



AGING DISGRACEFULLY 'I'm not going quietly'

By RORY SCHULER

Are you ever too old to laugh? The Johnston Senior Center served beer and wine as comedians Charlie Hall and Doreen Collins took center stage. They tested that question and quickly determined the answer.

Bridget DiGiozangiaco, of Cranston (formerly of Johnston) and Jenny Todisco, of Johnston, sat in the back of the room, giggling and slowly sipping their cocktails.

The pair were just a small sliver of the packed-house gathered to hear the comedy show "Aging Disgracefully," a special event held last Thursday at the senior center.

Hall kicked off the show by asking the audience to "please turn off all cell phones, heart monitors and pacemakers."

"I wondered if people came because of the name of the show," Hall told the crowd. "I wanted to call it 'Geritol the Musical.'"

He credited Collins with coining the act's title.

"You always hear the expression 'aging gracefully,'" Collins explained. "And to me that means that you're quietly accepting every ache and pain ... I'm not going quietly. When I leave a room, I'm going out loud and proud. I want people to know I'm gone."



ROWDY CROWD: Above and left, the Johnston Senior Center welcomed a full house to their comedy night last Thursday. Comedians Charlie Hall and Doreen Collins presented "Aging Disgracefully," a comedy show designed for an elder audience. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

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Perusing the pumpkin patch

PICK YOUR OWN: As October fades, and Halloween approaches, competition can be fierce to find the perfect gourd to grace a decorated (desecrated) façade. Pumpkin seekers throughout the region have been stopping by local farms, like Salisbury Farm at 11 Peck Hill Road in Johnston, to pick their own pumpkin or choose from a grand harvest available for sale. Halloween, or All Hallows' Eve, is typically observed on Oct. 31, the evening before All Saints' (or All Hallows') Day, but the season seems to stretch longer and longer each year. While the original celebration was meant to mark the day before the Western Christian feast of All Saints and initiates the season of Allhallowtide (which lasts three days and concludes with All Souls' Day), the Halloween season has come to represent all things kooky, spooky and strange. For more photos from Salisbury Farm, go to Pages 2 & 18. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

Patriots on a plane

Honor flights filled with memories

By JOHN HOWELL

Richard Esposito of Cranston said he couldn't wait to get to Vietnam.

That's not what one expected to hear from an Army veteran who saw 25 percent of his company, about 25 men, killed during the Tet offensive in Saigon on Jan. 31, 1968. Esposito served two tours in Vietnam. The first came after November 1965 when 45,000 men were drafted.



READY FOR A FULL DAY: World War II Army veteran Rocco Marcaccio, 101, was accompanied by his son, Paul, during the honor flight. Marcaccio and WWII veteran Roland Theroux placed a wreath at the tomb on the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday. (Johnston Sun Rise photos)

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PUMPKIN PARADISE: Visitors have been packing Salisbury Farm at 11 Peck Hill Road in Johnston, looking for the perfect pumpkin, embarking on corn maze odysseys and meeting the farm's distinct inhabitants. While the "Pick Your Own" orchard has been pretty thoroughly picked through, the farm still has a huge inventory of pumpkins, gourds and other seasonal produce. The farm will host its second (and final) Moonlight Maze from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22. More photos on Page 18. *(Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)*



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Petteruti promoted to JPD sergeant

By PETE FONTAINE

The focus of a recent Johnston Police Department Promotion Ceremony was supposed to be on Arthur Petteruti, who was elevated to the rank of sergeant — and it was.

However, prior to taking the oath and being sworn by Johnston Mayor Joseph Polisena, Austin Petteruti took center stage in the JPD's downstairs roll call room after receiving two multi-colored rubber balls from Detective Jim Seymour and "playing catch" with a host of people and his loving relatives.

Austin, you see, is the 2-year-old son of Arthur and Samantha Petteruti. The young boy captured the hearts of everyone prior to the well-deserved promotion of his father, who was backed by many members of the JPD family.

It was also an excellent example, as many people will attest, how Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza — as well as Mayor Polisena — have created a special sense of family during many previous ceremonies.

People were all smiles when Razza began the ceremony saying: "Today, we elevate Patrolman Petteruti to the rank of Sergeant, the most pivotal and crucial role in any police agency, as this is where the rubber meets the road. With any promotion comes great responsibility and holding those you supervise accountable, and this is most reflective in the rank of sergeant."

Razza also added: "Make no mistake about it, but if you are not aware these are very challenging times facing law enforcement, but I know that Arthur has prepared himself for this challenge by immersing himself in his chosen career and conducting himself with steadfast dedication and professionalism."

As the chief wanted it known: "Being promoted to any rank is not an easy task as it

takes hours of dedication to study and prepare, and I commend Arthur for making that commitment in order to achieve this goal."

Likewise, Razza pointed out how Petteruti has not achieved this accomplishment alone, as he did so with the love, endorsement and support of his family who have played an integral part in his law enforcement career.

As in the case of any family whose son and/or daughter, it is their understanding that police personnel often work long hours and will miss special family events due to commitment and dedication to the people of Johnston.

Sgt. Petteruti was raised in Cranston and is a 2001 graduate of Cranston High School West. He and his wife Samantha are the proud parents of Austin. Following his school days, Petteruti enrolled in the CCRI Criminal Justice Program and became a Correctional Officer at the Wyatt Detention Facility in 2002. During his numerous roles there he was a field-training officer, member of the Correctional Emergency Response Team and part of the Transportation Division.

Back in 2012, Petteruti became a member of the JPD and in 2016 he volunteered and attended the Drug Recognition Program then graduated first in a class of 40. To date, Petteruti has received letters of recognition, JPD Commendation and the prestigious Town Council Award.

Petteruti is also part of the JPD Field Officers Training New Recruits and watching them mature into officers. He also became a member of the Union Executive Board in 2020 and became a certified OC instructor and certifies all department members.

Sgt. Petteruti was also nominated and received an award for his Drug Recognition Expertise from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) in 2021.



MIGHTY MOMENT: After pinning the Johnston Police Sergeant's badge on her husband Arthur Petteruti, his wife Samantha hugs the couple's son Austin, 2. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)



PROUD PARENTS: Above, Rose and John Petteruti join their son Arthur Petteruti moments after he took the oath of office and was sworn to the rank of Sergeant by Mayor Joseph Polisena.

SPECIAL SUPPORT: At left, now Sgt. Arthur Petteruti is all smiles and joined by JPD Deputy Chief Mark Vieira, Mayor Joseph Polisena and Chief Joseph P. Razza after his recent promotion ceremony. (Sun Rise photo by Pete Fontaine)



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PILE OF PRESENTS: Above and below, just a few examples of the many children's dolls and toys SCD Sales & Liquidation have donated to boys and girls from needy Johnston families for Christmas. (Submitted photos)

A classic case of generous giving

By PETE FONTAINE

There was a classic case of generous giving last week inside SCD Sales & Liquidation, located next to Northeast Auto Body at 807 Hartford Ave. in Johnston.

It also came from a man — Steven Day — who takes pride in helping the community help others.

“Johnston has been very good to us,” Day said while greeting Johnston Mayor Joseph Polisena inside the huge warehouse filled with wooden pallets-upon-pallets heaped with general merchandise from some of the world’s largest retailers. “So, that’s why we’re giving back.”

Day, who owns the family-run business with his son Steven Day Jr. and daughter Leanne, actually gave the first of two extraordinary donations, and Mayor Polisena offered, “this is certainly a unique and unusual pre-Christmas present.”

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GENEROUS GIFTS: Mayor Joseph Polisen made a visit to SCD Sales & Liquidation at 807 Harford Ave. on a recent morning to accept a wooden pallet wrapped in plastic containing children's toys and games. The pallet was donated by owner Steven Day, his son Steven Jr. and daughter Leanne. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

Gifts

(Continued from page 4)

The pallet, which was covered with a strong plastic wrap, contained what Day told Polisen was a minimum of 150 toys, dolls, games, sports equipment and even V-Tech Kids Learning Toys for boys and girls.

Kevin Cherubino, a building maintenance foreman with the Johnston Department of Public works, and Ben Zanni Jr. said: "The toys will certainly make a lot of children happy this Christmas."

The unusual gift, Day also explained, will be distributed to children from needy families in Johnston.

Until the annual distribution is held, the "generous gifts will be stored inside the DPW Garage then will be taken to the respective schools in Johnston once school and town officials finalize the annual and always heart-warming grand gifts.

"I am very grateful to Mr. (Steven) Day for his very generous donation for the children of Johnston," Polisen offered. "It is corporate citizens like Mr. Day who allow the children of

our town to have a very, very Merry Christmas." The Day family's fantastic act of giving, though, will come two-fold.

"There are Barbie dolls, action rangers, Fisher Price toys and games, Little Tike's puzzles, Paw Patrol, policemen, LOL dolls and Rainbow High dolls contained within the plastic wrapped pallet that Day Jr. loaded onto the back end of a DPW truck with a forklift after last week's presentation.

But as Polisen learned after again thanking Day for the gifts, Day will soon make another extraordinary donation to go along with the toy distribution.

"Once we talk with school officials and receive sizes, we're going to give cloths for the annual Adopt a Family Program as part of our Charismas donation," Day explained.

The Days have also helped the Johnston Girls Softball League "because I know how hard it is for groups like that to raise much-needed money; I used to coach in that program."


For more information about SCD Sales & Liquidation call Day, or Steve Jr. or Leanne, at 401-241-1298 or simply stop, the business is open to the public.



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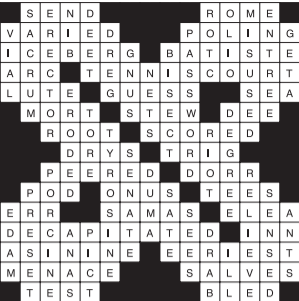
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Watch Your MOUTH



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

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MIGHTY MUSICIANS: This is the horn section of Johnston High School's Marching Panther Band, which received rave reviews after the Providence Columbus Day parade on Federal Hill. (Photo courtesy Ron Cece)

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Scarcella: 'I believe residents should know they have a choice'



JEANETTE SCARCELLA

My name is Jeanette Scarcella and I live in the West End of Johnston and have declared myself as an Independent Candidate. I am seeking the role of Councilwoman for District 5 and want district residents to know a little about me. I can write for hours about the issues we face, but we need positive change to sustain our future. I believe residents should know they have a choice. I consider myself an advocate.

I am a change agent, forward thinker, and an anticipating person of my own action, thought and voice. I'm a person who focuses on "principles" when all things and people get difficult. Things are very difficult right now for everyone and we must work toward change to progress and improve current day hardships resulting from broken leadership, COVID-19 pandemic, and record level inflation.

I'm a good manager of difficulty and difficult people. It is a key strength. I'm able to navigate and adapt for the best outcomes. Sometimes you must be straight forward. I can be that way if I have to be. I agree to disagree because not everything is crystal clear. You have to talk through things and ask questions when making decisions. When you talk it through a lot of information flows through. As a negotiator, I ask, "is it reasonable and fair?" Two key points of contracts "Is the content reasonable?", "Is it fair to 'all' parties involved?"

If not, you continue to negotiate and eventually you find a happy medium. And if that is ultimately not found, you just don't engage. Idea generation is healthy since I'm an open minded individual always ready to listen to varied perspectives.

I have diversified experience in all functional areas of business and am confident that I will be an asset. I am not a transactional worker; I work to make things happen and add value. I'm a rational person and I understand people's livelihoods, financial security, rights, and freedoms have been threatened. We cannot thrive unless our basic human needs are met. The highest priority is to ensure the security of these necessities for everyone. It is imperative that we preserve these and understand that everyone has their own story. We are in harsh economic times with record inflation and a pandemic that has forever changed our life and our world. Basic human needs have been

compromised.

I seek to inspire people to rise above and put themselves on their high priority list and vote for change. I am the advocate. I believe in term limits. Please don't be sold by a broken leadership that has forced you to a road of division and isolation to silence and fail you. We need to put that behind. Seriously, as an advocate for change, I quote the philosopher, Socrates, who said, "the secret of change is focusing all your energy, not on fighting the old, but building a new."

It is highly applicable to today's environment and is what keeps me positive and hopeful. However, action brings change; and change brings progress. We must take real action to combat the current day hardships and focus our energy in redirecting ourselves to a better path.

