

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Wow...getting this baby done a whole day early. You have no idea...

Welcome to our annual Shopping with the *Neighb News* issue. We visit once again with our young couple who just bought their house; they have lots of places to choose from to get the old fixer-upper livable. See page 12 for how you can get gifts for everyone on your list and support local small businesses AND the *Neighb News* at the same time.

Let the shopping begin. (And if you're one of those people who are all done with your shopping...I don't want to hear it.)

Be sure to check out the happenings pages for fun stuff to do this weekend, including information on the Turkey Trot Thanksgiving morning. I admit, it's way too early for me. I'll see you on Saturday, maybe at one of the hikes.

We have a fun story (although it wasn't meant to be) on the Fairhaven-New Bedford bridge. The state is doing a survey to find out how well those signs are working. So, how are they working for YOU?

The questions, unfortunately, are a bit cut-and-dry with. They did not ask "is the sign useless half the time?"

And, although it does ask if the sign is situated in a place that allows you to choose another route (it is), it does NOT ask you about the uselessness of that route since the lights at Main and Howland only let 1 1/2 cars through at a time and so it takes longer than waiting for the ancient bridge to open....er, I mean close....I think.

Anyway, have fun with it on page 18. And special thanks to Mr. History Person, aka, Chris Richard, for the information in the sidebar.

We have the next installment of Fairhaven Murders Past this week (see page 4).

Now, I admit, that as we get closer to the present, it could get a little awkward. As we start running into names we know and some of the people in the stories are still alive, or their kids are alive, well, y'know, I might have to gulp a few times before asking some questions.

This week, though, I had the most delightful discovery because of one of those murder stories. You probably know that Fairhaven has lots of Josephs, with a fair number having served in the police department. One of the articles mentioned that George Joseph took custody of a dog whose owner was murdered in 1953. The article was not clear, though, on whether or not Mr. Joseph (known as "Uncle George," apparently), kept the dog. I tracked down his son, George Joseph, Jr., he said that his father did, indeed, take Cokie home and that he was a faithful companion to the younger Joseph for many years.

What fun this job is sometimes.

Mr. Joseph was gracious to a stranger calling out of the blue and, I might even venture to say that he enjoyed being reminded of his old pet. But, that could just be my and my writer's sentimentality talking. In any case, I was delighted to make the call and Mr. Joseph's acquaintance. Until next week then...



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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Police: smash-and-grabs on rise; homeowner interrupts burglar

From Press Release Materials

Fairhaven Police Responded to a house break in progress on Glenhaven Avenue just after 10:30 Monday morning, 11/25. When police arrived, they were informed that a resident of the house came home to find the back door forced open. The door casing was severely damaged by the perpetrator who was discovered by the victim standing in the living room.

According to the reporting party, the suspect walked out the front door and entered a waiting car that fled westbound on Glenhaven Avenue towards Main Street. The suspect found in the house is described as a white male in his mid to late thirties, approximately six feet tall, with a medium build, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans. The operator of the getaway car is described as an unshaven white male, with a shaved head, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt. The vehicle is described as a black Mitsubishi Galant with a silver stripe down the entire length of the side of the vehicle.

The robbers stole a laptop, a Nintendo Wii game system and an

undetermined amount of cash.

Smash & Grabs on Rise

Fairhaven police are asking shoppers and residents to be especially vigilant this holiday season. There have been several reported vehicle "smash and grabs" recently throughout town. According to police spokesperson Kevin Kobza, the trend is common around the holidays, with people leaving gifts and other purchases in their cars as they continue to shop.

Shoppers should be sure to lock vehicles and take all valuables inside when possible. If you see anyone suspicious in your neighborhoods, or in the merchant lots, please contact the Fairhaven Police Department right away by calling either 911 or 508-997-7421.

Bank Robber Nabbed

Timothy Aadland was arrested by the Fairhaven Police Department on Route 140 between Route 6 and Route 195 in New Bedford on November 18. Aadland was observed by officers operating a stolen motor vehicle in the vicinity of Green Street and Route

6 in Fairhaven. He was also the subject of several outstanding arrest warrants for robbing the Fairhaven and the Fall River branches of Bank 5 as well as other numerous charges, including larceny and drug law violations.

When Officer Frank Sniezek attempted to apprehend Aadland, he fled west on Route 6, refusing to stop. Other Fairhaven units joined the pursuit which continued onto Route 195 and ended on Route 140, where Aadland was taken into custody. Members of the Massachusetts State Police and the New Bedford Police Department provided assistance with the pursuit.

Aadland has been charged with two counts of unarmed robbery, numerous motor vehicle violations, receiving stolen property and drug and larceny charges. After being booked at the Fairhaven Police Station, we will be arraigned in Third District Court.

If anyone has information about any of these cases, please contact Fairhaven Police Detectives at 508-997-7421. Callers may remain anonymous.

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Fairhaven murders past: 1930–1953

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven had four murders from 1930 to 1953, with two of those occurring in 1953. Three of the four victims were women, and two of them were killed by their husbands who also killed themselves.

On January 4, 1930, Anthony Naja, 44, killed his wife Helen, 39, in their home at 33 Jesse Street. According to newspaper reports, the home was owned by Mrs. Naja and she had decided to divorce Mr. Naja because of his abusive behavior. He had even, according to her attorney, held a gun to her head several times.

When Fairhaven police chief Walter Francis arrived to serve Mr. Naja with a “writ” to have him removed from the house, he found both Mr. and Mrs. Naja with gunshot wounds.

Mr. Naja was in the kitchen in a pool of his own blood, and the gas jets were on, but Mrs. Naja had made her way to a neighbor’s house.

Mr. Naja was described as “rum-crazed” and “drunk-crazed,” and was a “war veteran.”

Police were familiar with the couple’s stormy domestic life, with the police chief telling reporters that he had been to the house on many occasions. He said Mrs. Naja had usually asked him to calm her husband down. She had tried to leave him more than once, but he always talked her out of it according to her attorney, as reported in the New Bedford Standard on January 7, 1930.

This time, she was not going to change her mind, and both the attorney and the police chief said they believed Mr. Naja sensed he was getting thrown out of his wife’s house for good.

Mrs. Naja died on Sunday, January 5, 1930, in the evening. Mr. Naja died on Monday, 1/6.

Their three grown children said they would bury their parents together

“unless the church forbids it,” wrote the NBS. According to records, the Najas are buried side-by-side at Riverside Cemetery in Fairhaven.

“Divided in life, united in death,” read the first line of the NBS on 1/6.

1950: Whole family murdered by father

On April 18th, 1950, Fairhaven saw probably its worst family tragedy, certainly the worst up to that point. On that date, police broke into the home of Walter Golas, 30, and Barbara (Fuller) Golas, 27, and found them and their three children dead. Mr. Golas had struck his wife in the head, probably with a cast iron pipe found at the scene, then set the gas jets on. He and the three children Diane, 6, Sandra, 5, and Barry, 2, were killed by gas poisoning. Mrs. Golas may also have been strangled.

