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Village Church Welcomes Thomas Bold **New Church Musician**

The Nahant Village Church is very excited to introduce our new Church Musician, Thomas Bold, singer, organist and composer, who joined the Nahant Village Church on Sunday, January 2nd. Bold will lead the choir each Sunday from the newlyrestored Hook and Hastings tracker-action organ, which has been in the church since 1879.

Bold comes to us from the Wesley United Methodist Church in Salem, where, by happy coincidence, he ended his association at the end of December. A resident of Salem since 2001, he also taught music and theater for two years at Salem High School. He moved to the Boston area to be near his music publisher, ECS Publishing. He spends about half his time composing and is frequently called in to sing on classical recordings in Boston.

For the previous four years, he traveled around the country and the world, with the vocal ensemble

Chanticleer. Singing bassbaritone parts and composing and arranging music, he performed in over 500 concerts with the group.

A graduate of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Thomas has served as organist/choir director in Arlington, TX, Dayton, OH, Washington DC. And in another phase of his life, he is a graphic designer!

"When I accepted the task from the Trustees of leading the search for an organist/choir director, I was given a message of doom and gloom from friends in the business, about how difficult it would be," said Herb Motley. "But I was happily surprised to be contacted by five candidates with remarkable credentials. I interviewed all of them on the phone, and we invited the two who lived nearest to come for an audition and interview. Our committee sensed at once that Bold was our man and we urge you to come and enjoy the direction he brings to this important part of our worship service."

With a joint organist/ choir director, we return to the pattern we had so happily for 30 years with Bill Kinley. The timing is great, as we have someone in the position to truly enjoy our newly-restored Hook and Hastings trackeraction organ. So if you drive by the church and see a small red car parked out in front, it's Thomas,

making friends with the organ by practicing.

About the Organ

E. G. & G. Hook and Hastings was a very prominent organ builder in the latter part of the 19th century. Their work is highly valued by the professional music community and the Nahant Village (Continued on page 11.)





State Senator Thomas M. McGee (3rd Essex and Middlesex District), with Representatives Robert F. Fennell and Steven M. Walsh. This photo was taken at the recent swearing in ceremonies, to the 184th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The swearing in ceremonies took place in Senate Chamber and the House Of Representatives Chamber at the State House on Wednesday, January 5th.

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The winter Parking Ban is in effect from December 1, 2004 until April 15, 2005. No overnight parking is allowed. Ticketing and towing will be strictly enforced, especially during snow emergencies when towing will be in full effect.

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Don't Cook Friday. Come to the **Country Club.**

On Friday, February 11th, take a break from your usual routine, and take a break from cooking dinner. Join your friends at the Nahant Country Club for "Don't Cook Friday."

The members of the Country Club are sponsoring this event as a way to get Nahanters together, for a little good cheer on a winter night. An informal supper will be served, and the bar will be open. It starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Country Club on Nahant Road. Everyone is invited, not just Club members. So bring your friends.

To make reservations, call Kelly Frary at 581-1453.

The Nahant Country Club offers its members tennis, platform tennis and social events, throughout the year. Anyone can join for a nominal fee. For membership information, call Carol Hanson at 581-1271.

The How To of Ship Modeling

This is the topic of the February 4th breakfast of the Nahant Village Church Men's Group, presented by Frank Clements, a local Nahanter. The breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m., with the presentation to follow, at 7:30. Please join and feel free to bring a friend. To ensure an adequate food supply, please RSVP to Cal or Marrit Hastings at 781-581-5691 or calhast@hotmail.com.



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Country Club Becomes Juke Joint Blues Night Returns

On the night of March 12th, the normally elegant confines of this historic building will be filled with raucous rhythm and blues, with jumping, jiving, shouting, sweating Nahanters. Yes, folks, it's the third annual Blues Night, presented by the Nahant Country Club, to benefit the Johnson School PTO.

Once again, Country Club president, Chris Whitlock, has put together a houserocking all-star band, featuring Nahant's finest musicians and members of Mojo Slim, the Austin Tornadoes and other local bands. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

Blues Night is always one of the town's most popular events. It's a great way to shake off your mid-winter doldrums and see the friends and neighbors you haven't talked to since the last beach day. And best of all, it's for a good cause.

So save the date - March 12th. Blues Night is back.

Sweet Fundraiser for Nahant Life-Saving Station

This Valentine's Day you can give your loved ones a very special piece of Nahant. The Friends of the Nahant Life-Saving Station (NLSS) will be selling Private Label Chocolates, molded in the form of the Town's signature building. The special mold was designed by Roz Puleo and the candy - available in milk chocolate and orange and mint crunch — was custom-made by Harbor Sweets of Salem.

The special candies can be purchased, in a 12-piece bag, for \$9.95. There are boxed, mixed assortments of Harbor Sweets, which feature the "Life-Saving Candy" on sale for \$11.95 (12 pieces), \$19.95 (24 pieces) and \$26.95 (36 pieces). A portion of the proceeds will benefit the NLSS Restoration Fund.

To ensure availability, candy should be ordered in advance, via the Town of Nahant Website http://www.nahant.org, or by calling Roz Puleo at 781-581-1034, or Mary Magner at 781-581-1272.

Candy may be picked up at the Life-Saving Station Fundraiser, at the Tides Restaurant, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., on Thursday February 10th. The event will feature raffles and a silent auction and will also benefit the restoration of the former Coast Guard Station.

Candy may also be picked up at the Town Hall from 9:00 to noon, on Friday, February 11th.

Nahant Lions Poker Tournament And Other Important Matters

The Nahant Lions are hosting a **Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament** on Saturday, February 5th, at the Nahant Country Club, from 5:00 p.m. till midnight. The entry fee is \$150, with the opportunity of an additional \$75 buy, during the game. Please call Tim Bell at 781-581-1338, to check for space availability. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners and all proceeds go to benefit Lions Club charities. A guaranteed good time!

In other Lions Club news, the club will be celebrating the birthday of Dr. Charles Schepens at our April meeting at the Nahant Country Club. At the dinner, the Nahant Lions will award the Schepens Lifetime Achievement Award to a Lion in the District 33N region. Stay tuned.

The Nahant Lions Club is a service organization committed to improving our local community and raising money for Lions charities, which include research into diseases of the eye and other diseases that affect eyesight. Additionally, the Lions Club awards an education grant to a local high school graduate continuing his or her education. Consider joining our group of committed members, to assist in this community effort. There is a Nahant Lion within a stone's throw of your kitchen.

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150th Anniversary Commemorative Book Available

It's finally here! After much research, late-night meetings, hours and hours at the library, Historical Society and hanging on street corners, the 150th Commemorative Book(let) is going to press! We are sorry that it took so long for this to be completed, but we believe you will appreciate the time it took when you have a look at the end result. Look for a full announcement in the March Harbor Review.

The 150th Anniversary Commemorative Book will be on sale in April. We are planning a special event in the Serenity Room at the Valley Road School Building on April 3rd. More details will follow. Thank you for your patience.

Gallo Group to Play at Have a Heart Fundraiser

Nahanters are marking their calendars for February 26th, the night Tony Gallo's Group will be the featured musicians at a spectacular fundraiser, at the Nahant Country Club, from 7:00 until 11:00 p.m. "Have a Heart," a \$50 per person, black-tie-optional event, will benefit both the Nahant Village Church and the Saint Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church. Chairperson Mo Edison is calling members of both congregations interested in participating in the production of this event. If you wish to assist, please read on.

Edison said, "The idea is to raise some serious money, through a wonderful party at the Nahant Country Club, with excellent food, wine, surprise performers and music from Tony Gallo's incredible group."

The event will also feature a Silent Jewelry Auction of items donated by women and men from Nahant and jewelers from surrounding communities. All bids will start at \$50. The concept: Vrtually every woman — and many men — own at least one piece of jewelry too valuable to discard, but never worn. By donating the item for this auction, the jewelry will find new owners and our churches will benefit. All donated items will be appraised by two North Shore jewelers who have volunteered their services.

A dessert and hot beverage room will offer baked goods provided by some of Nahant's finest gourmet chefs. Recipes will be available to those interested in duplicating the delicacies. Other festivities are planned as well.

If you would like to participate by ordering tickets, or making a donation, please do so through Post Office Box 132, Nahant MA 01908, or by calling 781 592-0029. Information will be available at medison824@comcast.net soon.