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Jeanette Scarcella, Independent candidate for District 5 Town Council seat

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Johnston Sun Rise has been publishing submitted statements by candidates for public office. Next week's edition will be the candidates' final chance to submit candidate statements and campaign opinion pieces. If you're running for office in Johnston, send us your photo and statement by Monday, Oct. 24, and we'll do our best to publish it in the Oct. 27 edition. We pledge to provide even coverage to all candidates seeking local office. All candidates, for state and local office, have received a questionnaire from the Johnston Sun Rise. That deadline also approaches (Friday, Oct. 21). The Sun Rise will publish candidate questionnaire responses in the Oct. 27 edition. Candidates, you can still send photos, speeches and letters to Johnston Sun Rise Editor Rory Schuler at rorys@rhodybeat.com, but hurry. Candidates can call 732-3100 for paid advertising options.

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'I was sad that some kids did not have any pencils or crayons at home'

Sun Rise Special Report

Ryleigh Cole, a fourth grade student at Winsor Hill Elementary School, has been donating school supplies to Early Childhood Center (ECC) and Winsor Hill schools for the past three years. Ryleigh who is a former ECC student and a Feinstein Junior Scholar is a remarkable young girl who saw a need and decided to do something to help other children.

It all started in 2020 when students and staff had to stay home for virtual learning. During Virtual learning, teachers would ask students to take out supplies and some students would have nothing at home to use. This gave Ryleigh a great idea. In Ryleigh's own words, "I was sad that some kids did not have any pencils or crayons at home."

So with the help of her parents, Ryleigh turned this idea into a reality. She started putting together school supply boxes with markers, crayons, pencils, scissors, glue sticks, and much more to donate to two local schools to help those in need.

Ryleigh said, "I love to create beautiful things with all kinds of supplies, now others can too."

She donated supplies (up to 25 boxes per school) in 2020-21, 2021-22, and again this year, 2022-23.

Ryleigh is a kind person with a big heart that has plenty of kindness to go around.



GIVING SPIRIT: Above and below, Ryleigh Cole, a fourth grade student at Winsor Hill Elementary, has been donating school supplies to Early Childhood Center (ECC) and Winsor Hill schools for the past three years. (Submitted photos)



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HALL OF FAMERS: This year's Cranston Hall of Fame inductees included (from left) Paul Ciccarelli, Nicole Benjamin, Michael Matracia, Paul DiMaio and Stephen Scappaticci. (Sun Rise photo)

Retired Johnston probate Judge Paul J. DiMaio among Cranston HOF honorees

By EMMA BARTLETT

The impact of education and the inspiration of people you've met along life's journey were common themes among inductee speeches Friday night at the Cranston Hall of Fame's 41st Induction ceremony. The Hall of Fame, which now has 112 inductees, was founded by Cranston's School Committee in the 1980s and honors Cranston graduates who have distinguished themselves on a local, regional and national level in their chosen field. Nicole Benjamin, Paul Ciccarelli, Paul DiMaio, Michael Matracia and Stephen Scappaticci were recognized at the Oct. 14 event.

"Every lesson the community imparted on that quiet, timid five year old is the foundation of everything that I do today," said Benjamin who is a shareholder in the firm of Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.

From the day her parents dropped her off at Oak Lawn Elementary School to the day she graduated high school as a confident, determined 17 year old, Benjamin's educational experiences and opportunities that followed shaped her success.

Attorney John Tarantino introduced Benjamin, saying that she has had a remarkable career. He said she is someone who never says no - no matter how busy she is. Tarantino shared how he had to become a caretaker for some time, and Nicole took on all his clients while continuing her own practice.

"She didn't miss a beat," said Tarantino.

Scappaticci, who has served as a science teacher since 2000, also recalled the role education played in his life when his elementary school teachers determined he had a reading disability.

"Cranston was able to provide me with the specialized instruction that allowed me to be successful - not only in high school but in post-secondary education as well," said Scappaticci.

Michael Crudale, who introduced Scappaticci,

shared that Scappaticci has dedicated his life to the students of Cranston Public Schools and is someone who serves and asks for nothing in return. He added that Scappaticci even came early to the Hall of Fame ceremony to set up the sound system for the event.

And of course, there are also those who are inspired by community members.

Ciccarelli, who has led a highly successful career in law enforcement for more than four decades, spoke about former Cranston Police Chief Anthony Moretti being Ciccarelli's first inspiration for going into law enforcement.

"As a teenager, I said to myself, 'if I'm going to be a police officer someday I want to be a cop with Chief Moretti,'" said Ciccarelli.

Ciccarelli shared that when he first wanted to become a police officer, Scituate Police Department called him in to take a test; however, the test was during the Blizzard of '78. All the roads were closed and when Ciccarelli called the department, the chief said 'if you really want to be a cop, you'll find a way to get here.' So, at 3 a.m. Ciccarelli started walking 7.5 miles to the Scituate Police Department. During his speech he thanked the cop that later found him walking and gave him a ride the rest of the way - he was four hours early for the test.

Ciccarelli's daughter, Jennifer, introduced her father and talked about how his job took the family around the world growing up. While she attended eight schools in 12 years and lived in places like Guam and Naples, being in Cranston felt like coming home and she said the city had a special place in the family's hearts.

Michael, whose career is also in law enforcement, was introduced by his brother Charlie. Charlie spoke about his brother's athletic achievements in wrestling and football and that when multiple sclerosis tried taking hold of his

brother, Michael tackled it like he did in sports.

Michael reminisced about moving from Providence to Cranston in 1975 when he was 10 years old. It was the first time he saw organized sports taking place and when he attended Park View Middle School, the pool impressed him because he got to swim during the school day. He also thanked former Mayor Michael Traficante for telling him to 'keep the faith' when he was trying to land a job as a police officer but wasn't having any luck. That faith led to Michael now serving the Providence Police Department for over 30 years.

Former Cranston Police Chief Kenneth Mancuso introduced DiMaio - sharing how the two have been friends for many years and how he grew up knowing DiMaio's family. DiMaio has led a distinguished legal career as a probate judge and an attorney who's served the Rhode Island community. He has spent countless hours conducting pro bono work and has lended support to many sports, educational and community opportunities.

Paul J. DiMaio

The Honorable Paul J. DiMaio has spent his distinguished legal career as a probate judge and an attorney who tirelessly serves the Rhode Island community. He is well-known as a fierce advocate for his clients in both the criminal and civil spheres and is the longest sitting probate court judge in Rhode Island. Judge DiMaio retired in 2021 after serving as Johnston Probate Court Judge for more than four decades. Upon his retirement, the Town of Johnston's Municipal Courthouse Conference Room was dedicated in his honor.

A 1960 graduate of Cranston High School East, Judge DiMaio earned his law degree from Suffolk University Law School and was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in 1968. In addition to serving clients through his law

practice, he has provided countless hours of pro bono legal work for numerous people over the years. Many attorneys have turned to Judge DiMaio for advice because of his vast legal knowledge and his sterling reputation as a criminal law expert.

Judge DiMaio is an individual who believes in giving back to society and consistently lends his support to a wide range of youth sports, educational and community organizations. Among those that have benefited from his generosity are the Johnston High School and East Providence High School scholarship programs, Rhode Island Community Food Bank, Rhode Island SPCA, St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Our Lady of Grace Church, Humane Society of the United States, Boys Town, St. Jude's Hospital, and Providence Animal Rescue League.

In view of his distinguished background as a judge and lawyer and his compassion and generosity, the Cranston Hall of Fame proudly installs Judge Paul J. DiMaio as a member of its Class of 2022

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ROWDY CROWD: The Johnston Senior Center welcomed a full house to their comedy night last Thursday. Comedians Charlie Hall and Doreen Collins presented "Aging Disgracefully," a comedy show designed for an elder audience.

Not too much longer



and you'll be seeing Rocky Point license plates

Thanks to legislation approved this year, the DMV is moving ahead with the production of Rocky Point plates. Pre and new orders will be filled with delivery expected this fall. For new orders visit the Rocky Point Foundation website at rockypointfoundation.org where you will find an order form to be returned to the DMV with payment. At this time, plates are available for passenger registrations only

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Comedy

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The crowd erupted in laughter. "We should celebrate being here," Collins told her peers. "Even if we are hunched over and wrinkled and ... It shows what we've been through. I enjoy it." Center Supervisor Jacqueline Bell-Conroy poured glasses of wine and beer as guests lined up. Funds raised by peddling the laughter lubrication will go toward future Johnston Senior Center events. Activity Department worker Pat Bergantino cashed out the bar patrons, tucking bills away in a tiny metal box. "There's a few here who could get rowdy tonight," Bergantino joked. "I just hope they all do a lot of laughing."

Hall and Collins entertained the crowd

with self-deprecating humor and updated "old jokes."

"Some other countries don't treat their elderly that well," Hall told the crowd. "There is a tribe in Indonesia ... when their elders pass away, they put them on a fire and they cook them and they eat them at the dinner table, to absorb their wisdom and all their intelligence."

The crowd audibly gasped. Collins interrupted. "They couldn't just have a little chat?" she asked, breaking the tension. "Can you imagine?"

For a second Collins imagined sitting around the family feast, commenting on the main course.

"Jeez, I thought grandma was tough while she was alive," she jibed.

The crowd laughed, cheered and clinked plastic glasses.



AGING DISGRACEFULLY: Bridget DiGiozangiaco, of Cranston (formerly of Johnston) and Jenny Todisco, of Johnston, chuckled their way through a special comedy show presentation last week at the Johnston Senior Center. The center presented "Aging Disgracefully" last Thursday evening, Oct. 13. The audience sipped beer and wine and laughed at the elder-based comedy stylings of comedian Charlie Hall and partner, Doreen Collins. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)



LAUGH FACTORY: Dottie DiStalo, Mary Ann Pickering and Alice Smith gathered to laugh last Thursday night. They joined the audience at the Johnston Senior Center, where the show "Aging Disgracefully" inspired an evening full of giggles.



CENTER BAR: Center Supervisor Jacqueline Bell-Conroy poured glasses of wine and beer as guests lined up during last Thursday's comedy show event.

Opinion

EDITORIAL

In support of this year's ballot initiatives

Critics of state governmental spending are quick to point out when dollars are wasted, but they are less vocal to discuss initiatives worth the investment.

The three measures asking for Rhode Islanders' support on this year's ballot are each worthy due to one simple, underlying fact — they support initiatives that will directly, or indirectly, positively affect all Rhode Islanders.

Question 1 asks for voter support to borrow \$100 million for the University of Rhode Island to help position it as a national leader in the so-called Blue Economy. As a state that rightfully owns the moniker of the Ocean State, we have already shown incredible growth in this industry throughout the state (it generates \$5 billion annually

throughout the defense, marine trades, tourism, and fisheries industries) and we would be foolish to deny further

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investment in this bleeding-edge field.

The University of Rhode Island, as our flagship state university, is the exact right institution towards which to funnel these dollars, as they already produce top-tier talent that will be further incentivized to remain in Rhode Island, working in the types of industries this bond will help bolster and support.

Question 2 should not even require a vote. Considering all the legitimate complaints citizens across every Rhode Island community can reasonably levy against their public school districts, the continuation of an investment in repairing and upgrading our aging schools is something we cannot afford to deny. The initial \$250 million bond, approved in 2018, has resulted in success stories across the state in the way of countless infrastructural upgrades to school districts that would have otherwise been unable to afford them. It is simply the right thing to do, and we must continue the work.

Question 3 would allocate \$50 million towards climate resiliency, green energy loans, water quality improvement, forest and habitat restoration, land revitalization, open space acquisition, local recreation grants, and new facilities at the Roger Williams Park Zoo. In the scope of our massive, more than \$13 billion budget, again, this investment is something that no true Rhode Islander should be hesitant to vote for.

Our natural resources are everything. They drive tourism, they provide us with the high quality of life we all enjoy, and they are in jeopardy due to rising ocean waters and climate change. This bond will provide money available to every Rhode Island community to help them do local, tangible projects that have real, observable results. It is, again, an investment we cannot afford to not make.

There will be plenty of room for critics to complain about how the money is ultimately allocated, or how effective the bond measures are overall after the fact — but to deny the state the opportunity to tackle the three key issues these questions seek to address would be foolish, short-sighted, and against a potentially brighter future for Rhode Island.

