. Bailey Sweet is seen making bubbles for local children. Photo by Shawn Sweet

Cosmic Close Call Lands Close to Home

By Jeanne Hopkins

The loud boom heard across Massachusetts and Rhode Island on May 30 was not thunder, an earthquake or a blown transformer. It was a meteor traveling approximately 42,000 miles per hour.

That cosmic close call provided a timely opening for "Asteroids, Meteors, and Cosmic Close Calls," presented by Dr. Sarah Caudill on Friday, July 24, at the Marion Natural History Museum.

Elizabeth Leidhold, executive director of the 154-year-old museum, introduced Caudill, associate professor of physics at UMass Dartmouth and member of the UMass-URI Gravity Research Consortium. Caudill's research includes gravitational waves, black holes and neutron stars.

Caudill recalled hearing the May 30 boom from her kitchen.

"I thought it was thunder, but I thought it was odd because the sun was out," she said. "Then I thought, 'Maybe it's construction down the street.'"

The actual cause was a meteor about 5 feet in diameter and weighing an estimated 5.6 metric tons.

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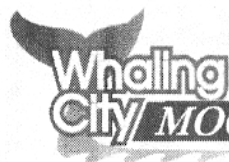
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It fragmented roughly 40 miles above northeastern Massachusetts and southeastern New Hampshire, producing the sonic boom heard across the region. Surviving pieces are believed to have fallen into Cape Cod Bay.

NASA estimated that the meteor released energy equivalent to about 230 tons of TNT as it broke apart. Much of that energy was dispersed as light, heat and sound while the object traveled through the atmosphere. No injuries or property damage were reported.

Caudill used the event to explain some commonly confused terms. A meteoroid is a relatively small rock traveling through space. When it enters Earth's atmosphere and produces a visible streak, it becomes a

meteor. Any piece that survives and reaches the ground is called a meteorite. Asteroids are larger, rocky or metallic objects orbiting the sun.

The May 30 object is believed to have contained a significant amount of iron, explaining how an object roughly as tall as Caudill could weigh more than 5 tons.

Asteroids can be made of metal, silicate rock or carbon-rich material. Some contain water-bearing minerals and amino acids, the building blocks of proteins. Scientists believe asteroids and comets may have delivered water and some of the essential ingredients for life to early Earth.

Caudill also explained that meteor showers come from debris left by comets. The "shooting stars" visible from Earth can be produced by particles no larger than grains of sand.

Small objects like the one over New England are difficult to detect before they reach the atmosphere. Larger asteroids capable of causing serious damage are generally easier for astronomers to identify and track - and such impacts are far less common.

For those interested in watching the night sky, Caudill recommended the American Meteor Society's online Meteor Shower Calendar, which lists upcoming showers and the best times to see them.

The remnants of the May 30 meteor may now rest about 100 feet beneath Cape Cod Bay, making recovery difficult. For New England residents who heard it, the event offered a rare reminder that Earth is not separate from the activity of the solar system.

Sometimes, we can even hear it.

Marion's Got Talent in its Hometown Band

By Ann Marie Dunn

The Marion Concert Band, with over 40 musicians and led by Maestro Tobias Monte, presented a wonderful evening of entertainment on Friday, July 24. With a slight breeze, 75 degrees, and the smell of bug spray in the air, it was a beautiful day for Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, or a little night music.

As it was my first time seeing the band, I thoroughly enjoyed the sights and sounds. The Maritime Center, Island Wharf, and the boats in Sippican Harbor provided a scenic background for relaxing while listening to all the instruments. There were tubas, French horns and saxophones, oh my!

Before the show, I looked for unsuspecting folks to interview. Near me sat two women and a nice dog. I went up to them and asked how long they had been



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coming to hear the band. One of the women said, "All my life; I'm the conductor's wife!" A couple of their kids are also in the band, and the grand-dog Dylan attends every concert. It was truly a family-friendly event.

The first part of the concert featured "Hollywood Milestones," including a variety of motion picture soundtracks and TV show themes from the 1960s and beyond. The second part featured movie music with a "space" theme, including selections from the Star Wars saga since 1977, and older ones from Star Trek. The music was upbeat and fun. I found myself whistling along to *The Odd Couple* theme and was out of breath by the end of it!

The most interesting part of the show was the brass wind instrument called the euphonium. I had

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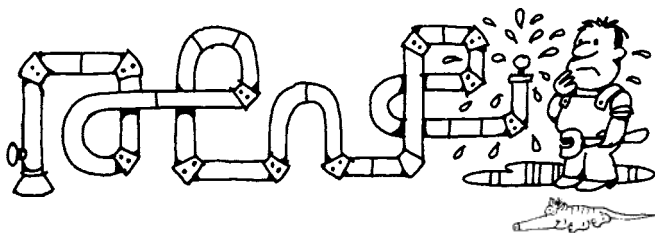


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not heard of this “octave below the trumpet” baritone commonly used in military bands. Soloist Toby Monte Jr. wowed the crowd by playing a piece from the movie *Cinema Paradiso*. It had a different sound, but it was a special treat to experience.

Maestro Monte, who lives in Somerset, is a teacher and music director at UMass Dartmouth. In his spare time, he plays the trumpet for the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. When I asked if he has any plans to retire, he enthusiastically declared, “Heck no; I’m having too much fun!” With a big smile on his face, he was in his element as he conducted and was loving every minute of it.

In our brief conversation, Monte proudly mentioned that band members consist of professionals, teachers and students. While practicing across the street at the Marion Music Hall, the group works on selections of songs for the new season of programs. They offer nine shows in July and August every Friday night at the Robert Broomhead Bandstand on Front Street. Parking and grass to sit on are plentiful. The best part is the concerts are free.

The band began its concert with the National Anthem and ended it with a lovely sunset.

What’s Up There?

Astronomy Update for August

By Sam Bishop

This is the continuing monthly column for the astronomer in all of us, or the aspiring astro-physicist. Compared to areas near Boston or New Bedford, generally speaking, the Tri-Town has pretty good dark skies and thus are very fortunate in that regard.

This month, a week of eclipses!

On August 12, there will be a New Moon. More notably this day, however, there will be a solar eclipse. From our position, it will only be a partial eclipse, with only a bit of the sun blocked from view. It will take place a bit after noon, at around 12:47 pm. The epicenter of this eclipse will be eastern Greenland.

Lucky it is a new moon, as the Perseids Meteor Shower peaks on August 12 with an impressive 100 meteors-per-hour near the Cassiopeia and Perseus constellations.

There will be a full moon on August 28: the “Sturgeon Moon” for the fish so active in the Great Lakes, otherwise known as the “Corn Moon” or “Grain Moon.”

On August 28, there will be a lunar eclipse! This one will be right after midnight, at around 12:12 am. The epicenter of this eclipse will be the middle of the Amazon Rainforest.

Some time later in the month, China will launch the Chang’e 7 lunar mission to the south pole of the Moon. It will take off from Wenchang Space Launch Site on the island of Hainan. The mission will have an orbiter, a lander, and an accompanying lunar rover. This mission, though marked as “7,” is China, and humanity’s, first



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Learning to Grow

The Seaside Gardener

By Olivia McLean

Two months ago, I shared a column about a special trip to Paris to visit my daughter, Olivia. Together, we spent a memorable day exploring a local nursery and filling her terrace with flowers, vegetables, and herbs. I happily introduced her to the joys of gardening — a passion I never imagined she'd one day embrace.

What I didn't fully realize at the time was just how much that experience would come to mean to her. Today, I'm

stepping aside and handing this space to Olivia, who wanted to share the deeply personal story behind that visit and how a garden became an unexpected source of healing. I hope you'll enjoy her perspective as much as I have. — Laura McLean.

When I was young, the last thing I wanted was to get dirt under my fingernails. I preferred to get them painted, their main uses to tear open the packaging of freshly purchased Blu-rays or type on a glowing Apple product. I was an indoor cat at heart — migrating from home to car to classroom without a scratch or sunburn, although with what I'm assuming was a major vitamin D deficiency.

My mom is famously an outdoor cat. She scratches at the screen to be let out, leaps into her

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garden, and prowls her yard. She could spend hours and hours digging, planting and pruning; it's her highest meditative state. I would observe her from an indoor vista, like a pallid evil queen watching over the merry princess frolicking in the sun. How could we be so different? How could she stand the heat, the bugs and, worst of all, the sensation of dirt

under her nails? It made my skin crawl. Whenever she encouraged my brothers and me to go outside, I would furiously clean every inch of the house — avoiding outdoor tasks by keeping the interior pristine.

Throughout my 20s, I was a murderess of innumerable gifted houseplants. Roommates and friends took an interest in Fiddle-leaf figs to add a dot of green to their Brooklyn apartments, getting on yearslong New York City waitlists for coveted community garden spots, spent half a paycheck on a quaint floral-arranging course. The interest was still alien to me. My 20s now feel like a blurry cycle of work-hard-play-hard cynicism and hedonism, stressful career climbing, and gradually damaging my eyesight behind a computer screen. I released my demons by chasing the night, chasing relationships, avoiding “touching grass” both physically and mentally.

Over the past year, everything changed. My 30s, in general, have been a period of maturation — slowing down, settling down, cherishing nights in and long calls to friends and relatives who I never previously had the patience or appreciation for. And this past year was the first time I ever found myself focused on growing something. A baby, a family. Glowing from inside and out, content that everything was falling into place and



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excitedly anticipating this next major chapter of life. I had always fought against the idea of maternal ideations, but as soon as I allowed myself to embrace that, this was, in fact, something I really desired; life felt lighter and brighter.

That is, until suddenly and shockingly, the burgeoning blossom withered on the vine.

I oscillated between grief and guilt, moving through a dark abyss of unknowns. Was it my fault? Would I try again? What if it happens again? It was impossible to see the future and catastrophic to dwell on the past. And just as I was about to sink deeper during the darkest days of winter, I happened to scroll across an Instagram reel that was the first of a two-part catharsis — a saccharine, brightly lit segment of Drew Barrymore's upbeat daytime talk show. She was talking to Kristen Griffith-VanderYacht, a peppy floral designer. Drew and another host were seeking advice on how to keep flowers "alive for as long as possible."

To which Kristen soulfully replied: "Flowers are not supposed to last. Their job is to help us stay in the present. They grow, they blossom, they thrive, and then they're gone. You have to stay in the present. You have to be in the moment. Otherwise, you'll blink, and they're gonna be gone."

This made me sit up straight in my bed, which I had been inhabiting like the grandparents from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* while recovering. I immediately

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sent the post to my mom. She loved it, too. We spoke, caught up, and gradually put in motion plans for her to come visit me in Paris over her April break.

Living in a metropolis, I didn't have a yard, but I was lucky enough to have a sizable terrace deck. We had moved into the apartment over the winter and already dealt with the task of cleaning out a graveyard of frozen potted plants abandoned in broken plastic containers and, for most of them, serving their final years as giant ashtrays for the previous tenants.

