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**COMPLIMENTARY** 

# Murder suspect nabbed in town

By RORY SCHULER

A Johnston man has been arrested and charged with two counts of second-degree murder following an Aug. 7 double shooting outside a Providence nightclub.

Police Chief Joseph Razza confirmed that Miguel Lacourt, 36, of Johnston, was picked up during a traffic stop in Johnston.

"Yes, we detained the suspect for PPD (Providence Police Department)," Razza said in an email Monday.

According to published reports, Lacourt was charged in the shooting deaths of two Massachusetts men, Mario Diaz, 27,

and Kerwins Pimental, 29.

"The Johnston Police Department has always had a tremendous and long-standing relationship with the Providence Police Department," Razza said on Tuesday. "We were more than willing to aid them in the apprehension of this violent individual and take him off the street."

The shooting occurred Saturday, Aug. 7, in the city's Elmwood neighborhood.

Lacourt was arrested in Johnston Wednesday, Aug. 18, after Johnston Police were notified of a pending Providence Police homicide investigation.
"The suspect identified as

Miguel Lacourt was wanted by

Providence Police Department for a homicide in their city," Johnston Police officer Michael A. Protano wrote in an incident report. "The suspect was possibly staying or residing at 8 Westbound Court in the town of Johnston."

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# Cocktails to-go here to stay

By ANNELISE DEMERS and RORY SCHULER

The COVID-19 pandemic has been hard on the Ocean State's restaurants.

Although the past 18 months have shuttered many eateries, one positive change seems to be sticking around — alcohol-to-go.

A refrigerated case next to the cash register at Luigi's Restaurant & Gourmet Express offers customers the chance to take alcoholic beverages, like red and white Sangria in pouches with straws, home with their order. Think Capri Suns for adults.

"Cocktails-to-go have helped us, absolutely," said Luigi's Dining Room Manager Mia Bucco. "We had an empty bar, but alcohol-to-go allowed people to have a cocktail, prepared by a bartender, in their home. You couldn't go out, but you could stay in for date-night."

The tweaking of liquor laws in Rhode Island, and many other states, allowed restaurant's like Luigi's to "outsource our bartender's potential," Bucco ex-

The outlook for restaurants became bleak after the pandemic hit and indoor dining came to a halt.

Dale Venturini, president of the Rhode Island Hospitality Association (RIHA), has been there in the bleakest of days, looking for any way possible to keep the industry alive.

Last Monday, Venturini stood among legislators waiting outside Chaska restaurant in Cranston in the blazing heat to celebrate some good news.

Along with Rhode Island Gov. Dan McKee and local legislators Venturini witnessed the signing of bills, which went into affect last month allowing restaurants to continue selling alcohol with to-go orders and stop third-party delivery services from listing businesses without their consent.

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LUIGI'S LIQUORS: Luigi's Restaurant & Gourmet Express Dining Room Manager Mia Bucco adjusts a few cocktails-to-go in a refrigerated case near the cash register. Luigi's offers many options, including Pineapple Doli, red and white Sangria. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

# McKee's mask move nixes SC meeting

By RORY SCHULER

After weeks of passing the decision off to the Ocean State's school committees, the governor took executive action last week, mandating masks for returning school students.

Since the Johnston School Committee had voted two weeks earlier to make masks optional for the district's students, an emergency meeting was scheduled to revise the school system's reopening plan.

Due to Rhode Island Gov. Dan McKee's executive order, that meeting was canceled.

"There was no need for a meeting once the Governor came out with his executive order," said Angela A. Brasil, Johnston Public Schools Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and School Committee Secretary.

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# Johnston officer arrested in Massachusetts prostitution sting

By RORY SCHULER

A 13-year veteran of the Johnston Police force has been suspended following his arrest a Massachusetts hotel.

Johnston Police Officer Viet Hung Nguyen, 46, of Brockton, has been charged with one count of Trafficking of a Person For Sexual Servitude, after a

prostitution sting in Plymouth County.

"The officer is suspended without pay and has been employed for the past 13 years," Johnston Police Chief Joseph Razza said Tuesday.

Nguyen was one of five men charged, following an alleged encounter Aug. 5 with an undercover police officer posing

as a female online, according to Plymouth District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz's office.

The operation was a collaboration between the Massachusetts State Police High Risk Victims Unit, the Rockland Police Department, Boston Police Human Trafficking Task Force and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department.

The "mission" was an attempt "to reduce the demand of commercial sexual exploitation occurring in Plymouth County," according to a press release from Cruz's office.

"Investigators posted a commercial sex advertisement online, and a police officer working undercover posed as a female escort," according to the press release. "A Rockland hotel was utilized as the meeting

Four other men were also arrested: Brian Dick, 49 of Abington, James Bi, 35, of Wakefield, Brendan Garafalo, 26, of Lakeville, and Eric VanRiper, 38, of Pembroke.

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RHODE SHOW: Brendan Kirby, host of WPRI's "The Rhode Show," poses with his sketch, "Amplify Kindness: It's Within Your Hands," and Anthony Ursillo, who won the artwork at a charity auction. (Submitted photos)

# Johnston men win pair of artworks at charity auction

Anthony Ursillo and Tim Kee, of Hartford Avenue, Johnston, have purchased a pair of artworks by Rhode Island artists.

A few weeks ago, the Wickford Art Festival sponsored a Celebrity Art Show & Auction featuring art by well known Ocean State art-

Ursillo and Kee placed

bids and both won auctions. Recently, the pair have met with the artists behind the works and posed for photo-

"I won the high bid on a sketch by WPRI 'The Rhode Show' Host Brendan Kirby, titled 'Amplify Kindness: It's Within Your Hands,' benefiting WAA & Metallica's All Within My Hands

Foundation," Ursillo said "Tim won the high bid on a fine oil painting on canvas called 'Red Canopy,' from well known local artist Anthony Tomaselli, benefiting Wickford Art Association."

Kirby met with Ursillo and Kee at their Hartford Avenue home, Frederick A. Big Shang Bailey's former Roadhouse.



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LOCAL TALENT: Anthony Ursillo and Tim Kee pose with local artist Anthony Tomaselli (center) and his painting 'Red Canopy,' at Tomaselli's studio in Providence. Kee won the artwork in a celebrity auction benefiting the Wickford Art Association.

# JOHNSTON POLICE LOG

#### POSSESSION

Around 10:30 a.m., Aug. 20, while on a fixed post at the Sky View Inn, 2880 Hartford Ave., Johnston Police Officer Cody Weaver spotted a gray Toyota truck exit the motel with no turn signal.

The truck drove west on Hartford Avenue and then turned into the Expresso's Pizza parking lot with no turn signal.

Weaver turned on his cruiser's overhead lights and conducted a motor vehicle stop in the parking lot.

"DMV files revealed that the vehicle has an expired registration," Weaver wrote in the police incident report. "Upon walking up to the vehicle, I observed the passenger of the vehicle making movements by attempting to hide something under the passenger seat."

While speaking to the driver, Weaver saw marijuana in plain sight in the center console of the vehicle. Another Johnston police cruiser arrived on the scene to assist.

Weaver asked both vehicle occupants to step out of the truck, due to the "movements under the passenger seat."

The passenger was identified as Joshua D. Mclemore, of 527 Broadway FL, Apt. 1, Pawtucket.

The vehicle was searched, and under the passenger seat, police found a black bag, according to the incident report.

"In the black bag I found approximately 10 pills," Weaver wrote. "I asked Mr. Mclemore what this substance was to which he replied, 'it's Ecstasy.""

Mclemore was handcuffed and placed in the back of a cruiser.

The driver, whose identity had been edited from the report, was issued a summons for Driving with Expired Registration and Turn Signal Required. He was released from the scene.

Mclemore, however, was transported to Johnston Police Headquarters where he was processed, permitted to use the telephone and placed in a cell pending arraignment.

"The Ecstasy weighed 4.5 grams and tested positive with a NARC-II test kit," Weaver wrote in the report. "Mr. Mclemore is being charged with Possession of Schedule I, II, III, IV, V (offenses)."

The charge is a misdemeanor. Police estimated the value of the drugs, which fall under the amphetamines/methamphetamines category, around \$250.

"The marijuana found in plain sight was also confiscated as evidence," Weaver

Mclemore was arraigned and released on \$1,000 bail and given a Nov. 18 court

#### BENCH WARRANT

Around 6:30 p.m., Aug. 7, while on a fixed post at 525 Killingly St., Johnston Police Officer Thomas Santurri said he saw a car cross the center double yellow line and continue north.

Santurri pulled the car over near 629 Killingly St. and spoke to the driver. A passenger in the car was identified as William A. Mercado, of 95 Harrison St., Apt. 2, Pawtucket.

Santurri checked the driver and passenger's identifications with the DMV and Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS). The driver came back clear, but Mercado was discovered to have an active Sixth District Court Bench Warrant for failing to appear at a pretrial conference stemming from a driving with suspended/ revoked license originating out of the Pawtucket Police Department, Santurri wrote on the police incident re-

Mercado was removed from the vehicle and taken into custody, cuffed and transported back to police headquarters, where he was processed and held pending arraignment.

#### **OBSTRUCTION**

Around 4:30 p.m., Aug. 5, while parked at a fixed post at 1072 Plainfield St., Johnston Police Officer Thomas Santurri witnessed a car pass his location, traveling

eastbound.

"I did not (observe) the passenger of the vehicle wearing his seat belt," Santurri wrote in the police incident report. "I then detained the vehicle at the intersection of Plainfield Street and Silver Lake Avenue."

Santurri spoke to the driver, and also a Hispanic male passenger, who said he did not have a Rhode Island driver's license or any other means of identification, according to the report.

The passenger gave Santurri a name, but after cross-checking photos from other police records, it was determined the man was allegedly giving a false name, according to the report.

Santurri checked for a tattoo on the man's chest, and did not find it, as police records indicated. After determining the man was actually David A. Diaz, of 59 Walnut St., Apt. 1, Johnston, Santurri confirmed there was an active no-contact order between the driver and Diaz.

"Mr. Diaz was then removed from the vehicle and I asked him why he was lying to me, to which he stated 'I'm sorry, I'm David Diaz, we were just going to get food together," Santurri wrote in the report.

Diaz was cuffed and transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and held pending arraignment. Police charged Diaz with a felony count of violating a no-contact order and a misdemeanor charge of obstructing an officer in execution of duty.

#### RECKLESS DRIVING

Around 5:42 p.m., Aug. 11, Johnston police officers were dispatched to 133 George Waterman Road, to investigate a motor vehicle crash with injuries.

Johnston Police Officer Manuel Perez spoke to the driver of one vehicle, who said that while traveling north on George Waterman Road, a second vehicle traveled from the southbound lane of travel into the northbound lane, striking his vehicle on the driver's side front bumper and causing the vehicle to travel off the road and into a wooded area, according to the police incident report.

Perez wrote that he tried to speak with the driver of the second vehicle, but she appeared to be disoriented and could not answer his questions. Perez then spoke to a witness who said they witnessed the crash.

The witness told police that the second car was traveling south at a high rate of speed, approximately 50 miles per hour, and passed the left side of a vehicle traveling in front of it, crossing over the yellow center line, according to the report.

The witness told police the second car struck the first car's front bumper, causing it to lose control and come to rest off the road.

The driver of the second vehicle was identified as Holly M. Biedugnis, of 555 Summer Place, Blackstone, Massachusetts.

Based on his investigation and the evidence, Perez issued citations for Overtaking on the Left, Conditions Requiring Reduced Speed and Reasonable and Prudent Speeds and Conditions. Perez said she was also subsequently charged with Reckless Driving and released with a District Court Summons to appear on Sept. 13.

## FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE

At 5:22 a.m., Aug. 13, Johnston Police officers responded to Buttonhole Drive in reference to a suspicious vehicle, with Florida plates, parked in the area.

Upon speaking to the passenger, Johnston Police Officer Manuel Perez identified the man as Belter Giron, of 140 Hudson St., Apt. 2, Providence. A background check revealed Giron was wanted out of the Attleboro Police Department for being a fugitive form justice. Giron was arrested, cuffed and transported to police headquarters, where he was processed, afforded the right to make a phone call and secured in a cell pending arraignment, according to the police incident report.

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by Rochelle Rhodes, D.M.D. and David McFarland, D.D.S.

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JOHNSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police, Joseph P. Razza

# Recruitment Notice

Town of Johnston, RI Police Department Chief Joseph P. Razza

The Johnston Police Department is currently seeking qualified candidates for the position of Patrol Officer. Applications can be completed by visiting www.PoliceApp.com.

Applications must be submitted via PoliceApp by Friday, September 3, 2021. No applications will be accepted outside of the timeframe identified above

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their graduation from the Police Academy last December. The department now seeks recruits to join the force and submit an application for employment. (Submitted photo)

# Johnston Police Department seeks new recruits

The Johnston Police Department is now hiring and the force has launched an accelerated recruitment drive for new police officers.

Due to forecasted retirements at the department, Johnston seeks new officers in order to maintain the safety and service to the community.

Johnston plans on hiring between three to five additional new officers and preserve an eligibility list for up

This is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who want to make a difference and enter into a rewarding career in law enforcement to join our team," said Johnston Police Chief Joseph Razza.

The Johnston Police Department, an equal opportunity employer, will base their final selection on qualification and performance at the academy. All qualified candidates will attend the Municipal Police Academy in January 2022 and graduate in May

Qualifications to apply include being at least 18 years old, a US citizen, having a high school diploma or GED, be in good physical and mental health, and possess a valid driver's license.

According to Razza, competitive salary, health, dental and life insurance, retirement pension, paid vacation, personal leave, sick leave, education reimbursement, overtime, and more are part of the employment package offered.

The Johnston Police Department is committed to working with the community while providing outstanding law enforcement services to residents. Razza said that the department believes in helping others, providing stability and compassion, and embracing diversity among their officers and the community they

More information about the offering may be found at www.johnstonpd.com, and an application may be submitted through www.policeapp.com. Applications are also available at the Johnston Police Department, located at 1651 Atwood Avenue.

Chief Razza feels confident that the recruitment efforts will yield positive results.

'Law enforcement is a critical function in today's society and we look forward to recruiting a diversified field of applicants who will serve and protect the residents of Johnston," said Razza.