DUDE, HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE HIGH SCHOOL!
HEY, I JUST GOT MY STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FROM THE PREZ SO I'M HAVING A BIG PARTY AT MY PLACE. YOU GOTTA COME!

YEAH DUDE, SORRY. SINCE I COULDN'T AFFORD COLLEGE I HAD TO GET THIS LAME JOB AND I'M WORKING TONIGHT. BUT GOOD FOR YOU.

SO, YOU NEED KETCHUP?



LETTER

It's more than a contest between two candidates

On the surface, the contest for Rhode Island's 2nd Congressional District may appear as a local race between well-known politicians, one a Democrat and the other a Republican. But it's immensely more significant and urgent than its implications for Rhode Island. It is a contest that will determine if we remain a county governed on democratic ideals, principles, and values or a country ruled for the benefit of certain classes of people and corporations.

It is a contest between two candidates from two very different political parties. Seth Magaziner is a member of a political party that believes that all people are equal with a right to participate in their government. The other, Allan Fung's party, believes that discrimination based on sexual identity, religion, and income and that participation in governing should be restricted and determined by a select group of men and corporations.

Allan Fung's Republican party is closer to a cult than a political party. It requires a pledge of allegiance to a person, not to the symbol and values of our democracy. Republicans who stood for our constitution and American values have been ridiculed, attacked, and ostracized from participation in their party. If you vote for Allan Fung, you are voting for Kevin McCarthy and Donald Trump and their anti-democratic agenda.

Seth Magaziner offers Rhode Island and America the commitment to continue the fight to bring meaning and actions to the words, We the People. He will not be a puppet for two men thirsting for power. Seth's pledge will be to our constitution, the people of Rhode Island, and America.

This November, your vote is not just for a person, Allan Fung or Seth Magaziner. It's not a vote for a Republican or a Democrat. It's a vote to decide if America will continue its pursuit to become a fairer, inclusive, and just nation committed to fighting not for select groups of privileged people and corporations but all for Americans. Allan Fung is a vote for two men who have demonstrated their disdain for American values and justice.

Seth Magaziner is a vote for "we the people" and the commitment to upholding our precious and fragile democracy. It's a vote that will ensure that the rights we value and enjoy will be protected. It's a vote that will ensure that you and I are respected and valued for who we are, not based on our race, religion, or net worth.

Tom Wojick
Cranston

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2022 Park View Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Kids Run

The ninth annual 2022 Park View Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Kids Run, an annual event designed to bring honor and recognition to Veterans Day, will be held at Roger Williams Park on Friday, Nov. 11. Proceeds from the event will benefit programs for the school throughout the year and as a means of giving back to a worthwhile cause, Operation Stand Down RI.

The One Mile Kids Run will take place in the Park on a specially designed course. This race will begin at 8:30 a.m. The race is open to all elementary and middle school students. Cost for this race is \$10 (T-shirts to the first 50 entries for this race).

Start and finish of the 5k race at the Park Avenue entrance to Roger Williams Park across from Park View Middle School. The 5k starts at 9:30 a.m.

T-shirts to the first 500 entries for the 5k race. Post-race food and beverages will be served. Awards are given to the top male and female finisher. Awards to the top men and women in each division: 8th grade and under, high school division, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+.

Packet Pick up will be at the Park View Middle School Gym, Thursday, Nov. 10, from 3-5 p.m. Race day registration and pickup begins at 7 a.m.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Go online (https://runsignup.com/Race/Registered/?raceId=65625&mc_cid=337566f4e5&mc_eid=8f237641e8) to register.

Johnston Historical Society Events

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.

October General Meeting: At 7 p.m., Oct. 26, the Johnston Historical Society general meeting speaker will be author and historian Marty Podskoch, who will talk about his new travel book, "The Rhode Island 39 Club," that encourages people to visit all 39 towns and villages in Rhode Island.

November General Meeting: At 7 p.m., Nov. 30, local collector and Smith-Appleby House Museum Curator Sandra Achille will give a presentation on Esmond Mill blankets.

BY APPOINTMENT: Please note Both the Johnston Historical Society museum and the Elijah Angell House are open by appointment. The Johnston Historical 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. To see photos of past events, visit the Johnston Historical Society Facebook page at www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical.

Our Lady of Czenstochowa Parish Holiday Bazaar

Our Lady of Czenstochowa Parish, 222 MacArthur Boulevard, Coventry, will hold their Annual Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Nov. 6. Breakfast will be served from 9-10:30 a.m., Polish & American food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (or as long as it lasts). Enjoy raffles, children's booth, crafts, theme baskets, Bake Shop, "Cookie Bingo" & more! Frozen Polish food is available from 9 a.m. until it's gone. Admission is free. Call 821-7991 or visit olcsvp.org for more information.

Holidaze Harvest Bazaar & Craft Fair

The Holidaze Harvest Bazaar & Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, at Our Lady of Grace Church, 15 George Waterman Road in Johnston.

Events will include the "Penny Social, Food, Raffles, Sweet Treats, Crafts & More," according to organizers, who are also "calling all Vendors/Crafters." For additional information call Patricia Leoncavallo at 401-529-7592.

JHS Class of '82 Reunion

The Johnston High School Class of 1982 will hold its 40th Reunion on Oct. 28 at the Alpine Country Club. For more information, email johnstonclass82@gmail.com.

More at Mohr Library

Tree Stewards Education Course: On Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 6-8 p.m. Attend a "Planting Workshop" on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tree Biology & Identification, Planting & Pruning, Tree Health, Urban Forestry and Soil. RI Tree Members & OSL library cardholders \$50. (Non-Member price, \$75) Register online at www.ritree.org or by calling RI Tree at 401-764-5885.

Yoga Classes for Toddlers with Ms. Pauline: On Second Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., from September through December (remaining dates: Nov. 9, Dec. 14), children will be guided into gentle movement exercises using the power of their imagination. Transforming into cats, cows, dogs, dolphins will be a highlight of their story hour. They will also learn breathing techniques that calm and center them. It will be a time of joy, wonder and movement. Ms. Pauline is a certified yoga teacher practicing since she was 17 years old. A former school teacher, she began programs to bring yoga to children and teachers in schools throughout Rhode Island. This program is sponsored by The Tri-County Community Action Agency, Health Equity Zone. Register at mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php or by calling the Library at 401-231-4980 and pressing 5.

Storytime: On Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., through Dec. 7 (except for second Wednesdays when the library will have Yoga for Toddlers) stop by for stories, songs, rhymes, puppets and

coloring for children ages 2 and up and their grown-ups. The remaining dates will include: Oct. 19 & 26 (Halloween); Nov. 2, 16, 23 & 30; Dec. 7. Register at mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php or by calling the Library at 401-231-4980 and pressing 5.

Art Smart with Ms. Melyssa: Explore different art techniques and learn about the works of famous artists, at 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5 through Nov. 2 (for children ages 8 to 12). Register at mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php or by calling the Library at 401-231-4980 and pressing 5.

Mohr Library offers special activities for middle-school and high-school age kids most afternoons. For more information contact Young Adult Librarian Marissa Galonski at 401-231-4980 or email marissa@mohrlibrary.org.

Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library is now open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Monday through Thursday from 9a.m. to 8 p.m. The library is located at 1 Memorial Avenue in Johnston. Visit their website: mohrlibrary.org.

Johnston Parks & Rec Reminder

Just a general reminder to please follow all park rules, especially no smoking and no dogs are allowed at Johnston Memorial Park.

Rec department staff has "noticed an abundance of cigarette butts and dogs recently" and they are asking the public for help keeping the park clean. Signs with the complete list of park rules are posted at each entrance.

Dogs are allowed in the nature trail across the street from the parking lot. No smoking or tobacco use on park grounds. 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 are permitted 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, 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.

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.

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.

Caregivers

Are you caring for someone with dementia who exhibits difficult to manage behaviors? You may be eligible to participate in a research study seeking advice and feedback from caregivers about what types of supports are needed. Enrolled participants will be compensated for their time. The study will take place (video call) through Rhode Island Hospital's Neuropsychology Program. If interested, contact the study coordinator Dr. Kim Chapman at 401-829-4310.

Ghost Party

Join Jared the magician and mentalist on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. at Sprague Mansion for the Cranston Historical Society's annual Charlie the Butler Ghost Party fundraising event. Costumes are optional - no Halloween masks. Tickets are \$20 for non-members and \$17 for Cranston Historical Society members. Individuals can have their tarot or psychic future read by fortune tellers for a separate fee. There will be light refreshments. Checks can be sent to the historical society (1353 Cranston St., Cranston 02920) by Oct. 24. After Oct. 24, call 401-944-9226 to inquire if seating is available.

Legal Notice Town of Johnston Notice of Abandonment



Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 24-6-1 that a portion of Naples Avenue as described in Johnston Town Ordinance 2022-17 has ceased to be useful to the public and is hereby abandoned. Ordinance 2022-17 an Ordinance in abandonment of Naples Avenue was adopted at a public hearing at the September 14th, 2022 meeting of the Johnston Town Council and is available for review in the office of the Town Clerk.

Johnston Town Council
Robert V. Russo
President

Attest:
Vincent P. Baccari, Jr.
Town Clerk

10/13, 10/20, 10/27/22

Legal Notice Town of Johnston Adopted Ordinances



At a recent meeting of The Johnston Town Council, the Council did adopt the following Ordinance effective immediately:

Ordinance 2022-18

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2022-12 appropriating \$120,547,767 for the support and adoption of the town government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Said Ordinance appropriates an additional \$85,618 to the Library from the unreserved fund balance.

Said Ordinance is on file and available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Johnston Town Council
Robert V. Russo
President

Attest:
Vincent P. Baccari, Jr.
Town Clerk

10/20/22

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that PODS ENTERPRISES, LLC, located at 185 Compass Cir, North Kingstown, RI 02852 will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of containers belonging to certain customers that owe PODS rent if payment is not received by October 28, 2022. Auction will be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com starting on November 23, 2022 and ending at 10AM EST on November 30, 2022. The following individuals and the respective amounts owed are as follows: James Melia, \$1,216.85.

10/6, 10/13, 10/20/22

Planning Board Meeting
Tuesday November 1st, 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 22-49 – Town Hall Plaza – Minor Land Development and Unified Development Review. Public Hearing of the proposed redevelopment of the existing plaza and the request for a Special Use Permit for a Drive Thru use. A.P. 20 Lots 77 and a portion of 209. 1515 Atwood Avenue. Applicant: 266 Putnam Ave. LLC

PB 22-21 – Balletto Condominiums – Public Meeting on a Preliminary Plan for a proposed 13 residential unit Major Land Development. Public Hearing was closed on May 3rd, 2022. Located at 280-282 Simmonsville Avenue AP 25 Lot 5 - Zoned: Planned Development. Applicant: Gary Balletto.

IV. NEW BUSINESS
None

V. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Discussion
PB 22- 57 The Johnston Comprehensive Plan – Presentation and discussion by/with Weston & Sampson, plan consultant.

VI. 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.
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OLLI Classes for Adults 50+

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Rhode Island continues its registration for the fall semester. OLLI at URI provides classes for adults aged 50 and better. Students can enjoy a variety of classes, in person and via ZOOM, simply for the joy of learning – no tests, no grades. Learn more about OLLI by visiting uri.edu/olli or call the office at 874-4197.

A few selections for the upcoming semester include Conversational Italian, Digital Photography, Broadway Musicals, and a special course, "Who Really Killed Michael Jordan's Father?" OLLI classes meet at 210 Flagg Road with ample parking right outside the door.

Governor Sprague Mansion Arts & Crafts Faire

There will be an arts and craft faire from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the Governor Sprague Mansion (1351 Cranston St., Cranston). Stop by for unique art and fine crafts by area artisans and learn about the artists and how they became interested in the style they represent. Parking is available in the back of the mansion and the faire's rain date is Oct. 29. The mansion has a call for artists and fine artists (pre-registration fee is \$40 per space). Inquires can be made to Joe Wallace at jwallace@cpsed.net. For more information, text 508-933-4233. Proceeds will benefit the Cranston Historical Society, Governor Sprague Mansion and Joy Homestead.

Craft and Vendor Show

St. Mary's Feast Society Ladies' Auxiliary will host its annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 12. There will be vendors, crafters, handmade items, baked goods, raffles, food and more.