“The bodies of the children were found in adjacent rooms,” reads an article from the Fairhaven Star on April 13, 1950. “They were apparently in their beds asleep when the escaping gas snuffed out their lives.”

A follow-up story noted that the family puppy had also died from gas.

Mrs. Golas’s father was a patrol officer with the New Bedford police department. Neighbors called him when they had not seen the family for a few days. He in turn called the Fairhaven police department.

Patrol officers Alfred Raphael (who would eventually become chief) and Leo Fleurent made the gruesome discovery. They were forced to break into the cottage at 2 Ocean Court, off Middle Street, a street that is no longer listed in Fairhaven.

The Fairhaven Star gives Mr. Golas credit for taking “steps to avert an explosion before turning on the gas that snuffed out the lives of the family. Two oil heaters had been turned off and all the lights in the house had been extinguished.”

Motive for the killings leaned towards financial difficulties for the family. News reports stated that Mr. and Mrs. Golas had lost the house and would soon face eviction.

Mr. Golas was a World War II veteran and was stationed in Virginia during the war. The family was buried in Rural Cemetery in New Bedford.

1953: Two Murders in one year

The year 1953 in Fairhaven saw two murders, one a murder-suicide by yet another husband, and one the result of a night of drunkenness gone wrong. The murders both happened on Oak Grove Lane, in the so-called Turkey Grove section of Fairhaven.

On April 18, 1953, 52-year-old Einar Anderson’s drinking buddy, 65-year-old Carl Frederick Berg, accused Mr. Anderson of killing a dog owned by Mr. Anderson. Both men lived at 61 Oak Grove Lane, where the killing took place, a house reportedly owned by Mr. Anderson. A fight ensued and Mr. Berg stabbed Mr. Anderson six times, killing him. Mrs. Ruth (Murray) Delano, 35, of New Bedford was a witness to the murder and ran to a neighbor to notify police.

Oddly enough, Cokie, a black shepherd and collie mix, was fine when police arrived.

“Ironically, Cokie romped about the property today and apparently had not been ill-treated,” read a report in the New Bedford Standard-Times on April 18, 1953. “The dog made friends with police and photographers at the scene for this morning’s probe of the killing.”

Mr. Berg admitted to the killing that morning when police arrived and eventually pleaded guilty to manslaughter in court, but not before denying it and pleading not guilty. He was sentenced to 8–12 years in state prison, but planned on appealing the decision, according to a short item in

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Howland murder suspect will be tried in Superior Court

The case of Joshua Silva, charged with murdering retired schoolteacher Joyce Howland, 69, on October 14, has been moved to Superior Court.

District Attorney Sam Sutter announced on Friday, 11/22, that a Bristol County Grand Jury Mr. Silva, 36, with the murder.

In addition to the murder indictment, the grand jury also indicted Mr.

Silva, of 26 Oak Street, New Bedford, on a charge of armed robbery.

Mr. Silva will be arraigned on a date yet to be scheduled by the court at the Fall River Justice Center.

Mr. Silva has been held without bail since his October 30th New Bedford District Court arraignment. He was already being held, since 10/15/13, on a probation violation discovered in

the course of the murder investigation.

He is accused of entering Ms. Howland’s Hamlet Street home, slashing her throat and stealing her jewelry. Mr. Silva had installed insulation at Ms. Howland’s home.

The investigation is being coordinated by Assistant District Attorney Katie Rayburn, who will also prosecute the Superior Court case.



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Calendar of Events



Saturday, December 4th - Fall River Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 5th - Make Your Own Ornaments 12p-4p.

Saturday, December 14th - Pictures with Santa! Wine Tasting
and Decorate your own Gingerbread Men 11a-4p

Sunday, December 15th - Decorate your own Gingerbread
House 11:30a-12:30p and 1:30p-2:30p. Please sign your child
up to reserve a space! 10 children per session.

Saturday, December 21st - Wine Tasting and Gift Basket
Wrapping.

Sunday, December 22nd - Decorate your own Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, December 24th - Closing at 4pm

Wednesday and Thursday, December 25th & 26th - Closed

Tuesday, December 31st - Closing at 4pm

Wednesday and Thursday, January 1st & 2nd - Closed

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Turkey Trot

Join your family, friends, and neighbors to kick off the holiday on the right foot: running for a reason! Burn calories while raising funds and food for local pantries, including Shepherd's Pantry, MO Life, and more. The 2013 Turkey Trot 5K will include Tuesday night number pick-up, t-shirts for the first 300 adult registrants, an 8 a.m. event start, and warm indoor pre- and post-Trot festivities! See you on Thanksgiving!

Event schedule and times follow:

Start time: 8 a.m. Online registration closed. Register before race, Thurs., Nov. 28 7am-7:45am

Starts and ends at Cushman Park. Route is along Green and Fort Streets to Fort Phoenix.

For more information visit www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com; register at www.active.com, <http://beta.active.com/fairhaven-ma/running/races/fairhaven-turkey-trot-for-health-and-hunger-2013>. To volunteer, email fairhaven_turkeytrot@gmail.com

FBA Holiday Social

The Fairhaven Business Association will be holding its Holiday Social on **Tues., Dec. 3, from 6-8 p.m.** at the Carousel Family Fun Center, 4 David Drown Blvd. Family and Friends are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cathy Melanson, 774-206-1132 or Charlene Conway at 508-996-4828. This is a great opportunity to get to know the people around town.

Small Bus. Saturday

A new survey by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) and American Express shows that many small business owners will start their holiday promotions earlier and invest in promotion and sales on **Small Business Saturday, Nov. 30th**

Many small businesses will be offering special discounts and other promotions. The public is encouraged to patronize small businesses during this busy shopping season.

This is the 4th yearly celebration of Small Business Saturday, which falls one day after Black Friday and two days before Cyber Monday. The day was created to help bring consumers through the doors of small local merchants and keep communities

strong. Small businesses often hire locally. They frequently support their communities by sponsoring local events, teams or charities. Small businesses are a critical part of the state and national economy.

Lighting of Square

The annual Lighting of Benoit Square will take place on **Fri., Dec. 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the junction of Main and Adams Streets, Fairhaven.**

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will light the decorated square and welcome Santa Claus to North Fairhaven. Free.

Volunteer Reading Tutor Needed

Adult man looking for a volunteer tutor to help learn how to read 1-2 hours/week. in the area of the Fairhaven library would work best but can be flexible. For more information, please call Karin Bonesteel at 508-999-4436.

