

# **Wareham Police investigation leads to recovery of over \$10,000 worth of shoplifted items**

On Tuesday, November 26, at 12:42 p.m. Wareham Police Officer Aaron Pacheco responded to AutoZone on Cranberry Highway for a shoplifting.

A witness had observed a female walk out of the store with an item she had just stolen and provided Officer Pacheco with a plate number to the suspect's car. Several minutes later Officer Pacheco located the vehicle at a local apartment complex. After a brief investigation, he not only identified the suspect, he recovered the stolen item from AutoZone.

While investigating the shoplifting Officer Pacheco observed several other items in the apartment which he believed were stolen. Detectives were summoned to the scene and recovered over \$10,000 in suspected stolen merchandise from multiple locations. The items were seized and brought back to the station in an attempt to identify where they were stolen from.

Dorothy Keoseian (49), of East Wareham, is being summoned to Wareham District Court for receiving stolen property over \$1,200.

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**New Bedford cold weather**

# overflow shelter open tonight, December 04

Due to the continued weather conditions, the overflow will be opened again tonight. All inquiries can be forwarded to Sister Rose House and 1-800-homeless.

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# December marked with three special cosmic events for Massachusetts skywatchers

While the official start to winter isn't until Saturday, December 21st, it is the time of year when the longer nights are conducive to stargazing.

In the past 2 months, we've been treated to a number of meteor showers, a few fireballs with the Taurids, and a stunning Blood or Hunter's Moon. Skywatchers will be in for a few delightful treats in the month of December in the form of three shows: the Geminid meteor shower, Winter Solstice, and a solar eclipse.



## **Geminid Meteor Shower: December 13th-14th**

The opening act for December will be the annual visit of the

Geminids. The Geminids were created when the Apollo asteroid (near-Earth object) called 3200 Phaethon, slammed into an unknown object in the distant. There are 19 major meteors that comprise the Geminids and countless smaller meteors and these objects create the showers. What does that mean for us? That within an hour's time you may not only catch 20-30, and even up to as many as 150 meteors, but you will occasionally see a fireball or two. The one potential gig-harsher is that December 12th will be a full moon and the light pollution may lead to spotting fewer meteors than is typical, but 20-30 an hour is a decent show.

Head outside starting at 9:00 pm to enjoy the show which will peak somewhere around 2:00am.



## **Winter Solstice: December 21st at 11:19pm**

Next act up is the Winter Solstice which means meaning 'the Sun stands still.' A solstice is when one of the Earth's poles has its maximum tilt away from the Sun. The Winter Solstice marks the day with the shortest period of daylight and longest night of the year and is the "sibling" of the other solstice, the Summer Solstice in June.

This event marks the official first day of winter and many traditions and cultures celebrate its symbolism which represents death and rebirth or “resurrection”. Scientifically and among pagans that refers to the birth of the sun, and in religious traditions that refer to Jesus, Mithras, Phrygia’s Attis, Mesopotamia’s Dumuzid/Tammuz, Adonis and Orpheus for the Greeks, Osiris for the ancient Egyptians and myriad others.

Regardless of which meaning, one chooses to assign to it, it signifies a reversal of the gradual lengthening of nights and shortening of days in Northern Hemisphere. On the other side of the world, the Southern Hemisphere, it is the official start to summer.



## **Annular “Ring Of Fire,” Solar Eclipse: December 26th**

The final act of the year is no less spectacular than the other three: the annular solar eclipse, a day after Christmas. A solar eclipse is when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun, thereby totally or partly obscuring the Sun. This will be the last solar eclipse of 2019 and the decade, and the first

eclipse this season. It is often referred to as a 'ring of fire' eclipse since the moon is so far away from the earth this time of year that it won't block out the sun entirely, leaving what will appear to be a "ring." This eclipse will be an astounding two minutes and 17 seconds long.

First the bad news: it will only be visible with the special protective eyewear, eclipse glasses or a pinhole camera in Saudi Arabia, southern India, and parts of Indonesia. Yes, you cannot see it with the naked eye without damaging your eyes, and no, sunglasses will not protect you.

The good news is that where this eclipse is viewable directly, there will be countless photojournalists capturing it and streaming it live. That means you can find online streams as it happens, or simply search about for images and videos when you wake up the next day. Since many of us don't have special glasses or will be asleep as it happens, we'll be checking out photos and videos anyway.

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## **New Bedford cold weather overflow shelter open tonight, November 30**

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**Three graduate from Bristol  
County Sheriff's Office K9**

# Academy

Sixteen weeks ago, Ryan Isherwood's life changed forever.