When my mom arrived, instead of the usual indoor cat activities I would propose for our agenda (museums, shopping, restaurants), I insisted we leave the city to head to one of the largest nurseries located on Paris' periphery. I suddenly had a burning desire for all things green. We threw things into our trolley like a supermarket sweep: innumerable seed packets, pots, a tomato plant, an olive tree, and at my husband's insistence, a towering bamboo. Not the typical shopping spree you would associate with a Paris holiday, but we loaded and lugged and set to work installing everything up on my terrace.

For me, everything was Gardening 101: preparing the pots with a small layer of rocks for drainage, freeing the plants from their rootbound plastic tubs and placing them nicely in their new homes, situating each plant according to their needs for sun or shade, covering certain seedling pots with plastic bags to encourage faster growth

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in the shy Spring sunshine.

I certainly got dirt under my fingernails that afternoon. And I loved it.

Over the past four months, I've nurtured a constantly growing Eden on my terrace. I can't express the joy of plucking my own cherry tomatoes, discovering a new flower bursting from one of the window boxes, and the incredible satisfaction that my little patch of green has attracted a daily procession of bees and butterflies and other insect guests (although I could have done without the aphid invasion that killed my Nasturtium). I bookend my days with watering and inspecting my garden, an arguably healthy replacement to starting my mornings in a fret over work emails.

I still harbor hopes to become a mother, but in the meantime, I'm incredibly thankful to have such a guiding light in my own mom to help me through this stage of my life and inspire this late-discovered passion, a healing hobby that's helped me through a very impossible time.

I don't know what the next season of my life will bring. But every morning, as I water my little terrace garden, I'm reminded that hope rarely arrives all at once. It begins quietly — in the turning of the soil, the unfurling of a leaf, the promise of something taking root.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." —

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This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in the Thirteen Colonies. Last week, General George Washington and other Revolutionaries sought a way to stop the British from amassing on Staten Island, though a planned attack was called off. Admiral Richard Howe and his brother General William Howe have conversed with Washington by letter, hoping to find peace, but Washington does not seek a meeting.

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to treat locals with respect. He writes, "Complaints have been made that some of the soldiers ill-treat the country people, who come to market; the general most positively forbids such behavior, and hopes the officers will exert themselves to prevent it: good policy as well as justice, demands that they should have all possible encouragement as the health of the soldiers much depends upon supplies of vegetables; those who have been guilty of such practices, will do well to consider what will be our situation, at this season, if we drive off the country people, and break up the market - the healthy will soon be sick, and the sick must perish for want of necessities: no favor will be shown to any offenders hereafter." These orders come after numerous reports to Washington of embezzlement of food and goods by soldiers. As many in New York remain Loyalists to the Crown, it is imperative to maintain what remains of public support; as well as supplies for the army.

The next day, Brigadier General Nathaniel Greene of Rhode Island writes that he has captured four local New Yorkers who were attempting to board a boat for Staten Island, where the British forces are concentrating. He would write back later that day, after "examining the prisoners," noting he "find them to be a poor parcel of ignorant cowardly fellows." Of the interrogation, he finds, "They candidly confess they set off with an intention of going to Staten Island, but not with any intention of joining the enemy; but to get out of the way of fighting here." In other words, the fighting age men look to avoid conscription. He concludes, "Never did I see fellows more frightened, they wept like a parcel of children and appear exceeding sorrowful."

On July 28 in his General Orders, Washington moves away from talk of bolstering defenses, raising more men, or bettering the supply network and instead writes that he is, "finding the number of sick to increase." He moves to better organize the sick, by severity of illness and condition, and also asks a registry of said sick soldiers be made and updated weekly. Interestingly, he makes efforts to change the diet of the sick, ordering, "As the rations issued for men in health, are very improper for those who are sick, the following resolutions are to take place - whenever a person is taken sick he is not to be borne on the provision return; but the value of his rations be obtained in suitable supplies from the General Hospital to be drawn by the surgeons of the regiment who is to conform to the rules of diet established in the General Hospitals and to account with the Director General." Thereby, he orders the sick be given food more apt to help them in recovery.

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On August 1, Samuel Adams of Massachusetts speaks before Congress, as the body moves to sign the Declaration of Independence. In his fiery speech, he says, "We are now on this continent, to the astonishment of the world, three millions of souls united in one cause." He continues, "We have no other alternative than independence, or the most ignominious and galling servitude - Our union is now complete; our constitution composed, established, and approved. You are now the



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The next day, on August 2, 56 members of the Continental Congress signed the Declaration in the Pennsylvania State House. Signatures are grouped by state, except President John Hancock, who famously signed larger and toward the top.

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T-Minus One Month To Statewide Primaries

By Sam Bishop

The Massachusetts election season is underway, and you've already probably received some campaign ads or seen some candidate signs on your drive through town. The Primary Elections for this year's Mid-Terms are on Tuesday September 1, and we're getting close to some important deadlines.

The deadline to register to vote in the Primaries is August 21 in-person and August 22 online. You can register online at www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr using your Massachusetts Driver's License number. If you do not have an MA License, you can register in-person or by mail at your Town Clerk's office. You can also check your current registration at the same website or update your registration/party status.

The deadline to submit vote by mail applications is August 25 at 5:00 pm.

In-person early voting begins August 24 and goes through August 28 during normal town business hours. On Primary Day, polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

For polling locations, Marion - Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street; Mattapoisett - Old Hammondtown School, 20 Shaw Street; Rochester - Council On Aging, 67 Dexter Lane.

On the Primary ballot, there are some contested races, with all other races being uncontested:

Democratic Ballot:

Senator In Congress: Edward J. Markey Vs. Seth Moulton;
Representative In Congress - 9th District: Bill Keating Vs. Craig Swallow;
Republican Ballot:
Governor: Michael Roger Minogue Vs. Brian Shortsleeve;
County Commission - Plymouth County: Sandra M. Wright Vs. Anthony Thomas O'Brien, Sr. Vs. Corey Michael Welch.

Water and Sewer Operations Building Approved

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Jeanne Hopkins

More than 60 people filled Mattapoisett Town Hall or joined remotely Monday night for a Conservation Commission hearing on plans to replace existing rental houses on Mahoney's Lane with seven larger single-family homes.

They did not get to hear the proposal.

The commission addressed the Mahoney's Lane application first but continued the hearing after attendance exceeded the Town Hall conference room's 42-person capacity. More than 20 additional participants were logged into the July 27 meeting through Zoom.

Commission members said the hearing could not proceed when everyone who wanted to attend could not be accommodated. Once the postponement was announced, people who had come for the Mahoney's Lane hearing were told they were free to leave. Much of the room emptied before the commission continued with the remainder of its agenda.

The hearing had previously been continued from July 13.

Dennis Mahoney & Sons, Inc. has filed a Notice of Intent to demolish the existing houses at 1-7 Mahoney's Lane and build seven larger single-family homes on the property. The site is near salt marsh, Eel Pond and Mattapoisett Harbor, placing portions of the proposed work within areas regulated by the Conservation Commission.

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of the proposed homes, their proximity to protected wetlands, potential flooding and the effects of construction on the surrounding salt marsh.

Because Monday's hearing was postponed before the application was presented, the commission did not review the plans, hear public comments or reach any conclusions about the project or the concerns raised by residents.

Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., representing the applicant, agreed to the continuance.

Commission staff will look for a larger location capable of accommodating the anticipated turnout. The fire station was mentioned as one possible venue. A new hearing date and location will be announced.

Scheduling the hearing may be complicated by the expected recusals of two commission members. At least three eligible commissioners must be available to establish a quorum and hear the application.

The ConCom's next regular meeting is scheduled for August 10, but no new date for the Mahoney's Lane hearing had been set by the close of Monday's meeting.

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission also approved plans for a new Water and Sewer Department operations building at 15 Industrial Drive during the meeting.

The proposed 140-by-120-foot metal building will include a carport. Most of the project will be outside the 100-foot wetland buffer zone, although a portion of the



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parking area and a new stormwater infiltration basin will extend into the buffer.

The commission approved the project with several conditions.

The department will use an existing dewatering basin during construction rather than build another one. The existing basin has sufficient capacity, and its reuse will reduce the project's cost to taxpayers.

The commission also required the project's stormwater Operation and Maintenance Plan and Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan to remain in effect permanently.

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raising no adverse concerns about the project.

The commission also approved the removal of approximately 650 square feet of invasive knotweed at 18 Crystal Springs Road. The work will be performed by hand-pulling and grubbing the plants.

Commission members added a condition prohibiting the use of wood chips or Tyvek within the protected resource area.

At 9 Oliver Street, the commission reviewed a proposal to replace an existing shed with a 15-by-25-foot shed and attached carport.

The property is located within a coastal velocity zone subject to storm flowage. The new structure must be supported by helical anchors or concrete sono tubes that allow floodwater to flow beneath it. A structural engineer must review and approve the foundation design.

The commission issued a Negative 2 Determination with those conditions, allowing the applicant to proceed without filing a full Notice of Intent.

A wetland boundary filing for 0 and 31 Randall Road was continued after commissioners found that the resource-area flags marking the property were no longer readable. The applicant must refresh the flags before the commission conducts a site visit.

The commission approved proposed site improvements at 84 Angelica Avenue with its standard conditions. The hearing had been continued from July 13 while the applicant waited to receive a file number from



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the state Department of Environmental Protection.

A three-year extension was granted to the Crescent Beach Association for its previously approved beach-nourishment work.

Commission members also discussed scheduling a site walk at the former Wolf Island cranberry bogs after August 3. The Buzzard's Bay Coalition has proposed removing a dam and water-control structures and restoring the Mattapoisett River's natural flow, riverbanks and floodplain.

Commissioners may inspect the property during the site walk, but commission business cannot be discussed or deliberated unless the visit is posted as a public meeting.

The commission's next meeting is scheduled for August 10. Its planned August 24 meeting has been canceled because the Town Hall meeting room will be used for early voting.

Board Conditionally Approves CPC Representative

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, June 22, to discuss reorganizing to appoint a new representative to the town's Community Preservation Committee (CPC).

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At the start of the meeting, Conservation Commission Chair Shaun Walsh noted there had been some discussion on reorganization in the prior week, but as not all members were present, the vote was postponed.

Commissioner Jeff Doubrava, the current CPC representative, was asked whether he wished to continue in the role.

"I would be willing to. It's actually probably the most fun job you can have as part of the Conservation Commission," he said. However, he added that after serving in the role for around 10 years, he would be OK stepping aside.

Associate Commissioner Tom Drechsler declared his interest in replacing Doubrava, but commission members were unsure if an associate member would be allowed to take the role. They requested Administrative Assistant Jenna Riewer to investigate the legality of such an appointment. The chair made a motion to make Drechsler the new representative, contingent on whether an associate is eligible to fill the role. The ConCom voted unanimously to approve this motion.