Letters From Home

From January through May 2023, Erinn Dearth and Dan Beckmann will be traveling the entire country performing one show in each of the United States as the singing and dancing sensation called "Letters From Home."

McVinney Auditorium is going to be the host for the official Rhode Island stop of the tour, which will take place at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023.

"Letters From Home" was founded in 2010, featuring music from the soundtracks of WWII, Vietnam, and beyond. This vaudevillian-style singing & tap dancing duo has honored our veterans, active military heroes and their families, by uniting the nation through music.

The show's idea came from Pat Dearth, a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. Since its inception, "Letters From Home" has performed more than 900 shows across the country. A documentary on the group produced by "Our State" Television (David Hardy) won an Emmy award in 2015. In 2019, Erinn and Dan traveled to Normandy, France to perform during the 75th Anniversary of D-Day festivals where they sang the National Anthem on June 6th at sunset on Omaha Beach. "Letters From Home" returned to Europe in May to perform for WWII Veterans touring in The Netherlands and Belgium.

The task of a nationwide tour has always been a dream of founder, Erinn Dearth, and during the pandemic it became more of a calling than ever. "The show is high-energy and should make everyone smile," said Dearth, "but it's also a message of hope in a country that is a bit divided at the moment."

Dearth hopes that those who come to see the show will walk away with a song in their hearts and a new perspective on patriotism. Dan Beckmann, the other half of the pair, is also an accomplished professional photographer. He will be documenting the tour in a photo blog in addition to directing a documentary of the 50-States tour.

One of the tours sponsors is Footsteps Researchers, a global team of military researchers that help their clients retrace the footsteps of those who served in WWII. The founder of Footsteps Researchers, Myra Miller will serve as Tour Manager and is very excited, "to meet veterans across the country and thank them for their service. We want to pack the venues with young and old alike to share the energetic and fun performances of 'Letters From Home!'"

All 50 venues across the United States have been secured for the tour and tickets are now available. To view the tour route or to purchase tickets in the state nearest you, visit www.LettersFromHomeSingers.com.

Veterans Day Parade

The City of Cranston will once again hold its Veterans Day Parade at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 11. The parade will kick off in front of Legion Bowl on Park Avenue, continue past City Hall up to Heyward Street and past Rolfe Street. A ceremony at the cannon memorial will immediately flood the parade. Any group/organization that wants to march can contact Paul McAuley at pmcauley@cranstonri.org.

Clouds Hill Museum Yard Sale

Clouds Hill Museum will host a yard sale on Oct. 22 from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be electronics, books, furniture, ceramics, frames, art and more. The event will occur rain or shine. The mansion is located at 4157 Post Road, Warwick.

Winter Market

Warwick Center for the Arts will hold "The Winter Market" from Nov. 26 to Dec. 17, Wednesday through Saturday – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3259 Post Road., Warwick. This year's Winter Market features handmade items from over 20 local artists and represents the varied creativity that makes Rhode Island so special. In addition to handmade jewelry, toys, cards, ornaments, pottery and accessories, the Market will also sell affordable framed paintings, prints and other wall hangings in addition to WCFA gift certificates if you prefer to give the 'arts experience' as a holiday gift this year. The event is free to browse, but items are for sale. WCFA will be open one evening for our Winter Market on Dec. 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For further information, visit warwickcfa.org or call 401-737-0010.

RIMA Exhibit & Show

The Rhode Island Manufacturers Association (RIMA) is hosting its Exhibit and Show: Connect, Grow, Develop at the Crowne Plaza Warwick on Nov. 16. This event will allow attendees to gain access to industry trends along with federal and state legislative updates. This event will also enable attendees to connect and network with manufacturers throughout the state of Rhode Island.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. with the Exhibit and Lunch Networking Session. RIMA is offering free tickets to anyone who would like to walk through the exhibition hall and attend the workshops. The exposition will feature organizations with their products and services in Rhode Island and will be open for the remainder of the event. The exposition creates a unique opportunity for manufacturing suppliers to connect with buyers as well as potential clients. Use of the supplemental event app provided through Whova will present attendees and manufacturers the ability to message and network directly with exhibitors as they navigate the floor. The Lunch Networking Session will also allow attendees to interact with company representatives.

There will be nine different workshops happening starting at 3 p.m. For a complete list of topics and speakers, please refer to the list below.

- "Improving the Resiliency of Your Supply Chain" by Chris Cinieri and Ted Kennedy from Polaris MEP
- "Legalized Marijuana: The Impact in the Workplace" by Mark Freel from Locke Lord
- "Getting more out of your retirement plan: How New Comparability Profit Sharing Plans maximize Owners Contributions" by Paul Cooney and Robert McElroy from Mutual of America
- "R&D Tax Credits for the Manufacturing Industry" by Noel Hopkins and Mark Hall from Clifton Larson Allen
- "The Benefits of Collaborative Robots" by Christian Gervin from Axis New England
- "Review of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation Business Incentives" by William Cox from Commerce Corporation
- "Recession? Not for Manufacturers!" by Jay Jacobs from Paperless Parts
- "Is your website "Supply Chain Ready"? Is your manufacturing company "Marketing Ready?" by Mark Manuel from Industrial Marketing
- "State Workforce Initiatives for Local Manufacturers" by Matt Weldon, Director of Department of Labor and Training and Alyssa Alvarado, Director for the RI Governor's Workforce Board
- "3D Printing in the manufacturing world" by Justin Coutu, Charles Havens, and Jordan Novak from R&D Technologies, Inc.

The day will conclude with an Evening Reception and Networking Session from 6-8 p.m.

Register for the event or review the schedule, go to

rimanufacturers.com/event/rima-exhibit-and-show-connect-grow-develop/.

RIMA is a 501c(6) organization formed in 1997 to serve as the unified voice of Rhode Island's manufacturers. As an advocate for strengthening and growing Rhode Island's manufacturing sector, RIMA engages with government leaders, academic institutions and likeminded organizations to improve the business climate, connect manufacturers with available resources, and facilitate opportunities to create new jobs and business opportunities in the Ocean State. For more information on RIMA, visit www.rimanufacturers.com.

Stranger Things Totally 80s

Celebrate all Things Strange in this hour-long craft and snack program on Oct. 29 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Cranston's Central Library. This program is intended for kids in grades 4-8. Participants will be able to craft like it's 1986 at different stations (including a waffle-making station).

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Obituaries

Joseph Sarandrea, Jr. Sgt. PPD (Ret.)



Joseph M. Sarandrea Jr., Sgt. PPD (Ret.), of Johnston,

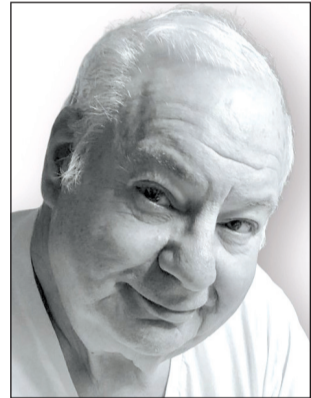
passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning, October 12, 2022 at home.

He was the beloved husband of Jacqueline A. (Lemoie) Sarandrea, they had been married for forty years. Born in Dayton, Ohio, he was the son of the late Joseph M. and Linda (Walters) Sarandrea. He resided in Johnston for many years.

Joe served thirty six years with the Providence Police Department before retiring as a sergeant in 2002. Following his time with PPD, he served with the Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs from 2002 before retiring in 2019. He was a Vietnam War Army Veteran, a member of the Providence FOP Lodge 3, the Providence Police and Firefighter's Retirement Association, the RI Council 94 AFSCME AFL-CIO, the RI Amateur Radio Association and the RI Quarter Scale Modelers Association.

Besides his wife he is survived by his children, Joseph R. Sarandrea of Edgewater, FL, John J. Sarandrea of Cranston, Andrew M. Nassef and his wife Elizabeth, Michele A. Brogno and Michael G. Nassef, Jr. and his wife Catherine and the late Denise A. Caranci her husband Michael Caranci; a brother, James J. Sarandrea and his wife Sue; eighteen grandchildren; nine great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

His funeral will be held Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. from the PRATA-GALLÖGLY Funeral Home, 78 Providence Street, West Warwick followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Atwood Avenue, Johnston. Interment with military honors will be in St. Ann Cemetery, Cranston. Visiting hours Monday 5:00-8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions to St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Food Shelf, 1804 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 in his memory would be appreciated. Information and condolences, please visit: www.PrataGallogly.com





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Flight

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Following training as a military police officer, Esposito boarded a troop carrier. It was slow and packed tight.

After 24 days, "I couldn't wait to get to Vietnam," Esposito said between bites of a muffin early Saturday morning at Green Airport waiting to board a Southwest flight to Baltimore/Washington with 42 other veterans. At 76 years old, Esposito was one of the younger members of Flight Thunderbolt, the 27th honor flight conducted by the RI Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.

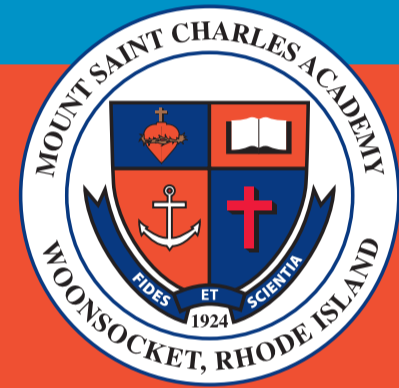
Retired Johnston Fire Department firefighter Robert Forand, 72, of Scituate, an Army veteran who also served during the Vietnam War, was listed among Saturday's Honor Flight attendees.

The senior member of the flight was World War II Army veteran Rocco Marcaccio who served in an anti-aircraft unit that was part of the D-Day invasion and went on to fight across France and Germany to join forces with the Russians at the Elbe River. Rocco is 101 years old. He was accompanied by his son, Paul, who served as his guardian for the day-long trip that took Flight Thunderbolt to the war memorials in the nation's capitol, the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, where he and 95-year-old Roland Theroux had the honor of placing the wreath during the change of the guard.



SALUTING THEIR SERVICE: Members of Boy Scout Troop 4 Gaspee were up as early as 4 a.m. Saturday in preparation of greeting members of Honor Flight Thunderbolt veterans as they arrived at Green Airport for their flight to Baltimore and day in the Nation's Capital. (Johnston Sun Rise photos)

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EARLY MORNING GREETING: Allan Fung, Republican candidate for the Second Congressional District, Warwick Mayor Frank Picozzi and Gregg Amore, candidate for Secretary of State, were among local and state officials thanking veterans for their service and wishing them well on their day in Washington.

Flight

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Rocco, whose memory of the war is sharp, didn't delve into the horrors of the experience, rather the outcome.

"I was well worth it. This is the finest country in the world," he said.

Vietnam veterans may not have shared Rocco's opinion on the justification of the war. Esposito was welcomed home - he went on a 27-year career with the Rhode Island State Police - by family and friends but remembers a cold reception when he wore his uniform to church.

That surely wasn't the situation Saturday morning where firefighters, police, elected officials, family and friends lined the terminal entry, saluting, applauding and cheering as the veterans and their guardians filed in to the beat of the Rhode Island Professional Pipes and Drums. Like so many, members of Troop 4 Gaspee were up at 4 a.m. in order to be prepared to greet the veterans more than an hour later.

"It brought a tear to my eye," Esposito said of the airport reception.

RI Honor Flight founder not about to slow down

It's those moments that motivate retired Providence Fire Chief George Farrell to keep running the honor flights. Founder of the RI Fire Chief's Honor Flight, Farrell's interest was sparked when he chanced to be in the Washington/Baltimore terminal when an Honor Flight was passing through in 2010. He was compelled to offer a similar experience to Rhode Island veterans. Flight Alpha, Rhode Island's first Honor Flight was held in 2012. It was comprised principally of World War II veterans, who Farrell wanted to recognize before they were gone. As the ranks of WWII veterans thinned, the flights were broadened to Korean War veterans and terminally ill Vietnam War vets. Now the Honor Flight is looking to recruit Vietnam as well as veterans would have served during other conflicts.

Since that first flight, Farrell estimates the Rhode Island Honor Flights have taken more than 800 to Washington. It wouldn't have been possible without some steadfast partners. Depending on the numbers, Honor Flights can cost upwards of \$25,000. Multiple companies and organizations have stepped up to sponsor an Honor Flight, but few more consistently than the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. IBEW Local 104 was the prime sponsor of Flight Thunderbolt.