West Island Toys For Tots Christmas is the time for giving

Toys for Tots provides toys to kids who might not otherwise get any presents for Christmas

West Island is sponsoring a Toys for Tots gift drive. Your generous donation of a new toy or money to purchase a new toy will be greatly appreciated.

Please drop your toys or donation off by Dec. 15, at 151 Balsam Street, the residence of Bob and Cathi Konicki, who have volunteered to assist the Marines in this worthy project.

Save the Date

Fairhaven's Old Time Holiday Weekend will be held on Sat. 7 Sun., 12/14 & 15. The weekend includes craft fairs, caroling and visits from Santa. Look here for more details next week. See ad on page 24 for list of events.

Save the Date

The Douglass Family's 12th annual Christmas tree sale to benefit ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) research will be held on **Sat. & Sun., 12/7 & 8,**

from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For more on the Douglass Family's efforts, visit <http://community.als.net/thedouglassfamilyeffort>.

Lacrosse Sign-ups

Youth Lacrosse Registration for Spring 2014 Now Open! Boys and girls in grades 1-8 are welcome. We serve children from Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, Acushnet, New Bedford, Wareham. Please visit our website for details: www.orylax.com

Pet Food Drive

Rocky's Ace Hardware, a family-owned business with 32 neighborhood based stores, is proud to announce their partnership with Nutro Pet Foods in joining together with its customers to help homeless and abandoned pets. **The drive runs now through December 23.**

Each of the 32 Rocky's Ace Hardware stores have partnered with an area Humane Society or Shelter to collect food this Holiday Season for the much forgotten and unfortunate animals in our own community.

Last year, the second annual pet food drive resulted in over 6,500 pounds of food and many toys, pet beds and other needed accessories being donated to a long list of worthy humane societies and animal shelters.

Bicentennial Book

The Fairhaven Bicentennial souvenir book is now available! With nearly 100 color photographs, the book covers all the Bicentennial events: the incorporation ceremony, fireworks, Maritime Day, the Moving Wall, the Grand Parade, and more. It lists all donors, and includes some fun facts about Fairhaven in 2012.

It's a great keepsake of the fun-filled year during Fairhaven's 200th Birthday.

The book is on sale at Mike & Wayne's Uniforms at 163 Huttleston Ave., Art on Center and Euro at Center & Main St., Millicent Library, 45 Center Street.

Cost is \$10. It will also be available at Town Hall during the Old Time Holiday Weekend. For further information you can e-mail Wayne.Oliveira@Comcast.net

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Free Parking to Shop

In an effort to encourage everyone to do their holiday shopping in New Bedford, the City is offering a special Holiday Parking Program. **Effective Thanksgiving Day, 11/28, 2013 through Wednesday, 1/1/14**, the City of New Bedford will offer FREE 2-hour parking at metered spaces in both the **Downtown and on Acushnet Avenue and 2-hour FREE parking at the Elm Street Garage, and the Zeiterion Garage!**

Anyone parked at a meter in either the Downtown or on Acushnet Avenue while doing holiday shopping who receives a ticket as a result of parking in excess of the 2-hour limit, may mail or present their ticket along with a copy of a sales receipt for \$10.00 or more from a Downtown or North End Business District restaurant/merchant to the City of New Bedford Traffic Commission Office. The parking ticket will be forgiven with the presentation of the receipt.

Questions regarding the Holiday Parking Program should be directed to the Traffic Commission Office at (508) 961-3153. The 2013 Holiday Parking Program is presented by the New Bedford Mayor's Office in partnership with Downtown New Bedford Inc., and the New Bedford Economic Development Council.

YTI Raffle

Support local theater by buying a ticket for this raffle that will benefit Your Theatre Inc., now in its 67th season. Drawing on 12/1.

1st Prize: Patriots Package. Featuring 2 Tickets to the Pats/Bills game 12/29/13. Approx. Value - \$300.00

2nd Prize: Healing Package. Featuring Acupuncture and Comfy blankets by Joan Lunden. Approx. Value - \$180.00

3rd Prize: Theatre Package. Featuring 2 tickets to the Final 3 YTI productions and 3 Dinner Gift Certificate. Approx. Value - \$150.00

To purchase tickets please contact the Your Theatre Office, 508-993-0772, the office is usually staffed Tuesday-Friday 10-1.

Clothing Drive

BankFive and Hathaway Family Funeral Homes are sponsoring the Share Some Warmth campaign for the fourth year. The program collects

new articles of warm clothing, which will be donated to Bristol Elder Services and Coastline Elderly Services to distribute to seniors who are in need. The program has been in existence since 1999 through Hathaway Family Funeral Homes.

Now through Dec. 6th BankFive will be lending all 12 branch locations as collection sites along with Hathaway Family Funeral Homes, Foley Funeral Home, Crapo-Hathaway Funeral Home, Fairhaven Funeral Home, Coastline Elderly Services and WBSM. New articles of warm clothing that are accepted include hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, sweaters, slippers, blankets and coats.

For further information, contact Maryse Hathaway, Community Outreach Director, Hathaway Family Funeral Homes at 508-673-0781.

Direct from Dublin

St. Lawrence Martyr Church presents **Christmastime in Ireland**, direct from Dublin. Starring Tony Kenny (star of Jury's Irish Cabaret), George Casey (Ireland's King of Blarney), Kathy Durkin (Ireland's Female Recording Artist of the year three times), Dublin Trinity Band, The Dublin City Dancers, on Sunday, 12/1, at 3 p.m. at Keith Middle School, 225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford.

For tickets, **\$25/adult, \$15/student, call Suzanne at 508-525-0660.**

WHALE Annual F-R

Through an intensive Strategic Planning process, WHALE is closing out 2013 with a firm knowledge of how our organization will step up its activity to increase the pace of preservation in New Bedford for the next 50 years.

Your support has never been more important, as we engage many more people in the work of historic preservation and the work of WHALE.

WHALE's 50+ projects, including 20 buildings in the National Park area alone, have contributed millions in tax revenue to the City of New Bedford. WHALE's work in saving the waterfront historic area, dating back to the 1960s, led to the establishment of the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, now attracting thousands of new visitors to our city each year.

Please visit www.waterfrontleague.org/strategicplan to read our new strategic plan and you will understand that we need your continued commitment to undertake WHALE's priorities for 2014 and beyond. So please grab an oar, jump aboard, and join us in making a special contribution to launch WHALE's next half-century.

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Breakfast w/Santa

Holy Family-Holy Name School, 91 Summer Street, New Bedford, will host **Breakfast with Santa on Sat., Dec. 7th, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.**

Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, hot chocolate, juice, milk, and coffee. Santa's Children's craft area. Holiday Scholastic Book Fair. Santa Gift Boutique for children. **Take a picture with Santa for \$3 and donate a canned good for the needy.**

Tickets: \$5/children \$7/adults. Call 508-993-3547 to purchase tickets!