The next agenda item was a request for comment

from the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding a Special Permit or Variance request for 8 Crapo Street. The chair noted that work was not in the nearby flood zone; they had no jurisdiction and, thus, offered no comment.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department conference room.

"My lawyer is going to go through it. My rights have been violated."

Marion Board of Health

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Board of Health met on Thursday, July 23 for two lengthy discussions and some town health updates, though the meeting start was taken up by a dispute with a local business.

They began with a discussion on the Food Establishment Inspection for Gone Country Creamery at 2 Cottage Street. There has been ongoing discussion over the refusal to inspect the ice cream creamery, with Chair Edward Hoffer noting, "This has been an ongoing problem. The owner is of the belief that someone in Marion wants to shut her down and has got the Board of Health to cooperate in this endeavor." Hoffer assured the owner, Bryanne Tucci, who was present, that this was not the case.

Hoffer noted the owner had refused inspectors entry on multiple occasions, though an agreement had been made for an inspection on July 22, the previous day. The chair noted Tucci "changed her mind," leading to the current predicament, with the chair adding, "From my perspective, we have gone as far as we can trying to get voluntary inspection, and we are at this point, going to insist that the inspection be done as required by state law, and if it is not allowed to be done, there will be consequences."

Public Health Director Lori Desmarais stated a regular 6-month inspection had been attempted on the property on June 29 but said "we were not allowed to do the inspection at that time" due to denied access. A letter was sent to request an inspection be scheduled by July 15, to which a reply was received one day after, on July 16, where the July 23 inspection was scheduled. She added, "But less than 24 hours after it had been scheduled, Bryanne had notified me via email that the inspection would not happen on that date."

Hoffer and the board moved to order the establishment to allow inspection agents to complete an inspection, pursuant Section 8402-40 of the Food Code of the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code. The chair noted failure to allow an inspection before July 27 at 5:00 pm would result in a suspension of the creamery's food permit. The board voted unanimously to approve this measure.

Tucci noted no inspection had ever been refused

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and added a previous date for inspection was her son's birthday, where she stated the date was taken from her Facebook page. She added, "I'm in the process of securing a lawyer and having the investigation. That code of ethics should have stopped all this from happening - and there is major, major, major conflict of interest between the Board of Health and surrounding businesses."

Tucci noted the board has unfair practices targeting certain businesses, stating she has no issues with inspections but believes she was treated unfairly, again stating, "My lawyer is going to go through it. My rights have been violated." Pushing back on the board, she said, "I don't sell cigarettes. I don't sell alcohol. I sell ice cream." and added, "I can't believe I'm fighting for my business."

Board members stressed the order stands, and reached understanding an inspection would be completed in the following days. Connor Mullin, Town Counsel, noted he was available to assist in possible legal matters going forward.

Following that, the board moved to their



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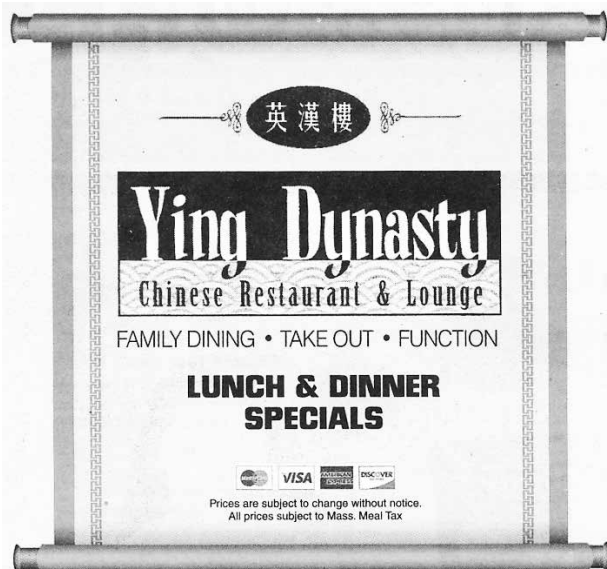


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continued discussion on 20 Old Indian Trail. The chair noted talks on the property had been ongoing for multiple years, saying, "the septic system at 20 Old Indian Trail was not properly maintained." and pointing to leaking into the property ground. Abutters spoke, noting consistent leaking from the septic system. After lengthy discussion from the abutters, the chair stated, "I think we need the property owners to give them an opportunity to respond."

Owner Mark Gaffe then came to the front to speak, noting he has owned the property since 1989. He noted consistent flooding problems and attempts to resolve them over the last 20 years. Another abutter, Patricia DeCosta, then spoke, asking, "What are we going



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to do with this raw sewage that's been flowing onto their property and onto mine?" then asking the BoH to act.

There was a prolonged discussion between the owner and abutters, with the owner stating many solutions had been attempted. Per counsel's recommendation, the chair decided against another continuance and made a motion for a Title V inspection of the property.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, August 6 at 4:30 pm in the Marion Police Department conference room.

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Thursday, August 6: Braised beef and vegetables, rice pilaf, spinach with peppers, dinner roll, vanilla pudding.

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The Save America Act bears an unsettling resemblance to that legendary horse. Its title is an exercise in political poetry. Who could oppose saving America? Who would object to secure elections or confidence in the ballot? Those aspirations belong to every citizen, regardless of party. Election integrity is not a partisan value; it is the foundation of self-government.

But history teaches us to judge legislation not by

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Critics argue that requiring documentary proof of citizenship for voter registration would create new obstacles for eligible Americans who lack easy access to passports, birth certificates, or other required records, particularly after name changes, natural disasters, or bureaucratic errors. Supporters counter that such requirements are a necessary safeguard against unlawful voting. That disagreement deserves serious debate rather than slogans.

Democracy has never depended on choosing between security and participation. It demands both. A republic worthy of the name protects the ballot from fraud without erecting unnecessary barriers for citizens entitled to cast one.

Every generation faces moments when liberty is tested not by obvious assaults but by appealing promises. The erosion of democratic norms is seldom theatrical. It is incremental. It is justified as temporary, reasonable, or merely procedural. It advances one carefully worded statute at a time; each defended as common sense until the cumulative weight begins to bend the principles it claimed to protect.

That is why skepticism is not cynicism. It is citizenship.

The Trojan Horse is not a warning against accepting every proposal. It is a warning against confusing reassuring rhetoric with sound policy. The question before us is not whether America should have secure elections. It absolutely should. The question is whether, in pursuing that goal, we inadvertently narrow the very democracy we seek to defend.

A confident nation does not fear scrutiny of its laws. It demands it. Because once the gates are opened, history reminds us that discovering what was hidden inside is far more difficult than asking hard questions before the doors swing wide.

Eileen J. Marum, Chair, League of Women Voters SouthCoast

Academic Achievements

Laura Pardo of Marion was named to the College of the Holy Cross' Spring 2026 Dean's List.

Women-On-Target Program

The Sippican Rod & Gun Club is pleased to announce its annual NRA Women-On-Target program, which will be held on Saturday, **September 26**, at 215 Dexter Lane in Rochester. The program will begin at 8:00 am and finish at 5:00 pm. The program's morning session will teach the NRA Home Firearm Safety Course, which qualifies participants to apply for a Massachusetts License to Carry (LTC) or Firearms Identification (FID) card. Following a catered, healthy lunch, we will provide participants with practical and safe shooting experiences by rotating through the club's pistol range, 50- and 100-

yard rifle ranges, and shotgun trap range. The \$110 fee includes all training materials, eye and ear protection (which will be yours to keep), use of the club facility, morning snacks, lunch, ammunition, and use of firearms. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Fredericks at 508-317-0203 or airborne1715@gmail.com.

To register, please provide: your full name (including middle initial), mailing address, email, telephone number, and date of birth, along with a check made out to the "Sippican Rod & Gun Club" for \$110 and mail to: Sippican Rod & Gun Club, Attn: Women-On-Target, PO Box 182, Rochester, MA 02770. The class is limited to the first 24 participants registered. When the full class is registered, we will provide further information about the program details via email. Considering that previous programs have had a waiting list, all those interested are encouraged to apply soon. We hope to see you there.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Race Results

It has been a tough month for the Ensign Class as the weather the past three weeks has kept them off the racecourse.

The PHRF classes on Wednesday, although windy, have been able to race.

Results from the past two weeks show Kindred Spirits in first place in Class A with two firsts. Restless placed second with two seconds, Coconuts received two thirds, Surprise got a fourth and DNC, Morpheus got a fifth and DNC, and Oddball received two DNFs. For the month of July, Kindred Spirits holds a strong lead in Class A.

In Class B, however, the race for July is much closer, with Lindisfarne holding a one-point lead over Chickadee and Fir Na Tine, which are tied for second with Kinsail close behind. For the two weeks, Lindisfarne placed first and fourth; Chickadee placed DNC and first; Fir Na Tine got a third and second; Kinsail, a second and third; and Seven Belles, a fourth and DNC.

As was the case last month, the next race will decide the winner for July.

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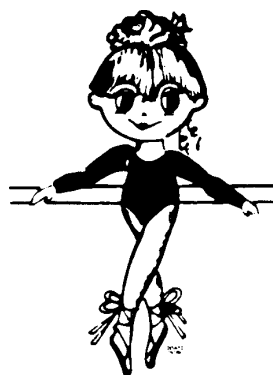
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St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Marc Eames, Rector at St. John's Church in Vernon, Connecticut, will return to St. Philip's on Sunday, **August 2**. Services using the 1928 *Book of Common Prayer* will be held at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. St. Philip's is located next to the Town Beach in Mattapoissett. All are welcome to attend.

Become a Coastal Explorer with the MNHM

Discover tide pools, marshes, forests, rivers, and the amazing wildlife of Marion in a week of hands-on outdoor adventures as a Coastal Explorer: Monday, **August 3**, through Friday, **August 7**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Designed for children entering 2-6, this engaging program inspires curiosity, confidence, and a lifelong love of nature.

We uncover the incredible habitats that make Marion's coastline unique, from rocky tide pools and salt marshes to winding estuaries, freshwater rivers, forests, swamps, ponds, and bogs. Every morning features hands-on exploration, exciting experiments, creative nature-inspired crafts, outdoor journaling, and up-close encounters with the natural world. Curious young explorers build observation skills, make new friends, and create lasting summer memories.

