

'HE WAS MIA BUT NOW HE IS FOUND'

MAZZULLA COMES HOME

By RORY SCHULER

The telegram arrived on Jan. 8, 1951.

U.S. Army First Lt. Anthony R. Mazzulla went Missing In Action more than a month earlier, on Oct. 2, 1950.

His mother had already lost one son. Losing a second would be enough to break some parents.

But not Jennie Mazzulla. "She was a strong lady," said her niece, Lois Marandola. "You have to be."

Jennie Mazzulla never gave up hope that her son would one day return home.

"I think every parent hopes," Marandola said in the dining room of her Johnston home. "I'm just glad that on Saturday I can put him to rest with his family, which is very important to me."

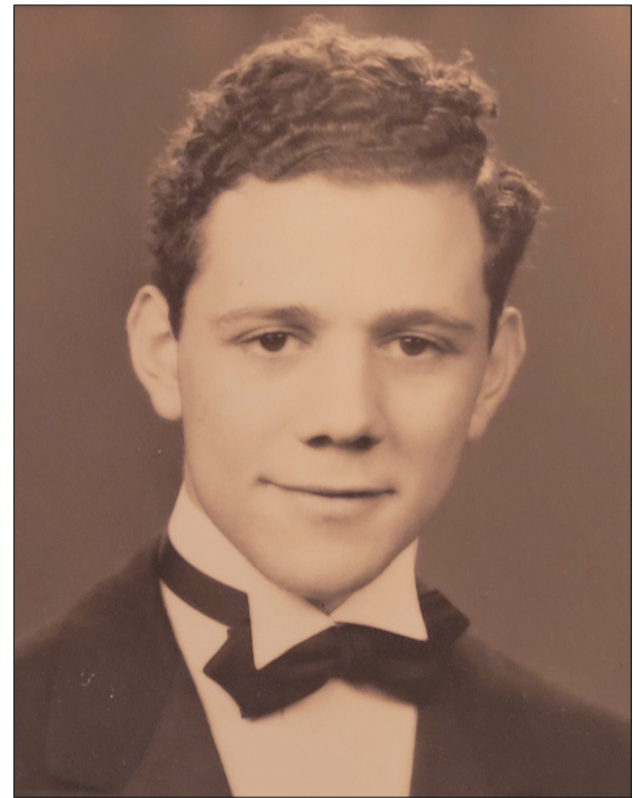
Three years after he was lost in battle, Anthony Mazzulla was declared dead, though he was never found nor forgotten.

Seven decades later, the Johnston soldier is finally no longer missing. His remains have been handed over by the North Korean regime, identified through DNA comparisons and returned to the Ocean State. On Saturday he will be laid to rest in the soil of his family plot.

An American Airlines plane carrying his remains landed at T.F. Green International Airport in Warwick Tuesday afternoon. His flag-covered coffin was welcomed with honors, and transported to Nardolillo Funeral Home in Cranston via motorcade.

In near-silence, a Rhode Island Army National Guard honor guard carried him through the door, past his surviving relatives, all born after he disappeared.

"Oh my ... it was just a very emotional day," Marandola said Wednesday. "It was sad to know that my grandparents never knew that their son would be coming home. But it was great, that after 70 years he finally came back."



WITH HONORS: Top left, on Tuesday, an American Airlines plane carrying the remains of Johnston native U.S. Army First Lt. Anthony R. Mazzulla landed at Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport in Warwick. His flag-covered coffin was welcomed with honors, and transported to Nardolillo Funeral Home in Cranston. An Army National Guard honor guard carried him through the door. Top right, Anthony Mazzulla posed for a class photo at LaSalle Academy in Providence. Bottom left, Mazzulla types away while in Germany after serving in World War II. Bottom right, his niece, Lois Marandola, holds a commemorative Korean War plaque in her Johnston home. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

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Town Council votes to close scrap yard for 30 days

By RORY SCHULER

A Johnston scrap yard may be out of business for 30 days.

Town Council has ordered a one-month suspension of J&S Scrap Metal & Recycling's business license until its owners formulate an "action plan" with town building officials, and peace is restored to the Starr Street neighborhood following a long-brewing feud with neighbors.

Sharon Cadieux and her son Jeff appeared

at a more than 3-hour Show Cause Hearing with Town Council Tuesday night, represented by Attorney Christopher A. D'Ovidio, of Warwick.

"This is a man right here," D'Ovidio said. "Okay? A guy who lives in Johnston. If you take away his license and don't give him a chance to continue the good faith effort he's tried ... he's going to be out of a job; his kid who plays youth football and baseball



VOTE TO SHUTTER: Johnston Town Council voted Tuesday to close J&S Scrap Metal & Recycling for 30 days, with conditions. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

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Giabella Pagliaro, 12, and Donald Pagliaro III, 6, pose with a giant pumpkin on the porch of their Johnston home.

"My husband and I have been capturing this exact photo every year since they were born," said their mother Shana Pagliaro. "My grandmother, who is a family friend of the pumpkin grower, always couldn't wait to see their pic with the pumpkin. She adored the excitement."

The pumpkin grower, Norman Gansett, lives in Johnston, and enters many different pumpkin growing competitions each fall.

"We always look forward to walking over to see him start his crop," Shana Pagliaro said.

Shana and her husband Donald, and their family live in Johnston.

Young Donald Pagliaro III loves to play football, and Giabella loves cheerleading.

FROM THE JOHNSTON LIBRARY

Scary stories through the centuries

By JON ANDERSON
Special to the Sun Rise

Scary stories, and stories about the unknown, are what people often think about as the trees change, the wind sounds different, and the weather turns colder. In Victorian England, families told ghost stories around the fire during the winter months, and Dickens wrote many stories, in addition to the well-known one, that combined Christmas and ghosts.

Practically a legend is the encounter of a group of young people, gathered on a stormy night two centuries ago, during the year without a summer. One proposed a competition to make up the scariest story, and from it came Frankenstein and a novel called

"The Vampyre." Ancient writings, science and folklore informed these stories by educated young poets, which in turn were read by generations of future writers of ghost stories, horror and science fiction.

We can trace many lines through history, and find other seminal moments. The stories are as old as our civilization, and we love to be scared, or to contemplate the frontiers of our knowledge, or imagine other realities.

A recent book, "Monster She Wrote: the Women Who Pioneered Horror and Speculative Fiction" runs through English literature from the 17th century to the present day, beginning with gothic romance that had elements of horror, or terror, through a wealth of ghost stories

and the supernatural. It's interesting to see the ways we confront deeper truths in ways that we couldn't with a more realistic story. Even in difficult times, people have turned to scary stories for escape or to feel more alive.

For many of these writers, their stories were an escape from difficulties in day-to-day life and a way to stay alive. Like Edgar Allan Poe, these writers gave people what they wanted, but also gave voice to things deep in all of us, and their influence endures in new generations of vital storytelling.

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

From John Ricci's Garage

Johnston man shows off his 1934 Cadillac in Newport

By RORY SCHULER

John Ricci showed off his 1934 Cadillac at this year's Concours d'Elegance in Newport.

The Johnston resident met Jay Leno, and his daughter Jennifer posed for a photo with the car show judge and former late night television host.

Jennifer Ricci said the car show parade was "intense for all those classic cars." "Several overheated during the journey in the parade and afterwards waiting to place themselves in their rightful class on the grounds of the Breakers," she wrote. "We had a little setback our self on the ride to meet everyone at Fort Adams (which was arranged for a few participants) but made it on time with no further issues. I recall eight cars overheating just at the entrance at the Breakers."

The weather was perfect for showing cars most of the weekend.

"Sunday, Oct. 3, turned out to be a beautiful day for all participants," Jennifer Ricci wrote. "The weather was great, the view was breathtaking and the cars were impeccable!"

Jennifer recorded video of her father talking to Leno, but she "got the golden picture with him!"

"That's been my mission for the last two years and I was only able to get a quick video of Leno stopping by Dad to comment on his car because he parked in front of Dad for the parade," Jennifer wrote. "Dad's face lit up like a kid! It was priceless!"

She followed Leno around the show as he did interviews, and "finally got a fabulous picture with him which made my day!"

"After all, I watch Leno's Garage all the time," she said.

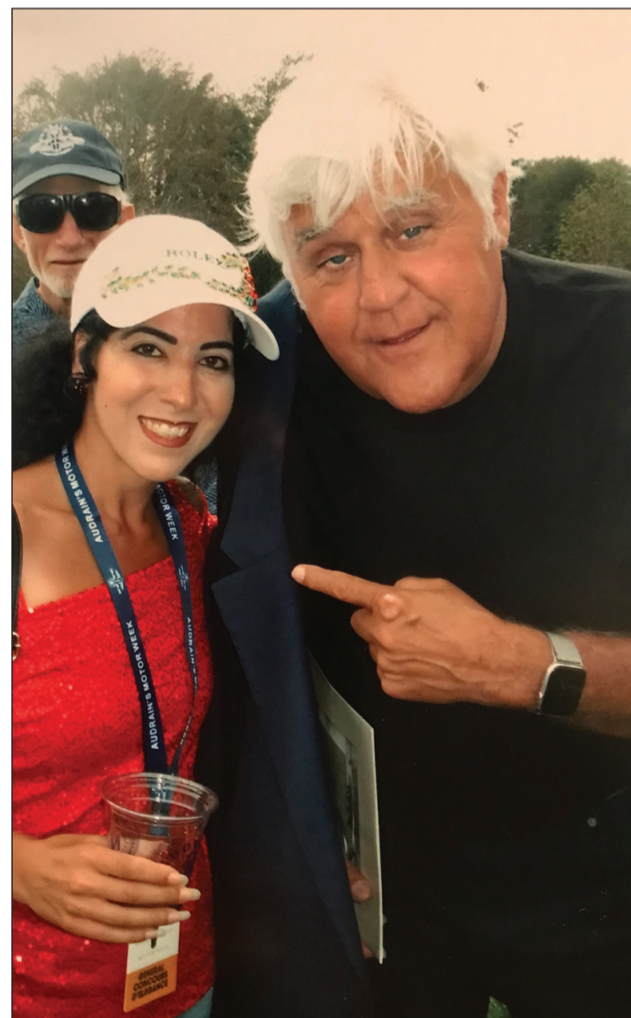
She also photographed the Cadillac at Fort Adams on Saturday, Oct. 2, "where the cars lined up for the big parade which ended on Bellevue Avenue."

"My father had Jay Leno in front of him and Wayne Carini on his driver's side," she laughed.

John Ricci parked his car along Bellevue Avenue, where spectators could view his masterful renovation for free, while walking down the street. He bought the car 55 years ago, but took 40 years to truly launch its restoration.

He describes the finished product as a true "show stopper."

WHO'S PEEKING THROUGH MY SUICIDE DOORS? Jay Leno poked his head through the window of John Ricci's 1934 Cadillac during this year's Concours d'Elegance in Newport. (Submitted photos)



AMONG THE ELITE: Above, John Ricci drove his 1934 Cadillac to Fort Adams on Saturday, Oct. 2, where he lined up with other classic automobiles prior to a parade that ended on Bellevue Avenue in Newport. At right, Jennifer Ricci posed for a photo with Jay Leno at the elite car show.

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'Coffee with Cops' events help police, public forge connections

By PETE FONTAINE

Classic community connections!

That's what the Johnston Police Department added to its already long list of ways to bring residents closer together during "Coffee with Cops," which was held at two different locations last week.

For starters, a host of JPD officers – headed by Chief Joseph P. Razza – accepted an invitation from Starbucks, which is located at 1412 Atwood Ave., to host the first meeting, while the second session took place at the Brewed Awakenings Coffee House at 1577 Atwood Ave. in the Cherry Hill Shopping Plaza.

"Coffee with a Cop' is the perfect way to interact with people of the community," assessed Razza, who doubles as Johnston's emergency management director. "This program brings members of the community together in a unique way – as well as over coffee – to discuss issues and learn more about each other."

Both events were termed "successful," as the community con-

scious chief noted, "and there were people of all ages who enjoyed different conversations with each of our officers."

Razza, in fact, enjoyed meeting with Victoria Salguero and Milani Cueva, age 5, during "Coffee with Cops" at Brewed Awakenings. Also, a number of JPD officers enjoyed presenting a certificate of appreciation to manager Chrystal Brunt for hosting the meeting.

While Razza also enjoyed working the drive-thru window, Officer Thomas Santurri and Lt. David Loffler joined Owen Dias, age 5, who was more than happy to show off his colorful "Crime Fighter Junior" shirt.

The chief also explained that last week's two sessions that were part of "National Coffee with a Cop Day" that is designed specifically to provide residents with a chance to speak to offers about neighborhood and safety concerns.

"We truly appreciate Starbucks and Brewed Awakenings for facilitating the venues for these outreach events," Razza said. "It is these types of events that build trust in a casual atmosphere."



SPECIAL SESSION: Chrystal Brunt, manager of Brewed Awakenings in Johnston, is all smiles after receiving a special "Thank You" citation from these JPD officers for hosting last week's National Coffee with a Cop Day. (Submitted photos)



COMMUNITY CONNECTION: JPD Chief Joseph P. Razza enjoys chatting with Victoria Salguero and Milani Cueva, age 5, during "Coffee with Cops" at Brewed Awakenings on Atwood Avenue.



SUPERHERO: JPD Officer Thomas Santurri and Lt. Loffler enjoyed a lighter with Owen Dias, age 5, who was wearing a "Crime Fighter Junior" shirt.



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Faith & Blue brings together police, faith community

By PETE FONTAINE

They shared prayer, food and cake Friday afternoon inside the famed Dunnell Building at Johnston War Memorial Park.

There were priests, pastors and ministers representing churches of all faiths and denominations throughout the town for the first-ever Faith & Blue event, organized and presented by Chief Joseph P. Razza and the Johnston Police Department.

From the time Pastor Chris Abulime of The King's Tabernacle Church stood at the podium saying, "Oh Lord, we thank you so much for this gathering," until the Rev. Peter J. Gower from Our Lady of Grace church declared, "we need to give thanks and blessings to our police," the 90-minute event included prayers from seven clergy members whose churches are all based in Johnston.

