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McKee makes bridge crisis moves

Special SBA office remains open, moves to City Hall; Council pens letter seeking state assistance

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Facing mounting scrutiny of his efforts in the matter, specifically, Governor Dan McKee had a busy few days responding to the ever-growing Washington Bridge closure crisis over the last week plus.

McKee announced earlier this week he had requested more aid, both financial and administrative, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The governor's office also acknowledged the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Transportation's inspector general were both "seeking documents and records related to the Washington Bridge" from the R.I. Department of Transportation about its actions prior to and since the sudden closure of the westbound side of the span on December 11, 2023.

In addition, the governor said Joe Almond, his deputy chief of staff, would be his direct representative on the Rhode Island Department of Transportation staff, providing what the governor termed "cross-agency coordination" for the state's operations on the bridge.

Almond, a former police officer, joined the McKee administration after spending 15 years as Lincoln's elected Town Administrator. McKee cited Almond's experience overseeing both municipal construction projects and law enforcement as reasons why he was moved into the role.

The moves came after McKee and RIDOT Director Peter Alviti at a January 22 press conference admitted publicly for the first time the potential for a complete replacement of the westbound portion of the 56-year-old structure.

SBA office move

Late last week, McKee said the U.S. Small Business Administration's Business Recovery Center in East Providence would remain open for the foreseeable future. The office will move from the Weaver Library across Grove Avenue into East Providence City Hall.

A press release from the governor's office noted the move would "allow businesses impacted by the Washington Bridge construction additional time to take advantage of the low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans and receive support throughout their application process should they need guidance in appeals or in providing additional information to the SBA."

The SBA will continue to monitor the number of businesses utilizing resources at the Business Recovery Center in East Providence and will adjust the hours and length of time the center is needed accordingly. SBA representatives are available to connect virtually, as well as in person at a separate Business Recovery Center located at the North Providence Public Safety Complex. As of January 25, 667 businesses had applied for the loans.

Economic Injury Disaster Loans are working capital loans, which will carry a 4% interest rate (3.25% for non-profits) with a term of up to 30



A view of the traffic jam on Interstate 195 backed up to the Rhode Island state line with Massachusetts in Seekonk just prior to rush hour Monday, Jan. 29, but it could have been any day since the Washington Bridge west side closure in early December of last year.

years to help minimize the impact on the business's cash flow. Applications for loans of up to \$2,000,000 may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov/search-disaster/?disaster=RI-20001> or locally at the SBA Business Recovery Center.

As of Monday, Jan. 29, the SBA Business Recovery Center will operate at East Providence City Hall, located at 145 Taunton Ave., Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Rodericks letter

At-Large member and body President Bob Rodericks made public a letter he penned on behalf of the entire City Council to McKee, calling for the governor to use his powers to immediately assist with East Providence's response to the bridge crisis.

Rodericks wrote in part, "...I respectfully request that you consider enacting a 'State of Emergency' declaration. Possibly the US Army Corps of Engineers can expedite the bridge repairs alongside our RIDOT. The Rhode Island National Guard could also help with traffic control to assist with local East Providence Police efforts during peak hours of gridlock.

"The State needs to pause all non-emergency DOT projects throughout R.I. and concentrate all its resources into fixing the Washington Bridge. All efforts need to be focused on this major catastrophe. The everyday livelihood has affected many city, state and regional residents.

It continued, "East Providence is bearing the brunt of this problem. I hope that an emergency declaration will help East Providence be reimbursed for the many expenses the city is incurring. Our neighborhoods, schools, emergency services, our overall infrastructure is suffering and not due to the fault of East Providence government or residents.

"I'm asking the state to reimburse East Providence for all expenses tied to this problem. Our streets are being worn down as many trucks and motorists in the East Bay and nearby Massachusetts are cutting through our side streets and neighborhoods looking for a bypass solution. The state needs to provide necessary resources to repair these streets ASAP once the bridge is repaired."

Police details

As part of the state's response to the bridge crisis, members of the East Providence Police Department who serve traffic details at detours and intersections will be gaining a few extra dollars.

At its meeting last week, the Council approved an amendment to the current contract with the union of officers specific to the bridge-related details allowing for an across-the-board \$20 per hour increase in the pay rate. For emphasis, the increase for details pertaining to traffic control measures due to the bridge crisis, nowhere else.

It was noted all of the bridge police detail expenses are being paid for by RIDOT. The city may pay the officers, but will be reimbursed by the state.

Travel advisory

Also of note from law enforcement, the EPPD issued a travel advisory for those motorists who attempt to access I-195 via the Freeborn Avenue ramp off Broadway.

When approaching from the south, police are asking drivers to use utilize the middle lane of travel in addition to the far lefthand lane. The department said it was alerting motorists of their ability to use the middle lane because drivers attempting to get left are creating a log jam that extends into the Warren Avenue intersection.



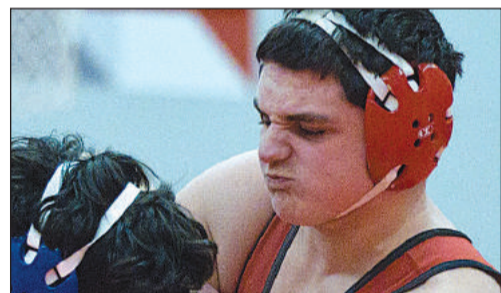
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Second perpetrator finally sentenced in A'Vant murder case

Providence man will serve 28 years in state prison for 2024 killing in city

Post Staff

PROVIDENCE — Evan Watson, who has been incarcerated since 2016, was finally formally sentenced for his involvement in the 2014 murder of Yusef A'Vant in East Providence.

Attorney General Peter F. Neronha announced Watson, 39 and from Providence, was ordered to serve 28 years at the Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI) Providence County Superior Court Justice Robert D. Krause on January 22.

Watson pleaded guilty on October 18, 2016, to one count of second-degree murder, one count of conspiracy to commit murder, and one count of possession of a firearm without a license.

"These senseless acts of gun violence cause immeasurable pain and suffering to victims and their families," said Attorney General Neronha. "Yusef A'Vant's family has lived with his loss for nearly 10 years now. I am grateful that this defendant has been held accountable for his role in Yusef's murder and hope this sentencing brings some measure of peace to his family. I commend the East Providence Police and the entire investigative and prosecution team for their work on this complex case."

On February 28, 2020, a co-defendant, Thomas Mosely, 39, was found guilty of one count of second-degree murder and one count of discharging a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence, resulting in death, following a 12-day jury trial. On June 10, 2021, Mosely was sentenced to life in pris-

on.

During the Watson trial, the state proved beyond a reasonable doubt that during the afternoon of April 13, 2014, the defendant both provided the gun and drove Mosely to the barbershop where the victim worked. According to the only witness in the barbershop, Mosley entered the business while holding a silver revolver and ordered the witness to get on the floor. Mosely confronted A'Vant and, after a brief struggle, shot him in the abdomen before fleeing from the scene. First responders rushed the victim to the hospital, but he succumbed to his injuries and passed shortly thereafter.

In the ensuing days, police released a sketch artist's rendering of the suspect, presumed now to be Mosely. The EPPD worked in concert with their counterparts from Providence and the State Police deliberately investigated the case for nearly a year before Mosely's arrest was announced on July 8, 2015. The pair were indicted on August 29, 2016.

Mosely entered A'vant's place of business on Pawtucket Avenue, "Krazy Kuts" barbershop and salon, and fired at least one gun shot at the victim, who was cutting a customer's hair. The patron of the business was uninjured. According to eyewitnesses at the time of the shooting, the suspect fled the scene by car, believed to be driven by Evans, heading towards Interstate 195 just down the road. A'Vant, a 42-year-old father, died as a result of his wounds.

"The East Providence Police Department works tirelessly to bring justice to those who commit terrible acts of gun violence," said East Providence Police Chief Christopher Francesconi. "I hope this sentencing helps

POLICE REPORT

Trail car crash takes the lives of both driver, passenger

The Barrington Police Department identified the two victims of a car crash that happened Saturday morning in the southbound lane of the Wampanoag Trail, just past the East Providence/Barrington line.

Police reported out Monday, Jan. 22, the male driver of the car was Yusbel Rivero Hernandez, 33, a resident of Pawtucket. The female passenger was Adiena A. Pupo Quile, 23, a resident of Providence. Police were alerted to the accident at 8:13 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, from the E 911 center of an "accident with possible injuries."

Barrington Police and Barrington Fire Department personnel responded and found a single car off the roadway in the woods. The vehicle sustained heavy damage. Both occupants were transported to Rhode Island Hospital, where they were pronounced dead. Both of the victims were using seat belts. Investigators have determined that speed appears to be a factor. Barrington Police accident reconstruction officers and detectives are investigating. In the statement released Monday evening, Barrington Police said they actively patrol the Wampanoag Trail to deter speeding, and they will be increasing those efforts. Per the statement: "In the last six months (June 2023 to December 2023) the Barrington Police Department has issued 208 speeding violations and 367 verbal warnings for speeding on Wampanoag Trail and parts of County Road (East Providence line to County Road and Sullivan Terrace). In order to continue to reduce speeds on the Trail, the Department will be adding one additional speed patrol, which is supported by grant funding."

Grand jury indicts alleged molestation perpetrator

On January 19, the Providence County Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Oliveiro Pereira, 35 and of Pawtucket, with two counts of first-degree child molestation, and one count of first-degree sexual assault. The alleged acts occurred on diverse dates between December 2017 and April 2023 in the cities of East Providence and Pawtucket. The East Providence and Pawtucket Police Departments conducted the investigation. The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned on February 7, in Providence County Superior Court.

Reached for further information, EPPD Public Information Officer Captain Michael J. Rapoza said the complaint originated out of Pawtucket with a sexual assault that occurred there. The EPPD Special Victims Unit investigated claims of sexual assault in the city as well. The victim was a minor child known to the suspect. It was a cooperative investigation between both agencies.

the victim's family to continue to heal. I am grateful for the work of our detectives and officers, as well as the Attorney General's Office, during the investigation and prosecution of this case."

Assistant Attorneys General Scott Erickson

and Robert E. Johnson IV of the Office of the Attorney General and the East Providence Police Department led the investigation and prosecution of the case, with assistance from the Providence Police Department and the Rhode Island State Police.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

RMS basketball teams host 'Pink Zone' night February 1

The Riverside Middle School boys' and girls' basketball teams host a "Pink Zone" double-header Thursday afternoon, Feb. 1, to benefit the Gloria Gemma Foundation. The Vikings will be "Pinking Out" for their girls' game at 4:30 p.m. and boys' outing at 6 as a tribute to those who are battling breast cancer. Students are being asked to wear as much pink as possible on this day. Any student that brings in at least one dollar, towards this cause, will be allowed to wear a hat for the day. The Vikings want the community to help them "Pack the House Pink" as that same evening they also celebrate their graduating eighth graders from the both boys' and girls' squads as well as their cheerleaders.

Holy Ghost Brotherhood plans indoor flea market

The Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity, the Brightridge Club will hold an indoor flea market on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 59 Brightridge Ave. Vendor tables are available for \$25. For more information call Joe Eugenio at 774-930-6509 or Marie Camille 401-447-9567 or email mcamille1@verizon.net. The community is invited to have a full day of fun, raffles, snack bar, wet bar, and shopping great for those great finds.

Become a Friend of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse

Show your support of your local lighthouse by joining Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse. East Providence residents are fortunate to have an historical light station in their city. For 150 years, Pomham Rocks Lighthouse has protected the waters off the coast of Riverside. When it fell into disrepair, a group of volunteers formed the Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse to restore and preserve this important landmark. You can help continue these efforts by becoming a member of Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse. Members are welcome to help at events, maintain our boats, join work parties or guide our tours as docents. Members receive Pomham Glow newsletter, to keep informed of programs and activities, a discounted rate on boat trips to The Lighthouse and an invitation to members-only events. For just \$30, you can join as a Lighthouse Keeper (individual); for \$50, Keeper Family (those who live in the same household); or \$75 Lampist. Provide additional support at select levels: \$100 for Lighthouse Inspector, \$250 for Lighthouse Superintendent or \$500 for Commissioner of Lighthouse Service. Corporate memberships are also available at \$250. Memberships are renewable annually. The membership year is from January 1 to December 31. Join now by sending a check, made payable to Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, to Membership Chair, Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, P.O. Box 15121, Riverside, RI, 02915 or on our website at www.pomhamrockslighthouse.org. Email

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Volunteers needed for scholarship phone-a-thon

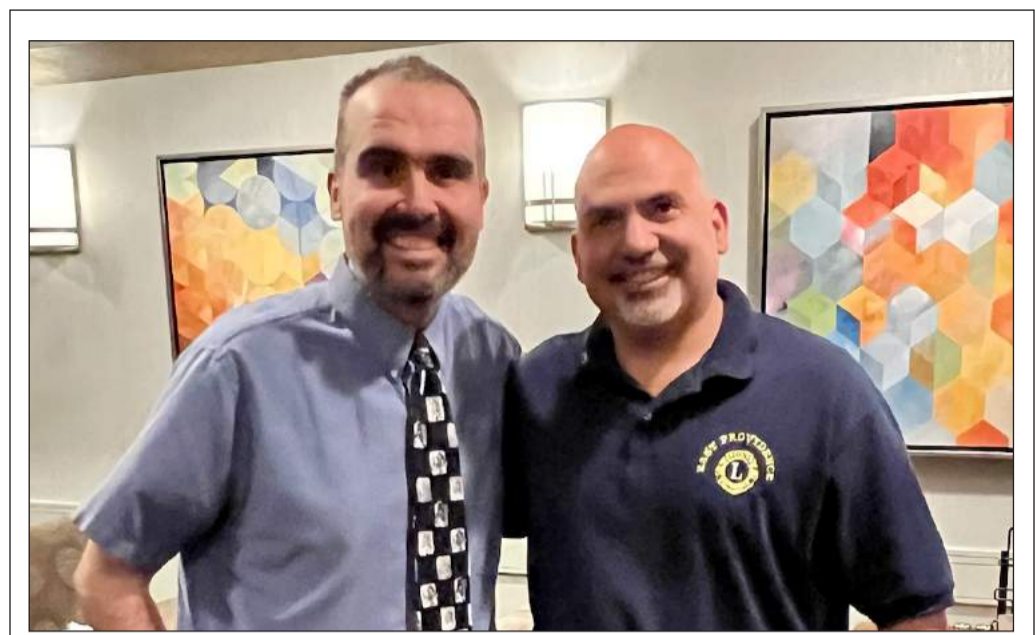
Students who need community service hours, parents of high school students, teachers and interested community residents are invited to participate in Scholarship Foundation of East Providence's annual phone-a-thon. This year's phone-a-thon will be a virtual event. Volunteers will receive a packet with instructions and materials and will make phone calls to a list of city residents. Calls can be made at your convenience, at any time of day or night between Feb. 7 and Feb. 17. Completed packets need to be returned to Scholarship Foundation of East Providence by Feb. 18. All funds raised at the phone-a-thon will be distributed as scholarships to students living in East Providence who will be entering college or trade school or who are already enrolled. Last year's phone-a-thon provided \$128,000 in scholarships. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Louise Paiva, Phone-a-thon Chair, at 401-742-2751 or sfoeastprovidence@yahoo.com.