In fact, it was a moment of inspiration that resulted in the naming of the flight

and incorporation of a bolt of lightning into the flight logo. The IBEW logo has an electrical bolt and the P47 WWII fighter plane was a Thunderbolt. It made for a perfect combination.

Farrell was more of a whirlwind than a thunderbolt Saturday as vets arrived at the Southwest gate to a spread of Dunkin' Donuts coffee, donuts and muffins. Farrell buzzed between officials there to wish the veterans well and seeing to logistics of the upcoming flight.

"He's got everything down to a science. He remembers everything," said Karen Casale, who manages the Honor Flight office and has been on three flights, the first in 2018.

A flight back in time

The flight is a trip back in time. For many, it is a pause to reflect on life and on events that changed lives and shaped history.

For Robert Soccia, who is retired after 40 years as a physical education teacher with Warwick schools, returning from Vietnam in 1968 "was a different way of life." He served as an Army combat engineer in Saigon although he did a variety of jobs from cook to radio operator. It took some time to adjust to non regimented routine.

For Krissie Morrisette, of the RI Veterans Home who has served as a flight guardian to numerous veterans, the flight is about the stories.

On Saturday Roland Theroux, who served in the Navy, Army and Air Force was her charge.

"How did you manage that?" Theroux was asked.

"At 95 my mind doesn't work too well," he replied.

Morrisette was there to help. She knew his story and as she brought up points he recalled how after WWII the Navy was downsizing and he wanted to remain in military service. They didn't have a place for him. Next came the Army and three years in Japan and then the Air Force where he worked in the motor pool. And Morrisette reminded him of his wife who thought they would be living in Hawaii but ended up in Montana. Theroux was happy to be in Montana.

"Oh yes," he added, "and two sons who served in the military."

Morrisette's favorite story is of WWII vet Leo Heroux who in the days following D-Day was instructed to warn a farmer that a company would be coming though his property the following day. Heroux did as instructed and as he informed the farmer his daughter came down stairs.

Talk about thunderbolts. This was one of them. After the war they married and they stayed on to run the farm.

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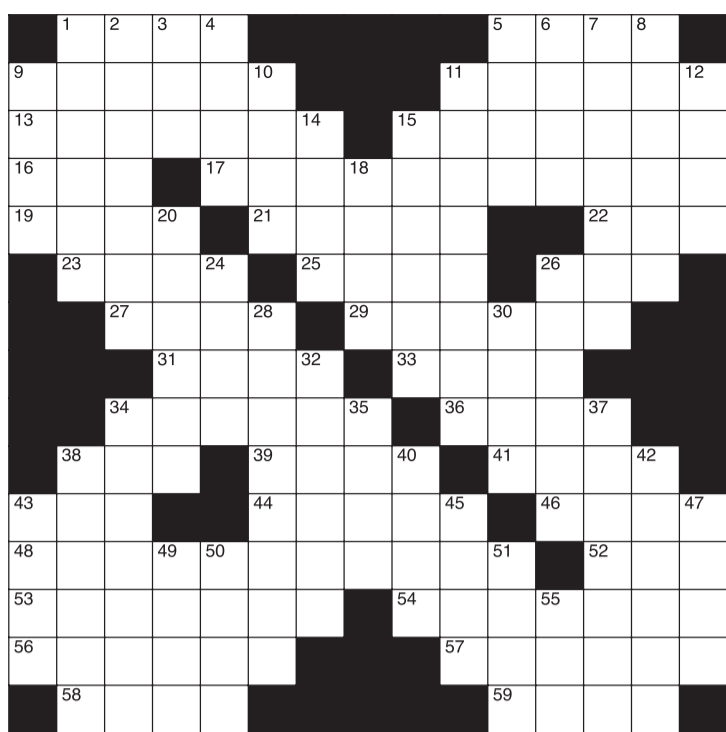
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- 5. Historic city
- 9. Not the same
- 11. Hitting a horse to clear a jump
- 13. One hurt the Titanic
- 15. Fine dense cloth
- 16. Architectural structure
- 17. Where Serena works
- 19. Stringed instrument
- 21. Estimate
- 22. Where sailors work
- 23. Popular Terry Pratchett novel
- 25. Popular slow cooked dish
- 26. Twisted Sister's Snider
- 27. "Office Space" actor Stephen
- 29. Put the ball in the net
- 31. Ancient Greek city in Thrace
- 33. High school math subject
- 34. Looked into
- 36. Rhode Island rebellion
- 38. A pea is one type
- 39. You can put it on something
- 41. Where golfers begin

CLUES DOWN

- 43. Make a mistake
- 44. Semitic Sun god
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 48. Beheaded
- 52. A place to stay
- 53. Inanely foolish
- 54. Most unnatural
- 56. "Dennis" is one
- 57. Soothes
- 58. Exam
- 59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Triangular bone in lower back
- 2. Building toy
- 3. Pointed end of a pen
- 4. Insect repellent
- 5. College army
- 6. Highly spiced stew
- 7. Exploited
- 8. Main course
- 9. A bottle that contains a drug
- 10. The most worthless part
- 11. Everyone needs one nowadays
- 12. Japanese wooden shoe
- 14. Antelopes
- 15. A way to cut
- 18. Brooklyn hoopsters
- 20. Gradually receded
- 24. Ripped open
- 26. College grads get one
- 28. Amino acid
- 30. Unruly gathering
- 32. Legislative body
- 34. Resembling pigs
- 35. Russian assembly
- 37. Take over for
- 38. Put in advance
- 40. Satisfy
- 42. Felt
- 43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 45. Witnesses
- 47. Some build hills
- 49. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
- 50. Ancient people of Scotland
- 51. Cheerless
- 55. Unwell

BUSINESS



New Pure Haven CEO Miranda Inglis

Johnston-based Pure Haven announces new CEO

The Pure Haven board of directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Miranda Inglis as Chief Executive Officer. Inglis is an operations, sales, and product development leader with over 20 years of experience. She embodies the mission and Pure Haven brand as an advocate for nontoxic living. In her most recent role as Pure Haven Chief Operations Officer, she led the team to innovate and streamline their nontoxic product development, supply chain, and manufacturing operations.

Inglis's roots and heart are with the sales field, as she joined the company as an independent Consultant in 2014 to help share the Pure Haven mission and products while building an entrepreneurial business. She joined the corporate team in fall 2017 with the intent to grow her leadership skills and industry knowledge.

Inglis succeeds Bruce Jensen, who remains as a partner and board member. "Bruce and the Pure Haven board will continue to support the Pure Haven Consultants and mission

and fully believe Miranda is ready for this leadership role. She has the right combination of passion for our mission, knowledge, and leadership ability," says Rudy Revak, Pure Haven Board Chairman. Jensen has acted as CEO in a mentorship and succession preparation role for the past four years. Although he will no longer be involved in the daily operations of the company, his dedication to the success of the Pure Haven mission to make every home a Pure Haven and provide safe products free of toxins is unyielding.

As part of the transition to Inglis's leadership, Steve Elder will be stepping down as President. Inglis acknowledges Elder's contribution to Pure Haven's "back to our nontoxic roots" effort, a focus on leadership principles, and the strengthening of the overall operations of the company. Elder states, "Now is the perfect time for Miranda to step into leadership of the company and continue to deliver Pure Haven's amazing products and business to people across the country who need and deserve a safe option for their family."

Citizens Bank honors Johnston residents for 25 years of service

Citizens Financial Group CEO Bruce Van Saun congratulated 132 colleagues who have been with the bank for 25 years or more. These colleagues will have specially inscribed bricks bearing their names — including Johnston residents

Sandra Hamilton and Mark Calcione — installed outside Citizens headquarters at One Citizens Plaza in Providence. More than 2,300 colleagues have been honored with bricks since the bank started the tradition in 1999.

"Without a doubt, it's our people that make Citizens special, and I always appreciate the opportunity to recognize our longstanding colleagues who have helped us grow into the leading financial institution we are today," said Bruce Van Saun, Chairman and CEO, Citizens Financial Group.

The ceremony kicked off Citizens' Credo Week, a special time each year when the bank celebrates its colleagues — as well as its customers, communities and shareholders. It's an opportunity for employees to support one another in living up to the Citizens Credo; striving to always exceed customer expectations, do the right thing, think long-term and work together.

Credo Week is an important and long-standing tradition that is embedded within Citizens' culture. It provides an opportunity to engage, inspire and appreciate the meaningful impact its employees deliver to their customers and communities. The Citizens Credo provides an essential guidepost for all the ways the bank works to help its customers, colleagues, communities, and shareholders reach their potential.

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Wicked Woods Pumpkin Walk

Stroll through Rocky Point Farm's enchanting pumpkin path and enjoy over 300 candle lit, hand carved pumpkins. Trail is lined with jack-o'-lanterns, tiki torches and camp fires. Watch our living statues and collect a Halloween treat! This non scary event is perfect for young children and their families. Bring at least one small flashlight for your group. Trail is cleared of sticks and the grass is mowed, but there are some bumpy areas along the way. Great Fun for the whole family! Oct. 27-30, Trail open 6 - 9:15pm. Last entry at 9 p.m. All tickets must be purchased online in advance at signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ea4ab2fa3f9c70-20221.

On the Tracks to a Train Show

Rhode Island Model Train Expo sponsored by the Little Rhody Division of the National Model Railroad Association will be held Sunday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Guy L. Lefebvre Community Center, 1277 Main St., Coventry. The show features operating layouts in N, HO, O, and G scales. There will be select vendor tables. Tickets are \$6 for adults and children under 12 and Scouts in uniform are free. There is a \$20 maximum per family.

Warwick Rotary 5k Turkey Trot

Come together at the Warwick City Park Ball Fields on Thanksgiving day to benefit the Kent Hospital Employee Emergency Fund. Race registration begins at 7:15 a.m. and the trot begins at 8 a.m. There will also be a costume contest! Prizes will be awarded to the best costume, most original, and best dressed family/group. Please bring one non-perishable food item per person plus \$20 for

adults, \$15 for students (ages 6-18), kids 5 and under no charge with a paid adult, \$50 for family (2 adults & 2 students), \$20 for virtual runners. All participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt (will only be guaranteed for registrations received and paid by Oct. 31) Visit: WarwickRotaryRI.com to register. Entries are non-refundable.

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Clouds Hill Museum Yard Sale

Clouds Hill Museum will host a yard sale on Oct. 22 from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be electronics, books, furniture, ceramics, frames, art and more. The event will occur rain or shine. The mansion is located at 4157 Post Road, Warwick.

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Johnston man completes intensive research project

Johnston native Mark Renzi, a member of the class of 2023 majoring in Computer Science (BS) at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled Improving the Closed-Loop System at the 2022 Winter Olympics.

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university's 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people's lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of Integrative & Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat - all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

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PERUSE THE PATCH: Visitors have been packing Salisbury Farm at 11 Peck Hill Road in Johnston, looking for the perfect pumpkin, embarking on corn maze odysseys and meeting the farm's distinct inhabitants. While the "Pick Your Own" orchard has been pretty thoroughly picked through, the farm still has a huge inventory of pumpkins, gourds and other seasonal produce. The farm will host its second (and final) Moonlight Maze from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)



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By JENNIFER COATES

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Dreamland Learning Center is part of a network of childcare centers throughout the region which make parents and caregivers alike happy, and, with all the programming and fun it is known for, make children happy too! Children ages six weeks through age 12 are welcome here. This family of centers truly embrace the words of Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon which we can use to change the world" ~ which they do one child at a time.

Every space in this center is thoughtfully planned and designed to be developmentally appropriate and purposeful. Child-size furniture makes each room feel comfortable and adapted to the needs of pint-sized early learners while shelves are filled with toys and walls are strewn with art projects. Centers are set up for imaginary play, arts & crafts, building, science, music, and story time. The outside playgrounds provide the perfect place for youngsters to run off all that childhood energy. The after-school room is complete with long tables for homework and study time.

The curriculum and staff-to-child ratio requirements here meet the strict standards of the state while all staff are licensed, and CPR certified. The staff here work as a team with one goal in mind and that is to enrich the lives of



The talented staff at Dreamland Learning Center work diligently to make sure that everything is arranged to encourage optimal learning, fun, and play, including these colorful, cozy, and imaginative spaces!

the children over whom they have been given this special stewardship. In fact, the whole facility is Bright Star® rated for excellence.