The speaking and prayer also featured the Rev. Angelo Carusi of St. Rocco's Church, Pastor Stephen Fava of the Trinity Assembly of God, Father Richard Narciso of St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Pastor Elton Perdomo of the Greater Rhode Island Baptist Temple and

Minister Laura Ward from Devine Deliverance Baptist Church.

Perhaps a statement Gower made best summed up each of the clergy members' feelings: "I was so moved by the chief's exceptional invitation and letter inviting us all here today."

The letter read, in part: "National Faith & Blue Weekend is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement institutions are key pillars of each community and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive."

Razza then explained that Faith & Blue was launched "to facilitate safer, stronger, more just and unified communities by directly enabling local partnerships among law enforcement professional, residents, businesses and community groups through the connections of local faith-based organizations."

Also, as the chief told people the small group of people who called Faith and Blue a highly-impressive, informative gathering: "This initiative aims to recalibrate police-community relations through solutions-focused, in-person, faith-based or other community groups and law enforcement agencies."



DELIGHTFUL DUTY: Keren Susi of Trinity Assembly of God had the honor of cutting a specially-made cake that people enjoyed during last Friday's Faith and Blue gathering inside War Memorial Park. (Sun Rise photo by Pete Fontaine)

Razza, who is a life-long resident of Johnston, received praised from people like Terry Novak, a proud parishioner of St. Robert Bellarmine Church who has long supported and coordinated countless events at the Roman Catholic parish, and Mike Lombardi, a longtime volunteer chef at OLG who offered high-

praise about the unique gathering.

Perhaps a perfect example of how and what Faith & Blue brought people from various churches and faiths together was shown by the Susi family of Trinity Assembly of God, who enjoyed talking with Narciso prior to the official part of the program.

Moreover, Faith & Blue – which Razza said will be much larger in 2022 – was further proof that the chief, along with the men and women of the JPD, are committed to strengthening the bond between local law enforcement and residents of Johnston and need the help of clergy leaders who as Razza pointed out "are so influential with members of the community through the parishioners they serve!"

In closing, Razza offered: "These are difficult times facing this great nation, but I like to think that our community and this great town is bounded together by not only faith, but our diversity and individual uniqueness. My door is always open to you and any member of your congregation and I welcome one-on-one and face-to-face interaction and appreciate feedback on how the JPD can better serve this great town."

Prior to extending an invitation for attendees to partake in some food, light beverages and beautifully decorated cake, Razza offered special thanks to Deputy Chief Mark Viera, Maj. Matt Leduc, Capt. Troy Maddocks and Capt. Joseph Salvatore, who the chief said "basically put this together for us."

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Hoops for Hope scores big to boost Cranston boy's recovery, other charitable causes

By STEPHANIE BERNABA

On Sept. 18 at the Indoor Recreation Center in Johnston, 16 basketball teams came together to take part in a basketball tournament that raised \$6,000 for local causes.

The tournament, called Hoops for Hope, was co-founded by Matthew Patty and Tony Zangari, both agents at Warwick's Century 21 Shoreline Properties. It brought together some of the state's best basketball players to raise funds for causes close to the founders' hearts.

Patty said he created this tournament to spread goodwill, also "to pay a debt of gratitude to Hasbro Children's Hospital," which has taken care of so many children in its NICU, including his own and those of his fellow real estate agents.

Zangari, a local basketball referee and the head of RI Men's Bball (rimensbball.com), helped to recruit teams to play in the tournament. He also helped secure sponsors for the event, which included organizations from the local mortgage, insurance and restaurant communities.

The tournament began at 10 a.m. and operated bracket-style. Each team of four played half-court, eliminating competitors until one team remained. Zangari explained that through his networks, he was able to recruit

competitive, frequent basketball players, which made the tournament more exciting.

"A lot of people truly enjoyed themselves," Zangari said after the event. "We're here to give back, and we were able to do that. And at the same time, people were able to have fun in that environment, which is a win-win for us."

Patty competed on a team with Isaac Belovitch, Carlos Munoz and Steve Lopes. In the end, their team took home the championship. The winners decided, however, to return their \$500 grand prize back to the pot for donations.

One of the tournament's causes was to help cover medical expenses for 2-year-old Garen Yepremian of Cranston, who, on Aug. 19, completed a kidney removal/living donor transplant at Boston Children's Hospital. Garen is diagnosed with chronic kidney failure and had been on dialysis since he was 4 months old.

Garen received the new kidney a day before his second birthday, which his father, Sebouh Yepremian, said "was a great birthday gift."

Yepremian expressed gratitude and surprise at the continued outpouring of support for his family.

"The people's generosity is incredible," he said, explaining that his family has received attention statewide from lo-



MAKING MOVES: Rick Fuller, guarded by Ken Nappi, plans his next move as part of a four-man basketball team at Hoops for Hope, created by Century 21 Shoreline Properties agents Matt Patty and Tony Zangari. The tournament welcomed 16 teams and benefited local causes and families. (Submitted photos)

cal families, WJAR and other news outlets. Yepremian stays humble, though, explaining the family has asked for nothing, yet continues to receive words

of encouragement and financial help.

Garen is recovering at home but still must take twice-weekly trips to Boston for checkups and bloodwork to ensure his new kidney is functioning properly.

The family set up a GoFundMe account for Garen's post-surgery expenses, and the Hoops for Hope tournament was able to present a \$1,000 donation to nudge them toward their goal.

The remaining \$5,000 was split up to support three other causes; \$2,000 was donated to

the Women & Infants' Family Fund, \$2,000 was given to Hasbro Children's Hospital, and \$1,000 was presented to the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation in honor of Warwick-based real estate agent Elisa Del Verme Castiglia, who recently passed away.

Patty and Zangari have decided they would like to continue this tournament into the future. They are planning to run the event again next year, hopefully at the same location, and aim to recruit 32 teams to play instead of 16.



THE CHAMPIONS: The champions of last month's Hoops for Hope tournament – Isaac Belovitch, Carlos Munoz, Matt Patty and Steve Lopes – share a moment after the event. The team returned their \$500 prize to the event's fundraising total.



THE FOUNDERS: Tony Zangari and Matt Patty from Century 21 Shoreline Properties co-hosted the Hoops for Hope event.

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Veterans Day 5K returning at Cranston's Park View

Park View Middle School has announced the return of its Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Kids' Run after a year's hiatus due to COVID-19.

Last week, organizer and educator John Macera announced the eighth annual event – which draws runners, walkers and many cheering fans, in addition to a multitude of volunteers – is now scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 11.

Established in 2013, the Veterans Day 5K quickly became a Park View community favorite. The event benefits Park View and Operation Stand Down RI.

"We were devastated to have to cancel the 5K event last fall," Macera said. "However, we're thrilled to be able to get right back to it in November. Each year the event supports Operation Stand Down, which helps our local veterans, and we look forward to being able to give that support again this year."

In the past, the event has raised as much as \$20,000. The planning and fundraising processes begin ahead of the event itself, and Macera noted that the organizers are looking for volunteers and sponsors for the event, which will be held at Roger Williams Park.

For more information about sponsoring this year's event, donating, or volunteering for the event itself, contact Macera at jmacera@cpsed.net.

Additional information and a registration link can be found at www.pview.cpsed.net.

Tour the Johnston Historical Society

Just a reminder that Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. are open hours at the Johnston Historical Society. Tour the museum! Tour the Elijah Angell House! Ask all the questions you ever wanted to ask about Johnston history! All are welcome.

Contact the Johnston Historical Society at 943-6961 or at johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com. To learn more, visit johnstonhistorical.org or [facebook.com/johnstonhistorical](https://www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical).

Charlie's Ghost Party

The Cranston Historical Society will host its annual Charlie's Ghost Party on Friday, Oct. 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sprague Mansion, located at 1352 Cranston St. in Cranston.

Featured will be Jared the Magician and Mentalist, who will provide an all-new show! Card readers will be on hand. Roam the spooky mansion rooms if you dare! A ghostly good time! Light refreshments will be served.

Call (401) 944-9226 to reserve your place or purchase tickets via cranstonhistoricalsociety.org.

Trunk or Treat

St. Robert's Bellarmine will be holding a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday,

Oct. 30, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the church, located at 1804 Atwood Ave. in Johnston. The public is invited to the event with free admission, food, music, games and crafts.

Prizes will be awarded for "Most Creative," "Funniest Costume," "Best Saint Costume" and "Best Decorated Trunk."

If you would like to enter your decorated car, contact Dina Veiga at srbccd2020@gmail.com or Kathleen Rubino at krubino67@comcast.net by Oct. 27.

Youth basketball opens for registration

Youth basketball registrations are now being accepted at the Recreation Department in Johnston. Please visit johnstonrec.com for more information, and to download/print the forms. Forms and payments can be dropped off at the recreation office at Johnston Memorial Park, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Checks and money orders preferred. They do not accept credit card payments. Please remember if a player is interested in playing travel basketball, they must be registered with the rec program.

Bingo is back

Bingo games have returned to the Johnston Senior Center.

At 2 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, Johnston Senior Center members can try their luck on the Bingo cards again.

During the pandemic, the games had ceased, and were badly missed. Last week, a successful Dress-Down fundraiser resulted in free Del's Lemonade for participants.

Johnston Senior Center updates

Things are once again in full swing at the Johnston Senior Center. The following is list of classes and activities held daily.

On Mondays, Walk away the Pounds, Aerobics & Boot Camp, Arts & Crafts and Hi Lo Jack.

It is Walk away the Pounds and Bocce on Tuesdays, and on Wednesdays it will be Bocce, Quilting, Zumba and Fit and Strong as well as Hi Lo Jack and Poker.

On Thursdays it is Walk away the Pounds, Bocce, Marg Jong, Yoga and Bingo, and on Fridays it is Line Dancing, Zumba and Bingo.

Co-ed volleyball

The Johnston Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for the co-ed middle school volleyball program. It is open to Johnston residents currently in the sixth, seventh and eighth grade. The program will be held at the Johnston High School gymnasium. Participants will meet three times per week for four weeks. For more information, pricing and times/dates, please visit johnstonrec.com.

Outdoor 'Hocus Pocus' screening to benefit blanket drive

Cranston Cares and Emily's Blanket Drive will present a "Movies in the Park" event on Sunday, Oct. 24, starting at 6 p.m. at the Atwood Avenue softball field in Cranston. The movie "Hocus Pocus" will be shown on the big screen. Admission is free, but attendees are asked to bring a blanket donation to help those in need.

Emily's Blanket Drive is organized by Emily Sanita, who was inspired by a conversation with Shawn O'Rourke at the Providence Rescue Mission about the needs and struggles of the state's homeless population. She collected over 200 blankets for those in need and she is continuing her mission with the goal to collect 1,000 blankets. Blankets can also be dropped off at The Thirsty Braver as of Oct. 3.

Confreda's Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is back at Confreda Greenhouses & Farms, located at 2150 Scituate Ave. in Cranston.

This year's festival theme is "Rhode Island Strong." The activities include hayrides, the Corn MAiZE, the Animal Backyard and Pumpkin Patch.

For full information on the Fall Festival, visit confredasfallfest.com.

Winter Survival Backpack drive for RI's homeless

From now until Sunday, Nov. 7, the Rhode Island Dream Center will be collecting items for its Hope for the Homeless Winter Survival Backpack drive for Rhode Islanders experiencing homelessness. This year during Thanksgiving, organizers will be distributing 300-400 backpacks filled with winter essentials for the state's homeless community.

Items needed include winter hats (adult), winter scarves (adult), winter gloves (adult), new socks, full-size body wash, combs, full-size shampoo, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, razors, face masks, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes and body wipes.

Items should be brought to 330 Park Ave. in Cranston by Nov. 7. To learn more, visit ridreamcenter.com.

Saturday Drop-In Crafts at Mohr Library

This week, the Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library will resume Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Do some crafts in the library or take some home. The library is located at 1 Memorial Ave. in Johnston.

Mindfulness Meditation

Mindfulness Meditation will be held at the Warwick Center for the Arts, 3259 Post Road in Warwick, on the first and third Mondays of each month. It is free and open to the public.

Their mindfulness medi-

tation is led by Paulette Miller. The sessions offer a westernized, secular version of Vipassana, also known as insight, open-hearted, and analytic meditation. Sessions often include guided breathing meditation, movement meditation, loving-kindness meditation, and music meditation. The meditation exercises are guided and no experience is necessary.

For further information, visit warwickcfa.org or call (401) 737-0010.

Rotary Touch a Truck event in Garden City

Bring the family to the Rotary Club's Halloween Touch a Truck event on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Garden City Center. The suggested donation is \$10 per family and advanced tickets are encouraged.

Bring the kids to climb, explore and touch their favorite big rigs, fire trucks, police cars, buses and more. This Rotary fundraising event includes Touch a Truck, face painting, balloon animals and more. Halloween costumes are encouraged.

The purpose of the Cranston Rotary club is to connect people who then work together to solve community problems, provide humanitarian aid, and promote goodwill and peace. The club provides scholarships for Cranston high school seniors, Thanksgiving baskets to CCAP families, and supports the community.

Did you know?

What does M&M stand for? Mars and Murrie. They named the candy M&Ms. The deal gave Murrie a 20 percent stake in the candy, but this stake was later bought out by Mars when chocolate rationing ended at the end of World War II. (Source: *Halloween Fun Facts*)

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NO UNLOADING: Johnston Town Council voted Tuesday to close J&S Scrap Metal & Recycling for 30 days, with conditions. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

Scrap

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What is he going to do? Sell his house? Where's he going to go? He has not been recalcitrant. He has responded to authority in every way asked."

Tuesday night's Show Cause Hearing explored neighborhood complaints against J&S Scrap Metal and Recycling, at 36 Starr St.

The business was asked "to Show Cause why the business license should not be suspended or revoked for Operation outside of business hours, Nuisances, Debris on the Street leading to the property's entrance and street parking of unauthorized vehicles," according to the meeting agenda.

Issues have been mounting at the scrap yard for years, according to some neighbors and town officials.

The owners purchased a vacant home across the street and started storing scrap metal there, on a plot with residential zoning.

Cadioux spent around \$10,000 to attempt to have the plot rezoned for industrial use, according to D'Ovidio, but his client

eventually withdrew the application.