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Thursday July 30, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Diane Lopes Flaherty
9:20 AM Marion Arts in the Park
10:15 AM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Marion Arts in the Park
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM America 250 - Field of Flags
3:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - The Cathedral of Notre Dame
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology
8:30 PM Marion Art Center - Collective Sightings Exhibition
9:00 PM Mattapoissett 4th of July Road Race
9:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday July 31, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline
1:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Diane Lopes Flaherty
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
5:30 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
6:30 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
7:00 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
7:30 PM Mattapoissett Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
9:00 PM Mattapoissett Firefighter Memories - July 4th
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday August 1, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Mattapoissett Land Trust - Dexter Elm Rededication
10:30 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:00 AM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:30 PM The Human Truth
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
6:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
6:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
7:00 PM Mattapoissett Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:30 PM Mattapoissett Firefighter Memories - July 4th
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report...
10:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday August 2, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester

10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:00 AM Mattapoissett 4th of July Road Race
11:30 AM New England Rodeo - Rochester
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
5:35 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
6:00 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
6:30 PM Mattapoissett Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:00 PM Mattapoissett Firefighter Memories - July 4th
9:00 PM Nolan Fest 2026

Monday August 3, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
11:00 AM For Your Health
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Modernizing Funding for Public Access
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Political Polarization

8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology
9:00 PM New England Rodeo - Rochester
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday August 4, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Plymouth County Commissioners Meeting
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
6:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
6:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
7:00 PM Mattapoissett Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:30 PM Mattapoissett Firefighter Memories - July 4th
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday August 5, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment

10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
1:30 PM Money Matters
2:00 PM A Conversation With...
2:30 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
3:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
4:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
4:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
5:00 PM Mattapoissett Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
6:30 PM Mattapoissett Firefighter Memories - July 4th
8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:45 PM Mattapoissett Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
10:30 PM Classic Movies

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:45 AM Marion Conservation Commission
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board
9:00 AM Marion Marine Resources
10:30 AM Marion Board of Health
12:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
2:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
3:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
4:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
5:00 PM Marion School Committee
6:10 PM ORR Joint School Committee
8:15 PM ORR School Committee
9:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
10:30 PM Marion Planning Board
11:30 PM Marion Board of Health

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of

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8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
12:30 PM Rochester School Committee
2:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
4:05 PM ORR School Committee
5:30 PM Rochester Select Board
6:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
8:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Old Colony Building Update
7:30 AM ORR School Committee
9:00 AM Old Colony Industry Signing Day/Night
10:00 AM Old Colony Excellence in Effort Awards
11:00 AM Cable History of Old Colony RVTHS
12:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame 1993
12:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Buddy Thomas
1:00 PM ORRHS Promenade
2:00 PM ORR Night of Jazz Concert
3:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn
4:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Cathedral
5:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs New Bedford
6:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Apponequet
7:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs West Bridgewater
8:30 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Wareham
9:30 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Somerset Berkley
11:00 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet

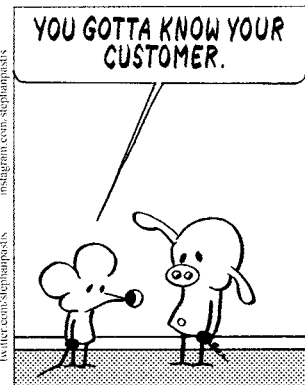
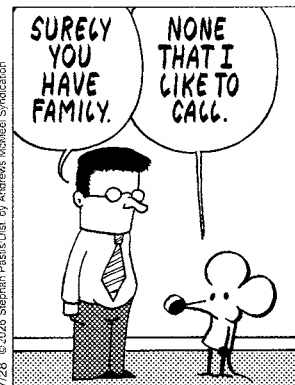
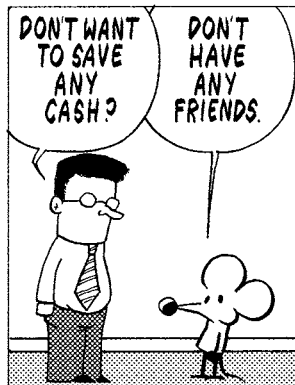
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The Best of Broadway

On Friday, **July 31**, the Marion Concert Band continues its Friday evening concert series with a program of music from the Broadway stage. The program, which will feature a vocalist and highlights from some of Broadway's most memorable shows, is as follows:

The Showman – H. Akers
Lohengrin (Introduction to Act III) – R. Wagner
Broadway Show-Stopppers Overture – arr. W.

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Selections from Les Misérables – C-M. Schonberg
Blue Moon – L. Hart
Jocelyn Paulo, vocalist
Opening Night on Broadway – arr. M. Brown
Make Our Garden Grow (from Candide) – L.

Bernstein

Sondheim. - arr. S. Bulla
Over the Rainbow – H. Arlen
Jocelyn Paulo, vocalist
Selections from My Fair Lady – F. Loewe
Them Basses – G. H. Huffine

Jocelyn Paulo is a jazz vocalist from Berkley, Massachusetts. She is studying music at UMass Dartmouth, where she will enter her senior year in the fall. A graduate of Bishop Stang High School, she is making her second appearance with the Marion Concert Band.

The concert will begin at 7:00 pm at the Robert O.

Broomhead Bandstand at Island Wharf, off Front Street, in Marion. All concerts are free and open to the public. Like us on Facebook at "Marion Town Band" for up-to-date announcements and rain cancellation notices.

Auditions at the MAC

The Marion Art Center will hold auditions for the play *Tiny Beautiful Things*, based on the best-selling book by Cheryl Strayed, adapted by Nia Vardalos, and directed by Jennifer Palmer. Auditions will be held on Saturday, **August 8**, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and on Monday, **August 10**, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant St. in Marion.

Tiny Beautiful Things personifies the questions and answers that the lead character, Sugar, published online from 2010 to 2012. When the struggling writer was asked to take over the unpaid, anonymous position of advice columnist, Strayed used empathy and her personal experiences to help those seeking guidance for obstacles both large and small. This is a play about healing when you're broken and finding the courage to take on the questions that have no answers.

Characters are Sugar (Female, 30s-50s): A grounded, empathetic writer who uses her own raw life stories to guide others, and three "Letter Writers," aged 20 to 30s, any gender, who can take on various roles and may perform quick character transitions. Characters may be emotional individuals seeking guidance, others with

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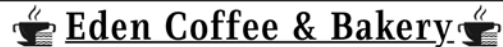
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Performances will be held on nine performance dates: October 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25, with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm. More information is available at www.marionartcenter.org/auditions.

MYC Hosts Round the World Solo Sailor

Jerome Rand will be the host speaker at the Mattapoisett Yacht Club. His epic solo, around-the-world adventure aboard Mighty Sparrow, a Westsail 32, took him 271 days and covered nearly 30,000 miles.

Listen to his tales from this voyage and his other sailing adventures. The event is on Saturday, **August 1**. Doors open at 5:30 pm; presentation begins at 6:30 pm.

Jerome narrates through his video clips of real-life adventures and lessons learned at sea. The ocean has always been Jerome's greatest teacher. The challenges presented by solo offshore sailing start on land but extend far into the deep blue sea. Changing weather, equipment failures, uncertainty and isolation are unavoidable, and there is no pause button out on the water.

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

This article was meant for the week after the 4th of July, but it kept getting pushed back by other topics.

As I looked through several files and other sources, I found few references to the 4th of July. I did come across a reference to an annual clambake in Marion, although it didn't say where it was held.

What I did find was a letter written on July 4, 1880, to Frank Rounseville from his mother, Roxanna Rounseville. Pictured here is the family home. The letters Roxanna wrote were more like a journal that she kept for her son until he returned from his whaling voyage. She



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Albert Ervin Winters

August 8, 1938 – June 3, 2026

Beloved husband, father, and grandfather

Albert Winters passed away peacefully June 3rd, 2026, his wife Marilyn at his side, in New Bloomfield, PA where he lived for the last year of his life.

Al was born August 8th, 1938, in Marion, Massachusetts, the place he called “home” all his life despite living in many other places, to George Winters and Eudora West Winters Brown. He graduated Tabor Academy, and then graduated from Carnegie Tech and the University of Rochester with degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Business Administration, respectively. He worked for Sperry Corporation, Burroughs, and then Unisys, ending his career there as a Vice President and General Manager of Power and Cable Operations. In later years, he served for 9 years as a Marion Town Selectman, where he helped lead numerous initiatives. Throughout his life he was an active participant in numerous philanthropies and hobby clubs, including the Masons, sailing clubs, Habitat for Humanity, woodworking and harpmaking clubs, the Society for Creative Anachronism, and numerous church committees at the First Congregational Church of Marion and other churches. He once proudly served on a committee in Washington, D.C., advising the government on computer technology at the time.

Al was driven to always be learning and doing, and he displayed leadership and intelligence in everything he did. A lifelong woodworker who made items ranging from furniture to pens to harps to model ships to a fully rebuilt sailboat, he loved to create things by the work of his hands and mind. He was known for his wicked sense of humor and charm, always ready with banter and a story. A world traveler, he went to many places for work or for pleasure, including living in Paris, France for three years, and trips to many European countries as well as China, India, Mexico, Greenland, and Canada. He loved reading both fiction and nonfiction, especially mysteries and thrillers, histories, and anything about the sea.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marilyn, and their children, Michael Arthur Winters, and Elizabeth Holliday Wood (Vernon “Chip”), and granddaughter Sofie Santiago-Winters, and numerous relatives in the extended family.

He will be greatly missed and forever remembered.



Jane Coleman, of Mattapoisett, MA and Boston’s Back Bay, died early Sunday morning, July 19, 2026 in the same way she lived - with grace, strength, quiet faith, and a singular devotion to the well-being and continued happiness of her family and friends, particularly, her greatest love, Cornelius (Connie) Coleman.

Jane was born in Everett, MA. She was raised principally by her mother (who worked outside the home as a professional wedding dress seamstress after her husband died) and her proud Norwegian grandmother, amidst her many boisterous aunts, uncles, and cousins. From her mother and grandmother, Jane inherited a strong will and can-do approach to everything she did. Jane graduated from Melrose High School in 1958, remaining close throughout her life to her high school friends.

In 1960, at UMass Amherst, Jane met and fell in love with Connie. Their first date was on his birthday. They married in November 1961 and together built a life full of joy starting in Springfield MA and winding through Longmeadow MA, Wellesley MA, Arlington VA, Omaha NE, Mercer Island WA, Belvedere CA, Pittsburg PA, and Summit NJ, with four children arriving along the way. They lived in Summit for over 23 years, establishing many lifelong friendships. In 2000, they returned to Boston to be closer to their grandchildren.

In 1981, with her oldest headed to college and youngest headed to kindergarten, Jane decided to put years of buying, remodeling, and selling homes to good use. She built her new real estate career in Summit, NJ with the same energy and genuine love of people that had made her family’s journey all around the country seamless. Jane sold real estate in Summit and environs for over 20 years, as a broker first for Schlott Realtors and then for Coldwell Banker Real Estate. She was frequently her company’s number one real estate agent in NJ. She was known for her tenacity and excellent business sense, graciousness, and integrity. Through personal example, Jane taught her children the importance of cheerful hard work, organization, and an enthusiasm for building relationships with the wide range of people they’d be privileged to meet.