Parents and children who come to this busy and nurturing learning center on Hartford Avenue will find that the changes that were implemented to protect the health and safety of its students in the days of the pandemic are still in place. At the same time, the daily programming for the children who attend Dreamland is still packed with fun, activity, friendships, and play.

If you are looking for childcare this fall ~be sure to register for before and after school care for children up to 12 years

of age. Dreamland is even open during school vacation. For some school districts, transportation is provided to and from elementary school. Homework assistance and age-appropriate, supervised activities are always planned.

Dreamland Learning Center is now accepting enrollment for children ages 6 weeks through age 12. It is located at 1253 Hartford Avenue. For more information, call 401-280-1400 or visit their website at www.dreamlandlearningcenter.com.

Be sure to check out the other members of the Dreamland family of childcare centers in West Warwick (401-828-8200) and Pawtucket (401-655-1000).

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Sports

Bounce back



BACK ON TRACK: Johnston's Taylor Powell, Ariana Medeiros and Kaylee Poole. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)

Panthers shut out Kilties after taking first loss

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Johnston girls soccer team bounced back after suffering its first loss of the season to shut out host Mt. Pleasant 2-0 last week.

The Panthers would get a goal in each half, with Kaylee Poole scoring first and Ariana Medeiros scoring second to pace Johnston.

"It was a great response by the girls. They were definitely upset because it was the first loss to our record, they were hoping to bounce back and take out their frustration on this team today," said Johnston coach Toni Scav-



GOAL SCORER: Johnston's Kaylee Poole takes a shot last week.

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CHUGGING ALONG: TJ Leomensah.

Panthers XC hits the course

The Johnston boys and girls cross country teams have been busy this fall season and recently competed in a race at Goddard Park in East Greenwich. Here are some shots of the action. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)



STAYING THE COURSE: Linda Echeverria.



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Hawks' win over Rams a bit different this time around

The Bishop Hendricken and La Salle football teams added another fun game to their historic rivalry last Friday night, with the Hawks squeaking out the 10-9 decision.

This game was the typical Hawks-Rams in so many ways, but it was also different in others. The last time these two teams met was last November in the state championship. It was a chaotic shootout and the Hawks won in what was the highest scoring state championship in Rhode Island history.

This time around was much tighter. It was clear in the first quarter that 90 points were not going to be accumulated.

It was a quiet three quarters, but in the fourth, the drama ensued. Hendricken scored its first touchdown of the game, and then La Salle had the ball in the Hendricken red zone in the final minute. The Rams made a few big plays, the Hawks committed some costly penalties. In the end, La Salle would miss the field goal and Hendricken got the W.

I would say that my biggest takeaway overall was simple. It was more of the same in terms of the result, but the way we got there was much different.

The Hawks are clearly the top team in the state, while the Rams are clearly the second best. Like most years, La Salle has all the tools and talent to beat the Hawks, but somehow, some way, Hendricken just has an unbelievable knack to get the job done.

Usually when it is all said and done, you can pinpoint the areas that the winning team was better. Even if it doesn't seem like the better team won, you can almost always identify where the advantage took place that led to the win.

This time though, I am struggling to do so.

Sure, the Hawks had that big touchdown drive in the critical moments of the fourth quarter. The defense made some big stops toward the end as well. However, each of those things can be said for the Rams. Had they converted on the chip shot field goal, we'd be sitting here with a whole other story.

These teams played totally even in my opinion. That's the point I am trying to make. These teams always seem to play dead even, but the Hawks almost always come away with the win. Great teams find ways to win, and once again, Hen-

My pitch



by
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dricken did just that, even if it got some help from the other side.

The other takeaway for me is that familiarity played a huge role in this game. The narrative since last Friday was that this was a defensive battle and each side showed up big. Although that is true to an extent, what I saw at times were two teams that just knew each other so well. There were no surprise plays, nothing that was unexpected. In my opinion, that was the biggest reason why we were deadlocked until late in the game.

Another state championship matchup seems inevitable at this point. Sure, Central or North Kingstown may have something to say about it, but Hendricken-La Salle is certainly the favorite at the moment.

In the next meeting, with everything on the line, I think the team that wins will be the one that adds the most from here on. Neither team could gain much traction last week, but it was because there were no surprises. Heck, even the fans and media could call what was going to happen play by play. That's not a sign of two bad teams either, it is a sign of two dominant teams that know what works for them.

The final quarter of last Friday's game had me on edge the most I have been so far this fall. You know you're entertained when your palms are sweaty and you feel the anxiety set in on every play, every exchange. That's what it is all about and I am looking forward to the next time these two clubs meet.

Do we have a quarterback controversy brewing with the New England Patriots?

Third string quarterback Bailey Zappe just made his second career start on Sunday against the Browns and put on a

show. He is now 2-0 as a starting signal caller and has a passer rating over 100. Mac Jones, meanwhile, is still recovering from his ankle sprain and is off to a terrible start this fall season.

Patriots fans are reminiscing about the 2001 season, while no-name backup Tom Brady stepped in for the injured superstar Drew Bledsoe, and well, you know what happened from there.

Although I like Zappe and was impressed, let's take it easy for a second.

I am very down on Mac Jones. I thought he was good as a rookie, not great, and he was an absolute train wreck through the first three games this season. He turned the ball over, showed no plus attributes; it was just an ugly start for him with the new offensive coaching staff.

Zappe on the other hand, showed poise and took great care of the ball. The playbook was obviously dumbed down a bit and he had help around him, but plain and simple, Zappe outperformed

Jones.

The reason why I do not believe the Patriots should or will keep Jones on the bench, ultimately, is experience. Mac was a national champion in college and guided the team to the playoffs last year. As impressive Zappe's two starts were, they are simply two starts. Not to mention they were against the lowly Browns and Detroit Lions.

Personally, I think this is a wonderful thing for the Pats, who desperately need to build some momentum here.

Zappe's performance, you'd like to think, will motivate Jones to be his best self when he returns. The team also got the wins and was able to get a good look at their backup, who proved that he is at least capable of keeping the ship afloat.

As much as I would be interested in a quarterback controversy, I would advise everyone involved to relax, appreciate what they got the past two weeks, and see where Jones is at when he returns.

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Knights split weekend

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Community College of Rhode Island men's soccer team split a pair of games on the road and at home this weekend, beating Northern Essex Community College on Friday and losing to regional rival Massasoit Community College the following day by identical 3-0 scores.

CCRI is now 4-5-1 overall and 4-5 in Region XXI play heading into Tuesday's regular-season finale at home against Roxbury Community College at 3:30 pm.

Sophomore co-captain Wilson Penafiel (Providence) scored twice in the second half of the opener on the road and sophomore Juan Barrios (Pawtucket) tied his twin brother, Roy Barrios (Pawtucket), for the team lead with his eighth goal of the season. Both Barrios brothers each had an assist. Freshman goalkeeper Brady Linfield (Burrillville) was sensational, stopping all 12

shots he faced for his third win of the season and second shutout.

On Saturday, the struggled to generate any offense in a 3-0 loss to Massasoit. Gracian Moreira scored the first of his two goals in the 9th minute and the Warriors never looked back, adjusting beautifully to the wet field conditions in Lincoln.

Juan Galvis (Central Falls) and Roy Barrios picked up the pace in the second half in an attempt to generate offense for the Knights and Schneider Macombe (Providence) and Christian Munoz (Pawtucket) worked on the defensive end to keep CCRI within striking distance. Jerome Galvis and Moreira added goals in the second half for Massasoit to break the game open.

Dorsey leads RIC to sixth

Sophomore Justin Dorsey (Warwick) placed seventh as the Rhode Island College men's cross country team competed at the

Connecticut College Invitational, held at Harkness Park on Saturday afternoon.

RIC placed sixth (15 teams) with a team score of 151.0. Allegheny won the invitational with a team score of 72.0.

The race was an 8k and there were 132 runners at the event.

Dorsey finished seventh (26:31.20). Senior Andre Solomon-Messier (North Providence) placed 15th (26:52.40).

Senior Austin Michael (Swansea, Mass.) finished 32nd (27:31.50). Freshman Dante DiGregorio (Smithfield) placed 46th (27:59.0).

Freshman Aiden Powers (Smithfield) placed 51st (28:23.60). Sophomore Mahari Nayte (Providence, R.I.) finished 69th (29:25.80). Freshman Owen Smith (Providence) placed 122nd (34:22.50).

In upcoming action, Rhode Island College will compete at the 2022 Little East Championship, hosted by UMass Boston on Saturday, Oct. 22 (11 a.m.).

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Stripers running thick

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

Striped bass fishing rose to a new level this past week with large schools of slot size fish (28 to < 35 inches, one fish/person/day) making their presence know in our Bays, estuaries and favorite reefs to catch them. This week, large schools of striped bass were on Westerly reefs, in the mid and upper Narragansett Bay area, in our estuaries and at the Cape Cod Canal. The striped bass were plentiful, but you had to find them.

Dave Gordon, striped bass sharpie, said, "Last week we decided to head up Narragansett Bay rather than down and ran into a ship load of striped bass between Rumstick Point, Barrington and Ohio Ledge (in the middle of the East Passage just off the shipping channel). There were lots of schools of them feeding on huge schools of Atlantic menhaden. There were some up on the ledges but the bigger schools were in the channel it seemed. Caught five fish up to 32 inches fishing for a short time."

Cape Cod Canal fishing expert and author, East End Eddie Doherty, said, "Every tide continues to hold baitfish for the predatory buffet. Tim Petracca of Bourne was fishing with Ben Faulmino of Sandwich when they got into a four hour east end top water bite that yielded over three dozen striped bass in the 30 & 40 inch class."

The bait is here and so are the striped bass on their fall migration run back down south. So, go catch them and use good catch and release practices to lower mortality rates.

Tautog bite comes on strong

Tautog fishing exploded this week. Fishing was good in our Bays, at jetties along our southern coastal shore, off Pt. Judith, Narragansett, Jamestown and Newport around rock piles and ledges.

Daniel Miller took first place in the Rhode Island Tog Classic sponsored by Crafty One Customs, Portsmouth with a hefty 15.39 pound tautog. Ralph Craft, Tournament host, said, "The Rhode Island Tog Classic was a big success with great community participation. All proceeds from the Tournament benefited the Three Angels Fund for friends and family coming together to cope with cancer."

First place winners were Miller, 15.39 lbs., Boat Division; Matt Murray, 6.67 lbs., Shore Division; Justin Oser, 10.60 lbs., Kayak Division; and Oliver Miller, 8.44 lbs., Youth Division.

With improving weather, now is the time to tautog fish before things get too cold.

There are new regulations for tautog fishing this year initiated by the RI Saltwater Anglers Association with the aim of preserving large females with great spawning potential. Anglers are allowed just one trophy fish, 21 inches or larger, the minimum size is still 16 inches and a 10-fish boat limit applies for private recreational vessels. The spring season ran from April 1 to May 31 allowing for three fish/person/day, the season reopened Aug. 1 to

Oct. 14 with a three fish/person/day limit and the limit then jumps to five fish from Oct. 15 to Dec. 31.

Where's the bite?

Striped bass, bluefish and false albacore. The bass bite this week on the Cape Cod Canal was very strong with the full moon providing bigger than usual tides.

"The Providence River and Bay are yielding monster bluefish and striped bass with anglers using top water and swimming lures with success. The fish are scattered, you have to find them but they are there," said Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle.

East End Eddie Doherty, expert Canal angler and author said, "Expert surfcaster Jack Barton guided his seven year old grandson James Astle working a 5-ounce white bucktail with a red Fat Cow jig strip into catching his first striped bass. James caught a 30-inch slot, and also reeled in his first bluefish, a well fed chopper, in front of a crowd of regulars and tourists who got to witness the future of sport fishing in action!"

Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown, RI said, "Shore anglers were finding bass and blues from the surf and the rocks. Albies continue to pop up but are starting to be inconsistent. Most shore anglers are having success at the west and east walls (at the Harbor of Refuge). There is quite a bit of bait moving along the beaches now which is bringing schools of bass right in close to sand. Still a lot of nice sized bass inside of the salt ponds as well. Cast with a sense of urgency the fall bite goes by in a flash."