An explosion and fire erupted at the scrap yard in late August. Two Johnston firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion while fighting to extinguish the blaze.

Following the fire, the business was shuttered for several days, and the owner was forced to clear the home across the street of scrap metal storage. Eventually Johnston Building Official Ed Civito said he was satisfied with progress at the site, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management cleared the business of wrongdoing in connection with the fire.

Neighborhood complaints continued pouring in to city officials, according to Town Council Vice President Joseph Polisenia Jr. and Council Member Linda Folcarelli.

Town Council spent hours discussing the scrap yard at its September meeting, which was initially advertised as a Show Cause hearing, connected to the zoning violations across the street. When Cadioux withdrew the rezoning application and cleared the site, the point was moot. However, neighbor after neighbor offered testimony portraying the scrap yard as a residential nuisance.

The testimony led to Tuesday night's Show Cause Hearing.

"Whatever way we need to move towards satisfying or making that harmony exist, let's do it," D'Ovidio said. "It's not that ... someone gets a haircut and the other one gets beheaded. Everyone can take a haircut here. And we can work and live together. I'm hopeful of that. I'm confident; confident we can do that."

At last month's meeting, Town Council President Robert Russo stated the issue simply: "Your business doesn't belong there; it's too big for the neighborhood."

And then on Tuesday night, Russo added: "I think we have to balance his interest in running his business, with the neighbors' interest in having a good quality of life."

Polisenia Jr. first suggested Tuesday night's Show Cause hearing. He said he has been hearing concerns from constituents that the Town of Johnston may be prioritizing business interests over residents.

"It's great that Johnston

has all these businesses coming in, and like I said, we are a pro-business town," Polisenia Jr. said Tuesday night. "But we are a town of residents first. We are not an industrial town. We are a suburban town. The western part is a more rural area of town. With that, Mr. President, I would like to make a motion for a 30-day, temporary suspension. Within that 30 days, for the owner of the business to come up with an action plan with Ed Civino, and an action plan that can be implemented."

Civino told the Town Council that he has been called out to J&S around 10-15 times per month recently, and that around 75 percent of the calls have been founded.

"There's clearly something going on over there," Polisenia Jr. said. "Again, I will reiterate to the council, if something is not done, why would anybody ever believe us when we say ... 'OK, we'll put this business in here but we'll keep an eye on it?'"

Polisenia Jr. made the motion to suspend J&S's business license for 30 days.

"While that suspension is happening, have the owner of this business come up with a mitigation plan, for all of the issues that his attorney mentioned that they were coming up anyway," he said. "And if they have them already, that's less work that they have to do."

The town's legal counsel, Solicitor William J. Conley Jr. explained the process and options Town Council has at their disposal.

"That type of sanction is certainly within the Council's authority," Conley said. "And by 30-day suspension, I take that to mean the business will be closed for 30 days."

Revoking the scrap yard's license permanently would be considered a much harsher action, leading to closure of the business.

"Closing a business is the most severe sanction that the Council can impose," Conley explained. "And closure typically means that the Council has found that there is an imminent danger to health and safety, and if the business is not closed, then the health and safety of the residents are at risk. Absent an imminent danger to health and safety, there's a strong preference from the Department of Business Regulation (DBR)

that the local licensing authority essentially impose terms and conditions and restrictions to address the specific problems that have been identified on the record, and manage and review; review for compliance, review to see if the proposed conditions and measures have addressed the problems that have been brought before the Council."

The scrap yard owners, however, could appeal the decision. On Tuesday night, following the hearing, D'Ovidio said he would have to speak to his clients to discuss whether they would file an appeal.

"On an appeal of a closure, if for instance DBR did not find that the record contained evidence that shows there is an imminent danger to health and safety, it would not be sustained," Conley said. "It would be sent back to the Council; remanded to the Council, for the Council to review, to impose what other terms and conditions that the Council may deem sufficient to address the concerns, to remediate the problems."

Prior to last month's meeting, Jeff Cadioux said he would work hard to keep the business open.

"I don't plan on going anywhere," Cadioux said during a phone interview. "Certain people think that I'm a nuisance. And they'd rather me not be here anymore ... I'd rather just keep working. I'll do the right thing, and try to make as many people happy as possible."

At last month's meeting, his mother, Sharon Cadioux, exchanged barbs with the neighbors who attended the meeting to make complaints.

"All right, as you know, we've got this issue with my business, which my son now runs due to the fact that I ended up with PTSD due to a double murder there," she told Town Council. "Okay? We got a lot of people here, a lot of neighbors. They're all doing a lot of complaining; and I get it. My son did make a big mistake at 31 Starr St., which was Residential, which he was coming in front of you people to get it Industrial. So, of course, he got shut down. All well and good. He needed that. It got clean, it's clean, it's okay."

Jeff Cadioux and his mother live on Water Street in Johnston.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

No end in sight to COVID's economic impact

The toll of COVID-19 on the health side of things has been endlessly covered, and intimately experienced by the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have lost loved ones to the virus.

Thankfully, the Delta variant that has become the basis of so much fear regarding a brutal resurgence of the virus throughout the past couple of months has slowed its progression, and infection rates have declined in recent weeks.

However, the economic side of COVID's impact – compounded by global staffing, supply, and energy shortages – have set the stage for an impending crisis that will affect consumers in Rhode Island, the United States and countries across the world.

A crucial pillar of the problem lies in a mass shortage of large storage containers used in shipping, created by a sudden boom in production demands following the hibernation that many industries entered throughout the most dire days of the pandemic, which has stalled the shipping industry and created long wait times to import and export goods from ports around the nation.

But goods and services are being disrupted before they can even get in line to be shipped, too. Farmers in the Midwest are unable to procure essential pieces of machinery – whether brand new harvesters or simply parts to repair their aging machines that are breaking down – due to semiconductor production interruptions in factories overseas. An energy crisis in China has also halted or severely hampered the production of nitrogen fertilizers, among many other consumer goods. The result is likely to be a scarcity of things – from the seemingly frivolous such as holiday decorations and athletic-wear to more essential food products – in the coming months, especially items that require a large amount of energy to produce, such as meat from livestock and any crop that requires significant amounts of fertilizer to germinate and grow.

A natural gas shortage happening concurrent with these issues is also driving up the price of oil and could possibly result in shortages throughout the most crucial winter months.

On an even more molecular level, manufacturing plants are finding it more and more difficult to staff their factories with laborers. Some of this can be tracked directly to workers being more willing to go without work rather than receive a COVID-19 vaccination – yet another impact of a global problem related to vaccine hesitancy spurred by rampant misinformation that has no easy answer.

The result of all of these disruptions, simultaneously independent of one another but also inextricably linked to one another through the complexities of the global supply chain, will be higher prices for consumers and a scarcity of necessary goods throughout the coming months, all happening at a time where wages remain stagnant and an historically high number of people are unable to find adequate work.

The strength of our modern supply chain and economies are being tested as never before, and it will take a Herculean effort on behalf of elected officials to grapple with the real consequences that these problems will create.

But to a more cogent degree, these challenges will test the people within our country and our state. Existing tensions within our society will likely be exacerbated if food scarcity becomes an ongoing problem.

These problems and potential solutions are out of the hands of everyday citizens, but we all have a responsibility to try and weather the storm together, lending a hand when possible, to see through these continuing challenges and come through to the other side.

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LETTER

Righting wrongful imprisonment

To the Editor:

Nineteen years ago, I was released from 6½ years of a life sentence wrongfully imprisoned in Rhode Island for a murder I didn't commit, with nothing more than what I had accumulated in my cell and that I hadn't been allowed to give away to other inmates I was finally leaving behind. There was no apology from the judge, the prosecutor or from the attorney's general. In fact, the A.G., now a U.S. senator, stood on the court house steps to tell the media that I, a Warwick police detective, showed a terrible lapse of judgment, duty and professionalism by likely visiting the crime scene and not reporting it. That wasn't true.

When I was released, there was no law or provision in place to assist exonerees with housing, transportation, counseling or anything else, but I was fortunate to have friends and family who stood by me, believed in me, and who were there to welcome me home; not everyone is as lucky. There was also support from many members of the Warwick Police Department who held a fundraiser for me and my family, as well as strangers who left donations with my trial attorney.

Some people think that exonerees receive millions of dollars in lawsuits, as well as book and movie deals. Sometimes that happens, but it's not the norm. I was contacted by book agents, speaker's bureaus representatives and even people in Hollywood; one was interested in producing a movie and another wanted me to emcee a TV show about people fighting to prove their innocence, but nothing ever materialized from all the ideas and promises. I've provided dozens of guest lectures by request, but usually for free.

I was also told by my brother and a few former partners on the job to expect the city of Warwick and the Warwick Police to welcome me back with open arms. Instead, I had to file suit for my job back. It took years of litigation for Justice Rodgers to rule in my favor for reinstatement. I was eventually reinstated and retired. I really miss the work I was doing, and I think I was pretty good at it.

Since my release, I've met many exonerees from around the country, and I've learned of others nationwide who are demonstrably innocent but still wrongfully imprisoned due to the callous and malicious acts of judges, prosecutors and investigators. Although I was angry with the Rhode Island

State Police for their single and focused investigation against me, and the Attorneys General's Office for prosecuting me without evidence or witnesses linking me to the crime, I must give them credit for acting swiftly to have me released once they realized that I was not the one responsible. Still, what they did to my mom, my sons, other loved ones and to me is still difficult to forgive.

My mom sold her house while I was in prison to help pay for ongoing attorney fees, investigator fees and DNA testing, and her health and mental well-being was never the same. My boys were forced to grow up without a dad, and with the stigma of a father in prison for murder. Our house was foreclosed on, attorney fees were never-ending, and that only skims the surface of the losses; time was our biggest loss. A wrongful imprisonment negatively affects many, while investigators and prosecutors receive praise and promotions, and the one responsible is still free to prey on others.

When someone who actually commits a crime is paroled, they are afforded an array of services and assistance to help them transition back into society. Beginning in 2003, I attempted to generate interest in legislators sponsoring a bill to provide assistance and compensation for exonerees. I contacted my representative in Cranston and met with her, but she never followed up. It wasn't until around 2018, when I was living in West Warwick, that I mailed a cover letter and accompanying materials to Rep. Pat Serpa, and she responded enthusiastically that she would support such a bill.

I let my heroes at The Innocence Project and The New England Innocence Project know that I finally found a champion for this effort, and they got on board, too. The bill was modeled after many others across the country, not the best but definitely not the worst. In 2019, my oldest son, Joshua, brother, Dave, and I testified in support of the bill along with Beth Powers and Rebecca Brown from The Innocence Project and NEIP's Executive Director Radha Natarajan.

The bill was passed unanimously by the House, but was blocked in the Senate. It passed the House unanimously again in 2020, was going to be blocked again in the Senate, but the pandemic caused the General Assembly's session to end abruptly. Our bill unanimously passed the House

a third time this year, and the Senate finally did pass it, but not before amending it with language harmful to some future exonerees – barring exonerees who had ineffective assistance of counsel at trial, as well as making exonerees go through the prison's department of probation and parole rather than Rhode Island's Department of Health and Human Services for assistance with reintegration into society. No exoneree wants to or should have to deal with members of the prison system for assistance, and exonerees who had lousy lawyers should not be punished again because of it.

In addition to correcting those errors in the new law, the amount of compensation should adequately reflect today's economy, with a reasonable increase from \$50,000/year to at least \$75,000/year. Many, many legislators we testified before told me and my family that no amount of money was enough, but that \$100,000 was not unreasonable. Exonerees should also receive an immediate \$1,000 to help with day-to-day expenses

until their petitions are heard.

Lastly, it is my strong belief that Rhode Island legislators should not be allowed to sponsor or co-sponsor a bill when s/he intends to block its passage or otherwise add harmful language to it; both occurred with Rhode Island's Wrongful Imprisonment Assistance and Compensation Bill. It's not a great law, not as good as it would have been had the Rhode Island Senate passed it as written, but it's on the books and it's a good start.

Gov. Dan McKee held a ceremonial signing of the bill on Sept. 16; he and his aides were all gracious and genuinely supportive of our efforts. There are now 13 states without a wrongful imprisonment assistance and compensation statute, and I have no doubt that Rhode Island would still be without one if not for the tireless efforts of Rep. Pat Serpa and Beth Powers.

I will be hoping that this letter finds you and finds you well.

Jeffrey Scott Hornoff
Somewhere in Delaware



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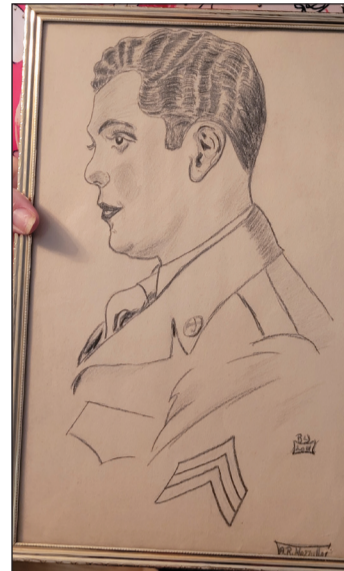
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FINALLY HOME: An American Airlines plane carrying the remains of Johnston native U.S. Army First Lt. Anthony R. Mazzulla landed at Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport in Warwick on Tuesday. (*Sun Rise photo by John Howell*)



A SOLDIER REMEMBERED: Above, Albert H. McCarthy, National First Vice President of the Korea War Veterans Association (KWVA), stood aside Paul K. Kim, the group's National Chaplain, outside Nardolillo Funeral Home, awaiting Mazzulla's return home. At left, Anthony Mazzulla's younger brother Louis drew this portrait of his missing brother. (*Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler*)

LEGAL NOTICES

JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD MEETING AGENDA Thursday, October 28th, 2021 at 6:30 PM Johnston Senior Center 1291 Hartford Avenue

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Review will hold its monthly meeting on October 28, 2021 at 6:30 pm, at Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue. All persons interested in the following proposals are requested to be present at this time. The assembly facilities are accessible to the handicapped. Persons requiring special accommodations shall call the Zoning Office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting (401) 231-4000 ext 4117. Persons utilizing TDD equipment may contact the Town through "Relay Rhode Island" at 1-800-745-6675. The agenda for the evening will be as follows, subject to change:

New Business
File 2021-37 – Petition of John M. Verdecchia, Owner/Applicant for 12 Betsy Williams Circle, AP 59 Lot 206, zoned R-40. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance 340 Article III Table of Dimensional Regulations for a proposed addition.