So, "Have A Heart," join us on Saturday, February 26th, at the Nahant Country Club from 7:00 until 11:00 p.m., for the party of the season — and assist two fine institutions.

News from the Nahant Woman's Club

Bailey's Hill Fundraiser

As a fundraiser for the restoration of the Bailey's Hill Gazebo, the Woman's Club has been selling Polartec fleece jackets and vests with the Bailey's Hill Gazebo logo. Seaside Variety and Captain Seaside have kindly agreed to display samples; and the jackets or vests may be purchased at either location or by calling Marrit Hastings at 781-581-5691. Our current inventory consists of: Men Jackets in Hunter Green, sizes XL and L and Black, size XL. Vests are available in Navy Blue, size L, suitable for either male or female and Lilac in women's sizes L and M. Please note that the jackets and vests run small.

Gazebo Fund Total So Far \$7,947

This fleece jacket and vest fundraiser, spearheaded by Linda Jenkins, has so far earned a profit of \$1,627. The sale of the Mega-Scratch Ticket Raffle, led by Wendy Payne, brought in \$2,760. The raffle was won by Maggie Robin, who, after all the tickets were scratched, got \$307 on her \$10 investment. The proceeds of the 2003 Kitchen Tour, chaired by Calantha Sears, were \$3,500, which has already been given to the Town of Nahant for the Gazebo Fund. This brings a grand total of \$7,947 raised which will go towards the Bailey's Hill Gazebo restoration, which is scheduled to occur in the coming year. Expenses have already been subtracted from this account, so proceeds of sales of the remaining jackets and vests go 100% to the Gazebo Fund.

Traditional Get Together at the Library

The traditional Nahant Woman's Club Valentine program will be held on Tuesday, February 8th, at 10:30 a.m. The program is entitled, "What They Said," and will be presented by Library Director Dan deStefano. His talks are always fascinating, informative and unusual. Don't miss this one. Hostesses will be Jan Hall and Calantha Sears. The invocation will be given by Libby Green.

Nahant COA Think Spring

Upcoming Trips

Saturday, May 14th, 2:00 p.m., "Boston Pops," with Keith Lockhart conducting, "ROCKAPELLA." FUN for all, more than 30 years of top 40 hits. Discounted tickets and motor coach transportation \$50.00 per-person. Last date to purchase tickets is March 20th. Please call 781-581-1969.

Like a Mystery? Saturday, June 4th and June 11th, 4:00 p.m., performances of Agatha Christie's play, "MOUSETRAP," has been in London for over 50 years. See it here at the Stoneham Theatre. Discounted tickets and transportation only \$27.00 per-person. Last date to purchase tickets is April 30th. Call 781-581-1969.

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Further information about this event can be obtained from Polly Bradley (781-581-0075 or pollybradley@comcast.net), or Marrit Hastings (781-581-5691 or calhast@hotmail.com).

Nahant Public Library Hosts Author Tom Sheehan

Come and meet Thomas Sheehan, author of "A Collection Of Friends," as well as volumes of poetry and mystery.

Sheehan lives in Saugus and has built a group of fans, who enjoy his works. The Friends of the Nahant Public Library invite you to hear Tom Sheehan speak, at 3:00 p.m., on Sunday, February 6, 2005, at the Library.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

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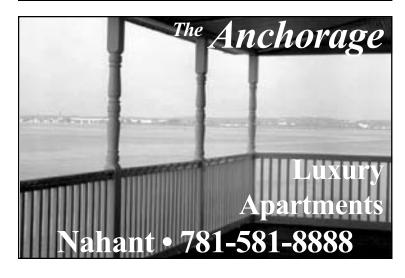
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Empathy through Imagination by Dorothy Allen

America, insulated by the oceans from the rest of the world, needs help to feel empathy towards its global neighbors. As we honor our dead by listing, or reciting, their names on monuments and at commemorations, we forget to count the civilian toll of our exploits overseas and we find incomprehensible the murderous acts of our adversaries. So, I offer this imaginary (highly unlikely, yet vaguely familiar) story, to help us along with feeling empathy.

In year 2005, Islamic extremist sleeper cells successfully sabotage the US electrical transmission grid, ignite an LNG storage facility and explode a dirty bomb in US ports. Major disruption of the economy and social order ensues. George Bush imposes Martial Law. He is able to seize absolute power in a panic-stricken nation. In these trying times, imprisonment, without due process, and torture are allowed. The president consolidates his power through imprisonment, or execution, of leading Democrats, dissenting Republicans and Liberal pundits (even the funny ones). The religious base of his support, limits abortion and religious militias impose Bible-based curricula in public schools. The two Bush daughters, Barb and Jen, are put in charge of the ATF and DEA, where they promote advanced weapons proliferation, excessive recreational drug use and bad fashion sense. To protect its vast investments in America, Saudi Arabia finances and props up the Bush government and supplies the oil. This goes on for about ten years.

At the end of this period, as Saudi oil reaches its maximum capacity, the increasingly belligerent Bush government infuriates the Saudis by invading Canada, in order to obtain the oil of the vast tar-sand deposits of Alberta. Saudi Arabia cuts off financing, imposes oil import quotas and insists on a no-fly zone over the northern US. This prevents not only bomb-drops on Canada, but also, tragically, winter vacations in Florida. Without significant Saudi support, there are no reliable sewers, electricity, or potable water in America. The average mortality age drops to the lowest in the industrial world and people no longer reach retirement age (this saves Social Security). Going by the way of sour dictators, Bush adds a bunker to the Crawford ranch. Americans live utterly destitute lives for the next ten years.

In year 2025, a South American drug lord, acting upon a cocaine-induced vision, decides to strike inside Saudi Arabia, in an effort to destabilize the sheiks, who control the economy and the drug market of North America. The attack is well planned and surprisingly successful. Several thousand Arab princes lose their lives and dead camels lie dramatically scattered in the desert. Although they do understand the difference between North and South, the confused Saudis invade the America to the North. Surprisingly, the nations of the world, especially the French, support this. First, Barb and Jen are captured and, to everyone's relief, are made to wear burkas. Next, Bush is caught in his bunker and made to grow a beard. To the dismay of political cartoonists worldwide, he no longer resembles a chimp. The other members of the US government, Cheney, Rove, Card and Rice are sent for life to a Saudi prison on the Canary Islands and are made to wear hot-pink prison jumpsuits. But, while on its face, the Saudi invasion appears successful, it is really a disaster.

The Saudis do not like the cold climate, the women drivers and the lack of goat meat. They would like nothing better than to go back home to the familiar comforts of luxury tents, clad women and smelly meat. Finding it hard, however, to write off the US as a bad investment, they decide to organize a new US government, either through elections or imposition of a stable theocracy, whichever is quicker. By this time, though, the extreme US elements, the Klan, the Evangelicals, and the Libertarians, have organized and found support from the South American drug lords. The extremists first loot American museums and libraries. Next, they move to attack the population at large and unprotected Saudi camel convoys. The Americans are besieged by Saudi road blocks, bomb-drops, midnight raids and naked imprisonment, as well as homespun extremists, who use hidden bombs and snipers to take the lives of shoppers, school children and anyone lining up for a job. There is precious little food and plenty of sewage in the streets. Further, as a result of Barb's and Jen's success at the ATF, stores of automatic weapons, ammunition, C-4 fireworks and grenade launchers can be found in every American home. Now, the question especially designed to elicit empathy, is this: If you were an American under the above circumstances, would you (a) line up to be a target at a Saudis' polling place, (b) throw a grenade at a camel not equipped with proper armor, or (c) for personal safety, fire at anything that moves. As I see it, these are the circumstances and the three choices of every real-living-breathing Iraqi. I hope this story helps us with building American empathy.

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Friends Of Earl Committee Announces Annual 1-Pitch Tournament

The Friends Of Earl, a group dedicated to improving the quality of life of native Nahanter and longtime fisherman, Gary "Earl" Hanson, has begun the planning of the 8th annual One-Pitch Softball Tournament. Hanson, who was diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease, has survived beyond all expectations, including the standard life expectancy of 2 - 5 years given to victims, by living with the disease for nearly a dozen years. He has been unable to work for more than 8 years and the family relies very heavily on the donations and funds raised at this event, since the benefits they receive through SSDI leave them trying to figure it out on a wellbelow-poverty-level income. His wife, Cindi, manages to keep it all together, while being his full-time caretaker and the mom of an active, almost 10-year-old, Mariah.