# If you're a Rhode Island veteran in need, reach out, help is available

By Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services

Throughout the history of our country, Rhode Islanders have been called to defend the principles upon which our great nation was founded. They have done so honorably and bravely, most recently ensuring the United States homeland remains safe from terrorist attacks over the last 20 years.

Recent events in Afghanistan can trigger complicated waves of emotions for Veterans who served there, and even for service members of other eras. If you're a veteran in need of someone to talk to, resources, or any other type of service, help is available.

The RIServes confidential network at the Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services (RIVETS) can be reached by calling 401-921-2119,

or referrals can be made online at www.riserves.org. RIServes provides peer-to-peer Veteran case management, referral and support services for Veterans, active-duty service members, and military fam-

The Veterans Crisis Line is available 24/7, connecting service members, Veterans, as well as their family members and friends, with qualified, caring responders through a confidential, toll-free hotline. Call 1-800-273-8255, and press 1. Online chat is available at https://www.veteranscrisisline. net/get-help/chat.

The Vet Center, located in Warwick, provides a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to combat Veterans and their families. The Vet Center guides veterans and their families through many of the major adjustments in lifestyle that often occur after a veteran returns from combat. Call 401-739-0167 to connect to the local Vet Center.

BH Link is a one-stop, statewide 24/7 call-in center at 401-414-LINK (5465) that connects people to appropriate care and resources when they - or someone they care about - is experiencing a behavioral health crisis. BH Link also offers a community-based walk-in facility at 975 Waterman Avenue in East Providence, where clinicians connect people to immediate, stabilizing emergency behavioral health services, and long-term care and recovery supports.

It is the priority of RIVETS that veterans, active-duty personnel, and military families know that they are not alone - we stand together at all times in service to our state, our nation, and one another.



**POLISHED PERFECTION:** Veteran Johnston Police Patrolman Chuck Psilopoulos (left) and Chief Joseph P. Razza are joined by Gary Salzillo of Northeast Auto Body whose company restored is 1968 Humvee that is now a special showpiece for the town. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

# JPD's former military vehicle gets a facelift

By PETE FONTAINE

Gary Salzillo's generosity can be seen everywhere in Johnston.

The popular businessman, who owns and operates Northeast Auto Body on Hartford Avenue, donated an electric scoreboard soon after the state-of-the-art Indoor Recreation Center opened on Atwood Avenue; his company name can be found on countless uniforms for youth football, basketball and baseball teams and much, much more.

Yet another example came during the COVID-19 Pandemic when he hosted a free, town-wide drive-by so children so children could see and visit Santa Claus while their parents enjoyed music and hot chocolate on a cold night.

People of all ages will tell you "Gary loves sponsoring teams so kids in Johnston are dressed in first-class uniforms" and that "his generosity is unmatched."

Perhaps Salzillo's most recent act came when he restored a 40-year-old one-time military vehicle that is now a special show-piece for the Johnston Police Department.

"A while back, Gary approached me and asked if we'd like to have our Hummer painted and add some graphics," said JPD Chief Joseph P. Razza. "I immediately told him it was a great idea, as we like to use it at special events and especially the town's homecoming parade."

cially the town's homecoming parade."

Razza, who has received rave reviews

about the "new look" Hummer, paused before adding: "Well, I must say I was totally amazed as the 40-year-old military Humvee got a much deserved facelift."

The Hummer, in fact, received a very warm reception at the JPD's recent and recod-setting National Night Out held inside Johnston War Memorial Park and as Razza offered: "Many people came up to me and complemented on the (vehicle's) appearance."

Razza also wanted it known: "The Johnston Police Department can't thank Gary enough for his kindness and generosity in dressing up our Humvee."

Salzillo, who joined Razza and veteran Johnston Police Patrolman Chuck Psilopoulos for a special showing last week, offered: "We're always happy to help the town and all my guys really enjoyed giving the Humvee a new life."

He also explained that the impressive restoration project took upwards of 80 man hours and included tinting the windows, sanding it down, then painting it and completely overhauling the hummer, from as Salzillo mused, "bumperto-bumper!"

"Once again," said Razza, "I can't thank Gary and Northeast Auto Body enough for their support and generosity. Gary is just another great example of a true community partner and exemplifies the Johnston Police motto of Working Together — Making a Difference!"



**GREAT GRAPHICS:** This is some of the graphic work Northeast Auto Body did on this Humvee that the Johnston Police Department obtained through LESO (Law Enforcement Support Office Program) that is now used for everything from emergencies to public





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# State requires COVID-19 vaccinations for all licensed healthcare workers

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) announced Wednesday that all employees, interns, and volunteers in RIDOH-licensed healthcare facilities and all RIDOH-licensed healthcare providers must receive their final dose of COVID-19 vaccine by Oct. 1, effective Aug 18, according to a press release from RIDOH.

"The most effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including the Delta variant, is vaccination," said Director of Health Nicole Alexander-Scott. "For the safety of our healthcare workers, patients, and for our healthcare system overall, today's announcement is a very important step."

The regulation applies to staff at RIDOH-licensed health care facilities, including those with direct patient contact and those who may not be involved in patient care. It also applies to individually licensed providers who utilize their license as part of their position in a healthcare facility. Prior to October 1st, any worker in a RIDOH-licensed health-

care facility who is not vaccinated is required to wear a face mask and be tested at least twice weekly.

Workers in RIDOH-licensed facilities must be vaccinated before Oct. 1. Workers in RIDOH-licensed facilities who are not vaccinated by Oct. 1 will not be allowed to enter a healthcare facility unless they provide proof of a medical exemption. Employees in violation of this regulation may face financial penalties and/or suspension/revocation of the facility's license, in addition to disciplinary action by the affected employer against individual employees who do not comply.

All RIDOH-licensed healthcare providers who work in a healthcare setting must be vaccinated as of Oct. 1. Those who are not vaccinated by Oct. 1 may be subject to financial penalties and/or suspension/revocation of their license (unless they provide proof of a medical exemption)

exemption).

The COVID-19 healthcare worker vaccination regulations and additional resources are available online.

SPIRIT OF HOPE

# Faith-based community nonprofit seeking volunteers

Spirit of Hope a 501C3 non-profit in Johnston looking for volunteers to work with their organization using God to help those in need.

The group helps people suffering physically, psychologically and spiritually through Zoom and fundraising programs. The group needs dedicated people who want to help those in the community and have Jesus in their lives.

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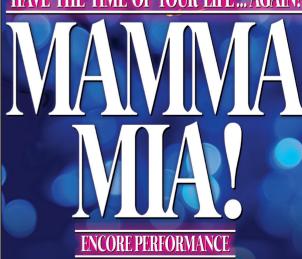


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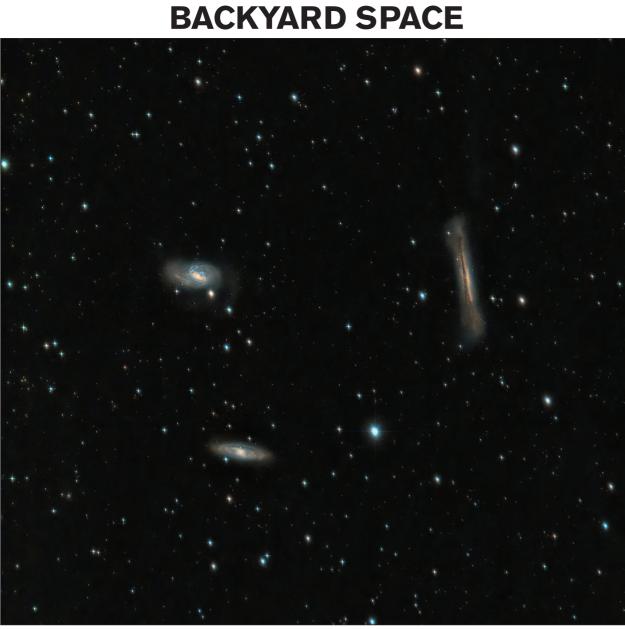
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# **The Leo Trio**

By Lucas Maguire Special to the Sun Rise

The M66 group, otherwise known as the Leo Triplet, is in the constellation Leo and is a group of spiral galaxies. It lies roughly 35 million Light-years from Earth and contains Messier 65, Messier 66, and NGC 3628. All three galaxies have been affected by gravitational interactions with one another.

This image was taken back in February with my old one-shot color camera, The ZWO ASI533MC-Pro and Opto-

ong L-Pro filter to block out unwanted light pollution.

This was a total of 3.5 hours of image integration taken from my backyard in Johnston.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Lucas "Luc" Maguire captured this image from his backyard in Johnston. He will be submitting his deep space images to the Sun Rise for publication each week. Maguire's photography can also be found at his Instagram account @oceanstateastro and his Twitter feed @OceanStateAstro.

# Program launched to address overdose crisis in communities of color

Recovery specialists, faith leaders, educators and community partners joined state leaders this morning to launch a new effort to reach communities of color and other historically underserved groups that are disproportionately affected by the ongoing overdose crisis.

Called the "Imani Breakthrough Recovery Project," this new intervention strategy provides local community organizations, including houses of worship, resources to engage with and offer services to at-risk individuals.

"We are excited to be bringing the Imani Breakthrough Recovery Project to underserved communities in Rhode Island," said Executive Office of Health and Human Services Secretary Womazetta Jones. "During the pandemic, communities of color were significantly impacted, and people need to know that help is available, and it is available in a familiar and safe setting. This program provides a

new avenue to reach people who need services that will help them turn their lives around."

Despite increasing awareness and availability of harm reduction strategies, overdose deaths in Rhode Island are increasing at an alarming rate. In particular, the number of overdose deaths involving the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl have more than tripled since 2014.

By offering services through local houses of worship, the Imani Breakthrough Recovery Project seeks to create places where people will feel safe as they take steps to address their challenges with substance use, access resources to reduce their chances of overdose, and move toward recovery.

The Imani Breakthrough Recovery Project comes to Rhode Island by way of Connecticut, where it began three years ago with the backing of two Yale University School of Medicine professors. "Imani" means "faith" in Swahili,

and the Yale professors, Dr. Chyrell Bellamy and Dr. Ayana Jordan, wanted to provide recovery help through local houses of worship because of the deep connections these institutions have within their communities.

Linda Mahoney, who is Rhode Island's Opioid Treatment Authority and an administrator for the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals, learned of the Imani project and brought the concept to the Recovery Workgroup of Governor Dan McKee's Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force. The Recovery Workgroup then chose to pursue the strategy here in Rhode Island over the next several years.

The effort will be funded by \$877,568 in federal dollars, provided by the Mental Health Block Grant COVID 19 supplemental funds, and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant American Rescue Plan Supplemental Funds.

# **Johnston Market Basket** welcomes first shoppers

By RORY SCHULER

The Johnston Market Basket opened its doors to the general public for the first time at 7 a.m., Friday, Aug. 20.

The store chain hired more than 400 new employees to staff the store on Hartford Avenue, across from the Johnston Senior Center.

According to Valerie Polito, operations supervisor for Market Basket, at least 80 percent of the store's new-hires are from Johnston.

"Everyone lives two streets over," she said, from a loft perched high above the

registers. The store is stocked with Rhode Island favorites, like Del's Lemonade and Autocrat

coffee syrup. "We're a New England company," said Market Basket Operations Manager David

K. McLean. "Our roots are deep here. We've been operating for 104 years." The Johnston store is the chain's second Rhode Island store. The first opened sev-

eral months ago in Warwick.

Market Basket owned and operated 85 stores in New England. After Friday's opening, the Johnston location becomes store No. 86.





DAY BEFORE: The Johnston Market Basket opened its doors to the general public for the first time at 7 a.m., Friday, Aug. 20. Employees readied every square inch of the massive store throughout the day Thursday. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

#### **LOCAL** HIRES: (Left photo) Market basket hired more than 320 Johnston residents to work at its new Hartford Avenue store. Penny Dauphinais, of Johnston, and Heather Rachiele, of West Warwick, stuff finger rolls with tuna and buffalo chicken salad, on Thursday, as the store prepared for its first shoppers on Friday. (Right photo) Jamie





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# Happy accidents keep us stumbling down the learning path

By JON ANDERSON Special to the Sun Rise

Serendipity is part of enjoying the library and gaining inspiration there.

This word makes me think of happy accidents like a fascinating, unexpected book on the shelf right next to the one I had been coming to find.

However, serendipity is not just about accident. In the fairy tale from which the word was coined, the heroes have great success on journeys into the unknown, partly by accident, and partly because education prepares them to observe carefully.

Scientists and engineers sometimes move the world forward by leaps and bounds because of an accident, but a lot of work precedes those moments.

Detectives solve mysteries sometimes through a chance occurrence, but reach those moments with persistence and sharp eyes. They are ready to take hold when fate lends a hand.

Library workers prepare their shelves and catalogs to increase the chances of discovery.

Physical card catalogs might include multiple cards for each resource, arranged according to various indexes.

Some detail on a card might jump out as you happily flick through them.

Now catalogs are electronic, and lose some of the tactile joy, but give other advantages. You can judge by a picture of the cover, see covers of related works, excerpts and reviews. You can search not just by indexes we anticipate, but by almost any word in the record. You can try your search in alternate catalogs linked to one another.

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Editor's Note: Jon Anderson serves as the Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library Director. Watch for his column weekly in the *Iohnston Sun Rise.* 

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# Only the brave traveled through Waterman's Woods

By KELLY SULLIVAN

One had to be brave to travel the road through Waterman's Woods. Described as creeping up a long hill through acres of woodlands, it was supposedly located near the line dividing Scituate from Johnston and was an access route to

Most people today have never heard of the once-notorious location, which cannot now even be accurately pinpointed. However, during the late 1800s and early 1900s everyone knew of it and knew they were taking their lives in their hands each time they passed through.

Eight murders occurred upon that lonely road through the forest. Bandits hid in the shadows, the despondent hanged themselves from trees. There were numerous tragedies, accidents and occurrences that almost make it appear as if the woods were cursed.

Waterman's Woods, with its hushed darkness, was the perfect place to carry out crimes and behave badly. In September, 1887, a man known as Mr. Guncheon beat another man after a trivial argument while a large crowd gathered amongst the trees to enjoy the bloody show.

ctober, 1894, an unidentified man, about 65 years of age, was discovered hanging in the woods, a victim of apparent suicide. It was estimated he had been hanging there for about four days.

