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What might have been: Mashpee is the only Cape town that has never enjoyed rail service. Recently, we had the privilege of reading historian **Jim Coogan's** unpublished collection of excerpts from *The Barnstable Patriot* and the *Yarmouth Register* during the Civil War years, and found this entry for our Feb. 7, 1865 edition: "More commentary by the *Patriot* about extending a rail line to Provincetown and also to Woods Hole. The Woods Hole connection would be made over a proposed line southwest from the West Barnstable rail road station and would take in Marstons Mills, Mashpee, Waquoit, and East Falmouth." Just imagine how those rural enclaves might have developed differently with easy access to a train line.... There was word earlier this week from the Vineyard Today Web site (www.vineyardtoday.com) that the *Cape Cod Times* will end home delivery of the paper on Martha's Vineyard after April 6. IN its March 18 update, the daily confirmed that step, as well as elimination of the service on Nantucket. The paper will continue to be available at retail locations on the islands. The Times announced a 45-day free trial of its E-edition, which it described as "an exact electronic replica of that day's print product." After the trial, a subscription will be \$4.99 a month. A commenter on the Vineyard Today site provided access information for the Web edition. As of yesterday morning (March 19), it could be viewed by going to <http://capecodtimes.ma.newsmemory.com>, then entering "capecodtimes" as the user ID and "Islands" as the password.... Growth management: Pumpkin king Skip Simpson will share his secrets regarding "How to Grow a Giant Pumpkin, for Beginners" March 28 at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Building on Route 149 in West Barnstable. And don't forget to April 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. for the WB Civic Association's annual Spaghetti Supper at the fire department, also on Route 149... **John Rega** is readying a celebration of the 15th anniversary of *Fooding Around*, his show that introduces viewers to guest chefs from around the region. On Saturdays and Sundays from 5 to 6 p.m. on Comcast Digital Channel 283, you can watch chefs such as Bob Calderone of Barnstable Restaurant and Juan Paredes of Pain D'Avignon Bakery prepare special dishes. If the sight of all that food would just drive you crazy, you can listen instead Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon on WXTK 95FM.... A big show and a big turnout are hallmarks of the **Hyannis Rotary Club Home & Garden Show**, which marks its 51st edition March 28 and 20 at the Barnstable High School Field House on West Main Street. More than 125 exhibitors from all over offer not only their products but also advice for planning indoor and outdoor improvements. Don't worry about getting tired taking it all in: for a \$5 donation to Rotary, you can get a 10-minute neck and shoulder chair massage from a Cape Cod Community College massage therapy student. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 28 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 29. Admission is \$5; children under 12 attend for free; proceeds go to Rotary's good works.... There's still time to sign up for the second annual **Creative Collaborative Conference** sponsored by the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod March 26 at the Cape Codder Resort & Spa in Hyannis. Details are available at www.artsfoundation.org. The evening awards ceremony is open to all at no charge; send an e-mail to creative@artsfoundation.org to register. Barnstable High School drama guru John Sullivan will receive an honor for community leadership in support of the arts.... They were serious: The Barnstable Education Foundation is moving forward with plans (described in last week's *Patriot*) to turn an overgrown downtown Hyannis lot into a mini-golf course this summer to raise funds for public school programs not supported by the school budget. "**Strokes of Genius!**" is looking for donations of supplies, landscaping, benches, a shed, a sound system and more. For more information, including levels of sponsorship, go to www.BarnstableEducationFoundation.org or call 508-428-5895.... We follow the doings of **Patriot alum Virginia Ryan** with pride, whether she's speaking last week at a gathering of fellow former Peace Corps members or working to house the homeless as director of special projects at Housing Assistance Corporation. This time of year, she impresses us by running the Boston Marathon as a fundraiser for HAC. On April 9 from 5 to 9 p.m., she'll host a pre-race party at Tommy Doyle's Irish Pub on Main Street in Hyannis along with running buddy Pete Stringer, Nils Ahlin, and Curly Carey. Your \$30 admission guarantees food, music, and the right to bid on auction items ranging from Red Sox-Yankees tickets to time at a luxury condo in Colorado. You can also go to www.haconcapecod.org to donate.... Too Late for the Listings: Have tea March 24 at 2:30 p.m. with authors **Sara Young (aka Sara Pennypacker)**, **Suzanne Strempek Shea**, and **Robert Gardiner** at the

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