Vets committee runs fundraiser, seeks honor roll updates

The East Providence Veterans Memorial Expressway Committee has printed selected details from the reference book "Veterans With Individual War Memorials In East Providence, RI" on notecards. A limited supply of notecards will be available at the East Providence Senior Center, 610 Waterman Ave., on Friday, Feb. 2, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A set of 20 notecards with envelopes includes photos of the EPVME memorial bridge plaques, Pierce Memorial Stadium, and the Andrews Brothers' exit and wreath. Suggested donations are \$15 for a set of 20 cards or 75 cents for a single card. Multiple copies of one plaque can be ordered. Orders can also be made by email epvme@hotmail.com. Additional cards will be delivered before March. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to purchase additional biographical signage to be placed near war memorials. In addition, the EP Military Service Honor Roll is being updated. Please submit new submissions (in memory of (now dead)/in honor of (alive), last name, rank, first name, middle name or initial, service area, country/war, branch), corrections, and updates. A collection of EPVME history and the virtual EP Military Service Honor Roll can be found on the website www.sites.google.com/view/epvmer2021, email epvme@hotmail.com.

Evergreen launches 'Super Sale Friday' local vendor series

Evergreen Nursing & Rehabilitation, located at 1 Evergreen Drive, has launched its "Super Sale Friday" series, bringing the best of local artisans, crafters, jewelry designers together every Friday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in one spot for



East Providence Lions welcome new member

The East Providence Lions Club recently Adam Branch (left) as its newest member, sponsored by Lion Brian Petsch (right). The Lions are dedicated to serving the community and making a positive impact. Interested in joining the cause and making a difference in the lives of others? Reach out to a fellow Lion today, or visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/eastprovidencelions>.

a shopping experience like no other. Evergreen's initiative aims to support our vibrant community by showcasing the talent and craftsmanship of local vendors. By shopping at the series, you not only find unique and hand-crafted items but also contribute directly to the growth and success of these small businesses. For more information, contact Julie Fox at 401-438-3250.

RI VegFest returns to Waterfire Arts Center in February

RI VegFest, the Ocean State's only fully vegan festival, will host their annual event showcasing plant-based foods, beverages, artists, makers, and businesses at WaterFire Arts Center (475 Valley Street, Providence) on Saturday, Feb. 3, and Sunday, Feb. 4. The 2024 vendor and exhibitor line-up features over 85 local and national vegan/vegan-friendly brands from Rhode Island and ten other states. Attendees will be able to shop vegan products, eat, drink, and learn more about the benefits of a plant-based lifestyle and compassionate living from regional and national non-profit organizations. The event will use as many fully compostable products as possible. For event info and ticket availability, visit www.riveggest.com. Tickets are on sale now but are likely to sell out and may not be available at the door. For further info or to purchase tickets visit riveggest.com.

Local groups seek donations of women's formal wear

The SEMA Paws of Comfort Lions Club is partnering with Attleboro Angels, another non-profit, to collect gently used prom, bridesmaid and formal dresses. For many young women, the expenses associated with attending the prom are beyond their reach. Your donations will enable students the opportunity to attend their magical milestone looking beautiful and confident! All sizes and styles are

welcome! Donations accepted until March 29. Call or text 774-282-0255 to arrange pickup. Please remember we collect redeemable bottles and cans, can tabs, eyeglasses and hearing aids. For pick up or drop off please text or call Joyce at 401-487-0034.

EP Girl Scouts plan school vacation Mini Camp

The East Providence Girl Scouts will be holding a Mini Camp at the East Providence Scout House located at 351 Willett Ave. in Riverside during Winter Recess, February 19-23 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. each day. The cost is \$35 per girl and includes craft supplies, patches and snacks. Any girl in grades K-6 is welcome to attend. She does not have to be a registered Girl Scout. If your daughter would like to attend or if you have any questions, please call Elaine at 401-433-3166 or 401-378-8821 for more information.

Weekly raffles benefit Riverside Middle School PTSA

Raffles benefitting the Riverside Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association take place each Saturday now until the spring at Contenders Sports Bar, 535 North Broadway. Raffles include a meat package, lobsters, 55" TV, 50/50 and more! Doors open at 11 a.m. Raffles start at 2 p.m.

Rec Department updates trips schedule

The East Providence Recreation Department has updated its schedule of trips for 2024 as follows: PPAC shows — March 17, Frozen; April 28, Company Show Shuttle. Reservations and deposit are now being accepted for all shows and trips by calling Deborah Rochford at 401-437-1577 or 401-435-7511.

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East Providence gets grant to fix Crescent Park coastal bluff

City receives \$1.8 million for continued response to shoreline erosion

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effects of extreme storms, severe flooding, and coastal erosion, all of which are anticipated to increase due to the impacts of climate change," said Fazioli, an East Providence resident and former Planning Department director in the city.

He continued, "Rhode Island needs to invest in resilient infrastructure solutions now, and that is exactly what this \$12 million in 20 Municipal Resilience Program Action Grants will allow 19 communities across our state to do. We look forward to continuing to work with our city and town partners through the Municipal Resilience Program, and to partnering with our state and federal leaders to create a sustainable financial framework to address the mounting challenges posed by acute and chronic climate related events."

The Municipal Resilience Program also receives backing from the non-profit The Nature Conservancy. Municipalities are eligible to submit applications for MRP Action Grants with a 25% local match requirement. For this round grants, the Infrastructure Bank received 41 proposals from 30 communities, totaling \$52 million in grant requests.

"As recent storms have once again demonstrated, municipalities across the state are already feeling the impacts of climate change - from severe flooding, to coastal erosion, to property damage," said Sue AnderBois, The Nature Conservancy's Director of Climate and Government Relations. "The Nature Conservancy is proud to have partnered with the Infrastructure Bank to bring these planning workshops to 35 of the state's 39 municipalities, and we are so pleased to see municipalities taking advantage of these action grants to implement the recommendations from their



A look down the reconstructed seawall at Crescent Park towards the bluffs that will also be refurbished after the city recently gained a Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank grant.

East Providence will receive a sizable share of the latest Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank "Action Grants," Executive Director Bill Fazioli and Gov. Dan McKee announced late last week, the city accessing \$1.8 million for continued shoreline repair at Crescent Park.

A total of \$12 million will be dispersed to 35 of the state's 39 municipalities for participants of the Municipal Resilience Program for the implementation of projects to increase their climate resilience. The funds comes from the Green Bond referendum approved by voters at the November 2022 election, which provided for \$16 million for municipal resilience projects and was part of McKee's FY2023 budget.

"Investing in Rhode Island's communities isn't just a prudent decision but a crucial step in securing a resilient future. The impacts of flooding and storms have been wide-ranging throughout our state, but with this funding from the voter-approved Green Bond, we can mitigate those risks, improve our response, and adapt to meet the climate change challenge," McKee said.

Applications are screened and chosen by a selection committee composed of representatives from the Infrastructure Bank, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Statewide Planning and the Coastal Resources Management Council.

"In just the last few weeks, communities across Rhode Island have experienced the

workshops."

Specifically, East Providence requested its funding for "Crescent Park Shoreline Protection & Slope Stabilization."

In its application summary, the city explained it will use the monies to "construct slope stabilization measures at the city's Crescent Park waterfront. This grant would fund Phase 2 of the city's planned efforts which includes construction of approximately 250 feet of hybrid shoreline protection measures to protect the coastal bluff. Protection will consist of a stone revetment backed by a coir log system and a vegetated slope."

According to industry descriptions, coir logs are an "erosion control fiber roll used for soil stabilization and erosion control applications on streams and slopes." They are designed to last anywhere from two to five years as permanent vegetation grows around them.

The city's summary also noted recent attempts to address the once-failing seawall at Crescent Park, specifically its use of federal

COVID response American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and other sources to rebuild portions of the structure. The latest round of grant dollars are earmarked to "address crucial erosion issues with this hybrid approach to the slope immediately to the south."

Of the funding announcement for the city, Mayor Bob DaSilva said, "Preserving and protecting our treasured shoreline is of the utmost importance to our administration. We are experiencing more frequent and severe storms that have eroded our beaches. We are so grateful to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank for its support /investment in our city, which will go a long way in protecting this beautiful natural resource that we call Crescent Beach."

Added Ward 4 City Councilor Rick Lawson, in whose district the park is located, "Any investment in Crescent Park is a good investment. I'm grateful we have access to these funds to ensure Crescent Park will be enjoyed by Townies for many more years."

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EP's Lawson lists legislative aims, talks new role as Majority Whip

State Senator is elevated to leadership role in upper chamber

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Senate Majority Whip Valarie Lawson (D-Dist. 14, East Providence) recently elaborated on becoming a member of the leadership team in the upper chamber, saying she was "anxious to get to work addressing the urgent challenges facing our state, particularly with regard to education, health care, and housing."

ASSEMBLY NOTEBOOK

Governor McKee submits FY2025 state budget proposal

Governor Daniel McKee submitted his FY 2025 state budget proposal to the General Assembly this week. The \$13.7 billion proposal (2024-H 7225) was introduced by House Finance Committee Chairman Marvin L. Abney (D-Dist. 73, Newport, Middletown). Both the House and Senate Finance Committees will hold public hearings on the budget proposal over the next several months.

SNAP Pilot Program to reward purchases of fruits and vegetables

Senate Majority Whip Valarie Lawson (D-Dist. 14, East Providence) and Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D-Dist. 16, Central Falls, Pawtucket) attended the launch of the statewide Eat Well, Be Well Pilot Rewards Program. Senator Lawson sponsored the legislation (2022-S 2310A) that funded this program, the first statewide program of its kind in the country, which provides Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients with up to \$25 a month in additional benefits for purchasing eligible fruits and vegetables.

Lawson, an instructor at East Providence High School and president of the state teachers' union, listed the following as among her priorities: Expansion of Temporary Caregiver Insurance, or TCI, from 6 to 12 weeks, which is the standard recommended time for bonding with a newborn. TCI is paid leave from work to bond with a new child or care for an ailing loved one; Make permanent the 2022 state law she sponsored requiring insurance coverage of PANDAS/PANS. This is a pediatric neuropsychiatric syndrome that can manifest following strep throats. Symptoms are very seri-

ous, and it is a nightmare for children and families; Reintroducing legislation to allow wineries to sell up to three five-ounce glasses and three 750-ml bottles per customer per day on their premises. Breweries and distilleries in Rhode Island are allowed to sell a limited amount of their product on site. That's true even though many of their ingredients come from around the world. Wineries, however, are not allowed to sell their product on site unless the fruit was grown in Rhode Island. This is a local issue brought to her attention by winemakers James Davids and Marissa Stash-

enko, owners of Anchor and Hope, a winery in Rumford. They partner with family farms to produce small batches of artisan wine, and because some of the grapes they use are grown out of state, they cannot sell their product onsite. The bill would change that.

Lawson added, "As legislators, we should be doing everything we can to support small businesses. This is a small change, but for these businesses, and for our community, it will have a big impact. Customers should be able to come see the wine being made and share a glass with the winemakers."

Rep. Shanley introduces legislation to establish statewide secure choice retirement savings plan

Rep. Evan P. Shanley (D-Dist. 24, Warwick, East Greenwich), has introduced legislation that would establish a convenient, low-cost voluntary retirement savings plan for Rhode Islanders. The Rhode Island Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program (2024-H 7121), which would be administered by the office of the General Treasurer, would see retirement savings accumulated in individual accounts for the exclusive benefit of the participants or their beneficiaries. The bill would see no fiscal impact on the state budget. Under the legislation, the General Treasurer would be charged with collecting contributions through payroll deductions and investing these funds in accordance with best practice for retirement savings vehicles. The General Treasurer would also be responsible for setting minimum and maximum contribution levels in accordance with contribution limits set for IRAs by the Internal Revenue Code. The act would become effective for all eligible employers within 36 months of the opening of the program enrollment following a phased implementation peri-

od. Several other states, including neighboring Connecticut, have already established secure choice programs and others are currently establishing them. Among the biggest beneficiaries are small businesses and their employees. Approximately 70% of workers at companies with fewer than ten employees have no access to retirement savings through work. The legislation has been referred to the House Finance Committee. A similar measure (2024-S 2045) has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Meghan E. Kallman (D-Dist. 15, Pawtucket, Providence).