Fluke, black sea bass and scup. The scup bit is still very strong anywhere there is structure and good water movement in particular. "I have customers that are floating green crabs on tautog rigs with no weight and are catching 16 to 18-inch scup. The scup is still very good in the Bay and along the coastal shore. And the black sea bass bite is good at Block Island and south of the Island," said Henault of Ocean State Tackle.

Tautog. "Fishing for Tautog has been great as long as the ocean cooperates. The fish have been relatively shallow, from 15-25 feet of water. Anglers are catching fish on both rigs and jigs. Since the fish are shallow the shore bite has also been pretty good," said Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle.

Freshwater fishing is improving with ponds being stocked with trout in RI and MA waterways. "Many anglers are still focusing on saltwater fishing but those targeting largemouth bass with shiners and trout at stocked ponds are doing well," said Henault of Ocean State Tackle.

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FIRST PLACE: Daniel Miller with the 15.39 lbs. tautog he caught last week to take first place in the Rhode Island Tautog Classic. (Submitted photos)



BIG CATCH: Seven-year-old angler James Astle shows off his big catch.



FIRE AWAY: Johnston's Irais Franco looks to take a shot against Mt. Pleasant last week.

■ Bounce

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itti after the win. Although the Panthers walked away with just two goals, they pressured Mt. Pleasant from start to finish and racked up 21 shots on goal. Leading scorer Alexia DiLorenzo led the team with a whopping seven shots on goal while Poole had four.

Johnston keeper Ava Waterman recorded one save in net.

"I was definitely thrilled (with the offensive pressure)," Scavitti said.

The Panther defense has also been elite, notching nine shutouts in 14 contests this season and allowing just eight goals overall, with four coming in a non-league matchup earlier in the fall.

The team looks to play good defense from back to front.

"It's a combination of both. We try to take control and on offense and when we can't, we have strong defenders that do a good job of clearing the zone and getting the ball back out to Ava," aid Scavitti.

The Panthers improved to 5-1 in league play and have five more contests remaining. The final games will be critical for Johnston, as it maintains a one-point lead over Rogers for first place in the division. The two teams split their meetings this fall.

"They're crucial. If we are going to get the top seed then we are going to have to come out on top and win the remainder of our games," said Scavitti. "It's official that we've made playoffs, so now it's down to where we get seeded."



DRIBBLING: Johnston's Josephine Olagundoye takes the ball up the field.

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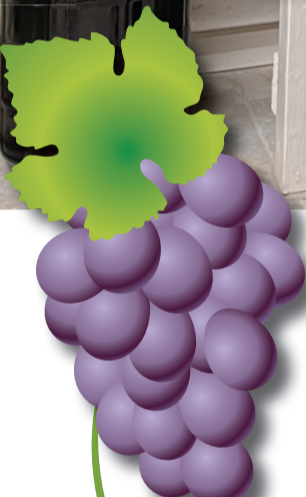
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Sharing the art of wine making



LETTING WINE AGE: Moretti recommends letting the wine age for at least nine to 12 months. *(Submitted photo)*

LEARNING TO MAKE WINE AT AGE 10: Anthony Moretti learned to make wine at age 10 from his neighbor George Solitro and started making his own wine at 13. He now imports grapes from California and crushes and presses them into grape juice to sell to customers who produce their own wine. *(Beacon Communications photo)*



By EMMA BARTLETT

Anthony Moretti was 10 years old when he learned to make wine from his Vermont Street neighbor George Solitro. By 13, he was purchasing wine making equipment with his birthday and Christmas money and making wine at home. Today, Moretti owns a small wine shop and rents part of a warehouse on Dyer Avenue where he imports grapes from California, crushes and presses them, and sells the grape juice to customers so they can make their own wine.

By spending time with Solitro as a kid, Moretti realized that everyone loved Solitro because he always shared things – wine being one of them.

“I really took a philosophical look at life when I was a little kid that made me an old man fast to say what really matters in life when it’s all said and done,” said Moretti, who is proud to carry on this Italian tradition.

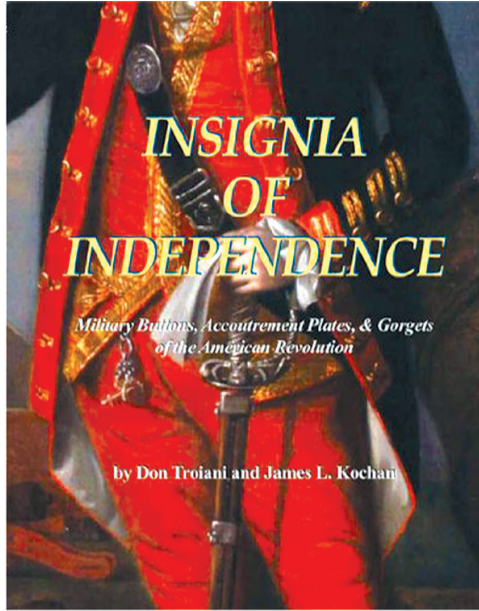
Moretti purchased a small wine shop in Silver Lake in 2002 which his father and sister assisted him while he was in the midst of his career; the shop is open year round with limited/seasonal hours. He finds that the nicest part of wine making is that it brings people of all walks of life together.

“When I look ahead not knowing exactly when retirement would be, this would be my pastime and how I can envision my retirement,” Moretti said.

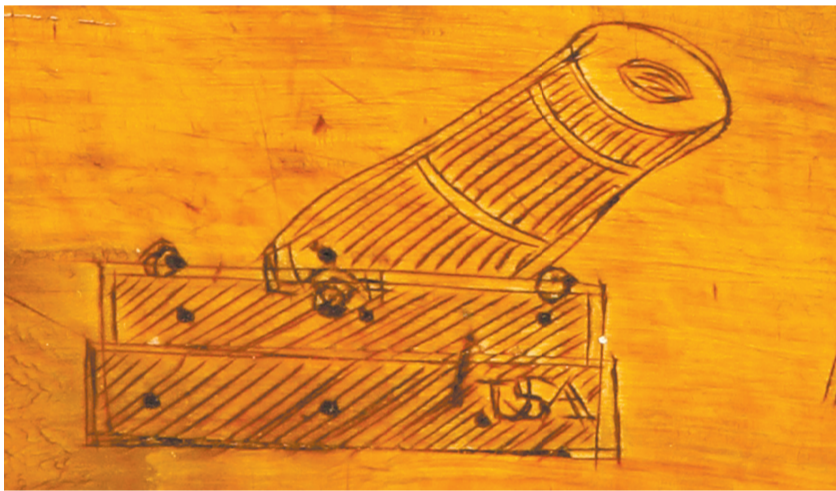
California’s growing season starts in August, which is when customers start ordering cases of grapes from Moretti. He said one case makes 2.5 gallons of grape juice for wine to be made. This fall, over 5,000 gallons worth of grape juice was pressed. In the spring – when Chilean wine and grapes are available – Moretti will also sell Chilean wine juice.



COLLECTIBLES



The Intertwined USA Button



By Joel Bohy
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hard to know when they saw their first use, although they have been found at Saratoga, New York. The first written mention seems to be from a deserter description written in a newspaper in 1777. They were made locally, but by 1778 they were being ordered from France along with ready-made uniforms, cloth, shoes, muskets, and other material needed to supply an army.

The powder horn I had spoken about in the talk was made by an unknown carver who had never finished it so there was no name or date. There are three others known carved by the same hand that are named and dated 1775, but the addition of the intertwined USA and what we know about the buttons possibly date it to circa 1777.

There are a variety of forms of the USA button. Some have a rope border around the circumference of the button, and some do not. One example that we can obviously date has "1777" cast into the button below the "USA" and was found at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. One of the coolest button related objects found is a USA button gang mold found in Philadelphia, Pennsyl-

vania. It was excavated near Independence Hall and was made to cast five buttons at a time.

The best reference for these buttons, better yet, any buttons from the Revolutionary war, is *Insignia of Independence: Military Buttons, Accoutrement Plates, & Gorgets of the American Revolution*, written by Don Troiani and James L. Kochan. They show many currently known examples of each, and where they were found. It is a useful tool to better understand the differences and numerous variations. There is also an online supplement where new finds are added to better understand the subject. The book is definitely a must for historians and archaeologists alike.



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Burlesque
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Submitted photos

By ROB DUGUAY

Once a successful event happens, the next priority is to build off of it and make it an annual thing. There's room for new ideas to include, new folks to get involved and a new vibe to create. Last October, the first edition of Burlesque n' Roll took place at Dusk on 301 Harris Avenue in Providence while combining live rock & roll music with burlesque dancing and it was a wild & fun time. Then it returned to the same venue during the following April to celebrate the European holiday known as St. Walpurgis Night and on October 22nd at 7pm it'll be happening at the same establishment once again. Along with loud, raucous bands taking the stage as well as having a burlesque show, this upcoming edition will also feature a Halloween costume contest. Whoever is wearing the funniest and scariest attire will be awarded a cash prize at some point in the evening.

Just like the last two editions of Burlesque n' Roll, Brandy Donahue and Dan St. Jacques co-organized the event. St. Jacques' punk band The Hammer Party will be taking part in the live music side of things, just like they did the last two times, while Donahue has been behind the curation of the unique theme that'll be encompassing the upcoming spectacle.

"We're wicked excited to premiere the long awaited return of Providence's most extreme black metal band, Sire, who will be headlining this event," St. Jacques says about the music lineup. "People should expect the unexpected when they show up to Dusk for the craziest Halloween party of the year. You'll be surprised and possibly terrified by provocative and exciting performances by a selection of the area's finest artists." "Set heavily in 60's retro sci-fi fantasy, this year's Burlesque n' Roll is bringing in new talent from Florida,

Miss Ruby Tesla, to the Providence burlesque scene to slay," Donahue adds. "We are distorting our favorite venue, Dusk, into a glowing moonscape to captivate with a mix of classic and neo-burlesque right in the middle of our rock & roll show. These are the most creative performers I've ever had the privilege to work with. Bettysioux Tailor, Maiden X, Shirley MacSlaine, Hades Ivory, Cabaret Sauvignon and Kittens Divine are showing up to make you question everything you think you know."

Joining up with The Hammer Party and Sire will be New Haven, Connecticut psychedelic new wavers Haunting Titans, electropunk duo Artist Jackie & The Wizard, rock & roll power trio Sugar Cones and Taunton, Massachusetts punks Loud Neighbors. Jackie & The Wizard will be performing the song "It's Good" for the first time live, which Jackie released as a single back on October 7.

"I've been a huge fan of Dan St. Jacques since I met him in 2018 when he saw us at the News Cafe [in Pawtucket] and asked Jamie and I to open for The Hammer Party at Dusk," Jackie mentions about getting involved in Burlesque n' Roll. "Since then we have become good friends, he's definitely one of my favorite people in the music scene so it was an honor to be asked to play this banger party. Everywhere I look there's gonna be 'sexy people!'"

This year's edition of Burlesque n' Roll has a lot to offer while promising to be a fun event to check out this Saturday night. Make sure to show up dressed up for a shot at some money and enjoy yourself while enjoying some highly amplified music and some exquisitely creative dancing at one of the best venues in "The Creative Capital."

Tania Miller scores big at Philharmonic opening

By DON FOWLER

Saturday night's 78th season opening of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra concert series was a bittersweet experience as the past two beloved conductors were remembered for their legacy.

Larry Rachleff and Bramwell Tovey both passed away last year. Rachleff led the orchestra and music school for 20 years, raising the RI Philharmonic to a world class orchestra. Tovey led the orchestra for two years through the height of the pandemic, taking the podium during his battle with cancer while inspiring the orchestra to even newer heights.

Canadian conductor Tania Miller has been named Interim Principal Conductor for the 2022-2023 season.

If her performance was any indication of her talents and enthusiasm for the music, the Board made the right decision. She received one of the longest standing ovations in recent history following her interpretation of Strauss' Zarathustra.

Miller's sparkling personality shone through as she explained the piece ("You'll recognize the first two minutes. . . and none of the rest") and passionately talked to the audience about her love of music and the influences it has on her.

The brilliant young cellist, Sterling Elliot dazzled the audience with his playing of Elgar's Cello Concerto, op. 85. E minor. The concert opened with a new work by Quinn Mason.

