

JDTC posts candidate endorsements

By PETE FONTAINE

Team Johnston Dems is ready for the Nov. 8 General Election.

That surfaced last Wednesday night inside the famed Maria SS DeFisa Della DiFesa Society when the Johnston Democratic Town Committee (JDTC) held its traditional endorsement meeting under the direction of long-serving Chairman

Richard DeFino.

The JDTC endorsed candidates for Mayor, Town Council and School Committee following a macaroni and meatball dinner and discussion about the upcoming General Election.

"The Committee unanimously voted to endorse Joseph Polisenia Jr. for Mayor, Linda Folcarelli (Ward 1), Lauren Garzone (Ward 2), Al Carnevale (Ward 3),

Robert Russo (Ward 4) and Robert Civetti (Ward 5) for Town Council," DeFino told the Sun Rise in an exclusive interview after the meeting.

DeFino, who also serve as as Chairman of the RI Democratic Party Committee of City and Town Chairpersons, also announced: "For School Committee we unanimously endorsed Dawn M. Aloisio (Ward 2), Marysue Andreozzi

(Ward 3) and Susan M. Mansolillo (Ward 5) for School Committee.

Robert LaFazia (Ward 1), who chairs the Johnston School Committee and Vice President Joseph Rotella (Ward 4) are not up for election as they are still serving their terms. They pledged their support for all JDTC candidates during the meeting.

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Little League District Champs



LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: The Johnston Little League senior team beat Cranston East in back-to-back games to win the District I Championship and advance to the state tournament. Pictured is the team after claiming the title. See recap on page 16. (Submitted photo)

Going electric has its costs, too

Electric bikes, cars pass gas pumps, but weigh heavily on wallets

By JOHN HOWELL and EMMA BARTLETT

Lloyd Albert, first vice president at AAA New England has been through dramatic gas increases before and what motorists will do to reduce consumption including putting their cars in neutral and coasting downhill. The term is hypermiling which was in vogue when gas prices last peaked at \$4.11 on July 11, 2008. Albert estimates the practice that he recommends against for safety reasons might save 3 to 5 percent in fuel consumption.

"You might save a couple of bucks here and there," Albert said. He said

motorists can save as much, if not more, by ensuring their car is in good working order including properly inflated tires and a clean air filter. (A complete list of AAA recommendations is listed at the end of this article.)

Albert sees the automotive industry going through a long range transition to electric vehicles.

It's the immediate pinch that is having people dependent on gas and diesel vehicles to change their routines and modes of transportation. As a random survey of Rhode Islanders and those in key positions found, \$5 a gallon gasoline has people watching their



PEDAL POWER: Gary Stafford, a sales representative at Trek Bicycle Warwick shows of a mountain E-bike which can cost about \$8,000. (Sun Rise photos)

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Driver's girlfriend indicted 6 months after fatal New Year's Eve crash

By RORY SCHULER

Police say they found 30-year-old Aramis Segura hiding under his girlfriend's bed following the fatal New Year's Eve crash that claimed the life of an East Greenwich teen.

He allegedly fled the Warwick crash scene, with the help of his girlfriend.

She's now facing criminal charges. The family of the 17-year-old victim, Olivia Passaretti, has been fighting for stiffer penalties against Segura and calling for the arrest of his girlfriend, Alicia Peckham, 25, of Charlestown.

A Statewide Grand Jury delivered the family a mixed bag of justice Wednesday, when six full months after the Jan. 1 crash, Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Neronha issued a press release.

The Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Aramis Segura with multiple felony counts, though they're the same charges Rhode Island State Police filed in January.

"Segura is charged with driving to endanger, death resulting and leaving the scene of an accident, death resulting," according to the press release. "The Attorney General will file a habitual offender notice at Segura's arraignment, which subjects a defendant to an additional sentence should a case result in a conviction."

The Statewide Grand Jury has also returned an indictment charging Peckham with Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Death Resulting, as an Aider and Abettor; Harboring a Criminal; Misprision of a Felony; and Obstructing an Officer in Execution of their Duty.

"It is alleged that during the early morning hours of (Jan. 1), Aramis Segura caused a car crash on Interstate 95 in Warwick that killed Olivia Passaretti," according to the Attorney General's press release. "It is also alleged that Alicia Peckham aided Aramis Segura as he fled from the crash and later hid him at their home in Charlestown before members of the Rhode Island State Police arrested him."

Segura posted on social media prior to the crash, threatening to wreck his car that night. Due to the posts, Passaretti's family has been urging the Attorney General to file Second Degree Murder charges.

Neronha's Office had six months to make the case to the Grand Jury, but prosecutors either did not argue for Second Degree Murder charges, or could not convince the Grand Jury to indict. Grand Jury proceedings are secret.

"As alleged here, defendant Segura's criminal driving behavior resulted in the death of a young person so much loved by her family and the community," Neronha said. "Both defendants compounded that alleged criminal misconduct by leaving the scene of the incident in an attempt to shield defendant Segura from criminal responsibility for his actions. We remain committed to ensuring that both defendants face the greatest possible accountability for their alleged criminal conduct, and to achieving justice for Olivia and her family."

Olivia's mother, Janine Passaretti-Molloy, could not be reached for comment by press-time.

"Now that this case has been charged by the State-Wide Grand Jury and is pending in Kent County Superior Court, the Office does not intend to offer additional comment concerning the serious charges pending against both defendants, outside formal proceedings in the courtroom," said Assistant Attorney General Kathryn M. Sabatini. "The Attorney General and the trial team have met with Olivia Passaretti's family several times, including as recently as yesterday, to discuss the available criminal charges and the basis for them. The Attorney General remains committed to achieving justice for Olivia and her family."

The Rhode Island State Police and the Attorney General's Office conducted the investigation of this case, according to the press release.

"Segura remains held at the Adult Correctional Institutions as an alleged violator of his probation," according to the Attorney General's Office. "Both defendants are scheduled to be arraigned on July 15, 2022 in Kent County Superior Court."

In February, Neronha spoke to The Beacon about the case.

"In this particular case, in consultation with our office, those are the charges that the State Police brought in district court," Neronha explained. "Those charges are effectively place-holders. We have to charge this case in Superior Court within six months of the incident. It's at that point that the case becomes, if you will, a true felony offense, based on charges that are brought."

Olivia's step-father, Dennis Molloy, questioned the initial charges Segura faced (and still faces



JUSTICE FOR OLIVIA: Dennis Molloy and Janine Passaretti-Molloy hold a portrait of their daughter, Olivia, who was killed in a crash on New Year's Eve. (Warwick Beacon photos by Rory Schuler)



INDICTED: Aramis Segura has been charged in connection to the crash that claimed Olivia Passaretti's life. (Photo courtesy RISP)

now, following the Grand Jury's report):

"The whole thing with murder, right, is intent," Molloy in February. "So if you post on Facebook that you're going to take your car and go crash it, and you crash it into somebody else's car and kill them, it's not an accident. You can't accidentally do what you posted you posted you were going to do. You can't call it an accident if you say you were going to do something, and do it."

More than 38,000 people have signed an online petition calling for justice in Olivia's case (in February, the number of signatures hovered around 20,000).

"It's growing," her mother said in February. "These criminals are being treated like victims."

Olivia's mother started the online petition.

"If this criminal said on social media that he was going to use a knife, a gun, a bomb etc. there would be no question of this murder," she wrote. "His car was the weapon that killed my child. There should be no question. He was out to destroy a life and the life he destroyed was my child's."

'I'm 101 years young'

By PETE FONTAINE

"I'm only a kid!" exclaimed Rita Panzini, as she sat smiling at a nicely covered table enjoying last Wednesday morning's sparkling sun and classic camaraderie inside Johnston War Memorial Park. "I'm 101 years young."

Panzini's declaration is an excellent example of the fun many senior citizens from assisted living and nursing homes enjoyed during the Johnston Police Department's fun and food-filled bi-weekly Walk with Cops program.

Soon thereafter, Panzini enjoyed coffee, donuts and even freshly cut fruit and was surrounded by admirers like Marty Church, a past president of the Claiborne Pell Manor Tenants Association and Pat Giardina, who has been one of the event's longest-serving and dedicated volunteers.

"It's people like Rita who make this event what it has always been," Giardina offered before joining Panzini and Church for a photo. "Everyone loves helping make Walk with Cops special."

One person, in particular, was her late husband Chris Giardini, who ranked as one of Johnston's most dedicated volunteers as well as helping such groups as the Johnston Police Explorers in addition to performing countless duties at the Senior Center who was honored several weeks ago with a moment of silence during the 2022 opening of Walk with Cops.

"If you can't enjoy mornings like this ..." said Linda Folcarelli, who doubles as a Johnston Town Councilwoman and the JPD's Community Liaison Officer. "Everyone helps make Walk with Cops special."

That also explains why Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza, who was accompanied by Deputy Chief Mark Vieira and other JPD officers, performed such "delightful duties" as pouring coffee, serving donuts and making each and every attendee feel extra special for two hours. "We had another very successful and great showing at today's bi-weekly Walk with Cops program" Razza offered. "This year we switched the format to every other week which seems to have created more interest in this program."

Likewise, as the chief went on: "We greatly appreciate the support from all those who attend and the sense of community spirit that is shown during this one-of-a-kind outing. I'd like to personally thank those volunteers and assisted living facilities who make this program possible, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next Walk with Cops."

With that, the chief announced, "We'll be back here again on Wednesday (morning) July 13th and



GRAND GAL: Above, Rita Panzini, who said "I'm 101 years young" during last week's Walk with Cops, gets an event T-shirt from Marty Church (left) and Pat Giardina during the fun-filled event. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

HELPING HANDS: At right, among those JPD officers and volunteers who make the bi-weekly Walk with Cops special, are from left: Capt. Mike Babbitt, Major Matthew Leduc, Deputy Chief Mark Vieira, Donna Folcarelli, Linda Folcarelli, Jen Burns, Robert Civetti and Chief Joseph Razza.



our always-special walk around this beautiful park."

Walk with Cops, which was founded by former JPD Chief Richard S. Tamburini, as a way for the JPD to connect closer to the town's senior citizens, also features the morning's walk around the entire perimeter of the park and JPD officers help push wheelchairs and assist others so they can be part of the walk.

Like last week when Folcarelli and Ward 5 Town Councilman Robert Civetti presented many attendees an official "Walk with Cops" T-shirt, ladies like Donna Folcarelli and Jen Burns, the popular sales and marketing director at Anchor Bay at Pocasset, along with JPD Patrolman Arthur Petteruti, Nicholas Bordieri and Patrick Gendreau, were part of the most recent event's hospitality.