Lawson, Giraldo bill would expand parental, caregiving leave

Senate Majority Whip Valarie Lawson (D-Dist. 14, East Providence) and Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D-Dist. 56, Central Falls) are sponsoring legislation (2024-S 2121, 2024-H 7171) to expand Rhode Island's Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI) program from six weeks to 12. That would bring Rhode Island into line with other states and allow new parents more time for parental leave and caregivers more time to care for a critically ill family member. Rhode Island became the third state in the

nation to offer paid parental leave in 2013 when legislators created the TCI program. TCI, which is paid for through payroll deductions, allows new parents to take six weeks of paid leave to bond with and care for their child. It also allows individuals to take this time to care for a seriously family member. That can prove vital for a working adult who needs to care for their spouse after a surgery or a terminally ill parent. Since 2013, however, many other states have surpassed Rhode Island's leave offerings. Currently, 11 states and the District of Columbia offer paid parental leave, with two additional states set to offer it beginning in 2026. Most offer 12 weeks, while Rhode Island offers the least amount of time at just six weeks. Individuals on TCI in Rhode Island receive 60% of their normal salary. Of the ten states that offer similar programs, most workers receive at least 80%. In Massachusetts, workers receive 80% of their salary for 12 weeks. Workers in nearby Connecticut receive 95% of their salary for 12 weeks.

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Opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What's next on the bridge?

To the editor:

So, it looks like East Bay's chickens are coming home to roost. Amidst swirling rumors RIDOT admits now that the 195 bridge, at best, will take several months to fix, if not need to be demolished and rebuilt. Millions of dollars of expense will blow a significant hole in the budget and commuters will be subjected to traffic tortures for months if not years.

How did we get here?

Last week our East Bay legislators filed a collective letter to RIDOT, demanding updates to themselves(!), so they can inform frustrated constituents. Why such a move from people, who are barely in touch with town governments, never mind voters? Well, elections will be upon us soon and maybe this time the electorate will see that our representatives do not represent us much.

For years, questions had been raised about East Bay (and the

state as a whole) infrastructure — power, roads, flooding mitigation. And for years those were brushed aside as non-important, with budget money constantly allocated to everything else, from digital security labs to soccer stadiums. Meanwhile critical infrastructure, like the 195 bridge, was shoddily inspected and shoddily repaired. Here is the result.

When we had issues with Deloitte, or child services, or when our legislature was in hiding during Covid and two governors acted like dictators, voters kept silent and put the same people in office. Now we have Issue affecting all of us, and our legislators once again proved to be useless, except to write a letter and have a Zoom meeting with the head of RIDOT.

Expect same behavior in the future, but what will fall apart next?

Sergei Sharenko
Bristol

How is the economy so 'bad'?

To the editor:

How bad is reality right now? Unemployment down, under 4 percent for two years.

Employment up, with hundreds of thousands of jobs added every month.

Wages up, if only slightly, but recently rising faster than inflation.

Inflation down from nearly 9 percent to just over 3 percent; mortgage rates falling.

Gas down from nearly \$4 to under \$3, at least in Southern New England.

The stock market is doing very well, thank you, for those invested.

So tell me: how is the economy so bad?

Well, housing is still an issue,

thanks to vulture (oh, sorry) venture capitalists. Single-family homes are being converted to short-term rentals for the already wealthy vacationers, while the service economy workers who serve them can't find a place to live.

We're still relying way too much on fossil fuels, and the frequent storms are battering the coast around here, and everything everywhere else.

Women's rights stalled out, and under attack by the Supreme Court, but corporate "rights" are their primary concern. So there's work to be done yet. I would like to be hopeful, for the sake of my offspring.

Clay Commons
Portsmouth

EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote to ban 'assault rifles' is unnecessary

To the editor:

In response to last week's letter to the editor by John and Linda Dacey ("Rhode Island is rated 49th in democracy"), let's start from the beginning: The Bill of Rights.

U.S. Constitution, 2nd Amendment, ratified Dec. 15, 1791: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Then move along to the Rhode Island Constitution, Section 22, Right to bear arms, effective in May 1843: "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be

infringed." (Yes, this is actually written into the Rhode Island Constitution.)

What about that? Considering that both the federal Constitution and the Rhode Island Constitution forbid the infringement of our right to keep and bear arms, I would think a vote to ban "assault rifles" would be totally unnecessary. Said vote would be unconstitutional. Maybe that's the reason it won't get brought to the floor.

Our forefathers put procedures in place to change our Constitution. Take a vote in Congress, then hand to the states, the repeal of the

Second Amendment. When that's done, vote to change the state Constitution. Once both constitutions no longer protect the right to bear arms, then, and only then, can you vote to ban the "assault rifle."

And while we're on the subject, what exactly is an "assault rifle"? The definition seems to be very subjective, changing with every person I talk to. Similar to what Justice Potter Stewart said of obscenity in 1964: "I know it when I see it." But that can be a discussion for another day.

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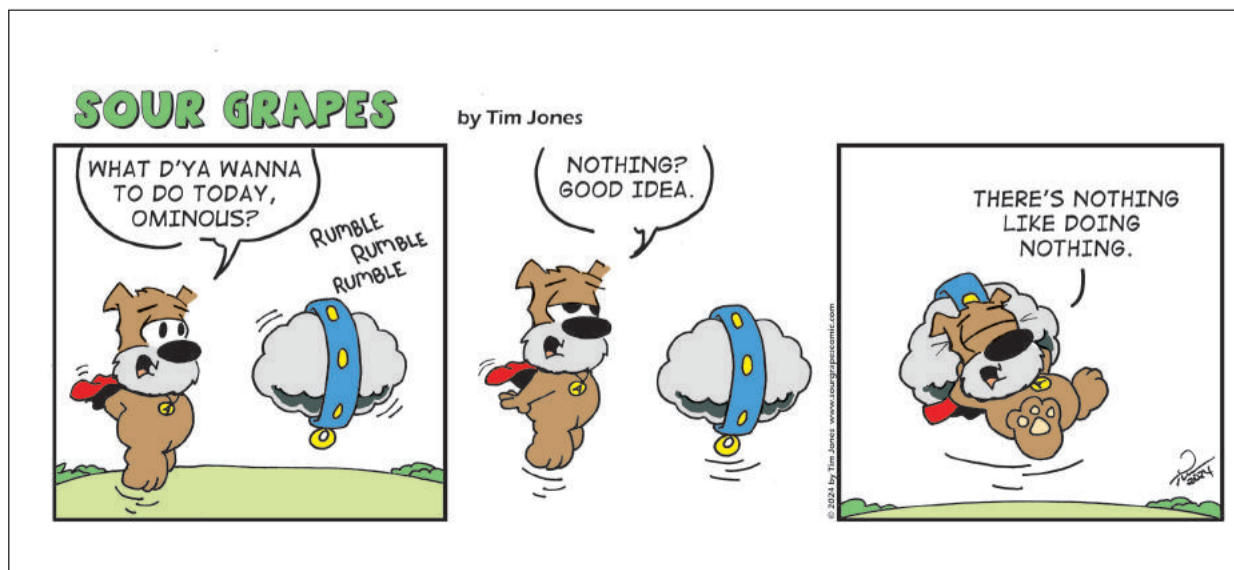
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COMIC



COMMENTARY

'Maggie' reminds of us an awful part of our history and not to repeat it

BY MIKE FINK

I have a friend and former student named "Karen" who lives in East Providence and who devoted her life to her Japanese mother, who had been "interned" during World War II. I heard about a book written and illustrated by two survivors of that dreadful chapter in our national history, but it was not an easy task to find that memoir. I tried several local and admirable bookstores to no avail. They claimed they could not locate the volume, but I persisted and finally, with my wife's help, eureka! I found it and hereby file this report.

"Hello, Maggie" is a collaboration between two survivors of this long-past ordeal, Shigeru Yabu, the words, and Willie Ito, the illustrator. Maggie, by the way, is a magpie, a bird relat-

ed to the crow and the jay, the victim of a slingshot that brought it down from a tree! The children's book is a tragedy that ends with the death of the beloved pet and includes its funeral, but it struck me as a valuable and vivid memoir.

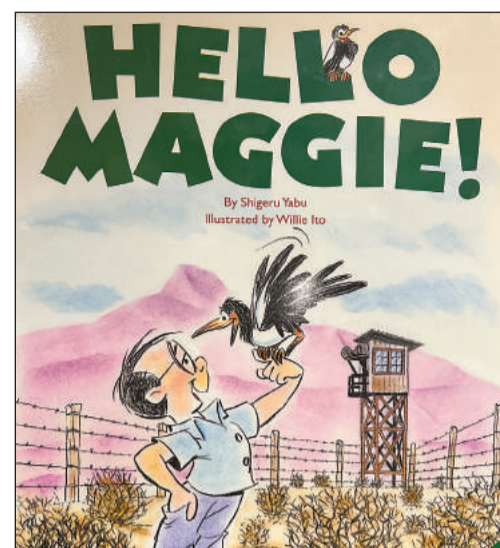
With poignant reminders of historical facts and no compromises with the ironies, Japanese-American G.I. troops fought in the European theatre heroically and earned the title "Purple Heart Battalion."

My wife sent for the splendid and superb work of art and heart somehow as a birthday gift, and every detail in text and design is perfect and admirable. Hope may well be the thing with feathers that perches in the human soul and if so, its name must indeed be "Maggie." Try your hardest, somehow, to get ahold of

"Hello, Maggie!" and you will thank me for recommending it. I can't tell you how to proceed, but the pathos, sadness, and cheerful boyish survival instinct will inspire you with courage, on every page, including the back page "About the Author" and "About the Illustrator."

And I add my own debt of congratulatory gratitude to my pal "Karen" right here in our loyal town with its row of statues to the heroic victims of our national wars.

— Fink was a professor of film studies at the Rhode Island School of Design for over 60 years. His commentaries, which often link to his life-long association with the East Bay area and East Providence in particular, appear regularly in *The Post*.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Important public meetings are scheduled on latest Metacomet developments

To the editor:

With the unveiling of the Metacomet/Marshall Properties development pre plan, which seems to be lacking crucial and obligatory studies, the public can now see why the Veterans Memorial Parkway is in danger of extinction. The Marshall/ Metacomet plan shows at least two rotaries/roundabouts on the Veterans Memorial Parkway. Heavy development is being planned for both sides of the VMP with traffic signals dotting the neighborhood streets.

The first rotary is planned for the intersection of South Broadway and the VMP, where flooding is rampant already and the intersection has had to be closed down several times. The second rotary, at the intersection of Lyons Ave and the VMP, will cross over and deliver traffic from the parkway down to the real waterfront and will connect to the new Waterfront Drive. A leisurely drive on the 'Vets' will be an impossibility with traffic from the proposed developments on both sides adding thousands of cars to the already stop and go traffic at rush hour. Current

bridge fiasco excluded.

Although the VMP is more than eligible to be on the National Register of Historic Places, when KMG pursued this honor the 'leadership' of East Providence denied the survey needed for the application. KMG was astounded to hear that since the VMP was already considered as being on the NRHP, there was no need to have a survey recorded for the NRHP application. Of course KMG questioned who attended this so called meeting to decide the VMPs fate. No definitive answer was given although KMG was told the EP mayor made the decision.

The complete disregard for the historical lands of East Providence continues with the stalling of an archeological survey of the Metacomet gc land which is considered a highly sensitive area for an Indigenous village and perhaps burials. RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission has announced their recommendation for an archeological survey. East Providence higher ups have been silent on the subject although probable ancient shell heaps have

been found on the Metacomet land. Marshall Properties had an archeological assent completed by Public Archeological Laboratories which is not a survey but it does include a walk through observing the lands. The elevated lands of the golf course were found to be highly sensitive as RIHPHC had said. Marshalls plan has the elevated land being destroyed to fill in the lower part of the land.

Slowly but surely East Providences historical areas are being destroyed by developers and our own city government, seemingly in search of money and power with little regard for the neighborhoods being decimated by overdevel-

opment. When one sits back and say 'What a shame but nothing we can do', you are giving your permission to let Marshall Properties and the EPWC destroy our close knit city and the beautiful lands that make East Providence home.

2 critical meetings to attend are the Design Review Committee on Feb 13 at 6:00PM and EP Waterfront Commission Public hearing on Feb 15 at 6:30 PM both at EP City Hall. Public comment is requested but not required. However if you don't speak up, who will?

Heather Andrade

Director, Keep Metacomet Green

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Unbeaten Purple out-'class' Townies in boys' hoops

EPHS ends recent losing skid with road win over Woonsocket

BY MIKE REGO

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It's been a proverbial rollercoaster of a season for the East Providence High School boys' basketball team so far in 2023-24.

The Townies have followed so-so start to their Division I slate with a five-game winning streak then a three-game losing skid, which culminated on January 23 with a gut-wrenching home loss to Westerly. But the locals closed out last week by ending their slide with a solid road win over Woonsocket.

Turn the page to this week and East Providence welcomed the league's unbeaten pace-setter to the city as Classical visited the Townies on Tuesday night, Jan. 30.

And after a slow start, the Purple showed exactly why they have yet to be beaten. The guests ran roughshod over the locals in the third quarter, turning a one-point halftime deficit into a 12-point lead en route to a commanding 77-60 win.

The Townies closed out the month with a 7-6 record in league games while Classical improved to 14-0.

Asked for his overall impressions of the first-place Purple, EPHS head coach Joe Andrade said, "They've got five guys who can score, who can shoot, who are athletic. They're physical. One through five, they're the best team. Can another team give them problems? Yeah, but right now they're the best I've seen. Do I think a LaSalle (10-1 league record), a Barrington (10-1) or a Hendricken (9-3) could give them a problem? Yeah, but no one has given them a problem yet."

Westerly notes

EP's recent streak of losses reached three after the Townies suffered a last-second 65-62 loss to visiting Westerly Wednesday night, Jan. 24.

East Providence and the Bulldogs remained close throughout most of the night. Antonio Varela made a rare appearance off the Townie bench, draining a 3-pointer to put the locals up 15-12 late in the first quarter. He was actually fouled on the missed but missed the free throw. Westerly leveled the score with a 3 of its own before the end of the period.

East Providence would eventually take a 30-25 lead to the intermission, helped in part by back-to-back dunks by Kenaz Ochgwu early in the second quarter. Westerly responded with a surge in the third quarter to take a slim 43-42 lead at the end of the third.

