



On Mars

Reviewer Tim Miller finds Matt Damon funny and entertaining in 'The Martian.' **Movies & TV, B1**



Coverage of all three SouthCoast football games

Sports, C1

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WEATHER

TODAY	SUN	MON
57°/49°	61°/47°	63°/46°

Complete forecast, A2

SOUTHCOAST



Sigh of relief

Towns were faring well Friday with no major flooding or traffic issues despite the constant deluge and sometimes, high winds. **A2**

FREETOWN

Fatal overdose

The latest victim of an apparent fatal drug overdose is a 22-year-old Assonet woman, fire officials said. **A4**

HOUSE & HOME



A peaceful place

The Home of the Week is a spacious two-bedroom Cape with attached two-car garage in a quiet neighborhood in Acushnet. **D1**

WAREHAM

Historical markers

Is your home or business site historically significant? If so, you can apply for a commemorative plaque through the Wareham Historical Society. **B5**

COMING SUNDAY

The wage gap

One out of every four women in New Bedford and Fall River is living at or below the federal poverty level. And the median income for women earners is about \$10,000 less than that of men across all sectors and educational levels. Many of these households in the SouthCoast cities — more than 40 percent — are headed by single mothers.

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CAMPUS KILLINGS IN OREGON

'Everyone is concerned'

SouthCoast leaders say latest mass shooting shows, once again, it could happen anywhere. **A2**

Gunman a 'troubled loner'

The 26-year-old was an Army dropout who studied mass shootings and the Irish Republican Army. **A5**

"I will not name the shooter. I will not give him the credit he probably sought prior to this horrific and cowardly act."

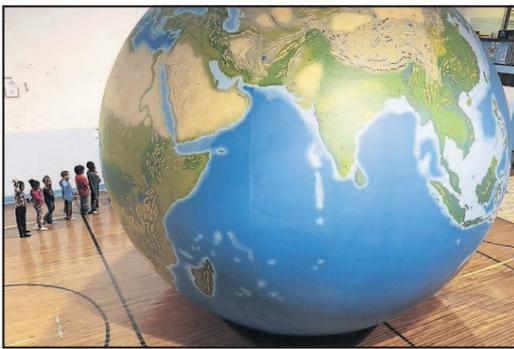
— Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin



Pictured top right, a sign honoring those killed is displayed Friday in Roseburg, Ore. RICH PEDRONCELLI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EDUCATION

A whole new WORLD



Second-graders from the Carlos Pacheco Elementary School in New Bedford find themselves inside a 20-foot globe listening to Rosalie Sokol explain the continents. The outside of the globe is a hand-painted, large-scale map. The inside is a portable classroom that reveals the positions of continents, islands and landforms relative to tectonic

plate boundaries and ocean spreading centers. The Earth-View program is sponsored by the geography department of Bridgewater State University. Learn more about the globe at microsites.bridgew.edu/earthview.

PHOTOS BY PETER PEREIRA/THE STANDARD-TIMES/SCMG

AFGHANISTAN

2 from Mass. air base die in crash

The airmen were members of the 66th Security Forces Squadron at Hanscom in Bedford. **A4**

"Our hearts are heavy with sorrow as we grieve with and for the families of these brave Airmen."

— Col. Michael A. Vogel

NEW BEDFORD

State: Search 'ongoing' for terminal operator

Officials say 3 proposals received but decline to provide any details. **A3**

ACUSHNET

Unclaimed bikes to find new home at GiftsToGive

Police clean out basement, bicycle shop owner to repair what he can and send them to charity. **A3**



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IN BRIEF

Route 18 pothole posed problem for drivers

NEW BEDFORD — A problematic pothole was fixed on Route 18 Friday evening after several drivers complained.

Around 6 p.m., at least five drivers reported hitting a deep pothole on Route 18 northbound under the railroad bridge. Several said their cars had sustained minor damage and in at least two cases, they said their vehicles had flat tires. State police said the pothole, which some motorists described as about a foot deep, was made worse by the continuous rain.

Crews from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation arrived at the scene to fill the pothole, officials said.

— *Auditi Guha*

Recycling grants awarded

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has awarded recycling grants to communities in the First Plymouth and Bristol district. In announcing the grants for his district, Sen. Marc Pacheco, D-Taunton, said in a news release that the Massachusetts Sustainable Materials Recovery Program offers funding to cities, towns and regional entities for recycling, composting reuse and more.

Pacheco said funding was secured for Bridgewater \$1,500; Middleboro \$6,850; Taunton \$35,000; and Wareham \$1,500. Grants are available for recycling and composting equipment; Pay-As-You-Throw programs; waste reduction enforcement; school recycling; and organics capacity development projects. F

For more information, contact Pacheco's office at 617-722-1551, visit facebook.com/SenatorMarcPacheco or follow Pacheco on Twitter @MarcRPacheco.