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1. Ancient Greek sophist
5. Genus of insects
11. Culinary herb
12. Neutralizing antibody
16. Plan
17. Pa's partner
18. A city in S Louisiana
19. TNT sportscaster
24. Atomic #25 (abbr.)
25. Well-known bug
26. Body parts
27. Monetary unit of Albania
28. Kids' play things
29. Coastal city in Malaysia
30. Famed French physician
31. Flourishing
33. Excessively overweight
34. Pampered
38. Emerged
39. Order of tailless amphibians
40. Indian term of respect
43. Shift sails (Brit.)
44. Beloved Mexican dish
45. Scottish tax
49. Health insurance
50. Monetary unit of Samoa
51. Move about

CLUES DOWN

1. A particular part
2. Spanish neighborhood
3. Business
4. Reddish browns
5. Extinct Hawaiian bird
6. Disney town
7. Part of the Bible (abbr.)
8. Atomic #22 (abbr.)
9. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
10. In a moment
13. Monetary unit of Vietnam
14. Submerge in a liquid
15. Yellowish cotton cloth
20. -, denotes past
21. Hoopster Morant
22. Not

CLUES ACROSS

23. Indian title of respect
27. Horsley and Marvin are two
29. One thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
30. Hoover's organization
31. Round globular seed
32. University official
33. Spherical body
34. Iraq's capital
35. To any further extent
36. Swollen lymph node
37. Anger
38. Technological marvel
40. Peruvian district
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. What Santa says
44. Israeli city ___ Aviv
45. Late Heisman winner
46. Reveal the presence of
47. Long upholstered seat
48. Most wily
50. Sword
51. Respiratory disease
52. The Ocean State
54. Fleshy watery fruit
55. Lying down
57. Superheavy metal
61. The ancient Egyptian sun god
62. Indicates position



BBQ BASH: Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza poses for a photograph at the BBQ Bash, thrown for first responders by the Anchor Bay at Pocasset staff. (Courtesy photos)

Anchor Bay at Pocasset hosts BBQ Bash for First Responders

The Johnston Police Department recently posted the following "thank you" note on their public Facebook page: "We'd like to thank Executive Director Robin Pimental and Director of Sales and Marketing Jen Burns of Anchor Bay at Pocasset (and their entire staff) for helping to kick off the season by hosting a First Responder's Summer BBQ Bash today for the members of Johnston's police and fire departments. We truly appreciate their support."



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JOHNSTON POLICE LOG

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following police log information has been taken from public record police incident and arrest reports provided by the Johnston Police Department.

SHOPLIFTING

Around 3:15 a.m., Rhode Island State Police reported Orlando Fafeal Goris, of 802 Plainfield St., First Floor, Providence, to the Johnston Police Headquarters.

Goris was wanted by Johnston Police for a misdemeanor Shoplifting charge, dating back to Oct. 18, 2021. He was processed and placed in a cell without incident.

Goris was arraigned before a Justice of the Peace on June 19 and released on \$1,000 personal recognizance.

RESISTING ARREST

At 8:15 p.m., June 18, Johnston Police responded to 58 Walnut St. to investigate calls reporting a man screaming and breaking a window at the residence.

Upon arrival, Johnston Police Officer Ashley Vanbemmelen spoke to the caller who stated a neighbor, David Diaz, had been "screaming and breaking things in his apartment all day," according to the arrest report.

Police spoke to Diaz, who allegedly told them that he broke his glass table and threw it out the window. He swore and yelled at police.

"At this time, numerous neighbors began to come outside and onto the property because of the commotion and damage Mr. Diaz was doing," Vanbemmelen wrote. "At that time, I verbally stated that he was now under arrest and to put his hands behind his back. As I attempted to gain control of Mr. Diaz, he ignored my commands and locked his arms against his chest."

Diaz allegedly flailed his body, resisting arrest. Another Johnston officer on the scene suffered a laceration on his right wrist from the shattered glass, causing heavy bleeding.

"While secured in the rear of my police cruiser on scene, Mr. Diaz continually kicked his feet against the door and metal bars on the window and his head on the plexi-glass cage," Vanbemmelen wrote. "While transporting Mr. Diaz to police headquarters, he continued to bang his head on the plexi-glass cage causing a minor laceration on his forehead."

Diaz was processed and placed in a cell. He was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Lawful or Unlawful Arrest (both misdemeanors). According to police, Diaz had an open felony case out of Rhode Island Superior Court for Domestic Violation of a No Contact Order (third offense), so he was treated as a violator.

On June 19, Diaz was arraigned before a Justice of the Peace and issued a bail of \$2,000 with surety on the Johnston Police charges. He was also presented as a Superior Court violator on two separate cases. He was held as a violator and subsequently remanded to the ACI men's intake center.

OBSTRUCTION

Around 6:30 p.m., June 17, Johnston Police officers responded to a 20 Park St. apartment building to attempt to locate a suspect who was wanted by the Family Court. Upon arrival at the address included in court documents, police spoke to a man who was later identified as Joseph Ortiz, of 20 Park St., Apt. 108.

Johnston Police Officer Thomas Santurri asked the man his name, if it was the same as the suspect for whom they were looking, and he said "no" and "retreated back into his home and slammed the door on my hand," according to the arrest report.

"It should be noted I was standing in the threshold of the doorway when the suspect slammed the door on my hand," Santurri wrote. "Due to my hand being in the door frame, and the fact that the door would not close, Mr. Ortiz attempted to slam the door on my hand a second time."

Santurri asked the man for identification, but the man swore at him and "proceeded to slam the door a third time."

"At this time, I told Mr. Ortiz that he was under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and Obstructing an Officer in the Execution of his Duty," Santurri wrote. "I told Mr. Ortiz to step out from the threshold of the doorway, to which he refused. I then attempted to grab Mr. Ortiz in order to affect the arrest, and he began to resist by tensing his body, and locked (his) arms to his sides."

Fellow police officers on the scene assisted, and they were able to put Ortiz in hand re-

straints.

"It should be noted once Mr. Ortiz was secured in hand restraints he made his body go limp, and he wrapped his legs around my right leg," Santurri wrote, adding that the action almost caused him to lose his balance and fall down the stairs.

Ortiz was taken to Johnston Police Headquarters and secured in a cell. After an hour, police discovered Ortiz was allegedly trying to "manipulate his handcuffs in an attempt to take them off."

"Members of the Third Watch then responded to the cell block where Mr. Ortiz was taken out of the cell and the handcuffs were removed," Santurri wrote. "Mr. Ortiz then only allowed officers to take his fingerprints and would not be photographed."

Ortiz was charged with Obstructing Officer in Execution of Duty, Resisting Legal or Illegal Arrest, and Disorderly Conduct.

BENCH WARRANT

Around 8:30 p.m., June 17, Johnston Police returned to the apartments at 20 Park St., and located Louis A. Argenti Jr., of Apt. 138. Argenti was wanted by the Family Court on a bench warrant.

Police found him standing outside the apartment building and he was taken into custody without incident. He was later transported to police headquarters where he was processed and taken to the ACI Men's Intake Facility.

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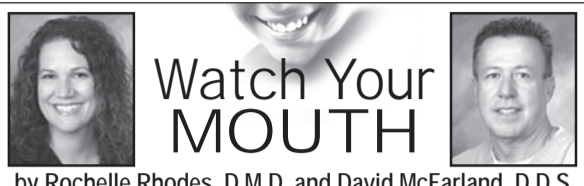
Around 12:09 p.m., June 15, Johnston Police issued Rodney Wilcox, of 130 Waverly St., Providence, with a Third District Court summons to appear for Driving with a Suspended License (third or subsequent offense). Wilcox was photographed and released from the scene, according to police.

RISP ENFORCEMENT

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BBQ BASH: Johnston Police officers pose for a photograph at the BBQ Bash, thrown for first responders by the Anchor Bay at Pocasset staff. (Courtesy photos)

SUN RISE SCOOPS

By Meri R. Kennedy
and Rory Schuler

Touch a Truck

Durham School Service will host a Touch A Truck event in Johnston from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 6.

Local children and families are invited to check out real-life school buses, fire trucks and apparatus, police cruisers, the Johnston Police Humvee and construction vehicles.

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- Two of the library's programs, ArtSmart and Animal Experiences, are currently full and have waiting lists.

- More programs coming up for kids: Magic Show, Hula Hoops, Computer Coding and Outdoor Fitness Games. See our website for more information.

For adults:

- TJ Heffers will lead a discussion of Anne Tyler's new novel, "French Braid," at 11 a.m. on July 14.

- Emilie Marchetti will lead a discussion of "In Deeper Waters" by F.T. Lukens at 5 p.m., Friday, July 29.

- Want to run your own book club? The library can supply you with a bag of five copies of "Fly Girl," the new memoir by bestselling author and Rhode Island resident Ann Hood.

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ger sessions for individuals needing more help. Librarians can also help you find classes at other locations.

The library can also help you find electronic books and journals, career and testing guides, self-improvement media and more.

Mohr Library offers use of computers, printers and scanners. Library staff will send faxes for \$1 a page, and have a free Notary service evenings and Saturday mornings (call ahead).

The library bookdrop is again out of service, but they expect a new one by the end of June.

The book sale happens every day.

Mohr Library posts hours, services and programs at mohrlibrary.org, where you can also sign up for updates. If you don't get them electronically, they'll mail you a newsletter. Mohr Library is at 1 Memorial Ave. in Johnston. Call them at 401-231-4980.

Johnston Rec Summer Day Camp

Johnston Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Day Camp will begin on Tuesday, July 5. Camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (July 5 through Friday, Aug. 12).

Registration began on June 6. Due to capacity limitations only 36 children will be accepted into camp. These 36 children will be separated into three age groups (12 children per group maximum).

The age groups will be 6-7, 8-9 and 10-12 (age as of July 1, 2022).

The fee structure for camp: one child for six weeks, \$825; 2 children for six weeks, \$1,125 (sibling discount); 3+ children, six weeks, \$1,325 (sibling discount).

Registrations and payments can be dropped at the recreation office at Johnston Memorial Park, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please make checks payable to the Town of Johnston (Check or Money Order only; no cash accepted). Camp is for Johnston residents only (ID is required).

A minimum \$100 deposit is required, per family, to hold a spot. The Full balance must be paid by Friday, July 1, 2022. For more information go to www.johnstonrec.com or call 401-272-3460.

Reminder from Johnston Parks & Rec

Just a reminder of some of the rules and regulations at Johnston Memorial Park. There are no dogs allowed in the park or walking tracks. Dogs are allowed in the nature trail across the street from the parking lot. No smoking or tobacco use. No bikes, scooters, skateboard, etc. are allowed on the walking track that surrounds the pond. They may be used on the center path of the park, Please do not feed the ducks, birds, or any wildlife.

Please keep the park clean by using the available trash barrels. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages on town property. No vehicles allowed in the park. No swimming or boating in the pond; No open flames or charcoal grills. Gas grills are permitted. Fireplace use is prohibited. For your safety, please do not climb trees or fences.