The game remained tight until the waning moments when the Townies tied the score on a Christian Torres drive to the hoop with just under 10 seconds to play. However, the Bulldogs hit a deep 3 from the right hash mark about 30 feet out at the buzzer to earn the victory.

Ochgwu, the Townies' center, continued his superb senior season with 20 points and eight rebounds. Tyler Gomez finished with 12 points and Torres 11.

"It's a game you think you should've had," Andrade said of the last-second loss to the

Bulldogs. "Now we have to go try to find a game to get somewhere else like pick up a win against a North Kingstown or a Narragansett or Cranston East. But those games are always tough, especially on the road."

Woonsocket notes

The Townies, however, did snap their skid in their next outing, a gutsy 64-48 road win over Woonsocket Friday night, Jan. 26. East Providence opened up an early 13-point lead before the host Villa Novans answered to tie the score at 22 by intermission.

The locals, though, broke the game open with a 23-7 run in the third quarter to lead 45-29 heading into the final 18 minutes. Ochgwu seven in the spree. Franklin Lopez had five, including a 3, and Levi Jacobs four.

Jacobs led the Townies with a night-best 18 points. He had 10 alone in the first quarter. Ochgwu had 15, Torres eight, Gomez seven and Brandyn Van Wagner seven.

"We played well as a team in the second half. Kenaz and Levi played well the whole game," Andrade of the away win over the Novans.

Classical notes

The Townies opened up an 8-2 lead to begin the game with Classical as the visitors missed their first handful of attempts from the floor. EP would later lead 13-4 on a Torres triple, but the Purple finally found the range. The visitors closed the first on an 11-3 run to trail 18-15 at the end of the opening period.

Cracks in the Townies' performance started to show in the second quarter. The locals got a little loose with the ball and started missing some shots, while their guests continued to find their footing. The Purple scored six of the last eight points of the half to trail 31-30 heading to the locker room.

Classical put it all together in the third period. The Purple ran their offensive sets near perfectly, managed the ball well and put the clamps down defensively. Meanwhile, the mistakes piled up for East Providence and their offensive execution evaporated.

The teams traded hoops to begin the third before Classical gradually pulled away. EP's last lead proved to be 38-35 on a Jacobs' drive. The Purple made a 3 to tie it then took their first lead, 40-38, on a short jumper from the baseline with just under two minutes played.

Moving in front was part of a 14-0 spree for the visitors, which concluded with just over three minutes to go in the quarter at Classical built its first double figure edge, 49-38, on a putback of a miss. A Gomez jumper from the baseline made the score 54-42 going into the fourth.

After Torres made a layup for the locals to begin the final period, the Purple just methodically added to their lead. It reached a night high of 19 for the first of two times after Classical made a pair of free throws to make it 65-46 midway through the quarter. A Jacobs layup with a couple minutes left brought EP back to within 13, 70-57, but the locals could get no closer.

"I thought the difference was transition defense, they can make shots, we missed a lot of layups and free throws," Andrade said of Classical's rally.



JULIE FURTADO

East Providence High School's Levi Jacobs drops in two of his team-best 14 points for the Townies in their Division I boys' basketball loss to visiting and first-place Classical Tuesday night, Jan. 30. View more photos from the contest in Sports at eastbayri.com.

Up next

The Townies are set to place twice more this week when they travel to North Kingstown Thursday night, Feb. 1, for a Division I contest at 7 p.m. then travel to play a league matinee Saturday afternoon at 1 on the road against Cranston East.

East Providence has an addition two D-I contests on the docket next week, remaining on the road Wednesday, Feb. 7, for a game in Narragansett at 7 p.m. before returning home to face East Greenwich Friday night, Feb. 9, at 6 o'clock.

He continued, "They made shots and we didn't. This is how they've been all year. They get down, they stay close then they break it open. You know they're going to have a run. They're too good not to go on a run, but we couldn't stop it. They're good and they have a lot of experience."

Gomez and Jacobs shared team-best scoring honors with 14 points each. Torres added 11 and Ochgwu had nine. Lopez had six. Derrell Liggins and Jaydason Barros each made a 3 off the EP bench.

Townies drop a pair of tight, Division I wrestling matches

Akdemir wins weight class at Connecticut Challenge tourney

Post Staff



JULIE FURTADO

East Providence High School's Fehrat Akdemir controls his North Providence opponent during their match at 165 pounds last week. Akdemir won the contest and the class at the Connecticut Challenge. View more shots of the EP-NP match in Sports at eastbayri.com.

the second period of their match at 215 pounds to put the Cougars back in front 36-31.

The Townies' Machar Francis knew he needed to pin his Cougar counterpart Will Francis at heavyweight to give EP the overall victory.

There was little action for most of the match. Francis led 2-0 through two periods before attempting to score the pinfall win, but couldn't hold his foe's shoulders to the mat long enough, settling for a 9-3 decision and just three points.

Over the weekend, the EPHS wrestlers vied in the annual Connecticut Challenge at Southing-

ton High School where the Townies shared fifth place in the team ranks with their hosts while the aforementioned North Providence won the tournament.

The Cougars scored 136 points to edge two other Connecticut schools, Enfield and Turnbull, which finished in a share of second with 132. West Springfield, Mass. was fourth alone with 125. EP and Southington shared fifth with 116 ahead of rival LaSalle, which finished seventh with 94 points.

Akdemir continued his string of fine finishes, winning the 165-pound class with a pin of Alec Mertz, of Fairfield/ Ludlowe (Conn.) late in the third period at 5:31. All three of Akdemir's wins were via pin. He began with a quick stoppage at 54 seconds of the first period then took care of LaSalle's Adryan Urena in the semis 1:20 into the match.

Three other Townies fell in their respective finals. Brendan Bernard was pinned at 1:16 of the first period at 132 by Ethan Buonanducci of Enfield. At 157 Tyler Neiva of Trumbull (Conn.) scored a tech fall win over Palumbo up 16-0 early in the third. And Francis was pinned mid-way through the third period (5:16) by Enfield's Keonta Crawford.

All of Bernard's results, good and bad, were via pins. He trailed his opening round match 4-0 before recording a pin 41 seconds into the second period. He won his quarter by pin also in the third at 4:54. He then took his semi again by pin and once more from a losing position, down 8-4 before winning 20 seconds left in the second.

Palumbo opened his tournament with a pinfall win at 1:20 of the first then was a victor by decision 5-0 before recording another win by pin in the semis just nine seconds into the third period.

Francis won a pair of matches en route to the final after receiving an opening round bye. In the quarters, he earned a 3-2 decision then took care of semifinal by pin at with just three seconds left in the first period.

Phillips added the lone third-place result for the locals, defeating Hood Mohsin of West Springfield by a 12-7 score at 138 pounds. Phillips won twice to open the tournament by pin, 1:49 and 4:09, before falling to eventual tourney champ Jay Chase of Sheehan (Wallingford, Conn.), 5-4. He wrestled back to win his consolation semi by pin at 4:43. Chase took the title with a tech fall win over Noah Riley of North Providence, 16-0, at 2:26 of the second period.

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EP's Olson stars with four goals in girls' hockey co-op win

Townies cap home swim slate, remain unbeaten in D-IV ranks

Post Staff

East Providence High School freshman Sydney Olson had a break-out performance last weekend as she potted four goals to lead the East Bay Eagles girls' high school co-op to a 7-6 victory over the Cranston co-op Saturday night, Jan. 27, at the Cranston Veterans Memorial Ice Rink.

Olson ended play last week as the team's leading goal scorer to date with seven and in a share of the team points lead at 10 apiece with Arden Wilkes, who had an assist Saturday.

The rest of the East Bay scoring included: Ruby Turgeon 1 goal, 2 assists; Eleni Drosnios, 1 goal; Addyson Whittet 1 goal, 1 assist; Margaux Boneu 4 assists; and Reilly Porado 1 assist.

Of most importance, the Eagles snapped a three-game slide with the win. East Bay improved to 3-6-0 in the Interscholastic League girls' division standings. The Eagles entered the current week in sixth place. The unbeaten (7-0-2) South County co-op sits atop the league table.

Boys' hockey

The East Bay Huskies boys' hockey co-op dropped a pair of Division II outings last weekend. The locals lost to the Cranston co-op 9-1 and Lincoln High 8-2 to see their record fall to 1-8-0 in the standings.

Nathan Carpenter scored his second goal of the season off an assist by Ben Browne in the Cranston setback. The same pair repeated their effort against Lincoln while Browne accounted for the other East Bay tally with a short-handed goal.

Girls' basketball

After picking up its second win of the Division I regular season early last week, the EPHS girls' basketball team took the next several days off before returning to action Monday night, Jan. 29, at home against neighboring Bay View.

The visiting Bengals, who have the third-best record overall in the league, scored the first 10 points of the contest and were never challenged en route to the 56-26 win. Bay View led 27-6 at halftime and 42-11 at the end of three. The Bengals improved to 11-2 in the league. Amelia Polichetti led all scorers with 18 points for the guests. Ava Wasylow added 15. Qiana Sumner chipped in seven, Victoria Vieira and Madison Gomes six each while East Providence resident Jamie Andrews had four.

The Townies dropped to 2-10 with the

loss, following their win last week over Rogers on the road. Zarae Hall led the locals with 10 points. Trinity Provencher had a season-best eight off the bench. Leading scorer Harmonie McDowell was held to just two. Layla Bates, Madisyn Risco and Denelle Solano Guerrero each chipped in a bucket.

Gymnastics

The rebuilding Rogers/East Providence High School gymnastics co-op has been led to date in the 2023-24 season by Townie junior Carter Bessette, the top returning performer to the squad and team captain.

Bessette is seeking to cinch a return to the upcoming Midge Palmer State Individual Championship Meet in which last year she competed on floor.

So far, Bessette has earned one of two minimum qualifying scores needed to make it back to states in the event with her 8.3 tally during the co-op's outing against Portsmouth and West Warwick on January 14. She's also recorded a pair of 8.25s and an 8.0 in the locals' three other meets this season.

Bessette's best all-around performance came in the same Portsmouth-West Warwick outing. She scored a 7.9 on vault and 8.0 on beam with a 5.3 on bars for a 29.5 total.

Another of the EPHS returnees to squad, sophomore Jade Taswell earned scores of 6.8 and 6.7, respectively, on beam and floor for the co-op during its meet January 21 against Westerly and Prout/Exeter-West Greenwich.

Swimming

The EPHS swim teams celebrated their seniors during their final home meet of the



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

East Providence's Sydney Olson (front) battles for the puck during an East Bay Eagles girls' hockey co-op game earlier this winter. Olson scored four goals in the Eagles' recent win.

season Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Boys and Girls Club of East Providence pool where the Townies both easily handled the Pawtucket co-ops.

The EPHS girls improved to 4-0 in the

Division IV ranks with their 63-13 win while the boys upped their record to 3-0 in the same league with their 47-19 victory. The

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WIN: EPHS swimming sides finish home meet slates with sweeps of Pawtucket co-ops

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Vaughn and Jaden Bettencourt won the 200 free relay in 2:17.06.

Upcoming schedule

Thursday, Feb. 1: EPHS boys' basketball at North Kingstown, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2: EPHS boys' and girls' swimming at Blackstone Valley co-op, McColl/Lincoln YMCA, 4:30 p.m.; EPHS wrestling vs. Hope and Cranston West, 5:30 p.m.; East Bay Eagles girls' hockey vs. LaSalle, Portsmouth Abbey Rink, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3: EPHS boys' and girls' indoor track in Class A Championships, Providence Career and Tech Academy Fieldhouse, 9 a.m.; EPHS/Rogers gymnastics co-op vs. Chariho, Middletown High School, Mt. Hope, Newport YMCA, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 4: EPHS/Rogers gymnastics co-op vs. Middletown High School, Prout/EWG vs. West Warwick at Dream Big Gymnastics, Cranston, 3 p.m.; East Bay Huskies boys' hockey co-op vs. West Warwick/EWG co-op at West Warwick Rink, 8 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 5: EPHS girls' basketball at Scituate, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 6: EPHS girls' basketball vs. North Kingstown, 6:30 p.m.; EPHS girls' swimming vs. Burrillville, Smithfield YMCA, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 7: EPHS boys' basketball at Narragansett, 7 p.m.; EPHJS wrestling at Coventry, 6:30 p.m.

Townies honored their soon-to-be grads Nick Capobianco, Ryan Branch and Ines Benadouda at the meet.

Benadouda qualified for states in the 100 yard butterfly with her second-place swim to mate Sadie Gagnon, who won the event in 1:02.58. Gagnon also won the 200 freestyle in 2:02.28. Benadouda won the 200 individual medley in 2:48.57. Cassie Delude won the 50 free in 33.29. Madison Luu took the 100 free in 1:16.15 and the 100 backstroke in 1:19.15. Maggie Robinson won the 500 free in 8:17:57. And Abigail Ellison won the 100 breaststroke in 1:34.15.

Benadouda, Luu, Ellison and Delude won the 400 free relay in 4:28.28. Delude, Ellison, Bethany Bernard and Aalina Amoros won the 200 free relay in 2:33.74. And Benadouda, Luu, Gagnon and Delude won the 200 medley relay in 2:20.24.

Among the highlights for the boys, with his wins in the 50 (24.87) and 500 frees (5:53.66) Branch qualified for the upcoming state meet. Other wins for the Townies included Gavin Hawley (2:24.76) in the 200 free, Capobianco (2:21.77) in the 200 IM, Kevin Bettencourt in the 100 free (1:00.95) and Capobianco in the 100 back (1:02.25).

The same four swimmers won the 400 free in 4:02.97. Hawley, Slate Vandal, Kaden



East Providence High School swim seniors (from left to right) Nick Capobianco, Ryan Branch and Ines Benadouda were recognized prior to their final home meets last week.