The gratitude and amazement they feel, at the outpouring of support from the townspeople is enough to bring tears to their eyes, just thinking about it. It is hard for them to express how deeply their appreciation runs. By again sponsoring this family-friendly event, the Friends of Earl hope to do it again...to show how much we admire the strength that Cindi exhibits, in keeping their family life as normal as possible, to show how much we admire Mariah, for her positive outlook and keeping the smile on her Dad's face and to show Earl how much we look in awe at his ability to be a true survivor...one who never knows from day to day how his bills will be paid and food will be put on his table. We want to show him that we truly feel for him and want to lessen his burdens in this small way.

He never wants any extras, but doesn't it make you feel good knowing that by supporting this event, he has a chance to sit in a movie theater with his daughter every once in a while? That he gets to go to the beach to see his little girl play in the water, that for so long supported him and his family? And that we are able to show him, through our donations, that we are rooting for him to keep fighting and don't sweat the small stuff...we'll take care of that! A tsunami hit his house in February 1994. A tidal wave that took with it his ability to move, speak, eat, breathe. It left possessions useless to him, but the sun was shining as Cindi stepped up to keep it all together. Let's step up and help them out again.

The Friends of Earl is now accepting donations and raffle items and will be selling "I'm a Friend of Earl" bumper stickers around Town. Please call Carol Hanson, at 781-581-1271, for more info. We could use volunteers to help organize and run this event. Our next meeting will be on Sat., Feb. 12 at 7:30 pm at 17 Harbor View Road, Nahant. Donations may be sent to Friends of Earl, c/o R. Byron, 52 Irving Way, Nahant, MA 01908. Please note that we are no longer affiliated with the ALS Association and checks should be written out to The Hanson Family.

LynnArts Central Square Coffeehouse Sunday, February 20, 2004 submitted by Susan Halter, LynnArts, Inc.

The LynnArts Central Square Coffeehouse & Open Mic, takes place on Sunday, February 20, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at LynnArts, 25 Exchange St., Central Square, Lynn. Music starts at 6:00 p.m. with a set by host band Northern Edge, followed by the open mike performers. Admission is \$5.00 to the general public and is free to performers who sign up for the open mike.

The Central Square Coffeehouse & Open Mike is sponsored by LynnArts, Inc. and is funded, in part, by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The Coffeehouse is hosted by members of Northern Edge, a folk/country/bluegrass/acoustic pop and blues band, featuring Dave Simmons on guitar and bass, Laura Babineau on guitar and flute and Kirsten Manville on guitar and percussion.

The Central Square Coffeehouse is held the third Sunday of every month, in the Neil Rantoul Vault Theatre, at LynnArts. Coffee, tea and snacks are available for purchase throughout the evening.

LynnArts, Inc. is easily accessible by public transportation. Wheelchair access at the lower rear entrance is available, with prior notice. LynnArts, Inc. is a private non-profit arts organization, located in Lynn's Central Square at 25 Exchange Street. The building houses two large and airy gallery spaces, as well as a black-box rehearsal/ performance space and several artist studios. The LynnArts office welcomes queries regarding artist exhibition proposals, membership, teaching opportunities and rental of office and studio space. For more information, please call Susan Halter at 781-598-5244.



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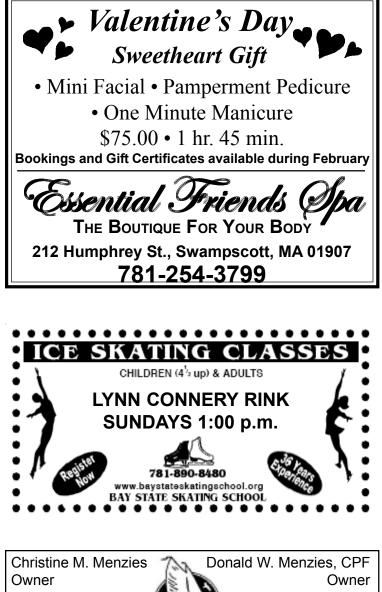
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Art School Offers So Much submitted by Carol Hanson, Director, School of Refrigerator Door Art

The current and upcoming sessions of classes at The School of Refrigerator Door Art truly offer something for everyone. With classes in basic art introduction offered for children from age 2 and up, students will acquire a strong base knowledge of the tools and techniques associated with fine arts, while learning in a very structured environment, where play and connections to science and math are freely integrated with socialization skills. The environment is highly conducive to creativity and visually stimulating. Director Carol Hanson brings a wealth of experience and skill to her programming.

Older students are offered a wider variety of options, including Acrylic Painting, Stained Glass, Sea Glass Mosaic, Floral Arranging, Sewing, Cooking, Foreign Languages, Paper-Making, Basic Drawing, Watercolor Painting, Collage, Relief Printmaking, Photography, Jewelry Making and Knitting. There is an Art Critique group currently meeting there, as well. Private and group lessons are available on a long- or short-term basis.

Celebrations of all kinds are welcomed at the school. We can tailor an art pARTy to birthdays, anniversarys, showers, girls' night out, or a one-time play group for bored and cabin-fever-affected children of all ages! Planning a sleepover for all the girls in your daughter's class? Plan an art class to start the night. Call 781-599-2222 for details!

Please check out our web site, www.refrigdoorart.com, or stop by the Nahant Community Center, 41 Valley Road (at the former Valley Road School) to see what's going on. We are located in the basement left.

Community Center Offers Community Rooms

The new Multi-Purpose room, in the basement of the Nahant Community Center, 41 Valley Road, is finished! It is currently being used by several scouting groups in Town, who seem to be pretty happy with the space. The Parent-Toddler group that meets on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, is open to the public. A small fee is requested to offset operating expenses. No prior registration is needed, just drop in and get to meet some pretty cool parents and kids. This program continues through March.

This space, as well as the beautiful Serenity Room on the second floor, with amazing light, ocean views and a stage area, is available for rent for one-time events, as well as longer-term exhibits. The Nahant Historical Society has just closed a long-term exhibit in the Serenity Room and has another planned to open in the summer.

Please stop by and check out the spaces, or call Carol Hanson, at 781-599-2222, to find out more information. This is our Community Center. Let's celebrate its existence by using it and supporting the small businesses that operate there!

LynnArts Annual Works on Paper Show February through March 4th

Shake off the winter blues, with LynnArts Annual Works on Paper show in the Time Warner Gallery. This show draws entrants, from throughout New England, who submit art, ranging from photography, to charcoal, to oil. Last year, over 60 artists entered work that included both figurative and abstract images, contributing to a fascinating blend of styles and techniques. This year's juror is Haig Demarjian, Drawing Professor, at Salem State College.

Mr. Demarjian previously taught in the Printmaking, Foundation and Painting departments, at Montserrat College of Art (Beverly, MA), in addition to being the Director of Career Services and, most recently, the Senior Fine Arts Seminar Coordinator there. Since 1991, he has exhibited extensively throughout the US, Canada and abroad, with nine solo exhibitions, including his first museum show in November 1994. He has received numerous grants and awards and his work is represented in several international collections, including the permanent collections of the Milwaukee Art Museum, The Museum of Contemporary Art in Panama, The International Museum of Collage Montage and Assemblage in Mexico City and The University of Iowa Print Society Collection. He works in a broad range of media, including printmaking, painting, collage, illustration, sculpture and film/video. Between 1999 and 2002, he produced approximately 700 mixed-media works. An archive of selected work from this period is visible, online at, OLTGASM! The Art of Haig Demarjian, www.gis.net/~haigd. His training includes an M.A. and M.F.A. in Printmaking, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is currently the full-time Assistant Professor of Drawing, at Salem State College. Take advantage of our new hours, to view the show. The galleries at Lynnarts are now open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Socialism and Communism in the USA and Around the World An abbreviated version of John Cort's address to the January 7th Nahant Village Church Men's Group breakfast.

On Communism

The 2nd chapter of the Acts of the Apostles was quoted to introduce the topic of communism. "All who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need."

This kind of Christian communism exists today, mainly in convents and monasteries. In the Sixties, a number of hippy-style communes practiced this kind of voluntary communism and there were similar communities, some religious in motivation, others more secular, in the 19th century. The most famous was Brook Farm in West Roxbury, lasting from 1841-47, which attracted such literary lights as Emerson and Hawthorne.