The new Bristol County Sheriff's Office K9 Officer was at Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania, looking over puppies a little more than a year old and trying to choose his new partner.

He settled on Xiro (pronounced Zero), a black German Shepherd who had boundless energy. Today, Xiro is 16 months old, weighs 78 pounds, and is a best friend to Officer Isherwood's family and a loyal partner to his handler.

"I've only known him four months but I can't picture life without him," Officer Isherwood said of his partner. "Becoming a K9 officer is one of the best things that's ever happened to me."

The beginning of Officer Isherwood's journey as a K9 officer came to a ceremonious conclusion Friday morning at the Bristol County Sheriff's Office, where he joined K9 Officer Brennan Bulgar and his partner, K9 Eros, and Fall River Police Sgt. Jeff Richard and his partner, K9 Odin, in graduating from the Bristol County K9 Academy.

Eros is Officer Bulgar's second dog as his former partner, Axel, retired earlier this year after almost 10 years of service. Odin is Sgt. Richard's third K9 partner after the retirement of his first two. Typically, law enforcement dogs retire from duty after nine or 10 years but continue to live with their partners as the family pet.

Cheering the graduates on Friday morning were almost 100 family, friends and colleagues. Wives, mothers, fathers and children smiled and snapped pictures. Law enforcement officers from the Sheriff's Office, Fall River Police Department, New Bedford Police Department, Rehoboth Police Department and



Mass. State Police applauded loudly. The graduates smiled and posed for pictures with Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson and Fall River Police Chief Albert Dupere.

“This is so important because it speaks to the partnerships we have across law enforcement. We’re all very proud of these partnerships and they make the communities safer,” Sheriff Hodgson said at the graduation ceremony. “These officers and their K9 partners have gone above and beyond the call. Anyone will tell you a K9 Officer is not an eight-hours-a-day job. It’s a commitment to public safety and these K9 officers are outstanding examples of public service.”

The K9 Academy is 16 weeks long and focuses on bonding, communication and building a relationship between handler and K9 partner. The dogs learn and develop basic apprehension and tracking skills that can help law enforcement track suspects or missing persons. Later, the dogs may become trained to detect narcotics, cell phones or explosive components.

The graduates presented plaques to Sheriff Hodgson, Chief Dupere, BCSO Supt. Steven Souza, K9 Capt. Paul Douglas and K9 Officer William Dillingham, who assisted Capt. Douglas in running the training academy.

“Brennan, Ryan and Sgt. Richard were just absolutely fantastic to work with,” Capt. Douglas said. “These three are some of the most professional, dedicated officers you’ll find in any law enforcement organization. I couldn’t be more proud of them for all they’ve accomplished.”

Friday’s graduation ceremony also brought a special honor for Officer Isherwood. BCSO Lt. Andy Mitzen presented him with a custom sculpture of Xiro that was made from an old weathervane. Officer Isherwood spent several years as a corrections officer inside the House of Corrections and worked with Lt. Mitzen and other security staff for many years before being promoted to the K9 Division.

Also in attendance on Friday were criminal justice students from Attleboro High School. The BCSO K9 team puts on demonstrations for teacher Tobey Reed's classes annually, and this year saw Officer Isherwood and the team lead a class on defensive tactics that the students enjoyed thoroughly. The kids cheered loudly when Officers Bulgar, Isherwood and Sgt. Richard were recognized, and some of them sought out Officer Isherwood after the ceremony for pictures.

The K9 team also wanted to give some special gratitude to Kathy Costa, owner of Katz Pet Supplies on Route 6 in Somerset who donates all the dog food for the four-legged officers from BCSO, New Bedford PD, Fall River PD and Somerset PD.

Also, the team thanked Charlie Quinn and the entire Quinn family of Standard Marine on Pope's Island for opening up their property for the team to use for training. Between the marine setting behind Standard Marine to the expansive site of Revere Copper in New Bedford, the K9 training group has been able to train in different environments that mimic real-world situations.

"At Standard Marine, there are welders and fishing boats, a lot of different scents in the air, which makes training in those environments so effective," Capt. Douglas said. "Revere Copper is so big we've done vehicle stops and searches there. These facilities are making a big difference and making our team and our dogs better."

"They're out there risking their lives every day, it's the least I could do," Charlie Quinn said last week. "They're all great guys and it's our pleasure to have them around."