The park closes at 10 p.m. No overnight parking. No foul language or loud music. Field use is by permit only.

Also, please be mindful of parking. Please display a handicap placard if you park in a handicap space. The area behind the office is reserved for employees. If you have any questions, please call 401-272-3460.

Apple Fest Scheduled

The 34th Annual Apple Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 11. The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

The event will be held at the Johnston Memorial Park - 1583 Hartford Ave. in Johnston. Register: members.nrichamber.com/.../the-34th-annual-apple.

The annual Apple Festival has been called by many a "Time-Honored Community Tradition & Fun for Everyone." As always, this year's fest will feature its "Artisan Row" — filled with beautiful handcrafted items, Pony Rides, and more.

The Annual Apple Festival will run for two days at Johnston Memorial Park, 1583 Hartford Ave. The event is free and open to the Public.

Johnston Historical Society General Meetings

For July and August, a Summer Hiatus will begin, as Executive Board meetings and General meetings are suspended for the summer. Have fun everyone!

To see photos of past events, visit the Johnston Historical Society Facebook page at www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical.

The Johnston Historical Society's museum barn is open Tuesdays, from 6 to 8 p.m., for those who would like to visit the museum or examine the society's collection of printed materials. Both the museum and Elijah Angell House continue to be open by appointment — the society always welcome visits by interested individuals or groups. Just shoot them an email at johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com, or leave a message at 401-231-3380 to set one up.

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the Johnston Historical Society Museum Barn, 101 Putnam Pike, Johnston, and are free and open to the public. Events are subject to change. For more information, call 401-231-3380.

Contact the Johnston Historical Society at 231-3380 or at johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com, www.johnstonhistorical.org or www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical.

Neighborhood Watch

The 2022 season of Johnston's Neighborhood Watch has officially kicked off. This Neighborhood Watch brings together residents who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together with members of the police department. The program pairs residents with Johnston Police officers in an effort to open up communication, meet other neighbors and create partnerships that help build community resiliency.

Johnston Senior Center offers classes & services

At the Johnston Senior Center, all exercise classes have resumed, and new classes have been added too. Call the center for information.

If you need any help with heating, housing, etc., during this cold winter or humidity or any other time, contact the Johnston Senior Center Social Services Department by calling 944-3343. Madeline or Amy will be happy to help you.

Arts Scholarships for youth now open to register

Do you know a student aged 11 - 14 who loves to create and to perform? Encourage them to apply to our ARTS Scholarships 2022 program! Applications and guidelines are now available at ppacri.org/artsscholarships.

The ARTS Scholarships 2022 program, sponsored by the Textron Charitable Trust and the PPAC Annual Fund with support from WPRI 12 and Ocean State Charities Trust, offers young artists an opportunity to participate in local summer arts education program that will broaden their experience in their chosen area of study.

Qualified students must be aged 11 - 14 by June 1 of this year and reside in and attend school in Rhode Island.

Consider donating blood

The Rhode Island Blood Center is in need of blood donations. Individuals wishing to donate must book an appointment at the donation center; walk-ins are only accepted if safe distancing allows at the person's time of arrival.

Nearby areas to donate include The Shops at Greenwood, which is located at 615 Greenwich Ave., in Warwick. Sign up by visiting www.ribc.org.

Walk and Talk at Rocky Point

Come join the "Rocky Point Pacers" for a walk around Rocky Point every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 a.m., weather permitting. They meet at the gate on Rocky Point Avenue. Get some sunshine and burn off some holiday pounds.

Prepare RI High School Internships Program

Calling all RI public high school juniors: The 2022 PrepareRI High school Internship Program is accepting applications to participate in on-site/in-person, PAID summer experiential learning internships with local employers across the state.

This program will help you earn, learn, and connect with employers across Rhode Island. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Visit www.skillsforri.com/prepareri for more information.

Editor's Note: Send submissions to rolys@rhodybeat.com. Photos in jpg format are accepted and news can include community events, promotions, academic news and nonprofit events. Email today and see your news in our column in the Johnston Sun Rise. Please include a daytime telephone number in case we require any further information.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Stay local to beat summer inflation

There's no avoiding the fact that the price of gas, and just about everything else, is problematically high right now. But alleviation from some of that pain might be attainable through a re-evaluation of the things right in our own back yard.

Enjoying summer doesn't require long road trips or excessive purchases when you live in Rhode Island, where great vistas and free events are plentiful and available to anybody within a short distance.

Many Rhode Islanders, surprisingly, tend to stay relatively close to home — who has time to cross the bridge on 195 and venture into the foreign land of the "East Bay" after all?

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Indeed, we

are all aware of the nearby Roger Wil-

liams Zoo and its family-friendly fun, as well as the beautiful parks and beaches available for a leisurely stroll throughout Warwick's interior and coastline. But those who choose a sedentary life in our wonderful state are sorely missing out.

A short trip into Providence will provide a wonderful night out at Waterfire, or provide a jumping off spot at India Point Park to walk or cycle on the stunning East Bay Bike Path, which opens up the scenic towns of Barrington, Warren and Bristol — the latter of which many in our audience likely enjoyed this Monday during their 237th 4th of July Parade, which only required an investment of time and whatever supplies you felt inclined to bring with you.

Trips west and northwest will bring you to underrated hiking trails throughout the rural parts of the state, perfect free outings for the whole family to leave their electronics in the car and unplug for some much-needed time in nature. A trip south to Narragansett or across the bridges to Newport or Jamestown will provide plenty of enjoyment just from strolling and window shopping. And although not free to outsiders, a beach day at Second Beach in Middletown is inexpensive enough at \$20 to warrant a day of needed serenity with perhaps the most striking backdrop among Rhode Island's plethora of beach experiences.

Local tourism groups within each of our cities and towns do tremendous work to market their communities, so check out their recommendations online for plenty of free events and happenings throughout the area. Block Island beckons to those yearning for a ferry ride and to explore a corner of Rhode Island away from the mainland.

You never know what you may find, or what you could experience. And in this state, it's never more than an hour away.



LETTER

Staffers disappointed in Langevin's endorsement

We are proud former staffers of Congressman Jim Langevin, representing 65 years of service to the Second Congressional District. Not every Member of Congress engenders the kind of loyalty and enthusiasm that the Congressman has, and it is a testament to both his leadership as a public servant and his humor and kindness as a boss.

That is why we are surprised and so incredibly disappointed by the Congressman's decision to turn his back on our colleague, Joy Fox, a loyal and talented former staffer, and instead endorse a wealthy, white male candidate who does not live in the Second District and until recently was "all in" on the race for Governor.

This is about the future of the district. We must put forth the strongest Democratic candidate to ensure we do not send a Republican to Congress who endorsed Donald Trump, does not support universal healthcare or childcare, and—particularly important to us in this fraught moment—supports the stripping away of women's rights and bodily autonomy.

And that's why we support Joy.

Joy Fox has lived in the district her entire life. She attended school here, walked the local beat of a community newspaper reporter for this very publication, and spent two decades fighting for her community as a public servant, always in the background, never seeking the spotlight, yet no less influential on important decisions that impact us all. (See story on Page 12 for full details.)

Those of us who know and have had the privilege of working with Joy can say candidly that her decision to run came as a surprise. Joy has never been one to seek out attention for herself. But her skills, her experiences, and her profound understanding of this district and both its strengths and challenges make her perfectly suited for this role. She isn't in it to climb the ladder. She isn't in it because she has the personal wealth or connections to make the path easier.

Joy is in this race to represent the needs and rights of her neighbors, and to give back to the state that she knows and loves.

And that's why we're with her.

Respectfully,

Nancy Beattie, former Director of Constituent Affairs, 2001-2021
Meg Geoghegan, former Director of Communications, 2013-2017
Amy Judge DeLong, former Senior Legislative Assistant, 2002-2007
Kirtley Fisher, former Senior Legislative Assistant, 2002-2012
Kristen Connors, former Constituent Caseworker, 2001-2013
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Signs of freedom and appreciation

By PETE FONTAINE

Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza said: “In honor of Independence Day we wanted to do something special for the community we are honored to serve and protect.”

However, the JPD went above and beyond all expectations with what many Johnstonians called “a beautiful and heart-warming display that more than captured the meaning and spirit of the Fourth of July.”

Moreover, it was much, much more than the flashing JPD message board that is used for everything from traffic and construction advisories that was set up at the intersection of Cherry Hill and Atwood Avenues that read: “The Johnston Police Wishes Everyone a Happy and Safe Fourth of July.”

At approximately 10 a.m. last Friday morning a truck with the words “Yard Greetings” pulled into the JPD parking lot and almost immediately a man got out and carried a huge box, which he placed on the grass. After slipping on a pair of knee pads, he proceeded to place such designs as letters and stars that were affixed to metal stakes into the ground.

For the next 30 minutes or so, Keith “Mr. Sign Gypsies” Graziano — who lives in Johnston — set those items into the ground and created a message on one side of the Richard S. Tamburini Public Safety Complex that read: “Happy 4th of July.”

After which, Graziano — who is a district manager for California-based Kikka Susie Company — took another big box out of his lettered vehicle and set up another message that simply read “Happy 4th” and other such lawn decorations like an American flag and stars.

In all, the first greeting included upwards of 20 individual pieces that Graziano later secured with a specialty tape that would protect the display from high winds and give “more stability to guard against weather.”

The second greeting had two sizes of red, white and blue stars and of course other unique decorations that surrounded the Happy 4th message.

Thus, Razza’s idea of doing something for his beloved town worked and, as he later noted: “We wanted people to come by Johnston Police headquarters and utilize this inspirational and patriotic backdrop for pictures to create their own Fourth of July memories.”

Razza’s plan worked to as much perfection as much as Graziano’s work that included the unique business owner perfectly placing each and every letter, star and flag items on each sign of the JPD headquarters.

And to think, as several JPD officers later learned, Graziano only opened his business two years ago at the height of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Since then, as Graziano said while placing a Sign Gypsies message board aside the display, his unique part-time business caught on quickly and has become popular throughout the state for everything from children’s birthday parties, high school graduations, anniversaries and special acts of goodwill such as the JPD set forth with its unique and first-ever such display in honor of the Fourth of July.



CLEVER CREATION: These nine Johnston Police officers stand behind one of two patriotic messages that Keith Graziano of Sign Gypsies set up last Friday. The group includes Officer David Chen, Det. David Slinko, Major Thomas Dolan, Officer Charles Psilopoulos, Officer Robert Cardoza, Lt. Stephen Altomari, Capt. Joseph Salvatore, Keith “Mr. Sign Gypsies” Graziano and Major Matthew Leduc.