In August, 1902, Henry Ferry, James Grant and 67-year-old Providence liquor dealer Peter Early were driving through the woods when the axle on their auto suddenly broke and shot up through the floor. The men suffered injuries.

In Feb. 1905, Frank Randall was hauling a load of wood through the area when he was suddenly thrown from the wagon. A wheel passed over his leg and he suffered injuries as well.

The following month, 37-year-old Scituate farmer Caleb Atwood was returning home one night after going into town to sell his eggs. He passed by two men in the darkness and paid no attention until a bullet struck him under the left shoulder blade. Scared, his horse bolted. Caleb grabbed onto the seat and held on for life as the horse raced away. After the animal stopped in front of a Scituate house, Caleb was transported to Rhode Island Hospital.

Six months after that, John Cooney was arrested for reveling in Providence. The handcuffed man was waiting to be put on the train when he ran off and disappeared into Waterman's Woods.

În June 1907, 37-year-old carpenter Alfred Thornton and 40-year-old Edgar Hicks discovered Gottlob Domke dead within the woods. The 59-year-old German had come to America in 1891 and was employed as a Providence opera-

The next month, Harry Joslin was driving through when the steering gear of his touring car malfunctioned and catapulted itself into the trees. The car was damaged and Joslin suffered injuries.

In January, 1910, an old soldier named Gilbert Mann received a fatal revolver shot while passing through the woods. Tried for the murder was German baker Ernest Lorenz, a diabolical lunatic who was suspected of numerous robberies and murders.

In February, 1912, the horse of William Hopkins slipped on the icy hill, broke his hip and had to be shot.

Seven months later, a party ing through in their auto when a man dressed in a brown suit and derby hat stepped from the woods and robbed them of all their money and valuables at

In November, 1913, 37-year-old Mary Everett and 33-year-old Jennie Bender were driving through the area when their horse suddenly bolted, causing injuries to Mrs. Bender.

Forty-nine-year-old public school teacher, Herbert Baxter, was driving through the woods in August, 1915 when his auto collided with that of another man. Both men were injured and both machines damaged. Baxter had to leave without his auto and when he returned to it the following day, it had been stripped of its tires and cushions.

Though lost to history, Waterman's Woods was once a place where one had to be prepared for a traumatic experience, one that would be recalled for a lifetime ... if it was survived.

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# A Full School Day of FAMILY FAVORITES

FAMILY FEATURES

ach school day calls for a multitude of meals and snacks to make sure little learners are energized for time spent in the classroom, playing with friends and completing their homework. From breakfast to dinner and sweet rewards after a long day of educational activities, it's important to keep the family on schedule with favorite recipes.

These options for a simple quiche that'll almost certainly leave leftovers for the week, tasty tacos with a cheeseburger twist and cream-filled cookies offer delicious ways to keep your loved ones full and happy.

Visit Culinary.net to find more family-friendly dishes.

#### Say Goodbye to Basic Breakfast

The same old breakfast routine week after week can become tiresome and dull, especially for little ones.

It's time to add something new to the table with fresh ingredients and simple instructions to enhance the start to busy weekdays. Try this recipe for an Easy Breakfast Quiche that is sure to have your senses swirling with every bite while fueling kiddos for the day ahead.

Find more breakfast recipes at Culinary.net.

# Easy Breakfast Quiche

Servings: 12

- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen broccoli with cheese slices bacon, chopped
- 1/2 cup green onions, sliced
- cup mushrooms, sliced
- eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheese, divided
  - 2 frozen deep-dish pie shells (9 inches each)

Heat oven to 350 F.

In medium bowl, add broccoli and cheese contents from package. Microwave 5 minutes, or until cheese is saucy. Set

In skillet, cook chopped bacon 4 minutes. Add green onions; cook 2 minutes. Add mushrooms; cook 4 minutes, or until bacon is completely cooked and mushrooms are tender. Drain onto paper towel over plate. Set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk eggs and milk until combined. Add broccoli and cheese mixture. Add 1 cup cheese. Stir to combine. Set aside.

In pie shells, divide drained bacon mixture evenly. Divide broccoli mixture evenly and pour over bacon mixture. Sprinkle remaining cheese over both pies.

Bake 40 minutes. Allow to cool at least 12 minutes before serving

**Note**: To keep edges of crust from burning, place aluminum foil over pies for first 20 minutes of cook time. Remove after 20 minutes and allow to cook uncovered until completed.



Easy Breakfast Quiche



**Bacon Cheeseburger Tacos** 

# A Tasty Take on School Night Tradition

Put a twist on taco Tuesday and get outside the burger bun with this easy weekday dinner idea

Pick up a few simple ingredients you can feel good about feeding your family including Coleman Natural uncured bacon, which has no artificial ingredients or preservatives and is sourced from American family farms that humanely raise their animals with no antibiotics or added hormones.

For more creative, kid-friendly recipes, visit ColemanNatural.com/recipes.

# **Bacon Cheeseburger Tacos**

Servings: 4

- 8-10 slices Coleman Natural bacon
  - 1 pound ground beef
    - salt pepper
  - 4 slices cheese
  - 1 cup canola oil

  - soft corn tortillas

  - 1 medium red onion, sliced
  - avocado, skin removed and sliced
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 8-10 romaine lettuce leaves, torn

In large frying pan or cast-iron skillet, cook bacon until crispy. Remove slices from skillet to drain on paper towel. Pour bacon fat from pan.

Shape ground beef into four burger patties, seasoning both sides of patties with salt and pepper.

In skillet over medium-high heat, cook burgers about 4 minutes per side for

Top each burger with one slice cheese then cover skillet with lid and cook until cheese melts. Remove from heat.

## Cap Off School Nights with a **Creamy Cookie**

Once the school day is done, homework is complete and dinner is finished, there's just one thing left for many families: dessert. After all the day's accomplishments, sometimes a sweet treat is the perfect way to reward kiddos for their hard work in the classroom.

These Oatmeal Creme Cookies are a tasty example of a tempting dish that comes together in less than half an hour, so you don't add more stress to a busy day. Plus, with high-quality ingredients like C&H Sugars, they can keep the whole family happy while allowing little ones to help in the

Visit chsugar.com for more back-to-school recipe inspiration.

# **Oatmeal Creme Cookies**

Recipe courtesy of chef Haley Williams @IfYouGiveABlondeAKitchen Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 12 minutes

# **Oatmeal Cookies:**

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves (optional) 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup C&H Dark Brown Sugar 1/2 cup C&H Organic Raw Cane Sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
  - 3 cups quick oats

# **Creme Filling:**

- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2 cups C&H Confectioners' Sugar
- 1-2 tablespoons heavy cream
  - 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract 1 pinch salt

To make oatmeal cookies: Preheat oven to 350 F. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper and set aside. In large bowl, whisk flour, baking soda,

salt, cinnamon and cloves, if desired. Set

In bowl of stand mixer, beat butter, dark brown sugar and raw cane sugar on mediumhigh speed until light and creamy, about

1 minute. Add eggs and vanilla; beat until combined. Scrape down sides and bottom of

bowl.

With mixer on low, slowly add dry ingredients to wet ingredients. Mix until combined while avoiding overmixing. Add oats and mix until incorporated.

Scoop about 2 tablespoons dough onto prepared cookie sheet. Space dough balls at least 3 inches apart. Bake 10-12 minutes, or until edges are light brown. Let cookies cool 5 minutes before transferring to wire rack to cool completely.

To make creme filling: In bowl of stand mixer, beat butter on medium-high speed until light in color, about 3 minutes. With mixer on low, gradually add confectioners' sugar and mix until well combined, about 1 minute. Add 1 tablespoon heavy cream, vanilla and salt. Beat on medium-high speed until fluffy. If filling is too thick, add second tablespoon heavy cream.

Once cookies cool, pipe or spread creme filling on flat sides of half the cookies. Top with remaining cookies to form sandwiches.



These are approximate times and will fluctuate during the school year depending on ridership. Also, please be outside waiting for the bus at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive and can run up to 20 minutes late with unforeseen traffic and/or weather. If no one is at the stop to meet your child after school, we will be transporting your child to a daycare that charges a fee for this service.

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7:31 AM SIMMONSVILLE AV @ COUNTRY VIEW DR

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#### Bus: 111 7:21 AM GREENVILLE AV @ CELEBRATION WY

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7:25 AM HARTFORD AV @ WEST SIDE DR

7:30 AM 24 MATHEW DRIVE 7:32 AM HARTFORD AV @ E SCENIC VIEW DR

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7:35 AM 2536 HARTFORD AVE

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8:40 AM PINE HILL AV @ STEERE ST

8:42 AM STEERE ST @ PHILLIPS ST

8:44 AM WARREN AV @ MORTON AV

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8:49 AM GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ BRAYTON ST

8:50 AM MULBERRY CIR @ BELVEDERE ST

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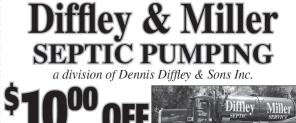
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# spotlight on BUSINESS

# **Atwood Florist**

Flowers for every occasion and every season



By JENNIFER COATES

Though we are in the middle of yet another heat wave in Rhode Island, there is still nothing in the world quite as wonderful as summer in New England. As the remaining carefree days of summer begin to wane, we can still look around us and see gardens in blossom, flowering bushes still overflowing with color and nature's bounty still abounding. Flowers and all kinds of flora are in full display to remind us that, even in a world of crisis, the world is still full of beauty.

If there is anyone who loves flowers and who knows their power to uplift, heal, rejoice and brighten, it is longtime florist John Dick. John would add his words to those of author Luther Burbank who writes: "Flowers always make people feel better, happier and more helpful: they are food, sunshine and medicine for the soul.'

As a floral designer for nearly thirty years, John has spent countless hours creating glorious flower arrangements for every possible occasion, from births to birthdays, communions to proms, father/daughter dances to funerals, and every life experience in between. John is always ready to make something beautiful for those for whom words alone are never enough. There is something perfect for every milestone moment, every expression of love and every token of gratitude ~ you name it, John will

Over the course of his many years as a florist, John has earned a reputation of dependability, originality, creativity, and expediency. He knows how to arrange flowers so that they come alive! John may use traditional flowers such as the ever-popular roses and mums, but he has also introduced his customers to new varieties.



John Dick, the longtime owner of Atwood Florist in Johnston, is seen here making one of the hundreds and hundreds of floral arrangements he has made over the course of this nearly 30 years in the business.

His eye for color and proportion and shape makes his arrangements both timeless and contemporary at the same time. His primary job is to cater to your specific needs and wants, no matter the time of year or the

Customers of Atwood Florist know that flowers not only bring joy to others but can also fill the empty spaces in their own homes. Why not treat yourself to a customized bouquet or arrangement of your own? Sometimes, we need a professional like John Dick to remind us that life is beautiful!

As we are struggling to return to normalcy, it is more important than ever to mark life's milestone moments. John is especially thankful to all those who stuck by him through the good and bad times that we now hope are behind us. Now let's get back to the good times, using caution, prudence, and lots and lots of FLOWERS!

Atwood Florist is located at 1041 Atwood Avenue. John can be reached at 401-274-7300. Visit the shop website at www.atwoodflorist.com. It is open Mon-Fri from 9:00-5:00pm and Saturday from 9:00-2:00pm. Same day delivery is guaranteed if you call by noon.











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# Henri was a dud, but preparation isn't pointless

here's something odd about Rhode Islanders being seemingly disappointed by the failure of a storm to properly devastate the region to their

We're sure you've heard some variation of this reaction. You can see it in the various sarcastic memes mock-

 WHERE TO WRITE: 1944 Warwick Avenue Warwick, RI 02889 RoryS@RhodyBeat.com ing the relative weakness of the storm on Facebook, and the talk around the water cooler this week is likely to

involve lots of jokes regarding how difficult it will be to rebuild after Henri's wrath - it may require a broom in addition to a rake. Oh, the horror!

Certainly, there is an element of anti-media contrarianism rooted in this reaction. After all, the only thing that cable and local television news loves more than a compelling murder trial is a big storm. They can follow it from the Gulf of Mexico all the way up the coast and then cover every raindrop and wind gust it brings our way. They can send reporters to stand on the edge of the swirling sea and shout pointlessly over the tumult. It's great for filling the news hole, and it's compelling television, provided you haven't figured out how to use Hulu or Netflix yet.

So, when a storm fails to live up to the endless hype generated by the media, certainly there are those who delight in reveling in the fact that, even in 2021 with millions of dollars of weather equipment feeding them information, the actual strength of a storm once it makes landfall will never be readily predictable. Making fun of the storm, therefore, becomes a wholly human expression of recognizing the hubris nature of trying to predict the weather at all.

At the same time, we feel it necessary to remind all the smug-talking citizens out there that it's actually a very good thing that Henri turned out to be such a dud (at least in this part of the state). We have been lucky to only have been hit by a handful of seriously dangerous storms in the past few decades, and we should not lose sight of the fact that that is a good thing.

Rhode Island is particularly susceptible to a large storm event, with so much property on the edge of the ocean and so much land lying just above or at sea level, the devastation that could be wrought here by a storm that doesn't turn out to be a disappointment could lead to widespread suffering and economic devastation. Then all

the silly memes wouldn't be so funny anymore. One of the primary reasons Henri didn't cause much damage is because of the state's keen preparedness – from the municipal level all the way down to individual citizens taking the time and care to tend to their boats and property as a precaution. We must continue to plan for the worst and hope for the best, because in the case of large storm events, being disappointed is a very good thing.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Watch out for the warm winds of change

Gov. McKee

Not having a scientific background, I cannot talk about Global Heating in a clinical way, but have noticed a gigantic change in a Roman weather pattern known as Scirocco.

A Scirocco is a wind storm that starts in the Sahara. If you've seen the The English Patient, you saw how a storm covered the jeeps and trucks with sand. Throughout history, entire Egyptian monuments have been covered and hidden for centuries.

Historically, these winds came in the spring and autumn, with maximum frequency in the months of March and November. I'd always know of their arrival because cars would be covered in a fine layer of

Palermo is known for the storms as are Naples and Rome, but around 2000, something changed: a storm arrived in late Spring.

In March and November, my windows are usually closed, especially at night, but in late May, everything was open and my entire house was covered in a very fine layer of sand.

Beyond the daunting amount of housework ahead of me, I was startled by the seasonal change and wondered, "What happened to the normal May weather pattern?" The short answer was: Global Heating.