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# Massachusetts State Police's Colonel Mason Issues Statement Following Sentencing of David Njuguna

Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, released the following statement in response to today's sentencing of DAVID NJUGUNA for causing the death of Trooper Thomas Clardy.

## STATEMENT OF COLONEL MASON:

*"First and foremost, we are painfully cognizant that no sentence can return Trooper Clardy to those who loved him and love him still. This loss can never be restored, and everyone who loved or worked with Tom would prefer that the law allow for a sentence much more commensurate with the taking of a life under these circumstances.*

Nonetheless, we are aware of the sentencing guidelines prescribed by the law and we are grateful for the court's consideration of the severity of this offense. As we move forward, we continue to look toward and be guided by Tom's example as a family man and a Massachusetts State Trooper, and our thoughts and hearts are, as ever, with his loved ones."  
—Colonel Christopher Mason.

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## What's in a name? A travel

# through history, culture, and ethnicity through New Bedford's surnames: "Cabral"

**Intro to Series: Skip, if you just want the "goods."**

People are fascinated by their family's background and asking someone what they "are" will uncover a lot about a person's identity, family history, and their sense of identity – or lack of it. America being a melting pot more than any country on earth, a person's surname, ethnicity, or heritage is a popular topic of discussion.

When you tell someone you are Irish, German, Kenyan, Wampanoag, Mexican, Brazilian, et al you are sharing a quick symbol that describes a lot about you. Even if it's not accurate, or you call yourself "a mutt," are "half" this, a little "this, that, and this" you still say a lot about who you are. Often you will hear two sets of identity: "On my mother's side, I am 'x' and on my father's side, I am 'x.'"

It may come as a surprise to many Americans, but this is something very...well, American. The rest of the world thinks it's odd or even make us a butt of their jokes. The American fascination with heritage and ethnicity goes even further than that – we love to spend money on DNA kits, to debate and argue over race and/or skin color, and no political discussion is without it.

It's hard for most Americans to not filter everything through these things. A surname is more than just a person ethnicity and identity: it's also a connection to the "Old World," the history of those nations, and the cuisines. Those things make surnames an interesting topic of discussion!

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## **The Surname Cabral, its origin, variations, and history**

The surname Cabral has etymological roots in the Latin "Capraria," and you will come across variations like Cabrallo, Cabrales, Cabrera, Cabrini, Cabrone, Cabrotti, Cabrilli and many more. As the more astute of you have already figured out or can see, the name has links to nearby Spain because of the close proximity and history of the two nations. However, it is Italy, specifically Aragono, Sicily, that it has its origin going back to 1040 A.D. where history records a Ponzo Cabrera who was Viscount of Cabrera, Girona, and Anger.

Being primarily a surname that is job descriptive, anyone who speaks Portuguese, Spanish or Italian can see the root "cabra" ("capra" in Italian) meaning goat and the obvious job description would be that of a goat farmer, or even one that lived near a goat farm. While that might sound strange and one may think "Who would be so high on living at a goat farm that they would adopt it as their last name?" we should recall that many of the first surnames meant "Son of" e.g., "Steven-son," "Ander-son" or they meant "from," e.g., De la Hoya, D'Augustine, De Cervantes, De Balzac, van den Vondel, von Goethe, etc.



The entire reasoning for the adoption of surnames was to specify *which* John one was referring to. Was it John the son of Anders? Or the John the son of Steven? As one might surmise, it would take long before there were multiple Johns that also had fathers named Steven. This led to using a person's city, town, village or, in this particular case, their job as a way to discern between the many Johns who also shared fathers with the same name. Combine them and you can get even more specific – John Stevenson Cabral, would then mean the John whose father is Steven and is also a goat farmer. Phew, that's a mouthful, so surnames were utilized for a very practical reason.

Alternatively, or fictitious John may not have been the farmer or landowner, but simply a worker. This highlights the idea that up to about as late as the 14th century, surnames initially were not used as actual names but part of a long sentence used to describe who a person was specifically by who their family was, the village they were from or their occupation. Eventually, out of practicality, that long sentence about who your father was, what you did for a living, or where you were from, was shortened and all the "fillers"

removed. Point being, that the surname was just used as a descriptor and not hereditary or a source of family pride as it is today. So, being “John, son of Steve, who works at a goat farm.” served a very useful function and wasn’t tied to your family outside of identifying your father.