One constant of Jane and Connie’s geographically adventurous path has been Mattapoisett. Jane first came to Mattapoisett in 1959 with her UMass freshman year roommate, Jean Alden. In 1967, Connie and Jane rented a tiny cottage at the end of Pease’s Point. Except when out west, they returned to Mattapoisett each summer, ultimately building a home. Mattapoisett has been a special gathering spot for the family for decades, first for Jane and Connie’s growing family and soon too for Jane’s parents, Connie’s parents, siblings, cousins and their families, and ultimately for many members of their extended family. Jane and Connie spent increasing amounts of time in Mattapoisett from 2000 and were so appreciative of their wonderful neighbors and friends, including at the Bay Club, where they were charter members. This August, the family will again descend on Mattapoisett.

Jane is survived by her beloved husband of almost 65 years, Cornelius J. Coleman (Mattapoisett and Boston, MA), her four children -- Debb Coleman Diggins (Tim Diggins) (Boston, MA), Elizabeth Coleman (Mattapoisett, MA), Jennifer Coleman Murphy (Matt Murphy) (Hingham, MA), and

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felt this would be a good way for him to catch up on what happened in town and with the family while he was away at sea.

July 4, 1880, was a Sunday. Back then, it meant it would be a quiet day with the “usual stir” on Monday, July 5. Other than the clambake, she doesn’t mention any other activities, but she did have a bit of a “stir” in her



own home on July 3.

Two younger brothers, Allie and Horace, decided to play with some “firecrackers.” Allie got burned quite badly when he leaned too far forward to blow on one of them to make it burn faster. He singed his hair and burned his forehead but fortunately didn’t “put his eyes out.” (This is all conveyed in a seemingly calm way.) Horace also got into trouble when he decided to light his firecrackers in the stove.

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The Rounseville household must have been quite exciting. It’s hard to discern from her writing how she felt about all those firecrackers in her kitchen. She does write, “You must ask them when you write if they don’t want you to bring them some firecrackers.” I’m assuming that was sarcasm.

Upcoming Programs at the Elizabeth Taber Library

On Wednesday, **August 5**, at 3:00 pm, kids ages
8-12 are invited to join the Massachusetts Horticultural

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights July 19 – July 25

- Tucker Ln – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – General service
- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – General service
- Warham Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Follow up
- Village Dr – Follow up
- Main St – Gas leak
- Mill St – Recovered property
- Wareham Rd – MV complaint
- 195 West – MV collision
- Front St – Trash fire
- Converse Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- River Rd – Paper service
- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- County Rd - Lockout
- Spring St – General offense
- Pinewood Dr – EMS/medical
- River Rd – Paper service
- Spring St – Suspicious person
- Front St – MV collision
- Village Dr – Follow up
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Aucoot Ave – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights July 19 – July 25

- Church St – Parking violation
- Bay Club Dr – 911 call
- Cove St – Animal control
- Angelica Ave – Stolen property
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Tinkham Ln – Missing person
- Mechanic St – 911 call
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Marina Dr - Complaint
- Oakland St - Complaint
- Acushnet Rd – Assist citizen
- Water St – Protective custody (adult)
- Oakland St – Medical alarm
- Upland Way – Disturbance
- Oakland St – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – MV stolen
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Industrial Dr – Ambulance request
- Tinkham Ln – Follow up
- Bay Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Lond Plain Rd – Erratic MV
- Kyla Way – Officer wanted
- Aucoot Rd – Fireworks complaint
- Nantucket Dr – Animal control
- County Rd – MV crash
- North St – MV crash
- Church St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare

ROCHESTER

Log highlights July 19 – July 25

- North Ave – General services
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd - Larceny
- Walnut Plain Rd – Panic alarm
- Cranberry Hwy – General services
- Stevens Rd – General services
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Ryder Rd – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- High St - Investigation
- Walnut Plain Rd – Road hazard
- Maxim Rd – Animal control
- Randall Rd – Assist other agency
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – Burglar alarm
- Stevens Rd – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Alley Rd – 911 call
- Stevens Rd – Animal control
- High St – Assist other agency
- Forbes Rd – Outside fire
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Mendell Rd – General services
- Marys Pond Rd - Disturbance
- Walnut Plain Rd – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – Disable MV/towed

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

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John Coleman (Katherine Shafer Coleman) (Chevy Chase, MD), her seven grandchildren - Caroline and Luke Diggins, Christopher and Catherine Murphy, and Georgiana, Margaret, and Johnny Coleman, her cousins, and many treasured in-laws and friends.

A Mass celebrating Jane's life was held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at St. Gabriel's Church, Marion, MA.



John "Piques" Matos passed away unexpectedly on July 17, 2026, at St. Luke's Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his wife Adriana L Matos and their son John L Matos.

Mr. Matos was born in Agua de Pau, Sao Miguel, Azores. He was the son of the late Antonio Matos and Maria Matos (Piques). He and his family have lived in Mattapoisett for over 40 years.

He was an extremely hard worker & had worked several jobs throughout the years. As a machine operator at New England Rope & Lambeth Rope, painting many homes & businesses in Cape Cod, worked as a deckhand on a couple of local lobster boats "Thank you Sam & Dave for the many laughs & stories with him fishing throughout the years". Then finally worked as a presser at Joseph Abboud Manufacturing in New Bedford until his retirement.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and the love he had training his hunting dogs throughout the years. At anytime you would see him spending time outside taking care of his landscaping, gardening, or his love to cook that he shared with family and friends.

He is also survived by his siblings, Fernanda Sousa, Margarida Sousa, Germina Raposo, and Louis Matos, all of New Bedford. As well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Arturo M. Matos and Antonio J. Matos.

His visiting hours will be held Thursday, July 30, 2026 from 9-10:30 am in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett, followed by his Memorial Mass at 11am in St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St, Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The Humane Society & Shelter - SouthCoast



Jacqueline A. (Donlon) McGraw, 90, of Mattapoisett died July 23, 2026 at St. Luke's Hospital. She was the wife of Jack W. McGraw, Sr., with whom she shared 69 years of marriage.

Born and raised in Hornell, NY, daughter of the late Harry J. And Elizabeth (Conklin) Donlon, she lived Mattapoisett most of her life.

She was formerly employed at Old Hammondtown

School. She graduated Hornell High School and attended the Hornell School of Business. Jacquie was an active parishioner of St. Anthony's Church where she volunteered as a CCD teacher, member of the Women's Guild and Bingo just to name a few. She enjoyed praying the rosary, playing Mah Jong, and spending time with her children, grandchildren and all the wonderful friends she made throughout her life. She also enjoyed taking art classes and painting beautiful watercolor pictures that her family will always treasure.

Survivors include her husband Jack; 3 sons, Will McGraw and his wife Katie of Ft. Mill, SC, Mark McGraw and his wife Paula of Mattapoisett and Matt McGraw and his wife Sharon of Fairhaven; a daughter, Marie-Elizabeth McGraw of Paradise, CA; a brother, Michael Donlon of Hornell, NY; 2 sisters, Beverly Donlon of Horsehead, NY and Elizabeth Ann Donlon of Rochester, NY; 10 grandchildren, Stephanie, Christopher, Patrick, Michael, Andrew and his companion Hannah, Kate, Luke, Roy, Jack and Claire; a great-granddaughter, Charlotte; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was the sister of the late Bonnie Cheresnowsky, Elaine Ceci and H. Joseph Donlon, Jr.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, July 28th at St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St. Mattapoisett. Visiting hours were omitted. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



John Hafferty passed away suddenly at home on June 30, 2026.

He grew up in Leicester MA, the youngest son of George and Helen. After completing high school, he volunteered for the United States Marine Corps and saw heavy combat, eventually completing one infantry tour in Vietnam before being

injured during his second.

In 1971, John met Jean Marie Morris and the two married. Using the GI Bill, he attended college and went on to earn a master's degree in applied mathematics from Worcester State. He later taught computer programming at Nichols College for several years before beginning a career as a systems analyst at State Mutual (later known as Allmerica Financial), in Worcester, where he worked for more than 20 years.

For the majority of his adult life he and Jean resided in Rutland, MA, where they raised their daughter Evelyn and son Owen. They took in his aging parents and also opened their home to the children of an ill friend for a period of time, thus also gaining a foster son, Chet.

John loved being outdoors, gardening, hiking, skiing, canoeing, kayaking, biking, and spending time in nature whenever he could. As a runner, in his 30's, he ran the Boston Marathon twice. He was also a member of the Newington Ski

Society for Natural Dye and Fibers. Learn how plants can be used for dye and make a creation of your own. Registration is required.

On Thursday, **August 6** at 6:00 pm, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society will present information on seed saving. They'll explore techniques for properly collecting, cleaning, and storing seeds for future use. Whether you're looking to reduce costs, maintain heirloom varieties, or build a more resilient garden over time, this lecture will give you the tools to carry your garden from season to season.

Get ready for our favorite event of the summer: the Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Kids of all ages are invited to drop off their stuffies before 5:00 pm on Tuesday, **August 11**. Stuffed animals will spend the night at the library and go on an adventure. Then pick up your stuffie after 3:00 pm on Wednesday, **August 12**. You'll get a story sent to you from the library with photos of everything the stuffed animals did during their sleepover.

We'll be celebrating the end of Summer Reading with a family concert from local funk band, Get the Funk Out. Join us at 1:00 pm on Saturday, **August 15** on the library lawn. Bring your own chair or blanket to sit on or even make it a picnic. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be held in the Marion Music Hall.

Tweens and Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for Henna at the Library on Friday, **August 7** from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Hang out with your friends and get a special henna design from Wicked Good Henna.

Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library (MFPL), located at 7 Barstow Street, has more amazing summer programs coming up.

Calling all writers. The MFPL Writing Group is meeting on Tuesday, **August 4**, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The group will do a combination of brief writing exercises, progress check-ins, out-loud readings of work, peer reviews, and silent writing. No registration is required.

Join us for a senior technology workshop presentation about "Apps: On the Go," on Thursday, **August 6**, at 10:30 am. This presentation is sponsored by MFPL, ORRHS, and the North Attleboro Senior Technology Program. Free technology help services will be available following the presentation. No registration is required.

The award-winning movie *In the Whale* is showing at MFPL on **August 7** at 6:00 pm. The film tells the true account of a Cape Cod fisherman who was swallowed by a whale and survived to tell the tale. Watch the movie and then participate in a Q&A with the director, David Abel. Registration is optional.

The Garden Lady is coming to the library for a presentation on "Success with Vegetables," on **August 13** at 2:00 pm. Learn the best ways to succeed with your vegetable garden and growing, from how to treat a range of issues, how to make the most of your fall and winter harvests, and more. C.L. Fornari is the host of The Garden Lady on WCAI and GBH 89.7, and a frequent speaker to groups and green industry trade events.

OBITUARIES

Club, and enjoyed skiing all over the United States.