A Scirocco happens when Saharan winds push dry air north, raising the dust on North Africa coasts. These dry air masses are swept further northwest by low-pressure areas moving humidity over the Mediterranean Sea. The hot, dry air mixes with humid air, creating an anticlockwise movement, which pushes a type of tropical air towards the coasts of southern Europe.

These winds blow from 12 to 48 hours, but the clouds don't pick-up enough humidity for a decent rainfall. Instead, Naples and Rome only get a sprinkling of water, mixed with a lot of sand.

As these storms have existed for thousands of years, there are subnames for when a storm passes over each North African country. Some countries have a clay soil or are rich in iron, thus the color of the sand can vary from light beige to red.

During the Lockdown of 2020, Rome had just one summer Scirocco, but this year, July experienced storm after storm. As the temperature was already in the high 90s, these additional hot air masses made life hell

... also because the skies were an oppressive beige haze.

Charlie Hall

Even more unusual, this year, the sand arrived to friends in the mountains of Subiaco, 50 miles east of Rome, which never happened before, and it's not just messy sand people have to deal with.

When Scirocco winds blow uninterrupted for many days, as they do now, they combine with rising tides, which are among the causes of "high water" in the Venice Lagoon, which is damaging monuments.

Most worrisome is that, weather patterns and winds, that have existed for thousands of years, have changed so rapidly in a brief 20 year period. The speed and immensity of the change is staggering, which is exactly what scientist refer to when they speak about the Climate Emergency

The name Scirocco comes from the Arabic shurhuq: a midday wind, arriving from Syria (Damascus) in the southeast, and blowing toward the Ionian Sea and Italy.

... telling it like it is from Rome, Italy Vivian Weaver

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Then he lost his father.

The 24-year-old decided to change his career path.

"I wanted to help people," Murphy said, standing in his new store on Atwood Avenue. "I started my masters program in the summer of 2019 and realized it wasn't what I wanted. I wanted to be around people. Make them hap-

A passionate sports collector, Murphy decided to explore entrepreneurship.

On Thursday, Aug. 26, he opened his first store and called it Murph's Card Town & Sports Shop.

He promises the shop will be much more than an ordinary store.

"I want it to be a very homey environment," Murphy said. "I want this store to be a place where you feel comfortable coming in for sports cards or memorabilia, and hang around for a while. I want people to feel welcome here. Not just buy and leave."

Like many collector's, Murphy has been watching the sports card market soar over the past two years.

"My personal opinion is that the sports market has been on an increase since before the pandemic in 2019," Murphy said, bending down to neatly arrange rows of graded cards in a glass collector's case. "Then the pandemic hit, and people couldn't watch sports anymore. So what's the next best thing?"

Murphy pulled three graded cards out of the display case and held them out at arm's length.

"You can collect your favorite player," he said, holding out the cards — a 1996 Kobe Bryant, a 2019 Fernando Tatis Jr. and a 1998 Paul Pierce, each encased in sealed plastic and graded by condition. "There are way too many people seriously invested in sports memorabilia now. I don't think the market will ever go down again."

Business Name: Murph's Card Town

& Sports Shop

Owner's Name: James Murphy Business Address: 1478 Atwood Ave., Unit 106, Johnston

**Length of Operation:** 1 day; opened Thursday, Aug. 26

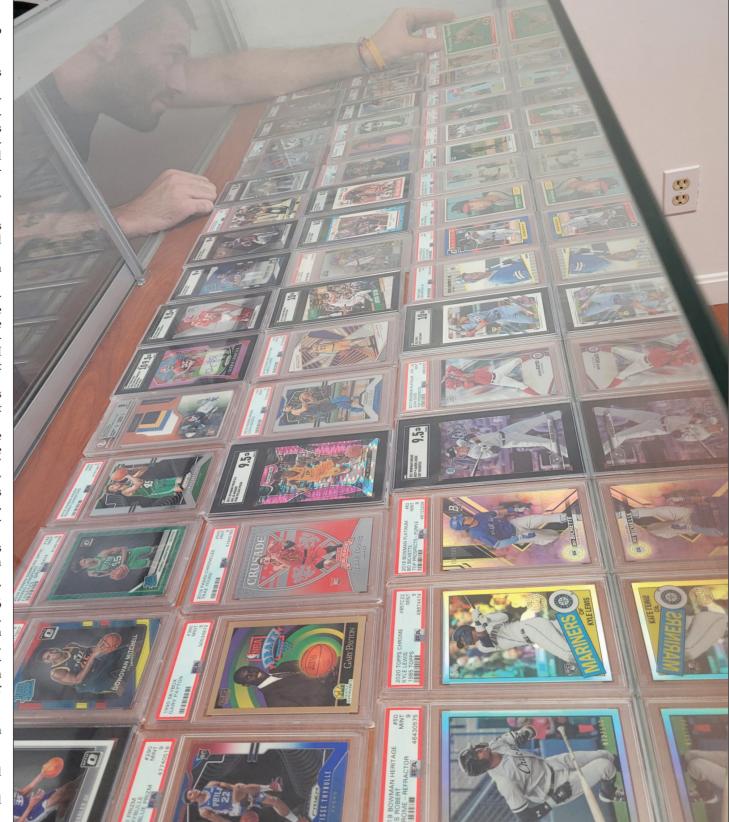
Hours: Monday through Friday (12 p.m. to 8 p.m.); Saturday (10 a.m. to 6

Business Description: Sports cards and collectibles store

Owner's Address: Providence

Entrepreneur's Quote: "Buy a box of cards, sit down and rip them open!"

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the third installment of an ongoing series focusing on Johnston's smallest businesses. "The Smallest" will profile proprietors with few or no employees, how they make a buck, the challenges they face, and why they decided to start their own business in Johnston. If you know a business owner who deserves a profile, or would like to see a story about our business, please contact Johnston Sun Rise Editor Rory Schuler at rorys@rhody-



# **CARD** TOWN:

James Murphy opened his new store on Thursday. Stop by and pay him a visit. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)





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# Drinks

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The heat didn't deflate Venturini's spirits. She was all smiles for the duration of the event. She has waited months just for this

"While we're fortunate that many of the COVID restrictions for businesses have been lifted, the restaurant industry in particular continues to suffer from the devastating economic impact of the last year and a half," Venturini said. "Our restaurants are in desperate need of every cent that comes their way."

Venturini soaked up every moment of the ceremony.

RIHA represents over 700 foodservice, hotels, vendors and hospitality members in the state and has been the voice of the hospitality and foodservice industries in Rhode Island since 1963.

"As Rhode Island's hospitality industry continues to recover, the two pieces of legislation signed into law yesterday are important steps toward our hopeful return to normalcy," Venturini said. "The Alcohol-to-Go legislation will now continue at least until March, and businesses are finally protected from having their products, menus, names and other properties offered by third-party delivery services without their consent."

State Sen. Hanna Gallo and state Rep. Jacquelyn Baginski were sponsors of the to-go-alcohol

"We need this industry, which includes so many treasured small business that make Rhode Island the special place that it is, to survive the pandemic," Gallo said. "This simple extension of take-out drinks will help them stay afloat, bring in a little more revenue, and keep paying their employees and supporting our economy."

The bill allows Class B liquor license holders to sell up to two bottles of wine, 144 ounces of beer, and mixed drinks in original factory sealed containers with takeout orders. It also would allow 144 ounces of draft beer or 72 ounces of mixed drinks in growlers, bottles or other sealed containers. The legislation does not apply to delivery orders

State Representatives Robert Craven, Justine Caldwell, and Carol McEntree sponsored the second bill; it prevents third-party delivery services, such as Door-Dash, GrubHub, and Uber Eats from listing businesses without their consent.

"This law will ensure that the public and our small business know exactly who they are doing business with and it will bring transparency and fairness to the rapidly emerging technologies in our lives," Craven said.

Chaska owner and host of the event, Sanjiv Dhar, posted on the restaurant's Instagram reflecting on the legislative signing ceremo-

ny.
"It was once again a great reflection of our (community's) strength in these turbulent times. Both pieces of legislation will be deeply impactful for small businesses in Rhode Island, especially restaurants," said Dhar.

Although events of the past year have caused many challenges, according to Venturini, the unity in the hospitality industry has never been stronger. She spoke highly about the work not only legislators are doing to keep local restaurants alive, but communities and

"We want to thank Governor McKee, Senators Hanna Gallo and Frank Lombardi, and Representatives Jacquelyn Baginski and Robert Craven for their support of these bills," Venturini said. "Together as a community, we continue to accomplish the goals and meet the needs of our industry operators, partners and patrons, one step at a time."

According to McKee these two bills are only one piece of the puzzle for the recovery of the hospitality industry. He also touched on a package for next year's budget that he said will be centered on small business issues. The vast majority of businesses in Rhode Island are small businesses.

Luigi's alcohol sales have continued to climb, and cocktails-to go have helped keep the business on solid footing.

Of course, people can make drinks at home themselves. However, cocktail mixing requires a particular skill set.

For example, Pineapple Doli, one of the cocktails-to-go offered at Luigi's in Johnston, features chunks of fresh pineapple floating in a pineapple-infused vodka. "Pinapple Doli is a homemade

infusion," Bucco said. "It takes about two weeks to make so it's not ideal to make yourself, at home. You can shake it, serve it on the rocks, add soda water or gin-

Businesses like Luigi's have long been providing dinner-to-go. Now they can include the bever-

# ■ Masks

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Johnston Schools Superintendent Bernard DiLullo Jr. discussed the issue with School Committee Chairman Robert LaFazia. LaFazia "Chairman

checked with the school committee council and was advised that the Governor's emergency order supersedes local policy,' DiLullo said Tuesday. Last Thursday, McKee,

Department of Health Director Nicole Alexander-Scott, and Department of Education Commissioner Infante-Green, Angélica announced that all Rhode Island students, teachers, school staff and visitors will be required to wear face masks inside public school buildings at the start of the 2021-2022

school year. Johnston now ranks third in Rhode Island for COVID cases (per 100,000),

surpassing Smithfield. "Our number one priority has always been the health and safety of our children as they return to in-person learning this fall," McKee said. know that Rhode Island has one of the leading vaccine rollouts in the nation — and vaccines are our way out of the pandemic. We also know that, right now, children under the age of 12 cannot get vaccinated. That's why masking is critical in schools. It

receive the vaccine. Following Johnston's masks-optional vote, both Cranston and Warwick school committees voted to mandate masks for students. Many other towns and cities were still debating masks when McKee announced the statewide mandate.

buys us time until more children become eligible to

"I commend and thank the many municipalities and local school officials who already took the state's recommendation and made plans to require masking for the beginning of the school year," McKee said. "I urge all eligible students and families who are not yet vaccinated to get their shot — it is time."

The state had been strongly recommending masks in school settings, but prior to Thursday, Aug. 19, had stopped short of requiring masks for stu-

"Masking in schools for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people is critical to minimizing disruptions and ensuring that students are where they belong — in the classroom learning," Alexander-Scott said. "Masking across the board in schools allows us to focus our attention on all the other elements of our approach to layered mitigation, including testing, vaccinations, and the use of stable pods."

Debate raged, both in public session and behind the scenes, as parents on both sides of the issue argued over the effectiveness and need for masks in the classroom.

Three men were removed from last week's Cranston School Committee meeting after disrupting a public hearing on that district's policy.

"We're excited for all Rhode Island students to return to school and experience the full academic and social benefits of inperson learning while we keep them as safe as possible," Infante-Green said. "We know there is no substitute for in-person learning and the thoughtful and bold action taken today with a mask mandate for schools statewide will help keep our students healthy and engaged. I know that we will have a successful school year working closely with students, families, and local school leaders and building on the lessons we've learned throughout the pandem-

Most schools have decided to remove the synchronous at-home learning option they provided families last year.

Meanwhile, the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus has been leading to increased numbers of pediatric cases and hospitalizations.

Johnston has moved into third place, from fourth, in numbers of COVID cases among residents.

According to RIDOH, the town has reported 4,995 confirmed COVID cases, 330 hospitalizations and 162 deaths due to CO-

The state's health agency has also reported an alarming spike in pediatric CO- VID cases.

On Aug. 7, RIDOH reported approximately 106 cases of COVID among children ages 0 to 4 years old, and 150 cases among children age 5 to 18.

Then on Aug. 14, RIDOH reported the numbers among children aged 0 to 4 climbed to 159 (a 50 percent increase), and 184 cases among children ages 5 through 18 (a 22 percent

# LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice is given pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 3-5-17 that the Johnston Town Council, sitting as the Liquor Licensing Commission under Title 3 Chapter 5 of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended. shall hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 13th, 2021 at 7:00 **p.m.** at the Municipal Court Building, 1600 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI.

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# Murder

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Lt. Steve Guilmette and Detective James Seymore, leaders of the Johnston Police Special Response Team, were called back to duty, and other officers from the department were on the scene or nearby the residence. Protano wrote.

Protano and another officer were given instructions by Johnston Police Lt. Stephen Altomari to respond to the immediate area of the Westbound Court residence. The officers were then told to go to the Cumberland Farms gas station nearby.

While on their way, approaching the intersection of Hartford Avenue

and Rollingwood Drive, Protano heard a police radio broadcast describing two vehicles of interest, a Budget rental truck and a silver Kia sedan with Massachusetts plates, were leaving the suspect's house.

The vehicles were approaching Rollingwood Drive when Protano and Johnston Police Officer Christopher Rotella both activated their cruisers' emergency lights "and conducted a felony car stop with the Budget rental truck," according to the incident report.

The driver, Lacourt, and his temale passenger, were ordered to exit the vehicle with their hands up. The pair were instructed to kneel down with their hands interlaced behind their head, Protano wrote.

"We immediately recognized the male operator of the Budget rental truck as Miguel Lacourt, who is the intended target/suspect of the Providence PD homicide," Protano wrote. "Miguel was taken into custody, patted down and turned over to members of the Providence Police Department without incident."

Lacourt was ordered held without bail after an arraignment.

"I am particularly proud of the officers who responded to this highly stressful situation and the level of professionalism that they displayed," Razza said. "We are fortunate that this investigation resulted in the peaceful arrest of this double homicide suspect."