PATRIOTIC PIECE: Keith Graziano, who owns and operates Yard Greetings a.k.a. Sign Gypsies from his home in Johnston, holds an American flag that was affixed to a metal stake he placed into the ground for the Johnston Police Department’s unique salute for Independence Day, 2022. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)



MIGHTY MESSAGE: This is one of two special slogan decorations — which included around 20 individual pieces — on display at JPD headquarters to celebrate the Fourth of July.

LEGAL NOTICES

PLANNING BOARD MEETING
 Tuesday July 12th, 2022; 6:00 P.M.
 Johnston Senior Center
 1291 Hartford Ave.
 Johnston, RI 02919

AGENDA

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

PB 20-44 – Mill Street Planned Development - 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. Zoned - PD. Applicant: Geranskye Real Estate, LLC

IV. NEW BUSINESS

PB 22-35 - 15 Washington Drive – Public Hearing on a Preliminary Plan for a proposed 3 lot Minor Subdivision on a private road. Located at 15 Washington Drive AP 45 Lot 450 and 470. Zoned: R-40. Applicant: Gilbert and Tania Rosa.

PB 22-40 – Bolton Estates – Public Hearing on a Concept Plan 2 lot Minor Subdivision on a private road. Located at 25 Pine Hill Road AP 58 Lot 38. Zoned R-40. Applicant: Wayne Bolton.

PB 22-41 Meadowbrook Estates Phase II – Public Hearing on a Preliminary Plan for a 9 lot Major Subdivision on a private road. Located on Justin Court AP 43/4 Lot 90. Zoned R-40. Applicant: Meadowbrook Development.

PB 22-42 – Morra Subdivision – Public Hearing on a Preliminary Plan 2 lot Minor Subdivision on a private road. Located at 494 George Waterman Road. AP 38 Lot 73. Zoned R-15. Applicant: Paul Morra.

PB 22-31 – Proposed DPW Building – Public Hearing on a Master Plan and Preliminary Plan for the development of a storage garage located at 100 Irons Avenue AP 34 Lot 530. Zoned I. Applicant: Town of Johnston.

PB 22-32 – Proposed Fire Department Building – Public Hearing on a Master Plan and Preliminary Plan for the development of a storage garage located at 1520 Atwood Avenue AP 53 Lot 178. Zoned B-2. Applicant: Town of Johnston.

PB 22-33 – Proposed Police Department Building – Public Hearing on a Master Plan and Preliminary Plan for the development of a storage garage located at 1651 Atwood Avenue AP 47 Lot 9. Zoned R-20. Applicant: Town of Johnston.

PB 22-37 – Advisory Opinion to the Town Council on the request to abandon a portion of Naples Avenue.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT & SPECIAL ITEMS

VI. 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.

6/23, 6/30, 7/7/22



DYNAMIC DEMS: Among those members of the Johnston Democratic Town Committee who attended last Wednesday night's endorsement meeting is, sitting from left: Lauren Garzone, Marysue Andreozzi, State Rep. Deborah A. Fellela, and Linda Folcarelli. Standing are Joseph Rotella, Al Carnevale, Robert LaFazia, Robert Russo, Joseph Polisenia Jr. and Robert Civetti. (Sun Rise photo by Pete Fontaine)

JDTC

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"The JDTC also received request(s) for support from Sen. Frank Lombardo, Sen. Frank Ciccone, and Rep. 42 candidate Dennis Cardillo Jr.," DeFino explained. Likewise, DeFino told the Sun Rise: "The JDTC had previously endorsed Dan McKee for Governor and Sabina

Matos for Lt. Governor." He also announced that the JDTC will set up schedules for support of its candidates right up to the Primary and General Election in November. Their headquarters will be open evenings for those volunteers who support the team. Many events are planned including a "signature event," walk with candidate nights and a major fundraiser in August. When asked how the JDTC arrived at

its 2022 endorsements, DeFino replied: "We placed an advertisement (in the Sun Rise) soliciting interested Democrats who wanted to run for local office. We were looking for candidates who had the best interest of the committee, who contributed to the overall good of our town and who would work together with the team and who wanted to continue Johnston on the path that Mayor (Joseph M.) Polisenia has set forth."

"Thus, once all interested candidates expressed their respective interests and names, the JDCT met on two different evenings conducting interviews with only those candidates who requested endorsements and tonight is the result of those interviews and meetings." DeFino also noted "that anyone who'd like to help the JDTC during the pre-primary period and general election should call him at 401-230-7857."

UPDATED: Locals declare candidacy; primary ballot takes shape

By RORY SCHULER

Candidates across the Ocean State have been declaring candidacy for state and local office. The official deadline for entry in local races was 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 29.

As of last Wednesday's deadline, three candidates have declared a run for Johnston mayor, four Town Council seats will be contested and a race has materialized for one School Committee seat.

It appears there will likely be a Primary race for both the District 25 state senator and District 42 state representative seats, as well as a General Election battle to represent District 43.

Rhode Island will hold its Statewide Primary on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Deadline to register to vote in the Primary is Aug. 14. Deadline for a Primary mail ballot application is Aug. 23.

The Rhode Island General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Deadline to register to vote in the General Election is Oct. 9. Deadline for a General Election mail ballot application is Oct. 18.

The following candidates have declared their candidacy for the following offices.

Three candidates are running for mayor: Joseph M. Polisenia Jr. (current Town Council Vice President and son of current Mayor Joseph M. Polisenia), a Democrat, will possibly face Karen E. Cappelli Chadwick and Brenda Lynn Leone, both Independents.

The following Johnston

residents are running for Democratic Town Committee: (Ward 1) Alfred A. Russo Jr., Christen R. Ciarlo, Dennis D. Cardillo, Derek R. LaFazia, Jennifer A. Russo, Linda L. Folcarelli, Richard J. Delfino III, Richard J. Delfino Jr., Robert A. LaFazia and Robert Guido Piscione; (Ward 2) Dawn M. Aloisio, Lauren A. Garzone, Ronald T. Webster, Scott J. Scungio, Marlaina M. Colardo, Patricia J. Colardo and Stephen Dennis Mallane; (Ward 3) Robert S. Andreozzi, John E. Paris, David Pingitore, Bennie Zanni, Vilma A. Zanni, Marysue Andreozzi, Alfred T. Carnevale and Joseph M. Polisenia Jr.; (Ward 4) David Michael Arusso, Larua Jean Ferranti, Cheryl Gates Jackson, Arnold Vecchione, Fred Louis Iafate Jr., Gregory C. Russo, Joseph W. Rotella, Richard P. Civetti, Rita Marsella and Robert V. Russo; (Ward 5) Taylor N. Russo, Mohammad Y. Sasa, Rhonda A. Sasa, John F. Woolley, Thomas A. Autiello, Robert J. Civetti, Joseph Saverio Grasso, David Iannuccilli, Anthony D. Pillozzi, Lois A. Mazzulla Marandola and Vincent P. Baccari Jr.

The Johnston Democratic Town Committee met at 5 p.m., Wednesday night, following the 4 p.m. deadline for candidate declaration. The Democratic Town Committee can have up to 55 members; 11 from each ward. On Wednesday night, the committee voted on endorsements for all contested town races.

A list of candidates for the Johnston Republican Town Committee had also started taking shape

Wednesday morning. As of press-time, the following Republicans had declared intentions to run for a Republican Town Committee seat: (Townwide) Andrew M. Louth, Eric V. Dutcher, James F. Leonard, Nicola Antonio Grasso, Richard Rawdon Fascia, Sandra Beth Taylor and Susana Simpson.

No Republicans have declared candidacies for any other local offices.

Only one race has materialized for a Johnston School Committee seat:

For the Ward 5 School Committee seat, Susan M. Mansolillo (Incumbent), will face Lois A. Mazzulla in the Democratic Primary.

Ward 2 School Committee: Dawn M. Aloisio (Incumbent), unopposed

Ward 3 School Committee: Marysue Andreozzi (Incumbent), unopposed

Several incumbent Town Council members will likely face primary races.

Ward 1 Town Council: Linda L. Folcarelli (Incumbent) and Richard A. Par-

rella (both Democrats)

Ward 2 Town Council: Lauren A. Garzone (Incumbent) and Joseph A. Comella (both Democrats)

Ward 3 Town Council: Alfred T. Carnevale, Robert N. Simmons, Lois M. Prata (all Democrats)

Ward 4 Town Council: Robert V. Russo (Incumbent), unopposed

Ward 5 Town Council: Robert J. Civetti (Incumbent) and Andrew R. Dimitri (both Democrats), and Jeanette A. Scarcella (an Independent)

Johnston Legislative Districts:

Incumbent State Sen. Frank Lombardo III, a Democrat representing District 25 (Johnston), will likely face Christopher Burke Maselli, in the Democratic Primary. The winner will likely face Republican Sandra Beth Taylor in the General Election.

Incumbent State Rep. Deborah A. Fellela, D - District 43 is so far, unopposed in the primary. She may face Republican Nicola An-

tonio Grasso in the General Election.

Incumbent State Rep. Edward T. Cardillo, Jr. D - District 42. Cranston, Johnston, will face his nephew Dennis Cardillo Jr., and other candidate, fellow Democrat Kelsey Kristine Coletta, in the Primary. Republican Harold K. Borders has also declared his candidacy.

Districts including a small bit of Johnston:

Incumbent State Sen. Frank A. Ciccone, a Democrat representing District 7 (Providence, North Providence, and a small section of Johnston), will face Arthur C. Flanders III in the Primary.

Incumbent State Rep. Ramon A. Perez, a Democrat representing District 13 (Providence, Johnston), had not yet declared his candidacy for re-election,

remains unopposed.

Incumbent State Rep. Gregory J. Costantino, a Democrat representing District 44 (Lincoln, Smithfield and Johnston), will likely have some Primary competition: Brian M. Austin and Jina N. Petrarca, both Democrats, have declared candidacies. The winner will likely face Republican Peter Anthony Tremontozzi in the General Election.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you're running for office in Johnston, send us your photo and your declaration speech. We pledge to provide even coverage to all candidates seeking local office. We also encourage letters to the editor by candidates on a variety of topics, including campaign platforms. Send photos, speeches and letters to Johnston Sun Rise Editor Rory Schuler at rorys@rhodybeat.com.

Obituaries

In your time of need, the *Johnston SunRise* will print your loved one's full obituary for a small charge. The paper also places the obituary on our website, johnstonsunrise.net.

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Twelfth Anniversary
Anna P. Pillozzi
3/28/16 - 7/10/2021

Our Mother - Grandmother
To one who bears the sweetest name
And adds a luster to the same,
Who shared our joys and cheered us when we were sad,
The greatest friend we ever had.
God bless her in Heaven
There will never be another to take the place of our dear mother.

Son Anthony & Wife Concetta, Grandson Emilio, Son Robert & Wife Rhonda, Grandson Robert, Granddaughter Regina and great-grandson Vincent



PEDAL-POWER: Mike Dressler, owner of Aviva Electric Bikes on Carding Lane in Johnston, said his business picked up at the start of the gas price boom, but have slowed as people have started saving money, rather than spending on new modes of transportation. (Sun Rise photo)

■ Gas

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pennies and thinking of changing their commuting routines.