File 2021-38 – Petition of Louise Desimone, Owner/Applicant for 11 Neutaconkanut Road, AP 11 Lots 9, zoned R-15. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance to create two undersized lots, and to create a Single Family Dwelling.

NOTE: If a Case has not been called for a hearing by 10:30 p.m., the Board, at its discretion, may continue the Case to a subsequent or a special meeting. The Agenda and Minutes are available for review at ClerkBase on the Town's web page or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00

p.m. at the Building Office, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston.

Per order of the Zoning Board of Review Thomas Lopardo, Chairman

10/15, 10/22/21

PLANNING BOARD MEETING Tuesday November 2nd, 2021; 6:00 P.M.
 Johnston Senior Center
 1291 Hartford Ave.
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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. NEW BUSINESS

PB 20-44 - Mill Street Apartments - Public Hearing on a proposed conversion of a mill building to a 16-unit residential building. Located at 634 Mill Street AP 4 Lot 311 - Property is zoned - PD. Applicant: Geranskye Real Estate, LLC

PB 21-47 - Central Avenue Solar/Residential - A Public Meeting on a Major Land Development Master Plan for a proposed seven lot subdivision and solar field. Located at 1252 to 1260 Central Avenue AP 43 Lots 70 and 95. Property is Zoned R-40. Applicant is Revity Energy.

PB 21-42 - NorthPoint Stonehill - Public Meeting on a Major Land Development Master Plan for a proposed warehouse facility. Located at off of Stonehill Drive between the Home Depot and the BJs AP 44 Lot 66. Property is zoned B-3. Applicant NorthPoint Development.

PB 21-29 - Belknap Farm Drive Extension - Public Meeting on a Master Plan of a proposed 20 lot Major Subdivision. - AP 48 Lots 10 and 232 - Property Zoned - R-40. Applicant: Boulder Farm Development.

PB 21-30 - National Development Group Self-Storage - Public Meeting for a proposed Major Land Development of a self-storage facility. Located at 1357 Hartford Avenue AP 20 Lot 24. Property is zoned - B-2. Applicant: National Development Group.

PB 21-44 – Hartford Ave Self Storage - Public Meeting for a proposed Major Land Development of a self-storage facility. Located behind 1347 Hartford Avenue AP 20 Lot 81. Property is zoned - B-2. Applicant: National Development Group.

PB 21-46 - Advisory Opinion to the Town Council on the request

to abandon a portion of Rome Avenue, a paper street.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT & SPECIAL ITEMS

1. Comprehensive Plan Update

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Planning Board Agenda and Minutes are available for review at ClerkBase on the Town's web page or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Planning Office, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston. Items not heard by 9:30 p.m. may be continued to the next Regular Meeting or a special meeting at the discretion of the Board. Facilities are handicap accessible. Interpreter services may be requested from TTD (401) 792-9642 at least 72 hours in advance.

10/15, 10/22, 10/29/21

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Notice is given pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended, §3-5-8 that the Johnston Town Council, sitting as the Liquor Licensing Commission under Chapter 5 of the RIGL, shall hold a public hearing at the Municipal Court Building, 1600 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI on Monday November 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the following applications for liquor license renewals:

Class A Liquor Store 2021-2022 Licenses

1. Tri Town Liquor, Inc. d/b/a Tri Town Wine & Spirits 39 Putnam Pike
2. Knight's Wine & Spirits, Inc. d/b/a Knights Liquor Warehouse 1450 Hartford Avenue
3. Market Beer Wine Spirits, LLC d/b/a Market Fine Wine & Spirits 11 Commerce Way
4. G & S Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Johnston Fine Wine Beer & Spirits 2951 Hartford Avenue

Class B Limited 2021-2022 Licenses

1. Archangel Michael d/b/a La Nouva Pizzeria 1417 Atwood Avenue
2. Baja's Tex Mex Express, LLC d/b/a Baja's Grill Express 1417 Atwood Avenue

Class BYOB 2021-2022 Licenses

1. Cafe Vino 235 Greenville Avenue

Class BV- Full 2021-2022 Licenses

1. Bishop Hill Tavern 2868 Hartford Avenue
2. Fried Enterprise's, Inc. d/b/a Mr. Biggs Saloon 1463A Atwood Avenue
3. Coliseum Sports Bar & Grille, Inc. d/b/a J.J. Coliseum 23 Greenville Avenue
4. Timberwolf, LLC d/b/a Wings On 5 1463 #F Atwood Avenue
5. Luigi's Gourmet Express, Inc. d/b/a Luigi's Gourmet Express 1359 Hartford Avenue
6. Family Dining Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Uncle Tony's Pizza & Pasta 46 Putnam Pike
7. Fu Ming Chinese Restaurant, Inc. 9 Greenville Avenue
8. Strings Bar & Grill, LLC d/b/a Strings Bar & Grill 183 George Waterman Road
9. Toro Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Cancun Family Mexican Restaurant 175 Putnam Pike
10. Roman Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Atwood Grill 1413 Atwood Avenue
11. Rosa Mia Restorante, Inc. d/b/a Silvio's Restaurant & Bar 133 Greenville Avenue
12. HNR, LLC. d/b/a Sura Restaurant 300 George Waterman Road
13. Town Hall Lanes, Inc. d/b/a Town Hall Lanes 1463 Atwood Avenue
14. Emmily's, LLC d/b/a Emmily's Family Style Restaurant 103 Putnam Avenue
15. 101 Bar & Grill, Inc. d/b/a Bar 101 1478 Atwood Avenue
16. TCP Enterprises, LLC d/b/a The Ave Bar & Grill 1428 Hartford Avenue
17. AGZ Enterprises, Inc d/b/a Escada Restaurant and Bar 39 Putnam Avenue #3&4
18. Real's Fine Italian Cuisine Restaurant 79 Putnam Avenue
19. F. Saia Restaurants, LLC. d/b/a Pat's Italian Restaurant 23 Greenville Avenue
20. Hei Palace, Inc. d/b/a Hei Place 1 Commerce Way
21. Sengduang, LLC d/b/a Bangkok Republik 1369 Hartford Avenue
22. An-Jon, Inc. d/b/a Johna's 659 Killingly Street
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26. El Paisano Panaderia & Restaurante, LLC d/b/a El Paisano Panaderia & Restaurante 928 Plainfield Street
27. Duffs, LLC d/b/a Dr. Duffs Lost and Found Project 198 Putnam Pike

28. Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill 1386 Atwood Avenue
29. Torre Corp III d/b/a Trattoria Romana 1571 Atwood Avenue
30. J. Palmieri Pizzeria & Ice Cream, Inc d/b/a J. Palmieri Pizzeria 1999 Plainfield Pike
31. Pizzeria Romana Corp d/b/a Pizzeria Romana 1571 Atwood Avenue
32. Brewed Awakenings, Inc 1395 Atwood Avenue
33. Thapa Family, LLC d/b/a The Punjab Indian Cuisine 1565 Plainfield Pike
34. A Center Stage Co, LLC d/b/a The 78 Pub at This Guy's Pizza 80 Greenville Avenue
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Per Order Robert V. Russo, President Johnston Town Council

10/15, 10/22/21



Request for Bids Town of Johnston

Re-Districting of the Town's Council And School Committee Voting Districts

Town of Johnston is requesting bids for the Re-Districting of the Town's Council and School Committee Voting Districts. Bid specifications are available at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office located at 1385 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 beginning October 15th, 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, October 25th, 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.

Joseph Chiodo, CPA
 Finance Director

■ Soldier

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Regret to Inform

His mother never stopped watching for uniformed U.S. Army messengers bearing grim news that Anthony's body had been found.

Jennie Mazzulla led a crusade to re-number the homes on Johnston's streets in consecutive order, so the soldiers, should they ever come calling, would easily find her Pezzullo Street home.

And she won that battle, Marandola said. Her grandmother's home, House No. 45, changed to No. 25.

But the soldiers never came calling with closure.

"She was worried they'd never be able to find her," Marandola recalled. "I just remember that my grandmother was very sad. But she would talk about him often."

More than 20 years ago, a series of "Veterans' Biographies" was prepared and bound in a booklet commemorating Johnston's War Memorial Park and titled "Let Our Future Remember Our Past."

Anthony Mazzulla's profile in the book described him as "a son and a friend who paid the ultimate price for this country."

"This courageous man was loved by all of his family," according to the booklet. "He was described as a respectful, modest, quiet, man who valued family. In his youth he was athletic and played baseball. He also played softball for the Army League."

Anthony Mazzulla, described by his surviving niece as "intelligent" and "reserved," also served during World War II.

She never met the man. But she listened when loved ones shared stories from his life before he was declared MIA.

Mazzulla had already earned the Good Conduct Medal, a Campaign Ribbon and the Victory Medal for his service in Europe fighting the Nazis.

Officer training

Born in The Bronx, New York, on Nov. 13, 1924, Anthony Mazzulla moved to Johnston, Rhode Island, with his family in 1938.

He attended the Thornton School and graduated from LaSalle Academy in Providence on June 12, 1942.

Mazzulla studied at Providence College for little more than a year before he was drafted into the Army to fight in World War II.

After an honorable discharge, he went back to school for a short time, but ultimately decided to re-enlist, re-joining the Army as a career soldier. He signed up for the Army Airborne Division, but his mother didn't approve.

To please her, he entered Officers Candidate School, and trained to become an officer.

"Obviously, he didn't know there would be another war so soon," Marandola said as she picked up a sepia-toned snapshot of her uncle. "Oh my God he looks like my father there."

The brothers were nine years apart.

In 1949, Mazzulla studied radio communications and telecommunications at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, was promoted to Lieutenant and eventually shipped out to Japan.

"Approximately around the time of Thanksgiving in 1950, he went to Korea and saw action at the Chosin Reservoir," according to the Memorial Park booklet veterans profile. "This battle was the most savage in modern warfare."

He was but one soul among the approximately 15,000 allied troops sent to cross the 38th Parallel.

The Battle

Mazzulla was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, according to the U.S. Army. His Division ultimately fought with a group of infantry, artillery and tank units comprising the 31st RCT, a group that would eventually come to be known as Task Force Faith.

The United States government

sought for Anthony Mazzulla after he disappeared during battle near the Chosin Reservoir.

American soldiers and Marines faced overwhelming resistance, fighting near the Korea/China border. Some historians estimate Chinese troops outnumbered Americans 10 to 1. Temperatures dipped far below freezing, ceasing machinery and chilling our foreign fighters to the bone, frostbite claiming their extremities.

Marine planes eventually swarmed the atmosphere, dropping napalm, rockets, fragmentation and 500-lb bombs on the Chinese.

When Mazzulla's division finally found safe grounds, he was no longer within the ranks.

The U.S. Army interviewed fellow combatants. They investigated thousands of soldiers who were lost or taken prisoner during the Korean War.

"Ultimately, the extreme casualties sustained by the 31st RCT (Regimental Combat Team 31) left few survivors at all," according to a U.S. Army-compiled "Historical Report: 1st Lt. Anthony R. MAZULLA," specifically detailing leads in the search for the lost Johnston soldier, then-26. "In the case of 1st Lt. Mazzulla, no statement exists that can account for the circumstances of his death, but given his reported date of loss, it can be reasonably assumed that he died during the withdrawal to Hagaru-ri. Because (Mazzulla) could not be accounted for by his unit at the end of the battle, the U.S. Army reported him MIA as of 2 December 1950 near the Chosin Reservoir, D.P.R.K. (Democratic People's Republic of Korea), and notified his family via telegram on 8 January 1951."

In September, Marandola received a 4-hour briefing from Michael Mee, Chief of Identifications with U.S. Army Human Resources Command based out of Fort Knox, Kentucky.

For 12 years, Mee has served with the Army's Casualty & Mortuary Affairs Operations Center (CMAOC) and Past Conflict Repatriations Branch (PCRB). His LinkedIn profile features a telling quote: "Until They All Come Home."

Mee took the time to go into excruciating details of the battle, and informed Marandola of the lengths the U.S. government traveled in its attempts to identify her uncle.

Found Legacy

"Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered," according to the U.S. Army. "He was 26 years old."

The remains ultimately identified as Mazzulla's were turned over to the United States by North Korea in 2018.

"On July 27, 2018, following the summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un in June 2018, North Korea turned over 55 boxes, purported to contain the remains of American service members killed during the Korean War," according to the DPAA. "The remains arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Aug. 1, 2018, and were subsequently accessioned into the DPAA laboratory for identification."

Nearly two years later, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced Mazzulla's positive identification after using circumstantial and anthropological evidence, as well as mitochondrial DNA and Y chromosome analysis, on May 28, 2020.

Marandola was shocked when she finally learned of the positive identification.

"It's always on your mind," she said. "But you say there's no way this is ever going to happen."

Albert H. McCarthy, National First Vice President of the Korea War Veterans Association (KWVA), stood aside Paul K. Kim, the group's National Chaplain, outside Nardolillo Funeral Home, awaiting Mazzulla's return home.

"He was MIA but now he is found," McCarthy said, unfurling a black and white POW/MIA banner. "We put this up for all those still to be found — more than 7,400 from the Korea War."

He had a message for the families of soldiers still included among the names on the conflict's MIA list.

"If you have a relative who died in the war but has not been found, you can request a DNA kit," McCarthy said. He urged family members of the missing to reach out to their local Veterans Service Officer for a kit, to aid in identification of the many still unidentified remains.

"Mazzulla's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War," according to a U.S. Army press release. "A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for."

McCarthy wants Americans to realize the Korean War "is not over yet."

"We have U.S. troops still stationed there, ready to fight, if the North attacks again," McCarthy said to remind his fellow Americans.

Kim, born and raised in South Korea, moved to the United States in 1967, became a citizen, joined the U.S. Army and became a chaplain.