LIBRARY NEWS

Monthly teens, tweens events at the Libraries

The monthly activities for Teens, Tweens at

East Providence Public Libraries are as follows: Drop-In Community Service Tuesdays (moved to Fuller): Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Fuller Creative Learning Center East Providence Middle and

High School students will help with a variety of crafty activities. No registration needed.; Tween Chocolate Making: Thursday, February 8, 6-7 p.m. at the Fuller Creative Learning Center Make your own glittertastic chocolate valentines. Ages 9-13 This drop-in program is for patrons Ages 9-13.; Tech Afternoon: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 3:45-4:30 p.m. at the Fuller Creative Learning Center Drop in and explore all of the different technology that Fuller offers! Try out Virtual Reality headsets, 3D Printer Pens, or check out the recording studio. This drop-in program is for ages 8+. Teens are welcome!; 3D Printed Bookmarks: Wednesday, Feb. 14, 3:45-4:30 p.m. at the Fuller Creative Learning Center Manga Mondays are back! We will meet once a month to Watch anime, have snacks, play games, draw and of course, discuss all things Manga. This drop-in program is for ages 5+. Tweens are welcome!; Volunteer Workshop: Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6-7 p.m. at Weaver Library Want to be a library volunteer? Pop in, have a snack, and chat with our Teen Librarian about the various volunteer opportunities we have at Weaver Library! This program is for EP Middle and High

School students. No registration needed.; Tween Beach Bash: Thursday, February 22, 2-4 p.m. at Weaver Library Trade those cold-weather blues for ocean blues with an afternoon of beach themed games and snacks at our staycation beach bash! Beach Bingo begins at 3 p.m. This drop-in program is for tweens ages 9-13.; Manga Monday: Monday, Feb. 26, 6-7 p.m. at Riverside Branch Library Manga Mondays are back! We will meet once a month to Watch anime, have snacks, play games, draw and of course, discuss all things Manga. This tween program is for ages 9-13. And don't forget to check out the teen tab at <https://www.east-providencelibrary.org> for teen programming, book reviews, and more!

Monthly kids offerings at the East Providence Libraries

The following are the monthly activities for the children at the East Providence Public Libraries: Take Your Child to the Library Day: Saturday, Feb. 3, All Day at Weaver Library.

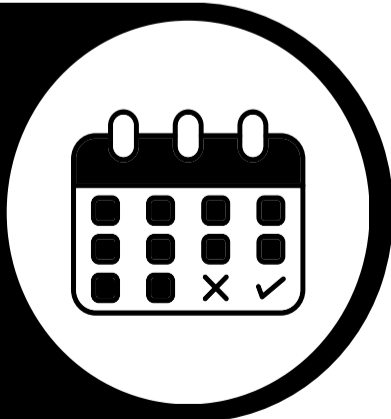
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LIBRARY NEWS

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All ages. Come make your own mini book! Materials and instructions will be out on the tables all day, so come at any time to participate; Mosaic Crafternoon: Monday, Feb. 5, 3:45 p.m. at Weaver Library. All ages. In this monthly program, use recycled materials to create original art. Look for new materials each month! This month: Make a mosaic inspired by artist Alma Thomas; Messy Science Series: Tuesdays, Feb. 6, 13, and 20, 4 p.m. at Fuller Creative Learning Center. Ages 7+. Make a mess conducting a different science experiment each week! Registration required; Tech Afternoon: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 3:45 p.m. at Fuller Creative Learning Center. Ages 8+. Try out Virtual Reality headsets, 3D Printer Pens, or check out the recording studio; Curtain Call Readers' Theatre: Monday, Feb. 12, 3:45 p.m. at Weaver Library. Ages 7+. In this monthly program, we'll use simple scripts, or an adapted picture book, along with props and costumes, to practice and put on a short play. No memorization needed. This month's play: Peddler Polly and the Story Stealer; 3D Printed Bookmarks: Wednesday, Feb. 14, 3:45 p.m. at Fuller Creative Learning Center. Ages 5+. Learn how 3D printing works and keep your bookmark for yourself or give it to a special Valentine. Registration required; Dave Marchetti's Animal Experiences: Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m. at Weaver Library. All ages. Come learn about different animals and then pet or even hold them at the end; STEM Solar Power and Electric Building: Wednesdays, Feb. 21 and 28, 3:45 p.m. at Fuller Creative Learning Center. Ages 8+. In this series, kids will work on various building projects using our brand new STEM Solar Power and Electric kits. Registration required; Duct Tape Art: Thursday, Feb. 22, 4 p.m. at Riverside Branch Library. Ages 7+. Join us to make some beautiful duct tape flowers. Registration required; Story Scribblers: Friday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m. at Weaver Library. Ages 8-11. Hone your writing skills by playing fun games, doing activities, and most of all, telling stories! Each month will be something different, so join us for all kinds of writing; LEGO Lab: Castles, Monday, Feb. 26, 3:45 p.m. at Weaver Library. All ages. In this monthly program, we supply the LEGOs, and you bring the CREATIVITY! Build what you want or follow the monthly theme. This month: Create your own castle; Black History Art: Tuesday, Feb. 27, 4 p.m. at Fuller Creative Learning Center. Ages 7+. Create art inspired by black artists and either take your art home or hang it up for all to see! Registration required; Creative Engineering: Thursday, Feb. 29, 4 p.m. at Riverside Branch Library. Ages 5-10. See what you can build using LEGOs, erector sets, and

more! Intro to Homeschooling (Adult Info Session) Thursday, Feb. 29, 6 p.m. at Weaver Library. Learn about homeschooling in Rhode Island and how you can get started. Register now at Eventbrite at <http://tinyurl.com/45dmje65>! Presented by EnrichRI.; Pre-school Develo p.m. ent Activities: Mondays, Feb. 5 and 12, 10:30am at Fuller Creative Learning Center. Ages 3-5. Drop by on Monday mornings for themed learning activities. Children can explore a variety of centers such as: sensory exploration, numbers, letters, fine motor, pretend play and more. No registration required; Get a Free Sapling from Neighborhood Forest: Sign up by March 15 to get one free sapling tree per child in grades K-12, and pick up your new leafy friend at the library come Earth Week (April 21-27). For more information and to sign up, go to <http://tinyurl.com/4h6uhu>; February StoryWalk for February is: The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats StoryWalk is a self-guided reading adventure that is available everyday for all ages. Pages of a picture book are displayed in frames on a trail around the perimeter of the lawn at Weaver Library. The goal of the StoryWalk® is to increase children's interest in books and reading while encouraging healthy outdoor activity for all ages, and reconnecting children and adults to nature. For more information or to register for events visit <https://www.eastprovidencelibrary.org>.

Friends of East Providence Libraries hold membership drive

Give the gift of a membership to Friends of East Providence Public Library this holiday season. If you are currently a member, it is time to renew. If you are not yet a member, we welcome you to join us. Bright lime green membership application cards can be obtained at the circulation desk at Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave., East Providence or at Riverside Library, 475 Bullocks Point Ave., Riverside. Bring the completed form, with \$10 per person, to either of those locations or mail your check to Friends of East Providence Public Library, 41 Grove Ave., East Providence, RI, 02914. Membership dues help to provide special projects, programs and events at the library. Friends volunteer hundreds of hours preparing for bi-annual book sales and events. They donate hundreds of books each year to local organizations to promote free access to reading materials for everyone. They contribute thousands of dollars annually to help provide educational and fun activities and programs for people of all ages in our community. As an added bonus, your membership card provides entry to the preview sale night for the Spring Book Sale.

Monthly adult activities available at the Libraries

The schedule for February Adult activities at the East Providence Public Libraries includes: Fuller Creative Learning Center — Sewing Machine 101 - Thursday, Feb. 1, 6-7 p.m., Block of the Month (continued) - Monday, Feb. 5, 3-4:30 p.m. & Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6-7:30 p.m., Virtual Reality Headsets - Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6-7 p.m., 3D Printer Pens - Wednesday, Feb. 7, 10:30 a.m., Watercolor Pencil Workshop with Jason - Thursday, Feb. 8, 6-7 p.m., Meatless Meals presents Vegan Wontons - Monday, Feb. 12, 3-4 p.m. OR Thursday, Feb. 15, 6-7 p.m., Charity Sewing - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 2-3:30 p.m., Positive Pens - Tuesdays, Feb. 13 & 27, 6-8 p.m., Coffee & Paint - Wednesday, Feb. 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m., All Abilities Art - Wednesday, Feb. 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Batch Cooking with John - Thursday, Feb. 22, 6-7 p.m., Community Connectons presents: BINGO - Thursday, Feb. 22, 6-7:30 p.m., Kanopy Documentary Showing: Wednesday, Feb. 28 10:30 a.m.-noon; 3-D Printer Demo: Mini Flower Pots - Monday, Feb. 26, 3-3:45 p.m., Adult Paint Night with John Irwin - Thursday, Feb. 29, 6-7:30 p.m. ; Weaver Library — The Civil Rights Kid: A Performance by Ray Rickman - Monday, Feb. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m., A Valentine's Day Concert by Joe Godfrey - Monday, Feb. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m., The History of Freemasonry & Panel Discussion - Saturday, Feb. 17, 12-1:30 p.m., Plant Exchange - ongoing, Adult Craft Night Resin Bookmarks - Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m., Knit and Crochet Group - Every Tuesday 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Genealogy Working Group - Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-noon., Adult Book Club - Mon, Feb. 26, 6:30-7:30 Virtual Tue, Feb. 27

11 a.m.-noon at Weaver Library; Riverside Library — Book Bingo - Friday, Feb. 2, 11 a.m., Riverside Reads Book Club - Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Drop-in Tech (WiFi, Computers, Sewing Machines, Virtual Reality Headsets, 3D Printer Pens, Recording Studio) or by appointment. More information on these events can be found on the East Providence Library website www.eastprovidencelibrary.org or Facebook page.

Libraries engage in '1,000 Books Before Kindergarten' campaign

Families are invited to join the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program at East Providence Public Library! The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children. By reading just one book a night, families can reach the 1,000-book goal in three years and provide their children essential early literacy skills. Research shows that the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood. Reading to children from an early age can help close the vocabulary gap and prepare children to enter kindergarten with the skills they need to succeed. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and reading. The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is available to all families with children between the ages of birth and six years. Registration is open! For every 100 books you read with your child, visit the library for a special prize. For more information, call the library at 401-434-2453 or visit our website at www.eastprovidencelibrary.org.

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RELIGION NEWS

Barrington Baptist Church pantry opens each Saturday

Peter Rabbit made it a habit to hop on over to the open hands food sharing event located in our Cedar Hall. So why don't you get into the same habit too? Hop on over to the Barrington Baptist Church on 25 Old County Rd. Barrington. Our food pantry will be open again on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 1:30-3 p.m. or later if supplies last. We will be offering a variety of Produce and Fruit, an assortment

LEGAL NOTICE

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW**

A special meeting of the Zoning Board of Review will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island, on Wednesday evening, 21 February 2024, at 6:00 P.M. The following applications for Special Use Permit (s) and Variance(s) will be heard in accordance with State Law and Zoning Ordinance.

New Business

1. SAFE HARBOR PROPERTIES, LLC, seeks permission to retain a residential facility that houses 13 unrelated individuals, all of whom are dealing with the disease of alcoholism and addiction using the Social Model of Recovery, for property located at 48 LINCOLN AVENUE, being MAP 312, BLOCK 14, PARCEL 2, in a RESIDENTIAL 6 DISTRICT. (Dimensional Variance - Petition No. 6973)

HOW CAN I LEARN ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL PRIOR TO THE MEETING?

APPLICATION/DOCUMENTS: As part of the above detailed petitions, the applicants have submitted materials which are public record. If you would like to receive a copy of the materials submitted to view before the hearing, please contacting the Zoning Office at (401) 435-7722, Ext. 1.

You can also directly access all petition materials by following the below instructions:

In the web browser, type 'www.eastprovidenceri.gov'. Next, select the category entitled 'Public Notices'. Next, in the 'Filter Bar' located under the heading 'Filter by Board, Commission or Committee' scroll down to 'Zoning Board of Review' and select the adjacent button entitled 'Apply'. Next, select the hearing date (which should be the first available), and the entire agenda will then be presented. Scroll down to the bottom of the agenda, and you will have access to all petition files in PDF form.

HOW CAN I SUBMIT DOCUMENTS IN FAVOR / AGAINST THIS APPLICATION?

If you desire to submit documents, expert opinions, or other like material either in favor of or in opposition to the applications, you can do so by email to epimentel@eastprovidenceri.gov, or by regular mail by mailing to Ed Pimentel, Zoning Officer, 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914 by 16 February 2024.

Please note that the referenced Zoning Board of Review Agenda is posted on the City of East Providence Website, in addition to being Posted in both the City of East Providence City Hall and Weaver Library.

EDWARD PIMENTEL, AICP
ZONING OFFICER / CLERK

"INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST CALL 435-7500 OR 431-1633 (V/TDD), FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING DATE."

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

T-Mobile USA is proposing to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility on a building located at 100 Newman Avenue, East Providence, Providence County, RI 02916. The modifications will consist of the collocation of antennas at 50 ft and 61ft above ground level withing the 74ft-tall building. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project PR012/Newman Church - JLD EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, jdavis@ebiconsulting.com, or at (203) 231-6643.

of Breads of all kinds as well as, Rolls, Buns, Muffins and Bagels. We also will have various meats such as Chicken, Pork, Hamburg Patties, Hot Dogs and more. And to top it off there will be some great Pastries for your sweet tooth as well. Remember the items are offered with no posted price. However, donations are welcome in support of our outreach program. We service the towns of Barrington, Warren and Riverside, but all are welcome to come on by so don't be shy.