The most famous, hard-nosed form of communism, not practiced in either convents or hippy communes, dates from The Communist Manifesto, written by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, in 1848. The theory of communism was "abolition of private property," including land, factories, stores, banks, utilities, railroads, etc.

Marx had brilliant intelligence, but lacked political and economic wisdom. His ideology gave a few men too much power. He called for a "dictatorship of the proletariat." This is a contradiction in terms, since the proletariat is the mass of workers, usually millions, who do not own productive property and the idea that this many people could operate a dictatorship is ridiculous. All the dictatorships the world has known have been the property of one man, or a small group of men. Wherever Communists controlled a government, they latched onto that word, "dictatorship" and forgot about that other word,

"proletariat."

Marx also had the idea that there are no moral absolutes. All morality was relative, relative to the triumph and maintenance of the communist revolution. Whatever helped was good, whatever hurt was bad.

Under Gorbachev's perestroika and glasnost, the Soviet Union disintegrated in 1989, but the largest part, Russia, remains a world power, partly democratic and partly the property of a not-sodemocratic strong man named Putin, who presides over a somewhat corrupt capitalist system.

Currently, China, Vietman, North Korea, Cuba and Belarus (formerly part of the Soviet Union), have communist dictatorships. China is presently enjoying an economic boom, thanks to stealing many of our best jobs and some of our worst jobs. A recent NY Times article described China as a country retaining a ruthless dictatorship that has permitted "a rough-andtumble form of capitalism." There now are tens of thousands of millionaires in China, while the peasants remain landless, allowed only to work on farming collectives and cooperatives, on land that their forefathers owned, before it was taken over by Mao-Tse-Tung in 1949. Protests against the abuse of political and economic power have increased tremendously, since the last decade. The most famous was the Tianenmen Square massacre, in 1989, the climax of a series of student demonstrations for democracy. The Communist Party took hold in the US, after World War I and had its greatest growth during the Great Depression in the Thirties and World War II. It gained control of 15 unions in the CIO, representing 1.5 million workers. After World War II, the Party became less and less popular, as conflict developed between the US and the Soviet Union. The CIO drove the communists out and organized rival unions, that took over many of the plants, like GE in Lynn, that the Party had controlled. (1) In 1948, it was still strong enough to organize the Progressive Party and run Henry Wallace, a former Vice-President, against Truman and Dewey.

What about Socialism?

The Communists are responsible for much of the confusion about socialism, because they insisted on calling the Soviet Union, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In short, they insisted that Communism was simply one superior kind of socialism.

Socialism was organized and developed by devout Christians (Protestants and Catholics) in France, in the 1830s, well before Marx, by Anglicans in England and by a Jewish atheist in Germany, Ferdinand Lassalle, who had much better ideas than Marx, was more popular and might have changed the whole course of history, had he not been killed at a young age. Early socialism called for a free, democratic society, featuring a mixed economy, but favoring cooperatives, in which workers would own and control their own productive enterprises. The untimely death of Lassalle resulted in a split in the socialist movement and caused Marx to be triumphant. The anti-Communist socialists got back together in 1951, in Frankfurt, Germany, where they formed the present Socialist International. They adopted a declaration of basic principles, disassociating

themselves from the Communists, but did not outright repudiate Marxism. This is the cause of some confusion, relative to socialism and communism, that remains today.

In the USA, democratic socialism is largely summed up in the lives of three men: Eugene Debs, Norman Thomas and Michael Harrington. Both Debs and Thomas ran unsuccessfully for President several times. US parties and organizations that call themselves socialist, or communist, probably number all together, less than 10,000 members at the present time.

The Frankfurt Declaration of the Socialist International in 1951 declared that "while the qualifying principle of capitalism is private profit, the qualifying principle of socialism is the satisfaction of human needs." If you are a believing Christian, you also believe that the qualifying principle of a decent society is the satisfaction of human needs and that that demand takes precedence over the accumulation of

private profit, even if private profit is a useful, but less demanding, principle. If you believe that and try to lead your life in accord with that principle, then you are a closet socialist, whether you call yourself a Democrat, a Republic and / or an Independent.

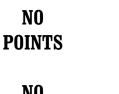
Footnote

(1) Cort was one of the founders of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, that started the anti-communist coalition that took the GE plant in Lynn away from the Communist Party. He is the author of *Christian Socialism*, a history of that movement. Fordham University Press recently published his autobiography, *Dreadful Conversions: The Making of a Catholic Socialist.*

A resident of Nahant since 1970, Cort has been an AFL-CIO union official, Associate Director of the Peace Corps in the Philippines, Director of the Commonwealth Service Corps and Director of the Lynn Model Cities Program.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

Town Clerk Harriet Steeves reminds us that Saturday, March 12th, is the last day for candidates to submit and file nomination papers for Town Elections in April 2005.

Nahant Public Schools, Johnson Elementary School, Pre-registration for 2005-2006 Kindergarten. Children must be 5 years old prior to September 1, 2005. Please call 781-581-1600 to be put on the call list for future information. Registration will be held in April.

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Dance Dimensions Announces Children's Social Dance Instruction by Sallee Slagle, Director, Dance Dimensions

Dance Dimensions is very pleased to bring Gene Murray, of Salem, to teach Children's Social Dance, for the first time in Nahant.

Instruction is available for boys and girls, ages 9-12. They will learn such dances as Fox Trot, Waltz, Salsa, Rhumba and Swing! Proper dress will be required. Boys must wear a jacket and tie and the girls must wear a dress, or skirt and blouse. Proper shoes must have leather soles and a strap for the girls. No sneakers or clogs.

The instructor, Gene Murray, is one of the nations' most sought-after teachers and judges of young talent. He trained and performed in New York City, with such notable companies as American Ballet Theater, June Taylor, as well as appearing in numerous Broadway productions.

The series of classes will include instruction in manners and proper etiquette. The students will gain greater self-confidence and social ease with classes that are structured, but fun. The last class in the series will show their new skills with a Dance Party. Classes will be held on Friday evenings, starting March 4th, at the Nahant Community Center.

Advance registration is required. For information and registration please call Sallee Slagle, Director of Dance Dimensions at 781-599-1476.

Given up already? by Sallee Slagle, Director, Dance Dimensions

January begins a renewing of our "vows," our vows to eat healthier, be kinder, more organized, lose 10 lbs, etc. By February, reality sets in and we may feel frustrated or even failure, already. Take heart, new lifestyles, new habits, breaking old ones, takes time and takes practice. Don't give up. Try again. Make a more doable, definable goal. Set one, not ten, and work for a month to make it a habit.

What if to lose 10 pounds is your goal? How do you make your goal attainable and clear, as to what you will do? First ask, is it doable in a month? Not usually, if you use guidelines of 1-2 pounds-a-week as safe (and usually lasting) weight-loss. So, if 10 pounds is your target, plan on 4 pounds a month, even if your goal is to lose more, this is usually doable.

Now the question is how? What will you do to achieve this? Eat a healthy breakfast everyday, except Sunday. Have some fruit everyday. Exercise Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Eat 5 servings of fruit and vegetables a day. Don't try to make all these changes at once. This almost always sets us up for failure. Choose one of these to concentrate on, as your goal for that month, practice it and nail it. Then add another step to it.

If, in a month, you have not achieved the goal, try another one. Keep what you can from month to month. Practice. But, also be realistic with what you can change. Know your lifestyle and learn what your best way is to achieve it. There are many roads that lead to the same goal. Try many and adopt the best for you. You can always try again, with a more difficult one, if you like, for a second month, or try it again at a later month.

Build in a safety net, too. Allow yourself to be guided by most days instead of everyday. For those days when you feel you may have failed toward your goal, try to accept it as part of the obstacle course that life creates and vow to carry on toward that goal anyway. The obstacle could even last an extended time. Be prepared to change gears. Try to keep in the things you have accomplished. Practice. That may be enough of a goal, until an obstacle can be moved. Then continue your journey. You will often find that by keeping those good habits you have made, you will continue to see progress

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Having a buddy to work with, a good friend, a neighbor, a sister, or brother, can help too. What we may have an aversion to, another can help us face. The areas we are continually trying to change, year after year, often have emotions and attitudes connected with them. This can set us up for failure, or send us into a familiar rut. Just talking to someone about your goal, or monthly plan, and checking in with them each month, can help keep us on target. Have you heard of the growing new profession called "Lifestyle Coach"? It helps to have someone coach you through changes, or even just someone to cheer you on. Choose wisely, or hire the pro.