Save the Date

New Bedford's 6th annual **Downtown Holiday Stroll will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 12 noon to 4 pm.** Santa Claus will arrive at Custom House Square by antique fire truck at noon. Visit www.downtownnb.org/holidaystroll.html

Adult Ed Volunteers

If you have a minimum of a high school diploma and a maximum amount of interest in helping others learn and improve their lives, you could be a perfect candidate to become an adult literacy volunteer.

The New Bedford Public Schools Division of Adult and Continuing Education is currently seeking volunteers to help teach adult learners. Volunteers are needed to assist in Adult Basic Education as well as English for Speakers of Other Languages classes.

If you decide to sign on, you'll likely be spending one morning or evening per week helping out teachers in the classroom or tutoring students in small groups or one on one.

Classroom teachers and a volunteer facilitator are there to provide tutors with whatever is needed in the way of direction, guidance, and training.

Want to know more? Call Dr. Michael Gauthier at 508-997-4511, ext. 2419.

Mentalist Show

Buzzards Play Productions (BPP) announces that Mentalist Mat Rose will bring his show displaying psychological illusions to Buzzards Play Productions. Performances will be **Nov. 29-30, at 8:00 p.m.. Tickets are \$15 and are available online and at the door, 3065 Cranberry Highway, Wareham; 508-591-3065; info@buzzardsplayproductions.com**

Though mentalism can be traced back to ancient Greece and the time of oracles and seers, modern mentalists make the most of their understanding of psychology and tout the fact that they are entertainers, inviting audiences to suspend disbelief and participate in their own illusions.

Mentalist Mat Rose explains that his show, "is unlike any other show, because it fully relies on the audience and it's a completely different experience every single night."

Mat has performed at many private functions but this will be his first live stage performance.

Buzzards Play Productions is a local non-profit theatre. In addition to theatre, the venue houses 3065 LIVE, a fully functional music venue which brings acts from all over the country to Wareham.

Walk in the Woods

Make it your new family tradition, come out to Destruction Brook Woods and walk off some of that big Thanksgiving meal with a refreshing walk in the woods.

On Saturday morning, November 30, at 9:00 am, the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust (DNRT) invites you and your family to join us for a free guided walk at Destruction Brook Woods. The 280-acre Reserve includes miles of walking trails, mature woodlands that include American Beech and Atlantic White Cedar, unusual rock ledges covered with many interesting ferns and lichens, and Destruction Brook itself, once a major source of power for the mills of Russell's Mills.

The walk will start from the Destruction Brook Woods parking lot on Slade's Corner Road at 9:00 a.m. Please bring water and dress appropriately for the day's weather. Usually only the worst weather will

cancel a DNRT walk. If the weather is questionable, check dnrt.org or DNRT's Facebook page or call 508-525-9266, for cancellation information on the morning of the walk.

Purses for Paws

Habitat for Cats will be holding a fundraiser "Purses for Paws" on **Nov. 30, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Westport United Congregational Church, 500 American Legion Highway, Westport.** This unique fundraiser will be selling gently used handbags. Some of these handbags will be famous brand names such as Coach, Vera Bradley, Louis Vuitton, Brahmin and Fossil.

Purses range from evening handbags to over the shoulder bags, leather, canvas and even small valises. We have priced them to sell and we hope people will come, especially as all purchases will go towards a good cause. There will also be some original handmade bags and kitty catnip bags. Habitat for Cats will also be drawing its Lottery Ticket raffle and a winner will be announced. Refreshments, including holiday cookies will be available.

All donations will go directly towards helping homeless cats.

Gingerbread House Contest & Gala

The public is welcome to join Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity for our Habitat Gingerbread House Gala and Silent Auction to benefit BBAHFH on **Thurs., Dec. 5th at Marion Music Hall, 134 Front Street, Marion, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Tickets are a \$50 donation and \$5 per child's ticket (under 18) with an adult ticket purchase. Tickets may be purchased on line at www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org or by calling the office at 508-758-4517,**

Features hors d'oeuvres from Harriets Catering and Lindsey's Family Restaurant, with wine and artisanal beer from Martignetti Distributors, and desserts by Artisan Kitchen and coffee from Dunkin Donuts of Wareham. Music by local choirs singing Christmas carols and music by pianist Al Russo while viewing handcrafted gingerbread houses and other silent auction items donated by the community. There

will be a FREE Gingerbread House contest. All entries will be auctioned off to benefit Habitat. Entry forms available by calling 508-758-4517. Deadline for entry forms is December 2nd. Prizes will be awarded. Sponsored by Eastern Bank, Prospect Mortgage, G.H. Dunn Insurance and Martignetti Distributors.

Habitat raises funds to make affordable homes a reality in our community and empower hard working deserving families to achieve their dream of home ownership. Contact buzzardsbayareahabitat@yahoo.com or phone 508-758-4517

Christmas Concert

The Sippican Choral Society will present its 2013 Christmas concert, including "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Britten's birth. **Sunday, December 2, 2013 at 4:00 PM, Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, Spring Street, Marion; Friday, December 6, at 8:00 PM, Grace Episcopal Church, County Street, New Bedford.**

Tickets: Adult, \$12.00; Students, \$ 6.00. Available at: The Bookstall in Marion; Gail's Goodies & More, 58 Fairhaven Road (Rte 6), Mattapoisett; and the Symphony Music Shop, 94 State Road (Route 6), Dartmouth. Tickets also available at the door

Giving Tuesday

Support a good cause while you shop this season with Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund's 2013 Holiday Collection of original cards, candles, ornaments, and an exclusively-designed Alex and Ani snowflake bracelet. All proceeds benefit adult and pediatric care and cancer research at Dana-Farber.

The holiday collection's 16 new card designs were created by local artists and Dana-Farber patients, and feature bright and cheerful depictions of winter scenes and décor. For \$19.99 per package, customers receive 20 cards and 21 envelopes.

The collection also includes candles, ornaments and sports themed items. The complete Dana-Farber Holiday Collection can be viewed and ordered online at www.Dana-FarberHoliday.org.



ENTERTAINMENT:

Fri., 11/29, Chris Richards, 8 p.m.

Sat., 11/30, Sound Tower, 9 p.m.

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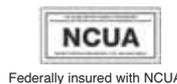
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Recipe of the Week

Revisionist's Shepherd's Pie

Great for Thanksgiving Leftovers

- 2 cups stuffing
- 2 cups turkey (cut into 1" cubes)
- 1/2 cup peas
- 1/2 cup cubed carrots
- 1 1/4 cups turkey gravy
- 2 cups mashed potatoes
- 1/4 cup milk or sour cream

Spray 9x9 baking dish with cooking spray. Spread layer of dressing. Top with turkey, peas, carrots and gravy. In bowl combine mashed potatoes with milk or sour cream. Spread over gravy.