Malasadas for sale in February at St. Martha's Church

Let the Church Bells ring out. Let the Trumpets blare. The aroma of malasadas is once again in the air. That's right malasadas (doughboys, fried dough) are back by popular demand. Yes, indeed those mouthwatering tasty treats are going to be for sale once again at St. Martha's Church located at 2595 Pawtucket Ave. They will be available on Sunday, Feb. 4, from 8-11 a.m. The price will still be only \$2 each. so if you have that yearning for those tasty treats like I and so many others do, come on by and get them. Proceeds will be for the general support of the Church. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Newman Congregational celebrates 'Mardi Gras Sunday'

You don't have to travel to New Orleans to join in the pre-Lenten season celebration. Come worship with the community of New-

man Congregational Church, UCC, on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m. and share in wonderful, Jazz-inspired worship...New Orleans style. A Mardi Gras Traditional Band, featuring trumpet, clarinet, trombone, tuba, piano and squeezebox will lead the music for worship and all ages will be invited to join the celebration. Following the worship service, all will be invited to continue the celebration in Memorial Hall, sharing in a Fat Tuesday-inspired Potluck Brunch. Wear your purple, green and gold. Beads will be provided. Newman is located at 100 Newman Ave. For more information, contact the Church Office at 401-434-4742 X10.

Newman Congregational sets Ash Wednesday, Lenten slate

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, Newman Congregational Church, at 100 Newman Ave., will commemorate Ash Wednesday with drive-thru ashes in the parking lot of the church from 6:30-9 a.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. This Lenten Season, assisted by resources from the Salt Project, Newman UCC will be offering programming and worship experiences inspired by the art of Henri Matisse. Through daily devotionals, weekly worship, and companionship ministries (Lenten Listeners and Spiritual Autobiography Writing) it is our hope that during this Lenten Season you will take a journey into the wild and head into the beautiful and colorful Easter Morning! The Lenten Listener program, an opportunity to travel through lent with a partner, will also kick off on Ash Wednesday. To sign up for a

Lenten Listener Partner or for the Spiritual Autobiography Class, kindly email Christy Wynveen at newmanucc.ce@gmail.com. For more information, contact the Church Office at newmanucc1643@gmail.com.

Haven Church seeks musicians, offers free lessons

Haven United Methodist Church, 200 Taunton Ave., holds music-related offerings throughout the year. The Haven Community Music Project is intended to create an inclusive and supportive community. The church recruiting Adult classical instrument performers and singers. Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. If you want to use your musical gifts for the community, please join us! To register or for information call the church office at 401-438-4911 or email havenumchurch@yahoo.com. In addition, Haven offers a free music school. If you are interested in taking lessons for the violin, viola, cello, piano, trombone, or hand chimes, please contact our office for application or additional information. Lessons are every Saturday morning. New classes are ongoing. Also, the church is seeking donations of violins, violas, and cellos in all sizes. If you have any of these that you are not using, please consider donating them to the Haven Free Music School. Students are not charged for lessons or the use of their instruments and our supply of instruments has been depleted.

Newman plans 'Let Justice Roll' for early March

On Sunday, March 3, at 3 p.m., Newman Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is pleased to present a concert titled Let Justice Roll. This concert will feature Let Justice Roll, an original cantata celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by African American composer Mark Miller. Also on the program are several spirituals and works with a racial justice theme. This concert will be performed by the combined choirs of Newman Congregational Church, UCC, the First Baptist Church in America, and other singers to join the cause. Geoffrey Greene and Stephen Martorella are the music ministers, and featured soloists are Becky Bass, soprano, Neil Letendre, tenor, and Venson Jordan, narrator. The cantata Let Justice Roll is a powerful piece in which the narrator reads the words to Dr. King's Letter From Birmingham Jail while the choir sings supporting text, accompanied by piano and organ. Dr. King's Letter From Birmingham Jail was written April 16, 1963 and states that people have a moral responsibility to break unjust laws and to take direct action rather than waiting potentially forever for justice to come through the courts. Other works in this concert include choral works by local composer Lawrence E. Wilson, III, a member of the First Baptist choir, which feature jazz harmonies and catchy rhythms. Works arranged by Martorella and Greene are also included on the program. The concert opens with the brilliant organ solo setting of Lift Every Voice and Sing, also by Mark Miller, played by Stephen Martorella. All proceeds from this concert support Newman Church's Racial Equity Scholarship program. Please visit our website at https://newmanucc.org/ministries/racial-justice to learn about this program and to apply for a scholarship. The public is cordially invited and there is a suggested donation of \$10. A reception will follow the concert with an opportunity to meet the musicians. For more info, to become a sponsor, or to reserve tickets, please call the church office at (401) 434-4742 x10.

LEGAL NOTICE

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the East Providence City Council on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM. The purpose of the public hearing is for the City Council to consider a proposed ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map as summarized below and amend the future land use map in the comprehensive plan from open space to mixed-use.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 19 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of East Providence by changing the following parcel at 0 Wampanoag Trail (Map 709, Block 1, Parcel 1) from Industrial-1 (I-1) to a Commercial-2 (C-2) Zoning District designation and to amend the future land use map in the comprehensive plan from open space to mixed-use.

Assessor's Map 709, Block 1, Parcel 1



A complete copy of the petition and other pertinent information may be examined in the Office of the Department of Planning & Economic Development, City Hall, Room 309, 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Wednesday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Thursdays, and 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Fridays. (Excluding holidays).

The proposed ordinance may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising as a result of further study or because of views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment will be presented for comment in the course of the hearing. All persons interested are invited to be present at said time and place to be heard thereon. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired or needing other special services must call (401) 435-7500 forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting date.

Jill Seppa, City Clerk

OBITUARIES

James H. D'Onofrio

Cat lover, veteran

James H. D'Onofrio, 91, of East Providence, R.I., was born on March 11, 1932, and died at Hope Health Hular Health Center on Jan. 25, 2024. He was the son of Mildred V. Johnson and Anthont D' Onofrio. He was the husband of the late Dolores (Lewis) D'Onofrio, with whom he shared a wonderful life until her passing.

He is predeceased by his son, James A D'Onofrio. He is also survived by his cats, Whiskers and Dana.

A U.S. Army Veteran, Jim served stateside during the Korean War.

He is best remembered for his sense of humor, his impeccable manners and his knack for story telling.

He relied on his faithful caretaker, Michelle English, for many years and regularly attended the East Providence Senior Center, where

he enjoyed the company of his many friends. Many benefited from his kindness and generosity, especially the many stray cats that passed through his life.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Smith-Mason Funeral Home, 398 Willett Ave., Riverside, RI, 02915, followed by a funeral service at 11a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Rumford Cemetery, Greenwood Avenue, East Providence, R.I., with full Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the RI SPCA in Jim's Memory.

Please visit www.smithmason.com for online condolences.



Ralph W. Ezovski

Retired EPPD lieutenant, veteran

Ralph W. Ezovski, 67, of Washington Road, Barrington, died peacefully on January 26, 2024, at Miriam Hospital, Providence, surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of Deborah (Noyes) Ezovski.

Born in Pawtucket, a son of the late Stephen and Ruby (Marks) Ezovski, he lived in Barrington for 44 years.

Mr. Ezovski was a member of the East Providence Police Department for 21 years, retiring a Lieutenant in 1997. He was the Rhode Island state director of NAGE-IBPO for the past 26 years.

Ralph was a graduate of Roger Williams University and the New England School of Law. He was a member of the Riverside American Legion Post #10 and the East Providence FOP Lodge #1. He enjoyed helping others and spending time with his loving family.

Mr. Ezovski was a United States Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam era.

Besides his wife of 45 years, he is survived by a daughter, Sara E. Broomhead and her

husband Adam of Barrington; a son, Justin N. Ezovski of Barrington; three grandchildren, Max Ezovski, Charley Broomhead and Lucy Broomhead; and a brother, Michael Ezovski of Cumberland. He was the brother of the late Sandra Radcliff, Joy Malloy, Brian Ezovski and Cheryl Andrews.

His Funeral will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, from the W. RAYMOND WATSON FUNERAL HOME, 350 Willett Ave., Riverside, at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Service with Military Honors in St. John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington, at 11 a.m.

Calling hours are Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, from 4 to 8 p.m. Flowers are respectfully omitted. Contributions in Ralph's memory to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, PO Box 289, Canton, MA, 02021 would be deeply appreciated.

For online condolences please visit www.watsonfuneralhome.com.



SENIOR NEWS

Local AARP Chapter meets February 1

The local East Bay AARP chapter serving, Bristol, Warren, Barrington, and East Providence will have its next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Riverside Library at 12:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be from the East Bay Community Action Program. A new list of activities for 2024 will be distributed at the meeting. Come and see what exciting plans we have for 2024. New members are always welcome. Any questions please call President Ken at (401) 437-2289 or Vice President Diane at (401) 573-5093.

Learn how to play backgammon at the center

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virtually everything done at our location. Patients appreciate the convenience and having one team responsible for their care" Dr. Asaro says. "I believe we do what a dental office should do."

Another source of pride at Asaro Dental

is the consistency within the practice. Their team, from office manager to hygienists, have been there for many years. "Our staff is incredibly consistent," Dr. Asaro says. "You know who you're going to see when you come in here."


Having lived here his whole life, the dentist is also a proud member of the East Bay community. His practice is the longest-running sponsor of the Barrington Little League. He is a devoted sailor who will be competing in his 13th Bermuda Race this June. His daughter is a Barrington High School student, as he was, and his wife is a professor at URI.

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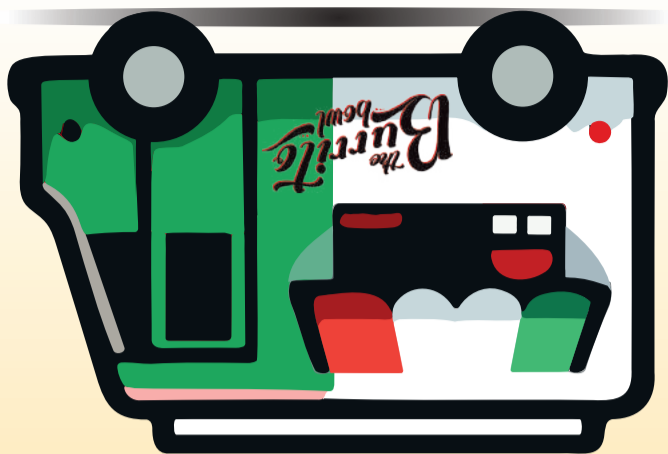
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A view of the Washington Bridge that once carried motorists over the Seekonk River along I-195 West. It has been shut down for seven weeks, its future uncertain.

Accountability is sorely lacking in the I-195 fiasco

The condition of the west bound lanes on I-195 and the subsequent snarl of traffic has unleashed a furious fusillade of accusations and excuses by those in charge. Tens of thousands of daily commuters are stuck in traffic because – OOPS! – the structural integrity of that side of the bridge is undermined. Well, the chickens have come home to roost!



Arlene VIOLET

For almost 40 years I have either as Attorney General charged and convicted contractors for substandard but billed work that was never done or written in this column about the continuing saga in this state where politicians and the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) wink at the construction companies' noncompliance with engineering standards.

Before there was an I-195 westbound lane problem, there was the Route 403-Davisville access road fiasco. The Providence Journal revealed that its construction had key structural parts below specifications, which led the federal highway administration to refuse to pay its allocation. Eight times RIDOT overlooked the pounds per square inch (PSI) requirements at a substantive level.

The then-RIDOT supervisor shrugged off the unsafe work by saying that requiring adherence to the specifications would result in the project being delayed! Route 403 had 17 other key structural deficiencies that flunked AASHTO (American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials). The contractor also put in defective abutment footings far below minimum standards on an off-ramp from Route 403. A concrete beam was 25 percent below standards and was one of only four beams to hold up the off-ramp.

The IWAY itself had chunks of the con-

crete deck falling into the Providence River because the cement was sub-standard. The contractor also installed defective railings and then turned around and billed the state for at least two and a half years for jersey barriers to prevent drivers from hitting the railing and landing in the drink. WPRI reported that the steel reinforcement bars were apparently cut and that anchor bolts were installed AFTER the reinforcing steel was already in place.

So now we have this circus where no heads will roll except for the noggins of the commuters. The villain of the above IWAY mistakes blew the whistle on the fact that for three years Rhode Island has known of the problem with its repair strategy that would ultimately result in the "pins" to fail. The engineering report warning of the problem is part of the record, so political obfuscation isn't working.

Also, am I the only one who is chagrined about the fact that Massachusetts-based Barletta Construction Company, who has

won many of the largest construction contracts, got this no-bid contract to "repair" the bridge after it was civilly charged by federal authorities with dumping contaminated soil in an inner-city neighborhood? Attorney General Peter Nehrone has also charged the company criminally for the dumping, which didn't prevent the favored treatment of this malefactor.

Such is the mentality in this state on transportation projects: "Cut corners, get paid anyway and come back for more goodies."

Instead of being accountable and acknowledging any mistake for this failure, the Governor embarked instead on a quasi-political campaign, using public funds, where he urged citizens to buy local. Of course, this could have been averted if people simply did their respective jobs.

Arlene Violet is an attorney and former Rhode Island Attorney General.

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2. How long will it take to sell my home? Once the house is on the market, it may take anywhere from four to six weeks to sell. However, the market is fairly hot, so it's not out of the question to have your property off the market within a week. On the flip side, if there is a lull in the market or issues arise such as negotiation, lack of exposure, or house conditions then the property can sit on the market for months.

3. What is the selling price of my home? The selling price of a house fluctuates depending on multiple factors. The most common ones are the neighborhood and what similar-sized houses are currently selling for. Also, look at the age and condition. Do major repairs need to be done? If so, that might lower the property. And again, the market matters. Like everything else, home prices vary depending on supply and demand.

4. Is there a reason my home's assessed value differs compared to the market value? A public tax assessor gives the assessed value for a property. This assessment typically occurs yearly for taxation purposes. The fair market value is an agreed-upon price between a willing buyer and seller. There is usually a difference between the assessed value and market value. For homeowners, the assessed value is a double-edged sword. Because, if their annual assessed value increased then their yearly taxes will also be raised. On the flip side, when selling a house it can help boost its market value.