This process applies for any of your goals. Be more organized. Be kinder. Learn guitar. Define it specifically and create targets, smaller goals. Then ask how? Choose a little each month to concentrate on. Life is a constant journey. Practice is the best way to get better at anything. Even if it seems impossible, start with small changes. Thankfully for us, good habits are as hard to break as bad ones. Change those things you've been meaning to, one month at a time. Create a better lifestyle for yourself. And remember, if you continue to try, you never fail. Practice, practice, practice.....

Where in the World is HOOMPA? Starting this month, we are adding a new column, just for fun, called "Where

in the World Is HOOMPA?" Nahanters are invited to submit photos of their travels with their HOOMPA. Here is HOOMPA at the Grand Canyon with Carl and Linda Jenkins. Where will your HOOMPA go?

Now, if you ask me what is HOOMPA? I don't know. Do you? If anyone knows the origin and meaning of the HOOMPA, please send the information along to the Nahant Harbor Review, c/o HOOMPA. Thanks!

G*A*L*A*X*I*E*S **Drawings and Paintings on Paper** New Work by Patrick Maloney and Michael Mullaney **Community Gallery, February thru March 4th**

Patrick Maloney's work uses vibrant color and surrealistic imagery, to recall and translate his memories and dreams, informed and infused by the harsher realities of personal history and world events. Mr. Maloney has exhibited his work around New England and New York, including shows at the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and the Drawing Center, in Soho. He received an Emerging Artist grant from the city of Boston, in 2001, and has worked for 30 years as an art librarian, graphic designer and visual resources curator.

Michael Mullaney works primarily on paper, using a wide variety of media. His drawings and paintings are built up with rich layers of acrylic paint, oilstick, watercolor, pastel, wax and graphite pencil. He uses the interactions between the drawn elements in his work, to evoke images of metamorphosis, energy, creation and destruction. Many of his works reveal organic, microscopic, cosmic or architectural elements. Other works share an affinity with science fiction. Mr. Mullaney earned a BFA in Painting from the Massachusetts College of Art and has shown throughout New England.

Beware

by Bob Casey, Nahant

Nahant is a great town for walking. But now and then, meandering through its streets at night, I come across that sign: Beware of the Dog. Trapped by childhood trauma, my mind (and feelings) leap back to Sherlock Holmes and "The Hound of the Baskervilles." I hear the savage beast baying on the moor. I see the monster, as Doyle described it: "an enormous coal-black hound...fire burst from its mouth, its eyes glowed with a smoldering glare, its muzzle and hackles and dewlaps were outlined in flickering flame."

In Memory of Ruth Power

Ruth B. (Levine) Power, 89, of Nahant and Lee, NH, formerly of Charlestown, died on Sunday, December 19, 2004, after a courageous 3year battle with vulvarian cancer, at Hospice of North Shore Medical Center in Salem.

Ruth was a pioneer in the renovation and restoration of Charlestown, owning numerous properties on



Cordis and Mead Streets, from the 1950s through the 1970s. She was a past president of the Charlestown Garden Club and an officer in the Historical Society and Bunker Hill Museum, as well as a member of the Old Charlestown Schoolgirls' Association.

She is survived by her children Sandra and George Flint of Houston, John and Camille of Medford, and Paul, of Nahant. She also leaves 5 grandchildren, 4 greatgrandchildren, 3 sisters and a brother. Ruth resided with her son Paul at 72 Surf View Avenue, since 1977.

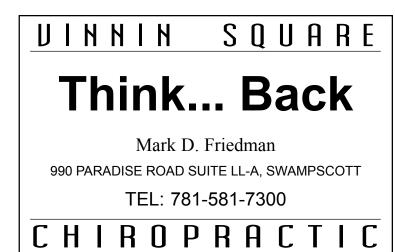


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I move quickly by the sign, hoping that my stealthy motion will not wake that sleeping dog and pray with fervor that, indeed, the beast is sleeping.

I wonder, what does the dog protect? A defenseless child? A priceless Picasso? A signed copy of Clinton's "My Life"?

I think then of Frost's poem, "The Mending Wall." In it, two neighbors work together, to repair the wall between them, replacing stones dislodged by winter. They swap views about the value of having such a barrier at all. One says: "Good fences make good neighbors." The other: "Before I build a wall, I'd like to know what I was walling in or walling out."

Enough of Frost. I walk meekly by the Dog Beware sign. Poetry will not spare me from the teeth of the ... shhhh ... "The Hound of the Baskervilles."



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More About the NVC Organ submitted by Herb Motley

(Continued from page 1.) Church was visited about 20 years ago by a meeting of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists, to hear our organ. The Appleton family donated the organ, and the Appleton elephant and apples decorate the front of the case.

Ours is a trackeraction organ, which means there is a mechanical link between the key pressed by the musician and the pipe, which speaks. This is one reason for the location of the keyboard attached to the front of the organ case. In the 1930s, organs were built with electrical connections and relays from the key to the pipe, which permits the organ console, as the keyboards are called, to be located at a remote location, or even moved around a stage, as is the case in Symphony Hall in Boston.

The tracker-action is back in favor, due to the influence of Albert Schweitzer, among others, who believe there is a more delicate touch to the beginning and end of the sound, when the organist has a direct mechanical connection with the pipes.

There are two keyboards and a pedal board on our organ. (Various sounds were demonstrated for the congregation during Dedication Sunday.)

The lower keyboard, called the Great, has similar-sounding pipes, but in different harmonic levels, so that a single note can play the sound at octaves above and below the initial pitch. The base pitch in on an 8-foot stop with a 4-foot playing an octave above the original note and additional harmonics at the 12th and 15th above. There is also an octave below at the 16-foot pipe size, usually played on the pedals, though it is possible to connect pipes from one part of the organ to another, so a 16 foot sound can be activated from the Great Keyboard. The largest organs have 32 foot and even 64 foot pipes, which you can almost feel more than you hear.

The upper keyboard, called the Swell, has the special effects. Here we find pipes that sound like other instruments, Strings, Flutes, Oboes, Trumpets and they are located inside

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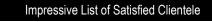
a box with opening louvers so the volume of the pipes can be controlled as well. There is even a Tremolo effect, which can be added. It is this ability to mimic the sounds of many voices, which earns the organ its title, "the King of Instruments." Later developments along these lines resulted in some of the big theatre organs, with percussion and many other sounds. The organ at Radio City Music Hall has over 80 different stops and is played with 5 manuals and pedal!

Our lovely organ has been raised to concert pitch, a standard 440 vps, a key which you hear orchestras tune to before a concert. This makes it far easier to combine other instruments, like Harriet Steeves' lovely flute solos in tune with the organ.

The Village Church Organ is a national treasure, a particularly fine example of the traditional church organ, in its design and the voicing of its pipes. It was skillfully and lovingly restored by the craftsmen and women of the Andover Organ Company, which still makes trackeraction organs from scratch, as well as restoring instruments such as ours.

Submitted by Herb Motley for the Music Committee of the Nahant Village Church: Donna Lee Hanlon, Herb Motley, Harriet Steeves and Rich Stevens.





BOSTON – A new law, signed this week by the Governor, will target insurance fraud in the Commonwealth. As Chairman of the Joint Committee on Criminal Justice, Senator Thomas M. McGee was instrumental in the effort to pass the initiative, which will criminalize the practice of engaging in fraudulent client solicitation, on behalf of legal and medical professionals – known as "running." "Insurance fraud is a serious problem statewide. By soliciting false claims, runners drive up the cost of premiums and frustrate those who file and pursue legitimate claims," said Senator McGee.



The insurance industry estimates that 10% of all claims nationwide are fraudulent, costing drivers \$80 billion each year. Insurance Commissioner, Julianne Bowler, estimated that the average cost of auto insurance in Massachusetts will likely drop by \$100 to \$200 a year, should the number of fraudulent auto insurance claims decrease.