"I want to contribute a little on behalf of my native land," Kim said. "These men are really heroes, for what they've done for our country, and for Korea."

Many who have fought in the ongoing conflicts on the Korean Peninsula are still eligible for medals, and the South Korean government will pay for some families of veterans to visit the country, and even arranges tours of battle sites in the south, McCarthy explained. He urged surviving relatives to contact veterans services for details, and take both governments up on their offers.

The Rhode Island chapter of the Patriot Guard accompanied the hearse carrying Mazzulla from the airport to the funeral home.

Led by Mike "Gizmo" Dalmazzi, Rhode Island Assistant State Captain and Vets Cemetery Location Leader, this wasn't the veteran biker club's first motorcade, and it surely won't be the last.

"It's just the right thing to do," Dalmazzi said, moments before the red and white stripes of the flag covering Mazzulla's casket were no longer visible to those remaining outside. "He was a family friend of my dad's. It's pretty miraculous, though it's a shame it took so long. I'm glad he was found."

One Last Goodbye

A memorial service will be held at the funeral home at 8 a.m. Saturday, followed by a service for the former St. Rocco's altar boy at the church on Atwood Avenue.

He will be buried with his parents, Jennie and Louis G. Mazzulla, and his brother Daniel E. Mazzulla Sr., Lois Marandola's father, at 10 a.m. in Cranston's St. Ann Cemetery.

Jennie Mazzulla lived to see her 93rd birthday, but outlived four sons and her husband. Unfortunately, the family matriarch died before the mystery of her son's disappearance in combat was solved.

She was given a posthumous Purple Heart for her son's bravery, and a plaque from U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"His death had a tragic impact on his family's life," according to the Memorial Park profile. "His mother carried the pain of her eldest son's death with her throughout her life. His nephew, Michael Mazzulla, (Lois Marandola's brother) will not stop his search for information about his gallant uncle, Anthony Ralph Mazzulla."

Michael Mazzulla, now 61, stood on the tarmac Tuesday. He finally had answers, and a bit of ancestral closure.

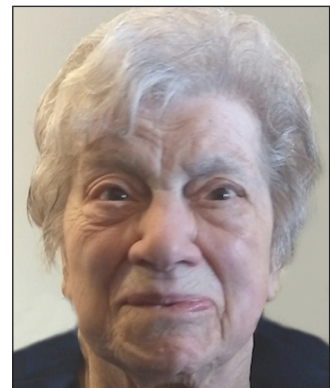
Jennie Mazzulla wrote a short passage for the Memorial Park booklet. She approached the situation with steadfast realism.

"This is the history of how my son Lt. Anthony Mazzulla lost his life at Chosin," she wrote. "Some will forget, but a mother will never forget."

For many friends, family, and fellow Americans, this week has been dedicated to remembering Anthony Mazzulla and his ultimate sacrifice.

OBITUARY

Sofia Arsenis



Sofia (Sophia) Arsenis, 92, passed away Saturday, October 9, 2021, at Cherry Hill Manor, Johnston.

Born in Eggares Naxos, Greece, she was a daughter of the late Dimitrios and Ekaterini (Degaitas) Boulaxis. Sofia was the wife of the late Alexandros Arsenis. In 1968, Sofia and her family immigrated from Eggares Naxos, Greece to the United States, living in Providence after being sponsored by her sister Zambeta and her husband Christos Xiarhos, leaving behind the family farm and café.

She began a new life here in the restaurant industry, starting at her Uncle John's restaurant, John's NY System located in Providence. She then moved to Warwick in 1971 where she worked at her sister's restaurant, Christo's NY System while also working at Dunkin Donuts on Weybosset Street in Providence until retirement.

She was a lifelong parishioner of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cranston, participating in baking for the festival and Christmas Bazaar in her younger days. She was involved in church activities and always there when they needed her. Sofia was recognized by the Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston, presenting her with The Laity Award, November 4, 2012, for her years of service to the church. She was loved and respected by the community at large.

Sofia is survived by three children; Dimitrios Arsenis and wife Grace, Ekaterini Rengigas and husband James, Ilias Arsens and wife Angeliki and was the mother of the late Nikolaos Arsenis and late wife Claudine. Beloved grandmother of 13 grandchildren; Tiffanie Arsenis Rinks, Nicole Arsenis, Alexandros and Christopher Arsenis, Christina Arsenis Tetreault, Alexis Arsenis, Alexandros, Gianna, twins Sofia, and Maria Rengigas and Savvina, Ilianna, Alexandros Arsenis, and 3 great-grandchildren, Niko, Elizabeth (Ella) and Leonides (Leo). She was the grandmother of the late Christopher Arsenis. Sofia was the sister of Zambeta (Elizabeth) Xiarhos, Anna Lambidonis, Stella Strattouri, George Boulaxis, and the late Maria (Maryoga) Laskaris.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her Funeral Service Monday, October 18th at 10 a.m. in the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church 175 Oaklawn Avenue Cranston, RI 02920, burial will follow in North Burial Ground. VISITATION Sunday, October 17th, 4-7 p.m. at "WOODLAWN" Funeral Home 600 Pontiac Avenue Cranston.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Church Endowment Fund. Please share memories at WoodlawnGattone.com.

Angelina Parrillo

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TIE-DYED SMILES: At left, Jaelyn Duarte, 7, of Johnston, had a great day with her Memere, papa, and auntie at last weekend's 55th Annual Scituate Art Festival. At right, Mackenzie, Hannah and Karlee Reavey visited the festival with their grandmother, Tonya Hendricks Honnetter. (Submitted photos)



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BRUSH WITH TALENT: Above right, Artist Valery Nardacci showed her paintings at last weekend's Art Festival. At left, Lucas Buscemi, 7, dug into a sweat treat at the Art Festival, which has been held in Scituate every Columbus Day weekend since 1967. (Submitted photos)

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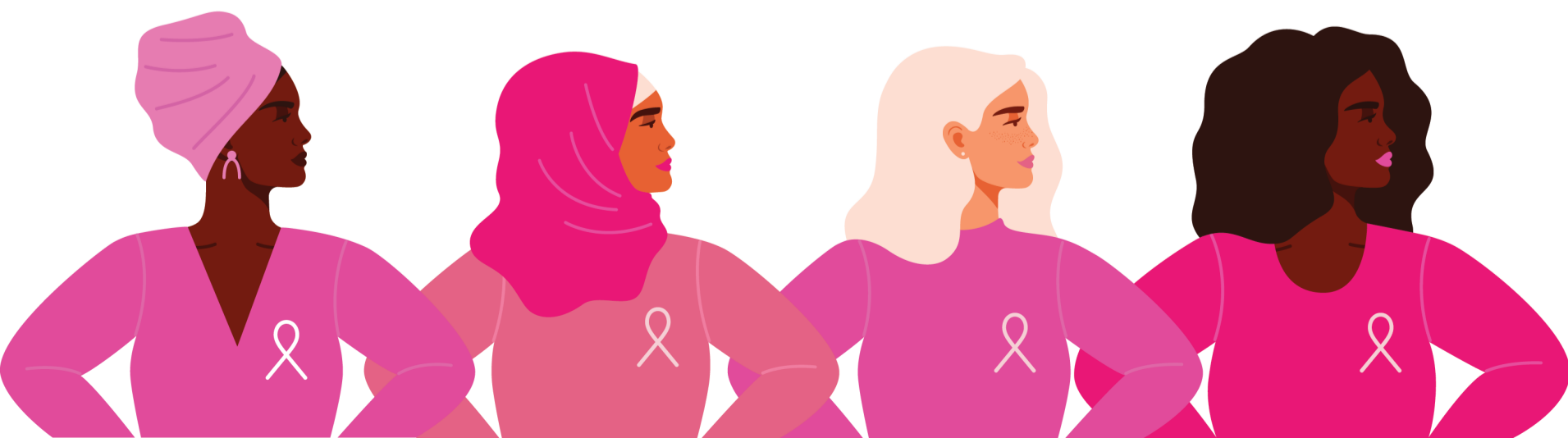
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Young at heart

Last week, the YMCA of Greater Providence hosted a ceremony for Cranston native Frank Mancini, 98, to celebrate his 25 years of dedication to the Cranston YMCA.

In attendance was Gov. Dan McKee, who presented Mancini with an official citation from the state recognizing his dedication to wellness.

In addition, a representative from Cranston Mayor Ken Hopkins's office presented a citation from the city.

Mancini has become very well known at the Cranston Y over the years. Many speak of his positive outlook on life and his dedication to his health and wellness.

He exemplifies the mission of the YMCA and lives his life with a healthy mind, body and spirit. He has an infectious personality. He brightens everyone's day and is a friend to all. At 98 years old, he still continues to push forward as if he was in his 20s.

For the past 25 years, Mancini has been taking swimming classes at the Cranston YMCA to improve his health.

"My legs were starting to go," he said, and he felt he needed to change his lifestyle.

The YMCA provides Mancini with an opportunity to connect with people, make new friends and stay active as an older adult.

Socializing at the Cranston YMCA helps keep him happy because he's lost his wife, many relatives and friends over the years. He says seeing young people and new people during the weekly swim classes brings a bright smile to his face.

"I wanted to stay healthy and started taking swim classes and I loved it. We used to have a coffee hour which would bring in a lot of people, which I really enjoyed," he said.

He added: "I have a lot of fun. It brings out the life in me. I just love living. The swim classes keep me moving. The socializing keeps me going. I've been swimming all my life. When I started taking swimming classes at the YMCA, it was almost like I was learning new techniques that I never knew before."

"There is no better father than this man," said Mancini's daughter, Nicole Mancini.

(Text by Meri R. Kennedy / photos by Steve Popiel)



AT EASE: Longtime Cranston YMCA member Frank Mancini, 98, enjoys his time in the pool. He finds it to be a healthy way to exercise, socialize and have fun.



CELEBRATION: A reception was held at the Cranston YMCA honoring Frank Mancini, 98, along with Gov. Dan McKee, Frank Mancini, YMCA of Greater Providence CEO Steven O'Donnell, and Christy Clausen, executive director of the Cranston and Kent YMCAs.

POLICE LOG

RESISTING ARREST

On Sept. 25, Johnston Police Officer Kevin Brady responded to the area of 1080 Plainfield St. to investigate a reported hit and run accident. "Upon arrival I was flagged down (by) the owner of the vehicle that was struck," Brady wrote in the police incident report. "He advised me that he took a picture of the plate of the suspect vehicle." The photo showed a black Dodge sedan bearing Rhode Island plates, which came back to a Vanessa Castillo, of 9 Victoria Mount St., Johnston. Brady went to her home and located the vehicle in the driveway with heavy front-end damage. Brady knocked on the door and a woman answered. "I asked if she was Vanessa," Brady wrote. Castillo allegedly swore at police and used racist language, according to the police report. Neighbors came outside

and witnessed the disturbance. Castillo eventually came outside the home, "clenched her fists and lunged at" Brady, saying "I'll [expletive deleted] you up." An additional Johnston Police officer arrived on the scene to assist. Brady advised her that she was under arrest for Disorderly Conduct, and he attempted to place her in hand restraints. Brady wrote that Castillo pulled away from police and refused to be placed in hand restraints, resisting for about a minute before police "were able to subdue her and place her under arrest," according to the report. Castillo was transported back to police headquarters where she was processed, allowed to make a phone call, and released with a District Court Summons. She has been charged with misdemeanor counts of Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest.

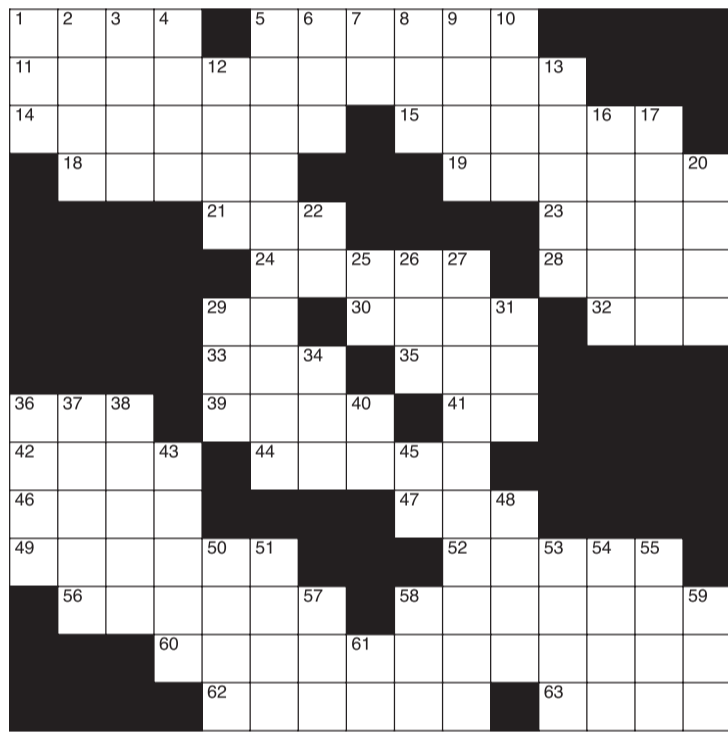
SHOPLIFTING

Around 3:09 p.m., on Sept. 26, Johnston police were dispatched to a store in the town (police redacted the name of the store in the released police reports) to investigate a reported larceny. Police arriving on the scene located the alleged "involved suspects" in a black Hyundai Sonata with Maine plates in a parking lot. Johnston Police Officer Manuel Perez wrote in the police incident report that he identified the driver of the vehicle as Michael Bartis, of 95 Pond St., Apt. 6, Cranston, and two passengers in the vehicle as David Ezell, of 7 Arlington Ave., Apt. 3, Warren, and Candi M. Meseck, 3188 Post Road, Warwick. "Upon immediate visual inspection of the vehicle, all of the reported stolen items were in the rear seat of the vehicle," Perez wrote. "DMV checks revealed that the registration plate was not registered to the

vehicle." The license plate was seized and logged as evidence. The vehicle was towed from the scene. A check on Bartis "revealed that he had three outstanding bench warrants," Perez wrote in the report. He was handcuffed and placed under arrest for a felony charge of Shoplifting (Second Offense), felony Conspiracy, and for being a Habitual Offender. Bartis was transported to Johnston Police Headquarters where he was processed, allowed to make a phone call, and held in a cell while he awaited further arraignment. Ezell was handcuffed and arrested for felony Shoplifting (second offense) and felony Conspiracy, transported to headquarters, processed, allowed to make a phone call, and secured in a cell while awaiting arraignment. Ezell was held as a probation violator. Meseck was also hand-

cuffed and arrested for misdemeanor Shoplifting and a misdemeanor charge of Conspiracy, transported to headquarters, processed, allowed to make a phone call, and secured in a cell. She was released with a Third District Court summons to appear in court on Nov. 1. A witness at the store told police that around 2:24 p.m. that day she saw Meseck and Ezell enter the store and walk to the hardware department. The witness told police that Ezell selected multiple Milwaukee winter hats, gloves and a power tool, placing them inside Meseck's handbag, according to the police report. The pair walked toward the main exit door and past the points of purchase making no attempt to pay for the items, according to police. The witness made positive identifications of the suspects, and requested all three trespassed from the store.