Mason, Elliott and Miller took to the stage following the concert for a talk back with members of the audience who were smart enough to stay and interact with these three great musicians.

There were some empty seats toward the back of the Vets (and they are all new seats with cup holders).

This outstanding orchestra deserves to be playing to a sold-out audience every time they perform.

The next concert will be Saturday, Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. at Vets. Pianist Olga Kern will perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3. Following intermission, the orchestra will play Beethoven's Symphony No.7.

Guest conductor is Kensho Watanabe.

Notice more diversity? The orchestra is certainly coming of age.

The first Amica Rush Hour concert will be the night before, Friday, Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m..

For tickets to both concerts, call 248-7000.



FRESH JUICE: Grapes go into a manual or automated grape crusher that breaks the grapes' skins and grinds them up. After crushing grapes, customers receive instructions on how to turn the grape juice into wine. (Submitted photo)



VARIETY OF GRAPES: Moretti purchases a variety of red and white grapes to make different types of wines. Here he has Cabernet Sauvignon. (Submitted photo)

Wine (Continued from page 24)

Wine making process

Moretti purchases a variety of red and white grapes to make different types of wines. Some of the grapes include sangiovese, petite sirah, sauvignon, merlot and alicante. When Moretti obtains the red grapes, they go into a manual or automated grape crusher that breaks the grapes' skins and grinds them up. After crushing grapes, customers receive instructions on how to turn the grape juice into wine.

Four elements are needed for the grape juice's fermentation process: sugar, yeast, temperature and oxygen. Sugar comes from the grapes and is activated by yeast. While grapes have a natural yeast on their skins, customers sprinkle a pack of yeast per two cases of grapes to encourage the fruit to ferment. The yeast then grows between 68 and 78 degrees and oxygen allows for fermentation to occur.

Fermentation will occur in vats which hold the juice. Moretti said it takes two days to see fermentation. As the sugar and grape juice convert to alcohol, the juice becomes heavier than the skins which settle at the bottom of the vat. Daily, throughout the course of a week, individuals must push the grape skins back into the juice.

The next step is separating the wine from the grape skins. The juice is transferred into containers called demijohns or carboys. A spigot at the bottom of the vat allows for a free run of juice into the storage containers. The wet grapes left in the vat are transferred to a wine press where they are squished to get any remaining juice from the grape skins.

Once the wine is in storage vessels, Moretti said it takes three days for any

sediment in the wine to fall to the container's bottom. The sediment is removed by transferring the good juice to another container; this process (known as racking), is completed three or four times in the subsequent months.

When it comes to white wine, Moretti said individuals want to crush and press the same day; the longer the skins are left on, the deeper the pigmentation of the wine.

When making wine, individuals should use a hydrometer to tell them the grape juice's sugar content and the sugar needs any adjustments. Adding sugar increases the alcohol content while adding water decreases the alcohol content.

Storage and when to drink

A common question Moretti receives is how long after the fermentation process should customers wait until they can drink their wine. While it all depends on personal taste, Moretti recommends letting the wine age for a minimum of nine to 12 months.

"The wine is mellowing," Moretti said, adding that it becomes smoother and less harsh over time.

He recommends an airlock and stopper for the storage containers so post-secondary fermentation does not occur.

Early in his winemaking career, Moretti discovered that carbon dioxide had built up in a one gallon jug and exploded in the basement. The jug also hit a five gallon jug – spilling six gallons of wine and fragments of glass all over the floor.

"That's why I put the air locks on every time now," Moretti said.

Moretti said wine making was always something he wanted to do and money never motivated him. His fall season will be coming to a close in the coming weeks.

"It became something I do now," Moretti said.

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Ghost Party
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Halloween Touch a Truck
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Spooky Popcorn Spider Web

Yield: 1 spider web

- 1/4 cup butter
- 8 cups mini marshmallows, divided
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 9 cups popped popcorn, divided
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided
- black string licorice
- candy eyes

Line round pizza pan with parchment paper; set aside. In large saucepan over low heat, melt butter; stir in 5 cups marshmallows, stirring constantly, 3-4 minutes, or until completely melted. Stir in vanilla. Remove from heat. Stir in 8 cups popcorn until coated. Spread onto prepared pizza pan in irregular round shape, about 1-inch thick, to resemble spider web.

Refrigerate about 15 minutes, or until firm.

In microwave, melt remaining marshmallows about 20 seconds, or until melted. Using spatula, string strands of melted marshmallow over popcorn spider web to create cobweb effect.

In heatproof bowl set over saucepan of hot (not boiling) water, melt 3/4 cup chocolate chips; cool slightly. In large bowl of remaining popcorn, pour chocolate over popcorn, folding gently to coat. Spread mixture on waxed paper-lined baking sheet, separating into eight small clusters. Affix two candy eyes to each popcorn cluster. Refrigerate 10-15 minutes, or until set.

Melt remaining chocolate chips. Cut licorice into 1-inch lengths. Using small spoon, dab circles of chocolate onto spider web. Affix chocolate-coated popcorn onto chocolate circles. Affix licorice lengths to chocolate popcorn clusters to resemble spider legs.

Refrigerate 15 minutes, or until set. To serve, cut into smaller pieces.



Witchy Popcorn Balls

Green Halloween Zombies

Yield: about 7 pieces

- 2 1/2 quarts popped popcorn
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 3 cups mini marshmallows
- 4 tablespoons lime gelatin powder
- red gum balls
- candy corn
- flat green candy strips or fruit leather
- green sugar sprinkles

Place popcorn in large bowl; set aside. In medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Stir marshmallows into butter until melted. Stir in gelatin powder until evenly colored.

Pour melted mixture over popcorn and stir until evenly coated. With buttered hands, shape popcorn into seven ovals.

Flatten one oval slightly and squeeze one end to form "skull" shape. Place on parchment-lined baking sheet. Repeat with remaining ovals.

To decorate: Press two gumballs into each skull to form "eyes." Press candy corn into skull to form "teeth." Use scissors to trim candy strips and press into top for "hair." Sprinkle with sugar sprinkles.

Allow "zombies" to set about 20 minutes before wrapping individually in plastic wrap or serve immediately.



Green Halloween Zombies

Witchy Popcorn Balls

Yield: 8 popcorn balls

- 16 chocolate wafer cookies
- nonstick cooking spray
- 3 quarts popped popcorn
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 3 tablespoons (1/2 of 3-ounce box) lime gelatin dessert mix
- green food color (optional)
- 3/4 cup chocolate chips
- licorice strings
- 8 chocolate ice cream cones

- orange sugar sprinkles, placed in small dish
- jelly beans
- candy corns

Spread sheet of waxed or parchment paper over work surface and place wafer cookies on it.

Spray large mixing bowl with nonstick cooking spray and place popcorn inside.

In medium saucepan over low heat, melt butter. Stir in marshmallows and gelatin powder until marshmallows are melted and mixture is smooth. Adjust color with 1-2 drops food color, if desired. Pour mixture over popcorn and mix until coated.

Spray hands with nonstick cooking spray and press firmly to form into eight balls. Place balls on eight wafer cookies. Press candy decorations into popcorn balls to form "eyes," "nose" and "mouth."

In small, microwave-safe bowl, heat chocolate chips, covered, 10 seconds. Stir to aid melting. Repeat as needed until chocolate is melted and smooth.

Spoon about 1/2 teaspoon melted chocolate on top of each popcorn ball. Press licorice strings into chocolate to form "hair."

Dip cone edges into melted chocolate then orange sugar sprinkles. Place on remaining wafer cookies to form "witches' hats." Place hats on popcorn balls. Allow chocolate to set about 45 minutes before serving. Serve or seal individually in plastic wrap.

ANIMAL TALK

By Karen Kalunian

Local Adoptable Loveable



Snickers

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Snickers is everything you could want just like the candy bar! He's a sweet, scrumptious one year old Plott Hound mix with a fun-loving temperament. He is an active boy who loves adventure, playing fetch and all the belly rubs you can supply! Snickers has a beautiful brindle coat with dark chocolate eyes that will melt your heart! His best home would have a fenced in yard and active adults only as he still has lots of puppy energy! If you'd like to meet Snickers you can call the Pawtucket Animal Shelter 401-722-4243 or fill out an application via Handsome Dan Rescue <http://www.handsomedansrescue.org/adoption-application/>

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Kathy Halenda - A career that spans from ringmaster to 'Tootsie'

By DON FOWLER

Kathy Halenda's publicist sent me two photos of the actress who plays the producer in the hot Broadway musical, "Tootsie."

The first is of a fiftyish red-head ringmaster for the Big Apple Circus.

The second is an elegant, white-haired actress starring in the New York Times critics pick "Tootsie" coming to the Providence Performing Arts Center Oct. 25-30.



Talking with me from her hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where the weather was colder than a 70 degree Providence fall day, Kathy reminisced about her long and "adventurous" career in show business.

"I have had so many new adventures," she said. "And I'm still having them."

"The Big Apple Circus was certainly one of them. I was the first female ringmaster. I was a singing ringmaster. And I drove a 25-foot trailer from site to site. I met so many people from different cultures."

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I told her that I had seen her in Ninigret in the production of "Grandma Goes to New York."

"I have been in 18 National tours," she said. "And over 100 regional productions."

Halenda has starred as Rose in "Gypsy", Maggie Jones in "42nd Street," "Mae West in "Ziegfeld" and Miss Lynch in "Grease," in addition to singing the National Anthem at Madison Square Garden.

She has done everything except appearing on the Broadway stage. "You have appeared at the Lin-

coln Center; That's as good or better!" I told her.

Kathy was looking forward to returning to Providence where she has appeared in a number of productions over the years.

"I love to walk around the city, visit museums and restaurants, and I love this company of 50 people, many of them so young. I love my role, a smart, savvy and strong woman."

"Tootsie" is at PPAC Oct. 25-30. Call 421-ARTS for reservations.

Modern southern food at Honeybird

Restaurant Review by DON FOWLER

There is only one main course on Honeybird's menu, and it's a honey of a bird.

The new East Providence restaurant has made its home in a former gas station at the end of the Henderson Bridge.

Small, crowded and a bit funky, Honeybird does chicken southern style, and while that is their sole signature dish, they offer you six snacks, seven appetizers, 12 sides, plus a variety of sauces and flavors to go with them.

You can order buckets of chicken to eat in or take out, or a chicken sandwich, but just about everyone in the packed restaurant last Wednesday night was enjoying their Blue Plate Special of a chicken thigh and leg on Texas toast, with pickles and two sides (\$18).

Many start with snacks ranging from Fried Green Tomatoes (\$6) to Baked Peanuts (\$4), or Hushpuppies (\$6) which we shared.

Appetizers include Fried Oysters (\$18), Shrimp and Grits Fritters (\$15) and Catfish Sliders (\$12).

When they say, "Modern Southern Food," they mean it.

The tables are so close people look to see what combinations of sides their neighbors have chosen and ask about the temperature level of the sauces. There is plenty of southern hospitality in the room.

I enjoyed my huge leg and thigh with honey Cholula flavor on the crispy skin, combining sweetness and a mild heat, with a dipping sauce of Remoulade on the side.

Joyce chose the Nashville hot, and it was, along with black truffle mayo.

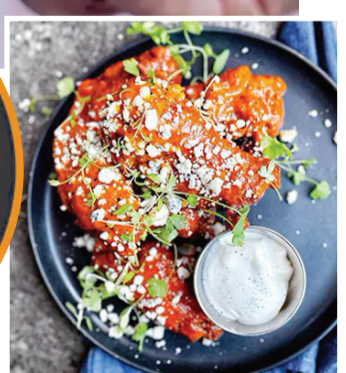
A side of corn bread and the best dill pickle potato salad I have ever had completed by feast.

Joyce enjoyed onion rings and excellent pimento mac and cheese.

Dessert was for another time, as we could not eat another bite.



Photos courtesy of honeybirdri.com



We advise you to make reservations (919-5885).

At 6 p.m. on Wednesday, every table was full. You can order food at the small bar.

Honeybird is located at 230 Massasoit Ave in the Rumford section of East Providence.

From Edgewood, we made our way to Waterman Avenue on the East Side, went to the end, and drove right into the parking lot. Be careful on the Henderson Bridge, which is under construction.

We'll be back. There are lots of authentic sauces, flavors, appetizers and sides we still want to taste.



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