While in Cub Scouts, his son Owen volunteered John to be a Den Leader. They spent many weekends camping throughout New England. John later became a Scout Leader and then Scout Master of Troop 141.

After the kids were grown, John and Jean took trips to the west coast of the US, Hawaii, Canada, and eventually as far as Australia and New Zealand. When Jean was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2004, John took care of her at home for as long as he could.

His favorite role was as "Old Pa" to his grandsons. For many years, he took them on various outings and even brought them to Wachusett Mountain on weekends to learn to ski. He loved spending time with them on an almost daily basis.

While raising funds for the East Coast Greenway John biked from Maine to the Florida Keys over a 10 year period. He also enjoyed hiking and biking trips abroad, including visits to Scotland, Ireland, France, Italy, Greece, and the Czech Republic. With his grandkids and extended family, he traveled to France, Washington State, Canada, Spain, Germa-

ny, and Austria.

Even after Jean's illness progressed to the point that she could no longer live at home, John remained completely devoted to her, visiting her nearly every day. When Jean passed away in 2020 after 49 years of marriage, John relocated along with his daughter and her family to Marion MA. He spent his final years befriending many of his new neighbors, playing cribbage, enjoying meals out with friends, giving generously to various charitable causes, and watching his grandchildren continue to grow.

He will be dearly missed by his daughter Evelyn (her family: Josh, Sam, Eames), his son Owen (his wife Erin), foster son Chester Osborne (his family: Becca, Emma, Ella), his older brother Joe, his younger sister Mary, and his many friends and neighbors from over the years.

A celebration of John's life will take place at a later date, please check his page on the Hathaway Funerals website.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Micronaut

By Rob Gonsalves
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Dead Souls. Starring Alex Cox and Zander Schloss. Directed by Alex Cox. Running time: 88 minutes. No MPAA rating. Now playing in theaters.

It's hard to know what to make of *Dead Souls*, which cowriter-director Alex Cox (*Repo Man*, *Sid & Nancy*, *Walker*) has claimed is "my last movie." Suggested by Nikolai Gogol's novel of the same name, *Dead Souls* seems to dawdle a bit, staying close to the shoulder of Strindler (Cox himself), who wanders the Old West looking for the names and birthplaces of dead Mexicans. We settle in, content to take in the scenery and the faces. After a while, the theme of the movie comes into cold, sharp focus.

Strindler goes here and there, offering good money for the lists of names, asking good money for the same. It doesn't matter what the Mexicans died of — whether they died in a mine cave-in or of a bullet to the skull or of natural causes. It doesn't matter who they *were*. We come to understand that it doesn't matter why the names of these dead people are currency. Some folks ask \$10 per name. Sometimes they're worth 75 cents a head. If that's all their deaths are worth, what were their lives worth?

Since early on in his career, Cox has been drawn to spaghetti westerns, their tropes and bleak backdrops and pessimistic politics. *Walker* and *Straight to Hell* (both 1987) toyed with the standard obsessions of the subgenre, and Cox has returned to those deserts and run-down taverns throughout the years. Gogol's anecdotal story, which he referred to as a "poem," forms the backbone for Cox's ruminations on racism and capitalism and how they click together like dark puzzle pieces.

At one point, we presume, Strindler starts to lose it; he is cast in jail for desecrating a cemetery and throwing a lit dynamite stick into a building. It's as though society, represented by these flyblown towns he drifts into, eventually got wise to the amoral, transactional nature of this beast;



significantly, this happens when he starts having fewer coins to toss around. Strindler learns just how much *he's* worth when his coinsack gets lighter.

I can't say if the film's themes dovetailing so neatly with some of our recent preoccupations (ICE agents looking for Mexicans; Trump claiming dead people are voting) is accidentally well-timed — Biden was still president when it was filmed — or just an example of how some evils don't go out of fashion. These microproductions, of the sort Cox has been obliged to make for the last twenty years or so, take a while to finance and to whip into shape in the editing room. There's no way the script was referring to any atrocity in particular; Cox simply realizes the emphases of the spaghetti western — a macabre, mercenary apprehension of death and life, against a climatically hostile backdrop — blend very well with Q1 of the current century.

As a longtime Cox fan (*Repo Man* is a top-tenner, *Walker* and *El Patrullero* are high up there), I enjoyed and valued *Dead Souls*, and it may lead me to Cox's book about spaghetti westerns *10,000 Ways to Die* as readily as to Gogol's novel-poem. The score by Dan Wool, who goes way back with Cox, is morose yet biting, and various Cox veterans like Zander Schloss and Dick Rude turn up. Cox's mournful but mordant style is weirdly comforting for viewers like me, but I'm not sure how many viewers there are like me. It can't have been easy for Cox all these years. I'll be sad if this really is his last movie, but I can't say I blame him.

Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

The Teen Summer Reading Challenge continues at MFPL. Teens who read books from their assigned reading list and fill out a book review get to pick a prize. Students going into grades 7-12 are eligible to participate.

Join us for a Teen Craft Workshop on Wednesday, **August 5**, at 6:00 pm. Make a vintage card catalog junk journal and earn raffle tickets toward the Jennifer Mason-Black gift basket giveaway.

Attend a special Summer Reading Book Club meeting on Friday, **August 7**, at 3:30 pm. Read *Sometimes the Girl*, and come ready to discuss. Earn raffle tickets toward a gift basket for participating.

Jennifer Mason-Black, author of the YA novel *Sometimes the Girl*, is visiting the Mattapoisett Library for an Author Talk on Saturday, **August 8**, at 2:00 pm. Join us for a presentation and Q&A and earn raffle tickets toward winning a gift basket.

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Children's Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Our Kids' Summer Reading Program has officially started, so be sure to come down and sign up. All our summer reading events are free and open to the public, so you don't need to register for the Kids' Summer

Reading Program to attend, but you must register to be eligible for prizes.

Every Thursday and Friday until **August 6 and 7**, we have Family Storytime and Baby Storytime. On Thursdays, you can attend Family Storytime at Munro Preserve at 10:30 am (if it's raining, we will meet at the library), and on Fridays, you can have some fun at Baby Storytime at 10:30 am at the library.

On Saturday, **August 1**, at 10:30 am, come party with us at a summertime bash featuring the groovy tunes of the Toe Jam Puppet Band. No need to sign up — just show up and let the good times roll.

All week from Tuesday, **August 4**, to Saturday, **August 8**, you can come down to the library and participate in Chalk the Walk. Bring your own chalk or borrow some of ours. Let's make the walkway beautiful together.

On Tuesday, **August 4**, at 1:00 pm, we are excited to have our Town Administrator, Mike Lorencio, host a story time. No registration is required.

Beep beep. On Wednesday, **August 5**, at 1:00 pm, come on down for a drive-in movie featuring your very own box car. Everything is provided. We have boxes, wheels, steering wheels, headlights, and refreshments. Toddlers will love getting creative with their box cars and then hanging out for the show afterward. Supplies are limited, so registration is required. Event is recommended for children ages 1-3.

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Super Crossword

OPENING SEQUENCE

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14 Anchorage locale
20 Aspire to something specific
21 Love, in Lido
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23 Founder of the Miracles
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88 Sundown's direction
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90 China's Long March leader
91 2012 Best Director Lee
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105 Maple fluid
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107 Tiger's sound
108 Restricting freedom of thought
111 Work site welfare org.
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121 Of high peaks
122 "Rapture" singer Baker
123 All aspects considered
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86 "Huzzah!"
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SALOME'S STARS

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.

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We're celebrating the end of another amazing summer with an ice cream party on **August 8**. We have ice cream to share with anyone who comes down to the library from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Please register so we know how much ice cream we need. We hope to see you there, and thanks for another great summer.

More information about all our programs is available on our website, mattapoissettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

Successful Opening at Rochester Historical Museum

This past Saturday, we presented our 250th Anniversary exhibit, "Rochester and the Revolution." Thank you to all those who contributed to a successful day. In addition to learning history, we also sold 250th Anniversary hats, pies and cookies. Thanks, as always, to our bakers. The Phinneys provided a glimpse into the past with their





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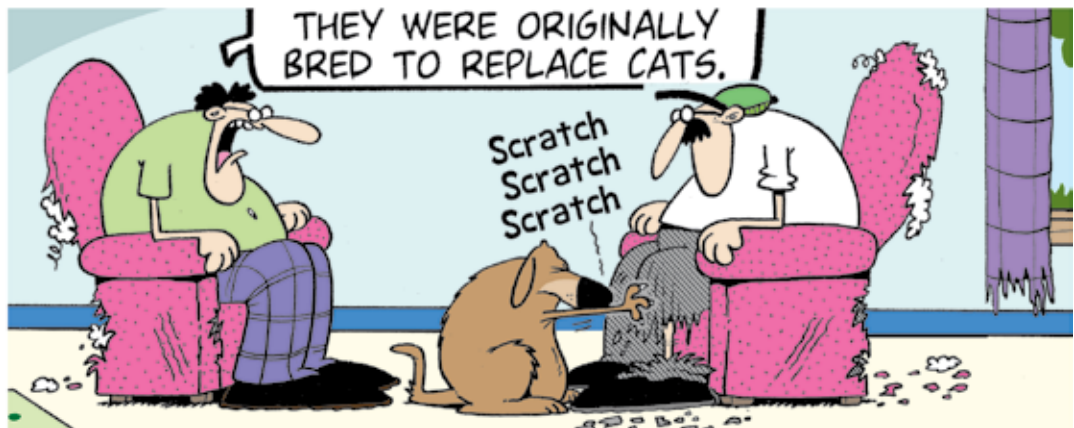
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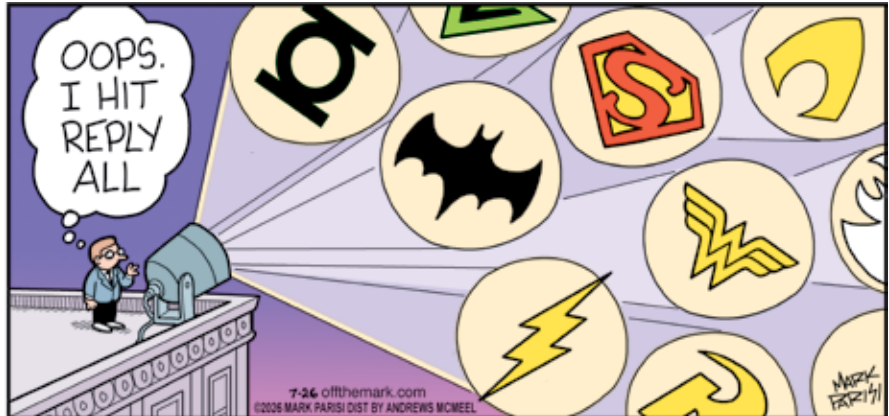
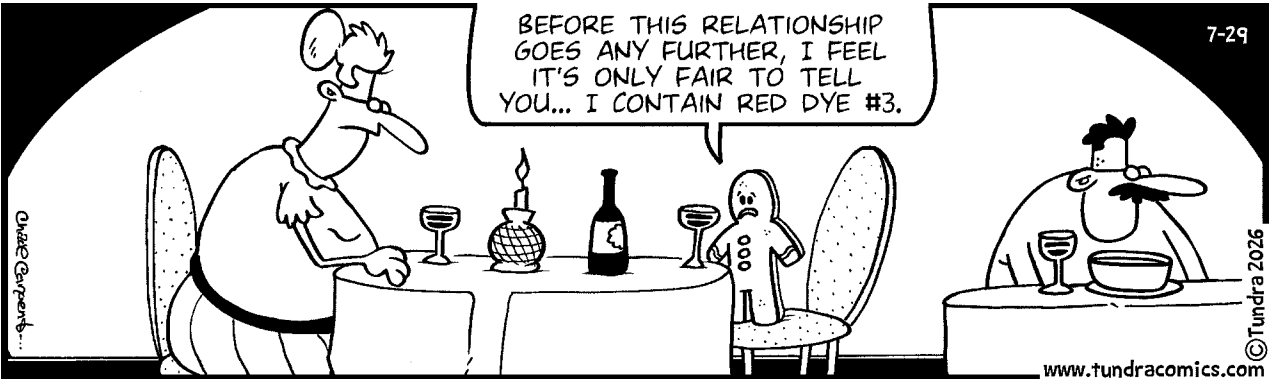
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Revolutionary War campsite and other colonial exhibits. Mack also crafted a replica of Rochester's Liberty Pole (very accurate, although less than 45 feet tall).