Bake 350° for 20-25 minutes (until gravy is bubbling)

Cool 5 mins, then serve.

Hint: Can be made ahead of time and refrigerated or frozen. Allow 10-15 mins (if refrigerated) to bake. Thaw before baking.

Submitted by Janice (Girard) Rose

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net

Friendly's Restaurants serves veterans

Press Release

To honor those who have served our country and protected our freedom, for the second year in a row, select Friendly's locations served veterans and active military free breakfast this Veterans Day, November 11.

Guests who showed their military ID or honorable discharge card received a complimentary Big-Two-Do® breakfast and coffee. The Big-Two-Do® allows guests to customize their breakfast entrée by choosing two slices of French toast, two buttermilk pancakes or two slices of toast; two strips of crispy bacon or two sausage links and two made-to-order farm fresh eggs.

Friendly's takes pride in giving back to the community and recognizing the men and women who diligently have and continue to serve our country. Friendly's donated over 15,000 free breakfasts and over 12,000 cups of coffee, contributing over \$119,000 in complimentary food and beverage service.

"It is our honor to give back to these brave men and women who

have so diligently risked their own lives to protect us," says Friendly's CEO, John Maguire. "Friendly's is dedicated to giving back to the community in any way we can and we are humbled to be able to make this contribution to our military personnel."

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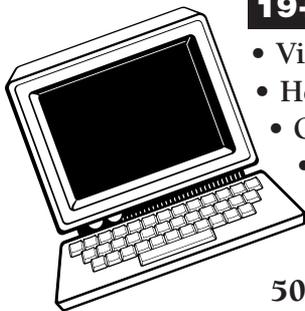
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Shopping with the *Neighb News*

*A decidedly biased piece by
Beth David*

Editor

The traffic all around this great nation of ours has begun. The craziness of the season, the fun, the stress, the everything...it has all begun. And now you have to buy gifts, whether you want to or not.

Fear not, loyal readers: the *Neighb News* is here to take some of the anxiety out of your Christmas and holiday shopping journey. You need only to look within these pages to find all you need for even the hardest to buy for relative.

First, you'll want to call **Cyclone Cleaning** to get the house spruced up for your holiday parties. Or maybe you want to swing by the drop-off center with your area carpets. While you're there, grab a gift certificate for your parents' place.

Or maybe mom and dad need you to be with them or taxi them around to appointments, and right in the middle of this crazy time. How on earth will you get all YOUR stuff done if you need to get THEIR stuff done? No problem: Just call Maureen at **Errands and More**. She can take mom and dad to their appointments, or do your grocery shopping for YOU, while you spend time with mom and dad on their errands.

Maybe you and mom and dad have a dog to worry about, too. What will you do with Fido while you're gone all day? Take him over to **Executive Dog**, where he'll be well taken care of.

Afraid your little pup will be overwhelmed in the company of the big dogs? Look no further than **Diamond in the Ruff** in Acushnet. In addition to pampering your best friend, they now will pup-sit your small dog.

That dog will be so pampered, you'll be jealous. And both places have gift certificates, too.

Do mom and dad need a little more help than that? No problem, check out **Atria Senior Living Group**. They might just love the idea of not having a big place of their own to take care of. Either way, you know they can use a beautiful handmade customized wreath from Howland **Greenhouses**.

Maybe mom and dad want to take a day trip, check out the big city for the holiday excitement, or gamble away your inheritance. No problem, **K&E Tours** can help them with short trips

all around this region, from New York City to Atlantic City.

This Friday is the big shopping day, of course. So, you'll want to start as early as possible. At just about the crack of dawn, you'll want to start with a hearty breakfast and you have lots of choices. So pick the place closest to you: **Mac's Soda Bar on the Neck**, where you can also order any catering you may need for those holiday bashes. If you're not on the Neck, check out **Simmy's** near the center or **Phoenix** on Route 6.

They all serve a great breakfast, and they have gift certificates, too. So don't just feed yourself, check someone off your list.

Right about the time you're done with breakfast, the banks will be opening. We have a couple of choices for you.

Maybe you're looking for an experience. Look no farther than the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. You'll get info on all kinds of stuff happening in town at this time of year, lots of it for free, too.

On this side of the river, head to **Southern Mass. Credit Union**. They have the full spectrum of options available for you. They're as home-grown as it gets, too. Maybe you're strictly a New Bedford gal or guy? No problem, SMCU has an office in New Bedford, or you can visit **St. Anthony of New Bedford Credit Union**.

Check out their car loans, or buy a CD from them. Now *that's* a great gift!

Maybe you already have your money in hand and you want to get right to it? Start by going to **A&A Auto** and get the car ready for the shopping trek, maybe make an appointment for someone on your list to get an oil change and some winterizing done. Better yet, wouldn't it be more fun to buy a car for someone? Who hasn't seen a Christmas commercial with a shiny car in it? I'll bet Alex will even put one of those big red bows on it for you.

Ah, America's love affair with the

car meets Christmas shopping. And all right here in our little burg.

How about a full tank of gas for a gift? Check out **Fairhaven Getty**, just up the road. Not only do they have great prices on gas, they are at this very moment offering great specials on car maintenance. I'll bet Tim has one of those big bows, too, that he could slap on a car.

Maybe this economy has got you low on cash? How about rummaging around in the attic and the old jewelry cases? **Elegance in Gold** will buy that old jewelry and you'll have some cash for shopping. Or, they will fix that old stuff and make it look like new. (Can you say "re-gift"?)

Okay, now it's time to head to the center of town. Start out at **Fairhaven Star/Originals by Pierce** for some unique scrimshaw pieces. They are all handmade using only genuine shed antler and fossilized tusk. And in every price range, too.

Next, you'll want to park the car and walk in the village. Nothing says Christmas more than a stroll among quaint shops for village-style shopping. Your best bet is **Euro Phoenix** where you'll find gifts for every pocketbook, from dollar doodads to imported Norwegian sweaters. Take the kids with you. Their allowances will go far at this Fairhaven gem.

While you're in the neighborhood, take a stroll by our magnificent town hall, Millicent Library, and Unitarian Church. These architectural wonders were gifts from town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers.

Now you've worked up an appetite with all that walking and oohing and aahing over our town center, so scoot over to **Wah May's Restaurant**. Have some tea to warm you up, and grab a couple of gift certificates to hand out on the big day.

After lunch, relax with a drink across the street at **American Legion Post 166**. Not only will you relax in a quiet atmosphere, you'll be supporting a hangout for local veterans, too. But don't get talking for too long, you're not done shopping.