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Killing sharks to reduce depredation is not the answer

Shark depredation, the full or partial consumption of a hooked fish by a shark before it is landed, is an increasing source of human and wildlife conflict in recreational fisheries. This summer and fall, and for the past three to four years, we have had enhanced reports of sharks being caught close to shore off Newport, Narragansett and the Sakonnet River area.

Along with this, we have had an increase in shark depredation, with anglers reeling in summer flounder (fluke) and striped bass to find the fish has been bitten by a shark.

Last week a study led by U. Mass Amherst was published in Marine and Coastal Fisheries, titled "Depredation rates and spatial overlap between Great Hammerheads and Tarpon in a recreational fishing hot spot."

Reports of shark depredation in the catch-and-release Tarpon fishery in the Florida Keys are increasing, specifically in Bahia Honda, a recreational fishing hot spot and a known Tarpon pre-spawning aggregation site.

Highlights of the study abstract appear below; the entire study can be found at Depredation rates and spatial overlap between Great Hammerheads and Tarpon in a recreational fishing hot spot - Casselberry - 2024 - Marine and Coastal Fisheries - Wiley Online Library.

The study suggests that culling or killing sharks is not the answer, but rather reducing fight times and ending a fight prematurely when sharks are present should be explored. Here are the highlights.

Methods: Using visual surveys of fishing in Bahia Honda, scientists quantified depredation rates and drivers of depredation. With acoustic telemetry, scientists simultaneously tracked 51 Tarpon and 14 Great Hammerheads (also known as Great Hammerhead Sharks) *Sphyrna mokarran*, the most common shark to depredate Tarpon, to quantify residency and spatial overlap in Bahia Honda.

Result: During the visual survey, 394 Tarpon were hooked. The combined observed shark depredation and immediate post release predation rate was 15.3% for Tarpon that were fought longer than 5 minutes. Survival analysis and decision trees showed that depredation risk was highest in the first 5 to 12 minutes of the fight and on the outgoing current.

During the spawning season, Great Hammerheads shifted their space use in Bahia Honda to overlap with Tarpon core use areas. Great Hammerheads restricted their space use on the outgoing current when compared to the incoming current, which could drive increased shark-angler interactions.

Conclusion: Bahia Honda has clear ecological importance for both Tarpon and Great Hammerheads as a pre-spawning aggregation and feeding ground. The observed depredation mortality and post release predation mortality raise conservation concerns for the fishery.



Researchers from U. Mass Amherst tagged acoustic tags on Hammerhead Sharks and Tarpon as part of their shark depredation study.

Efforts to educate anglers to improve best practices, including reducing fight times and ending a fight prematurely when sharks are present, will be essential to increase Tarpon survival and reduce shark-angler conflict.

Fishing and offshore wind energy workshop Feb. 7

Join the free online workshop, titled "Recreational Fishing and Offshore Wind Energy: Understanding the Changing Behavior," on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. (EST).

Webinar organizer Jennifer McCann, director of U.S. Coastal Programs at the Coastal Resources Center, URI Graduate School of Oceanography, and director of Extension Programs for Rhode Island Sea Grant, said, "The purpose of this effort is to advance our shared understanding of impacts and changing behavior of recreational fishers due to the accelerated growth of offshore wind energy and identify strategies to respond to research and monitoring needs. During this initial webinar, we will communicate some of the current research and monitoring strategies, identify gaps, and strategize mechanisms to fill these gaps."

This effort is part of the NOAA/URI CRADA to advance collaborative research and ocean planning solutions on the interactions of offshore wind energy development and marine ecosystems, inclusive of humans and coastal communities.

Registration by Feb. 5 is required for this free and public event to assist with logistics. To register, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9U4TNNvjkhlfy3FMZATa9KC26zEIS9snChMtSW1WJgBr5uag/view-form>.

Confirmed Panelists for the webinar are: Emma Chaiken, economist, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Doug Christel, fisheries policy analyst, GARFO/NOAA; Tony DiLernia, captain, recreational fisheries liaison, NYSERDA - contractor; Walt Golet, School of Marine Sciences, University of Maine; Todd Guilfoos, associate professor, Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (ENRE), University of Rhode Island (URI); Jeff Kneebone, senior scientist, Fisheries Science and Emerging Technologies Program, NE Aquarium; Julia Livermore, deputy chief of Marine

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Annual RISAA Banquet, Feb. 17

"This year we are holding our annual banquet on Feb. 17, 2024, at the Quonset 'O' Club, 200 Lt. James Brown Road, North Kingstown, RI," said Scott Travers, executive director of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA). Cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres will start at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6

p.m.

"We welcome all our fellow members to come and celebrate our 2023 Annual Tournament winners and other award recipients. We will have raffle items available including two charter trips and much, much more," said Travers.

Tickets are now available on the RISAA Website. Go to the "MEMBERS AREA" and click on the "Members Home" page to get your tickets now. Contact Scott Travers at 401-826-2121 or travers@risaa.org for further information.

Where's the bite?

Freshwater fishing in stocked ponds for trout and salmon continues to be good, with a largemouth bass bite, too. For a complete list of trout stocked ponds in Massachusetts visit Mass Wildlife at Trout stocking report | Mass.gov and in Rhode Island visit www.dem.ri.gov/fishing, or call 401-789-0281 or 401-539-0019 for more information on trout stocking.

Saltwater fishing has been limited with high winds and storms. However, anglers continue to catch school striped bass and an occasional keeper in salt ponds and estuaries. If you want to try your hand at cod fishing call ahead to make a party boat reservation, vessels will sail once the weather clears. Visit www.islandcurrent.com and www.francesfleet.com.

Dave Monti holds a captain's license and charter fishing license. He serves on a variety of boards and commissions and has a consulting business focusing on clean oceans, habitat preservation, conservation, renewable energy, and fisheries related issues and clients. Forward fishing news and photos to dmontifish@verison.net or visit www.noflukefishing.com.



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| Friday, Feb. 2 | 8:25 (4.1) | 8:42 (3.9) | 1:02 | 2:07 | 7:01 | 4:54 |
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New Moon Feb. 9 — Full Moon Feb. 24

* Information is based on tides in Bristol Harbor.

Lifelong Learning Collaborative offering 26 courses

The Lifelong Learning Collaborative (LLC) has released its spring session catalog online and is offering 26 courses open to all who are interested in learning in a friendly, collaborative environment. Registration is now open, and courses begin on March 18.

Classes, ranging from history to the arts, from politics to community issues, from the sciences to the social sciences and more, run weekly and last for four to ten weeks. In-person classes meet at Temple Beth-El in Providence (open to people of all faiths) and many other classes are held via Zoom.

Spring session courses beginning on March 18:

- Open Studio Art. Informal meetings of artists at all skill levels for sharing and critique.
- "Overlooked No More: Remarkable People Now Remembered." Discuss NY Times obituar-

ies of notable people not so recognized when they died.

- "Why is Everyone Talking at Once? Learning About Opera Through its Ensembles."
- "AI: The End of Humanity or the Beginning of a Better Future?"
- "Connections on the Big Screen." Connections to be found by discussing feature and documentary films.
- Cell Phone Photography Clubs
- "World Music." Enjoy music of non-Western cultures.
- Scrabble Social Club. All levels are welcome.
- "Reading Aloud: Contemporary Plays" of the past 20 years.
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- "Paint Like a Woman: 19th and Early 20th Century Women Artists."
- "The Folly of War - A Study Through Films."
- "Introduction to Black and White Photography." All skill levels.
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- "The Genius of August Wilson: The Century Cycle." Read and discuss Wilson's 10-play cycle.
- "LLC Knits." Make a knitting project of your choice.
- "Elemental: How Five Elements are Changing the Climate and Our Lives."
- "Theater Conversations." Attend and discuss plays at local theaters.
- "Writing a Memoir"

• "A Citywide Campus in Nine Neighborhoods: Discover Providence at its Community Libraries."

- "Intentional Camera Movement Photography: A Basic Introduction."
- "Being Human: Anthropologists Who Shaped the Way We Think About Human Nature."

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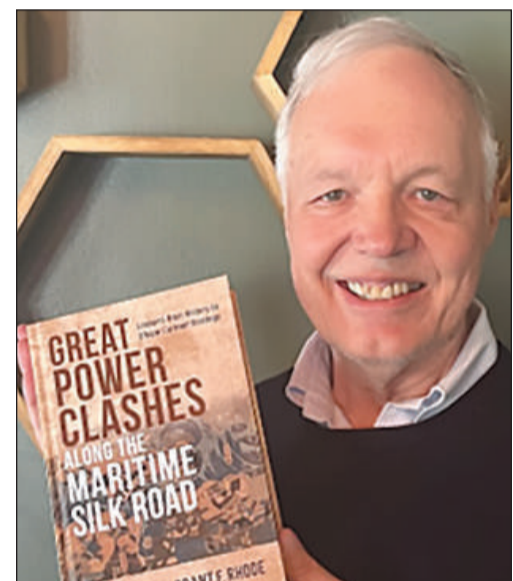
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WHAT: Bosworth Lecture Series
WHEN: Thursday, Feb 8, at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Rogers Free Library, Hope Street, Bristol
COST: Free and open to all



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WHAT: 'Vegetable Gardening 101'
WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m.
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'Hurricane!' exhibition in Westport

Hurricane Carol arrived on Aug. 31, 1954, coinciding with high tide, and swept a wall of water across Horseneck and up the Westport River. To mark the 70th anniversary, the Westport Historical Society presents a new exhibition with images from its collection and photos held in private collections. The experiences of Westporters who witnessed the hurricane have been preserved in a video recording

WHAT: "Hurricane!" exhibit
 WHEN: Feb. 3 to March 30
 WHERE: Westport Free Public Library, 408 Old County Road, Westport
 MORE INFO: Firsthand accounts, images and videos can be viewed at www.wphistory.org.

of an event marking the 50th anniversary of Carol in 2004. Many of the participants were teenagers in 1954.



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 WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m.
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- Cutty Hunk Mussels Chablis** 13
Sautéed with garlic, chardonnay, vine tomatoes, basil, lemon, herbs, and spices, or marinara sauce.
- Garlic Bread Bruschetta** 8
Sliced Italian bread topped with tomato salsa crafted with vine tomatoes, cucumber, Bermuda onions, garlic, herbs and spices.
- Baked Potato Skins** 13
Loaded with crispy bacon and sharp cheddar cheese and served with sour cream.
- Shrimp Cocktail** 15
Five jumbo shrimp poached and chilled, and served with cocktail sauce.
- Toasted Ravioli** 12
Breaded and deep fried. Served with marinara sauce.
- Soup du Jour** cup 6 bowl 8
- Baked Stuffed Mushrooms** 12
Fresh mushrooms caps stuffed with homemade crabmeat stuffing.
- Clams Casino** 14
Littleneck clams topped with seasoned crumbs and garnished with maple bacon.
- Buffalo Chicken Tenders** 13
Tossed in Frank's Red Hot and butter, and served with celery and carrot sticks, and blue cheese dressing.
- Deep Fried Calamari** 15
Topped with sauteed pepper rings, olive oil, and roasted peppers.
- Mozzarella Sticks** 13
Served with marinara sauce.

Salads

- Dinner Garden Salad** 6
- Caesar Salad** 13
Romaine lettuce, croutons, house dressing, and anchovies (optional.)
- Greek Salad** 15
Iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, Bermuda onions, olives, feta cheese, pepperoncini, and green peppers.
- Dinner Greek Salad** 7
- Italian Tossed** 13
Iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, olives, sliced green peppers, and pepperoncini.
- Caprese Salad** 14
With buffalo mozzarella and vine tomatoes over mixed greens.

Add grilled chicken (\$7), grilled shrimp (\$9), or sirloin tips (\$10)

Italian Specialties

- Linguine Carbonara** 18
With bacon, shallots, parsley, cheese, vine tomatoes, and tossed with egg.
- Baked Stuffed Shells** 17
Ricotta cheese filled with tomato sauce and topped with melted cheese.
- Baked Ravioli** 17
Cheese filled with tomato sauce and topped with melted cheese.
- Pasta with Meatballs** 17
Your choice of penne, angel hair, linguine, or spaghetti with tomato sauce.
- Baked Penne with Eggplant** 17
Breaded eggplant baked in a vodka sauce with melted cheese.
- Eggplant Parmigiana** 18
Breaded and layered with cheese and marinara sauce. Served over penne pasta.
- Tortellini Primavera** 19
Cheese tortellini with a medley of sauteed vegetables in a vodka sauce.

- Homemade Manicotti** 18
Cheese filled with tomato sauce and topped with melted cheese.
- Homemade Lasagna** 18
Layered with cheese, seasoned hamburger, tomato sauce, and Bolognese.
- Fettuccini Alfredo** 18
With broccoli florets in three cheese sauce.
- Gnocchi Parmigiana** 17
Potato gnocchi with tomato sauce and melted cheese.

Italian Combos

- 1| **Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana with Ravioli** . . . 19
- 2| **Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana with Gnocchi** . . 19
- 3| **Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana with Eggplant and Penne Pasta** 19
All of the above smothered in melted mozzarella.

Children's Menu

- Mac & Cheese** 7
- Spaghetti or Penne with Sauce or Butter** . . 7
- Chicken Fingers with French Fries** 9

Seafood Entrees

- Baked Boston Scrod** 20
With a lite, seasoned cracker crumb.
- Broiled Sea Scallops** 27
Topped with seasoned cracker crumbs and lemon butter.
- Deep fried Sea Scallops** 27
With fries and cole slaw.
- Broiled Seafood Nantucket** 26
Haddock, shrimp, and sea scallops topped with cheese and seasoned crumbs.
- Baked Stuffed Shrimp** 24
Jumbo shrimp with crabmeat stuffing and drawn butter.
- Fish and Chips** 19
Deep fried and served with fries and cole slaw.
- Baked Seafood Trio** 26
Baked haddock, salmon, and shrimp topped light-ly with seasoned crumbs.
- Deep fried Haddock** 20
With fries and cole slaw.

All of the above served with your choice of potato and vegetable.