Senator McGee described one common "running" scheme, in which a professional, such as a personal injury attorney, or chiropractor, would pay individuals to intentionally stage an automobile accident, for the purpose of generating business. Seats in the car are then sold and a collision staged. The participants claim false injuries and the insurance companies are billed for fraudulent legal claims, diagnostic tests, and treatment.

The legislation, championed by Senator McGee, would criminalize the practice of being, or knowingly employing, a legal, or medical "runner," for the purpose of defrauding an insurer. This new crime would be punishable by imprisonment, for up to 5 years, and a fine of up to \$4,000.

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Useless Information

by Ray Barron

Hip-swinging Nahanters!

A new book, "The Many Lives of Marilyn Monroe," by Sarah Churchwell, revealed how Monroe developed her hip-swinging strut. The head of the star's former modeling agency says it was because of weak ankles. Well, a gossip columnist insists Marilyn Monroe shaved off part of one high heel, so her walk would be uneven.

Here in Nahant we do have some gorgeous hipswinging women! As far as we know, none of them shaved off part of one high heel to create a hip-swinging strut. So who are some hip-swinging Nahanters? Pam Motley, Dorothy Vitale, Barbara Lombard, Sheila Hambleton, Joanna Reardon, Gayle Poulin, Peggy Silva, Ruth Brownell, Barbara D'Amico, Gina McCoy, Mary Dill, Janet Dolan, Barbara Mackey, Gail Guiney, Karen Canty, Florence McDonough, Tracy Simpson, Lynne Spencer, Carole Brophy, Gertrud Joyce, Paula Smith, Marcia Gaudet, Darlene Conigliaro, Maria Welsh, Patricia O'Shaughnessy, Joy Pechinsky-Spinelli, Molly Conlin, Bonnie Blydell, Linda Jenkins, Peg Hanagan, Nancy Risch, Harriet Steeves, Donna Lee Hanlon, Bonnie Jane Lombard, Marion Capano and of course, Mary Irene Dickenson. Calm down! I'm pulling your leg!

Frank Cusack, of Nahant Road, says, "When a woman puts a little sway in her walk, it is to sway the opposite sex."

Farewell, David Brudnoy

And so goes another radio talkmaster, David Barry Brudnoy, 64, of WBZ Radio. Brudnoy now joins Jerry Williams as talkmasters way up there in the heavens. In brief, really brief, Brudnoy was born in Minneapolis on June 5, 1940. An only child, he was the son of Harry Brudnoy, a dentist, and Doris (Axelrod) Brudnoy, a homemaker. Brudnoy attended Minnesota public schools and was a high school exchange student in Japan. He graduated from Yale in 1962. What's more, he held a master's in East Asian studies from Harvard, and a master's and a doctorate in American civilization from Brandeis. He was a professional student!

The well-educated David Brudnoy began his career as a talkmaster at WHDH in 1976 and then he hopped over to WRKO Radio in 1981 and in 1986, he finally landed on Soldiers Field Road at WBZ Radio. she's about to stroll down the red carpet. Whenever she needs cheering up, Taylor drapes herself in jewels, many of them gifts from ex-husbands.

For the record, at the age of 18, Elizabeth Taylor married her first husband Nicky Hilton. Six more marriages followed the first: Michael Wilding (two sons), Mike Todd, killed in a plane crash (one daughter), Eddie Fisher, the late Richard Burton, (twice; (one adopted daughter) and Senator John Warner.

Elizabeth Taylor, who was born in England, has become famous as the collector of husbands and jewelry, celebrates her 73rd birthday on February 27. Well, should you wish to gift her with a piece of jewelry for her birthday, mail it to Elizabeth Taylor, PO Box 55995, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413.

Cal Hastings, of Nahant Road, claims some women wear so much jewelry, it's hard to tell whether they belong to the mineral or animal kingdom.

Cal's attractive and brilliant wife, Marrit, readily admits it takes all the fun out of a bracelet, if you have to buy it yourself.

Cal's neighbor, Henry Hanagan, says, "Jewelers hate to see women spend so much of their money on fleeting things, like food and drink."

Dick Bailey, of Sunset Road, thinks a woman sometimes buys jewelry to satisfy a need, but more often to gratify a greed.

The Tooth About

Conti, says, "Dentists are often driven to extraction."

Joanna Reardon, of Nautical Lane, says, "A dentist always looks down at the mouth."

Timmy Moran, of Fox Hill Road, says, "Dentists have more faith in people than anybody. It's a miracle that more of them don't get their fingers bitten off."

Nahant's Millionaires

According to the Wall Street Journal, there are now 2 million millionaires in the U.S. How many of the millionaires live here in Nahant? Well, we figured there are 61 millionaires in Nahant. What's more, we do have a billionaire, who owns property here. Enough said.

So where do Nahant's 61 millionaires live? They are scattered all over town. Some live on Bass Point Road, Cary Street, Cliff Street, Greystone Road, Howe Road, Little Nahant Road, Maolis Road, Marginal Road, Nahant Road, Nectar Place, Ocean Street, Pleasant Street, Prospect Street, Rosemary Road, Sherman Avenue, Spouting Horn Road, Summer Street, Swallow Cave Road, Vernon Street, Wharf Street, Willow Road and Wilson Road.

According to the 2000 Federal Census, there are 213 Nahant households with incomes from \$100,000 to \$149,999. And we have 229 households with incomes from \$75,000 to \$99,900.

The electrifying Ed Poulin, of Irving Way, says, "Money alone will not bring happiness, but it will attract interesting companions." able mother, Annie Rooney, wants to know what the newly appointed Secretary of State, Condoleeza Rice's first name comes from. Rice was named after the Italian musical notation *con dolezza*. The musical term means, to play with sweetness. Not many people are aware that Condoleeza Rice is an accomplished classical pianist.

February Birthday Babies

February 1st, birthdays: Captivating Judy VanLoon, Richard Koehler, David Dunn, Michelle Doherty and Danny Desmond. Also born on February 1st, Clark Gable, film actor, pop singer Don Everly and Princess Stephanie of Monaco.

Our February 2 birthdays: Personable Mark Lucantonio, Alma Smith, Mary Davinis, Lorraine Doran, the personable Carroll Gates, Colorado's gift to Nahant, Sarah Sullivan and the spirited and alluring Erin Kennedy. Other notables born on February, 2, Farrah Fawcett, Tom Smothers and jazz great Stan Getz.

February 3, birthday babies: Carol Szczawinski, Minervena Nobrega and Barbara Demakis will be opening their birthday gifts.

Our February 4 birthdays: personable Gilberte Spinelli, Joyce Griffin, Gail Woodhead, Ernie Priftakis and Norma's loving husband, Ernie Poole. Also born on Febuary 4, Charles Lindbergh, Vice President Dan Quayle and rock singer, Alice Cooper. February 5: Wish a happy birthday to our editor's loving husband, Ron Hanlon, Kathy Alexander, Mary Swaine and Lina Read. Other notables born on this date, Red Buttons, comedian, Adlai Stevenson, presidential candidate and Bob (Continued on next page.)

Yes, I was a friend of David Brudnoy and I did appear on his program. Brudnoy praised my book of poems, "Time Capsules For Eternity," and he followed it up with a short letter commending my poems,etc. Brudnoy sent the letter from his home, 160 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Farewell, dear friend.

Collector of Husbands & Jewelry

Elizabeth Taylor's socializing days are over, says Christopher Bagley in W. The 72-year-old's health is so fragile that she has only been out twice this year, once to a party and once to dinner. She has congestive heart failure -"a bore"-scoliosis, which has twisted her spine, so that she is in constant agony. But she still loves dressing as if People

About 2,500 people a year are treated in emergency rooms, for injuries sustained while using a toothbrush, according to the Food and Drug Administration. Most of the injuries occur when someone is brushing their teeth, while walking or running, and falls.

Our dedicated Nahant Police Officer, Armand Ed's stunning wife, Gayle, says, "Nowadays, people are putting their money where their mouths are — to kiss it goodbye."

A woman in Nahant got a divorce, because of religious differences. She worshipped money and he didn't have a dime.

Gayle Poulin's ador-

Useless Information (Continued from page 12.)

Marley, Jamaican reggae singer.

February 6 birthdays: Edith Kenneally who is Gaelic & Garlic, Kelly King, the alluring Phyllis Crifo and such other notables as Ronald Reagan, 40th US president, Zsa Zsa Gabor, and former news anchor Tom Brokaw, of NBC-TV.