Have some young kids to buy for? We've got you covered. And after all that food you'll all be eating in the next couple of weeks, you'll want the kids (and yourself) to burn off calories. Head on over to **Carousel Family Fun Center** for skating,

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miniature golf and all kinds of fun. They do parties, too.

Maybe you have some youngster you need to TAKE shopping, so they can learn about the gift of giving. For that, you want to keep it as inexpensive as possible. Have we got a place for you! Just head over to the **\$ Zone Dollar Store**. That's right ONE dollar will actually buy stuff.

Now, what to buy for that young couple who just bought their first house — a real fixer-upper. And in this economy, they need all the help they can get.

Maybe the old place just needs some TLC? Well, check out our **classifieds**. They are loaded with people who can help out with those little jobs, and cool stuff for sale — cheap.

For electrical work, you'll want Nick from **Nick's Services or Wayne from Wayne Electric**. They're both able to work on that old wooden wonder.

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Do the kids have their hearts set on a new kitchen? No one does kitchens like **Fairhaven Lumber**, a mainstay in Fairhaven. They have cabinets, flooring and other products and services, like windows, to keep that big old wooden wonder cozy and warm. You'll also want to check out **Cottrell Bros.**, for their selection of home renovation products and services.

Do the kids need new floors? Can't decide on wood, carpet or tile? Then look no further than **Tile Craft**. The family owned business will take their time with you. No rush. Get it right.

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I'll bet those kids could use a tank of oil to keep that new house warm. Send **Luzo Fuel** over to fill it up. Now *that's* a gift!

Of course, an old house like that probably has a fireplace or a wood stove, too. Call **Fitzgerald Tree Service**. He's got seasoned wood to make Christmas morning nice and toasty. And he can take down that tree that looks ready to topple onto the roof, too.

Speaking of chimneys. Call **Lenny Fleurent & Sons** if that baby needs repairing. Better yet, send Lenny to the basement to waterproof it. He can even fix up that old stone wall.

Uh-oh, we almost forgot insurance! You've got to have insurance. And to get the right plan, you need an agent experienced with the local landscape. That would be **Vieira Insurance**, a family owned company right in Fairhaven.

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Be sure to check out our classifieds section for a bunch of other stuff the kids might need.

Now it's time for dinner. In the mood for something exotic? Then head over to **Sivalai Thai**. Looking for good hearty fare that's affordable and quick, then you'll want **Jake's Diner**. Have crew with divers tastes? Then it's the **Courtyard**. They have quite the variety of foods to offer.

Prefer a pub atmosphere? Head on over to the **Ice House**. But you're not done yet, so take your computer or other gadget with you. They have wifi so you can check out your next stops.

Speaking of computers? Everyone can use an upgrade, but it's such a hassle to update and reconnect and....oh, no one likes it. Call Glenn at **Fairhaven Computer Repair**. He can fix you up with advice on what to buy and set it all up for you, too.

Still don't have something for the person who has everything?

Maybe you're looking for an experience. Look no farther than the **Fairhaven Office of Tourism**. You'll get info on all kinds of stuff happening in town at this time of year, lots of it for free, too.

Still have a few people on the list? Perhaps a professional fisher in the family? I'm sure that boat needs *something*, welding perhaps? Net repair? Give **Reidar's** a call. The family owned business is versatile and creative. Don't throw anything away without asking them first.

Boats have docks, too, though, don't they, and they need to be hauled and seawalls need repairing and all kinds of other stuff. For all that and more, you'll need **Diligent Marine**. They can dredge by that little dock that mom and dad have so you can get your sailboat in this summer. Hmm....who's gift is this?

Ah, all this talk of boats makes you think of spring doesn't it? And then you think of your Uncle Johnny and that old boat of his and how he always has such a devil of a time getting it running in the spring. Call **Moby Dick Marina** and give Uncle Johnny indoor winter storage. You know he'll love that!

No one wants to think of the bad stuff during the holidays, but maybe you've been putting off updating that will? The Christmas movies are full of stories about people who didn't get around to it. Time to call **Surprenant & Beneski** and get it done. They can handle the full range of legal beagle stuff. It'll be a load off your mind and you'll be happy you did it.

While we're on the subject, you know that you've been thinking of the grandparents and you're missing them. You visit the grave, but you just can't seem to find the time to maintain it the way you want. No problem, call **J&L Cemetery Plot & Maintenance Design**. They're experts.

Now it's party time. First, you'll need a body tune-up at the chiropractor to get your back in shape. Call **Pine Grove Chiropractic** if you're in New Bedford, or **Fairhaven Chiropractic** on this side of the bridge.

But before you go, make your their job easier by getting all loosened up first. Call **Divine Massage** or **West Island Massage**. They'll get you all relaxed. And they have gift certificates, too...that is if you want to share.

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Be sure to keep an eye on my Nook and Amazon author pages because I've been working on some Christmas stories that I hope will be ready just in time or a Christmas-Eve read.

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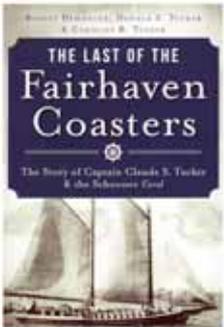
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Now, about that bridge....

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

You know that moment you are driving down Route 195, heading home, and the time is 5:25 p.m. Since the start of the bridge construction, a plastic bag covers the sign that used to tell us if the bridge was closed. It is now up to us to make that last second call to either go around the long way, or take the chance onto exit 15 in hope that the bridge is open for traffic.

You turn onto exit 15 and then quickly regret it when you see the line of bridge traffic at a standstill on the entrance ramp to Route 6. Now you've got those stuck-at-the-bridge-blues again.

And oh, those countless times when you raced down Route 6 to get across before 10:00 a.m. and the malevolent, almighty bridge keeper closed the arms right in front of you, 30 seconds earlier than you expected.

Yes, life is different for us living by the New Bedford/Fairhaven Bridge. And unless you're a kid who likes watching the bridge swing open to let the boats by, unconcerned about that optometrist appointment you are now late for, you let out a silent swear word, sigh, and put your car in park.

Sometimes the sign says "closed" so you go around, only to find out that the bridge was, in fact, open the whole time. Is there no better way to inform commuters if the bridge is closed so they can plan their routes (and lives) accordingly? Maybe. Just maybe, the bridge gods have heard our prayers.

The Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) has put Senior Transportation Manager and fellow Fairhavenite, also at the mercy of the bridge gods, Lilia Cabral in charge of a survey about the effectiveness of the signs, hoping to make recommendations to the state on ways to improve the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) which could lead to upgrades in how people are informed on the closings of the bridge.

"This is part of a statewide effort for ITS development," said Ms. Cabral, defining it as simply providing real-time information to commuters. "It's a part of our planning efforts and... we had heard some complaints about the bridge and the signs."