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# **Request for Bids Town of Johnston**

# Land Evidence Recording And Cashiering System

Town of Johnston is requesting bids for a Land Evidence Recording and Cashiering System. Bid specifications are available at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office located at 1385 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 beginning August 27th, 2021 weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Specs are also available on the Town's website at www.townofjohnstonri.com. Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 am. September 3rd, 2021 at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office at the above address and will be opened publicly at that time The Town of Johnston reserves the right to reject any or all responses or parts thereof, to waive any informality in them, or accept any bid deemed in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Johnston will offer interpreters for the hearing impaired provided the request is at least three (3) days prior to scheduled bid opening by calling (401)553-8830.

# Arrest

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All five men were arraigned Aug. 6 in Hingham District Court, on one charge each of Trafficking of a Person For Sexual Servitude.

"Each pleaded not guilty and were released on their own personal recognizances," according to Cruz's office. "They are next scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 15.'

Between 8 p.m. and midnight Aug. 5, the five men, "separately, allegedly contacted the undercover phone number assigned to the on-

line commercial sex post," according to a press release provided by Plymouth County District Attorney spokeswoman Beth Stone. "The men and undercover investigator arranged to meet up and exchange a sexual act for various monetary amounts. The defendants were then given the location and room number at the hotel. Upon arrival at the hotel, the men were placed under arrest and taken into custody." Section 50 of the Massachusetts

criminal code defines the charge of Trafficking of a Person For Sexual Servitude.

"(a) Whoever knowingly: (i)

recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides or obtains by any means, or attempts to recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide or obtain by any means, another person to engage in commercial sexual activity, a sexually-explicit performance or the production of unlawful pornography ... shall be guilty of the crime of trafficking of persons for sexual servitude and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than 5 years but not more than 20 years and by a fine of not more than \$25,000."

Joseph Chiodo, CPA Finance Director

8/27/21

# Sports



CHAMPS: The AG&G Inc. team after winning the JLL Junior/Senior league title. (Submitted photo)

# League Champs

# AG&G Inc. wins JLL Junior/Senior title

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The AG&G Inc. Johnston Little League team won the Junior/Senior Division title in the league's recent tournament. The team won the regular season title going 14-1

and would finish 3-0 in the tourna-

In Game 1 of the playoffs AG&G faced the No. 4 seed sponsored by Councilman Joseph Polisena. The game was a tight match as AG&G sent All-Star pitcher Cam Frenier to the mound to square off against All-Star pitcher Jonah Pecchia.

AG&Ĝ would hold on to a 2-1 lead until late in the game when it

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# Fall sports mark return to normal

The high school fall sports season is underway this week as teams began tryouts on Monday and will begin practicing as the days go on.

I said back in the spring that I felt like this would be the first season that felt like we were truly back to normal, and for the most part, I believe I was correct in that prediction.

Sure, there are still a few rules regarding masks and there is a bit of a ripple effect in terms of the pandemic's impact on last year's schedule. But if a partial mask mandate and the fall season being pushed back an extra week are the most inconvenient items this season, then that is pretty darn good considering where we were this time last year.

In the next couple of weeks I will be getting into predictions and my forecast for our fall teams. For now, as we are just getting started, I just wanted to take a moment to welcome back the fall season - the true fall season - and express my excitement and relief to be back to what is almost entirely normal.

I do also have to say one more thing, and that is that I hope that we all continue to do our part in the next couple of months to make sure things go as smoothly as possible.

Heck, there are going to be very few restrictions out the gate so it should not be difficult, but please, for even such a small list, let's follow the rules and make the most of what we have.

The reason I say this is because I hear a lot of

# My pitch



**A**LEX SPONSELLER Sports Editor

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upset fans, parents and coaches speaking out against masks, just as an example.

I understand the frus-

tration, but it is what it is. Last year at this time we weren't sure if there would be a season at all. Let's not forget that and enjoy a full slate of sports. I am excited to get back out there and to see some familiar faces.

Here's a topic that I have been meaning to touch on here, but it has to do with the Worcester Red Sox.

For those of you who do not know this, I am from the Worcester area as is most of my family. I have had some people down this way ask me what my thoughts on the WooSox have been and what it's been like the past few months during their inaugural season.

I'll admit, I have not attended a game yet. I did get to take a look at both the inside and outside of the newly-built Polar Park, but have yet to be there live in action.

In terms of how I felt about the team leaving Pawtucket, I felt bad for

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# RI Senior Softball league nearing playoffs

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Rhode Island Senior Softball League is back at it this summer and has enjoyed another season of play as it works its way back to normalcy.

The league got off to a late start last season due to the pandemic and had to cram its schedule into a smaller window. This season, the league has regained its form and teams are in the thick of the playoff hunt with just a few weeks left on the regular

One team that is looking to make some noise is Blue Cross, who is being managed once again by 92-year-old skipper Joe Giordano of Cranston.

"It's normal this year. We have 20 teams in four divisions. I'm still managing and sporadically playing, everything feels normal," said Giordano.

Blue Cross currently sits in first place and hopes to win a championship after falling short last summer.

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AT THE PLATE: Blue Cross' John Markrush takes a swing at the plate last week when the team competed at Atwood Ave in Cranston. Blue Cross currently sits in first place in the Rhode Island Senior Softball League and looks to make a strong playoff push in the coming weeks. (Photos by Alex Spon-

# Pirates set to hold final combine at Johnston Rec

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Your Providence Pirates are excited to announce the final combine date.

It will be on Saturday, Sept. 11 and start at 5 p.m. The combine will be held at the Johnston Rec Center in Johnston, RI and will be open to anyone who is interested in trying out to become a part of the Pirates this season as this will be last chance for players to showcase their talents in front of the Pirates front office.

The first combine held approximately 20 players from RI, MA, and CT. During the first combine, head coach Mark Gaffney and general manager Paul Rogers got a chance to evaluate the talent on the floor. After the conclusion of the final combine on Sept. 11, the Pirates will announce the training camp roster before eventually picking the final roster for the 2021-2022 season.

Please visit our website for more information at www.PiratesABA.com

Earlier this month on Aug. 8, your Providence Pirates hosted their 2021 player combine.

The combine consisted of players from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut in attendance. Some were returning players while others were fresh new faces. Hoping to earn a spot on this year's Pirates roster. The combine included measurements of each participating player (height, wingspan, broad jump). Along with all different types of drills in order to evaluate skill level.

The drills were made up of some shooting drills from the mid-range and 3-point line. Along with some passing and transition drills. Two short five minute scrimmages were played in between these drills where both team orange and team black split the win total.

# JLL

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was able to get three more runs across the plate. Frenier pitched a complete game and was backed by strong defense and some timely hitting. AG&G won the game 5-2 and advanced to face the No. 2 seed sponsored by Councilman Robert V. Russo, Esq, who went 9-5-1 in the regular season.

AG&G sent Dylan Guernon to the mound while Councilman Robert V. Russo, Esquire, sent the young left Anthony Scorpio to the hill in Game 1 of the best-of-three series.

Scorpio kept the AG&G hitters off balance all day and was able to keep the top seeded team held to just two runs through five innings. However, in the bottom of the sixth inning AG&G would rally for four more runs and go on to defeat Councilman Russo's sponsored team 6-1. Dylan Guernon pitched a complete game for AG&G.

AG&G sent Christopher Civetti to the mound in hopes of closing out the series and capturing the 2021 Junior/Senior League title in Game 2.

AG&G set the tone early as the first six batters reached base in the top of the first inning and AG&G went on to score five runs and never looked back. The strong bats, solid defensive play, and accurate pitching proved too much for Councilman Russo's team.

AG&G closed out the season with a 16-3 victory. Civetti pitched a complete game and was certainly helped by some timely hitting, solid base running, and strong defensive play. AG&G finished the 2021 season with a 17-1 record while amassing 174 runs and giving up only 60.

AG&G's success was the result of a total team effort. Each and every player on the team stepped up at some point and made a key play or got a clutch hit. The team was led by the optimism and positive attitude of the head Coach Steven Finegan with the support of the assistant coaches John Paris and Councilman Robert Civetti.

Members of the AG&G Inc. team included: Cam Frenier, Dean Paris, Dylan Guernon, Steven Finegan, Christopher Civetti, Kevin Biscelli, Logan Horne, Ethan Placella, Nate Wiggens, Jacob Abbruzzese, Jayden Calcagni, Alex Pratt, Colby Staplins, Jonas Littlefield. Coaches Steve Finegan, John Paris and Rob-

# Pitch

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the area. The PawSox were a staple in Rhode Island for decades and it seemed like a blink of the eye and they were gone.

Now, I do feel like the city could have done a little bit more to help its cause. I know that things such as parking were an issue and it seemed like the big club in Boston was ready to move on from McCoy. There were even talks for awhile of the team just moving next door to Providence and building a new venue there. Ultimately, it just seemed like Worcester beat it to the punch and was the hungrier candidate.

However, at the same time, there were comments made by the Red Sox front office that kind of make me think that their minds were made up prior to negotiations anyway. I don't know, it just seemed like a mess of a situation from start to finish and I feel bad for the local fans that saw their team ripped away.

I know plenty of people that have been to the WooSox and the results have been kind of a mixed bag. The park is beautiful. the team is fun to watch, they have some neat promotions to offer.

The other things though? The ticket prices are high depending on when and where you purchase them. The concessions are ridiculously expensive, even more expensive than Major League ballparks.

If I had to mold the dozens of stories I have heard, I would sum it up by saying that it seems like it could be a fun thing to do once in awhile, but with the Red Sox being a mere 45-minute drive away, you might as well

keep heading to Fenway. As a Worcester native, I can't exactly sit here and

advocate for the city as a great place to host professional sports. In terms of the logistics and amenities, it has plenty to offer, especially now with a brand-new ballpark. But when it comes to devotion from fans, it has always been tricky.

Since the time that I was a little kid, the city is on its third hockey team and third baseball team. It is also on its second arena football team. All of this turnover has occurred within the last 25 years or

Don't get me wrong, Worcester residents love sports, and I am proud to say I am in that crowd. But at the end of the day, we are just more interested in the big clubs down the pike in Boston and have never seen a pro team give us something to pull us in for the long haul.

The closest was the Worcester Ice Cats, an AHL hockey team that was in Worcester throughout the 90's and into the early 2000's. The Worcester Centrum, now known as the DCU Center, was sold out every night and they were the talk of the town. Unfortunately, their parent club moved them to be closer to home and hockey never been the same.

Will the WooSox be different? Will they be the ones to find a long-term home for more than a few years? I think there is potential, but the issue is going to be price.

When the PawSox were cementing their legacy and establishing their place in Rhode Island, it was during a time where things weren't as commercialized as they are now, money was not the end all, be all quite like it is today. Plain and simple, back when the Paw-Sox were getting started, teams were doing it right.

Now, with the WooSox, I think that as long as the team does not go overboard with greed, there is a chance for it to do well, but we'll see.

In hindsight, I think that the team would have been better off figuring things out in Pawtucket. Sure, they are probably doing very well financially in their new home, but Pawtucket and Rhode Island deserved more.

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# **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Nature expedition
- 7. Take the energy from
- 10. Bungled
- 12. Young salmon
- 13. Botanical gardens
- 14. Source of chocolate 15. Country singer LeAnn
- 16. Yokel
- 17. Unit of energy
- 18. Plant of the lily family
- 19. Tusked wild pig
- 21. Form of "to be'
- 22. Formerly 27. Letter of the Greek alphabet
- 28. Former First Lady
- 33. News organization 34. Shining brightly and
- intermittently 36. Brew
- 37. Teams' best pitchers
- 38. Edible fruit
- 39. Pitching stat
- \_ or bust

- 44. Monetary unit of Finland
- 45. Small spherical structures in
- 48. Pouches
- 49. Reached
- 50. Investment account
- 51. Oft-repeated slogan

# **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Nuclear undersea weapon
- 2. Helps the skin
- 3. Evergreen coniferous trees
- Relieve of employment
- 5. A way to drench
- 6. Journalist Tarbell
- \_ and Venzetti
- 8. Alcoholic liquor
- 9. An athlete who plays for pay
- 10. Where to get drinks
- 11. Japanese art form
- 12. Baseball great Satchel
- 14. Winged angelic beings
- 17. One point south of due east

- 20. A place to play: \_\_\_ center
- 23. Masses of gray matter in the brain
- 24. Belgian city (alt. sp.) 25. Millilitre
- 26. Beloved Will Ferrell film 29. Railway above ground
- 30. Satisfaction
- 31. Aggregate of molecules
- 32. Type of barometer 35. Type of college teacher (abbr.)
- 36. Long periods of time
- 38. Native people of Nebraska and S. Dakota
- 40. Deliver
- 41. Thin, narrow piece of wood
- 42. Modern Israel founder 43. Small NY college
- 44. Pounds per square inch
- 45. Veterans battleground 46. Hollywood talent agency
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# Softball

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With nearly the entire roster returning, Giordano and company are confident and feel a sense of urgency heading into the final leg of the regular season.

"We have everyone back this year besides one fella, other than him the entire team is intact. We also added a couple more fellas. With a few games left, hopefully we can run the table," said Giordano. "We have some good players but we were in over our heads a little bit last year and were eliminated in the first round the playoffs. That is not the story this year, we are back to where we belong. This is a good team and we have some good competition in our division, so if we are going to go anywhere, we're going to have to run the table."

Giordano has been a member of the league for decades and at 92, continues to manage and occasionally hit the field for some action. With a playoff run much in the cards in the next couple months, Giordano is thrilled to once again be a part of this organization and feels proud to still be doing it at his age.

"I don't know, I'm 92 but think I am 19 in my head," said Giordano, who also plays ball at Warwick City Park on Wednesdays. "I'm in pretty good shape, I play ball on Wednesdays and Sundays, I just want to show up with my glove. I enjoy it, I don't know what keeps me going. I am a lucky man, I'm blessed."

The RI Senior Softball League is always looking for new members and encourages any players that are 50 and older or 60 and older that are interested to visit its website at www.leaguelineup.com/riseniorsoftball. For those interested in joining next year's league, they may visit the website and fill out a player inquiry form.



IN THE CIRCLE: Blue Cross pitcher Paul Danesi delivers a pitch.



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SWINGING AWAY: Cozy Grill's Ron Rainer takes a swing at the plate.

# Fishing before and after storms

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

Henri has just left our back yard. Fishing right after storms is both good and bad depending on species targeted and where you are fishing. The water is usually turbid and contains a lot of sand, seaweed and debris floating in it kicked up by high seas, high winds and extra high tides.