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1. Flat-topped hill
5. Move upward
11. Admiration
14. It's useful for serving food
15. Kidnap
18. One of the Greek Muses
19. A type of media
21. Sunscreen rating
23. Former Michigan coach Brady
24. German town devastated in WW2
28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
29. Leave
30. Forearm bone
32. Very fast airplane
33. Helps little firms
35. Defunct economic organization
36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
39. Feels ill
41. Indicates position
42. Beverage containers
44. Assists
46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Where wrestlers work
2. Dueling sword
3. Practice fight
4. Genus of clams
5. Fear of heights
6. What some tell their dog
7. The Golden State
8. When you expect to get there
9. Pointed ends
10. Extinct flightless bird
12. Feeds
13. Nape of neck
16. Descendant
17. Small boats found in Turkey
20. To avoid the risk of
22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)

25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
26. Brew
27. Feeling of anxiety
29. Young girls group
31. Perform on stage
34. White clerical vestment
36. Popular musical awards show
37. Bumpkins
38. One who acts on another's behalf
40. Direction
43. Look at with fixed eyes
45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
48. A large number of
50. Type of powder
51. Large jug
53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author
54. American state
55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
57. Witness
58. Landscapers lay it
59. Type of bread
61. Of I

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Fri. Nov. 5th @ 10AM
Fri. Nov. 5th @ 2:30PM
Mon. Nov. 8th @ 1PM
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5 Ways to Make the Most of Your Money

FAMILY FEATURES

Working toward financial stability can be a daunting task, but developing healthy spending habits and practicing smart saving can make it easier to plan for the future and take control of your finances.

Improve your financial stability and security with these tips from the experts at Credit One Bank, a data-driven financial services company that is also one of the largest and fastest-growing credit card issuers in the United States.

Create a Spending Plan and Budget

By building a budget and examining your spending habits, you're able to see exactly how much money you have coming in and where – or on what – you're spending it. This is often the first step toward meeting short- and long-term financial goals, whether those involve taking a vacation, paying off debt, buying a new house or saving for retirement.

Add up your household income, including paychecks and other income, such as investments or rental property, then figure your monthly expenses starting with recurring bills like rent or mortgage, car payments, insurance, utilities and subscriptions. Also account for variable expenses like gas, groceries and entertainment. Once you have your income and expenses calculated, look for places you may be able to cut back to help meet your financial goals. Don't forget to be flexible; your budget and spending will change along with your needs and situation.

Earn Rewards on Everyday Purchases

You can stretch your budget further by taking advantage of rewards offered by your bank or credit card company. For example, some credit cards provide cash back rewards for specific everyday purchases. An option like the Credit One Bank Platinum Rewards Visa is one such credit card. Customers can earn 5% cash back for the first \$5,000 of eligible purchases per year on things like gas, groceries, internet, cable, satellite TV and mobile phone services, plus 1% cash back rewards on all other purchases.

"Make sure your rewards are working for you – and not just as a gimmicky signup bonus," said David Herpers, head of product at Credit One Bank. "Find a credit card that continues to give you more for your everyday spending habits."

Compare Interest Rates When Opening a Savings Account

When selecting a savings account, look for the highest yield but also consider the minimum balance requirement, any introductory rates that may expire after a set period of time and the ease with which you're able to access your money and account information. Often, digital banks can offer higher rates than traditional brick-and-mortar branches due to their lower overhead costs. Ensure any bank you consider is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) so you can earn a fair rate and protect your money.

Build an Emergency Fund

Emergency funds create a financial buffer that can keep you afloat in times of need without having to rely on high-interest loans or maxing out a line of credit. These funds can be used to pay for large, unexpected expenses such as medical bills, the loss of a job, car repairs or home appliance repair or replacement.

To build your emergency fund, set a monthly savings goal – even an amount as small as \$50 per paycheck can make an impact over time – and set up a way for the funds to be automatically transferred to the account each time you get paid to make the task less daunting. Check on the account periodically and adjust if necessary or if your budget allows. A good rule of thumb is to set aside 3-6 months of living expenses.

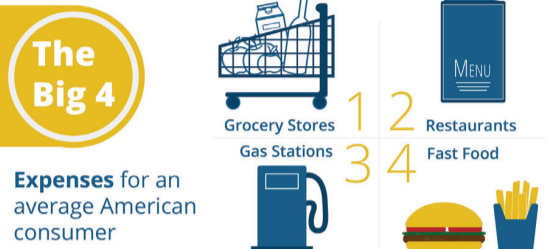
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Your credit score provides lenders and other parties a quick way to get an idea of your financial history and your ability to pay. Having a good credit score typically provides better interest rates and makes it easier to get approval on loans, rent an apartment, take out a mortgage or finance large purchases. Poor credit can saddle you with higher rates and lead to potential loan requests being denied.

To help you understand how different actions affect your credit score, many sites offer free credit reports and tools that allow you to stay up-to-date and track your score over time. Be sure to check reviews and verify the site's legitimacy before entering your information. Additionally, many credit card companies, including Credit One Bank, provide free access to online credit reports on a regular basis to give customers an easier way to stay on top of their finances.

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Understanding Emerging Card Capabilities

Alternative methods of payment, like credit and debit cards, have now been around for decades and have grown in popularity due to their convenience in comparison to cash, but technology has evolved even further to allow for a rise in contactless payment. Consider these capabilities many cards now offer:

Chip (EMV) cards utilize smart technology to store data on the microchip embedded in the card, allowing for an extra level of security with a one-time code generated as part of each transaction to keep payment information more secure than swiping the magnetic strip.

Contactless cards are equipped with near-field communication technology that allows payments to be made at a terminal without swiping or inserting. The card member's name, billing information and security code are never transmitted when cards bearing the contactless indicator are tapped on an equipped terminal.

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One of the most confusing topics that we help our clients navigate is Medicare; the various parts (A-B-C-D) as well as the costs for each "part" of Medicare.

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Medicare Part A typically covers hospital stays, hospice, skilled nursing care following a qualifying hospitalization and some home health care. There are various deductibles that would apply under Part A and these deductibles tend to change each year.

Medicare Part B typically covers doctor services, outpatient services and medical equipment. Like Part A, there are various deductibles for Part B plus co-payments that you would be required to pay, and these deductibles and co-payments could change each year.

Medicare Part C provides the same services as Part A and Part B and may also include some prescription drug coverage as well as other services. These plans are called Medicare Advantage plans. Deductibles and co-payments can vary under these plans as you have many different choices.

Medicare Part D provides some coverage for your prescription medications, also with deductibles and co-payments.

There are exceptions to the age 65 rule for those with various types of disabilities. When you would qualify for Medicare under the disability rules are too complex for this article, as it depends on the type of disability and how long you have been disabled under the Social Security parameters.

The rule for enrollment gives you a span of 3 months prior to your 65th birthday month (your birthday month and 3 months after your birthday month.) In essence, it is a seven-month window, which is ample time to get set up for these programs.

If you are fortunate enough to have a health insurance plan through your employer, you do not have to sign up for these benefits during that seven-month window if you continue to work beyond the age 65 "window." As an example, if you work until you are 67, you have an eight-month "window" of time to sign up for the various options offered by Medicare.

Medicare Part A is free, if you qualify; Medicare Part B has a monthly premium, which is \$148.40 for 2021. This premium amount is for most people and typically goes up each year. However, if you fall into higher income brackets, you will likely pay a higher premium for the various parts of coverage. For 2021, the surcharge starts after your adjusted gross income reaches



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\$88,000 for a single tax filer and \$176,000 for a married couple filing jointly, and it goes up from there. Keep in mind that if your taxable income is above these numbers, there is a surcharge on your Part D plan as well.

This is a key point. Each year, the government has an annual enrollment period that will always be from October 15th

through December 7th. These dates are set in stone, so to speak. The annual enrollment period allows anyone already in the Medicare system to change plans. We recommend that you check on your existing plan to determine if changes are going to be made and to ascertain if you are still in the best plan for you and your current health circumstances.

Keep in mind that when you first qualify to sign up for a Medicare supplement plan, you are guaranteed acceptance regardless of any medical challenges that you may have. You do not have the same guarantee of coverage if you choose to switch during the "open season" as many people call it. Conversely, Medicare Advantage plans are required to cover pre-existing medical conditions with the exception of end stage renal disease and Lou Gehrig's disease.


There are many different deductibles and co-payments for the various parts of Medicare. A Medicare Supplement plan provides benefits to augment "original Medicare" and will dramatically decrease your out-of-pocket expenses that original Medicare does not cover such as deductibles and co-payments. This is a standalone plan that you would pay an additional premium for. An estimate for premium for a 65-year young person is about \$150 per month for a typical plan. The premiums costs more based on higher ages.

Our goal is to provide clear guidance and simple explanations of the Medicare rules. Call 401-333-8000 should you wish to have an in-depth conversation about your choices.

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The Term Paper

A thrilling novel by Johnston author Steven Gareau

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Sam Garrison wrote "The Term Paper" during his four year commitment to the USAF. His written radical views at that time exposed the two party system in the United States.

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By **JENNIFER COATES**

As a young college student, Garrison had written a term paper that he thought was a relatively innocuous expose on the flaws of our two-party government system. What made that paper so memorable was how prophetic it turned out to be. It hypothesized that the two-party system which had long stood as the bastion of democracy, was vulnerable to fraud, abuse, and corruption. He proposed that a third party, such as the one represented by the late Ross Perot, was needed to watch over the better parts of the two-party system. This was needed to "keep each party honest."

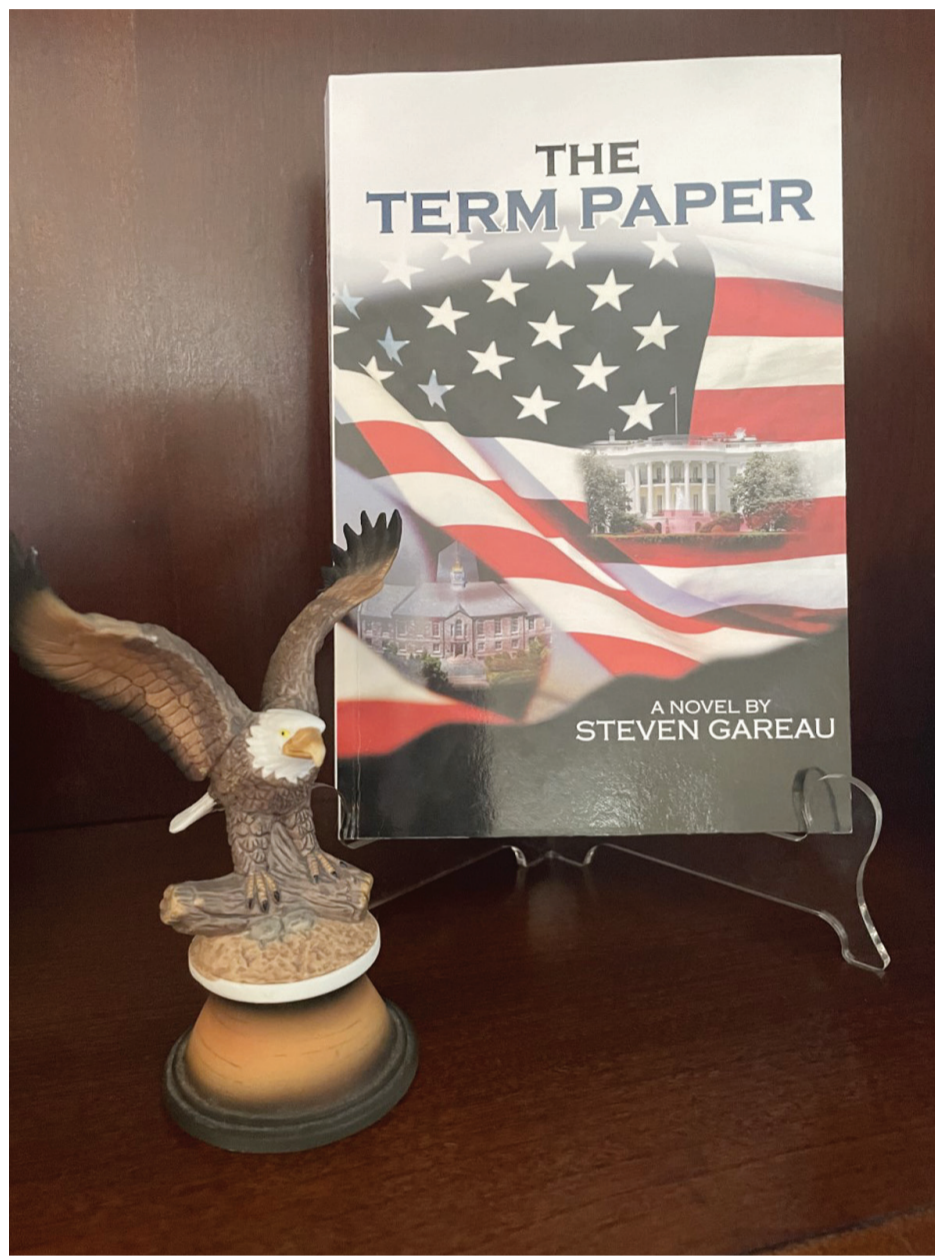
When we first meet Sam, we learn that twenty years after the composition of that term paper, four students at American University have presented a separate paper that outlines a few theories of their own on the government's structure. The difference between Garrison's analysis and the radical ideas

of these students is that they have conceived of an idea that will destroy America and its standard bearer, the Constitution, from within.