UMass trustees celebrate chairman

Springfield native Victor Woolridge was officially welcomed into his role as chairman of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees on Thursday.

"Victor has done a tremendous job ... shepherding the university through an important period of transition. He has been at the helm during the search for a new president for the system and new chancellor for UMass Lowell, navigating the waters with his clear, calm, even-handed style of leadership," said UMass President Marty Meehan at a reception held at the UMass Center at Springfield.

Vice president of Cornerstone Real Estate Advisers and a 1979 graduate of UMass Amherst, Woolridge was appointed chairman of the 22-member board earlier this year, having been a member since 2009 with a variety of leadership posts. During his tenure, his interests have included student affordability, efficiency and effectiveness and providing access to high-quality academic programs, a news release said.

"As a product of a gateway city I can attest that aspiring students and families aren't locked out from opportunities, but through institutions like UMass, the pathways to opportunity are wide open," he said in the release.

— *Auditi Guha*

CORRECTION

An Oct. 2 story about the number of children not attending New Bedford public schools because they have not been vaccinated should have stated that vaccination clinics will be held every Wednesday at the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center while necessary. In addition, the story should have stated that under state law, boards of health can require and provide vaccinations "if in their opinion it is necessary for public health and safety."

NEW BEDFORD

State: Terminal operator search 'ongoing'

By Mike Lawrence
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NEW BEDFORD — There was plenty of talk this week on Beacon Hill about the potential for an offshore wind industry in Southeastern Massachusetts, but there's far less talk about a potential operator for the \$113 million facility designed to service that industry.

"The search for a terminal operator remains ongoing. We've had a number of competing interests in the facility," said Catherine Williams, spokesman for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), which manages the 28-acre Marine Commerce Terminal on New Bedford's waterfront.

"We want to evaluate each option carefully in order to ensure the best return on investment for the Commonwealth, and this process is taking more time than we anticipated," Williams said Wednesday.

MassCEC said it received three proposals from potential operators in late March, but has declined to release information about the proposals until an operator is

named. Williams and Bill White, MassCEC's director of offshore wind energy development, said throughout the spring that an operator would be named by the end of summer.

Williams did not say whether, with the March deadline passed, a new timetable was planned. The initial Feb. 23 deadline was extended to March 30.

"MassCEC is focused on creating long-term economic activity for the SouthCoast and for the state by securing an operator as soon as possible," she said in an email.

Matthew Morrissey, former adviser to the city's Wind Energy Center and now executive director of New Bedford-based trade association Offshore Wind Massachusetts, wasn't concerned by the situation Wednesday.

"I don't think that the industry would feel that the lack of an operator at this time is a challenge," Morrissey said. "The fact that the terminal exists and is available for use is a very real positive for reducing the costs of any future project."

Morrissey spoke to the state Legislature's joint energy committee Tuesday

on Beacon Hill, and told lawmakers that south of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, "the wind blows like in only a handful of other places on Earth."

Seated next to Morrissey were representatives of DONG Energy, OffshoreMW and Deepwater Wind, all of which have leased federal waters for offshore wind projects off Massachusetts or Rhode Island.

Erich Stephens, executive vice president of New Jersey-based OffshoreMW, told the committee his company is wholly owned by The Blackstone Group, one of the largest investment companies in the world. Thomas Brostrom, North America general manager for Denmark-based DONG, said the energy developer has invested millions in offshore wind projects and technology over the past 25 years.

Their comments came as legislators and Gov. Charlie Baker address multiple energy bills, which could be combined into an omnibus bill that would guide state energy development for years to come.

"Offshore wind can be built quickly enough to meet the new capacity

Massachusetts needs," Stephens said.

Use of the Marine Commerce Terminal, though, has been slow to develop. The terminal received its first two cargo ships over the summer — carrying turbine components for an onshore wind farm in Plymouth — but the components remained on the terminal Wednesday, as Bourne town officials this week finally approved requests to allow transport of the massive parts through the town. The board had delayed the transport two months.

Williams said Spain-based manufacturer Gamesa, which built and shipped the parts, had extended its lease of the terminal through October.

"Gamesa's use of the terminal has been beneficial during this startup period," Williams said, via email. "The terminal can accommodate multiple customers at the same time, and we anticipate future cargo to be able to utilize other areas of the terminal."