Besides, what’s wrong with being a goat farmer or worker? Society is comprised of a myriad of parts and the quality of its whole is determined by a balance among those parts. Centuries ago, the goat farmer was a very necessary facet of society and was often a beloved one – he was the person who brought the community yogurt, cheese, milk, and meat. At one time in Europe’s history, the goat farmer was one of the most important jobs in any village, town or city! Especially during times that disease or viruses would sweep through cattle who served a similar purpose as the goat.



One of the interesting times in recorded history that the surname crops up is, believe it or not, 18th century Mexico with the name Ybanez Cabral. Spain was, of course, trying to

colonize Central America and parts of South America and start a New Spain, and a new line of the name was forged and found in high concentrations in Spanish speaking Mexico, Peru, and of course, Portuguese speaking Brazil. By this time European governments fell in love with the idea of a surname because it meant they could find you when you didn't pay your taxes and so they began to force the idea on citizens.

By the 19th century, the name began to spread north into the US, first through Puerto Rico and then into the continental mainland. I think it would be redundant to mention that the South Coast of Massachusetts was one of the very first places to have Portuguese communities of any size, but many Portuguese also made Hawaii home and you will find many Cabrals there as well.

In summary, Cabral is a name that has its origins in Sicily and from there spread into Portugal and Spain before arriving in the New World across both continents. While today, the surname is common here on the South Coast and is equated with being Portuguese, it is actually Sicilian and it is likely that those Portuguese Cabrals living on the South Coast will find Italian DNA if they use any of the tests that are popular these days. Some of those tests will only generalize and will show up as "Iberia" on those tests, which refers to the Iberian Peninsula of Spain and Portugal, but that spills into Italy and interestingly enough, France.





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# New Bedford's Zeiterion Theater adds Ultimate 70s Tour with Orleans, Pure Prairie League & Poco

*"We're still having fun, and you're still the one!"*

Orleans is the 70s pop-rock band that brought you the iconic hits "Still the One," "Dance With Me" and "Love Takes Time." Cofounder Lance Hoppen, along with long-standing members Lane Hoppen, Fly Amero and Charlie Morgan were rejoined by cofounder John Hall – who was on sabbatical as a US Congressman – to forge ahead into their fifth decade of live performances. Poco's distinctive harmonies and stellar musicianship have defined the sound of country-rock for the past 50 years.

Co-founder Rusty Young, who wrote and sang their biggest hits, is joined by four formidable songwriters, vocalists, arrangers and players. Hear their '70s hits like "Crazy Love," "A Good

Feelin' To Know," "Rose Of Cimarron," "Call It Love," "Heart Of The Night" and "Keep On Tryin."

Pure Prairie League features founding member/pedal-steel innovator John David Call, veteran bassist Mike Reilly, propulsive drummer Scott Thompson and guitar ace Donnie Clark. Together they are one country-rock's pioneering forces, with a sound described as "strong Kentucky moonshine with musicianship as sharp as a straight razor." They'll play their greatest hits including "Amie," "Two-Lane Highway" and "Let Me Love You Tonight."

Be there for an amazing night of 70s' country-flavored pop music! FRIDAY, 8PM, MAY 1. Member Presale: Tuesday, November 19, 10AM. Public Sale: Friday, November 22, 10AM. More details and how to purchase your tickets [here](#).



# Massachusetts State Police participate in annual Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

Colonel Christopher Mason and members of the department were on hand at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro yesterday morning for the annual Massachusetts Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

MSP members ran from the Foxboro Barracks to the stadium and also manned a High 5 line for runners.

Special thanks to Captain Lenny Copenrath and Lieutenant Tim Curtin for organizing this event.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) is a year-round fundraising and awareness building program, designed to allow members of the law enforcement community the opportunity to support Special Olympics athletes who live, work and compete in their local communities.

Since its inception in 1981, the Law Enforcement Torch Run program has raised over \$790,000,000 globally. In 2018, Massachusetts LETR raised over \$680,000!



*Massachusetts State Police photo.*

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## **New Bedford resident disgusted after cab keeps running meter after accident**

"You take a cab and the cab is in an accident should you still be responsible to pay for the ride?"

My girlfriend got a ride from Yellow Cab yesterday around 1:00 pm. They were around the Route 18 and Cove St. area when the cab was struck on the driver's side.

The police were called and [everyone] gave police reports. At this point, the meter was **still** running. She was in shock. They didn't even offer her a ride to the hospital.

When she arrived at her destination, they charged her \$20 on a trip that usually costs \$15. When I arrived, she had severe neck and shoulder pain, which were documented at the hospital.

My question to you is, should she be responsible to overpay for this cab ride?

#BoycottYellowCab"-Lenox Morgan.