Our February 7 birthday-candle blowers: Sheila Barry, Mary Cullinan, Suzie Hamill, Leo Moleti, John Quinn and John Vanmaanen. Also born on February 7 baseball great Babe Ruth, country singer, Garth Brooks and novelist, Charles Dickens.

February 8 birthdays: Sweet Mary Davinis, Suzanne Heidebrecht and Bob Piccola. Others born on February 8, actors Jack Lemmon, James Dean and Nick Nolte.

February 9 birthdays: the noted designer and sculptor Reno Pisano, Jim Konowitz and Cathy Duffy who will still be the same young age. Others born on February 9, actor Ronald Coleman, Kathryn Grayson, actress and singer, Carole King, singer and songwriter and film actress, Mia Farrow.

February 10: Olivia Crupi, Leonarde Desilets, Deborah Locke, Nahant's Mister Hospitality, Peter Dawson, Bill Crawford and handsome Carmen Barile.

February 11 is a joyous day for Mary Evos, Eleanor Collins, the stunning Beverley Dawson and the great Don Huston. On this date, in 1858, Bernadette Soubirous, a peasant girl, allegedly had a vision of the Virgin Mary in a grotto in Lourdes, France. Gee, it was on this date I left home to join the U.S. Army. February 12, Lincoln's Birthday, birthday kids: The alluring Nancy Caggiano, Gene LeBlanc, Phil Joyce, George Wright and Justin Roy. Barbara Sweeney and

Mary Nagle are also celebrating their birthdays on that day.

February 13 birthday babies: Lovely Peggy Barile, Tom Quinn, Jerrv Fox, Dave Johnson and actresses Kim Novak and Stockard Channing.

Valentine's Day, birthdays: Kathy Kavanagh, Fred Ahern, Mary Brumm, Dr. Clement Trempe and Christopher Sholes, inventor of the typewriter in 1819. Also, Joni Bigham, Asst. Town Treasurer.

February 15: Suzie Brubacher, Joanne Jaffe, Lewis Moody and English actress, Jane Seymour.

February 16: Janet Kelly and nice guy Fred Hyde, Jr. and John McEnroe, the tennis player.

February 17 birthday cake eaters: Lovely Eva Murphy, Bonnie Budryk, adorable Jeannie Buckley and Kew Carpenter.

February 18, birthday parties: Nahant's "Gardening Angel" Adam Hatfield, Francis Fallon, Dr.Cathy Silva, Melinda Kershaw, Susan Alessi, lovely Joanne Sullivan and such other notables as actors John Travolta and Matt Dillon.

February 19 birthdays: Gee, as far as I know, we do not have any Nahanters born on this date. Some notables born on this date, bandleader Stan Kenton, actor Lee Marvin and Margaux Hemingway.

Our February 20 birthday cake eaters! Tess Munro, Geraldine Walton, Charlie Langevain, Paul Gaudet and the handsome Dick Manzano. On this date in 1985, contracepbirthdays on February 23: Charlie Riley III, Bob McCahey, Dave Winer, Joe Lamando, Mike Mahoney, personable Thom Donahue and actor, Peter Fonda.

February 24: Lovely Ellen Klink and Amy Tsokanis.

February 25: Drop off your birthday gifts to Greg Mazman, Margaret Moyer, Jack Hagerman, Morgan Reiner and Elaine Caira. Also celebrating a birthday that day, George Harrison, former member of the Beatles.

February 26: Lovely Anna Dragon, Caroline Costin, the pious Richard Kirouac, Natalie Luethi-Peterson, country singer Johnny Cash and actor, Tony Randall.

February 27: Tim Donegan, also celebrating birthdays on February 27, actress Elizabeth Taylor and Chelsea Clinton, daughter of President and Senator Hillary Clinton.

February 28 birthday kids: John Mahoney, and my old friend Dick Bailey, Leanice Devens and Peggy Tobin. Also born on this date was Rene Antoine de Reaumur, French scientist and inventor of a thermometer scale.

Happy birthday to all of you!

For the record, the most widely sung song in the English speaking world is "Happy Birthday to You," which was adapted from "Good Morning to You!" by Mildred J. and Patty S. Hill.

On The Street Where You Live

Norman and Laurel LaLiberte. Their property at 51 Cliff Street, is assessed for \$1,358,000.

The fourth highestassessed home belongs to David Dunn. His home at 5 Cliff Street is assessed for \$1,338,900.

And the fifth highestassessed home is owned by the David Callard J. Trust. The home at 35 Cliff Street is assessed for \$1,060,900.

As you can readily note, five of the ten homes located on Cliff Street are assessed in the millions! The lowest assessed home on Cliff Street is owned by Donald and Julie Baker. Their home at 21 Cliff Street is assessed for \$586,000.

It has been said, money can build a house, but it takes love to make it a home.



tives went on sale in the Irish Republic, for the first time.

February 21:Charming Mary Barletta, Jeff Clark, Susan Hargraves, Moira Crowley and singer Nina Simone.

Washington's Birthday, February 22 birthdays: Ted Cronis, Alicia Quinn, Kathy Chiklis, the warmhearted Janet McIlveen and actress Drew Barrymore. Celebrating their

There are 10 homes on Cliff Street. The highestassessed home is the William and Angela Lowell home at 44 Cliff Street. Their home is assessed at \$1,661,900.

The second highestassessed home is owned by Myron and Davida Block. Their home is assessed for \$1,568,200.

The third highestassessed home, belongs to

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Summer In Nahant

A collaboration of old photographs, letters and memories of those who lived and resorted on this seaside penninsula before us.



Sights and Sidelights by THE SIGHTSEER (06-21-61)

A facet in the life of the world famous naturalist and zoologist of the Nineteenth Century; Jean Louis Agassiz, revealed in a new book about the scientist gives insight into the character of the town of Nahant in the middle of the last century. The book, "Louis Agassiz: Adventurous Scientist;" by Louise Hall Tharp discusses the man's joys in life in the small town while a zoology professor at Harvard. The book has recently been added to the collection of the Lynn Public Library.

Agassiz, a native of Switzerland, came to America for freedom in his pursuit of the study of nature. It has been said, that his teaching caused "a complete revolution in natural history study in America. As a result of his activities every notable teacher of natural history in the United States for the second half of the Nineteenth Century was at some time a pupil of Agassiz."

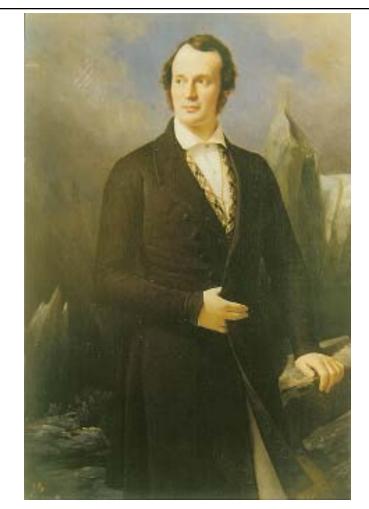
Among the descriptions in the new book uncovering Nahant 100 years ago are the following:

"In Summer the whole Agassiz family usually went to Nahant. Mrs. Agassiz's father bought. her a small white house in the village and and had it moved on rollers up to the top of the cliff near his own stone house. It was so small they called it the 'Butter Box'. But they added a wing on one side for. the children with extra rooms for some of their cousins and their friends, Mrs. Agassiz had grown up with four sisters and two brothers of her own and she loved a big family. On the other side of the house they built a laboratory for Agassiz.

"Agassiz was always fond of Nahant . . . almost an island joined to the mainland only by a sandy strip, with waves breaking over the road in stormy weather. Agassiz could look out of his window and see nothing but ocean with here and there a white sail. He soon made friends with all the fishermen down in the village and if they they found a strangelooking fish in their nets they would bring it to him. Sometimes they had to row a dory a long distance after the day's work was done but Agassiz always made them welcome. He would invite them into his laboratory and exclaim over the fish they had brought. They went away feeling proud because they were important to the work of a scientist.