ITS applies advanced technologies of electronics, communications, computers, control, sensing and

detecting in all kinds of transportation systems in order to improve safety, efficiency and service, and traffic situations through transmitting real-time information, states a SRPEDD press release.

The best part is that SRPEDD wants YOUR feedback.

The survey asks nine multiple choice questions about things like how often each day do you cross the bridge, if you are aware that the bridge operates on a schedule, if you know where the signs are located, and how often you change your route when the bridge is closed.

Ms. Cabral said she was surprised by the number of area residents who are not aware that the bridge closes on a schedule, believing the closings to be arbitrary whenever a boat wants to pass by. (Only after 7:00 p.m. is this the case, though.)

"We'll see if we can get some changes and improvements to the area," said Ms. Cabral. "I'm not sure if the state is 'there' yet....In a perfect world you could check on the status of the bridge. I can't promise anything...but it's a step toward progress."

Ms. Cabral urges everyone who crosses the bridge to take the survey to help SRPEDD better understand the needs of the community when it comes to our beloved bridge.

Who knows? It could even one day result in a phone app that could follow the closings of the bridge up to the minute and warn us all ahead of time when the bridge will close. Imagine that. So yes, there is hope yet. But until then, keep praying to the bridge gods for an open bridge and plan your lives accordingly.

The direct link to the survey is <http://www.srpedd.org/index.php?id=6&nid=50>, or it can be accessed via the SRPEDD website: www.srpedd.org

For more info contact Lilia Cabral at SRPEDD 508-824-1367.

The bridge schedule

Daily, from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the bridge closes to traffic at the top of each hour: 6:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m.

Daily from 11:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., the bridge closes to traffic 15 minutes past each hour: 11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 6:15 p.m. After the 6:15 p.m. closing, the bridge closes on-demand for marine traffic to pass.

Some early facts about the Bridge

- **1801:** The Fairhaven-New Bedford Bridge opens to travel. It is 4,500 feet long with a 21-foot wide road and a 5-foot sidewalk. It cost about \$30,000 .
- **March 1807:** A storm with an exceptionally high tide sweeps away much of the wooden structure of the bridge. It takes about six months to rebuild and costs approx. \$8,000.
- **Sept. 23, 1815:** A fierce gale demolishes the bridge a second time.
- **1867:** Petitions for making the bridge a free public way are begun.
- **1869:** It is reported that \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year is collected in tolls.
- **Sept. 8, 1869** The Great Gale of 1869 damages the bridge again.
- **Oct. 27, 1869:** The state legislature declares the Bridge a free public way, paying the proprietors about \$21,000.
- **June 1870:** The repaired bridge is reopened as a free bridge. It is later reported that the elimination of the tolls has resulted in the rental of virtually all of the available tenements in Fairhaven.
- **1893:** The construction of a new Bridge is approved by the state. \$350,000 is allocated for the project.
- **1902:** The new bridge, built at a cost of \$1.4 million, opens to traffic.
- **1947:** Automobile traffic on the bridge is given precedence over marine traffic.
- **Mid-1950s:** The bridge is called New Bedford's biggest traffic problem.
- **1984:** The state spends \$211,756 to replace the bridge's hydraulic system.
- **1987:** The state decides not to build a new bridge but to overhaul it.
- **1988:** The bridge breaks down five times in one week.
- **1989:** The bridge is closed 6 weeks for repairs.
- **1994:** Kiewit Construction Co. is the low bidder for the approximately \$16 million bridge rehabilitation project.
- **1995:** The bridge is closed for major repairs. It is estimated that it should be out of service for about 6 months. The project ends up taking eleven months.
- **April 15, 1996:** At a brief ceremony, the repaired bridge is reopened to traffic.
- **May 3, 1996:** 18 days after reopening, the bridge is closed following the breakdown of its two gear reduction units.
- **May 26, 1996:** The bridge is reopened using a temporary crane and winch system to open and close it while its two transmission systems are being repaired.

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the NBST on June 30, 1953.

It is unclear if he went through with the appeal or how much time he served, as state records were not available. Ms. Delano was held for the duration of the trial, and was released after Mr. Berg pleaded guilty.

An article on 4/19 in the Sunday ST noted that Officer George Joseph was taking care of the dog.

"If no relatives claim the dog, the friendly black animal will be given to Patrolman Joseph's son," read the article. "I know my boy will like Cokie and we can give him a good home," Mr. Joseph is quoted as saying.

And, indeed they did. According to George Joseph Jr., the dog was a member of the family until after Mr. Joseph Jr. got married. He was 10 at the time of the murder.

In a phone interview, Mr. Joseph said he always knew that the dog's owner had been murdered. An only child at the time (other siblings came later), Mr. Joseph and Cokie "were always together, there's no question about that."

"It was the kind of thing my father did," said Mr. Joseph. "When he was on duty he'd take stuffed teddy bears in case any children were involved.

He didn't want to abandon the dog and I guess he thought I could use a dog, so he brought the dog home."

Another murder by husband

Just a few months later, on Sunday, September 13, 1953, Mary (Calasa) Duarte, 38, was shot in the head with a .22 caliber rifle by her husband John, 45, both of 47 Oak Grove Lane, just about 1,000 yards from the home where Mr. Anderson was stabbed to death. Mr. Duarte then shot himself.

The couple was another that was known to police due to their stormy domestic life. Mr. Duarte's "last outburst," as the Fairhaven Star put it on 9/17/1953, was due to his anger over the marriage of eldest daughter, Philomena, 19, to a musician. She had married her violin instructor, Henry Grigorian, of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

According to news reports, Mr. Duarte was not invited to the wedding, but the rest of the family attended. The murder occurred the next day. He had been "drinking heavily before the shooting," according to the Star, a claim confirmed by the autopsy.

Three of the Duarte children, Gertrude, 13, Joanne, 9, and Philip, 2, were in the house at the time. Gertrude called police saying "Daddy just killed himself and mother is dead," according to the New Bedford Standard-Times on Sept. 14, 1953.

An older brother, John, Jr., 17, was not in the house at the time.

Mr. Duarte was

described as a "well known resident" of Fairhaven, and "quick tempered."

He had tried to get elected to the Board of Health on two occasions, mostly in protest of a piggery next to his 72-acre farm.

"Although lacking a great deal of formal education, he was naturally intelligent and took a keen interest in local politics," wrote the Star on 9/17/1953. "Mr. Duarte attended the special town meeting last Thursday night and took an active part in the proceedings, speaking in opposition to lengthening the hours in which local taverns are permitted to remain open, and being gratified by the passage of a new town by-law which he had sponsored to forbid the carrying of out-of-town garbage through local streets.

"The by-law was the outcome of a long-standing dispute between Mr. Duarte and an owner of adjoining property who kept pigs on the land. Mr. Duarte's two attempts at election to the board of health were the outcome of his efforts to compel removal of the piggery."