Many service stations offer lower prices for cash purchases of gasoline with savings ranging up to almost 10 cents a gallon. The Patel brothers who operate the Gulf Express on West Shore Road in Conimicut have found an increase in cash-paying customers. They are also seeing more visits from regular customers who either can't afford to fill up, or are hopeful the recent dip in prices continues. Overall, they see a decline in consumption that they put at 20 percent.

With reduced use in automobiles one would imagine there would be a corresponding increase in mass transit. That hasn't happened yet former Warwick Mayor and President and CEO of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Scott Avedisian said last week. Asked if the authority has plans to expand its beach services in anticipation of increased demand, Avedisian said that would be addressed when and if that should happen.

Some people are looking to electric bikes even though from a purely financial perspective the return on investment is long term. Gary Stafford, a sales representative at Trek Bicycle Warwick, the largest Trek dealership in the state based on Post Road south of Apponaug, said pedal assist E-bikes start at \$3,000 and can range up to \$8,000 for the mountain bike version designed to handle rocky terrain while keeping the wheels on the ground and the driver on the bike. Stafford has seen an increase in E-bike sales, which he doesn't attribute solely to the cost of gasoline. He points out with E-bikes couples with differing levels of stamina and ability can take trips together.

"Families can bike together without leaving someone behind," he said.

He said the bikes, depending on the level of assist, have a range of 150 miles on a full charge.

Over at Aviva Electric Bikes on Carding Lane in Johnston, owner Mike Dressler said a month ago he received calls from individuals looking to purchase E-bikes as a way to save on gas. Since then, the inquiries have dwindled. He believes people are afraid of spending more money since they are already putting funds toward historically high gas prices. While purchasing an E-bike is an investment, Dressler said it costs eight to 10 cents to charge an E-bike for 25 miles.

For those who have decided to commute to work by bike, Dressler said cyclists should wear a helmet and have a six-foot cable lock which he recommends putting around the rear wheel and a pole. There are also baskets that can be attached to the front and rear of the bike to hold bags. Dressler said most of the store's E-bikes have LED brake lights which are a unique feature.

The E-bikes' speed range from low to high and go from 10MPH to 20 MPH – the highest speed peaking at 25 MPH. The bikes are fast, have no sound and require half the amount of effort when riding. Additionally, the eight-pound battery will take three to four hours to fully charge and on average lasts two years before needing a replacement battery which Aviva Electric Bikes can restore on site.

Dressler said the most popular E-bike brands his store sells are the Aviva Scout and Vtuvia models, which are good for all seasons and inclement weather. The business also sells the Aviva Folding Bike which has a built in handle and can easily

fit in the trunk. Most E-bikes are roughly 52 lbs.

The cost of gasoline isn't what drove Frank Lenox to buying a Ford Mustang E although he gets satisfaction driving past gas stations.

It was time for him to buy a car. His 2007 Ford Free Style was tried. She had 160,000 miles on her. Lenox looked at used cars, finding they cost nearly as much as new ones. He figured he would spend close to \$40,000 for a new car.

An East Greenwich High School teacher, Lenox also took into consideration his commute and how much he would be driving the car. The environment was also on his list of considerations. As Lenox looked at the state and federal tax incentives to buying electric - \$2,500 from the state and \$7,500 federal - an electric car at \$50,000 seemed possible although his wife Ann questioned it.

Lenox looked at what Tasca Ford had to offer. He compared models and sticker prices and once he settled on the Mustang and the features it offered he picked it over a SUV seeing that it has the space he wanted. He made a \$500 deposit on the Mustang and was told it would arrive in a month. If he changed his mind, the deposit would be returned but there would be no period to think it over. The car would go to someone else. Buying a Tesla, which he also considered, would have been a four-month wait.

Lenox finds technology has changed driving. He can start his car with his phone and there are features like Bluetooth and backup cameras that weren't on the 2007. He's also conscious of the battery, not letting it drop below 20 percent before charging. The range on a full charge is about 250 miles but that can fluctuate based on the type of driving and the temperature. Lenox says an electric is more efficient driving around town, with lots of stops and slow speeds than a gas powered vehicle but less efficient at higher speeds and longer distances. In the winter Lenox expects the range of the car to drop as he will also be drawing upon the battery for heat.

With gas prices bumping \$5 a gallon, Lenox estimates he's saving about \$225 a month. And with the tax incentives, he rationalizes the car has really costs \$40,000, not the jarring \$50,000.

As for performance, Lenox is sold. The Mustang has lived up to expectations. He doesn't miss the sound of a motor although he can get it should he want it.

"It pumps in sounds and it feels like you're driving Mustang, which is pretty funny." Lenox doesn't use the feature.

Yet there's a demand for gas driven cars, especially lower used cars says Steve Paiva, the owner of Continental Auto in Seekonk. A Warwick resident, Paiva has owned the dealership for more than 25 years and what he sees now has him fearful the country is headed for a recession.

He said that prior to the pandemic, the practice of many was to buy a new car every three to four years. That provided for a stream of reasonably good second hand cars. With the pandemic and production cutbacks along with chip shortages and supply chain issues, new cars aren't readily available and selling at sticker prices.

"They're over priced if you can get them," he said.

Paiva said what people are looking for "is anything that runs nice for \$6,000." What he sees is, "things shutting down" as with increasing interest rates, credit tightens and purchases including those of new and used cars are beyond the reach of many. His advice for those with money is to treat it like butter, "spread it as far as you can."

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E-POWER: Frank Lenox and the Mustang E he bought recently from Tasca Ford. He figures he is saving about \$225 a month in gas costs. (Sun Rise photo)

AAA offers the following tips to save on gasoline:

- o Pay attention to your vehicle maintenance
- o Ensure tires are inflated to manufacturer specifications
- o Replace your air filter as needed
- o Tune your car up for peak performance
- o Consolidate your vehicle trips and plan your errands carefully
- o Lighten your load
- o Remove roof racks if not being used
- o Empty the trunk of items not needed
- o Consider carpooling with a work associate or a neighbor if possible
- o Shop around for low-priced fuel – prices may vary by as much as 25 cents/gal locally
- o Look to enroll in a fuel rewards program that can save you a nickel or a dime/gal each time you fill up
- o As an option to driving, educate yourself about public transit options if available in your area

Legislation grants driving privilege cards, permits to undocumented Rhode Islanders

By **EMMA BARTLETT**

Before Rep. Karen Alzate (D-Dist. 60, Pawtucket) and her sister were in high school and could drive, their father taxied them everywhere. However, there was one problem. He was undocumented and, since he could not obtain a driver's license, he was illegally operating a vehicle.

"For six years, my sister and I had to live with the fear that my dad might be detained and not be able to come home because he might have gotten a ticket, run a red light, gotten a flat tire or a tail light," said Alzate.

As of June 30, this will no longer be a fear for families. At the Division of Motor Vehicles in Cranston, Governor Dan McKee signed legislation June 30 to grant driving privilege cards and permits to undocumented Rhode Islanders; the law went into effect July 1.

"It's no small feat to get this legislation through," said Hector Perez-Aponte, Coordinator for the Immigrant Coalition of Rhode Island.

Perez-Aponte said driving privileges go beyond making the roads safer, but mean families can create a more sustainable household and that the legislation will benefit the economy.

This legislation is roughly 20 years in the making. According to a Thursday press release, this bill allows the DMV to issue driving privileges to undocumented residents in the state who meet certain criteria. The legislation requires that applicants have verification from the tax administrator that they have filed a personal income tax return as a Rhode Island resident for the tax year preceding the date of application, or have been claimed as a dependent on a personal income tax return by an individual who has filed a personal income tax return as a Rhode Island resident for that year.

Applicants are also required to present two primary proof of identity documents, or one primary proof of identity document and one secondary proof of identity document, and two proof of residency documents; they must be in compliance with insurance requirements. Additionally, the permit/card would not be usable for federal or state identification for voting purposes.

"This is an important issue for our economy, equality and public safety," said McKee. "By granting every Rhode Islander of driving age the opportunity to safely and legally drive a vehicle, we are allowing them to further their education and career – which in turn benefits the entire state. That means more workers will have access to more jobs and opportunities that keep Rhode Island's momentum going."

McKee said Rhode Island has one of the highest uninsured rates in the nation and this legislation should help correct that by helping control and lower insurance rates.

Lt. Governor Sabina Matos added that this legislation will give 29,000 taxpaying Rhode Islanders legal safe access to our roads. She said that when she and McKee visited companies across the state, they said they could not find workers. Matos believes this new legislation will help with job creation since more individuals will have vehicles to travel to work.

The legislation was sponsored by Sen. Frank A. Ciccone (D-Dist. 7, Providence, North Providence) and Alzate (who also serves as the Chairwoman of the RI Legislative Black and Latino Caucus).



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Langevin endorses Magaziner to replace him in DC

By **ALEX MALM**

After announcing he wouldn't be seeking a 13th term in Congress, Congressman Jim Langevin five months ago Langevin decided to make an endorsement in the race to replace him.

On Thursday Langevin announced outside the Providence Train Station that he would be endorsing General Treasurer Seth Magaziner.

"There is simply no doubt that Seth is the strongest candidate to keep the seat in Democratic control and fight back against dangerous and divisive leaders like Kevin McCarthy and Donald Trump who are undermining democracy and threatening working Rhode Islanders," said Langevin.

The endorsement for Magaziner came less than a week after Magaziner was endorsed by the State Party.

Magaziner said that he was "grateful for Jim not only for his endorsement of our campaign but for his career his lifetime really of public service to the people of Rhode Island."

"I am in this race for Congress as a new father because I am very concerned about the future of our state and our country," said Magaziner.

Magaziner as he has in the past painted a picture of the Republicans getting a majority in Congress and looking to repeal programs like the Affordable Care Act.

Aside from the Party endorsement the endorsement by Langevin came in the wake of a Boston Globe/ Suffolk University poll that shows Magaziner polled the most favorably against Fung in a head to head match. The poll, which has a margin of error of 4.8 percent, showed Fung with 44.9 percent and Magaziner with 38.5. Magaziner polled 4 percentage points better than the next best candidate.

"This poll shows what we already knew- there is a lot at stake in this election and Treasurer Magaziner is the strongest Democrat to take on Allan Fung in November," said Communications Director Patricia Socarras. "Nothing would be more disastrous for Rhode Island than if Allan Fung wins in November and helps the right-wing extremists take control of Congress. Magaziner will fight to defend the right to choose, protect Americans from gun violence, and reverse the climate crisis by creating clean energy jobs right here in the Ocean State."

Magaziner last week touted that he is the only candidate in the race who has won statewide and said that he won the 2nd Congressional District both times he ran for Treasurer.