"Agassiz himself went fishing at Nahant. He had become fascinated by jelly fish and his whole family loved to go jellyfishing with him. August was the best time. About eleven in the morning was soon enough if the tide was right — it should be rising. They kept a dory on the little beach beyond the cliffs in front of the house. And down the cliff path they





Jean Louis Rodolphe Agassiz by Fritz Zuberbuhler (1822-1896), oil on canvas, 1844. Harvard University Portrait Collection, Cambridge, Massachusetts; gift of G. R. Agassiz, Max Agassiz and R. L. Agassiz, 1910

went, carrying pails, nets and some glass bowels. (sic)

"Mrs. Agassiz saw how much fun the children had, not only catching jellyfish but learning about them. She wrote a book about sea creatures for her children, her nieces and nephews and their friends. Lynn played an important part in the building of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, the book recalls. 'Once Agassiz had thought of the Jardin des Plantes in Paris as the greatest museum in the world. But he had been a boy from the small country of Switzerland then, and now he lived in the United States. His ideas had grown as big as the United States — compared to Switzerland. Agassiz now thought of the Jardin des Plantes as much too small and he wanted to build a really big museum and direct it himself. The best place for it would not be Paris, France, but Cambridge, Massachusetts, he thought. "If Agassiz had still been living in Europe, he would have looked around for a king or a prince rich enough to build him a huge museum. In America, the thing to do was to look for a businessman. Francis Calley Gray, whose fortune came from shoe factories in Lynn, Massachusetts, was just the man. Now came the question of what to name the museum. Everybody thought it ought to be the Agassiz. Louis Agassiz himself said that natural science was more important than any one man. Mr. Gray agreed, so the name was neither Gray nor the Agassiz, but the Museum of Comparative Zoology."

Perkins, Cary and Agassiz cottages located on the north face of eastern Nahant near Spouting Horn.



Jean Louis Agassiz

World famous 19th Century Naturalist and Zoologist



LONGFELLOW

AGASSIZ

I stand again on the familiar shore, And hear the waves of the distracted sea Piteously calling and lamenting thee, And waiting restless at thy cottage door. The rocks, the seaweed on the ocean floor, The willows in the meadow, and the free Wild winds of the Atlantic welcome me; Then why shouldst thou be dead, and come no more? Ah, why shouldst thou be dead, when common men Are busy with their trivial affairs, Having and holding? Why, when thou hadst read Nature's mysterious manuscript, and then Wast ready to reveal the truth it bears, Why art thou silent? Why shouldst thou be dead?

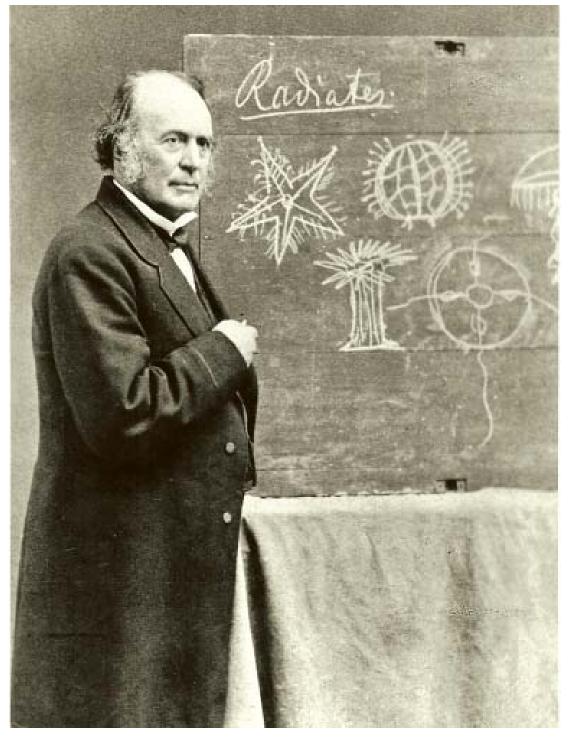
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Poem: "Agassiz" written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow on the occasion of the death of Louis Agassiz in 1873.

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Copy of a photograph of Professor Agassiz in the collection at the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology. Nahant Historical Society.

The Fiftieth Birthday of Agassiz

May 28, 1857

It was fifty years ago In the pleasant month of May, In the beautiful Pays de Vaud, A child in its cradle lay.

And Nature, the old nurse, took The child upon her knee, Saying: "Here is a story-book Thy Father has written for thee."

"Come, wander with me," she said, "Into regions yet untrod; And read what is still unread In the manuscripts of God." And he wandered away and away With Nature, the dear old nurse, Who sang to him night and day The rhymes of the universe.

And whenever the way seemed long, Or his heart began to fail, She would sing a more wonderful song, Or tell a more marvelous tale.

So she keeps him still a child, And will not let him go, Though at times his heart beats wild For the beautiful Pays de Vaud; Though at times he hears in his dreams The Ranz des Vaches of old, And the rush of mountain streams From glaciers clear and cold;

And the mother at home says, "Hark! For his voice I listen and yearn; It is growing late and dark, And my boy does not return!"

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor...

Allow me to extend a special note of appreciation to one of Nahant's most beloved residents, Catsy Fowle.

On the first Wednesday of 2005, a snowy, icy day, I had two appointments with an eye specialist. One involved emergency surgery, because of a freak accident, through which I "severely injured the wallpaper (cornea) of my left eye," as Dr. Jarudi put it.

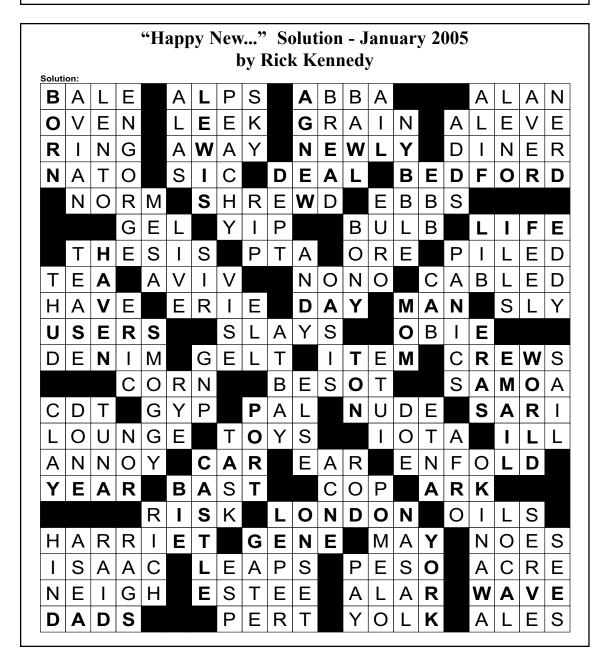
Since Iwas unable to drive, Catsy got me to both Peabody appointments, despite severe weather impediments. She also picked up my prescription, filled out forms and guided me to and from places I could barely see. Finally, Catsy calmed a seriously scared lady, normally perceived as fearless. Catsy Fowle adds a new dimension to the word Christian. I am largely recovered now, and remain deeply touched by her help and kindness.

- Maureen Lynch Edison, Nahant

Thank you to the Nahant Fire Department's ambulance crew, especially Adam and Dean, for their help on December 11th, when I broke my foot at the post office. Your care and kindness were deeply appreciated. Thank you, also, to a lovely woman, named Julia, I think, who lives near the Nahant Village Church, for giving me help until they arrived. The only positive side to being injured, is discovering the compassion of others. - Sharon Goss, Interim Pastor, NVC

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FRI	4	7:00A	NVC Men's Group Breakfast. Village Church
SAT	5	4:00P	Texas Hold'em Poker at the Nahant Country Club to
			benefit the Nahant Lions.
SUN	6	10:30A	Worship Service & Sunday School, Village Church
		3:00P	Tom Sheehan at the Nahant Public Library
TUE	8	10:30A	Woman's Club Valentine Program. FMI 581-0075.
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FRI	11	6:00P	Don't Cook Friday. Nahant Country Club
SAT	12		LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
SAT	12	2:00P	Valentine's Day Jewelry Workshop. School of Refrig-
			erator Door Art. Till 4:00 p.m.
SAT	12	7:30P	Friends of Earl Meeting at 17 Harbor View Road
SAT	12	8:00P	Blues Night. Nahant Country Club
SUN	13	10:30A	Worship Service & Sunday School, Village Church
MON	14		VALENTINE'S DAY
TUE	15	5:00P	DEADLINE FOR MARCH HARBOR REVIEW
SUN	20	10:30A	Worship Service & Sunday School, Village Church
SUN	20	6:00P	LynnArts Central Square Coffeehouse & Open Mic
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