Mr. Duarte had also been due in court that same week for a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and "drunkenness complaints," according to the NBST.

Ironically, Mr. Duarte had been featured in an article the day before, on 9/13/1953, touting his ability as a musician and having two songs about to be recorded.

The children were placed in the custody of Mr. Duarte's brother, Manuel, an officer in "the local police department," according to the Star.

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Public Hearings/Legal Notices

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on December 10, 2013**, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA.
The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and Public comment on the following applications. 1) The applicant, *BlueWave Capital, LLC*, is requesting a Special Permit to build a 1-megawatt solar photovoltaic energy facility. The location is 211 Mill Road, Map 38, Lot 14.; 2) The applicant, the *Fairhaven Planning Board*, is proposing to amend the Zoning Bylaw.

The proposal is to add a new Chapter 198, Section 29.7-Medical Marijuana Facilities, revise Ch. 198.16-Use Schedule and Ch. 198.33-Definitions. The Public is encouraged to attend or submit written comments. The proposed bylaw is available on the Town's Web Site: www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/Fairhaven_MA_Planning/index.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board

Let us remember that, as much has been given us,
much will be expected from us, and that true homage
comes from the heart as well as from the lips,
and shows itself in deeds.

Theodore Roosevelt

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 12/2, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 12/19, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Government Study Comm

Thurs., 12/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 12/4, Academy Bldg., 7 p.m.

Office Hours

Selectperson Bob Espindola
Wed., 12/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 12/10 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 12/11, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 12/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Mon., 12/9, Town Hall, 12 Noon

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Assessors

Wed., 12/11, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 12/2, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Wed., 12/11, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 12/2, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Proposed charter change
Mon., 12/9, Ford Middle Sch., 7 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod
Canal/Wing's Neck

		Nov. 2013		HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	28	0320	1537	0931	2135		
Friday	29	0415	1635	1022	2219*		
Saturday	30	0508	1729	1111*	2304*		
		Dec. 2013		HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Sunday	1	0559	1820	1159*	2350*		
Monday	2	0648	1911	---	1249*		
Tuesday	3	0738	2001	0038*	1339*		
Wednesday	4	0829	2054	0128*	1429*		
Thursday	5	0922	2148	0220*	1518*		
Friday	6	1017	2244	0312*	1608*		
Saturday	7	1113	2342	0407*	1701*		
Sunday	8	---	1210	0508	1801*		

* = Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
** Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

From our readers

Thanks to strangers who helped with dog

I'm writing to thank the Fairhaven police and the people who were so instrumental in keeping my dog, Sadie, safe on November 7th. I'm not able to run, but when these people heard me calling for my dog to stop, they came out of the stores and restaurants to assist me.

My dog Sadie ran across Route 6 and onto Route 240 and these wonderful people never gave up; they followed her and called her and did everything they could to keep her safe. She returned to Route 6 and crossed Route 6 again with everyone following her into the parking lot.

I thank all these people from the bottom of my heart, she was returned safely and unharmed. You all have hearts of gold and I will be forever grateful (till I forget at least).

Thanks again,

Muriel and Sadie *Broadland, Fairhaven*

Office hours will have programs/workshops

In Fairhaven, much has been made about how the Town has been divided over a number of issues in recent years. A good friend recently suggested that we need to find a way to build bridges, to get people back together.

I would like to answer his call by offering one small way to at least get some small groups of people to come together in a sharing and learning atmosphere for a positive experience.

I have expanded my office hours from one hour to two hours now, per month, and have reserved the

Banquet room at the Town Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 on the first Wednesday of each month. The first hour, from 6:30-7:30 will be an open session for anyone in the community to come in and use the space to get together to share a skill, craft, hobby, or knowledge with others who might be interested. Anyone interested in sharing something with others, in that regard, should contact me and I will schedule the time and I will post the subject for the upcoming month in advance.

This will be a chance for people to learn a skill or craft from someone else in the community and to meet some new people.

There are already people lined up to share their skills at several sessions.

Starting on December 4th at 6:30 , my wife, Ann Espindola will run the first session by demonstrating how to make a "Hand Tied Fleece Blanket" from Red Sox or Patriots fabric. She says, "This is just in time for the Holiday Season" and at the end of the night, a finished Red Sox blanket will be raffled off for free to someone in attendance.

The January session will feature Al and Marge Jones of West Island who want to teach the game of bridge and hope to set up a new bridge league with anyone interested.

Gary Lavalette, who recently was featured in the newspaper for his work in restoring the seawall at Fort Phoenix and removing graffiti on overpasses, would like to find like-minded people to make improvements in the appearance of our town and will lead a session.

Other topics may include things like basic bicycle repair and maintenance, learning a few key phrases in that foreign language before you travel, etc.

These are just some ideas to get things started. This is for people in the community, so I encourage people to come forward with ideas of their own that you would like to share with others.

There will be no charge to attend, and I'll bring a box of Joe each session. Everyone is encouraged to bring a few canned goods to each session so that the group can make a donation to a local Food Pantry each month through the year.

So, if you are interested in sharing a special hobby, skill, craft, knowledge, or anything at all with others in our community, please send me an e-mail at selectmanbobespindola@gmail.com, or call me at 774-263-1046 and I will schedule you for an upcoming session.

*Bob Espindola
Fairhaven Selectboard*

The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving.

H.U. Westermayer

Acushnet COA warns of Medicare Scam

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number or your social security number to anyone unless you initiated the call!

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OLD-TIME HOLIDAY December 14 & 15, 2013

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Wood School Pancake Breakfast

Breakfast for \$5, Scholastic book sale, crafts, Santa photos, prize raffle, more
Wood School, 60 Sconticut Neck Rd., 9:00 a.m. to noon

Town Hall Shops

*Booths by Non-Profit Groups, Display of Old Toys,
Drop-off for Toys and Food donations for the needy*
Town Hall, 40 Center St., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Brick Church Fair

Craft booths, baked goods, thrift shop & more
Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Holiday Marketplace

Craft booths & more
Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Unitarian Church Tours

Unitarian Church, 102 Green St. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Holiday Craft Making & Art Sale

Design and make unique ornaments
Art on Center, 15 Center St., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Holiday Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Harrop Center, Center St., 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lobster Roll Luncheon

Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 11 a.m. - ?

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Old-Time Christmas Carol Sing

Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Pl., 1:00 p.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., 4:00 p.m.

The Old-Time Holiday Weekend is sponsored by Fairhaven non-profit and church groups and is coordinated by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Complete program listings are available from <http://FairhavenEvents.blogspot.com>. For more information, contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven, telephone 508-979-4085, email FairhavenTours@aol.com. Visitors Center hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Visitors Center will not be open on Saturday, December 14, during the Old-Time Holiday.