For those who haven't figured it out yet, Sam Garrison is a fictional character ~ the conceptualization of Johnston resident and political aficionado Steven Gareau. In a style that resembles author Tom Clancy, Gareau has written a fast-paced novel of intrigue, suspense, and pulsating twists and turns that take you from the classrooms of a prestigious college to the halls of our nation's Capitol.

Though not autobiographical, Gareau's own voice is heard through the whole novel. He, like Garrison, is a successful businessman, veteran, athlete, and loving partner. He, like Garrison, is a student of politics. Unlike Garrison, however, Gareau suffered a stroke in 2017 while in the middle of writing this novel. What began in 2015 was completed with grit, determination, and an urgent desire to "beat the clock" as history began to imitate art.

Gareau's novel is fittingly entitled The Term Paper. If you like books that keep you on the edge of your seat, then purchase this book by local author Steven Gareau on Amazon.com or online through Barnes & Noble (in the US, UK and Australia), Walmart and Target.



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GRAND GROUP: Goodfellas Motorcycle Club Treasurer Anthony "Cal" Calabro is all smiles as he holds a mock check totaling \$40,000 and is backed by members and friends inside the Healing Garden at Hasbro Children's Hospital during last Friday's extraordinary presentation. (Sun Rise photo by Pete Fontaine)

Goodfellas hands Hasbro \$40,000 check

By PETE FONTAINE

It may be the most unique gift Hasbro Children's Hospital has ever received for its ongoing and extraordinary care of children who have been stricken with cancer.

Last Friday morning under a beautiful backdrop of sunny and blue skies, men riding motorcycles pulled in front of the highly-acclaimed hospital as visitor-upon-visitor looked at the uniquely dressed riders as they parked their bikes.

Decked out in black leather vests that featured a logo that read "Goodfellas Motorcycle Club," the men were greeted by Hasbro's Senior Gifts Officer/Campaign Manager Michele Brannigan who then walked with the group down a slight incline and into the hospital's recently upgraded and beautiful garden/playground.

What transpired during the next 30 minutes was the Goodfellas walking around the impressive area where Hasbro officials take patients to enjoy the special setting and various playground apparatus and later listened to Vice President of Pediatrics Tracey Wallace explain about Hasbro's award-winning missions that are bolstered by extraordinary donations such as the one the motorcycle club was about to present.

Soon thereafter, Anthony "Cal" Calabro, the Goodfellas treasurer, sat in a chair holding a mock check totaling \$40,000 and was surrounded by club members and major sponsors whose unique support resulted in the extraordinary donation.

As for the actual bike run, that featured 215 bikes and began at Stefany Harris' String Bar & Grill on George Waterman Road and extended into Connecticut before returning to One Victory Court in Johnston for the post-run party, the fifth annual event raised a record \$20,000.

The additional \$20,000 came from the generosity of Johnston resident Bruno Ramieri, who has done previous philanthropic work at Hasbro and offered to match dollar-for-dollar up to \$20,000 for the Goodfellas event.

"What Bruno did is amazing ... mind-boggling as some people have told us ... we can't thank Bruno enough for his unmatched support ... his support and generosity is unheard of these days ... it's overwhelming; Bruno is A GREAT

GOODFELLA; an extraordinary and mighty man."

To which Brannigan offered: "What the Goodfellas manage to do for Hasbro Children's Hospital is extraordinary. We were so thrilled to see the number of participants at this year's bike run. The camaraderie and good spirit everyone brings to this event is so inspiring.

It takes a lot of work to put a fundraiser like this together and the Goodfellas have been doing it for five years and each year it gets bigger and better. Hasbro Children's Hospital is so grateful for the support the Goodfellas provide to our patients and families who rely on us now more than ever."

Meanwhile, Chris Josephson who serves as Hasbro's manager of annual planned giving who actually introduced Ramieri to the Goodfellas, offered: "We are so thrilled that the Goodfellas and Bruno were able to connect and make such an amazing gift together to the hospital."

He then added: "We held his presentation in our Healing Garden which is an example of a space that was created through smaller gifts from our community. So much of what we do is funded by our friends and neighbors and the and the \$40,000 raised through the ride and Bruno's match will support all sorts of wonderful programming that has a direct impact on the lives of our pediatric patients. Gifts like this support our Healing Arts program, our team of Child Life Specialists and so much more."

Through it all, Ramieri stood smiling and took his place for the group photo and later in his classy and humble way, said: "It makes me feel exceptionally good and that makes it all worthwhile; it's very difficult to out this into words and I will continue to help as long as I can."

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By Karen Kalunian

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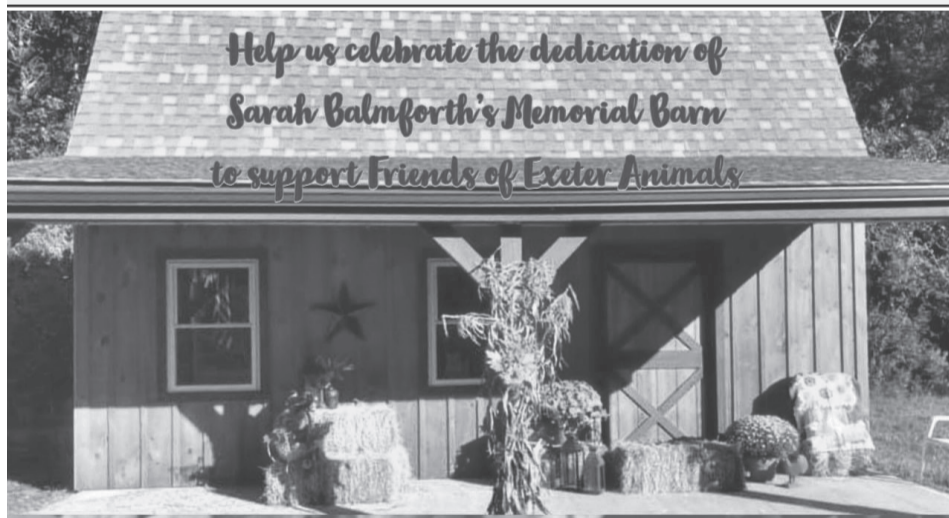
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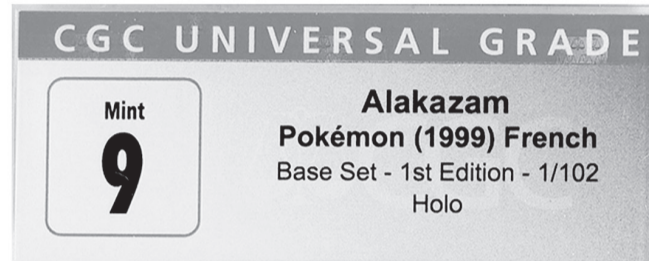


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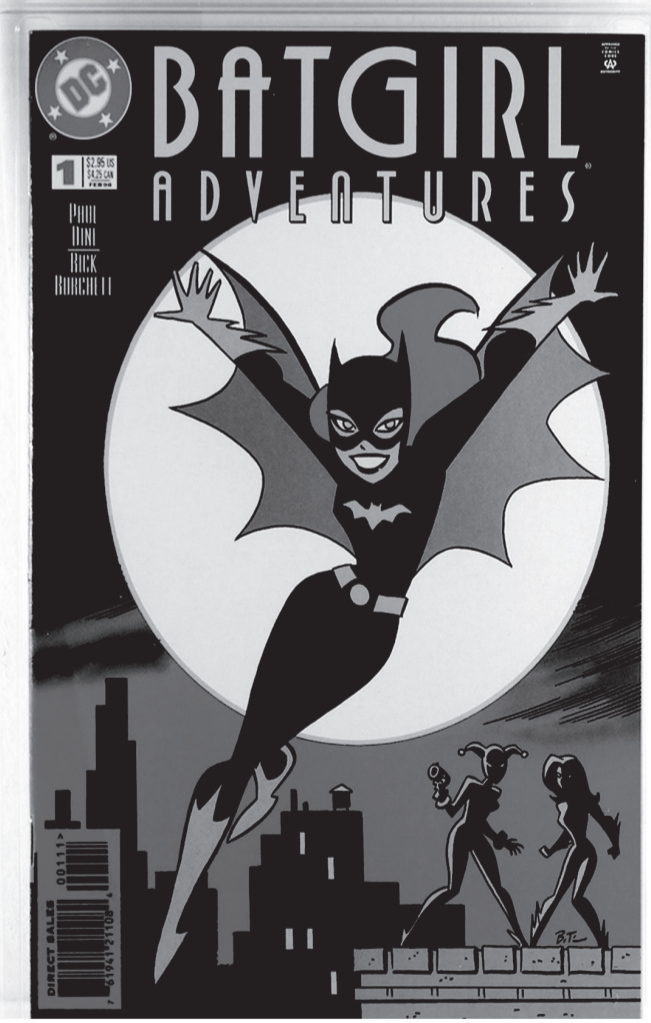
In the comic, trading card, toy, and essentially entire collectibles world you always here the word "Mint". The colloquial term in all honesty is tossed around more than "Wicked" in Massachusetts. But

what is the actual definition of the word in professional collector-dealer speak? Let's break it down. In the world of comics, professional numeric grading is key when determining condition and value. The standard ideal grade for any collector is a 9.8, a 9.9 or 10 is a near impossible feat. When looking into the official definition of the CGC or CBCS grading scale a 9.8 is a "near-mint to mint comic book". Not even entirely mint! Beneath that 9.6 down to 9.2 is near mint, 9.0 and 8.5 very fine, and down from there. A comic is not considered truly "Mint" unless it is given a 9.9 with a 10 being "Gem Mint". Why this lesson is important is because everyone always believes their stuff is mint, but in reality, 99.9 percent of the time it is far from it. Trading card grading works in a very similar way. While there are no 0.2 intervals above a 9, the 9 grade is the standard definition of "Mint". A 9.5 is considered "Gem Mint" and a 10 "Pristine".

If you are someone at home with a stack of comics or binder of cards this is important to keep in mind to manage expectations. If you are looking at your New Mutants #98 or Pokémon Charizard trading card and see creasing, tearing, staining, or a loss you know immediately your collectible is far from mint. Even if you see the tiniest little crease or color break it's not mint. Very, very few items truly achieve high grades, this is why they bring crazy high prices at auction. While it is exciting seeing those big numbers online, just keep in mind that is typically the minority instead of the majority. But who knows! You could be sitting on a treasure trove.



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Sports



MIDFIELD: Johnston's Kaylee Poole makes a play on the ball. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)

How to handle the football playoffs

As many of you all know, the local high school football schedule has been a bit of the mess thanks to the ongoing pandemic.

Earlier this week, the *Providence Journal* first reported that the Rhode Island Interscholastic League has been having meetings regarding the playoff formats for next month's postseason and how the constant schedule changes will be a factor.

Fourteen teams have had at least one game canceled due to the pandemic and it appears that a few more will inevitably be added to the list in the final few weeks here. Whether it is a positive test, an opposing team testing positive, close contacts, all of that, the schedule has been jumbled quite a bit each week.

According to the Journal's report, the league is leaning toward expanding the number of playoff teams in each division and seeding them according to overall win percentages since teams will have played anywhere from four games to seven in some situations. Many teams are frustrated with the system, especially those whose games were cancelled due to issues involving the opposing club.

Overall, there really is no full-proof format that will satisfy everyone, but I think the RIIL is on the right track with this one.

First off, adding more playoff teams in a no-brainer if you ask me. I always am under the idea of, when in doubt - add a few

My pitch



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more teams. I like small playoff fields, but when teams are dealing with unfortunate events outside of their control, I tend to give them the benefit of the doubt.

In terms of seeding, there is objectively no other way to operate other than win percentage. Total wins is unfair, league wins is unfair, points scored, all of that, the only fair solution is win percentage. Is it totally fair? No, I guess not, but it is without a doubt the closest that we are going to get.

As we have been saying for the last year and a half, all we can do is roll with the punches and make the best of the situation. At the end of the day, we are getting a full football season with playoffs. It has been messy at times and will likely continue to be messy, but considering the circumstances, I think that it is hard to be disappointed with the overall product.

So, I agree with the projected approach of the RIIL and feel that it is the obvi-

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Panthers set to rebound

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Johnston girls soccer team is looking to rebound after dropping back to back games against Provi-

dence Country Day and St. Ray's. PCD topped the Lady Panthers 3-0 while St. Ray's took a 5-0 decision.

"In the first half (against St. Ray's) we held up pretty good,

we were marking up and we told them that they were going to have a strong offensive presence. We only played this team once last sea-

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OLG enjoys 5th annual golf tourney

By PETE FONTAINE

Countless proud parishioners from Our Lady of Grace Church showed up at famed and picturesque Rhode Island Country Club in Barrington for what Rev. Peter J. Gower said, "will be remembered as the best day ever for this event."

That event, which was the 5th Annual OLG Golf Tournament, was played in memory of the late Fred Bruno, who Father Gower offered "was a terrific guy who passed way far too young."

Although the 18-hole event, which featured fine foods before and after the fun-filled event, will benefit the Johnston-based Roman Catholic parish as well as the highly-acclaimed John P. Burke Scholarship Fund in the late Bruno's memory.

"Fred must be looking down on us today," golfer-after-golfer told Father Gower who despite the on-going threat of rain, wasn't about to let anything stand in the way of holding the "mighty memorial tourney."

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SUPER SUPPORTERS: The foursome of Rene Gamach, Jeff Samuels, Steve Dessert and Craig Haddad were among the 120-players field for the 5th Annual Our Lady of Grace Golf Tournament. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

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BLAIR BUDDIES: Gene and Joe Blair and their friends Peter Curtis and Jim Simmons, enjoyed the fine food and classic camaraderie of the 5th Annual Our Lady of Grace Golf Tournament played at Rhode Island Country Club.