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ACUSHNET

Well-spoken

Basement full of bicycles yields dozens to be donated to charity

By Steve Urbon
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ACUSHNET — Police Chief Michael Alves stepped carefully down the bulkhead stairs of the Parting Ways building and into the unlit basement, and he surveyed the stacks and rows of bicycles that had been accumulating there for the past eight years.

The Police Department's impending move to a new building on Middle Road is forcing the department to clean out its current home, and one would expect that these bikes would be consigned to a recycler, so to speak.

But Kim Camara was to arrive momentarily to do what he has done for several years now in other places: take the better bikes out of the basement where no one claimed them and take them to his shop at Yesteryear Cyclery in New Bedford.

There, Camara will refurbish the bikes and then donate them, 10 at a time, to GiftsToGive.

That's Jim Stevens' charity, which last year moved to Titleist Drive in Acushnet and saw its donations double.

Stevens and his platoons of volunteers will then give the bikes away when one of its many partner social service agencies finds families that need them.

Friday morning, in a steady rain, Chief Alves was joined by Camara, Camara's helper William Cova, and GiftsToGive volunteer Bob Cormier.

One by one they hauled the bikes into the daylight, Camara doing a quick triage as they passed through his hands.

This one yes, that one no. A pile of the bikes is forming for the recycler after all.

"These would take too much to repair, and it wouldn't be worth it," he said.



Kim Camara owner of Yesteryear Cyclery in New Bedford picks up unclaimed bikes from the Acushnet police station, which he will refurbish and give to Gifts to Give. PETER PEREIRA PHOTOS/THE STANDARD-TIMES/SCMG



Acushnet police officer Derek Cathcart loads up unclaimed bikes from the Acushnet police station.

He knows his business and he works fast.

Most of the bikes are nothing special, and some were

pure junk from the time they were manufactured.

Cova said that many of them were made by the same

manufacturer under different names for different department stores.

Eventually the team got to the last of the bikes and Camara added them up. Thirty-three were deemed worthy of refurbishing, and 29 failed the screening.

Camara's brightly colored delivery van soon filled up with the bulk of the better bikes, to take them in and begin work.

Camara said he often gets bikes donated at his shop that get the same treatment.

But he said there are a few bikes, not in this batch but in others, that are worth some serious money, hundreds of dollars.

"Not to say anything bad about GiftsToGive, but what

I do is sell those bikes and give GiftsToGive the proceeds," he said.

It's a bigger bang for the buck.

Those proceeds recently resulted in a check for \$1,000 for GiftsToGive.

In case anyone is wondering, Yesteryear doesn't supply helmets, and helmets are required by law for those 16 and under.

But at the charity's sprawling headquarters in the old Acushnet Company building, Stevens pointed to several large boxes filled with new or new-looking helmets, ready to complete the package when a bike is delivered.

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FISHERIES

Legislator: Federal money for study is a good sign

By Andy Metzger
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BOSTON — One of the Legislature's top fishing advocates has taken encouragement from the federal government approving funding for an industry survey of cod stocks.

As part of \$6.9 million in federal disaster relief, the National Marine Fisheries Service approved federal funds for an industry-based survey of Gulf of Maine cod, a species whose apparent decimation led to drastic reductions in catch limits and a fisheries disaster declaration.

Gov. Charlie Baker and other Massachusetts elected officials have criticized

federal fishery regulators for refusing to consider alternative scientific methods for estimating fish stocks.

The School for Marine Science and Technology at UMass Dartmouth has developed new methods for assessing sea life.

Sen. Bruce Tarr, a Gloucester Republican, said he was encouraged that the industry study was included in the grant award approved by federal fishery regulators.

"It offers me a sign of hope that they will begin to take seriously collaborative research and consider the independent efforts to try to give us a better understanding of what's happening with cod stocks," Tarr told the

News Service.

The state Division of Marine Fisheries on Thursday announced the award, which will send most of a \$6.7 million pot toward direct aid for fishermen and use another \$200,000 to fund the administration of a program to buy back fishing licenses, which would be industry-funded, according to the state.

The division will work on developing a proposal for a buyback program, and will work on helping fishermen obtain experimental federal permits for small-mesh nets.

The industry study will use input from a federal research station in Woods Hole and the fishery institute

at UMass Dartmouth along with guidance from the industry to conduct a three-year study, in part to test the fishermen's theory that cod have moved farther offshore in response to warming seawater.

Commissioner of Fish and Game George Peterson told the News Service in August that Gulf of Maine cod stocks are estimated at 2 to 3 percent of the amount federal officials believe are necessary for the species to rebuild.

As part of a \$75 million fishery disaster relief package, Congress approved \$32.8 million for the groundfish fishery in New England and New York, and Thursday's award was the final round of aid included in that package.