However, many of us may have a touch of cabin fever after being waylaid by a storm. Freshwater fishing is a good bet after a storm as the water is not as turbid and conditions are usually more tolerable with no high ocean surf, however, high water conditions and heavy rain add to the turbidity of fresh

As the weather clears here are some fishing after storms" thoughts and

First, be safe. Winds, heavy rains and high tides create fast moving water on river banks and the coastal shoreline. Stay away from this water as you can get washed in particularly from high ocean surf even though the storm has passed the ocean may be exhibiting high surf conditions.

A storm like the one we recently had can change fishing a lot. Some species like summer flounder (fluke) may leave the area, temporarily or permanently. Yet others species just won't bite. They may not bite because the water is dirty with sand that irritates the gills of fish so they stop moving around and feeding or they simply cannot see your bait in murky, cloudy water.

Storms can also create fishing opportunities with reefs, clam and mussel beds that get torn up with broken shells providing a feeding ground for many of the fish we target.

Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle Providence said, "Storms like Henri can also create fishing opportunities for us before and after storms. For example two of our staff had a great day of fishing at Pt. Judith Light just before the storm hit on Saturday, they caught slot and above slot striped bass from the surf off Pt. Judith. Additionally the storm may push more warm water our way. Warm water that could hold bluefin tuna, Atlantic bonito and false albacore. We will have to wait and see."

"Fishing Monday, the day after Henri, was very good for shore anglers. Any point of land along our southern coastal beaches that had frothy water breaking around it was holding striped bass. Heavier shinny lures like Deadly Dicks were used with success. The bait gets tossed around and the striped bass took advantage of conditions," said ters. Westerly.

John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside said, "The fluke bite was pretty good before the storm on Saturday. We had several anglers who fished for fluke and did pretty good. But personally, I have never done well fishing right after a major storm as the water is too dirty."

Many believe the fish can feel barametic pressure. So if it drops they sense things are about to turn bad so it triggers an eating frenzy. Henault of Ocean State Tackle said, "Rough water and heavy water flow creates turbulence in the water so when bait fish get tossed around and are disorientated that's when the larger fish take advantage and pick off the smaller fish for

Additionally, a good storm often provides a cleansing and transition time for anglers suggesting it is time to target different species like migrating striped bass, surface feeding bluefish, cod and false albacore. All of these changes are imminent now that fall is knocking on our door (last day of summer 2021 is Septembers 22).

Where's the bite?

Striped bass and bluefish. Harrison Gatch of Watch Hill Outfitters, Westerly said, "Slot limit fish (28 to less than 35 inches) were being caught all along the beaches Monday morning with anglers tossing their lures into the frothy surf." Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence, said, "The bluefish and striped bass bite from the shore off Pt. Judith was good before the storm. On Saturday two of our associates fished there and caught slot fish (28 to less than 35 inches) using soft plastic lures. So fishing before the storm was pretty good." John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside said, "The bluefish skipjack bite has been very good in coves and harbors with customers having no trouble catching their three fish limit." Large bluefish continue to be caught off Block Island with fish as large as 12 to 13 pounds. East End Eddie Doherty said "Cape Cod Canal fishing has slowed down again after one of the best weeks of the season, producing many striped bass in the 20 & 30 pound

Summer flounder, black area bass and scup. "Customer Albert Bettencourt of Riverside fished for fluke Saturday at Conimicut Point drifting from East Providence to Warwick and then toward Providence. They had difficulty catching keeper fluke in the mid and lower Bay but caught 17 fluke on the sand bar. Six of the fish were keepers and were brought

Harrison Gatch of Watch Hill Outfitup in just six and seven feet of water,

BLUEFIN BITE: Arthur Coia with the 67-inch bluefin tuna he caught last week. (Submitted photo)

said John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle. We fished off Pt. Judith last week and one angler caught four keeper fluke and eight keeper size black sea bass. The fish were caught off the center wall of the Harbor of Refuge and east of the Hooter Buoy. Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle said, "The fluke bite is off but we have a strong scup and black sea bass bite in the Bay and offshore." Harrison Gatch of Watch Hill Outfitters said, "There was a great bait fish bite in our parking lot Sunday during the storm surge, however, we have no reports to date of anglers returning from fluke or black sea bass fishing."

Bluefin tuna, Atlantic bonito and false albacore. Dave Henault of Ocean State tackle said, "We had some nice fish caught last week. Arthur Coia landed a 67-inch bluefin tuna last week. Not bad for someone who has not previously targeted bluefin. The bite overall last week was good for some and not good for others depending on the

day and conditions. The hope is that the storm will push warmer water to shore and bring the hardtails (Atlantic bonito, false albacore, bluefin, skipjack tuna) even closer to shore." Elisa Cahill of Snug Harbor said, "Anglers have landed albies off the West Wall of the Harbor of Refuge."

Freshwater fishing has been consistently good for anglers targeting largemouth bass. "Minnows are being used with success with anglers letting them do most of the work to attract fish." said Henault of Ocean State Tackle.

Dave Monti holds a captain's master 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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Berkeley's Polypore mushroom. (Photo by Erica MacKnight)

# Super crop delights fungi foragers

By ERICA MacKNIGHT

Heat. Humidity. Rain. These weather conditions have local mushroom enthusiasts calling 2021 a banner year for foraging.

This July we saw unseasonably rainy weather, followed by heat, and August seems to be following suit. This type of weather produces some of the best mushrooms Rhode Island has to offer, and local mushroom hunters are hiking the trails in search of edible fungi.

Expert mushroom hunter David Jakubowski, who dedicates time to foraging in both Connecticut and Vermont, claims that this summer's weather is helping the mushroom bonanza.

"Ultimately, I would say that it's been the steady rainfall and warm temperatures," he said. "This has helped many of the summer mushroom crops explode across much of New England."

Jakubowski is what most foragers would consider one of the most knowledgeable mushroom hunters on the East Coast.

Dedicating time to foraging in two states, he can identify most of the choice edibles found in our area. A choice edible is a mushroom (or other forged nut, fruit or plant) that is a 10 out of 10 on the taste and edibility scale.

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■ Mushroom

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"I have walked hundreds of miles looking for them. I'm always glad when I am able to come home with even just a dozen of them in my pouch, and I've had banner trips where I have found hundreds," he said. "Summer and fall are amazing times for mushroom foraging here in New England – Oysters, Chanterelles, Black Trumpets, Ink caps, Chicken of the woods, Hen of the woods, Pheasant Back, Bear's head tooth, the list goes on and on. Each of them taste different, yet they are all delicious."

West Warwick's Bill Ladd has been foraging for mushrooms in Rhode Island for 10 years.

"Rain is a mushroom forager's best friend," he said. "I know the beach people have not been happy with this summer, but the woods have been full of mushrooms of all types. The morning after a nice rain is my favorite time to hike for them as they really seem to pop."

On a recent hike in Exeter, Ladd found the elusive and rare Cauliflower mushroom. "My favorites to find would be the morels or the cauliflowers," he said.

Ladd combines his love for treasure hunting with foraging, and he is often seen foraging with a metal detector in hand.

"As a treasure hunter, I can now combine the two hobbies perfectly. I may strike out with my metal detector, but I come home with a beautiful, tasty cauliflower mushroom instead."

When you are a beginner in the world of foraging, it makes sense to take a bit of caution. There are poisonous mushrooms out there, and several edible mushrooms with poisonous look-alikes.

Jakubowski advises, "For beginners, I would say don't be afraid to jump in and start looking for mushrooms. Go out tomorrow and walk around. See what is growing. Pick them. Look at the cap and its shape. Look under the cap (Gills? No

gills?). Look at the stem. Find a mentor and spend time with them in the woods. Ask questions. Explore different wooded areas. Read as much as you can. Join some of the many mushroom foraging groups that are on Facebook. Buy a few books with lots of pictures."

Margaret Carlin of Newport is new to foraging, but has been interested in the hobby for a while.

"I love to cook and try to eat locally grown, seasonal food as at least 50 percent of my diet," she said. "I have belonged to CSAs for over 15 years. I see my interest in foraging and plant/mushroom identification as a natural next step to my support of local agriculture."

Carlin started noticing all the mushrooms she saw while on nature walks,
and her interest blossomed. Inexpensive mushroom knives can be purchased from Amazon, or other online
shops. There are knives with a brush
on the end, allowing you to clean your
mushrooms in the field. A cheap mesh
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mushrooms is another tool of the trade.
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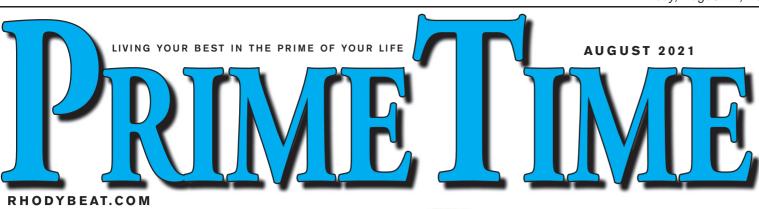
With the success of a new Netflix documentary, "Fantastic Fungi," and our own mushroom boom right here at home, interest in mushrooms has spiked of late

Paul Stamets is the star of the informative documentary, and has a lot to say about mushrooms, on multiple levels. In the documentary, Stamets is giving a TED talk and holds up a large mushroom. The crowd goes absolutely wild, as if he head-lining a concert. The popularity of mushrooms cannot be denied, and this interest appears to be on the rise. Whether you are locally foraging, or believe, as Stamet does, that mushrooms can save the world, there is one piece of advice that will forever ring

Jakubowski perhaps said it best: "Yeah, don't forget bug spray when you are out in the woods. You are going to need it."











We learn new things every day, and the learning we do in adulthood isn't always done in a classroom. Think about all the new things you learn in a day, whether it's at work, learning a new skill in the kitchen, or reading about something online. Learning new things becomes especially important in the senior years. It's a great way to keep the mind and body active and can play a big part in keeping seniors happy and healthy. Whether it's in a more formal classroom setting or just learning something new from a friend, it's good to to seek knowledge. Here are just a few reasons why learning is so important as we age.

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It's important to keep the brain active as we get older. Learning new skills or about new subjects is a great way to keep the mind sharp. Continued learning can improve memory by maintaining brain cells and making sure those cells properly communicate with each other. Think of your mind as a muscle; it needs to be exercised regularly to keep it strong.

# LEARNING GIVES AN EMOTIONAL BOOST

Learning something new is a great way to boost selfesteem. When you learn a new skill, you feel stronger, more confident, and proud of yourself. New skills can give you a stronger sense of independence, which will keep you happy and healthy.

# GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE

When you decide to attend a class or lecture, you'll find yourself surrounded by people who share some common interests with you. If you decide to take a class on how to speak a new language, you know that everyone else there is interested in learning the same thing as you. It gives you an opportunity to make new friends outside of the classroom too. Organize a study group or simply get together to talk about what you've learned. You'll likely open the door to some amazing new friends who will keep you busy and entertained.

# YOU'VE FINALLY GOT THE TIME

Ask someone if they've got something they've always wanted to learn about. Most people have a list of things

they would like to learn, but they simply don't have the time to do it. However, once you retire, you have the gift of time. It's the perfect opportunity to take that course you've always wanted to take or pick up that hobby you've always wanted to try out. The satisfaction of finally mastering that skill or digging into a subject you've always been curious about will give you a huge boost of self-confidence and you'll feel great about making good use of your free time.

WHERE TO START Many seniors centers and community centers offer classes and they are great place to start if you want to learn a new skill. They usually have a wide variety of classes to choose from, covering everything from arts and languages to fitness and cooking. Many local universities also offer special learning tracks designed for seniors, with one day courses, lectures, and even courses for university credits. Libraries are another great place to learn and take classes. Many senior centers have reopened and are following guidelines to keep visititors safe.

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# Take the Aging

# Do you know the Facts on Aging?

Rhode Island College has used a test on aging at the beginning of each semester to show her students at Rhode Island College how preconceived ideas about the elderly can be way off.

The test was deemed a landmark in gerontology when originally produced in the 1970s by Erdman Palmore, and has been continuously updated as new information has become available. This version comes from the Gerontology Program of the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Here are the first 15 questions. See how well you understand the process called aging.

- T F (1) The majority of old people (past 65 years) have Alzheimer's disease.
- T F (2) As people grow older their intelligence declines significantly.
- T F (3) It's very difficult for older adults to learn new things.
- T F (4) Personality changes with age.
- T F (5) Memory loss is a normal part of aging
- T F (6) As adults grow older, reaction time increases.
- T F (7) Clinical depression increases as people get older.
- T F (8) Older adults are at risk for HIV/AIDS.
- T F (9) Alcoholism and alcohol abuse significantly increase in people over 65.
- T F (10) Older adults have more trouble sleeping than younger adults.
- TF (11) Older adults have the highest suicide rate of any age group.
- T F (12) High blood pressure increases with age.
- T F (13) Older people perspire less, so they are more likely to suffer from hyperthermia.
- T F (14) All women develop osteoporosis as they age.
- T F (15) A person's height tends to shrink in old age.

- (1) False. Only 10 percent of all people age 65 will be diagnosed with
- False. Current research suggests that intellectual performance in healthy individuals holds up well into old age. Intellectual declines have been shown to be small in 60 and 70 year old adults, but can become greater in people after age 80, although even in this age range there are substantial individual differences.
- (3) False. It is well established that those who regularly practice their learning skills maintain learning efficiency over their entire lifespan.
- (4) False. Personality remains remarkably constant in both men and women throughout life, although certain traits can become more
- (5) True. As we age we all experience modest memory loss, mostly shortterm memory. Retrieval of information may slow with age; the reasons for this is not fully understood but could include stress, personal loss, physical disease, effects of medication, and depression.
- (6) True. Reaction time is the interval between stimulus and completion of motor response, like stepping on the brake when we see a red light. Older adults do show large increases in response time with age.
- (7) False. Depression does not occur more often in older adults than younger groups, however it is the most frequent mental health prob-
- (8) True. Unprotected sex and blood transfusions put older adults at the same risk as the rest of the adult population.
- (9) False. Evidence suggests that, while older adults aren't abstinent, both the frequency and quantity of alcohol consumption decrease with age. Problems with alcohol among older adults appears to be a
- continuation of a pattern of problem drinking established earlier. (10) True. Current research indicates that, in addition to sleep interference due to emotional problems and reactions to medication, and other factors, REM (dream sleep) deep sleep in older adults may be
- (11) True. It's estimated that 17 to 25 percent of all reported suicides occur in adults 65 and older. Of those, older white males make up
- (12) True & False. The Fifth Report of the Joint National Commission on Detection, Evaluation and Treatment of High Blood Pressure states young and old have the same blood pressure with an established benchmark of 140/90. But research seems to indicate more than 50 percent of persons over 65 in industrialized society have BP
- (13) True. Older adults perspire less, are less aware of thirst and less able to feel or adapt to extremes of temperature than younger persons.
- (14) False. Women rarely develop osteoporosis until age 70. There is a gradual loss of body tissue, which causes brittle bones that fracture more easily in both men and women as they age. The greatest loss in women, in general, occur after menopause. Deficiency in bone mineral density occurs in 50 percent of women over 50, 57 percent
- of women 70 or over, but decreases to 45 percent after age 80. (15) True. Due to osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, and a lifetime of wear and tear, upper vertebrae are weakened, joint spaces and buffering tissue wear and muscles are lost, and the padding between vertebrae decreases, all causing a reduction in overall height.