Other candidates speak out

Aside from Magaziner, other Democratic candidates that have declared their candidacies include Omar Bah, former Langevin staffer Joy Fox, Providence Firefighter Cameron Moquin, Sarah Morgenthau former state Rep David Segal, Spencer Dickinson, and Donald Keith.

Fox in a statement Thursday said "I am in this race for the people of this district, where I have lived and worked my entire life. From the beginning, I have believed that I am the most competitive Democrat, and hundreds of hours spent talking to voters has only reinforced that view."

"I am proud to have worked with Congressman Langevin for the people of Rhode Island's Second Congressional District and believe more strongly than ever we need people representing us who, like me, have deep ties to our communities, not more professional politicians. I appreciate the Congressman's service, but obviously I find his decision disappointing," said Fox. "Changing Washington demands

changing the people we send there. It's time for Rhode Island to elect its first Democratic woman to Congress, a Congresswoman with real Rhode Island roots who will fight every day for the people of this district."

Following the press conference the Fung campaign put out a statement of his own saying "Seth Magaziner, who has advocated for increasing taxes on gasoline, championed drivers permits for those in the undocumented community, and supports those who want to defund the police, certainly does not have a good pulse on the priorities of CD2."

"Seth Magaziner is a big fan of Nancy Pelosi and can't wait to rubber stamp her radical agenda," the statement reads. "Fung's agenda is the agenda of hard working people who just want gas prices to go down, our grocery stores to be full, and our streets safe."

Asked if he thought the other Democrats should drop out of the race to pave the way for Magaziner to win the nomination Langevin said "ultimately it's going to be up to each individual candidate's decision."

Lancia bows out of race

No one from either party ran longer for the 2nd Congressional Seat than former state Rep. Bob Lancia.

Lancia in 2020 ran unsuccessfully against Langevin.

With that said on Wednesday afternoon, right before the deadline to file paperwork to run Lancia announced that he would no longer be running.

"The past three years running for the Rhode Island Congressional District 2 office has truly been an honor and such a pleasure meeting so many Rhode Islanders in my efforts to be an effective voice for the people," said Lancia. "The kindness and support given to both me and my wife Maryann, as we traveled throughout the State together, has been so heartwarming. In politics, a day of reconning always comes and this week has been the time for reflection to decide what is best for my supporters, my well-wishers, the citizens of District 2, my wife Maryann, and the Republican Party as well."

Lancia said after "asking the good Lord for guidance, talking life decisions over with my wife, national supporters, as well as with the Rhode Island Republican Party leadership," he decided not to run for Congress this year.

"I have made the hardest decision of my life and decided that this time in history is not the right time for me, therefore, I will not be continuing my campaign for the Rhode Island Congressional District 2 seat," said Lancia. "I know many of my supporters will be shocked, disappointed and some even heartbroken over this decision. We, as America First Patriots, must stay engaged and ensure that, as the Republican Party and its candidates move forward, they all do so with Constitutional purpose and ensuring the integrity of the election system."

A statement from the Fung campaign following the announcement said "Mayor Fung is grateful for former Representative Lancia's efforts over the years to make Rhode Island a better place. He knows that Bob and his wife Maryann's tireless work for veterans and conservative values does not end with his withdrawal from the race today."

"Mayor Fung looks forward to working together with Mr. Lancia to elect more Republicans at every level in 2022, and bringing common sense solutions to the table to get our country back on the right track," the statement read.

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By JENNIFER COATES

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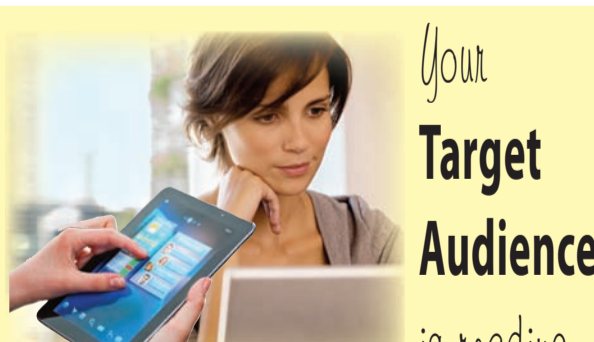
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Starting July 13, St. Mary's Feast returns for 117th year

By EMMA BARTLETT

It's one week before the St. Mary's Feast in Knightsville and Charlotte Schiapo has already finished preparing food for the annual five-day event. Her freezer is filled with chicken soup, lasagna, meatballs, sausage and peppers, chicken and mushrooms, spinach pies and calzones – all of which she made from scratch.

Charlotte and her husband, Louis, are one of the many Knightsville families who host a house party to celebrate the Italian food and music festival. They have hosted the party for years and expect to have 25 to 30 neighbors and friends at this year's dinner; Charlotte said her granddaughters will bring friends to this year's celebration and, even though her daughter and son are in their 50s, their friends still stop by each year.

The two have lived in Knightsville for the past 55 years and served as co-presidents for the St. Mary's Feast Society from 1975 to 1976. The Feast Society (which hosts this event) has roughly 300 members and is dedicated to venerating St. Mary under the title of Maria Santissima Della Civita.

Louis said they hold their party on Sunday, July 17; the St. Mary's procession is in the afternoon, followed by bands coming to different houses to play songs and ending with fireworks.

"It's a full day," said Louis.

The St. Mary's Feast tradition dates back to 796 A.D., at Mount Civita in the town of Itri, Italy. It is there, as the story goes, that a shepherd was cured of his muteness upon looking into a tree and observing an image of Mary and the infant Jesus. A temple was built at the site, and Pope Pius VI in 1777 commemorated the sacred event and crowned the "Maria Santissima della Civita" – the "Blessed Mother of Mount Civita."

As immigrants from Itri settled in Cranston's Knightsville section in the early 20th century, they brought the tradition with them. In 1905, Itrani immigrants organized the first St. Mary's Feast in Cranston, preserving a core piece of their cultural identity for future generations.

St. Mary's Feast Society President Matthew Volpi is a fifth generation member and has lived in Knightsville since he was a child. His great-great grandfather was the second president of the society and he said joined because of the tradition.

"I've been hanging flags since I was 12 years old," said Volpi, referencing the Italian flags that line the streets leading to Knightsville Square.

Vice President Ryan Nardolillo added that the society's executive board and other dedicated members wake up at 5 a.m. and hang Italian flags in preparation for the festival. Nardolillo is a first generation member whose great grandfather was an honorary president of the society; Volpi brought him into the Feast Society.

This year's St. Mary's Feast runs from July 13 to July 17. As for what to expect at this year's festival, Nardolillo said things will be a little different from years past. Nardolillo said Rockwell Amusements will provide rides and there will be T-shirts and merchandise for sale, book signings, face painting, a mime and a variety of food vendors. As for music, DJ Joe "Nice" Marasco will provide the entertainment on July 13, followed by Back in the Day Band on July 14, the Felix Brown Band on July 15, the Front and Center Band on July 16 and Those Guys Band on July 17.

Additionally, from July 12 to July 14, there will be a recitation of the Holy Rosary followed by the 7 p.m. Sacred Triduum in honor of Maria Santissima della Civita at St. Mary's Church. On July 15 at 7 p.m., there will be an open-air mass in honor of Maria Santissima della Civita at St. Mary's Church followed by a candlelight procession, and on July 17 there will be a 10 a.m. mass in honor of Maria Santissima della Civita followed by the annual patronal procession.

The procession will start at St. Mary's Church after the 10 a.m. mass and will last an hour and a half; it will include a school float, Miss Rhode Island float, St. Mary's Holy Name Society, Portuguese Independence Band, Cranston West Falcons Drumline, Falconettes and antique vehicles; former Cranston Mayor Michael Traficante will be the procession's grand marshal.

Fireworks will start at 10 p.m. on Sunday night. The festivities will take place on the corner of Cranston Street and Phenix Avenue. Events will occur from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 13 through July 15, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 16 and noon to 11 p.m. on July 17.

Nardolillo said the Feast Society started planning the festival in March. The whole event costs \$75,000 to put on and is paid for through fundraisers/events put on by the St. Mary's Feast Society Ladies' Auxiliary during the year and sponsors.

Nardolillo said last year's festival was a big year for the Feast Society.

"We grossed the most money ever last year coming off of covid," Nardolillo said. "During covid, we were not allowed to do anything."

He expects this year to be far bigger than last year.

He added that his efforts this year are dedicated to father's memory. His father, Robert A Nardolillo Jr., passed away last year and was a big community supporter. He said Robert poured his heart out and gave everything he could to the feast society.

Nardolillo and Volpi recognized those who have helped make the feast possible: St. Mary's Feast Society Ladies' Auxiliary, dedicated members of the St. Mary's Feast Society, Mayor Ken Hopkins, former Mayor Michael Traficante, the Cranston Police Department and Father Sisco at St. Mary's Church.



THE COLORS: This year's St. Mary's Feast will start on July 13 and run until July 17. (Submitted photo)



PROCESSION TIME:

During the Sunday procession, the statue of Maria Santissima Della Civita is carried down the streets of Knightsville. (Submitted photo)



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Sports

District Champs

JLL seniors headed to states

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Johnston Little League senior team recently took home the District 1 Championship when it defeated Cranston East in back-to-back games.

Johnston picked up a 10-3 win in Game 1.

Dylan Guernon pitched five innings for Johnston to pick up the win. Armani Arias and Yanni Fotopoulos pitched in relief and combined for a scoreless two innings of work.

Johnston held a slim 5-3 heading into the seventh inning but would explode for five runs to run away with the 10-3 victory. Steve Finegan, Guernon, Matt Clements and Arias led the way offensive in the top of the seventh.

Johnston then took Game 2 by a score 3-2 to win the district title.

Chris Civetti led Johnston on the mound, pitching a complete game.

Johnston was able to escape a jam in the fourth inning when the bases were loaded with just one out. Logan Martin would field a hard hit ground ball at second base, tag the runner and complete the double play to first base to end the threat and maintain the Johnston lead.

"I'm fortunate to have a group of young men who exemplify the term 'teamwork'. They don't look at individual stats, they look at team stats. With these players and my two coaches, Eric Martins and Bob Civetti, it's been a good ride and we're not done yet," said Johnston seniors coach Gary Rianna.

Johnston would take on the District 5 winner on Tuesday night in Exeter, but the results were not available at press time.

For more photos of the action, check out page 17.



ON THE MOUND: JLL's senior league pitcher Armani Arias delivers a pitch last week. (Submitted photos)



TOURNEY TROUPE: Mayor Ken Hopkins is joined by Hope Center Development Director Gina Harwood, President/CEO Ellen Grizzetti, Board Chair Janice DeFrances and Board Members Richard Cardillo and Jennifer Rowlett. (Submitted photo)

Hope Alzheimer's Center holds 10th annual golf outing

By PETE FONTAINE

The Hope Alzheimer's Center, which many people will attest is one of Cranston's most cherished and important facilities, once again entered Rhode Island's sports scene back on June 24.