We had many people view the exhibit with positive feedback and, all in all, had an A-plus day. None of this would be possible without the members who helped with the setup and takedown, manned the cash register, and did all the other jobs that needed doing.

I also want to thank Rep. Sylvia and Sen. Rodrigues for taking time out of their busy schedules to stop by to view the exhibit. It's nice to know we have at least two history buffs in the State House.

The exhibit will be in place as we celebrate 250 years since the fight for American independence. We will be open at varying times throughout August, the first being **August 4** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. If you drive by the museum at 355 County Rd. and see the open flag out, stop by. Additional times to view the exhibit will be announced through *The Wanderer*.

Call for Entries for the MAC Summer Members Show

The MAC's Summer Members show returns on **August 15** with a reception from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. It will run through September 18. MAC member artists are encouraged to enter one piece into the show. Original works must be exhibition-ready, created within the last five years and not previously shown at the MAC. Drop-off dates are Saturday, August 8 between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Tuesday, August 10 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. The MAC Galleries are located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion, MA. More information at marionartcenter.org/ on-exhibit.

Tickets for The Constant Wife

Tickets for *The Constant Wife* by Somerset Maugham are on sale. The play has been adapted by MAC director Kate Fishman and is reimagined for the late 1960s, when women's liberation was rising, social norms were shifting, and everything was groovy.

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The play features Cynthia Johnson, Gary Sousa, Kara McCann, Kristina Dahlene, Maura Van Voris, Michele Letourneau, Robert Mahowald, and Genevieve Suman.

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1239 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of New England Rodeo for property located at 65 Pine Street, identified on Assessor's Map 37, Lot 9, who is seeking a Special Permit for a 4' x 16' sign, pursuant to Chapter 22.60, Section G, of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. The public hearing will be on Thursday, August 13th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirlet, Chairman 7/23, 7/30 TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING A public meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by ADGA Realty LLC for property located at 338 Vaughan Hill Road in Rochester, MA. The proposed work is the expansion of an existing agricultural irrigation water storage pond located on the property which is Land in Agricultural Use and is an area of existing reservoir and tailwater recovery pond. The applicant's representative is Bob Rego, P.E., River Hawk Environmental, LLC, 511 West Grove Street, Suite 301, Middleboro, MA 02346. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88672308657 Meeting ID: 886 7230 8657 Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 7/30 TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 12, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Christina Galarza, for localized land maintenance and safety manicuring—expressly excluding any uprooting or land clearing—to remove surface-level tripping hazards and selectively prune underbrush to establish a safe, primitive tent-pitching area at 0 Hastings Road. The site is further identified as Lot 21 on Marion Assessors' Map 8. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Shaun P. Walsh, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 7/30 TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 12, at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available	via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Marion Harbor East Trust, for confirmation that the Isolated Vegetated Wetland Area is non-jurisdictional relative to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act at 10 South Drive. The site is further identified as Lot 18 on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Shaun P. Walsh, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 7/30 TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 12, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Uncle Jon's Coffee, for the proposed construction of addition to the commercial building, reconfiguring of the paved parking lot, and installation of a rain garden partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone at 413 Wareham Street. The site is further identified as Lot 21A on Marion Assessors' Map 13. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Shaun P. Walsh, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. 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The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 7/30 TOWN OF ROCHESTER SOIL BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Soil Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room, 1 Constitution Way, in Rochester regarding a Soil Removal Permit Application received from Crimson Farms LLC, for property located at 37 Sarah Sherman Road in Rochester, MA 02770, further identified as Assessor's Map 28, Lot 8, 8-G. The property owner is Crimson Farms LLC, P.O. Box 333, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant proposes to excavate agricultural reservoir, rebuild bogs, and upgrade	bog roads. The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Richard Charon, Chairman 7/30, 8/6 TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Council on Aging regarding a Special Permit for a Back Lot Subdivision and Common Driveway filed by Michael and Mary Fitzgerald and depicted on a plan entitled, "Approval Not Required Plan of Land and Special Permit for a Back Lot Division at 83 Hiller Road in Rochester, MA" and dated July 16, 2026 for property located at 83 Hiller Road, Rochester, MA 02770 designated as Lot 7 on Assessor's Map 11. The applicant is proposing the creation of one new residential back lot to support a single-family residential structure with associated site work, utilities, and a common driveway. The applicant's representative is Brian Wallace, JC Engineering, Inc., 2854 Cranberry Highway, E. Wareham, MA 02538. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Join Zoom Meeting https://us04web.zoom.us/jc/74360867068 Meeting ID: 743 6086 7068 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 7/30, 8/6 TOWN OF MARION ADVERTISEMENT TO BID MGL c.30 §39M Over \$50K The TOWN OF MARION, the Awarding Authority, through its Department of Public Works, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Sidewalk Reconstruction Bid, Contract No. 2026-4, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30 Section 39M, and the documents prepared by TEC, INC. The Contract shall be awarded as a unit-price, indefinite quantity contract. Quantities included in the Bid Schedule are estimated solely for the purpose of comparing bids and do not represent a guarantee of the amount of work to be performed. 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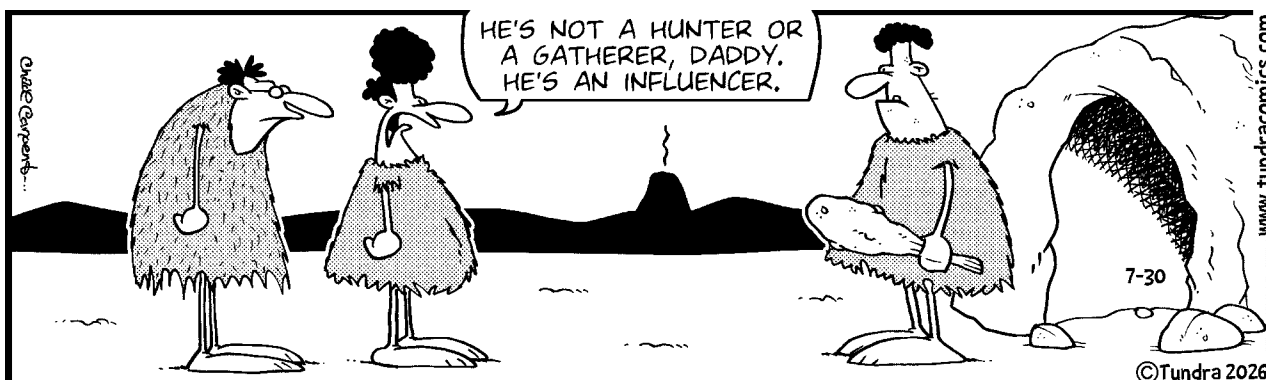
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The Friends of the Library are still accepting donations at the Library from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm noon on Saturday, July 25 and Saturday, August 1 at the Library. Your last chance to donate materials for the book sale will be at the Marion Music Hall on Thursday, August 6 and Friday, August 7 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm noon.

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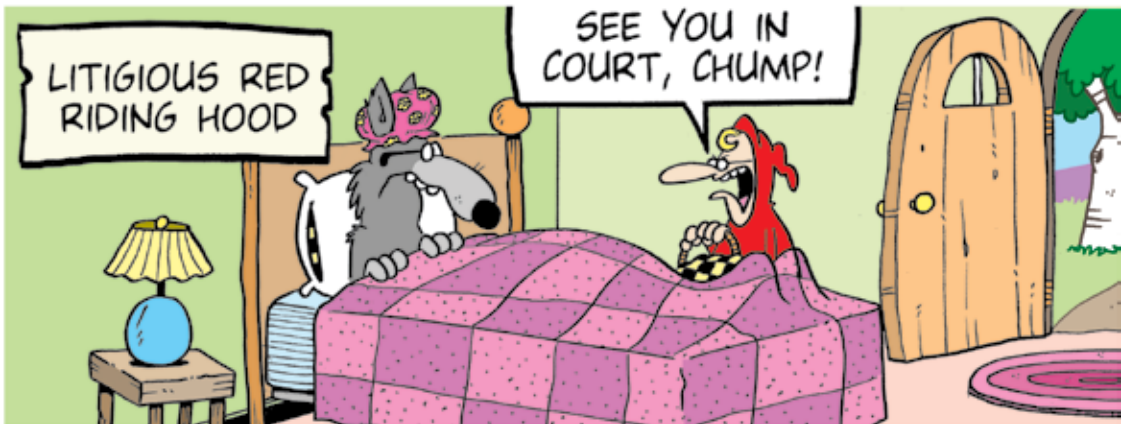
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Andrew Hughes	July 30
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Carol Delehanty	July 30
Carolyn Foley	July 30
Jack Czerkowiec	July 30
John George	July 30
Laura Wadsworth	July 30
Matthew Querim	July 30
Amy Wrightington	July 31
Bridgette Sullivan	July 31
Devin Smith	July 31
Ken MacKenzie	July 31
Lisa Bindas	July 31
Niamh Sullivan	July 31
Tom Jackivicz	July 31
Annie-Alice Scaduto	August 1
Arisa Underhill	August 1
Betsy Sylvia	August 1
Cara Butler	August 1
Kevin Delehanty	August 1
Nicholas Risko	August 1
Roger N. Bolduc	August 1
Benjamin Schwartz	August 2
Christine Gibbons	August 2
David Mann-Wirth	August 2
Isabella Marotta	August 2
Lillie Farrell	August 2
Liz Adams	August 2
Pam Fleming	August 2
Stephanie Bailey	August 2
Beckett Elger	August 3
Bill Feeney	August 3
Camerin Zell	August 3
Hayden Silva	August 3
Jim Feeney	August 3
Jodi Jones	August 3
Ryan Fleming	August 3
Zachary Armendo	August 3
Aidan Ridings	August 4
Connor Kelley	August 4
Drew Weaver	August 4
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Dianne McBroome	August 5
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New Bedford Ballet Performs An Evening of Dance

New Bedford Ballet will culminate its summer season with four performances of An Evening of Dance, an innovative blend of classical and contemporary choreography. This creative exploration of dance styles will be performed on Friday, **July 31**, at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm and Saturday, **August 1**, at 1:00 and 3:00pm, at the NBB Community Theatre, 2459 Purchase St., New Bedford.

