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The calendar may indicate the October holiday weekend is over, but Islanders have another holiday to look forward to the day after Columbus Day: the Wampanoag community's Cranberry Day.

Cranberries were an important food source for the tribe for thousands of years. While harvests are well down from peak years in the late 1800's, the Vineyard Gazette reports that there are still more than 20 cranberry bogs of varying size owned by the tribe in Aquinnah.

As in years past, the day will begin with a dawn harvest of berries and a statement of thanks. Harvesting continues throughout the day and culminates in a potluck dinner with dancing and drumming in the tribal building in the evening. All events are open to the public. For more information, call 508-645-9265.

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Edgartown police arrested two men on drug possession charges Friday following a bust at 10 Chamber's Way. The operation was conducted in cooperation with the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force.

According to the Vineyard Gazette, officers located and seized approximately ten (10) grams of sale-ready heroin along with drug paraphernalia, two and a half ecstasy pills and a small amount of hallucinogenic mushrooms.

Martha's Vineyard has suffered two heroine overdoses since mid-September. Police emphasized the growing problem the drug is creating for the island community and asked residents to inform their local police department if they suspect or know of narcotics dealing, especially heroin.

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A two hundred and eighty thousand dollar (\$280,000) state grant for a proposed restoration project at Squibnocket Beach may be in jeopardy, town leaders in Chilmark learned last week. The project needs to be approved by town residents prior to receiving state support. Voters rejected the most recent plan last spring.

Brad Washburn, assistant director of the Office of Coastal Zone Management , told the Vineyard Gazette that the terms of the grant could possibly be amended.

He also offered his assurance that the CZM was “committed to funding this project” and would be looking to the town to determine how to proceed.

Several alternative proposals have been submitted to a special town committee since July, but none are in their final stages. Town officials will address the issue at their meeting this week. A session has also been set for October 20<sup>th</sup> to review the progress to date of the special committees work.

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