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SENIOR ISSUES

by LARRY GRIMALDI

# **Death of Customer Service**

In his 1949 classic, Death of a Salesman, playwright Arthur Miller chronicles the downward spiral of its main character, Willy Loman. Denial, disappointment, and delusion haunt Loman as he laments what his life once was, what it is now, and what it might have been. My recent experience with a fiber optic communications conglomerate has inspired me to pen my own play, Death of Customer

**PROLOGUE:** The name of the company has been changed to Horizon protect the guilty.

Scene One: (The Broken Remote): The stage lights come up. The curtain rises.

The protagonist (me) drops the remote control, rendering it inoperable. I break out in a cold sweat knowing that I will have to deal with Horizon for a replacement. Preferring a person-to-person conversation to a soliloquy from a robot, I scan Horizon's web site for a customer service store. I locate the center that I had visited previously to arrange my "bundle." Buoyed by optimism, I climb into

Scene Two: (The No Customer Service Customer Service Guy Encounter): Upon arrival, I notice a sign warning me that the store no longer stocks remotes. I sense that I'm in trouble; but hope springs eternal. My worst fears are realized when the "customer service guy" (irony injected) tells me to call the 1-800-Billing Number to order a new remote. Billing you ask? (The answer will be revealed in Scene Three). Then I inquire about making changes to my telecommunications package. The reply? You guessed it. Call the 1-800-Billing Number. Frustration mounting, I ask the alleged "customer service" guy if his job required any skill or training, other than to refer subscribers to the 1-800-Billing Number. From the look of befuddlement on his face, I realized that nobody had ever dared ask him this question before. Regaining his corporate equilibrium, he mumbled that the web site information was incorrect and the store dealt exclusively with Horizon cell phone plans. I returned home dejected.

Scene Three: (The Call): I call the 1-800-Billing Number and patiently endure the annoying message imploring me to go online to place my order. I refuse to be swayed. Following the online prompt (which I promptly ignored), I am subjected to the inevitable "due to the high volume of calls" ruse. My firmly believe that the "high volume of calls" malarky was a blatant attempt to discourage me. My perseverance and patience were rewarded when a live person finally answered the phone. I succeeded in ordering the remote with no complications. I am lulled into thinking that I have achieved complete victory over Horizon... UNTIL I discovered why it was necessary to call the allpurpose 1-800-Billing Number. (Refer to Scene Two). My carelessness would cost me \$24.95, a usurious assessment for a \$1 device, that would be applied to my next bill. Apparently, Horizon has millions of customers, very little service, and no tolerance for clumsiness.

Scene Four: (The Remote Arrives): I open the package and am happy to see that batteries are already installed. But my happiness is short-lived. The package does NOT include programming instructions! Searching the Internet for guidance, I realize Horizon has subliminally programmed me NOT to call them. In the dénouement of Death of Customer Service, Horizon gets the last laugh. My wife Kathy effortlessly programs the remote and electronic tranquility reigns, (UNTIL the next telecommunications crisis). I resolve to use extreme caution with my new remote for one simple reason. The fewer "customer service" encounters I have with Horizon, the better it will be for my blood pressure.

Scene Five (A Play is Born): I am sitting at my computer writing the first draft for Death of Customer Service.

Fade to black. The curtain comes down.

EPILOGUE: I have no illusion that my play will be staged on Broadway, off-Broadway, or on Broad Street in any town in America. But I feel much better.

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RETIREMENT SPARKS

by ELAINE M. DECKER

# Crayon Colors for Seniors

All this time stuck at home has led to folks taking up old-fashioned hobbies to keep from going stir crazy. Many of us have discovered (or rediscovered) jigsaw puzzles. Another trend that had already begun before the pandemic is adult coloring books. And by that, I don't mean X-rated. I mean ones with more complex patterns, like Indian mandalas, designed to appeal to adults.

I've noticed some interesting books on this trend, and I've seen new crayon colors on back-to-school promotions. But I haven't seen crayons created especially for seniors. Here's good news for people who've been wishing for those. I've put together a new selection with colors that reflect seniors' every

It begins with some hair shades that once were popular with little old ladies. Clairol Blue in the seniors 24-pack is trendier than the color older women used to dye their hair. It's kind of punk, for those of you who march to your own drummer. L'Oreal Purple is an alternative to Clairol Blue. Some of you will prefer the more predictable blue; others will go all out with this purple. Enhance your coloring book designs by using both.

Keeping in this segment of the color wheel, the ever-essential Velcro Violet matches the sparks you see when you undo Velcro straps

in a dimly lit room. Bad Mood Indigo is much darker than Velcro Violet, for when your frame of mind is truly gloomy. I perk up the wheel and your spirits with Widow Scarlet, an uplifting shade for any woman who finds herself on her own at this stage of life.

Moving on I have another bright choice that's even more invigorating than Widow Scarlet. Roadster Red is the red-family crayon that men will grab as soon as their pack is opened. Sporty women will gravitate toward it, too. Rolling along the color wheel, no seniors 24-pack would be complete without Golf Cart Green. I've included this one expressly for duffers, and there are plenty of you in senior communities. Parked nearby in the pack, you'll find Scooter Orange. Vroom! Vroom!

I've included a potpourri of interesting and livelier colors. In the game zone, I have Shuffleboard Disc Blue-green, inspired by that game's energy. Spread it around with gusto! Chardonnay Yellow was a no-brainer. It matches the wine that is served at every Mahjong game. If you're not a fan of Chardonnay, you might enjoy using Rosé Rose, a trendy alternative to heavy wine shades in the red family.

Other semi-bright colors reflect seniors' physical issues and commonly prescribed ors named for senior medications is Plavix

medications. Bat Wing Pink is mostly for women. I'm sure some men get bat wings, too, but for some reason we notice them most on our female friends. Add to your pink tones with Cataracts Carnation. It's brighter than Bat Wing Pink and can mimic a prism when scattered throughout a design. Scooter Orange too bright for your tastes? Choose Diuretic Apricot as a soothing alternative. On the other hand, Statin Cerulean is a stimulating shade in the blue-green family that will enliven any design.

Crayons in the brown family, though less exciting, are a must-have in any set. No senior crayon pack would be complete without Liver Spot Brown. Another obvious choice, Neck Wattle Beige makes an appropriate companion. In related medication colors, you'll find Beta-Blocker Umber. It's deep and earthy, an essential brown shade. Last in this subset is the ever-popular Earwax Mustard. Benjamin Moore was the source for the particular shade in the seniors 24-pack. Practice your colorist skills by blending these four together.

Crayons in the white and gray families are also staples of a proper set. The simple yet sophisticated Mahjong Tile Ivory is a useful neutral color. One of the lighter colPearl, part of a calming palette. Nana White will become a favorite color for those of you who have grandchildren. Many older ladies will gravitate toward Goat Hair Silver. It was created to match those unsightly brittle hairs that sprout on our necks after a certain age. Finally, there's Old Hag Wart Grey. Though named for females, even men should feel free to use this one.

There you have it—the new and exciting crayons created especially for seniors. Look for them soon in a store near you. Not available yet on Amazon, but I'm working on it.

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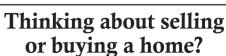




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# Infuse Bright, Nutritional Flavor into Summer

hen families fire up their grills and turn to favorite summer recipes for filling meals, nutritional considerations are often not the focus. However, this doesn't have to be the case. This year, you can rethink traditional seasonal menus by opting for main courses – and even desserts – that offer healthier returns by incorporating ingredients like whole oranges, which provide a multitude of nutritional benefits.

Adding an ingredient like California Valencia oranges to your family's dishes means you're including a rich source of vitamin C (70% of the daily value) and an excellent source of folate (20% of the daily value) in your seasonal spread. As a balance of sweet and tart, the extra juicy oranges reach their peak in summer,

making them perfect for warm-weather recipes, juicing or as portable snacks to take along on adventures. Plus, their anti-inflammatory benefits help support the body, especially as outdoor activities increase in the warm weather. The potassium found in oranges also helps support cell function, healthy blood pressure levels, bone health and hydration.

When it comes to meal planning, oranges are a highly versatile fruit that can be added to both sweet and savory dishes, as well as beverages, cocktails, sauces, frozen desserts, smoothies and more. To introduce a depth of flavor and burst of nutrition to dishes, add a sprinkle of zest, segments or fresh-squeezed juice, or

even grill the fruit to bring out the flavor.

Try combining them with tastes of the Mediterranean for dinner with Orange and Harissa Glazed Beef

Kebabs or end your meal with a refreshing sweet treat like Orange Ice Cream the entire family can enjoy. By introducing the sweetness of oranges to your warm-weather menu, you can infuse fresh flavor while rethinking family favorites. Visit CaliforniaCitrusGrowers.com for more information on California oranges.

#### **Orange Ice Cream**

Prep time: 1 hour Servings: 6

- 2 cups California Valencia orange juice, freshly squeezed 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1/2 vanilla bean 2 tablespoons glucose syrup or corn syrup
- 1/4 cup non-fat dry milk powder
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- egg yolks California Valencia oranges, zest only California Valencia orange slices, for garnish

Prepare ice cream making vessel or unit, such as oldfashioned churner or ice cream machine with motor

Reduce orange juice to 1 cup; ice down to chill. In saucepan over medium heat, combine milk, cream, vanilla scraped pod and seeds, and glucose syrup until hot; remove from heat. Steep 30 minutes.

In bowl, combine milk powder and sugar. Add dry mixture into hot cream mixture. Whisk to combine. Return mixture to medium heat.

In separate heat-safe bowl, combine egg yolks and orange zest.

In small increments, pour hot mixture over yolks and zest. Mix vigorously while pouring.

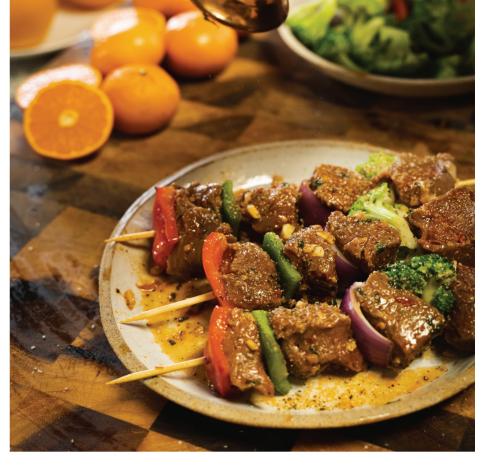
Cook to 185 F.

Remove from heat and pour through fine strainer. Hand-blend until smooth.

Ice down immediately. Add cooled, reduced orange juice. Hand blend to combine.

Spin and freeze then follow directions according to machine or vessel to make ice cream.

Serve with orange slices.



#### Orange and Harissa Glazed Beef Kebabs

Prep time: 2 hours Cook time: 20 minutes Servings: 2

1/2 cup California Valencia orange juice,

- freshly squeezed California Valencia oranges, zested and segmented
- tablespoons harissa paste tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons olive oil 1 tablespoon fresh mint leaves,
- roughly chopped garlic cloves, finely chopped
- ounces beef tenderloin, cut into 2-inch cubes green bell pepper, cut into 2-inch squares red onion, cut into 2-inch squares

16 broccoli florets, raw kosher salt, to taste black pepper, to taste cooked couscous mandarin chutney

In mixing bowl, combine orange juice and zest, harissa, honey, oil, mint and garlic; mix well.

Add beef cubes and toss to coat; marinate 2 hours

in refrigerator.

Using long skewers, build kebabs, alternating beef, peppers, onions and broccoli on each.

Heat grill to medium-high heat.

Season kebabs with salt and pepper, to taste. Grill until vegetables are cooked through and beef reaches desired doneness

Serve over bed of couscous and top with mandarin chutney



by DON FOWLER

# **Last Look At Bygone Restaurants**

Thanks to the readers who called and emailed with their memories of bygone res-

Carol Nelson fondly remembers Johnsons Hummocks on Allens Ave., where she had her first date with her now husband 67 years ago.

"He tells people that the reason he married me was because I was the only girl he took out who finished her meal and was eyeing his," she said.

We also remember the giant mural over

Lori Eldridge used to go to the Cocke 'n' Kettle in Uxbridge, Massachusetts. "They had continental cuisine served by friendly waiters in a luxurious home," she remembered. Best of all, a server would bring hot popovers right from the oven to the table." She also remembers the Seven Seas in Warwick, near Rocky Point for its great seafood "in the rough".

As I looked back at my entertainment columns of the last century, I recalled so

many outstanding restaurants that are no longer with us.

Topping the list was the Ming Garden in downtown Providence, where I frequently left my office in the Howard building to go next door for the best chicken wings in the world, covered in a thick, tasty sauce that I have never found duplicated. The Ming was the King of all Asian restaurants.

Remember Mario's at 325 Warwick Ave., just over the Cranston line, where Howdy Hamburgers was and the Stop and Shop is

Another reader reminded me of the Sandpiper at 1935 West Shore Rd, where twin lobsters were \$9.95.

A relative recalled called Micheletti's at 23 Rathbone St. in the old Providence Market District. Tony Micheletti was always there to greet you and suggest his favorite veal dishes. On evening we were seating in from of the gilded mirror in the elegant dining room. Joyce cracked a lobster tail and

Sprayed all over the mirror. Our kids couldn't stop laughing as Joyce turned redder than the lobster.