Which explains why Ken Hopkins, a Johnston native and currently Cranston's popular mayor, was among the many people who showed up to tee off in the Hope Alzheimer's Center 10th annual Golf Tournament at well-manicured Cranston Country Club.

The Hope Alzheimer's Center, which is nicely nestled in the woods at 12 Brayton Avenue behind the City of Cranston's much-used, well-maintained and lighted Girls Softball Complex and also serves people in Johnston as well as throughout Rhode Island, has been helping people with memory loss live happier and healthier lives since 1995.

"Today's golf tournament will help the center raise funds for the various programs offered here at this great adult care facility," offered Robert Civetti, a Johnston Town Councilman, long-time youth baseball coach and volunteer who serves as Hope Center's Board Treasurer, offered. "Everyone who

INTROS: Members of the JLL senior league team line up during introductions last week during the summer All-Star tournament.



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played in the tournament had lots of fun."

Yet another reason for the 10th annual golf ground success was the Hope Alzheimer's Mission Statement that reads: "Our mission is to be a leader in fulfilling the unique needs of individuals with dementia and supporting their caregivers while optimizing each person's independence and dignity."

Civetti, along with Ellen Grizzetti, the President/CEO at Hope Center and other board members invited people who'd like further information to call (401) 946-9220.



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FISHING CAMP FIRST CAST: Camper Kayden King, Providence (foreground); Terrance Gray, DEM Director; Mayor Frank Picozzi, Warwick; and in background Greg Vespe, Executive Director, RISAA. (Submitted photos)

Fishing a hoot for campers

By **CAPT. DAVE MONTI**

"That's a good fish!"
"I got a black sea bass... I am so proud of myself."
"Fish on!"

Those are some of the comments I heard at the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) and the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) youth fishing camp held last week at Rocky Point State Park, Warwick. The campers, from seven to twelve years old, came from throughout the State. Camperships were awarded free of charge on a first come basis and are funded by RISAA, DEM and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services.

Kayden King, age nine of Providence said, "I didn't know how to fish and now I am catching fish." Many of the campers had never fished or been out on the water in a boat before.

"Fishing appeals to our sense of adventure, teaches us patience and how to take care of the environment. We learned that the children love to fish so we have included fishing time from shore, on private vessels and one day we traveled to Pt. Judith to fish on the Seven B's party boat," said Greg Vespe, Executive Director of RISAA. "The fishing gods were in our favor this year. Both the weather and fishing was great all three days."

Terrence Gray, Director of the Department of Environmental Management, said, "We are excited to partner with RISAA on their fifth annual Youth Fishing Camp at Rocky Point. The camp provides hands-on opportunities for children to get outdoors and experience the thrill of casting a line and reeling in that first fish on our beautiful Narragansett Bay. It is through efforts like this that we forge the next generation of environmental stewards."

Topics covered over the three day camp include fish identification, conservation, use of spinning and conventional gear and tackle, basic marine biology, how and why to use different baits and lures, boating safety, casting from shore and fishing from private boats as well as a party/charter boat.

For camp videos, one for each day, visit YouTube at <https://youtu.be/VbGRASg1I8U>.

Now is the time to catch black sea bass

Black sea bass fishing is a lot of fun. The bite has been good in

Buzzards Bay and off the Sakonnet River and will be hearting up as the water warms. So now is the time to try to catch some for your dinner plate as they are a great eating fish.

The minimum size for black sea bass is 16 inches. In Massachusetts the limit is four fish/person/day until September 4. In Rhode Island the limit is two fish/person/day until September 1 when the limit changes to three fish/person/day until December 31 for private anglers (charter boat regulations are different).

Black sea bass facts

Black sea bass are primarily black (sounds odd), but they have the ability to adjust their color to blend in with the bottom with colors ranging from grey, brown, black to a deep indigo hue. They spend most of their time around the bottom and can be found near rocky areas, jetties, rips, like a lot of bottom fish, they like structure.

Black sea bass are hermaphroditic fish ... they begin life as female then turn male. Researchers aren't sure why this happens, but one hypothesis suggests the relative scarcity of males in a spawning group may be the stimulus for a female to switch sex. Ideal water temperature for black sea bass is 59 to 64 degrees.

How and where to catch black sea bass

Rigs often used to catch black sea bass have two hooks approximately 12 to 16 inches apart with a bank sinker to hold bottom. Squid or sea clams are most often used as bait. Anglers often catch them while fishing for summer flounder (fluke) or tautog because they are often close to the bottom. They can also be caught with jigs and many prefer this method. I like to use red or pink bucktail tipped with squid as I think the sea bass believe it is a small lobster or crab, some of their favorite foods.

Any underwater structure ... rocks, wrecks, piers and jetties will attract black sea bass. The larger males are generally found in deeper water.

Where's the bite?

Striped bass and bluefish. "Striped bass continues to impress with reports of nice sized bass being caught both along the coastal shore and out at Block Island. There are even nice sized bass back in the pond where yours truly had a fish up to 27 pounds last past

week," said Declan O'Donnell of Misquamicut Bait & Tackle, Charlestown. East End Eddie Doherty, said, "There are still some striped bass in the Canal, but you really have to work for them. Don 'Hawkeye' Willis got into some top water action catching two slots on his 3-ounce Guppy JoBo, Jr. yellow pencil just before the morning slack tide turned west."

Matt Conti of Snug Harbor Marina, South Kingstown, said, "Striped bass fishing is on fire. Anglers are catching fish from the jetties, in estuaries and at Block Island."

Jonathan Woodman of Watch Hill Outfitters said, "The bite remains very strong off Westerly and Watch Hill reefs, the best it has been in a few years."

Summer flounder (fluke) fishing is improving but remains spotty. Steve Burstein of North Kingstown caught a 23-inch fluke when fishing the south side of the Newport Bridge but no other keepers were caught. He was using a plastic squid rig made by Jeff Sullivan of Lucky Bait tipped with a strip of squid and silverside.

Woodman, said, "The fluke bite has not been good along the southern coastal shore, however, things are just starting to pick up along Fishers Island."

Summer flounder have been taken in the mid-Narragansett Bay area around Warwick Light but anglers are having to work for them picking through a lot of shorts to catch a keeper. Matt Conti of Snug Harbor Marina, said, "The fluke bite around Block Island is hit or miss and anglers are catching few keepers along the coastal shore."

Black sea bass and scup. Some nice sized 20-plus inch fish are being caught off the Sakonnet River and off Newport but large fish are hard to come by. Most fish being taken are shorts. The scup bite remains very strong anywhere there is structure like ledges and jetties and water movement. Rocky Point, Warwick; Colt Sate Park, Bristol; and Sabin Point, East Providence have a good scup bite.

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

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WHO IS Andy Yanchus?



By Travis Landry
Auctioneer & Specialist
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After 11 years with Aurora Andy took his love of pop culture to Marvel Comics where he became a staff colorist launching a 17-year career. His resume includes working on Amazing Spider-Man, Alpha Flight, and Uncanny X-Men amongst other titles. During his time at Marvel, he sparked a friendship with fellow artist Dave Cockrum, to which an original drawn birthday card to Andy from Dave is included in the collection. There is so much to say and express that I can't fit in this one column. The summary though is that Andy Yanchus was an extraordinary gentleman who made a large impact on the collecting community. That is for certain. The first portion of Andy's collection will be featured at auction on September 17th, with several auctions to follow. It's not every day you get to handle the collection of a legend, certainly an opportunity I will never forget.

I can confidently say in this past month Bruneau & Co. Auctioneers has taken in the largest and most important comic and toy collection on consignment to date in company history. The collection includes thousands of 1960's through 1990's American and Japanese toys and model kits, comic books, trading cards, and anything and everything pop culture related. What was once packed in a three-level Brooklyn, New York home with basement and 600sqft garage now resides on 19 pallets in our gallery. But only after two days and two 20ft box trucks and four panel vans worth of work. Furthermore, the collection was neatly organized and boxed with everything identified. You might ask who could keep that large of a collec-

tion so well organized and maintained. Well, let me tell you.

Andy Yanchus was a highly regarded hobbyist and professional in the toy and comic book industry. Since his early childhood Andy was enthralled with building plastic model kits. Modeling inspired him to attend the

Pratt School of Industrial Design where after graduation he combined his education and passion for models to become the Project Manager for Aurora Plastics in Brooklyn, New York. Aurora, a powerhouse of toy production was responsible for some of the most iconic model kits including Godzilla, King Kong,

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(Bio-Pic)

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Grab yourself some popcorn and a soda because you'll be sitting in those comfortable chairs for three hours, including the previews.

Most of all, enjoy the music, which includes most of the King's biggest hits. (I wish they had included more gospel and my favorite: "Peace in the Valley.")

You will not like Colonel Tom Parker and the way he manipulates and takes advantage of Elvis through his entire life. Tom Hanks gained some

See it at the

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weight and added a ton of makeup to play the role. At times I had trouble understanding his garbled accent, but there was no mistake about his sordid character.

The story parallels the troubled times in our country during Elvis'

climb to fame. Three assassinations, the Vietnam War and racial tensions all play a major role in Elvis' life and career.

One of the major attractions is the careful attention given to the music. Whether it is a recording studio or a

ballpark concert, the large screen and sound system make you feel part of the action.

Elvis was larger than life, and the attention to detail shows that. In spite of the length, I could have taken more of Elvis...and less of Parker.



MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU

**** (Joyce) *** 1/2 (Don)

Cartoon Sequel

Joyce hardly ever laughs out loud at the movies. But those crazy little yellow creatures got to her.

After a while, they got on my nerves. But they are still one of the best animated characters ever created.

The second sequel in this successful series takes us back to Gru as a child, and his quest to become the meanest villain in the world.

Gru gets an interview with the Vicious Six but is rejected.

He'll show them! With some help from the Minions, he steals the coveted Zodiac Stone, giving it to Otto for safe keeping.

Otto loses the stone and the Vicious Six – plus old villain Wild Knuckles – go on a wild and crazy chase, which the kids will love.

Kevin, Bob and Stuart are the three major Minion characters. They have their big moment piloting a plane in a segment you have probably seen a dozen times in the trailers and on TV.

The movie is non-stop for an hour and a half, with some additional funny scenes during the credits.

The adults will relate to familiar 70s songs by Linda Ronstadt and Karen Carpenter and references to seventies stars.

Steve Carrell voices Gru, while one of the sweetest actresses in the world, Julie Andrews, voices Gru's crotchety mother.

It is silly, but it is a great family movie with nothing offensive to worry about with the young ones.