FATHER'S FLOCK: Rev. Peter J. Gower (third from left), popular pastor at Our Lady of Grace Church, played an 18-hole round of golf with Alex Medeiros, former altar server John Carbone and Jason Allard in the parish's 5th annual tourney that was dedicated to the memory of the late RICC pro Fred Bruno. The foursome also finished first and staked claim to the 2021 title.

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■ OLG

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The recent and 5th Annual OLG golf go-round, which was yet another classic example of Father Gower bringing the church community together under a unique social setting, featured a record 120 players and countless prizes that were all donated specifically for a unique raffle, was what Father Gower said "the wonderful work of our volunteers we always do so much and always with a smile."

"There were many, many contributors to the day's success," Father Gower wanted it known. "There are names too numerous to mention, except, of course, the Fred's sister and faithful OLG parishioner Carolyn Najmowicz along with Mike Lombardi and his crew who always go above and beyond for any and

all of our events."

Moreover, as many of OLG's volunteers as well as those in the 120-player golfer field, were in high praise of the well-organized tournament that everyone concurred featured "great food all day in a beautiful setting of the seaside community of Barrington."

"What can I say," Father Gower offered, saying "but a humble THANK YOU to the many people who made the 5th Annual Our Lady of Grace Golf tournament a huge success? I wish I could name every one of you wonderful people, but the newspapers don't print 15-page letters; let's just say that you ALL made October 5th the best day yet."

The popular pastor then thanked the "great staff at RICC and Gower Design Group for sponsoring the tournament" that will back – perhaps even bigger and better than this time around – in the fall of 2022.

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UP THE FIELD: Johnston's Cameron Ferrara.

■ Panthers

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son so we really stressed the importance of marking up. Unfortunately, we had one breakdown which led to others at the end of the first half," said Johnston coach Lauren Fagundes.

St. Ray's scored a pair of late goals in the first half to take the 2-0 lead into the break and would roll throughout the second half.

"We lost our momentum there right before halftime. We lost some steam too, we've been battling injuries, so we need to figure out rotations and our bench," Fagundes said.

The team fell to 3-8 on the season with

five games to play. Fagundes believes that more urgency on offense will help the Panthers collect a few wins and make a push toward a postseason berth.

"Scoring early and scoring first. That changes the shape of the game and it changes their mentality when they're playing. It keeps that momentum," said Fagundes. "Our defensive lines work really hard. We are one-sided in a lot of these games so we need more shooting, more passing. We click but we click late."

The Panthers faced Westerly on Thursday, but the results were not available at press time.

The Panthers' most recent win came in the form of a 3-2 victory over Hope. Alexia DiLorenzo scored a pair of goals while Ava Melo added another. Goalie Ava Waterman recorded 12 saves in net.

CCRI picks up win

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The CCRI Knights Men's Soccer team welcomed the Blue Knights of Northern Essex Community College from Haverhill, MA to the CCRI Soccer Complex in Lincoln and defeated the Blue Knights 4-0. With the victory CCRI improves to 7-3 overall and 5-1 in Region XXI play and 5-0 in Division III Region XXI (their league).

The Knights debuted a new midfield look on Tuesday with Sam McCutcheon (Smithfield, RI) and Joe Dorce (Providence, RI) on the wings and Thiago Pereira (North Providence, RI) playing up top.

The Knights got into a good rhythm to start the game and in the 18th minute, the pressure from the CCRI offense created the first goal. After a service from the right side, Joe Dorce was able to touch the ball into the six-yard box into a very dangerous area through tons of traffic and it resulted in an own goal by a Northern Essex player.

Coso broke into the 18-yard box as he squared up the goalie. Coso took a final touch before striking the ball into the back of the net to make the score 2-0 CCRI. Coach Gabe Toro commented: "Sebastian was very calm as he broke into the open field,

a breakaway type of situation, he was able to set it up just right to get the outcome." The Knights went into halftime leading 2-0.

In the second half, CCRI came out with even more offense as Rico Foster (Cranston, RI) found co-captain Wilson Penafiel (Providence, RI) who was able to put the ball away giving the Knights the 3-0 lead.

During pre-season Sam McCutcheon was identified by the coaches as having some talent in the net. Coach Toro needed him today and had to take him off the midfield position and place him in the net to replace Alex Johnson. Coach Toro added "Sam exemplified the word versatility today. He stepped up in a big way."

In fact, McCutcheon made one of the best saves of the year on a point blank shot that he was able to get his hand on as he dove through the air. McCutcheon also had amazing outlet passes with his arm to find wingers like Joustin Rivera (Providence, RI), Sam was able to hit him in stride and get the attack going quickly and effectively.

Even more than his play was the energy he lifted the Knights with as he stepped up into a role in which he hadn't performed in recently as a keeper.

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Now is the time to try tautog fishing

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"This is the largest tautog I have ever caught," said Jeremy Webster of Pawtucket as he lifted his rod high to prevent the fish from going back down into structure. Jeremy's fish was in the low 20-inch range. He and his family's Newport tautog fishing experience, and that of other anglers this fall, has been pretty good. And as the water continues to cool, the tautog season will fall into the outstanding category like the past couple of years.

So if you have not fished for tautog, now is the time to give it a try while the catching is good and the catch limit is increasing.

As of Oct. 15 the tautog limit in Rhode Island and Massachusetts will increase to five fish/person/day with a ten fish boat limit that does not apply to party or charter boats. The limit is three fish prior to Oct. 15. The minimum size is 16 inches and the season ends Dec. 31.

Tautog (or blackfish) is a great eating fish with nice tasting white/greyish meat. Anglers enjoy baking tautog but some prefer to eat it raw as sushi which is delicious too.

Here are some top tips on how to catch tautog:

Find structure to find tautog. Tautog can be fished from shore or boat and in both cases they like structure (rocks, wrecks, bridge piers, dock pilings, mussel beds, ledges, holes and humps along the coast). So, no structure, no tautog.

Fish where the fish are. This is particularly true with tautog because they are a territorial species, you have to find the tautog. They are not going to find

you. So if you get no bites move to another spot. When you find them, you find them and the bite is on.

Boat and angler placement is important. When in a boat find structure, estimate wind/drift direction and anchor up current from where you want to fish and drift back to the spot as the anchor is setting. Once in position fish all sides of the boat. You can even cast out a bit to cover as much area as you can. If still no bites let some anchor line out to change your position, if still no bites it may time to move the vessel. When on land use the same strategy, fish on or next to underwater structure, change spots from where you a fishing from shore if no bites.

Tautog baits. Green crabs or Asian crabs are the baits of choice in the fall. When using green crabs make it easy for the tautog to bite and take the bait. I like to break off most of the legs and claws leaving one per side on the end, cut the crab in half and hook it through one leg socket and out another.

Tautog rigs should have as little hardware as possible to avoid bottom tie-ups. I am usually prepared to fish a number of different style rigs depending on structure and water flow conditions. The best time to fish for tautog is when the water is moving. Rig types I use include traditional tautog rigs; jigs of all types, weights and colors; and a special egg sinker rig I make that has reduced angler bottom tie-ups and lost rigs by about 75 percent.

Where's the bite?

Striped bass, bluefish, false albacore and bonito. Jeff Sullivan of Lucky Bait & Tackle, Warren, said, "Gator size bluefish are still being caught in the Bay. And, the striped bass migration is still running strong. Anglers are catching slot limit fish (28 to less than 35 inches) along with fish below and above the slot in the lower Bay and out in front off Newport. Anglers are using large plugs with success. Larger



TAUTOG BITE VERY GOOD: Steve Burstein with Andrew Stevens and his father Jim Stevens of Warwick with some tautog they caught at General Rock in North Kingstown. (Submitted photos)

fish in the 30 and 40 pound range are still being caught off Block Island. However, the false albacore bite has not been very good, all are hopeful that it will pick up." Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence said, "40-inch striped bass are being caught the Seekonk and Providence Rivers all the way down to Conimicut Point. Some bonito and false albacore are being caught out in front. The shore bass bite from Westerly to the Sakonnet River has been good with anglers catching bass and blues with some false albacore mixed in as the fish feed on large schools of peanut bunker (immature Atlantic menhaden) and bay anchovies."

East End Eddie Doherty said, "Cape Cod Canal anglers were landing striped bass in the 20 & 30 pound class last week at Pip's Rip in the east end with slots caught throughout the ditch as the menhaden buffet continues before their journey south."

Tautog and cod. Tautog fishing remains very strong and is

getting better every day as the weather starts to cool things down as the water has been very warm. I fished with Steve Burstein, Andrew and Jim Stevens of Warwick at General Rock, North Kingstown this weekend and they boated tautog in the low 20-inch range. Andrew caught his first tautog, a 20-plus inch brute that wanted to take him back into the rocks but he safely landed the fish. Ken Ferrara, Ray's Bait & Tackle, Warwick, said, "Tautog fishing is pretty good off Newport at Brenton Reef. Customers are catching keeper tautog and some impressive scup and black sea bass." Angler John Stavrakas of South Kingstown said, "Cod fishing was slow at Shark's Ledge last week for me and my friend John Jeffries from New York. We landed three keepers and one short after 3 1/2 hours. We then went back in to Point Judith and boated a half dozen keeper tautog. Another half dozen keeper black sea bass rounded out the day. Fish caught in 38 feet of wa-

ter with a plain tautog hook with bank sinker and green crab. One of our largest was over 22 inches and 7 pounds."

Freshwater fishing continued to be good this week in ponds and waterways stocked with trout by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. "Anglers should use Power Baits until these fish acclimate to their environment and then switch to more natural baits. Only Pond at Lincoln Woods and other stocked waterways doing well. Anglers are using shiners with success for largemouth bass with the pike and carp bite improving for anglers too," said Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle.

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ous route to take. There will always be nay sayers and I can totally understand why some people would be perturbed, but there is not much more that can be done. Take it for what it's worth and hope that your respective team has had fun and made the most of each opportunity that it had when taking the field.

To continue on the football trend, I figure this will also be a good time for me to give you my midseason thoughts on our teams. I know that we are a little beyond the halfway point of the regular season, but I am finally at a point where I have solidified some of my opinions as we start winding down and looking toward the playoffs.

Hendricken

The problem with Hendricken is that it has had a rather unusual schedule this fall. The Hawks came up short against out-of-state powerhouses Catholic Memorial and Iona Prep and rolled past Cranston East for a league win, as well as picking up an impressive victory over East Greenwich.

The Hawks have lost games due to the pandemic and squared off against two out of towners. Kind of hard to make any real

firm judgments. From what I have seen and heard, the offense has been electric and has used its athleticism to overcome its offensive line turnover. Defensively, outside of the two out of state games, the team appears to be solid as well.

I'm sure the Hawks will be right in the championship mix, it has just been kind of an odd schedule to this point.

Pilgrim

Despite being handed its first loss by Narragansett last weekend, I have been very impressed - and surprised - by the big fall that Pilgrim has enjoyed to this point.

The Pats were inexperienced in the spring and looked a bit out of place in Division II. I figured between them getting their feet wet and maturing that we'd see an improved bunch. Did I see them immediately becoming a playoff team and one of the most dangerous units in the state? Nope.

Connor Widmer has been incredible under center, Pilgrim's return game is the state's best, and the defense has held its own. We'll see how the team responds to the loss, but I have been impressed and am buying everything its selling.

Toll Gate

Between a bump up to Division III and

losing three-year quarterback Gresyon Pasquina, regression was to be expected for the Titans. Toll Gate has gotten off to a slow start and just earned its first win.

We'll see how the playoff formats shake out, but if the Titans turn things around fast, then maybe they can sneak into the postseason. It may be unlikely, but high school kids are resilient.

Cranston West

The Falcons have been one of those teams, in my eyes, who's record is not indicative of how well they have played.

West had a down season in the spring as it recovered from the loss of Cam Alves. This fall, though, it seems to be back on track and has a more than capable roster ... it has just had a tough schedule.

West beat a tough West Warwick team for its lone win of the year. But with a few of the losses, you have to look at the big picture. The Falcons went toe to toe with North Kingstown and made it a game until the last quarter. West also dragged Burrillville into deep waters and saw the game slip away thanks to a questionable call in the fourth quarter.

Am I saying that they have been unlucky? No, but the schedule has been daunting and they've been in every game except for the most recent one when Cen-

tral won 33-0. It's always tough seeing such a solid team miss by so little. Let's see how the Falcons finish.

Cranston East

The Bolts are in a full-blown rebuild, plain and simple. The key to this season really seemed to be to simply make progress, which overall, I think they have.

Although East is winless, it had its chances in both the Woonsocket and Coventry games. It's other two losses were blowouts, but they came at the hands of Hendricken and Portsmouth ... nothing to sneeze at.

Johnston

The Panthers have been a mixed bag to this point this season. Coming off a Division III Super Bowl appearance, the team has pretty much held steady this season and is currently sitting at 2-2 overall in league play.

Johnston has rolled past teams like Toll Gate and North Smithfield, but has taken tough losses to Narragansett and Burrillville. Both of those are tough matchups, but the Panthers will have to prove that they can beat the top teams before we can consider them a true contender.

Regardless, they are poised to make a playoff push here and have the experience to know what it takes.

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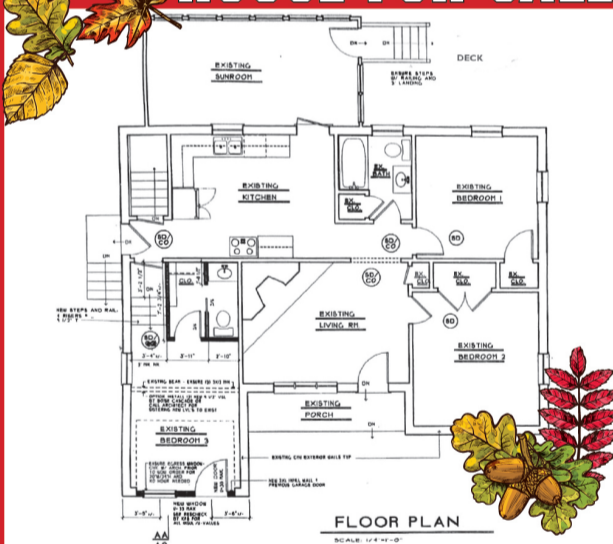
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