Our favorite Newport restaurant was Salas. It was also the only one we could afford on the island. They had the best, sweetest lobster in Newport. Tables were close together in the upstairs dining room. We noticed a huge platter of lo mein at the next table. The group noticed us noticing them, sent the platter to our table and invited us to help ourselves. We did, and returned for

Ned Grace was responsible for some of the best restaurants in the area. The entrepreneur started with the Old Grist Mill and then founded Hemenway's, by far one of the finest restaurants to open in Providence. . until he added the Capitol Grille. He went on to open Bugaboo Creek in Warwick and Seekonk, and added our favorite, Ocean Express on Allens Ave.

We fondly remember Vincents' Marcello's at 146 Gansett St., across from Hugh B. Bain school, a true Italian family restaurant where a family of four could afford to eat.

Remember the Old Diamond in Knightsville? Henry Alves was one of the great Italian chefs in the state. It was sort lived, but the Barnsider Key West made a splash inside Rhode Island Mall with its gourmet burgers, pineapple pizzas and Hawaiian drinks.

Remember Rafael's, the upscale Providence restaurant run by chef Rafael, the Johnson and Wales grad from Edgewood? My friend, the late Sheldon Sollosy took me there and insisted that we share a squid appetizer. I mentioned it in my review and he called to tell me that he hoped his rabbi didn't see it.

Readers reminded me of two popular Italian restaurants, now long gone, in Warwick: Mama Chiello and Mama Spumoni.

Tom's Bao Bao was a unique restaurant on Providence's Westminster St. that sold Chinese dumplings. The trained bao bao makers displayed their talents in the front window for passersby. Most people find them "interesting", but complained about the small portion of ingredients. They didn't last

A Warwick senior recalls the Red Rooster in North Kingston and Mr. Gus's, which now is Iggy's in Oakland Beach. She, as I, misses the quahog pies at Twin Oaks. She also remembers the Martinique in Edgewood.

Restaurants come and go, and usually the good ones remain. It is sad when a popular family restaurant runs out of family members to keep the tradition going.

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As I often say, "So many fine restaurants;

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by SUSAN DEAN

# Tom's Resilience Through Time

Iom, at 98,

is finding

joy again.

One of my favorite authors, Henry David Thoreau, spent his life writing about simple things. He wrote with a sense of wonder, as if every day was a miracle, newly minted, to be explored and cherished for its very existence. Thoreau's writings ring with hope, resilience, perseverance, and with gratitude.

Recently, I visited my Uncle Tom Falciglia. He's not really my uncle, but rather my father's first cousin. My father and Tom grew up together and were more like brothers, so he was always Uncle Tom to me.

Tom is 98 years old and living in the home he shared with his third wife, Ellen. Ellen died in her sleep a few months ago. Tom's first wife, Beverly, died from lung cancer in 1954 while pregnant with their son. The baby died, too - too premature to survive.

Tom was left with a 4-year-old daughter - my cousin, Judy.

Tom remarried in the mid-1960s and lost his second wife, Marion, to ALS in 2005. In 2011 Tom lost both his daughter, Judy, and his son-

in-law, Sandy, to lung cancer - one in February and the other in August. Tom's life has been one tragedy after another, yet he is upbeat and resilient. He loves to talk and tell stories and he is the king of puns. The corny humor that made me laugh as a child still makes me laugh today.

I asked Tom to tell me about our family history and about his growg up years.

Tom started with my great-grandparents, Gaetano and Rosalia, who left the province of Abbruzzi in Italy in the winter of 1893 with their 8 children. The voyage was fraught with snow, sleet, high winds, and influenza. Their youngest child, a baby not yet a year old, died of the flu during the trip and was buried at sea.

I was shocked as it was the first time I had heard this sad and gruesome detail, but Tom said, "What could they do? They had to simply accept it and go on."

Gaetano and Rosalia and their surviving 7 children settled in Providence in what was known as the "North End". Gaetano was a wool dyer and Tom chuckled as he told me how Gaetano kept chickens and used his skills to dye their feathers different colors, not only to tell them apart, but also to amuse his neighbors. Perhaps this is where Tom's life-long sense of humor comes from!

Rosalia, my great-grandmother, developed an infection in her 20s and lost both her sight and hearing. Again, I was aghast at this part of the story.

"Blind and deaf? How in the world did she raise 7 kids?" I asked.

"What choice did she have?" asked Tom.

"They left the only home they knew, and worked hard and hoped and trusted and did the best they knew how," Tom added.

"And besides having so little money," I said, "they dealt with World War I, the 1918 flu, and illness and death always lurking nearby. It must have been horrifying."

"Yes," said Tom, "there were a lot of obstacles, but every generation has its share."

Tom went on to tell me a bit about his own growing up years. He developed osteomyelitis in his hip when he was 6 months old. His hip socket was removed and he was left with bones fused together, a shortened leg, and a lifelong limp. Surgeries every 2-3 years from infancy through his teenage years entailed being wrapped in a body cast for entire summers. His mother insisted that his surgeries take place during the summer months so that he wouldn't miss school.

Tom went to Hope High School and told me how he walked into the band room one day and told the music teacher that he wanted to learn to play the trumpet.

"We have enough trumpet players," he was informed, "you can play the bassoon or the French horn."

Tom pointed to a trombone sitting next to the teacher's desk.

"Can I try that?" Tom asked.

"That's my own personal trombone," said the teacher.

"Take it home - here's a book - if you can learn the first two pages by tomorrow, I'll consider letting you try."

Tom taught himself the entire book in that one night, with only his own perseverance and will to learn guiding him. And that was the start of Tom's lifelong love of the trombone.

Later on he studied with teachers from the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston ops.

the day to get there from Providence, then half the day to get home. I traveled all day for a 30 minute lesson," Tom laughed, "but I loved it - so grateful for the opportunity."

Grateful. The word resonated in the air.

Tom graduated from the University of Rhode Island and became the Director of Alumni Affairs, retiring in 1980. While working his day job, Tom never stopped playing his trombone.

He was part of 3 jazz groups - TommyFal and the TomCats, The Right Note, and The Ocean Bones (made up of all trombones). He played all over New England from the 1950s through 2010.

"Here I was, taking the bus to Boston every Saturday - it took half

He played all over New England from the 1950s through 2010. Tom's lifelong love of music helped him deal with the tragedies he experienced through the years.

"My biggest regret," he told me, "is not having the physical strength to hold my trombone or the breath and lip support to play it. I miss it so much."

"Try it," I suggested.

"I'd love to hear you play."

After a bit of coaxing, Tom pulled his trombone out of the closet and warned me that he'd lost his touch.

He played "Danny Boy" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and then some classic jazz.

The haunting tunes nearly made me cry. Besides the beauty of the music I could feel the love that came through - Tom's love for his music and for his trombone.

When he finished, Tom told me that he was quite surprised that he could still play. He said

he was grateful. Grateful for the musical opportunities and joys he's had. Grateful that his parents and teachers supported his musical interests.

We talked a bit about Covid and the current state of the country, and agreed that there is

still much to be thankful for. But I saw a glimmer of hope in Tom's eyes that day, too.

He tells me now that he practices his trombone every day and is improving. He plays now for everyone who stops by to visit.

Tom, at 98, is finding joy again. He's also begun writing his memoirs. Besides gratitude and hope, his legacy is one of perseverance and resilience. Qualities embodied by his forebears and resilience.

Henry David Thoreau had it right nearly 200 years ago. Notice, trust, cherish, and believe. I hope that I can look back and say that I had it right, too. Like Uncle Tom. Every day a miracle, with the strength to carry on, to feel the wonder, and to find the joy, one note at a time.

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# **YOUR TAXES**

by MEG CHEVALIER

# What people should and should not do if they get mail from the IRS

Every year the IRS mails letters or notices to taxpayers for many different reasons. Typically, it's about a specific issue with a taxpayer's federal tax return or tax account. A notice may tell them about changes to their account or ask for more information. It could also tell them they need to make a payment. This year, people might have also received correspondence about Economic Impact Payments or an advance child tax credit outreach letter.

Here are some do's and don'ts for anyone who receives mail from the IRS:

- Don't ignore it. Most IRS letters and notices are about federal tax returns or tax accounts. Each notice deals with a specific issue and includes specific instructions on what to do
  - Don't throw it away. Taxpayers should

keep notices or letters they receive from the IRS. These include adjustment notices when an action is taken on the taxpayer's account, Economic Impact Payment notices, and letters about advance payments of the 2021 child tax credit. They may need to refer to these when filing their 2021 tax return in 2022. In general, the IRS suggests that taxpayers keep records for three years from the date they filed the tax return.

- Don't panic. The IRS and its authorized private collection agencies do send letters by mail. Most of the time, all the taxpayer needs to do is read the letter carefully and take the appropriate action.
- Don't reply unless instructed to do so. There is usually no need for a taxpayer to reply to a notice unless specifically instructed to do so. On the other hand, taxpayers who

owe should reply with a payment. IRS.gov has information about payment options.

- Do take timely action. A notice may reference changes to a taxpayer's account, taxes owed, a payment request or a specific issue on a tax return. Acting timely could minimize additional interest and penalty charges.
- Do review the information. If a letter is about a changed or corrected tax return, the taxpayer should review the information and compare it with the original return. If the taxpayer agrees, they should make notes about the corrections on their personal copy of the tax return and keep it for their records.
- Do respond to a disputed notice. If a taxpayer doesn't agree with the IRS, they should mail a letter explaining why they dispute the notice. They should mail it to the address on the contact stub included with the

notice. The taxpayer should include information and documents for the IRS to review when considering the dispute.

- Do remember there is usually no need to call the IRS. If a taxpayer must contact the IRS by phone, they should use the number in the upper right-hand corner of the notice. The taxpayer should have a copy of their tax return and letter when calling the agency.
- Do avoid scams. The IRS will never contact a taxpayer using social media or text message. The first contact from the IRS usually comes in the mail. Taxpayers who are unsure if they owe money to the IRS can view their tax account information on IRS.

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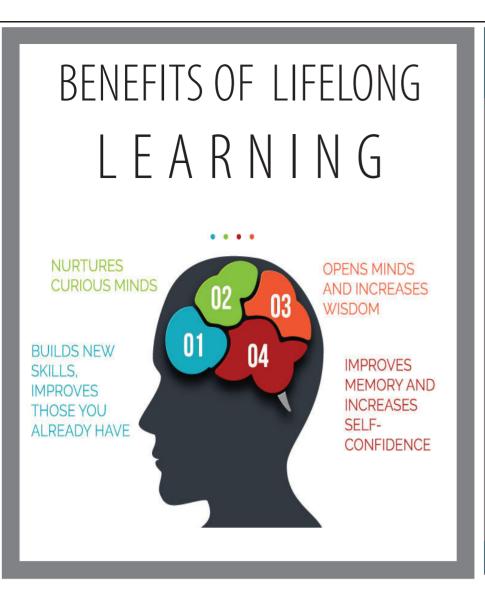
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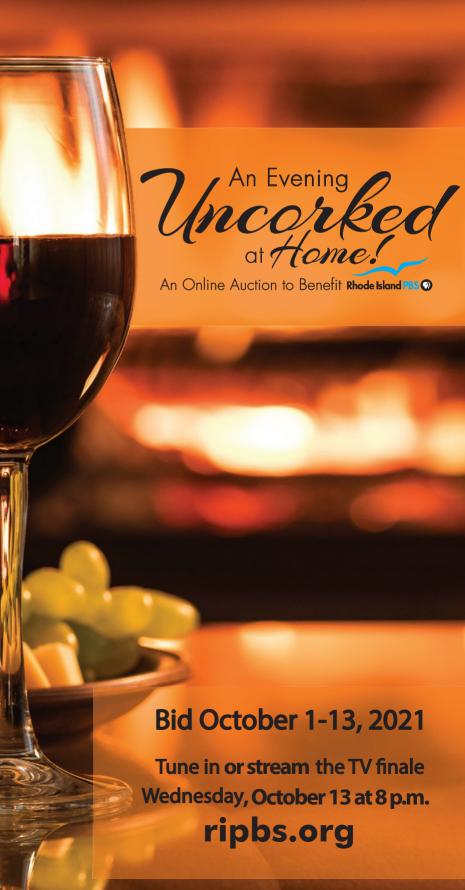
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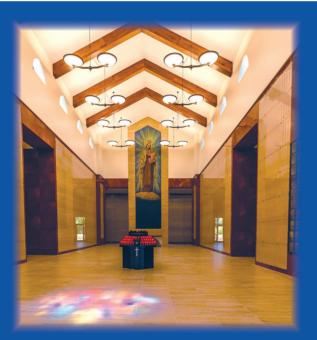


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ne of the things I think about when I harken back to the American Revolution, the Federal period, or the Civil War is the sound of fifes and drums. When I hear them today it helps bring me back to a different era. Edward Jarvis in his Traditions & Reminiscences of Concord, Massachusetts mentions hearing a bass drum for the first time together with fifes and snares in preparation for the spring militia muster "They had music-drum and fife, and one or more of each, and the bass drum after it was introduced. This was considered an important accession to the martial music, and a wonder to the boys.

I remember well the time when I first heard one. It was one May evening when Capt. Sanderson led the artillery. It was my early bedtime. My brother Charles had gone to the chamber before me. As I followed, passing near the front door, I heard drums, and besides, the heavy booming sound, strange and beautiful to me. I could not resist going to the door to see, if possible, what the instrument was that made it. The music was at Capt. Sanderson's shop 20 rods distant. Barefooted and bareheaded I ran to it, and there I saw the bass drum. I stood close to it and heard its full sound. I wished that Charles could be there to see and hear it. But I was told that it would appear when the company should come out and [so] was satisfied with my discovery and hastened home and to bed."

But not only could beautiful music be played by bass or snare drum accompaniment; they were sometimes painted with wonderful patriotic artwork. Like powder



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horns, painted canteens and knapsacks, drums also cross over from the arms and militaria collectors to folk



art. Here is an example, a Civil War Regulation Painted Rope Tension Drum.

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Like young Edward Jarvis, as a kid I got the same feeling listening to the fifes and drums and began to play when I was 10. Not only did the music stir me, but so did the artwork painted on the outer shells. Forty-five years later I still find myself in awe of these pieces of American history and art.



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