AVON

PHANTOM OF THE OPEN

*** 1/2

(Based on true golf story)

Mark Rylance gives a touching performance as the working class family man, Maurice Flitcroft, who dreams of a better life.

Watching the telly one day, he is fascinated by the game of golf and decides to make it his next profession.

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Flitcroft becomes both a laughing stock and a hero as he scores double figures on every hole and is banned from the game.

He finds a way to enter a future open and takes the golfing world by storm, becoming the working man's hero.

The movie starts slow before picking up enough steam for its satisfying ending.

The fact that this is a true story (with a little embellishment) makes it all the more fascinating. Add Rylance's portrayal of Flitcroft and you end up with a lovely little movie.



Mark Rylance stars in Phantom of the Open now showing at Avon Cinema.

The plight of the Hoar children

On Oct. 27, 1895, Bridget (Collins) Hoar died at the age of 40. Immediately after giving birth to her seventh child, Jennie Etta Hoar, on Sept. 6 of that year, her health began to fail. She left a husband, four daughters and three sons to mourn the loss of her.

For 35-year-old Thomas Hoar, this was more than he could handle. A former weaver and machinist, Thomas began drinking heavily and neighbors complained to the police. In the summer of 1897, he was arrested for drunkenness. He pleaded not guilty but later retracted his plea for a lighter sentence, six months at the Rhode Island State Farm.

Now there was a household of children alone. Emily Garfield Hoar was 16; William Francis Hoar was 14; Albert John Hoar was 11; Elizabeth and Helen Hoar were under the age of 10 and Jennie was only 2 years old. The Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children went and collected them. Some

Back in the Day



by
KELLY SULLIVAN

were taken in by local families while the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church placed the others at a children's home in Boston.

When the pastor of St. Mary's Church heard about Thomas's plight and the scattering of the children, he went to the State Farm to speak with him. Although Thomas was aware the State had placed

the children out, no one had requested his consent to do so. The clergyman therefore asked Thomas to sign an agreement stating that he would be allowed to bring the children into the care of the Rhode Island Catholic Home. After Thomas presented the agreement to John Walch, the overseer of the poor in Johnston, Walch consented to the idea.

On Sept. 3, 1897, Emily submitted a handwritten statement to the court, informing them that she had chosen Walch as her legal guardian. As she was a minor over the age of 14, she had the legal right to choose her own guardian. That same day, Walch presented a petition to the court, asking that he or some other suitable person be appointed legal guardian over the other Hoar children.

Where or with whom the children actually grew up isn't known. While some of the children have proven untraceable, the others seem to have lived full lives.

William married twice and worked as a collector for a furniture company in Providence and then as a traveling salesman for the Diamond Match Company. In Vermont, he was employed as a grain salesman and as an insecticide salesman in Connecticut.

Jennie was still unmarried by 1950 and resided in Fall River. That year, she sailed for Naples aboard the "SS Italia". The following month, she departed on the "Queen Elizabeth" from Southampton, England with two bags of luggage for the

return trip home.

Emily married Frank Henry Sheldon, a tobacco farmer from Connecticut. They later moved to New Jersey. After Frank became the managing director for James A. Hearn & Son and had to relocate to London for work, Emily applied for temporary residence in 1924 for herself and their two children in Great Britain and Ireland. She also requested permission to travel to France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Italy. She and Frank later became citizens of Brazil. She died on April 27, 1965 and was buried with Frank at West Suffield Cemetery in Conn.

Thomas married for a second time on July 17, 1899. It was also the second marriage of his wife, 32-year-old Bridget Kelly. He worked as a salesman and later as a weaver. By 1920, he was widowed again and employed as a janitor at the Providence apartment house where he lived. He later resided at a Providence boarding house and lived to be 80 years old, dying on April 10, 1935 at the Home for the Aged & Poor in Pawtucket.

Throughout past centuries, many families were broken up and scattered across the state due to death, disease, alcoholism, abuse and poverty. The situations of so many children demanded a strength which should never be necessary in childhood.

Kelly Sullivan is a Rhode Island columnist, lecturer and author.

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Left to right on couch: Christopher Margadonna (Pawtucket, RI), Ryan Foster (Attleboro, MA) and Heather Carey (Norton & North Attleboro, MA); behind couch Matthew Moos (Buzzards Bay, MA), Molly Sheehan (Providence, RI), Paul Nolette (Pawtucket, RI), Laura Steele (Milford & Hopkinton, MA) (Photo Credit: Robert Emerson)

Play On!

The summer comedy for all opens July 8

Play On! by Rick Abbott follows a community theatre as it desperately attempts to produce a new murder mystery, *Murder Most Foul*. With only four days until opening night, the cast is struggling to learn their lines and the set isn't dressed. Most maddening of all, however, is the constant interference from the playwright, who continues to add new lines and scenes. As opening night nears, the cast and crew of *Murder Most Foul* attempt to surmount every mishap to put on a patron-pleasing hit.

This hilarious comedy features the talents of Heather Carey, Ryan Foster, Christopher Margadonna, Matthew Moos, Paul Nolette, Molly Sheehan,

Laura Steele, Daechelle Strange, Eve Marie Webster, and Bethany Whitehead.

Directed by Greg Geer, *Play On!* is a lighthearted, madcap love letter to the highs and lows of community theater. If you're up for an evening of merriment, mark your calendars with the following performance dates: July 8-10 and 15-17 at Jenks Auditorium, 350 Division St, Pawtucket. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 2:00pm. Tickets are only \$18 for adults and \$12 for students (up to college with an ID). Purchase e-tickets online and print at home at www.thecommunityplayers.org or reserve at (401) 726-6860. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

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Spring is here, the air is fresh and many of us are looking to get outside and get moving again! However, many women suffer from stress urinary incontinence which often limits our desire to exercise. In fact, it is estimated that nearly 70% of all women suffer from some type of urinary incontinence! Stress incontinence is the unwanted loss of urine with an increase in intra-abdominal pressure. For example, it is the loss of urine with laughing, coughing, sneezing, jumping, running or any activity that creates pressure on the abdomen, and therefore bladder. Women with stress incontinence usually have decreased support of the urethra, or the tube that goes from the bladder to the outside, and this loss of support creates leakage. Sometimes the leakage can be just drops and happen occasionally, maybe with a big sneeze, or during a long run outside. Sometimes leakage can be more significant, and happen more often for women.

Regardless, if you are finding that you have incontinence, you should seek treatment based on the level of bother that it is giving you. If you are bothered, you should know there are options for treatment!

In most women, the treatment options for stress incontinence will be based on re-creating support for the urethra again. Most conservatively, women can strengthen the pelvic muscles, also known as Kegel muscles, to create strong support around the urethra and decrease leakage. Kegel muscle exercises can be done on your own at home, but often it is beneficial to meet with a specialized pelvic floor physical therapist to make sure you are targeting the correct muscles, and to get a specific exercise

regimen to follow. Kegel exercises are like any other exercise regimen – they work if you do them, and you need to keep up with them! However, they are a low-risk option and have been shown to be successful in improving symptoms for women who pursue this option.

Another conservative way the urethra can be supported is with a supportive device that is placed in the vagina. These can be disposable devices that are purchased at a local pharmacy, or reusable devices – called pessaries - that a specialist would provide to you after a consultation. These devices are placed in the vagina to give more support to the urethra, and therefore decrease the leakage of urine. The devices

should be comfortable when they are in the vagina and can be inserted and removed easily, with minimal care and maintenance for the reusable pessaries. In studies of women who use vaginal continence devices, approximately 50% reported satisfaction with this treatment option at one year.

Finally, a more permanent solution is surgery. The most common and least invasive surgery for stress incontinence is often called a “sling.” A “sling” is a small piece of permanent material that is placed underneath the urethra by a specially trained surgeon through a small vaginal incision. It is a same-day surgery with quick recovery and has been shown to be close to 90% successful in getting patients dry. Of course, there are risks to any surgery, although in general, this type of surgery is relatively low risk.

It is important to know that you are not alone if you are suffering from urinary incontinence of any kind; there are treatment options available and you should feel comfortable speaking with your doctor. They may suggest referral to a Urogynecologist or Pelvic Floor Specialist if they feel you would benefit from further expertise, or you can ask for this type of referral. Most importantly, you should seek help so you feel comfortable getting out and getting active again!

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Don't Let Pelvic Pain Dominate Your Life!

There is always a before and after. As women, our bodies go through changes so extreme and so wonderful that many of us find it hard, or impossible, to navigate our health alone. Pain becomes expected and discomforts accepted.

The best way to address pelvic pain head on is to see a physical therapist *specializing in pelvic pain*. Getting one-on-one hands on treatment in a calm and private environment is the best way to begin to learn how to care for your tight and painful muscles and irritated nerves. You will leave having your questions and concerns eased and hope for a resolution of your symptoms.

Combine all the tips listed in this report with an individualized physical therapy program and you will see your life transformed!

5 Myths About the Pelvic Floor

1. It is normal to leak urine when you work out.

At no time at any age is it normal for anyone to leak urine. Some workouts may be adding stress to the pelvic floor and challenging those muscles to do their job of keeping you dry. It is important to take a look at your work out and seeing how your fitness routine maybe contributing to the leakage. Coordinating your breathing with movement can help enhance your pelvic floor function—the opposite is also true! If your breath is working against your movements you maybe actually be facilitating the leakage.

2. Going to the bathroom before you need to go is a good idea.

Nope. Actually that will likely



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make your urinary urge and frequency increase. Continence is a behavioral skill. Your bladder learns the feelings of full and empty. If you go when your bladder is not sending you signals that your full - your brain starts resetting what registers as full to a smaller amount of urine.

3. If you have pain with urination it is a good idea to limit how much water you drink- this way you don't have to go to the bathroom as much.

If you drink less this will make your urine more concentrated. This could possibly make things worse

very quickly. If you have anything in your urine that is an irritant - it will now be more and concentrated in the urine. When you do go to the bathroom the pain could increase.

4. Sexual intercourse is painful.

Sex should not hurt. Pelvic floor muscles are the same type of muscle tissue that you have in the rest of your body. It is possible that your pelvic floor muscles have taught fibers. Unfortunately, this taught state often may not allow for the normal expansion of tissue needed during intercourse.

5. Kegels are the answer. If I just do some Kegels I will be fine.

Traditional Kegels are concentric—shortening contractions of the pelvic floor. If you are having tight muscle fibers in the pelvic floor when you activate these mus-

cles in a shortening contraction it may increase your pain. Some people benefit from lengthening these muscle fibers and techniques to relax the pelvic floor to relieve pain. A healthy pelvic floor not only contracts but lengthens.

Pro tip: for patients in search of pelvic floor PT, I highly recommend asking the PT how much experience they have treating your particular diagnosis or symptoms. A passion, clear communication during the evaluation, and your treatment plan should be laid out at the first visit.

Don't let pelvic pain dominate your life!!

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