- Seafood Fra Diavolo** 28
Jumbo shrimp, sea scallops, haddock, and mussels in a spicy marinara sauce over your choice of pasta.
- Seafood Portofino** 28
Mussels, jumbo shrimp, sea scallops, and calamari in a spicy marinara sauce over your choice of pasta.
- Shrimp Cacciatore** 24
Jumbo shrimp sauteed with mushrooms, peppers, and onions, and tossed in a marinara sauce over your choice of pasta.
- Jumbo Shrimp Scampi** 24
Pan seared with garlic, pinot grigio, fresh basil, olive oil, and your choice of pasta.
- Grilled Dill Salmon** 26
Served over rice pilaf with dill sauce and your choice of vegetable.
- Grilled Salmon Florentine** 26
Topped with sauteed baby spinach, vine tomatoes, and garlic in a Chablis wine sauce with your choice of potato or pasta.

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Poultry

- Boneless Chicken Piccata** 19
Medallions of chicken sauteed with a lemon caper sauce and fresh mushrooms.
- Chicken Broccoli Ziti** 20
Sautéed chicken tenders with broccoli florets in alfredo sauce or roasted garlic and olive oil.
- Chicken Marsala** 19
Medallions of chicken sauteed with fresh mushrooms in a marsala wine sauce.
- Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana** 19
Breaded chicken breast pan-fried and baked with pomodoro sauce and melted mozzarella.
- Chicken Francaise** 20
Pan-fried with egg and cheese batter and served with a lemon sauce.
- Chicken Cacciatore** 20
Sautéed chicken tenders with peppers and onions in a homemade marinara sauce.

All of the above served with choice of linguine, angel hair, spaghetti, or penne pasta

Veal

- Boneless Veal Piccata** 22
Medallions of veal sauteed with a lemon caper sauce and fresh mushrooms.
- Veal Cutlet Parmigiana** 21
Breaded veal pan-fried and baked with pomodoro sauce and melted mozzarella.
- Veal Cacciatore** 22
Veal tips stewed with peppers, onions, and mushrooms in a marinara sauce.
- Veal Francaise** 22
Pan-fried with egg and cheese batter and served with a lemon sauce.
- Veal Marsala** 22
Medallions of veal sauteed with fresh mushrooms in a marsala wine sauce.
- Veal Pizzaiola** 22
Veal tips stewed with peppers, onions, and mushrooms and smothered in melted cheese.

All of the above served with choice of linguine, angel hair, spaghetti, or penne pasta

Steak

- 16oz NY Sirloin Steak** 29
Cooked to your liking with your choice of potato and vegetable.
- 16oz Sirloin Steak Marsala** 29
Cooked to your liking with sauteed mushrooms in a marsala wine sauce with your choice of potato.
- Surf & Turf** 29
Sirloin tips cooked to your liking with baked stuffed shrimp with your choice of potato and vegetable.
- Filet Princess** 35
Cooked to your liking. 8oz filet mignon topped with jumbo shrimp in a roasted pepper reduction marsala sauce with your choice of potato.
- Filet Portobello** 35
8oz filet mignon smothered with portobello mushroom and caramelized bacon maple and served with your choice of potato.
- Sirloin Tips** 28
Cooked to your liking and topped with peppers, onions, and mushrooms with your choice of potato.

Classic Sandwiches

- Turkey Club** 16
Lettuce, tomato, and bacon on Texas toast.
- Honey Smoked Ham Club** 15
With lettuce, ham, bacon, and mayo on Texas toast.
- Grilled Reuben** 16
Corned beef, sauerkraut, Russian dressing and Swiss cheese on marble bread.
- Grilled Ham & Cheese** 15
Honey smoked ham and American cheese on Tex- as toast.
- Bacon Cheeseburger** 16
8oz black angus with bacon, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion.
- Grilled Tuna Melt** 14
On Texas toast with American cheese.
- Grilled Turkey Melt** 16
Sliced turkey breast on Texas toast with Swiss cheese.
- All American Cheeseburger** 16
8oz black angus cooked to your liking with Amer- ican cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion.
- Grilled Chicken** 15
With mayo, lettuce, and tomatoes on a roll.
- Swiss Cheeseburger** 16
8oz black angus cooked to your liking and smothered with mushrooms and Swiss cheese.

House Specialty Subs

- Served in a 12" Sub Roll
- Veal Cutlet Parmigiana** 16
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
 - Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana** 15
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
 - Italian Sausage Parmigiana** 15
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
 - Eggplant Parmigiana** 14
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
 - Meatball Parmigiana** 14
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
 - Steak & Cheese Bomb** 18
With grilled peppers, onions, and mushrooms.

Wraps

- Served in a 12" Tortilla Wrap. Add cheese for \$1.
- Tuna Salad Wrap** 14
With lettuce, tomato, and mayo.
 - BBQ Chicken Wrap** 15
Grilled BBQ chicken with lettuce and tomato.
 - Chicken Caesar Wrap** 15
With romaine, croutons, and Caesar dressing.
 - Veggie Wrap** 14
Grilled medley of sauteed vegetables.
 - Real Crabmeat Wrap** 17
With lettuce, tomato, mayo, and real crab meat.
 - Teriyaki Chicken Wrap** 15
With lettuce and tomato.

All of the above served with dill pickles and choice of French fries or potato chips.

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| | Half Pan Feeds 8-12 | Full Pan Feeds 16-20 | | Half | Full |
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| Baked Ziti | \$40 | \$65 | Homemade Eggplant Parmigiana. \$55 | \$75 | |
| Broiled Haddock | \$60 | \$95 | Homemade Lasagna . \$55 | \$90 | Garden Salad \$35 |
| Buffalo Fingers | \$45 | \$75 | Homemade Manicotti . \$50 | \$75 | Caesar Salad \$35 |
| Chicken Broccoli Ziti \$55 | \$90 | Mixed Vegetables . . . \$35 | \$60 | Greek Salad \$40 | \$60 |
| Chicken Cacciatore . . \$55 | \$90 | Pasta with Meatballs . \$45 | \$70 | Antipasto Salad \$45 | \$70 |
| Chicken Marsala . . . \$55 | \$90 | Ravioli \$50 | \$70 | | |
| Chicken Parmigiana . \$60 | \$95 | Rice \$35 | \$50 | Add grilled chicken to salads: | \$20 |
| Fettucini Alfredo . . . \$45 | \$70 | Ravioli Parmigiana . . \$50 | \$75 | Add Meatballs \$2/ea Add Sausages | \$3/ea |
| | | Homemade Stuffed Shells | \$75 | | |
| | | Sausage Cacciatore . . \$50 | \$75 | | |
| | | Shrimp Cacciatore . . \$65 | \$115 | | |
| | | Shrimp Scampi \$65 | \$115 | | |
| | | Steak Tips Market | Market | | |
| | | Toasted Ravioli \$45 | \$80 | | |
| | | Veal Cacciatore \$60 | \$95 | | |
| | | Veal Marsala \$65 | \$115 | | |
| | | Veal Parmigiana \$65 | \$115 | | |
| | | Vegetable Scampi . . . \$45 | \$75 | | |

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A view of the open concept living area, anchored by a magnificent floating staircase.



The home is an immersion of modern design, style and functionality.

Nestled on a hillside in South Tiverton is an authentic, slate shingle-sided home that is an immersion of modern design, style and functionality. This is a dream come true for lovers of modern architecture.

It is designed to showcase expansive westerly water views from every room of the Sakonnet, Seapowet marshes and farmland. Every detail of this three-story home has been carefully designed, and no expense

has been spared, down to the teak elevator.

It features clean simple lines, custom craftsmanship, luxurious finishes, where every element, both natural and durable, further enhances the home's appeal. The open concept living, soaring ceilings, floating staircases, and floor to ceiling windows, allow natural light to flow through and bring the beauty of the surroundings inward.

The chef's kitchen and but-

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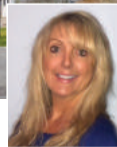
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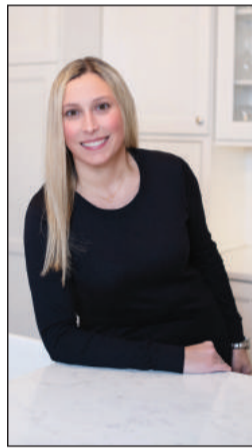
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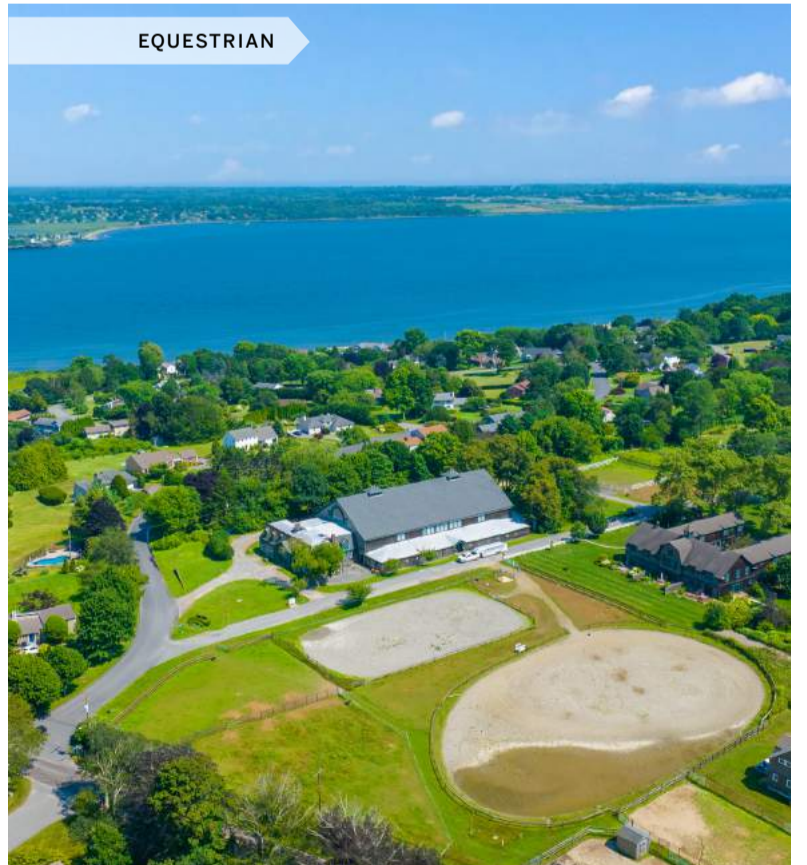
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| 3 North Ln | Nathaniel Risteen and Suzanne Schireson | Vincent and Alysia Curry | \$680,000 |
| 33 Walnut Rd | Eugene Bebout and Lauren Browning | Timothy and Mary O'Keefe | \$640,000 |
| 1 Sullivan Ter | Naomi Gage and Steven Armbrust | Sharon and John Thayer | \$560,000 |
| 222 Sowams Rd | Sharon E. Ristuccia | Anna M. Velleca L.T. and Frederic Marzilli | \$380,000 |
| 2469 Washington Ave | Rebecca Bozadjian | Henry C. Jorva T. | \$630,000 |
| BRISTOL | | | |
| 114 Wood St | Darren Young and Jane Pickering | Shea F.T. and Daniel Shea | \$615,000 |
| 429 Chestnut St | David M. Eck | Wood Frame Structures Inc. | \$660,000 |
| 9 Elm Farm Dr | Andrew and Ruth McCool | Sharon Gordon and Gail Kelly | \$760,000 |
| EAST PROVIDENCE | | | |
| 87 Grosvenor Ave | Adar Kahana | Daniel H. Marcus | \$325,000 |
| 27 Balkcom St | Holly Case | Elana L. Blouin | \$344,900 |
| 5-7 Nelson St | Ronielson Gabriel and Otoniel DosSantos | Catherine L. Mcleod | \$388,750 |
| 65 Roger Williams Ave | Elevator Prop Inc. | Walter King Ent. LLC | \$305,000 |
| 26 Gurney St | Anthony Petrucci and Louis Privitera | Walter K. Baker Sr. Est. | \$380,000 |
| 138 Miller Ave | Edderic Ugaddan and Ruby Shumaker | William F. Lunnie | \$579,000 |
| PORTSMOUTH | | | |
| 64 Martens Rd | Compass RE Holdings LLC | Ernest J. Morrill | \$280,000 |
| 2090 E Main Rd | Canonchet Main Inv LLC | Mary G. Souza Est. and Manuel Paz | \$600,000 |
| 16 3rd St | Leilani and Shane Beaudry | David Gamer | \$137,500 |
| TIVERTON | | | |
| 126 Hooper St | Henry and Mary Laferriere | Braley Rd Realty LLC | \$492,500 |
| 56 Shore Rd | Kevin and Marcia Haigis | Clark F.T. and Christine Clark | \$1,100,000 |
| 136 Lake Ln #3B4 | Hilario Melo | Mary L. Labrie | \$275,000 |
| WARREN | | | |
| 7 Roseland Ave | Jody and Michael Persons | Rosemary Lemmis | \$250,000 |
| 12 Highview Ave | Bert and Kimberly Rodrigues | Emma Carr Est. and Jennifer Dalton | \$316,000 |
| 3 New Industrial Way | Pirri Prop LLC | Infinity Realty LLC | \$550,000 |
| 304 Market St | Rickie Amaral and Dennis Dunles | C& R Contracting & Const L. | \$400,000 |
| WESTPORT | | | |
| 309 Gifford Rd | Jeffrey and Feather Reynolds | Joaquim and Sandra Carvalho | \$495,000 |
| 1133 American Legion Hwy | Lexi Lus Place LLC | Zbracar LLC | \$418,000 |
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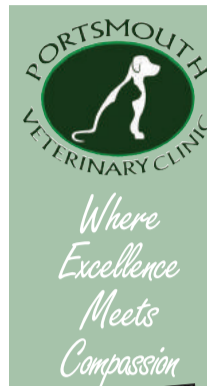
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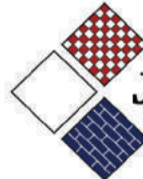
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