The Nightingale is a children's ballet created by New Bedford Ballet's artistic director Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, with choreography by Ms. Waskiel-Marchesseault, Charis Hall, and Jenna Torgeson. Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's The Nightingale, this children's ballet will bring smiles to young and old as the audience is reminded that the ability to share one's gifts is a freedom that should never be taken away.

Original contemporary choreography by New Bedford Ballet advanced students and classical and

contemporary dance pieces choreographed by NBB instructors Sara Brownell and Charis Hall will also be included in this artistic collage of dance styles.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for seniors, students, and children 12 years and under. All proceeds from this performance will support the New Bedford Ballet, a non-profit organization. Tickets are limited and sell quickly. Tickets may be purchased online at www.newbedfordballet.org. For more information, please visit the New Bedford Ballet website at www.newbedfordballet.org or contact the New Bedford Ballet Office at 508-993-1387.

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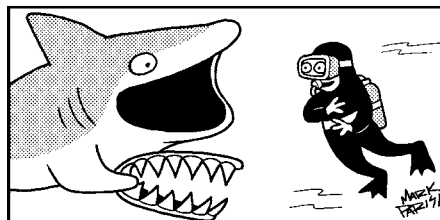
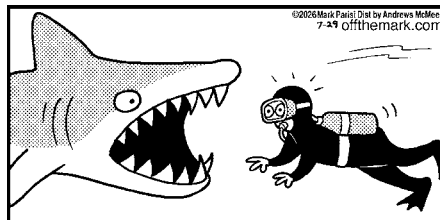
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then
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For over thirty-five years New Bedford Ballet has continued its mission of providing classical ballet training for children and adults, granting scholarships, and educating the community in the value of the performing arts. On-site registration for the 2026-2027 season will take place July 28 and July 29, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and August 18 & 19, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Registration can also be done online.

The Great Community Picnic

Begin with a summer sunset by the harbor, friends and neighbors, and your own delicious picnic fare. Add great live music by Seth Asser & Gary Brown. Throw in fresh local oysters and a table decorating contest. Result? The Great Community Picnic is on Thursday evening, **August 6**, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Munro Preserve adjacent to the town wharf.

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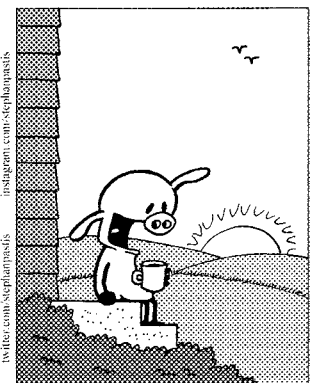
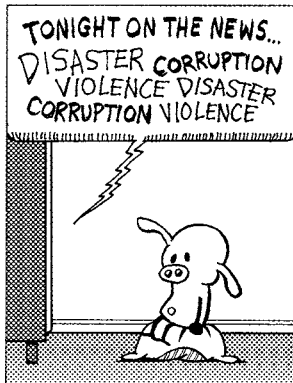
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Space is limited - buy a table while they last. Tickets are available online: www.mattapoissettmuseum.org/event-info/the-2026-great-community-picnic. Ticket sales will end on Monday, July 27, or when we sell out, whichever comes first. Make plans now to join us for this festive memorable evening.

Marion Social Club Pig Roast

The Marion Social Club, located at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion, is having a Pig Roast on **August 16**. Dinner will include a very nice portion of roast pig, jag, baked beans, applesauce, coleslaw, corn bread and dessert. The Pig Master is the same one we have had in the past, and the meal is out of this world. Tickets are \$40 each and can be reserved by calling Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253. Cut-off date is August 8, don't delay. The doors will open at noon for socializing, and dinner will be served at 1:00 pm. Also, we are looking for new members to help us with our dinners, the proceeds of which fund our scholarships and Senior Bake.

Programs at the Marion Natural History Museum

On **August 3**, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, the Marion Natural History Museum welcomes Amazing Animals Adventurers presenting Birds of the World live animal program. Come join Bethany Boucher of Amazing Animal Ambassadors to learn about a wide range of birds from parrots, birds of prey and more. Birds you might see include a macaw, cockatoo, kookaburra, green aracari, great horned owl, red tailed hawk and raven. Funding provided in part thanks to the Marion Cultural Council. This program has limited space so please register soon at www.marionmuseum.org.

Coastal Explorations with the Marion Natural History Museum, **August 3 to August 7**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The Marion Natural History Museum will be offering an opportunity to explore some of Marion's unique natural areas. We will be exploring our rocky inter-tidal



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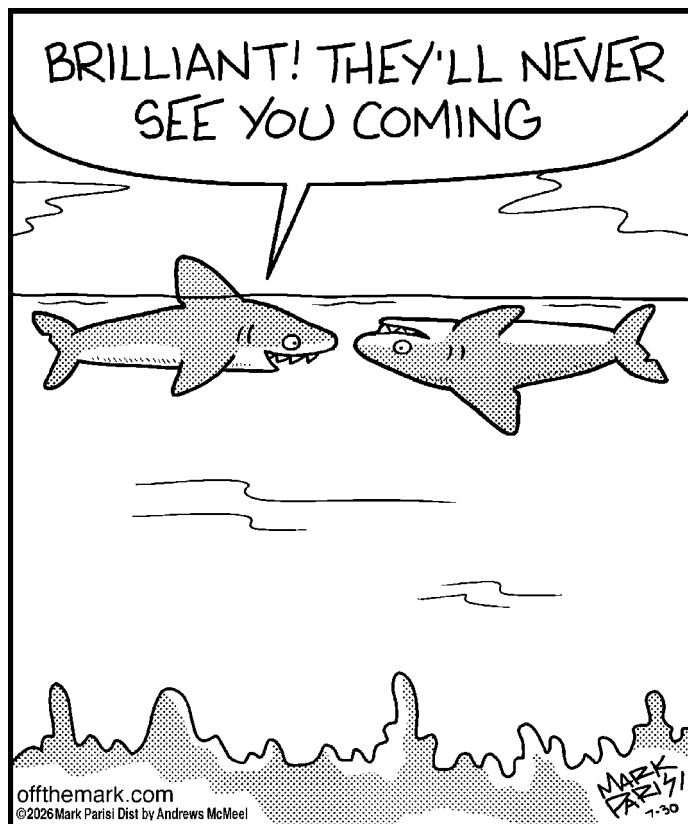
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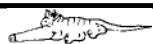
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Friday	July 31	9:50	10:03	3:35	3:34
Saturday	August 1	10:29	10:43	4:04	4:12
Sunday	August 2	11:10	11:27	4:33	4:51
Monday	August 3	11:55		5:04	5:33
Tuesday	August 4	12:15	12:43	5:40	6:21
Wednesday	August 5	1:07	1:35	6:24	7:24
Thursday	August 6	2:02	2:31	7:19	8:53
Friday	August 7	3:01	3:34	8:24	10:36
Saturday	August 8	4:07	4:44	9:37	11:44
Sunday	August 9	5:17	5:53	10:50	
Monday	August 10	6:21	6:54	12:39	12:06
Tuesday	August 11	7:18	7:47	1:29	12:56
Wednesday	August 12	8:11	8:37	2:16	1:53
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Friday	August 14	9:49	10:11	3:35	3:39
Saturday	August 15	10:37	10:57	4:07	4:25
Sunday	August 16	11:26	11:44	4:38	5:07
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Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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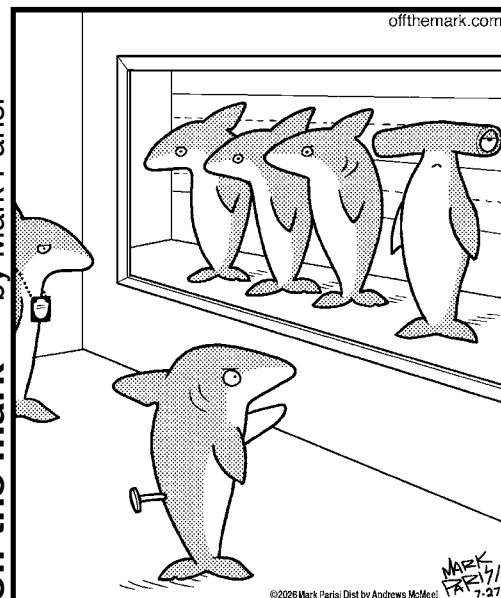
1. Drove; 2. Trope
3. Siren; 4. Rascal

Today's Word
RETIRED

Sudoku Answer

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Due to current market conditions, item retails may change, and products may become unavailable unexpectedly.

SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, July 31 to Thursday, August 6, 2026

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Black Angus
**Friends'
Premium
Flank Steak**
\$16⁹⁹
lb



8.8-12.5 oz. Selected Variety
**Old El Paso
Dinner Kits**
\$3⁹⁹



16 oz. Selected Variety
**Teddie
Peanut Butter**
\$3⁹⁹



8 oz.
**Kerrygold
Irish Butter**
\$4⁹⁹



SPIRITS

Summer
Sale!

1.75 Liter **\$29⁹⁹**
Titos Vodka
1.75 Liter **\$19⁹⁹**
Smirnoff Vodka
1.75 Liter **\$24⁹⁹**
Bacardi Rum
750 ml. **\$24⁹⁹**
Jose Cuervo Silver Tequila

32 oz. Selected Variety
**Brigham's
Ice Cream**
\$4⁴⁹



QUALITY PRODUCE



Seedless
Red Grapes **\$2⁹⁹**
lb

Delicious
Watermelon Quarters **99¢**
lb

Fresh
Broccoli Crowns **\$2⁴⁹**
lb



16 oz. Pkg.
NatureSweet
Cocktail Tomatoes **\$3⁹⁹**

Fresh
Sweet Onions **\$1¹⁹**
lb

Fresh
Romaine Hearts **\$3⁴⁹**
ea

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!